



Strom Four Generation
Nick Strom is holding, Zoey, Doris Strom, and Alan Strom is holding Ava. (Courtesy Photo)



Debaters make it to quarterfinals

GHS Sophomores Hailey Monson and Sage Mortenson were Public Forum Debate quarter finalists at the Lewis and Clark Invitational debate contest. Monson and Mortenson were defeated in the quarter final round by a team from Harrisburg that went on to win the event. Also traveling to Yankton were KaSandra Pappas and Samantha Pappas.



First Place/first row from left: Groton: Ethan Clark; Jack Dinger; Jacob Lewandowski; Ellie Weismantel & Coach Miss Berner.

Second Place/second row from Left: Roncalli: Sawyer Henrich; Tyler Berndt; Cason Hellwig; Bryce Falken. (Courtesy Photo)

Groton's MathCounts takes first at Simmons Invite

The Simmons Invitational MathCounts Competition was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. Students from eleven Aberdeen area schools (Britton-Hecla, Eureka, Frederick, Holgate, Milbank, Northwestern, Roncalli, Selby, Simmons, Warner, and Groton) participated in the event, which was sponsored by 3M of Aberdeen.

One of the Groton Area Middle School teams earned first place trophies. The team members were Ethan Clark, Jack Dinger, Jacob Lewandowski, and Ellie Weismantel. Roncalli placed second, followed by Simmons in third place and Warner in fourth place.

Three Groton students also received individual recognition and medals by placing in the individual/countdown portion of the competition: Ethan Clark (first place), Jack Dinger (eighth place), and Jacob Lewandowski (tenth place).

Eight Groton students will participate in the Northeastern South Dakota Chapter MathCounts Competition on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at Northern State University in Aberdeen. The results will determine the teams and individuals who will advance to the state competition in Pierre on Saturday, March 9.

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Electric Superintendent resigns

The Groton City Council had a special meeting Monday evening at the Groton Community Center. The item on the agenda was a Notice of proposed disciplinary action. After the executive session, the council accepted the resignation of Shawn Labertz. He was the electric superintendent.

Citizens reach out to city council for nursing home future

The Groton City Council listed to local citizens who are concerned about Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center. The local facility has gone into receivership after being sold and people are concerned that they will lose it. In addition, local people would be further from loved ones there. This may become a problem in the near future for not just family's, but the community as well since this nursing facility has been around for so long. Doris Strom said the facility went into operation in 1972. Roger Rix, spokes person for the group, along with Anita Lowary, both said the facility has major issues and it needs updates.

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Locke, Monson place at Big Dakota Conference Wrestling Tourney

Groton Area's wrestling team took part in the Big Dakota Conference wrestling tournament held Saturday at Stanley County. Wyatt Locke placed second at 285 pounds and Dragr Monson placed fourth at 113 pounds.

113
 Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Kal Pond (Pine Ridge) (Fall 0:56)
 Varsity - Quarterfinals - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Lincoln Stuwe (Potter County) (Fall 1:01)
 Semifinals - Keegan Haider (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington) over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) (Dec 8-2)
 Cons. Semis - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Isaac Aman (Mobridge-Pollock) (Fall 0:41)
 Varsity - 3rd Place Match - Landon Sudbeck (Parkston) over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) (SV-1 5-3)

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 Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) over Adam Bohnet (Winner) (Fall 1:03)
 Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Mason Heath (Bennett County) over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) (Fall 1:57)
 Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) over Kraig Kenobbie (Chamberlain) (Fall 3:41)
 Cons. Round 2 - Daniel Cremer (Marion/Freeman) over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) (Fall 0:22)

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 Jayden Lemons (Marion/Freeman) over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) (MD 9-0)
 Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Weston Ireland (Bennett County) over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) (Fall 0:48)
 Champ. Round 1 - Joe Woodring (Redfield Area) over Evin Nehls (Groton Area) (Fall 0:50)
 Cons. Round 1 - Joey Cole (Winner) over Evin Nehls (Groton Area) (Fall 0:19)

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 Champ. Round 1 - Rylie Stevens (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington) over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) (Fall 0:52)
 Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) over Blaine LaPointe (Todd County) (Fall 0:18)
 Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) over Eden Arcoren (Todd County) (Fall 0:42)
 Cons. Round 3 - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) over Charley Pravecsek (Winner) (Dec 7-1)
 Cons. Semis - Rylie Stevens (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington) over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) (Fall 4:09)

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 Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) over Kameron Styles (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) (Fall 1:00)
 Quarterfinals - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) over Dylan Endres (Stanley County) (Fall 0:48)
 Varsity - Semifinals - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) over Waylon Marshall (Todd County) (Fall 2:16)
 Varsity - 1st Place Match - Nash Hutmacher (Chamberlain) over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) (Fall 1:27)

285
 Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Jackson Soulek (Chamberlain) over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) (Fall 0:35)
 Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) over Austin Severson (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) (Fall 2:29)
 Cons. Round 2 - Henry Eichstadt (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington) over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) (Fall 1:20)

SPORTS



Tigers score 5 points in 5 seconds to pull off win over Northwestern

Jennie Doeden and Miranda Hanson teamed for two shots with five seconds left in the game to lift Groton Area to a 39-37 win over Northwestern in girls' basketball action played Monday in Groton.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Allied Climate Professionals, Bahr Spray Foam, Blocker Construction, Doug Abeln Seed Company, James Valley Seed - Doug Jorgensen, John Sieh Agency, Locke Electric, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc.; Northeast Chiropractic Clinic, Professional Management Services, Inc.; Sanford Health, Tyson DeHoet Trucking, Weber Landscaping.

Groton Area trailed 14-1, early in the game as the Wildcats were ready to run away with the game. Northwestern led, 21-10, at half time. In the first quarter, Groton Area missed seven shots and Northwestern was five of 18 for 27 percent.

The Tigers went to a 2-1-2 zone defense in the second quarter. Miranda Hanson made Groton Area's first field goal with 6:30 left in the second quarter. The Tiger zone defense left the Wildcats being outrebounded and finding the easy inside shots were no longer there. The zone defense basically cut the Wildcat's field goal attempts in half. Northwestern held a 21-10 lead at half time.

In the second quarter, Groton Area was four of 12 in shooting for 33 percent and Northwestern was three of 10 for 30 percent.

By the third period, the Tiger defense started to wear down Northwestern. Northwestern took a 23-10 lead right away in the third quarter, but Groton Area would score the next 10 points to cut the lead to three at 23-20. Northwestern went back on top by five, but by the end of the third quarter, it was a one-point lead for the Wildcats, 27-26. In the third quarter, Groton Area made seven of 10 field goals for 70 percent while Northwestern was two of seven for 28 percent.

Doeden completed a three-point play to start the fourth quarter and the Tigers had captured their first lead of the game, 28-27. Northwestern stood firm and tied the game at 29 and recaptured the lead, 37-31 with 60 seconds left on the clock. The Tigers made a three-pointer to make it 37-34. Northwestern threw the ball on the inbound pass and the Tigers had the ball with time ticking. Then from the top of the key, Jennie Doeden made a three-pointer with five seconds left to the game at 37. Again, on the inbound pass, Northwestern threw the ball away and the Tigers had the ball. Doeden had the ball, passed it to Miranda Hanson on the basket and she made the shot at the buzzer to give Groton Area the win.

In the fourth quarter, Groton Area made five of nine shots for 55 percent and Northwestern made three of 10 for 30 percent. Northwestern had 13 of its 14 turnovers in the last three quarters.

Jennie Doeden led the Tigers with 13 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and three steals. Gracie Traphagen scored six of her eight points in the third quarter as she fouled out with 6:00 to go in the game. Miranda Hanson finished with seven points, Payton Maine had six, Eliza Wanner three and Kaycie Hawkins two points.

For the game, Groton Area made 12 of 43 shots for 28 percent while Northwestern was 12 of 45 for 27 percent. The Tigers were three of four from the line for 75 percent off of Northwestern's six team fouls. Northwestern was six of 10 from the line for 60 percent off of Groton Area's 15 team fouls. Payton Maine had two three-pointers while Hanson and Doeden each had one.

The Wildcats were led by Miranda Thorson with 12 points followed by Hannah Schentzel with 11, Riley Grandpre and Sydney Schell each had six and Madalyn Groft had two points.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 27-21. Gracie Traphagen led the Tigers with 11 points, Trista Keith had six, Maddie Bjerke five, Brooke Gengerke three and Allyssa Locke two.



**Northwestern
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Groton Area 39

Tiospa Zina has clean sweep over Groton Area boys

Groton Area's boys basketball team dropped a 78-33 game to Tiospa Zina on Friday in a game played at Agency Village.

Cade Guthmiller, Brodyn DeHoet and Abdimalik Mohamed were all home sick and Jonathan Doeden is out with an injury.

Treyton Diegel and Jaydan Zak led the Tigers with seven points apiece while Jackson Cogley had six, Kaden Kurtz had four, Lane Tietz and Tristan Traphagen each had three, Chandler Larson had two and Austin Jones added a free throw.

Divante Greeley led the Wambdi with 16 points followed by Payton Halseide with 11, Marty Fun Maker and Caleb White each had 10 points, Jameson Pratt had nine, Elliott Barse four, Quintin Abbey and Johnny German each had three and Kobe HolyBear, Sam Shepherd and Kuttkins each had two points.

Groton Area made 11 of 52 field goals for 21 percent while Tiospa Zina made 32 of 68 for 47 percent. The Wambdi made three three-pointers and Groton Area made five. From the line, the Tigers were six of 11 for 55 percent and the Wambdi were 11 of 19 for 58 percent.

The Wambdi controlled the boards, 46-24, with Jones having six rebounds. Groton Area had 13 turnovers, 11 of which were steals and Tiospa Zina had four turnovers, with Tietz having the only steal.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center.

Tiospa Zina won the junior varsity game, 38-24. Cyrus DeHoet led the Tigers with nine points as Jordan Bjerke and Jackson Cogley each had four, Lane Tietz had three and Wyatt Hearnen and Tristan Traphagen each had two points. Pierce Kettering and Jackson Cogley each had three rebounds.

The Wambdi made it a clean sweep with a 38-28 C game win. Jace Kroll had eight points, Jordan Bjerke five, Pierce Kettering four, Lane Tietz three and Jackson Cogley, Wyatt Hearnen, Tate Larson and Cole Simon each had two points.



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Dakota Valley holds off Groton Area at DAK-12 vs. NEC Clash

Dakota Valley had a 17 point run in the second quarter to take a 13-8 first quarter lead to a 30-8 lead and led it at half time, 31-12. The Panthers held a 22-point lead for some time, but the last was at 39-17 late in the third quarter.

Groton Area then started a rally, outscoring Dakota Valley, 17-2, and close the gap to six points at 41-35. The Tigers had several opportunities to close the lead even more, but turnovers thwarted the effort and the Panthers went on to win, 43-35.

Kaycie Hawkins led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Payton Maine with 10, Eliza Wanner and Gracie Traphagen each had four points, Miranda Hanson three, Alyssa Locke two and Jennie Doeden had one point before fouling with 6:55 left in the game.

In the first quarter, Groton Area made three of 10 field goals for 30 percent while Dakota Valley was six of 14 for 43 percent. Groton Area had five turnovers in the first quarter and Dakota Valley had two.

In the second quarter, Groton Area made two of eight field goals for 25 percent while Dakota Valley was six of 12 for 50 percent. The Tigers had seven turnovers and Dakota Valley four.

Groton Area made three of seven field goals in the third quarter for 43 percent while the Panthers were four of 14 for 29 percent. The Tigers had four turnovers and the Panthers had one.

In the fourth quarter, Groton Area made four of 10 field goals for 40 percent and Dakota Valley made one of six for 17 percent. Groton Area had two turnovers and Dakota Valley had four.

For the game, Groton Area made 12 of 41 field goals for 29 percent while Dakota Valley was 17 of 48 for 35 percent. Groton Area had 19 turnovers compared to 11 for Dakota Valley.

Doeden had eight of the team's 28 rebounds, Hawkins had three of the team's seven steals and Doeden had two of the team's seven assists.

Grace Bass led the Panthers with 11 points while Morgan Tritz had 10, Tegan Hennies and Rachel Wente each had seven and Rylee Rosenquist had two points.

Groton Area made seven of 14 free throw for 50 percent off of Dakota Valley's 16 team fouls. Dakota Valley made seven of 14 free throws as well for 50 percent off of Groton Area's 18 team fouls.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center. The game was played Saturday in Madison as part of the DAK-XII vs. NEC Clash.

Sisseton was the only team to post a win this year in the girls DAK-XII vs. NEC Conference Clash. In fact, it was the first win for Sisseton this year. Sisseton defeated Tri-Valley, 52-37. In the other games, Canton whirled past Webster, 56-48; Dakota Valley held off Groton Area, 43-35; Dell Rapids beat the Bulldogs from Milbank, 56-32; Elk Point-Jefferson topped Tiospa Zina, 45-26; Lennox rolled past Redfield/Doland, 50-37; Madison beat Britton-Hecla, 56-32; Sioux Falls Christian repulsed Roncalli, 40-36; Tea Area drubbed Deuel, 66-35; Vermillion clipped Clark/Willow Lake, 57-41; and West Central hopped over Hamlin, 49-36.



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Educators struggle to reduce need for remedial classes in S.D. colleges

By: Bart Pfankuch

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Every year, about 30 percent of South Dakota high school graduates who enroll in a state university must take remedial courses in math or English because they don't test high enough in those topics. Those courses cost the students about \$1,000 per class and provide them with no college credit.

The classes are designed to help college-bound students catch up and be ready to take algebra, English composition or other basic classes needed to graduate.

Yet national studies and data from South Dakota universities show that enrollment in a remedial course dramatically reduces the likelihood a student will graduate or complete a degree program. The same problem exists at state technical schools that also require remedial courses for students who test poorly in math or English.

Students forced to take remediation endure additional tuition costs and lose pace with their peers.

"Having to take remedial coursework doesn't doom you, but it puts you behind the eight ball right out of the box in terms of your chances of graduating," said Jay Perry, interim vice president for academic affairs at the South Dakota Board of Regents.

In South Dakota, taking a required remedial course reduces the likelihood of graduating by about half. In 2012, about 43 percent of students who started at a state university and did not need a remedial course graduated in four years, while only 23 percent of students who underwent remediation graduated in four years.

Multiple efforts are underway to improve teaching, learning and testing to better prepare students, and reforms are also taking place at universities to shift students away from remediation and into classes that give them credit and don't throw them off pace to graduate.

For the first time starting as early as this fall, students who don't test high enough in math will no longer be required to take a remedial math class and instead will be offered a course called Quantitative Literacy with a learning lab that will cost them less money, give them college credit and hopefully pave the way to graduation.

Paul Beran, the new president of the Board of Regents, told a legislative committee recently that the high level of required remediation often leads to blaming of the public school system on several levels. Beran also said the problem is not one with easy answers or a quick fix.

Beran said continued conversation among educators at all levels is needed to "figure out how we can lessen [remediation] and how we can make it as quick as possible and help those who are motivated to move forward to do that." He then added: "I wish I had a better answer."

Changing nature of remediation

The problem has plagued educational leaders at the high school and university levels in South Dakota for years. In 2010, about 31.5 percent of the nearly 3,000 South Dakota high school graduates who enrolled in state universities full time were required to take remedial



Education officials in South Dakota are trying to reduce the number of college-bound high school students who need to take remedial classes in math or English before they can begin their college studies. Students who need to catch up come from high schools across the state, including in Rapid City. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch)

math, English or both. In 2017, about 32.8 percent of students were forced to remediate at some level.

The original intent was to help out students who qualified for college but were weak in key subject areas that form the basis for advanced learning in a number of fields. Many years ago, the classes were dominated by non-traditional students who wanted to brush up on the basics before starting off on a delayed college journey.

But as enrollment requirements were lowered, and obtaining a college degree became more critical to landing a good job after graduation, more people entered college and the need for remediation grew among recent high school graduates.

Fall enrollment in degree-granting colleges in the United States rose by 23 percent from 1995 to 2005 and jumped another 14 percent from 2005 to 2015 to a total of about 20 million students, according to the Institute of Education Sciences.

Now, most remedial classes are dominated by recent high school graduates, and data clearly show those students are less likely to complete a degree program.

Taking remedial classes in South Dakota at any level is not cheap.

Perry said the per-credit cost is much higher than for credit-bearing courses. Depending on the school, remediation classes cost \$340 per credit compared to about \$245 per credit for courses that count toward graduation. Courses are typically three credits and because they must be passed in order to move forward, some students take them more than once.

At state technical schools, the cost for remedial courses is the same for credit-bearing courses, about \$210 per credit or \$420 for the 2-credit courses. Remedial classes at tech schools do not count toward earning a degree or certification, said Julie Brookbank, spokeswoman at Mitchell Technical Institute.

Studies have also found that about one in four students required to undergo remediation in math and one in three remediated in English are "severely mis-assigned" into the courses by current testing and placement methods, and that minorities and men are disproportionately affected.

South Dakota shifted to a more comprehen-

sive assignment model several years ago that includes an index of results in math from college entrance exams, the statewide Smarter Balance standardized test and high school grade point average. Placement in English remediation is based on reaching one of four testing benchmarks. The full placement rules are compiled with a 15-page state report, but a general guideline is that remediation will be required if a student scores below an 18 on the ACT test in math or English.

University officials believe the expanded math index and English benchmarks will reduce the need for remediation by students who perhaps did not test well but possess the skills and work ethic to succeed in college.

"That index captures some people who would have gone to remedial work and suggests they can do the credit-bearing work if they have extra help," said Perry.

A pair of recent studies by the Community College Research Center at Columbia University suggested that remediation may not be needed at all for some students who are being routed into the courses. The studies suggested that many students who skipped taking remedial classes they were assigned to could go directly into college courses and perform well.

Meanwhile, remedial courses may have a disproportionate negative effect on certain population groups. Complete College America, a group focused on improving graduation rates, found that men, older students, minorities such as Hispanics and African Americans and lower-income students are more likely to be channeled into remedial courses and are less likely to complete the classes than other groups.

"The costs of remediation to the taxpayer are substantial, but the financial, psychological, and opportunity costs borne by the students themselves may be even more significant. While they are enrolled in remediation, students accumulate debt, spend time and money, and bear the opportunity cost of lost earnings," a 2009 study by the research center noted.

"What happens is there's a skill gap that develops, so as kids are progressing through the grades, based on our state data we know there's a growing skill gap. As far as why, that's the question we're all trying to answer."

- Becky Nelson, director of learning and instruction at the South Dakota Department of Education.

Officials have struggled with remedial course concerns for years

The high remediation rate in South Dakota is a frustrating and frequent topic of discussion among policymakers and officials in state government.

At a press conference following release of her first proposed annual budget, Gov. Kristi Noem acknowledged that South Dakota students aren't performing as well as they should upon graduation.

"There are some challenges ahead," Noem said. "We need to make sure that every stu-

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dent in our K-12 system has the opportunity to be successful beyond graduation."

Noem, whose budget plan calls for a 2.5 percent spending hike in the K-12 and technical school systems in the coming year, said improvements can start with reforms at the level of individual school districts that have good ideas or have seen success.

The challenges of reducing remediation were made clear during a House Education Committee meeting in January.

Rep. Fred Deutsch asked Beran about what he called a "longer-standing problem" of high rates of remediation needed for students entering colleges and tech schools.

Beran said he wanted to get faculty members from the K-12 system and the university system together to figure out "where does one end and where does the other begin?"

Beran said discussions of remediation tend to focus on blaming the K-12 education system, but he said that ignores the fact that modern students face social, cultural and economic stresses that can make learning a challenge.

"The fact of the matter is, the biggest predictor of success of a student has nothing to do with what happens at a school," Beran told the committee. "The biggest predictor of success is walk into their home and how many books do they have on the shelf?"

Rep. Jamie Smith, D-Sioux Falls, the minority leader in the House and a former teacher, said improvements in K-12 education are needed but that changes should be implemented at the local level when possible and be done in a positive way.

"Part of our job is to express a need for rigor but to also let teachers teach," Smith said recently. "Putting your thumb on someone doesn't really help."

Becky Nelson, director of learning and instruction at the state education department, said focusing on learning in the early grades is critical to helping students prepare for college.

"What happens is that there's a skill gap that develops, so as kids are progressing through the grades, based on our state data we know there's a growing skill gap," Nelson said. "As far as why, that's the question we're all trying to answer."

Ben Jones, interim secretary for the Department of Education, said improving learning in the K-12 system may require a deep dive into school districts or even individual schools to seek out and correct weaknesses and to find and model successes.

An example, Jones said, would be to react swiftly if a small district had a wave of retirements that drastically reduced the amount of teaching experience within a school's English or math department. Administrators could then work to shift resources to provide more experienced teachers within that school so student achievement doesn't fall off.

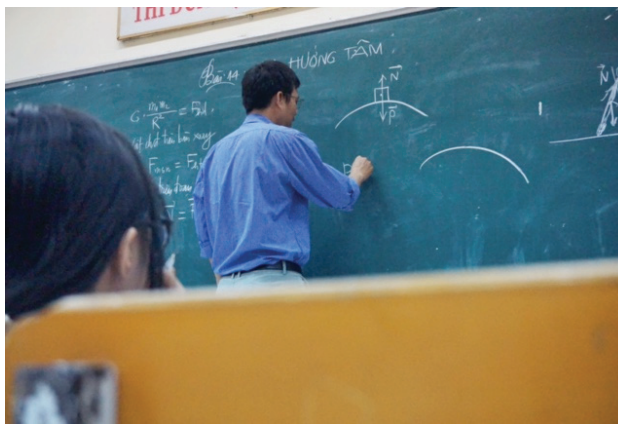
"Looking at a statewide average doesn't always help you move the needle; you have to look at pockets of high or low performance and if they're having difficulties, and ask what can we do to help them out," Jones said.

Ground-level efforts underway

In recent years, the state has taken steps to reduce the number of incoming college freshmen who need remedial coursework.

One program started in the 2013-14 school year gives college bound high school seniors that opportunity to take additional online coursework aimed specifically at passing tests and avoiding remediation.

Under the College Readiness Coursework program, students who sign up are given a pre-test to determine subject weaknesses and then receive online and in-person tutoring before taking a post-test that can be used to skip remedial coursework in college. Students pay a fee ranging from \$125 to \$175 for the course but are fully reimbursed by the state if



Under a new program called the Regental Math Pathway Model, beginning this fall, students would not take remedial math courses. Instead, they would take an existing 3-credit course called "Quantitative Literacy," with a 2-credit math lab where they will receive educational support and learn study skills. The course approaches math use in real-world settings.

they complete it.

"What's unique about the coursework is that it is tailored to the individual student's needs," said Nelson. "One student may only need brushing up on a couple concepts, while some students may need more concepts to work on."

So far, participation by school districts and students has been low, Nelson said. In 2016, 100 students completed the course, followed by 90 in 2017 and only 61 in 2018. Passage rates have ranged from 51 to 73 percent.

Jolene Christianson, a math teacher in the Britton-Hecla School District in Marshall County, has had success using the college readiness program to help students avoid remediation.

This school year, six students enrolled in the program that she oversees during regular class time at the high school.

Christianson said she supports the program not only as a way for students to learn, but also to avoid the pitfalls that come with taking remedial courses after high school.

"Making them redo that struggle again at the college level or tech school level, it's a bad thing waiting to happen," she said. "If they had to redo math they already struggled with in high school, and maybe also in reading, they're going to fail and they're going to quit and not graduate."

Christianson, who has been teaching math for nearly four decades, said she has seen a drop off in the maturity level of students that may make them less likely to succeed in college. She has also noted societal and parenting changes that protect children from the possibility of failure, which she said does not always prepare them well for college or life and which can make remediation less effective.

"Over the last 37 years, I have watched and noticed that seniors in high school today do not have the same maturity level that kids did when they graduated years ago," Christianson said. "That leads to a feeling that they will be able to get by in any case, which they quickly learn is not true at the college level or in life."

The most aggressive efforts to reduce the number of students in math remediation have taken place at South Dakota State University. Kurt Cogswell, head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at SDSU, said the college has taken innovative and aggressive steps over the past decade to reduce enrollment in remedial math. Cogswell led the effort to create the math placement index that is now used across the university system, and SDSU also developed a course in which some students could avoid remediation by taking college algebra with a co-requisite class that provides tutoring, study skills and additional support.

Math educators know that passing college algebra, sometimes referred to as "the killer course," is a graduation requirement that frequently prevents students from getting a degree.

"Algebra is very much focused on skills

needed in later courses such as chemistry, ag sciences, economics, and it deals with topics that often strike fear into the hearts of people," said Cogswell.

Using the placement index and the co-requisite algebra course reduced the number of SDSU students in math remediation classes from 1,142 in 2012-13 to only 250 this academic year.

With results in hand, Cogswell worked with the Board of Regents to create the Regental Math Pathway Model, which was approved and will begin at South Dakota universities as early as this fall.

Under the program, no future students who qualify to enter college will have to take a remedial math class. Instead, Cogswell said, the students will take an existing 3-credit course called Quantitative Literacy with a co-requisite 2-credit math lab where they will learn study skills and receive educational support. Not only will students save money compared to paying for remediation, but they will also take a credit-bearing math class that for many liberal arts majors will be the only math class they need to graduate. Cogswell said the course has some of the same components of algebra but approaches math use in more real-world settings.

Students in majors with a need for higher-level math will still need to take those courses listed under their major, Cogswell said, and all majors at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology will require more math.

"We asked ourselves, 'What mathematics do you need to be a literate person in the United States?'" he said. "It's a banner initiative that gets students into the right course for their major so they're not trying to take a course that is more challenging than they need, and thereby eliminating another barrier to college graduation."

Cogswell and Perry reject the notion that eliminating the algebra requirement is a "dumbing down" of the math standards in order to allow more poor-performing students to graduate.

"I am old and I'm old school, and I'm not dumbing anything down so that's not happening," Cogswell said. "I just want students to be ready for the world when they get out of here no matter their major."

About Bart Pfankuch



Bart Pfankuch, Rapid City, S.D., is an investigative reporter for South Dakota News Watch. A Wisconsin native, he is a former editor of the Rapid City Journal. Bart has spent almost 30 years as a reporter and editor.

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Valentine's Day!

glitter

poems

glue

envelopes

lace

1. paper trim with fancy designs

2. sweets

3. feeling

4. red + white

5. month

6. Roman god of love

7. rhyming words

8. Saint

9. pair of small parrots

10. when people care about each other

11. roses, daisies

12. symbol of love; pumps blood

13. paper messages

14. a gathering of friends

15. ruby-colored

E-Mail or Snail Mail, get that Valentine note off to grandparents or other family and friends!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle using the words inside the dot-to-dot:

What Did Cupid Do?

43 friendship 44 February 45 love 46 poetry 47 party 48 lace 49 Valentine 50 heart 51 cupid 52 candy 53 red

To see what Cupid did with his bow and arrow, start at #1 where the heart is and follow the other numbered hearts.

Valentines To Share

It's that fun time of year again, when we write notes and poems to friends. Here are mini bookmarks that you can finish filling in with the words that fit:

hard too card share go
bear new schoolyard care know

Color them and cut them out for giving to others.

Hi there! Friends #1

Today's a day for Valentines,
For cards and candy _____,
A day for making silly rhymes
For friends both old and _____.

#4 Friend

I see that "ewe" are
The new "kid" in the classroom,
Sitting "owl" alone.

#2

A card held by a Teddy _____
And candy that I can _____;
Today, friendship is in the air,
A time to show how much I _____!

#3

It's hard to dribble basketballs
While writing cards for friends.
It's tough to score a three-point shot
When one hand holds a pen.
The time is running off the clock—
Just minutes left to _____.
How can I shoot a Valentine
To everyone I _____?

"Bee"-ing new is _____—
No friends "hare"
in the _____,
I "otter" say Hi!

A Valentine _____
Starts the "possum"-bility
That "whale" be good friends!

Secret Valentine Message

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Conde National League

Feb. 4 Team Standings: Pirates 14½, Cubs 14, Tigers 14, Braves 13½, Mets 9, Giants 7

Men High Games: Larry Frohling 210, Russ Bethke 189, Lance Frohling 181.

Men's High Series: Larry Frohling 543, Lance Frohling 528, Ryan Bethke 491.

Women's High Games: Nancy Radke 183, 157; Sandy Hoops 175; Vickie Kramp 157.

Women's High Series: Sandy Hoops 460, Vickie Kramp 439, Nancy Radke 433.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Chipmunks 70, Cheetahs 61 ½, Foxes 55, Jackelopes 43 ½, Shih Tzus 41, Coyotes 29

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 213, 213, 195, Mike Siegler 210, Roger Colestock 188

Women's High Games: Lori Giedt 166, Karen Spanier 158, 156, 154, Vicki Jorgensen 152

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 621, Mike Siegler 540, Roger Colestock 534

Women's High Series: Karen Spanier 468, Vicki Jorgensen 428, Lori Giedt 421

Groton Coffee Cup League

Feb. 5 Team Standings, James Valley 17, Kens 15, Biker Chix 13, Ten Pins 11

High Games: Vicki Walter 191, LaVonne Raap 178, Vickie Kramp 173.

High Series: Vicki Walter 510, Vickie Kramp 485, Joyce Walter 449.

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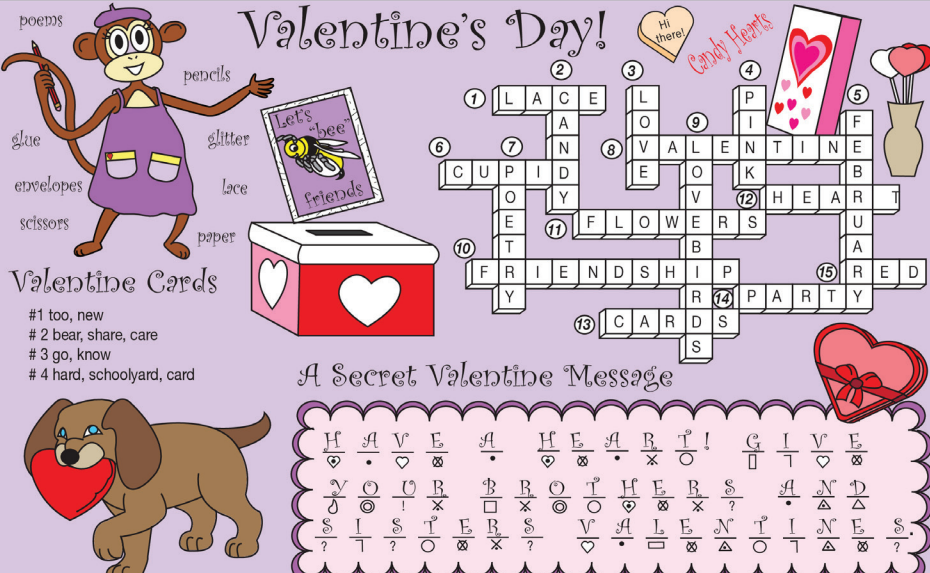
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Valentine's Day!



poems, envelopes, scissors, glue, glitter, lace, paper, pencils

Let's have friends

Valentine Cards

- #1 too, new
- #2 bear, share, care
- #3 go, know
- #4 hard, schoolyard, card

A Secret Valentine Message

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Y O U B E B O T H E B S A N D
S I S T E R S V A L E N T I N E S
? T ? O X ?



Groton Area's three seniors are caught in one photo during the Roncalli game. Pictured are Jennie Doeden, Payton Maine and Miranda Hanson.

(Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)

Cavaliers beat Lady Tigers

A 13-point, two 11-point and one 8-point runs by Roncalli allowed the Cavaliers to post a 52-18 win over the Groton Area Lady Tigers Tuesday evening in Groton.

Groton held an early lead of 4-3 before the Cavaliers had an 11-point run to take a 14-4 lead. It was 17-9 after the first quarter. The Cavaliers had an eight-point run in the second quarter en route to a 31-14 lead at halftime. The Cavaliers had a 13-point run between the second and third quarter and finished the game with 11 straight points. It was 48-18 at the end of the third quarter. Both teams subbed down in the fourth quarter as only four points were scored, all by Roncalli.

Payton Maine led the Tigers with five points followed by Allyssa Locke with four, Gracie Traphagen three and adding two points apiece were Jennie Doeden, Eliza Wanner and Kaycie Hawkins. Jori Ewart led the Cavaliers with 16 points followed by Mariah Winegar with 13, Jamie Ewart eight, Megan Streier seven and Abby Hanson and Elissa Hammerich each had four points. The Cavaliers were 10 of 13 from the line off of Groton Area's 12 team fouls. Groton Area was one for one off of Roncalli's eight team fouls. The Cavaliers dominated the boards, 32-14 with Winegar having 10 for Roncalli and Doeden and Wanner each had four for Groton Area. The Tigers has 10 turnovers, five of which were steals. Roncalli had five turnovers, two of which were steals. Doeden had three of the team's five assists.

The Tigers were eight of 31 from the field for 26 percent. Groton Area was one of 11 in three-pointers with Maine making the only one. The Cavaliers were 18 of 44 in shooting for 41 percent. Jori Ewart made three three-pointers and Megan Streier made one.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 41-23. Scoring for Groton Area: Kenzie McInerney 6, Gracie Traphagen 5, Allyssa Locke 3, Brooke Gengerke 3, Maddie Bjerke 3, Trista Keith 2, Caitlynn Barse 1.

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EDITORIAL

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to offer my warmest heartfelt thank you to Groton Post 39, the Groton community, the players, and all the fans who have followed Groton Legion baseball for my 19 years as head coach. It is with sadness and joy that I am stepping down as the Groton legion coach. Differences in baseball philosophy with myself and the Baseball Foundation, along with my lack of time spent with my family, have led me to decide it was time to let others take the lead. I am so very proud of what these players have accomplished, and I believe that their record speaks for itself over the last 19 years. 16 regional legion championships. Playing in 9 state legion championship games while winning 3 state championships. Winning one VFW state 13-14 state championship. All of these are memories I will truly cherish. I have truly been blessed to have great players and even better men to coach. I'm so happy and privileged to have been able to come along for the ride. It has been an honor. It is not without sadness that I am stepping away. It has not been an easy decision and one I have not taken lightly. When you do things for that long it is very difficult to move on and say it is time, without having some reservations. When I say there have been many sleepless nights pondering this. I am not exaggerating. It has been a hard decision.

It is however with great joy that I can now spend more time with my family and maybe find the time to do things that have been put off because of my busy schedule. Your kids are only kids for awhile and then with a blink of an eye they are gone. I'm finding that priorities in life change and you can either change to accommodate them or you can continue doing what you do and watch them pass you by and wish in hindsight, that you would have done things differently. It's ironic, because it's similar to coaching. There have been a few games over the years, where after the game was over, you say, boy I wish I would have done this because we may have had a better chance to win. Hindsight is 20/20 or so they say. So, I guess I'm trying to prevent the "I wish I would have done this," in regard to, my family. Who says you don't learn life lessons from baseball? Again, I want to thank all of you who have supported us through the years. I wish nothing but the best for all the players who are, or will be coming up, who will one day wear the jersey with Groton across their chest. Go Post #39 and Go Groton Baseball!

Sincerely,
Travis Kurth

Locke signs on with Valley City

The Valley City State University football program has signed 41 student-athletes who will join the Vikings for the 2019 season.

Head coach Dennis McCulloch and his staff announced the additions on Wednesday. All 41 have signed letters of intent to continue their education and football careers at VCSU this fall.

The 2019 class so far spans 10 different states and includes 11 players from North Dakota, nine from Washington, seven from Minnesota, four from Alaska, two each from South Dakota, California, Texas and Arizona, and one each from Florida and Wyoming.

Groton Area's Wyatt Locke has signed on to play at Valley City State University this fall.

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Brown County Jan. 29, 2019

Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 29, 2019 – 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 Feickert, Sutton, Wiese and Kippley. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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Utilities: Qwest Corporation \$2,698.71; Montana Dakota Utilities \$44.56; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$2,312.61.

Machinery & Equipment: MES Companies \$365.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Acknowledge resignation of Scott Wills full-time Appraiser,

effective January 22, 2019; and further approve request to fill vacancy.

Approve hiring Jon Damaska, Rebecca Hunter and Justin Cleveland, effective January 27, 2018 for purpose of prisoner transport.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve the following December 2018 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Abate-ments: FOHO, Inc @ \$1.49 and @ \$5.40; NE Mental Health @ \$1.49 and @ \$1.49; NSU @ \$1.49 and @ \$5.68; Bethesda Home of Aberdeen @ \$68.18; Presentation Sisters Convent @ \$1.49; Church of Christ @ \$1.49; Aberdeen City @ \$68.98; Aberdeen Family YMCA @ \$2.98; Aspire Inc @ \$2.98; Avera St Lukes @ \$60.75; Prairie Lakes District Church of the Nazarine @ \$1.49; First United Methodist Church of Aberdeen @ \$3.38 and @ \$1.49; FOHO I, LLC @ \$15.53; Roman Catholic Church @ \$1.49; Salvation Army @ \$1.49 and @ \$1.49; SD Housing Development Authority @ \$6.08; St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Aberdeen @ \$1.49; Park Ltd Partnership @ \$18.90; Thee Limited Liability Co @ \$4.73; Jackson Heights Apartments Ltd Partnership @ \$27.68; Lawson View Townhomes @ \$21.60; Our Savior Lutheran Church @ \$1.49; Journey Church of Christian & Missionary Alliance @ \$1.35; North Highland Methodist Church @ \$1.49; Meadow Wood Townhomes Ltd Partnership @ \$21.60; Housing and Redevelopment Commission @ \$119.33 (remove SW Sales Tax on exempt properties); Aberdeen Downtown Apartments LLC @ \$2,058.46; Engel Music Inc @ \$223.08 (remove parking assessment on historical freeze properties). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by the Stratford Community Theater for a lottery to be held at the Stratford Community Theater on March 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD #133/211 SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to set public hearing to be held jointly by the Frederick City Council and Brown County Commission at 8:45 a.m. on February 19, 2019 in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD to consider the Petition filed by Spring Creek Hutterian Brethren, to amend Title 4, 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 4.14 (HC) Highway Commercial District, said property described as follows: Lot 1, SCHB Addition in the W 1/2 N 1/2 SW 1/4 of Sec 2-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., except highway, Brown County, SD (10666 386th Ave, Frederick). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HLS REGIONAL REVIEW BOARD: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to appoint Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director and Dave Lunzman, Chief Deputy Sheriff to the 2019 Homeland Security Regional Review Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TAX SALE RECONVEYANCE RESOLUTION: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #7-19. WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 10-25-41, the Brown County Commission shall have authority to authorize the reconveyance by quitclaim deed to the record owner or his assignees or successors only of any real estate held by the county under tax-deed title, at any consideration not less than the total principal, interest, and costs of all taxes represented in the tax deed; and WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 10-25-42 shall not limit the discretion of the county commissioners to fix any higher price for such reconveyance or to annex to the reconveyance any such conditions or qualifications as they may dictate; and WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 10-25-43 said reconveyance shall be authorized only by resolution of the county commissioners duly published in their minutes and such reconveyance shall be made only after the time for appealing from such resolution has expired. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by

authority of SDCL 10-25-41, 10-25-42 and 10-25-42, the Brown County Commission authorizes the reconveyance by quitclaim deed on the following property: Lot 9, Block20, First Addition to the City of Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota (217 4th Street S) to the record owner or his assignees or successor upon completion of the following: Written approval from all siblings of assignees. Payment of \$8,164.50 for purpose of paying the total principal, interest and costs of all taxes represented in the tax deed. Payment of Relief Liens in amount of \$2,535.50 held against the assignees. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

BCCHC REPORT: DeAnna Harber presented the Brown County Community Health Center Report for October – December 2018.

LANDFILL SLEDDING EVENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve a sledding event by First United Methodist Church parents and children at the Brown County Landfill on February 2, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL PERMIT RENEWAL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign the January 2019 Permit Renewal for the Brown County Solid Waste Landfill, prepared by Helms & Associates for submission to the SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SOIL SURVEY PILOT PROGRAM: Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization and GIS Coordinator Scott Madsen discussed Brown County as a participant in a SD Department of Revenue sponsored pilot program in regard to soil surveys. Board concurred.

COURTHOUSE COMMUNITY ROOM: Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director and Kent Jones, Communications Center Director met to discuss amending the Emergency Operations Center Policy and Procedure, dated March 9, 1993 to include the Communications Center.

HUMAN RESOURCE POSITION: Gary Vetter was instructed to prepare job descriptions for all aspects of human resources.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:52 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Groton Area Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 7, 2019

1:30pm- 8:30pm: Parent/Teacher Conferences at GHS Gymnasium and Groton Area Elementary School

Friday, February 8, 2019

Rushmore Challenge Debate at Harrisburg High School
Faculty Inservice - No School
Doubleheader Basketball with Warner in Groton. (7th Grade boys @ 4pm; 8th Grade boys @ 5pm Girls JV at 4 p.m., Boys JV at 5 p.m., Varsity girls at 6:30 p.m. followed by Varsity boys game.)

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Rushmore Challenge Debate at Harrisburg High School
Robotics at Douglas High School
10:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament @ Howard High School
2:00pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Double Header vs. Mobridge-Pollock Schools @ Mobridge-Pollock High School (JV Girls & JV Boys games at 2pm (Both at same time) Varsity Girls at 3:30pm Varsity Boys at 5:30pm)

Sunday, February 10, 2019

2:00pm- 6:00pm: Open Gym at GHS Arena (Grades JK-8 2pm - 4pm; Grades 6-12 4pm - 6pm)

Monday, February 11, 2019

5:00pm: School Board Meeting
5:15pm: Basketball: Boys C Game vs. Aberdeen Roncalli @ Aberdeen Roncalli High School followed by JV and varsity

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

6:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Webster Area High School @ Groton Area High School

Thursday, February 14, 2019

LifeTouch Pictures Groton Area Elementary School, Groton Area High School
4:00pm: Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Redfield-Doland @ Redfield Jr-Sr High School(7th Grade @ 4pm; 8th Grade @ 5pm)
6:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Milbank @ Milbank High School
6:30pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity Game @ Langford High School

City Council

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Lowary said that the city should not consider taking over the facility, but added there are other options available. It was suggested reactivating the housing commission to try and get an essential function bond. Dick Kolker said that the community should look at the Bristol facility to see how they are doing such a good job with its operation. Lowary said a local non-profit organization could be an option.

There is concern that losing the facility would be a major blow to the local economy in addition to creating hardships for residents in the facility. "We would also lose population," Rix said.

It was pointed out that the Groton nursing home is the third highest employer for the town of Groton, so they're afraid that by losing the facility it will bring lost to everyone and many will be out of work and families will need to find somewhere for their family members who reside there. Lowary said that could be miles away. Kolker said that he'd like to see a committee put together so that if something should happen to this facility, they are ready to take the bull by the horns... Anything that can help save this nursing home...

As of now, they are unsure of where the state stands with the facility and Rix said the time to get something organized is now rather than later.

The council recognized the Groton Firemen for their donation of two picnic tables for the new pool shelter.

Waste Water Superintendent Dwight Zerr talked about manholes that are in need of replacement on Aspen Avenue. Two quotes were sought and HydroClean had the low quote of about \$27,000. The other quote was from Dahme Construction for around \$44,000.

Dan Sunne from the Groton Electric Dept. said that everything is looking good the most part. The Groton Police Dept. has offered their time to be spotter at night, if needed.

Police Chief Stacy Mayou reported that the body cams are in and operational, one of the vehicles is still maybe misfiring and they are still trying to figure out whether it's o2 sensor problem. They also have concerns about people driving smaller cars while the snow is deep and they just want people to be careful and mindful to avoid fender benders.

Summer employment opportunities include lifeguards, cemetery work, baseball/softball coaches, ticket takers and public works dept. The deadline for these applications is March 5th.

There is current legislation being considered to freeze current electric territories in South Dakota. That would prevent municipalities from adding to their electric territory. The council will consider passing a resolution to in support of keeping the current territory law on the books.

- Leesa Holder

Four receive scholarships at SDSU

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Jan. 22, 2019 – South Dakota State University students Kathleen Groeblichhoff, Katherine LaMee, Keri Pappas and Maggie Simon are among those receiving scholarships this academic year. They are from Groton and graduated from Groton High School.

Groeblichhoff, a senior pharmacy major, is the recipient of the Aberdeen District South Dakota Pharmacists Association Scholarship and the Oliver G. and Nelle K. Anderson Scholarship. She is the daughter of Matthew and Joni Groeblichhoff.

LaMee, a senior majoring in family and consumer sciences education, is receiving the Donna (Varcoe) Schultz Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of William and Laurie LaMee.

Pappas, a sophomore human biology major, is the recipient of the Norma P. Christopher-son Endowed Scholarship in Biology and Microbiology. She is the daughter of Kelly and Valerie Pappas. At State, she has been involved in Jackrabbit Forensics team, Lead

State, Pre-Professional Club, American Medical School Association, Microbiology Club, Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College, Peer Tutor, Hyde Hall government and is a learning assistant for Biology 151.

Simon, a junior agricultural business major, is receiving the Janssen Family Economics Scholarship in Memory of Harry and Veletta Janssen. She is the daughter of Steve and Peggy Simon and is involved in the Sigma Alpha sorority and State A Thon.

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