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GT Robotics travel to Canton for Tournament

Groton's robotists traveled to Canton January qualifying matches they were in 5th place with Dakota's robotics teams.

Gear Heads (Ethan Clark, Jack Dinger, Axel Warrington) started the day on fire by winning their first four matches, then lost one and won their last qualifying match. At the end of



Galaxy members Jace Kroll, River Pardick and Eureka alliance members.

(Courtesy Photo)



Geek Squad members Nick Morris and Charlie Frost. (Courtesy Photo)



Gear Heads members Axel Warrington, Ethan Clark and Jackson Dinger. (Courtesy



G-Force and G.A.T. Wrenches members Garrett Schultz, Tra-vis Townsend, **Tannor McGannon and Noah Tullis and** Corbin Reich. (Courtesy Photo)

11 to compete against twenty-four of South a record of five wins and one loss. Then in the elimination rounds, kryptonite once again found its way into the gym and the team was eliminated in their first match. Gear Heads has struggled this year with good qualifying matches and then trouble in the elimination rounds. On this day, they lost their quarterfinals match to the alliance of G-Force/ G.A.T. Wrenches.

> G-Force (Travis Townsend, Tannor McGannon, Dan Feist, Garrett Schultz) started their day by losing their first two matches due to a cube intake that did not function correctly. The team was able to make repairs and won their last four qualifying matches, ending the qualifying rounds with a record of four wins and two loses and in ninth place. In the elimination rounds all 24 teams participated. The bottom eight alliances battled to see which four would be allowed to compete in the quarterfinals against the top four alliances. G-Force and their alliance G.A.T. Wrenches (Noah Tullis, Corbin Reich, Adrian Knutson) won their first match to make it to the quarterfinals and then won the quarter-finals match. They lost their semi-finals match when their robot and their opponent's robot battled over the scoring of a cube in a tower and they both tipped over. The tipped robots blocked access to one of the scoring goals so their alliance partner G.A.T. Wrenches could not score.

> G.A.T. Wrenches ended the qualifying matches with a record of two wins and four losses. They struggled with mechanical problems on and off during the day, largely because they did not prepare for the match with enough driving practice and modifications they had to make during the tournament.

Galaxy (River Pardick, Jace Kroll, Isaac Higgins) ended the qualifying rounds with a record of two wins and four losses. Galaxy and their alliance partner from Eureka won their match to qualify for the quarterfinals where they lost by two points to the alliance from Sioux Falls and Mitchell who later defeated the G-Force/ G.A.T. Wrenches alliance.

Geek Quad had a struggled all day, ending the qualifying rounds with only one win. They made a design change, and it did not work out for them. Now, it is back to the drawing board. The two young men are not giving up.

Jim Lane, Gt Robotics

GT Robotics' next competition will be Jan. 25 in Groton.

School district revenue falls behind projections
Business Manager Michael Weber talked

about the budget. He noted that the Capital Outlay fund is about \$900,000 short of where the district should be plus the General Fund is short \$140,000 and less than half of the Special Education Fund has been collected. Weber said that he is not sure of why the shortfall, except that maybe not all of the taxes have been paid yet.

Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that the Clean Diesel Grant has been applied for and that one of the applications was thrown out because the bus was too old, but the other one is a possibility. However, it was noted als that there are 40 applications across the state with the Clean Diesel Grant.

Schwan reported that the school lunch program looks very good. "We're in a much better shape," he said. The last two years the food service has been subsidized and Schwan said it would be nice if the district did not have to subsidize that program. There are more eating meals at the school this year compared to last year.

The board accepted the job description for a certified sign language interpreter. The district is also advertising the position state wide. "We did that to prove we made a good effort in trying to find someone," Schwan said. "It's going to be a tough position to fill."

Schwan then reported on the various adjustments that need to be done with the State Fire Marshall Inspection Report, and there are several potential changes on the horizon when it comes to special education guidelines.

Elementary Principal Brett Schwan reported that Lindsey DeHoet's name was drawn as a winner at the TIE Conference held in Rapid City. That means Steven Rokusek with South Dakota Public Broadcasting will be coming to the elementary school on February 28. He is known as Science Steve. Schwan said they tried to get him to come to Groton a few years back, but he's always booked. "We're excited to have him come to Groton," Schwan said.

Middle/High School Principal Kiersten Sombke reported there are a lot of students taking dual credit classes. There are 13 enrolled through NSU, 22 from LATI, three form SDSU, 6 from USD and 4 from BHSU.

The proposed 2020-21 School Calendar was presented. The start of school is proposed August 20th with the last day of school proposed at May 13, of course, it depends on number of snow days.

- Paul Kosel

Rankings of GT Robotics teams at the end of qualifying rounds for the tournaments						
Tournament Location		Groton	Mitchell	Box Elder	Ramsey	Canton
Number of teams in Tourney18		y18	21	20	32	24
		Oct 19	Nov 9	Nov 16	Dec 14	Jan 11
9050A	G-Force	8	13	6	10	9
9050B	Gear Heads	2	9	2	30	5
9050C	G.A.T. Wrenches	4	12	13	6	19
9050D	Geek Squad	10	14	3	17	22
9050E	Galaxy	15	20	18	11	14
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	Tournament	Groton	Mitchell	Box Elder	Ramsey	Canton
9050A	G-Force	Semi-F	Semi-F	Semi-F	1st round	Semi Finals
9050B	Gear Heads	Finals	Semi-F	Qtr-F		Qtr-Finals
9050C	G.A.T. Wrenches	Qtr-F	Qtr-F	Qtr-F	Qtr-Finals	Semi-Finals
9050D	Geek Squad	Semi-F	Qtr-F	Finals	1st round	1st round
9050E	Galaxy		Qtr-F	Finals	1st round	Qtr-Finals





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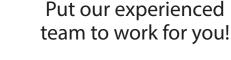
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GUN SHOW

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Brown County Jan. 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes JANUARY 7, 2020 -REORGANIZATION MEETING

This being the reorganization meeting of the Brown County Commission for year 2020, said Board convened at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Present were Commissioners Dennis Feickert, Doug Fjeldheim, Ra-

Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Timothy Daub with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hecla led the group in prayer.

chel Kippley, Duane Sutton and

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor called for nominations for Brown County Commission Chair for year 2020, pursuant to SDCL 7-8-15.

Commissioner Sutton nominated Mike Wiese for Chair. Motion died for lack of second.

Commissioner Feickert nominated Rachel Kippley for Chair. Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rachel Kippley, 2020 Chair of the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Feickert nominated Doug Fjeldheim for Vice Chair. Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Dough Fjeldheim 2020 Vice Chair of the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of December 31, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims, effective December 2019:

Payroll: Commission \$4,285.10; Auditor \$8,750.45; Commission Treasurer \$12,186.72; \$22,679.50; SVAWA \$1,193.49; Maintenance \$7,978.85; Assessor \$12,654.13; Register of Deeds \$8,932.21; VSO \$2,134.87; GIS \$2,387.50; IT \$8,338.12; HR \$2,173.85; Sheriff \$38,303.91; Jail \$50,613.16; Coroner \$1,950.00; Court Security \$4,096.11; JDC \$23,799.35; Welfare \$2,077.70; Museum \$7,017.39; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,970.19; Fair Board \$3,286.84; Planning & Zoning \$4,124.34; Highway \$46,341.69; Dispatch \$28,029.34; Emergency \$4,163.13; Teen Court \$635.46; JDAI \$1,596.93; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,657.49; Landfill \$13,179.75; Matching Benefits FICA \$19,690.87; Medicare \$4,605.16; Discovery Benefits

(HSA.)\$175. Claims: Buildings: Brown County Treasurer \$8,352.49. Insurance: SDML Workers Compensation Fund \$133,372.00. Other: Aberdeen Development Corporation \$15,000.00; SD Dept of Environment & Natural Resources \$3,625.75. Professional Fees: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$710.00; Advanced Weighing Systems \$1,845.00; Kristi Brandt \$156.15; Cogley Law \$3,050.00; GBR Interpreting & Translation \$30.00; Christopher A. Haar \$16.60; Kuck Law Office \$150.00; Police Legal Services \$1,800.00; Pulsepoint Foundation \$8,000.00; Registration Max LLC \$750.00; SD Sheriff's Association \$1,595.93; SD State's Attorney Assoc \$1,746.00; SDAE4-HP \$120.00; State Bar of South Dakota \$1,660.00; Calleen Thorn Misterek \$49.40; SD Teen Court Association \$750.00; Jodi Sudweeks \$30.60; Mitch Vilhauer \$619.50; WSP USA Inc \$10,976.99. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$121.26; Aberdeen Community Theatre \$250.00; Midstates Printing \$16.50. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$2,484.00; Dakota Electronics \$539.00; Northern Electric Coop \$1,200.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Praxair Distribution Inc \$69.30; Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$221.27; Active Data Systems \$12,406.00; Ameripride Services Inc \$348.30; Big Scoop Snow Removal \$740.00; Butler Machinery Co \$4,610.33; Dakota Doors Inc \$61.22: Dakota Electronics \$163.00; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$117.60; State of South Dakota \$51.45; Farm Power MFG \$2,782.86; Foerster Testing Limited \$237.50; Hanlon Brothers \$7,425.00; Honeywell

International \$29,034.50; KEI

\$664.06: Motorola Solutions Inc \$45,707.60; State of South Solutions LLC \$5,780.00. Supplies: Active Data Systems \$4,016.00; Agtegra Cooperative \$54,011.02; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Civic Research Institute \$359.90; Earthgrains Baking Co \$538.20; Ferguson Enterprises Inc \$185.94; Heartland Paper \$426.01; Highway Improvement Inc \$199,999.80; Jeannette Mc-Clain \$43.04; McLeods Printing & Office Supplies \$142.23; Menards \$188.50; Midstates Printing \$55.45; Pantorium Cleaners \$84.00; Pitney Bowes Inc \$126.00; RDO Equipment Co \$1,806.84; Tyler Business Forms \$346.10; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$64.72.

Travel & Conference: Doug Fjeldheim \$172.96; International Association of Fairs \$825.00; Duane Sutton \$168.26. Utilities: AT&T \$71.45; BDM Rural Water System \$36.00; Qwest Corporation \$255.13; Midcontinent Communications \$629.43; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$10,517.50; Richmond Lake Sanitary District \$2,412.00; Kelsi Thilmony \$20.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. HR RÉPORT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Approve pay increase for Polly Rush, Brown County Equalization Office Deputy to \$21.67 per hour effective January 12, 2020; Approve pay increase for Sarah Swenson, Brown County Equalization Office Appraiser to \$21.13 per hour, effective January 12, 2020; Approve pay increase for Russle Metz, Brown County Equalization Office Deputy Director to \$25.13 per hour, effective January 12. 2020; Approve pay increase for Robert Baumgartner, Brown County Landfill Office Manager to \$21.65 per hour, effective January 12, 2020; Approve the following employee step increases effective January 12, 2020: Jackie Ormand @ \$17.92 and Jessie Milbrandt @ \$19.44 per hour. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

TMS CONTRACT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize chair sign year five of five in the contract with Theatrical Media Services, Inc. for the amount of \$26,000. All members present voting aye.

2020 SALARY SCHEDULE: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following 2020 Salary Schedule:

Annually State's Attorney: Chris White \$96,701.58; Sheriff: Mark Milbrandt (plus \$500 per pay period to oversee Comm Center) \$77,543.73; Auditor: Cathy McNickle \$58,195.53; Treasurer: Patty VanMeter \$58,195.53; Reg ister of Deeds: Roberta Nichols \$58,195.53; Commission: Dennis Feickert, Mike Wiese, Doug Fjeldheim, Rachel Kippley, Duane Sutton \$23,139.54; Deputy State's Attorney Ross Aldentaler \$67,001.58; Deputy State's Attorney Jennifer Stoddard \$67,001.58; Deputy State's Attorney Jodi Brown \$23,510.79; Stop Violence Against Woman Act Grant Jodi Brown \$31,030.75; Victim Specialist State's Attorney Brittany O'Day \$57,863.16; JDAI Coordinator Kelsi Vinger 41,520.18 Building tendent Judy Dosch \$57,384.18; Chief Information Officer Paul Sivertsen \$113,464.53; Communications Director Kenton Jones \$69,618.42; Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke \$62,286.84; Emergency Management Director Scott Meints \$64,205,46; Fair Board Manager Derek Ricci \$51,368.04; Fairgrounds Superintendent Kurt Smith \$52,470.45; GIS Coordinator Scott Madsen \$64,462.50; Highway Superintendent Dirk Rogers \$79,651.08; Human Resources Erica Coughlin \$58,693.95; Juvenile Detention Supervisor Brian Bahr \$49,784.76; Landfill Manager Michael Scott \$65,537.64; Museum Director Patricia Kendall \$47,270.79; Planning & Zoning Director C. Scott Bader \$55,000.00; Sheriff/JDC Nurse Tanya Mitchener \$57,261.60; Veterans Service Officer Aaron Walberg \$54,879.12; Weed Supervisor Chris Hemen \$44,550.81; Welfare Director Roxy Hilgenberg \$56,097.90; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dave Lunzman \$71,324.55; Coroner and Deputies Michael Carlsen, Allie Ryckman, Paula Beckler \$150.00 per call. Blood Draw: Pamela Smid, Monica Hein,

Sarah Bohling \$50.00 per draw. On Call Nurse: Pamela Smid, Monica Hein, Sarah Bohling \$15.00 per phone call, \$35.00 per one hour or less physical visit, \$25.00 per hour over one hour physical visit. Per Meeting Planning & Zoning Board: Darwin Bettmann, Stanley Beckler, Patrick Keatts, David North, Jerry Streckfuss, Dale Kurth \$40 per meeting; Weed Board: Dennis Wiedebush, Mark Hoven, Duane Jark, Troy Knecht \$40 per meeting; Per Hour: Assistant Communications Director Sarah Jesz \$21.77; Assistant Emergency Mngmt Director Patti Woods \$21.77; Chief Deputies (Auditor & Treasurer) Lynn Heupel, Sara Swisher, Dorene Borchard & Cynthia Meyers \$24.38; Deputy Director of Equalization Russell Metz \$25.13: Highway Shop Foreman Mark Wendt \$25.25; Highway Department Assistant Kendell Titze \$25.88; Landfill Office Manager Robert Baumgartner \$21.65; States Attorney Office Deputy Penny Hart \$24.92; Veterans Ser vices Assistant: Kathy Schlecht \$24.38; Appraisers: Joe Kraft \$18.17, Ronald Keller \$20.41, Sarah Swenson \$20.77, Barry Kusler \$22.64, Kathy Fischer \$23.48; Technology Support Specialist: Shawn Schnable \$22.13, Cory Lane \$24.79; Chief Office Deputies (Sheriff, States Attorney, Director of Equalization) Polly Rush \$21.62, Kathy Neitzel \$22.52; Legal Secretary I: Sheldon Noess \$16.13, Pamela McBride \$16.88; Legal Secretary II: Tracy Madsen \$19.18; Office Deputies, Museum Curators, Secretaries/ Clerk: Anne Dohman \$15.64, Amanda Aragon & Michelle Dannen \$15.91, Jeannette McClain \$16.18, Becky Desens \$16.45, Dave Engraf \$16.66; Sonje Oban \$17.48, Tracy Engquist & Cindy Woodford \$17.67, Andrew Janusz \$17.67, Mariann Malsom \$17.82, JoAnn Sheffield \$17.82, Jackie Ormand \$17.87, Lora Schaunaman \$18.12, Jolene Forsting \$18.37, Sherri Rawstern \$18.62; Clerk, Secretary, Maintenance, Parts: McKenzie Bierman \$15.35, Bill Rohrbach \$16.37, Cindy Eppard \$17.53, Monte Podoll \$17.88; Sheriff Department Clerical & Cooks: Michael Janes & Amy Lake-Harmon \$16.51, Rachel Wilson \$17.18, Sandy Woytossek \$17.89, Kristin Barstad & Teresa Mann \$19.24, Jesse Milbrandt \$19.39; Dispatchers: Jill Crosby, Candace Rohrbach, Wesly Warning, Julie Thelen & Erin Ackerman \$16.96, Logan Flack & James Ingram \$17.28, Kayla Reinert \$17.97, Aaron Gasser & Dawn Allam \$18.66, Jonathan (Waller) Sorenson & Cory Erhardt \$18.98, Tonya Walth \$20.49; Fairgrounds/ Maintenance Labor Grade 3: Union: Dan Schlosser \$17.74, Mickey Schulz \$18.74, John Weig \$20.04; Labor Grade 3 Highway and Landfill: Damian Bahr, Matthew Heupel & Joshua Ulmer \$18.75, John Florey, Troy Grote & Mike Rohrbach \$19.03, Tray Mercer; Dennis VanHeerde

& Kyle Kost \$19.33, Charles Gruenstein \$19.65, Labor Grade 4 Highway and Landfill: Jordan Garlick \$18.88, Jason Kallenberger & Barry Braaten \$19.48, Terry Lout \$19.57, Dana Breske \$19.86, Brad Nehlich (.15) \$19.96; Labor Grade 5 Highway and Landfill: Dean Zumbaum \$19.78, Gerald Lehrkamp \$19.88, Nicholas Juenger \$19.97, Casey Jensen \$20.08, Bryan Owens \$20.13, way (Mechanics) Labor Grade A (with CDL)/Outside Shop Foreman: Eugene Pence Jr. \$21.47 Kurt Pigors \$21.57, Daryl Lloyd \$21.77, Paul Wipf \$21.94, Deputy Sheriff Investigator: Wes Graff \$25.18, Jonathan Lemke & Linn Kamin \$26.92, DeputySheriff: Rachelle Hochstetter \$22.83, Anthony Sorensen & Daniel Bray; \$23.18, Mike Hill, Gavin Wright & Ermelinda Marcuson \$23.52, Brandon Black \$24.22, Keith Baker \$24.57; Nathan Smith \$26.46, Ben Smith \$26.46, Brian Koens \$26.71, Terrence Evans \$26.76, Jail Sergeants/Home Detention Supervisor/Assistant JDC Supervisor: Jeremy Batista \$19.24, Danica Hillestad \$19.94, Christeen Krahl \$20.27, Brenda

Hammrich \$22.21; Correctional

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est, Lucas Champlain \$17.34,

Tanner Podoll \$17.70, Justin

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Clain & Brandon Mills \$19.07, Stacie Wasem & Adelaide Mounga \$19.43, Jennifer White; \$20.10, Joseph Embury \$20.20, Michael Frnst \$20,25, Samiuela Mounga \$20.30, Kristal Koens \$20.55, Russ Ochsner \$20.55, Cindy Mitchell \$20.60, Jeffrey Kirnan \$20.60; Part Time Employees – per hour: Logan Gauer \$9.95, Monty Forsting \$10.87, Jon Daschel; Tobias Stugelmayer \$11.61, Tammie Niemann \$11.93, Richard Schooley \$12.11, Richard Burns \$12.17, Marianne Marttila-Klipfel & Mary Baird \$13.84, Meagan Hale, Julie Hermansen, Bailey (Long) Sippel \$14.19, Maggie Bell, Carol Wolf, Abby Jung, Anne Weig, Shanda Bragg, Jennifer Kamin, Doreen Howell, Grace Gasperich, Donna Olson, Kaylee Moench, Sierra Kamin \$14.19,,Henry Fulda \$15.19,Brenda Reich; Mari Flack \$15.06, John Ness, Steven Ramsdell, William Winter, Mi-chael Lout, Rhonda Kvernevig \$15.91, Lori Goldade \$15.91, Diane Lehr \$17.53,

Court Security Armed/Unarmed: Daniel Harvey, Scott Kolb, Justin Cleveland, Neil Bittner, David Meyer, Eldon Reich, David Hunter, Jerry Bjerke \$15.91unarmed/\$17.91armed; Highway Seasonal Employees: Spencer Heupel \$12.54, Les Schaible \$13.48, Differential Pay: Correctional Officers, Deputy Sheriffs, Dispatchers: 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. Monday thru Thursday \$1.00 per hour, 4:00 P.M. Friday to 8:00 A.M. Monday \$1.50 per hour. Dispatchers for Training at Terminals: \$1.00 per hour all shifts. Highway employees when pulling train \$0.80 per hour. NOTE: All overtime calculated on base pay. GUARDS: \$100 per day for each round trip less than 400 miles; \$200 per day for each round trip over 400 miles – Rebecca Hunter, Steven Westby, Daniel Harvey, Scott Kolb, Jon Damaska, Justin Cleveland, Nick Cochran, Curtis Kline, Neil Bittner, David Meyer, Eldon Reich, David Hunter, Jerry Bierke, All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2020 ADDITIONAL HOLI-DAYS:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton approve the following additional holidays: April 10th (Good Friday) as a half day; November 27th (Black Friday) as a full day, and December 24 (Christmas Eve) as a half day. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SNOW DAY PAY:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to authorize non-essential employee's regular rate of pay for eight hours of work for the snow day on December 30, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion

DOE CLOTHING POLICY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve request submitted by Gene Loeschke, DOE, for 2020 clothing allowance @ \$125.00 for each employee in the Equalization Office, per Employee Policy C-12. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ESRI RENEWAL QUOTE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize chair sign renewal quotation with ESRI Inc for GIS Department in the amount of \$15,000. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF UNIFORM ALLOW-ANCF:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to acknowledge the sheriff uniform request as bud geted for in the 2020 budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

INMATE TRANSPORT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to increase payment for inmate transport staff to \$200 for a round trip transport of 400 miles or greater. All

members present voting aye. Motion carried. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS: Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Feickert to designate the following as the official Brown County newspapers for year 2020 (SDCL 7-18-3): Aberdeen

American News, Aberdeen, SD;

The Groton Independent, Gro-

ton, SD; Dakota Press, Groton, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. **DEPOSITORIES:**

Moved by Wiese seconded by Feickert to designate the following as official depositories for Brown County public funds for year 2020 (SDCL 7-2-13), with funds deposited in the name of Patty VanMeter, Brown County Treasurer: Dacotah Bank; UŚ Bank; First Savings of Beresford, Hecla Branch of Hecla; Bank North of Warner; Bank North of Warner, Aberdeen Branch; First State Bank of Claremont, Groton Branch; First National Bank of Frederick; Plains Commerce Bank; Great Western Bank Great Plains Bank; CorTrust. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF DEPUTIES: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESO-LUTION #1-20

WHEREAS, SDCL Chapter 7-7-20 mandates the designation of the number of deputies and clerks for various offices by the Board of County Commissioners,

THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the following deputies and clerks are authorized at the discretion of the County Officials for County offices: Auditor - 2 Chief Deputy, 2 Deputies; Treasurer - 2 Chief Deputies, 5 Deputies, 1 parttime Clerk; Register of Deeds - 1 Chief Deputy, 4 Deputies. All extra help hired by County Officials must first be approved by the County Commission.

Seconded by Commission-er Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippleyaye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

INVESTMENT POLICY: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESO-

LUTION #2-20 WHEREAS, the nature of tax collections and other revenue is such that cash on deposit in the County's depositories at times

current expenditures; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to invest these monies not required for immediate expenditure.

exceeds the requirement for

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Brown County Treasurer is hereby directed to invest Brown County public funds at the highest rate of interest possible at said time on available monies at financial institutions, as designated by the Brown County Commission, and

FURTHER, to furnish quarterly reports detailing same, as authorized by SDCL 4-5-8.

Seconded by Commissioner Feickert. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Suttonaye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

INTEREST POLICY:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Policy in regard to interest earned from deposits and investments: State law allows income from deposits and investments to be credited to either the General Fund or the fund making the investment. The County's policy is to credit all income from deposits and investments to the General Fund during the year, except for interest earned on specific certificates of deposits for the Solid Waste Fund. USGAAP requires income from deposits and investments to be reported in the fund whose assets generated that income. Where the governing board has discretion to credit investment income to a fund other than the fund that provided the resources for investment, a transfer to the designated fund is reported when authorized by the Commission. Fund transfers of investment earnings to the General Fund shall not occur in 2020, all funds shall receive the income generated from the assets of the fund. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. EXPENSE POLICY:

Moved by Fjeldheim ed by Wiese to set the following expense rates for Brown County employees for year 2020: Meal reimbursement made only for out of County travel. In-State: Breakfast \$6, Lunch \$14, Dinner \$20 Total in state: \$40 : Out-of-State Breakfast \$10, Lunch \$18, Dinner \$28 Total \$56. Qualifying time for meal allowances: Breakfast - leave before 5:31 a.m. - return after 7:59 a.m.; Lunch - leave before 11:30 a.m. - return after 12:59 p.m.; Dinner - leave before 5:31 p.m. - return after 7:59 p.m. Lodging reimbursed at actual cost, receipt required (if possible have direct billing, as County tax exempt). Reimbursement for use of personal vehicle for County business, as follows: All county employees and officials shall be paid for traveling expenses for each mile traveled in the discharge of their official duties at 47 cents per mile. Miles to be determined by the assistance of Map Quest or similar web site; Odometer readings required for all destinations not available on web site; Odometer reading only required once to establish

routine destination routes, i.e. per diem for board members. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. EXPENSE POLICY - ELECTION

OFFICIALS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to set \$250.00 as the one-day fee for vote center officials working on Election Day, \$15.00 per hour for absentee vote center officials working on Election Day, \$20.00 for vote center officials attending Election School, \$5.00 for use of personal cell phone on election day (maximum \$5.00 per rural vote center, maximum of three officials @ \$15.00 per Aberdeen vote centers), and to set minimum mileage at five miles when claimed by vote center/absentee ballot official. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TAX DEED NOTICES:

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESO-LUTION #3-20

WHEREAS, Brown County has acquired tax certificates on property with delinquent real estate taxes for which tax deeds and notices can be served.

THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Brown County Commission authorizes the

Treasurer, Patty VanMeter to request States Attorney Chris White and States Attorney Office personnel to act as agents to process said tax deeds and

Seconded by Commissioner Feickert. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-ave, Suttonaye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution ad-

COMMUNICATION COUNCIL APPOINTMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to appoint 2020 Countý Commission Chair Kippley, and Vice Chair Fjeldheim as county commissioners on the Communications Council. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY RENTAL RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to establish rental rates and fee schedule for 2020: County wide rental and fee schedule is on file at the Auditor's office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. VOLUNTEERS/WORKER

COMPENSATION: Moved by Wiese, seconded by

Sutton to approve the following list of volunteers for work comp purposes: (CERT, Citizens Corp. Dive Team, Fair, Museum, 4-H Promotion/Expansion): Adams, John; Adams, Marie; Anderson, Terry; Bacon, Erin; Bakeberg, Richard; Banker, Diana; Ber reth, Becky; Bierman, Chad; Bierman, Sandra; Bohling, Jan; Bohling, Paul; Bray, Robert; Buchanan, Mercedes; Connelly, Michael; Cunningham, Luanne; Cunningham, Ryan; DeVore, Douglas; Dreesen, Marvin; Erickson, Curtis; Fleury, Sara; Gisi, Steve; Grebner, Scott R; Halsey, Joshua; Helm, Gerald; Helm, Pat ; Hepola, Heidi; Herman, Janet; Hettich, Trixie; Huber, Nicholas; Huber, Weylin; Hughes, Kieth; Humphries, Richard; Imberi, Randy; Imrie, Charla; Johnson, Michele; Kost, Michael; Kost, Ron; Kramer, Kasia; Kuntz, Jason; LaCroix, Brian; Little, Alexandra; Little, Jared; Mathern, Tim; Mayer, Douglas; Mayer, Gretchen; Mc-Cleary, Rachel; McGuire, David; Mehlhaff, Wendy; Meints, Carla; leyer, Meyer, Maria; Moser, David; Muller, Joseph; Mark Musel; Nichols, Roberta; O'Donnell, Deb; Opp, Gayle; Paepke, Barb; Paepke, Tom; Pigors, Cindy; Pigors, Rick; Pletten, Lois ; Radke, Nancy; Rau, Bryan L; Reierson, Douglas A; Robinson, Bonnie; Robinson, Freddie; Sasieta, Jorge; Schaffer, Jean; Schlosser, Dan; Schlosser, Deb; Schneider, Kimberly; Schrenk, Nancy; Sharp, Brian; Sharp, Donna; Sharp, Gary; Sharp, Gretchen; Shishnia, Mark; Smid, Dale ; Smid, Pam; Steckelberg, Amanda L; Steckelberg, Mike L; Swallow, Jesse; Swank, Jeff; Swank, Karen; Swanson, Chip; Swanson, Lowell; Swanson, Marian; Swenson, Connie; Torbert, James; Ullrich, Brandon; Ullrich, Mike; Waletich, Tom; Waltman, Janice; Wanttie, Thomas; Warrey, Alisha; Wiscar-

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son, Pam; Wollman, Cara; York,

Scott; Moerke, Roland; Stoks,

Mark; Jones, Tony; Allemang, Heather; ; Anderson, Trent; Bade, Casey; Bade, Rodney ; Blachford, Clayton; Bonn, Cody;

Dunbar, Michael; Toennies,

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All members present voting aye. Motion carried. MINA LAKE DAM:

Scott Meints (Emergency Manager) and Julie Johnson (Mina Lake Resident) met to discuss repairs needed to the Mina Lake Dam and possible support of State of SD Legislative action necessary for repair funding.
APPLICATION FOR OCCU-

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the following application for occupancy by City of Frederick for access at County Highway 5, in section 11, Township 127N, Range64W for Sanitary Sewer. All members present voting aye. Motion

BID DATES SET: HIGHWAY RENTALS, GRAVEL, ROAD OIL AND HOT MIX:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for the following items: Road Oil, Hot Mix, Gravel Materials, and Rental Equipment at 8:47 a.m., on January 28, 2020 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FSA APPOINTMENT:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to appoint Dennis Feickert as the authorized Brown County representative for all FSA documents regarding County owned property. All members' present 'voting' aye. Motion carried.

CITIZENS CORP:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to reappoint the following Brown County Citizen Corps Council members for a three year term expiring December 31, 2022: Trevor Meints (at large), Freddie Robinson (at large), Mark Stoks (Fire representative), Marvin Dressen (Ham Radio Representative. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE

ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the fol-lowing Commission Committee assignments for 2020: Duane Sutton - Aberdeen Development Corporation, NECOG, CART, Fair Board, SD Public Assurance Alliance, Dacotah Prairie Museum Board, Liaison 4-H Leaders Association/Promotion & Expansion Committee, SDACC Catastrophic Legal Board, Centennial Village Liaison; Doug Fjeldheim Airport Board, NECOG, Sick Leave Bank, Communications Council, Alternate for Aberdeen/ Brown County Regional Railroad Authority; Rachel Kippley - Fair Board, Risk Management Committee, Legislative Contac Planning & Žoning Board, JDAÍ (Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative), Senior Citizens Board, Communications Council; Mike Wiese - Range Fire Suppression, Union Negotiations, Liaison to Welfare, LEPC, Aberdeen/Brown County Regional RR Authority, Glacial Lakes; Dennis Feickert - Weed & Pest Control Board, County Buildings, Union Negotiations, Grow SD (NESDCAP), FSA Representa-tive, NE Mental Health Center.

HOUSING AND REDEVELOP-MENT COMMISSION:

The States Attorney will assist in

conducting labor negotiations.

All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to acknowledge Paula Langteau, term effective January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2024 to the Housing and Redevelopment Commission of Brown County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DACOTAH PRAIRIE MUSEUM

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to appoint the following Dacotah Prairie Museum Board Members: Lee Schinkel and Shannon Imberi-O'Keefe

-2nd three-year term (January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022. Remove Wes Elliott as he has termed out and leave vacant until filled. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DIVE TEAM:
Moved by Wiese, seconded
by Sutton to add Michael Dunbar to the Brown County Volunteer Dive Team. All members present voting aye. Motion

FAIR BOARD:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the following fair board memebers: Randy Magas Term 1 (2020-2022), Stephanie Magas, Term 1 (2020-2022), Jeff Malsam, Term 1 (2020-2022), Tom Miller, Term 1 (2020-2022), Clint Sombke, Term 1 (2020-2022), Don Ganje for 2020, Sarah Herman-Schumacher for 2020, Mike Russell for 2020, Rick Pigors for 2020, Jayson Tollefson for 2020. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. WEED AND PEST BOARD:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve Dennis Wiedenbush (4/1/2019 3/31/2021) and Tyler Bierman (4/1/2020 – 3/31/2022). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded

by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:10 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Nerland Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Debbie Nerland to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on January 21, 2020 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lots 1&2, "Marzenell Subdi-

vision" in the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 25-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present com-ments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0108.0115)

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Brown County Reder Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by David Reder to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on January 21, 2020 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lots 1&2 "1st Subdivision

Larson Outlot 1: in the SW1/4 of Section 24-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Groton City Jan. 7, 2020 **Meeting Minutes**

January 7, 2020

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Community Center for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Babcock, Blackmun, Cutler, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Kathy Sundermeyer, Dan Sunne, Dwight Zerr and Officer Justin Cleveland.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Babcock. All members voted

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye. Payroll, \$20,537.36, Employ

ee salaries; Executive, \$577.19; Administrative, \$3,196.84; Public Safety, \$8,638.29; Public Works, \$8,125.04; First State Bank, \$6,931.50, SS and WH; Dakotaland FCU, \$1,000.00, Employee savings; First State Bank, \$499.98, HSA Contributions; Aflac, \$400.32, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$299.88, Employee insurance; Doughtery & Company, \$400.00, Continuing disclosures for refinance loan; Employer's Mutual, \$85.20, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$127.15, Employee insurance; SD Retirement, \$8,078.02, Employee retirement; Web Water, \$14,104.11, Water 12/19; Border States, \$524.14, Meters and splices; Harry Implement, \$115.52, Elbows, o ring, hose, end; Verizon, \$42.61, Dump camera communication; NW Energy, \$10.97, Natural gas; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$285.00, Employee retirement; Auto Zone, \$135.33, Oil and filters; Stan Houston, \$68.00, Trimmer; Ferguson, \$654.58, Adapters, ring seal rope; Co-Ionial Research, \$319.44, Salt; Metering & Technology Solutions, \$687.78, Water meters, gaskets, wire, screws; Drew Johnson, \$800.00, Legal fees 12/19; Ameripride, \$47.14, Rug rent; Applied Concepts, \$132.00, Radar remote for PD; Demco, \$31.59, Library book jackets; S&S Lumber, \$142.60, Keys, floor dry, light bulbs, ice melt; SD Dept of Health, \$221.00, Water testing; DENR, \$3,000.00, Permission to discharge fees; Clark Engineering, \$21,320.00, 75% complete water tower project; Badger Meter, \$780.00, Water meters; Matheson, \$101.79, Chemicals; Equipment Blades, \$773.08, Plow bolts, nuts; US Bank, \$600.00, Agent fees for refinance loan; Ken's Food Fair, \$463.07, Paper products, gas; Lori's Pharmacy, \$25.00, Funeral flowers; Groton Independent, \$64.66, Publishing; Mid-States Organized Crime, \$100.00, 2020 dues; April Abeln, \$111.29, Dep flex; NECOG, \$1,637.66, 2020 dues; A&B Business, \$227.53,

Copier rent Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock to approve the following list of employees, their salaries and volunteers pursuant to SDCL 6-1-10. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon 625/month, Jon Cutler, Shirley Wells, Karyn Babcock, David Blackmun, David McGannon, Burt Glover 3000/ year and 125/special meeting, Les Hinds, Gordon Nelson, Jeff Steen, Cody Lindgren, Chris Khali 35/regular meeting and 70/ special meeting, Gordon Nelson 30/building permit inspection, Hope Block 23.85/hr, Peggy Locke 22.54/hr, April Abeln 22.10/hr, Terry Herron 29.86/hr, Dwight Zerr 26.56/hr, Branden Abeln 24.58/hr, Paul Kosel 25.96/hr, Dan Sunne 36.06/ hr, Landon Johnson 21.01/hr, Stacy Mayou 63903.84/year, Jerry Bjerke 57723.12/year Justin Cleveland 55670.16 year, Tony Garcia 53770.08/ year, Volunteers: Lars Hanson, Jarod Fliehs, Tasha Dunker, Travis Antonsen, Jessica Kroll, Mike_Imrie, Doug Hamilton, Ann Thorson, A current list of volunteers is held at City Hall.

Zerr reported moving snow, and getting the intersections open. He left the meeting at 7:12pm.

Sunne reported that he and his apprentice repaired a requlator, and cut boulevard trees. He left the meeting at 7:17pm.

Cleveland reported that the patrol vehicles have been running well.

Moved by Blackmun and sec-

onded by Babcock to reappoint Planning and Zoning member, Les Hinds, through January

2025. All members voted aye. Moved by Wells and seconded by Cutler to approve the 2020 election date of April 14th. All members voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:19pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into régular session at 7:27pm. Moved by Wells and sec-

onded by Babcock to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Hope Block, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$42.05.

Brown County Rental Equipment Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ROAD CON-TRACTORS AND MACHINERY DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:47 A.M. on Janu-ary 28, 2020. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2020. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces, Brown County Landfill Forces and the Brown County Fairground Forces to complete the projects.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening. Performance Bond:

Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into à contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance.

Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from April 1, 2020 to March

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" to be opened January 28, 2020 at 8:47 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Road Oil

Bid NoticeNOTICE TO ROAD OIL SUP-**PLIERS**

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:47am, January 28, 2020. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing and delivery of Road Oil to the Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.

Item (A) Cutback Asphalt

Road Oil – MC-70

Item (B) Cutback Asphalt Road Oil – MC-3000

Item (C) Emulsion Asphalt Road Oil- CSS1H Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Columbia City Jan. 7, 2020

Meeting Minutes City of Columbia Council Meeting – January 7, 2020 CALL MEETING TO ORDER –

ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Trevor Meints, Cole Kampa, Ellen Harr, Dana

Community -Jeremy Dosch Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the December meeting. Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Northwestern Energy – 652.15; Web Water – 37.77; JVT – 121.93; RDO – 4600.00; Corey Mitchell - 400.00; Corey Mitchell 1139.24; Jeremy Dosch -419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann 307.99; Cara Dennert – 823.50; Productivity Plus – 616.31; Drew Johnson – 210.00; Runnings - 129.78; Menards - 301.13; Great Western Bank - 185.93; GDI - 31.74; Tyler Kampa -140.00; Trevor Meints – 508.91; Cole Kampa – 140.00; Ellen Harr – 140.00; Web Water – 39.30; Agtegra – 706.80; DENR

Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORESPONDENCE - packets from SDPAA on coverage; DOR on liquor license; Jensen's Rock & Sand: Pipemasters: holiday card from B&B Contracting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Finance Officer, Cara Dennert, swore in Dana Mohr to fill the vacancy left by Tyler Kampa. Dana will serve the remainder of Tyler's term as councilman. We are looking into new insurance for the city.

Nuisances - Corey had an email from our lawyer - he was unable to get a hold of resident with nuisance issue. Council commented that things have improved. We will hold further

action until spring.
Streets – The streets are looking good. The new blade is working well. Corey hired additional help to move snow further north to try to help snow accumulation. Dana commented that there are a few street lights out. He will contact Northwestern Energy and give them addresses. The county is working on the legal names of a couple streets near the dump.

Parks – No report. Lagoon/sewer – No report.

Rubble Site – The site needs to be burned. We will wait for a few days to see if we can get a couple days of low winds to get

the job done safely.

NEW BUSINESS – The was some talk of the fire hall building not being deeded to the fire district. It is not deeded to the city – no action needs to be taken on our part. Councilmen chose new positions for the 2020 year - Ellen Harr - nuisances, Cole Kampa – lagoon/sewer, Trevor Meints - streets/rubble site, and Dana Mohr – parks. The council pay will remain the same for 2020 - Mayor \$40 per meeting, \$50 additional for attending. Board members \$30. per meeting, \$40 for additional for attending. The First State Bank of Groton was declared as the city's bank. The Groton Daily Independent was declared as the city's newspaper for publications.

FINANCIAL REPORT -Cara is working on 4th guarter unemployment insurance; 941s for 4th quarter; W2s for 2019, and 1099s for 2019. She will attend an annual report meeting in Aberdeen on Jan. 22nd.; The board also agreed for her to attend Excel classes in Aberdeen in February. Bank balances were presented.

December 31, 2019 balances: SF -\$144,450.71; GF -\$150,430.33; FIT -\$13,932.45; cash on hand - \$66.46

Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Dana Mohr seconded the motion. All were in favor motion carried.

Ellen Harr made a motion to adjourn. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor meeting adjourned.

Next City Meeting - Tuesday, February 4, 2020 7:00 p.m. Submitted by Cara Dennert,

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Frederick Town Jan. 8, 2020 **Meeting Minutes**

Town of Frederick January 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Frederick town board met Wednesday night in the Frederick Community Center at 7 PM with Chairman R.S. Campbell, Board Member Troy Millard, Board Member Jeff Kosters. Finance Officer Diane Bruns, Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg, and citizens Dan Nickelson and Jamie Voeller. Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the December, 2019, meeting and 2 Special meetings in December were approved with a motion by TM/ JK. Motion Carried.

The Financial Statements were accepted with a motion from TM/SC. Motion Carried.

The Accounts Payable for January 2020 were approved with a motion by JK/TM. Motion

Carried. Accounts Payable: Badger Meter meter fees Wtr \$115.70; Bower Tree Service Phase II tree project SP \$2,250; Century Bus Products Printer lease/copies Gen'l \$82.66; Craig Martin Constr blading Sts \$929.50; D. Bruns wage CC \$155.14; D. Bruns wage +mtgs+trips+OT FO \$1540.32; D. Bruns expenses FO \$77.84; Dakota Brush Wholesale tools CC \$24.79; DENR annual fee Wtr \$150; Dependable Sanitation 3rd & 4th Qtr garbage pick-up Garb \$7,981; FDC econ dev Econ Dev \$1200; Frohling Law Office WWP legals \$506.25; GDI mins, spec mtgs, bid noticex2 Gen'l \$169.85; J. Kosters wage 3 mtgs Genl \$69.27; JC Campbell, Inc FO Bond FO \$525.00; JHC Serives, LLC Snowplow truck repair Sts \$8,809.10; JVT FO/EBL/Wtr/Genl \$336.75; M. Cox wage EBL \$482.92; M. Heine, wage+1 mtg FO \$876.32; MDU Sts/EBL/SP/BP/Mun Bldg/ Swr/Wtr \$1550.20; Menard's shovel Mun Bldg \$10.99; R. Bakeberg Sexton Cem \$251.21; R. Bakeberg wage Sts/Wtr/ Swr \$202.36; R. Bakeberg VA Sts/Wtr/Swr \$75; RS Campbell wage 3 mtgs Genl \$138.52; SD Dept Health Lab Wtr \$15; SD Dept of Rev Sales tax Garb \$77.66; T. Millard wage 3 mtgs Genl \$69.27; US Treasury 941 4th Qrtr Fed taxes Genl/Sts/ Wtr/Swr/EBL/FO/CC \$2,318.54; USDA-RD Water Repair Ioan \$475; USPS stamps Wtr/Swr/ Garb; WEB Water 561,400 gallons Wtr \$2,963.55. Total January A/R \$34,529.71.

OLD BUSINESS included Utility Manager Bakeberg's report stating the January water samples have been collected and sent to the lab and he will take care of the quarterly report when due. Rich stated he will be MIA for a few weeks and gave

instructions in his absence. Other Old Business was discussed including serving final notices to overly overdue utility accounts, and giving FO Bruns permission to pay bills that would include penalties if due before meeting date. Motion was made by JK/TM. Motion Carried.

Nickelson and Voeller questioned the snow removal process in Frederick. The last 18" snow dump was just too much to get their complete road open at the time by our mostly volunteer snowplowers. It was agreed their road will get opened but probably not all the way to old Hwy 10.

New Business included the 4th Quarter Report and Yearend Report for the Emma Burnham Library which was accepted with a motion by TM//JK. Motion

A letter from the Dept of Transportation was noted stating the grant applied for to do a Main St sewer line was denied. Thirty applicants applied for projects totaling over \$14.5 million, the DOT had only \$4.0 million at their disposal.

Frederick will have a 2-year Board Member vacancy and a 3-year Board Member vacancy. The election date if needed is the 2nd Tuesday of April. Petitions are available in the Finance Office beginning January 31.

A lighting proposal for the Community Center was submitted to the board from JM Electric for review. No action was taken. A mixture of sand and salt for

the streets was discussed. In correspondence the Municipal Government Day in Pierre on February 5, 2020, was noted; Hydro-Klean of Watertown and Pipemasters of SF combined businesses; and SDARWS 45th Annual meeting is January 15, 2020 also in Pierre, SD.

A motion was made by JK/TM to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM. The next meeting is sched-uled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 7 PM, in the Frederick Community Center.

Diane Bruns Frederick Finance Officer Published once at the total

approximate cost of \$43.78.

Claremont Town Jan. 7, 2020 **Meeting Minutes**

The board of trustees for the town of Claremont met on 1-7-20 at 7:00pm in city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the minutes of the December meeting were approved. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were approved. General: Gellhaus and Gellhaus, 665.83; IRS, unpaid balance, 15.14; IRS, 4th quarter report, 597.67; Claremont township, 1/2 cemetery up keep, 1650.00; Gellaus and Gellhaus, review fire house doc. 92.00; NWE, annual dues, NWE, lights, 336.85; Grand slam Computers ,back up computer, 99.00; GDI, publishing, 14.09; Mikes Heating and cooling, repair Furnance /shop, 150.20; Shane Johnson, 9 hrs. 132.98; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; WSSW; Helms and Asso (grant), sewer design phase, 13233.00; Soil Technologies, Inc. (grant), soil Exploration, 5300.00; Jet line (grant), 24181.77; NWE, sewer, 144.07; NWE, water, 403.27; SD public Health Lab, water sample, 15.00; DENR, waste water fee,150.00; BDM, date used, 845.30; Helms and Associates (grant), design phase, 12030.00; Rural Development water loan, 576.00; It was decided that a number of items will be offered for sale by sealed bid. On February 1,2020 there will be on open house for inter-ested parties to view and bid. Hours are from 10 am to 12:00 February 1, 2020. Noon with bid accepted and opened at that time. Items are as follows : Tire Machine, Hoist ,bolt racks and bolts assorted sizes, wheel balancer, hose and reel, assorted fitting, Ice chest contact Shane Johnson, Jason Spencer for further information . It was brought to the attention of the board that serval streets need to be repaired by NWE. They will be contacted about this matter. With no further business before

seconded by Spencer motion carried. CRye F.O.

The board has designed the Groton Daily Independent as their legal paper for 2020.

the board a motion was made

by Rasmussen to adjourn and

Salaries for 2020 Trustees \$75.00 per meeting 18 meetings

Finance Officer \$400.00 per Mowing- \$10.00 per hr.

Road maintenance /show removal \$16.00 per hr.

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Brown County Gravel **Bid Notice**

NOTICE TO GRAVEL PRO-**SUPPLIERS**

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota until the hour of 8:47 A.M. on January 28, 2020 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing and delivery of ONE (1) YEARS SUPPLY OF ROAD ÓNSTRUCTION AND MAIN-TENANCE GRAVEL MATERIALS.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of the bid opening.
Performance Bond: Brown

County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in accordance with the bid as accepted or as required by the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON GRAVEL AGGREGATE MATERI-ALS" to be opened January 28, 2020 at 8:47 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Contract for GRAVEL MATERI-ALS shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Cathy McNickle, Brown Countv Auditor

(0115.0122)

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Brown County Hot Mix Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ASPHALT CON-CRETE PLANT MIX SUPPLIERS Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:47 A.M., January 28, 2020. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing all materials and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for road maintenance and construction on Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Contract Notice: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County.

SDCL 58-6-62: POLICY TO BE WRITTEN THROUGH LICENSED RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT AGENT-COUNTERSIGNATURE OF RESIDENT AGENT - VIO-LATION AS MISDEMEANOR. No authorized insurer may make, write, issue or place any policy, contract or insurance, or general or floating policy upon persons or property, or covering a subject of insurance or bonding to be performed in South Dakota unless the policy is written through a licensed resident agent, or a non-resident agent when countersigned by a resident agent. If two or more insurers issue a single policy, it may be countersigned on behalf of all of them by one of the insurer's licensed resident agents in this state. Violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Contract for Asphalt Plant Mix Materials shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

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Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Section 320.5 - Basis of Payment: "A" - Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for Maintenance and Construction. The accepted quantities of Asphalt Plant Mix will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0115.0122)

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Brown County Solid Waste Assessment

SOLID WASTE SPECIAL AS-SESSMENT EQUALIZATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, pursuant to Resolution adopted by the Brown County Commission at their regular meeting on December 24, 2019, the following solid waste special assessment fee schedule shall

be applied: SOLID WASTE SPECIAL AS-SESSMENT FEE SCHEDULE

(Assessment plus applicable sales tax billed with the Real Estate Tax Notice)

1. Households within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that require curb service @ \$33.00 per year
2. Households within Incor-

porated Cities or Civil Townships that do not require curb service @ \$83.00 per year 3. Condominiums and Du-

plexes taxed as single units within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that require curb service @ \$33.00 per year 4. Condominiums and Du-

plexes taxed as single units within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that do not require curb service @ \$83.00

. Apartment Units and Assisted Living Units within in-corporated Cities that require curb service @ \$15.00 per unit

per year 6. Seasonal Lake Cabins @

\$50.00 per year 7. Mobile Home parks, outside incorporated municipalities, which provide or require lot side waste pickup during the entire assessment period, for deposit into a permitted landfill solid waste facility @ \$33.00 per unit per year

8. Mobile Home parks, outside incorporated municipalities, which do not provide or require lot side waste pickup during the entire assessment period, for deposit into a permitted landfill solid waste facility \$83.00 per unit per year NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY

GIVEN that any person, firm partnership or corporation af-fected by such fee may appear before the Brown County Commission sitting in Equalization between December 31, 2019 and February 1, 2020. Persons desiring to appear shall make an appointment with the Brown County Auditor's Office in advance by calling 626-7110.

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Grapplers drop pair of matches

Groton Area's wrestling team went to Redfield Thursday night where they participated in a pair of dual actions. The Groton Area team lost to Webster Area, 39-7, and to Redfield,

In the Webster dual, Dragr Monson at 120 pounds and Korbin Kucker at 126 pounds both won their matches. Monson had a 6-3 decision win over Cael Larson. Kucker pinned Gavin Witt in 1:42. Picking up wins via forfeit were Cole Bisbee, Lane Krueger and Caleb Furney.

Grady O'Neill at 285 had the only win in the Redfield dual with an 8-1 decision over Gavin Nichols.

Webster Area 39, Groton Area 27

106 Ethan Opitz (Webster Area) over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) (Dec 8-5) 113 Isaac Wiley (Webster Area) over Jacob

Craig (Groton Area) (Fall 0:32) 120 Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Cael

Larson (Webster Area) (Dec 6-3) 126 Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) over Gavin

Witt (Webster Area) (Fall 1:42) 132 Matt Mork (Webster Area) over Brevin

Fliehs (Groton Area) (Fall 1:13) 138 Hayden Niles (Webster Area) (For.)

145 Andrew Johnson (Webster Area) (For.)

152 Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) (For.)

160 Double Forfeit

170 Sterling Rausch (Webster Area) over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) (Fall 1:53)

182 Lane Krueger (Groton Area) (For.) 195 Caleb Furney (Groton Area) (For.)

220 Joey Hubsch (Webster Area) over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) (Fall 1:58)

285 Double Forfeit

Redfield 76, Groton Area 3

106 Mason Whitley (Redfield Area) over Christian Ershman (Groton Area) (MD 10-1) 113 Brady Risetter (Redfield Area) over Jacob Craig (Groton Area) (Fall 2:40) 120 Jacob Fehlman (Redfield Area) over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) (Fall 3:22) 126 Keaton Rohlfs (Redfield Area) over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) (Fall 0:53) 132 Chase McGillivary (Redfield Area) (For.) 138 Bradyn Robbins (Redfield Area) (For.) 145 Mason Fey (Redfield Area) (For.) 152 Cullen McNeil (Redfield Area) over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) (Fall 0:59) 160 Dylan Whitley (Redfield Area) (For.) 170 Corbin Schwartz (Redfield Area) over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) (Fall 1:46)

195 Connor Appel (Redfield Area) (For.) 220 Grady Fey (Redfield Area) (For.) 285 Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) over Gavin Nichols (Redfield Area) (Dec 8-1)

Krueger (Groton Area) (Fall 1:24)

182 Sean Domke (Redfield Area) over Lane

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Tigers remain undefeated with win over Aberdeen Christian



Austin Jones passes the ball of to a teammate in the Aberdeen Christian game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Kaden Kurtz dribbles past his defender in the Aberdeen Christian game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

It was an exciting night of high school boys' basketball action at the Aberdeen Civic Center as the Groton area Tigers remained undefeated with a 65-57 win over fourth rated Class B Aberdeen Christian Knights. The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center.

The Tigers jumped out to an 8-2 lead before the Knights called time-out. Groton Area went on a rally to take a 21-15 lead at the end of the first-quarter. The Knights closed to within three points in the second quarter at 23-20. Groton Area then went on a nine point run and took a 32-20 lead. The Tigers led at halftime 32-22.

In the first quarter Groton Area made seven out of 12 field goals for 58% well Aberdeen Christian was 7 of 17 for 42%. In the second guarter the Tigers were five of nine for 56% and the Knights were three of 13 for 13%.

The Tigers held the upper hand through the third quarter. Groton Area rattled off the first five points of the third quarter to take a 37-24 lead. The Tigers led at the end of the third-quarter 45-36. In the third quarter Groton Area was five of nine in field goals for 56 percent and the Knights were six of 15 for 40 percent.

The game got more intense in the fourth guarter as the Aberdeen Christian Knights tried to rally several

times. Groton Area had a 14 point lead at one time at 50-36 early in the fourth quarter; however, the Knights scored eight straight points to cut the lead down to six at 54-48. Free throws starting to play a major role in the fourth quarter as the Tigers were 7 of 14 from the charity stripe.

The Knights increased their intensity as the game wore on taking the ball away and going for easy layups. However some of the layups did not go in and the Tigers would quickly react and would score on the other end. It was a four point lead late in the game at 61-57, but the Tigers clinched the win by making the free throws at the end for the 65 to 57 win.

Coach Brian Dolan said, "I couldn't be more proud of the kid's effort. We executed great. I knew it was going to be a dog fight but I knew our kids would show up for the challenge. We talked about bringing their lunch pails and hard hats and they sure as heck did. Both teams played hard. Both teams played well. We put a game plan in play yesterday and they kids executed it well in 24 hours."

Groton Area will travel to Sisseton on Friday and Dolan said the Tigers have not seen a team like them yet this year. "We're going to have to guard the three-point line on Friday. They play five out and

we'll have to change some things up to prepare for them."

Three players hit double figures for Groton Area with Brodyn DeHoet leading all scorers with 24 points followed by Cade Guthmiller and Jonathan Doeden with 12 each, Kaden Kurtz had nine, Austin Jones four and Isaac Smith and Tristan Traphagen each had two points.

Three players also hit double figures for the Knights with Jackson Isakson leading the way with 18 points followed by Andrew Rohrbach with 16, Jett Becker 14, Malek Wieker had five and Jared Pearson and Brent Ekanger each had two points.

For the game, Groton Area made 23 of 43 field goals for 53 percent and the Knights were 22 of 65 for 34 percent. From the line, Groton Area was 16 of 27 for 59 percent off of Aberdeen Christian's 20 team fouls. The Knights were six of 10 for 60 percent off of Groton Area's 12 team fouls. Groton Area had 11 turnovers and the Knights had eight.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 49-18. Scoring for the Tigers: Wyatt Hearnen 2, Jayden Zak 13, Lane Tietz 3, Isaac Smith 8, Lucas Simon 2, Cade Larson 2, Chandler Larson 5, Kannon Coats 2, Tate Larson 6 and Tristan Traphagen 6. Kaden Clark led the Knights with nine points while Andrew Brennan had six and Ben Rohl 3.

Paul Kosel

Three wrestlers place at Miller Tournament

Three Groton Area grapplers placed at the Miller/Highmore-Harrold Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in Miller. Groton Area placed 12th in a field of 19 teams.

Dragr Monson took first at 113 pounds, Grady O'Neill took second place at 285 pounds and Christian Ehresmann placed seventh at 106

106: Christian Ehresmann (8-6) placed 7th and scored 10.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 8-6 won by fall over Cale Mohling (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington) 5-14 (Fall 5:01)

Quarterfinal - Gunnar Kvistad (Clark/Willow Lake) 15-3 won by major decision over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 8-6 (MD 9-0)

Cons. Round 2 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 8-6 won by fall over Carter Schulte (Faulkton Area) 6-11 (Fall 2:03)

Cons. Round 3 - Jhett Breen (Wagner) 19-4 won by fall over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 8-6 (Fall 2:32)

7th Place Match - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 8-6 won by major decision over Jackson Bauld (Burke/Gregory) 9-15 (MD 14-1)

113: Dragr Monson (15-5) placed 2nd and scored 22.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 15-5 won by fall over Quinlan Olesen (Parker) 1-6 (Fall 1:16)

Quarterfinal - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 15-5 won by fall over Gunner Brueggeman (Miller/Highmore/Harrold) 19-11 (Fall 1:05)

Semifinal - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 15-5 won by decision over Jagger Tyler (Wagner) 4-1 (Dec 7-5) 1st Place Match - Owen Hansen (Burke/Gregory) 22-0 won by fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 15-5 (Fall 0:36)

152: Cole Bisbee (0-9)

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Champ. Round 1 - Landon Schumacher (Linton/HMB) 9-10 won by fall over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 0-9 (Fall 1:08)

Cons. Round 1 - Jensen Fitch (Philip Area) 3-5 won by fall over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 0-9 (Fall 2:08)

(Fall 0:24)

182: Lane Krueger (10-8)

Champ. Round 1 - Tucker Even (Burke/Gregory) 10-8 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 10-8 (Fall 3:05)

Cons. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 10-8 received a bye () (Bye)

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Cons. Round 2 - Tony Bruguier (Wagner) 10-9 won by tech fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 10-8 (TF-1.5 3:56 (15-0))



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285: Grady O'Neill (10-10) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 10-10 received a bye () (Bye) Ouarterfinal - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 10-10 won by fall over Jason Ebeling (Parker) 1-6

Semifinal - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 10-10 won by decision over Gavin Nichols (Redfield Area) 8-5 (Dec 4-1)

1st Place Match - Kellen Cassidy (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica/Stickney) 14-5 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 10-10 (Fall 3:34)

Hoop varsity teams go 2-1 to finish the week
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Groton Area's basketball teams went 2-1 on Friday and Saturday. The boys remain undefeated with a 60-47 win over Hamlin. The girls lost to Hamlin, 65-39, and then came back to beat St. Francis on Saturday at Redfield, 33-27.

Hamlin came to Groton on Friday as part of the double header. The girls junior varsity team lost, 24-14. Alyssa Thayler led the Tigers with four points followed by Trista Keith and Brooke Gengerke with three each and Allyssa Locke and Shallyn Foertsch with two each. Taylor Koisti led Hamlin with seven points.

Hamlin won the boys junior varsity game, 27-23. Tristan Traphagen led the Tigers with six points followed by Lane Tietz, Chandler Larson and Jordan Bjerke with four each, Lucas Simon had three and Tate Larson added two points. Hamlin was led by Breeman Keszler with 11 points.

Girls: Hamlin, 65, Groton Area 39

The girls varsity game was played next. Groton had the early lead in the game. The game was tied four times and there were three lead changes before Hamlin took a 20-13 lead at the end of the first quarter. Groton Area shot four of 12 in the first quarter for 33 percent while Hamlin was six of 10 for 60 percent. Hamlin opened up a 37-21 lead at half time. In the second quarter, Groton Area was three of 13 in shooting for 23 percent and Hamlin was seven of 11 for 64 percent. The Chargers gained an additional three-point advantage and took a 50-31 lead at the end of the quarter. In the third quarter, Groton Area made three of nine field goals for 33 percent and Hamlin was six of 12 for 50 percent. Hamlin would go on to win, 65-39. In the fourth quarter, Groton Area was three of nine in shooting for 33 percent and Hamlin was six of 10 for 60 percent.

Alyssa Thaler was the leading scorer with 16 points. Allyssa Locke was the leading rebounder with six and had the most assists with three. Trista Keith led the team in steals with two.

For the game, Groton Area was 13 of 43 in shooting for 30 percent while Hamlin was 25 of 43 for 58 percent. Groton Area was six of nine in free throws for 67 percent off of Hamlin's 12 team fouls. Hamlin was four of five from the line for 80 percent off of Groton Area's 11 team fouls. Hamlin had eight turnovers with four of them being steals. The Tigers had 15 turnovers.

Others adding to the Tiger score were Gracie Traphagen with 10, Brooke Gengerke eight, Allyssa Locke and Kaycie Hawkins with two each and Trista Keith had a free throw. Thaller was four of five in three-pointers while Gengker made two three-pointers and Traphagen one.

Kylee Wadsworth led the Chargers with 17 points with five three-pointers, Kami Wadsworth had 16 points with three three-pointers, McKenna Prouty and Logan Kessler each had nine points, Ally Abraham had eight, Brylie Arnold had a three-pointer and Taylor Koisti had two points.

Boys: Groton Area 60, Hamlin 47

In the final game of the night, the boys varsity team, four players hit double figures as the Tigers remain undefeated with a 60-47 win over Hamlin. Groton Area applied full court trapping defense and the players stuck to their assigned player like glue giving the Chargers all kinds of problems during the night.

Groton had a 16-point rally in the first half to pull away from a close game. The early part of the game was tied three times, but Hamlin never led. After the game was tied at eight, Groton Area went on a 16-point run to take a 24-8 eight. Groton Area led, 12-8 at the end of the first quarter and led, 34-16 at half time. The Tigers led at the end of the third quarter, 46-32. Hamlin closed to within 11 at 55-44, but the Tigers scored five straight to pull away for the win.

The Tigers shot 56 percent in the first half and cooled down to 34 percent in the second half. Hamlin shot 38 percent in the first half and warmed up to 47 percent in the second half.

Kaden Kurtz led Groton Area with 17 points. Brodyn DeHoet had 15 points and led in three other categories with six rebounds, five assists and four steals. Cade Guthmiller made three three-pointers and finished with 12 points. Jonathon Doeden had 11 points while IsaacSmith and Tristan Traphagen each had two points and Austin Jones made a free throw.

Groton Area was 17 of 30 in two-pointers for 57 percent, five of 18 in three-pointers for 28 percent and was 11 of 18 from the line for 61 percent off of Hamlin's 17 team fouls. Hamlin had 21 turnovers, 14 of which were steals. Groton Area had 12 assists, 11 turnovers and 13 rebounds. Having one block each were DeHoet, Doeden, Kurtz and Traphagen.

Hamlin was led by Nathan Holida with 15 points followed by Jackson Noem with 10, Booker Noem had nine, Nicholai Arbachhad four, Kyler Swenson three and Sage Arnold and Brennan Kessler each had two points. For the game, Hamlin made 15 of 36 field goals for 42 percent and was 14 of 17 from the line off of Groton Area's 16 team fouls.

Girls: Groton Area 33, St. Francis 27

Then the Lady Tigers loaded up on the bus Saturday morning to head to Redfield to play St. Francis Indian School as part of the Redfield Holiday Classic. Groton Area scored the last nine points of the game to come from behind to win the game, 33-27.

St. Francis held a 13-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers made one of eight shots for 13 percent while St. Francis was five of 15 for 33 percent, but the Lady Warriors were one of eight from the line. Groton area scored eight straight points to open the second quarter to take a 15-13 lead. The lead changed hands twice and the game was tied once before Groton Area held a 17-16 lead at half time. In the second quarter, Groton Area was three of 14 in shooting for 21 percent and was four of seven from the line. St. Francis was one of seven in shooting for 14 percent.

The third quarter was a low scoring event with Groton Area making one of 12 shots and St. Francis

made three of nine. The game was tied twice and St. Francis took a 22-20 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Groton area tied the game at 24 and then would score the final nine points to secure the win. In the fourth quarter, Groton Area was five

of 15 in shooting for 33 percent and St. Francis was two of 10 for 20 percent.

Gracie Traphagen had a double-double to lead the Tigers with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Alyssa Thaler had five points followed by Allyssa Locke and Kaycie Hawkins with four apiece and Madeline Fliehs had two points. Groton Area was six of 34 in two-pointers for 18 percent and was four of 15 in three-pointers for 27 percent. The Tigers were nine of 16 in free throws for 56 percent off of St. Francis' 18 team fouls. The Tigers had 40 rebounds, eight assists with Gengerke having five, eight steals with Locke having three and two blocks with Hawkins and Gengerke each having one.

St. Francis had 12 turnovers, eight of which were steals with Locke having three. Groton Area had 17 turnovers.

Scoring for St. Francis were Jazlea Arcoren with 16 points followed by Share Kills In Sight with five and adding two points each were Deja Roberts, Gracie Charing Hawk and Cante Anderson.

All of the varsity games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The Hamlin game sponsors were Broadcast Sponsors: Allied Climate Professionals, Blocker Construction, Groton Dairy Queen, Jark Real Estate, John Sieh Agency, Milbrandt Enterprises and Tyson DeHoet Trucking. The St. Francis game sponsor was the South Dakota Army National Guard.

The Lady Tigers are 3-4 on the season and will be hosting Sisseton on Tuesday. The boys team goes to 5-0 and will be playing Aberdeen Christian on Tuesday at the Aberdeen Civic Arena.

Dwight ties scoring record

This was the 18th annual Redfield Holiday Classic and one of the games of interest was Langford Area, now 7-0 on the season, beating Lyman County, 50-39. In that game Langford's Ady Dwight scored 35 points to tie a record of most points scored in one game. She moved up from eighth place last year with 27 points. She will now share the record with Mclaughlin's McKenna Vetter, who also had 35 points in 2014. Interesting enough, Langford Area did not make any three-pointers while Lyman made five.



Gracie Traphagen launches a three-pointer. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kaycie Hawkins eyes the basket.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jayden Zak passes the ball to a teammate. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

As enrollment and revenues at S.D. universities fall, worries rise over possible program and personnel cuts

By: Nick Lowrey

Total enrollment is on a steady decline in the public university system in South Dakota, forcing higher education officials to seek new sources of revenue, realign infrastructure and potentially cut programs or faculty positions.

At South Dakota State University in Brookings — the state school with the highest enrollment — an unexpected 4% decline in enrollment in the fall of 2019 caused university officials to begin working on a plan likely to include cutting faculty positions. The SDSU Faculty Senate has been discussing the issue for months, said David Clay, the organization's president.

"Much of the faculty are worried about their jobs," Clay said.

Final decisions about any cuts aren't expected until the spring of 2020, he said.

Any cuts will be doubly frustrating because the enrollment declines largely are due to circumstances outside of faculty members' and even university officials' control, Clay said. "It's like a perfect storm," he said.

Since 2010, overall enrollment at South Dakota public universities has fallen by more than 5%, or by almost 2,000 students. Long-term economic and demographic changes, as well as higher on-time graduation rates, are driving what has been a slow decline in the number of South Dakota residents seeking college degrees at the state's six public universities.

Some schools have seen enrollment increases, but those have been offset by larger losses at other universities, with SDSU seeing the largest percentage decline. The number of state residents enrolled part time or full time at the state's universities has fallen even faster. Between 2010 and 2019, resident enrollment fell from 25,800 to 21,400, a drop of around 17%.

The decline in overall enrollment represents a loss of millions of dollars in revenue for the university system which gets roughly 60% of its funding from tuition and fees.

State support for higher education, meanwhile, has largely remained flat outside of one-time funding for specific projects. As enrollment continues to decline, universities are being forced to rethink programs, staffing and teaching methods, said Paul Beran, executive director of the state Board of Regents.

"The reality is that every (university) president is looking at ways that they're going to become more efficient," Beran said. "They're looking at ways to take really hard looks at their workforce in three areas — staff, administration and faculty."

At least part of the decline in enrollment is due to economic expansion following the end of Great Recession of 2008, Beran said. During recessions, traditional students tend to stay in school longer in an effort to beef up resumes while non-traditional students enroll at higher rates because jobs are more scarce and require new skills. South Dakota's public university system started to see a recessioninspired enrollment spike in 2010 when the system headcount jumped from 33,779 in 2009 to 36,440, Beran said.

South Dakota isn't alone when it comes to college enrollment declines. National estimates have pegged the drop in four-year public college enrollments at about 7% between 2010 and 2017. Data compiled by the non-profit National Student Clearinghouse Research Center show a nationwide 1.3% decline in college



and tech school enrollments between 2018 and 2019.

The news isn't all bad. Enrollment figures for fall 2019 in South Dakota show a system-wide head count of 34,520, higher than the system's pre-recession headcount, Beran said. The indication, he said, is that the system has been able to sustain growth over several decades despite the recent downturn.

"We actually had an increase ... if you take the bubble out," Beran said

Another issue South Dakota universities are grappling with is that there are fewer young South Dakotans to recruit into college. Demo-

graphic data compiled by the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education — a partnership between 15 western states and two U.S. territories focused on helping university systems share resources — shows that South Dakota went from graduating around 9,500 high school seniors in the early 2000s to graduin 2019. Other Great

Plains states have seen similar trends, the data show. The population of high school graduates in South Dakota is, however, projected to grow over the next decade.

In effect, South Dakota's universities have been competing regionally for fewer potential students and as the growth in costs outpaces the growth in state support, they are rapidly losing one of their chief advantages — lower prices. The total cost of a degree from a South Dakota university is low compared to the rest course enrollments thanks to South Dakota's of the country. But because state support has dual-credit program. The program uses tax lagged, students actually end up paying more dollars to help pay for high school students for their degree than students in all but seven other states.

Low-income South Dakotans have been priced out of college, Beran said. In 2011 the state's universities enrolled more than 70% of students who qualified for free and reduced lunches at their high school and scored a 22 on the ACT. In 2019, just 51% of those students enrolled in college.

"We're producing education efficiently ... but our students are are paying a higher percentage of that cost," Beran said.

Declining enrollment and the tighter budgets that result will create more stress and hardship at the state's universities. But it may also give administrators a chance to make big changes in how they deliver education, Beran said.

"My theory is never waste a crisis. And because now you've got an opportunity to actually make changes, under the guise of fiscal realities ... and reshift your resources into **Continues on next page**

areas that you really need to shift them to. And it's hard to do that in times of prosperity."

"The reality is that every (university) president is looking at ways that they're going to become more efficient. They're looking at ways to take really hard looks at their workforce in three areas - staff, administration and faculty."

-- Paul Beran, executive director of the South Dakota Board of Regents

The internet and efficiency

One opportunity South Dakota's universities are already beginning to embrace is a dramatic increase in the popularity of online learning. Increasingly, students are opting to take their classes online, even if they're living in a dorm on a university campus, said Black Hills State University President Laurie Nichols.

'What we're learning is that those students love taking courses online," she said. "With on-

line classes, you can get around course scheduling conflicts and they're easier to fit into work schedules."

If not for strong enrollment in online classes, university headcounts would be down closer to 10%. At Northern State University in Aberdeen, for example, online enrollment has risen nearly 60% since 2010 while on-

campus enrollment has fallen 30%. At BHSU in Spearfish, on-campus enrollment fell by 32% between 2010 and 2019 but online enrollment held relatively steady with .3% growth. The good news for schools such as BHSU is that online courses, for the most part, aren't any less expensive than taking a class in person, Nichols said.

High school students also have come to account for a significant portion of online college to earn college credits through online courses that also count toward high school graduation requirements. The number of high school students enrolled in on-line college courses through the South Dakota Board of Regents has increased from 721 in 2013 to more than 3,400 in 2019.

"That's an area that we have really jumped into with both feet the past couple of years. We've really enhanced our dual-credit opportunities for students. And we've seen some really great growth in that area. And really, that is all about time to degree and lowering the cost of education," said Sydney Chapman, assistant director of financial aid at SDSU.

Still, SDSU has seen its headcount drop about 10% since 2010. In fall 2019, the regents reported that SDSU had seen a larger than ex-



Paul Beran, executive director of the ating around 8,500 South Dakota Board of Regents

Continued from previous page and make their programs more efficient. Now SDSM&T interim provost Lance Roberts. The

ENROLLMENT BY UNIVERSITY FROM 2010 TO 2019

Here is a look at student enrollment at the six public universities in South Dakota over the past decade, including in the system overall.

School	Fall 2010	Fall 2019	% change			
BHSU	4,722	3,958	- 18.3%			
DSU	3,101	3,268	+ 5.4%			
NSU	3,296	3,427	+ 4.0%			
SDSMT	2,354	2,529	+ 7.4%			
SDSU	12,816	11,518	- 10.1%			
USD	10,251	9,920	- 2.3%			
TOTAL	36,440	34,520	- 5.3%			
		Source: South Dakota Board of Regents				

pected 4% year-over-year decline in enrollment including drops in both on-campus and online enrollment. Such sharp declines bring new urgency to yearly planning efforts aimed at "right-sizing" the school's course offerings and spending, said SDSU Provost Dennis Hedge.

"We do work very hard at South Dakota State to drive efficiencies throughout the organization as much as we possibly can," Hedge said.

Faculty members worry that "right-sizing" will mean students lose out on the well-rounded education they are promised. Clay, the SDSU faculty senate president said cuts usually target smaller programs with lower enrollments, many of which still provide courses for students who don't major in the subject but still benefit from learning about it.

"We need diversity in education, we need some of these low-enrollment programs," said Clay. "People need to know about citizenship, they need to know how to write."

Efforts to improve the university system's efficiency, such as promoting dual credit, have likely contributed to the decline in enrollment. South Dakota's public university students, some of whom are showing up on campus with nearly a full semester's worth of credits, are graduating faster than they used to, Beran said.

The state Board of Regents has also developed programs to help students make better decisions about what to major in, which reduces the number of credits a student ends up taking before earning their degree. The Board of Regents also cut the number of credit hours required for most of its bachelor's degree programs from 128 to 120. University systems around the U.S. have made the same move in order to cut the cost of their degrees

many students are completing their required coursework one or two years earlier than students 10 years ago, Beran said.

> "We've had a much better and stronger retention rate and a higher graduation rate. And so what that means is you have fewer students hanging around taking classes into their seventh, eighth year," Beran said. "We're making a very concerted effort to get them graduated four years."

> The problem is, with fewer students taking fewer credit hours and having a smaller pool of college bound students to recruit from, South Dakota's universities have been forced to look beyond the state's borders to boost

enrollment.

Tech programs attracting non-resident students



Jim Moran, provost at Dakota **State University**

South Dakota's uniyears stepping up efforts to recruit students from outside the state as a way to offset the decline in resident high school graduates. Their efforts are bearing fruit. The number of nonresident students in the university system has increased more than 23%, rising from 10,600 in 2010 to 13,097 in 2019.

At SDSU, the number of nonresident students has in-

creased by 942. At USD, nonresident enrollment is up by 632 students and the number of nonresident students climbed by 638 at Dakota State University in Madison, an increase of more than 94% over 10 years. At the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City, nonresident enrollment was up 43%, or 425 students. Only Northern State University has shown a decrease in nonresident enroll-

Despite rising costs and largely stagnant state support South Dakota universities still offer nonresident students a pretty good deal price-wise compared to many states, said

School of Mines has another advantage in that the school has routinely been rated in national media as having the best bang for the buck when it comes to degrees in science, technology, engineering and math, Roberts said. At one point, the school's graduates were reportedly earning higher starting salaries than some Ivy League graduates.

Such flattering national media attention helps SDSM&T recruiters in Colorado and Minnesota appeal to science and engineering minded students, Roberts said. Enrollment at SDSM&T has actually increased 7.5% since 2010.

"We have a good product, we focus on STEM fields and there are a lot of jobs out there in those fields and starting salaries are really good," he said.

Dakota State University, the only other state university to see its enrollment rise over the last decade, has a similar set of advantages, said Jim Moran, DSU provost.

"We've kind of become the designated technology university in South Dakota," Moran said.

Specialized programs in cyber security, versities have spent partnerships with federal agencies such as the Department of Defense and the National Security Agency as well as a new business incubation center combined with comparatively low costs have spurred a 5% increase in DSU's enrollment. Enrollment growth at the university has actually outpaced the growth of university housing, Moran said.

"We see the future as very bright," he said.



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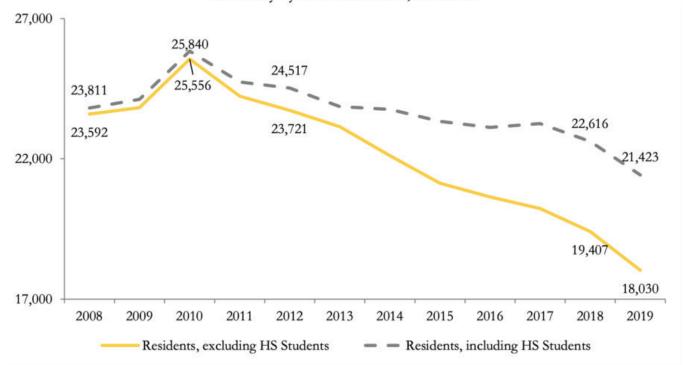
Four locals on LATI **President's List**

Four GHS graduates on the Lake Area Technical Institute President's List in Watertown.

The President's List is limited to full-time students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0.

Those with a 4-0 are Paityn Bonn, Conde; and Miranda Hanson, Bristol. Also on the President's List are Brenna Johnson and Hannah Lewandowski, both of Groton.

University System Headcount, Residents



Fewer South Dakota residents are seeking degrees from the state's universities according to the state Board of Regents, which governs the university system. The decline in college enrollment has, however, been tempered by a surge in the popularity of the state's dual credit program, which allows high school students to enroll in college courses at one of the state's six public universities and earn credit toward both their high school diploma and a college degree. The yellow line in this chart shows the decline in South Dakota public university enrollment if high school students enrolled in dual credit courses aren't counted. The grey line shows the decline in enrollment when high school students aren't counted. Groton Independent > Wed., Jan. 15, 2020 > 9

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Thompson receives scholarship at South Dakota State

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Jan. 8, 2020 – South Dakota State University student James Thompson received the Wilmer L. and Adele Davis Scholarship in Plant Science this academic year. Thompson, a senior from Groton, is majoring in agronomy.

The son of Lee and Jennifer Thompson, he is a 2016 Groton Area High School graduate.

Fall Academic Achievement Awards

The South Dakota High School Activities Association has announced the recipients of the fall academic achievement awards for 2019. Here are all of the varsity athletic and fine arts teams/groups who received a joint 'Grade Point Average' of 3.0 or higher.

The following teams were named for this award:

Groton Area: Boys Cross Country Team, Volleyball Team, Girls Soccer Team, All-State Chorus, Football Team, Oral Interpretation, Football Cheerleaders.

Langford Area: All-State Chorus, Oral Interpretation, Volleyball Team, Football Team, Football Cheerleaders

Warner: Football Cheerleaders, Volleyball Team, Football Team, All-State Chorus, Girls Cross Country Team, Oral Interpretation, Boys Cross Country Team.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 16, 2020

6:30 p.m.: Girls' Basketball hosts Sisseton. JV game at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity game.

Friday, January 17, 2020

Silver Bowl Debate at Sioux Falls No School - Faculty Inservice

5 p.m.: Boys' basketball at Sisseton. C game at 5 p.m. followed by JV and then Varsity

Saturday, January 18, 2020 Silver Bowl Debate in Sioux Falls

10:00am: Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Jamboree @ Groton Area High School 10:00am: Wrestling: Varsity Tournament at Potter County (Gettysburg)

Sunday, January 19, 2020

2:00pm- 6:00pm: Open Gym at GHS Arena

2:00-4:00 PM Grades JK-8 (Students must be accompanied by an adult) 4:00-6:00 PM Grades 6-12



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Monday, January 20, 2020

6:30pm: Girls Basketball hosts Langford Area with JV at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity game.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

4 p.m.: Basketball Double Header with Ipswich here. Girls JV at 4 p.m., Boys JV at 5 p.m., Girls Varsity at 6 p.m. followed by boys varsity game.

4:00pm: Wrestling: Boys 7th/8th Tournament vs. Aberdeen Central @ Aberdeen Civic Arena

The Life of Marie E. Gengerke



Funeral service for Marie E. Gengerke, 94, Aberdeen were held Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, Rev. Andrew Wolfgram officiated. Burial at Groton Union Cemetery. Marie died Thursday, January 2 at Prairie Heights Healthcare.

Marie Sippel was

born on February 17, 1925 at a farm near Groton to George and Lillian (Osman) Sippel. She attended grade school in rural areas and graduated from Groton High School with the class of 1943. On June 19, 1943 she was united in marriage to Marvin Gengerke at their farm. They made their home on a farm six miles north of Groton where Marvin grew up, and they farmed until they moved to an apartment in Groton on November 14, 1996. They were blessed with six children. Marvin passed away December 10, 2000.

Marie was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and a member of the Nursery Circle from 1971 of which she held several offices. She enjoyed crocheting, embroidering dish towels, playing cards and bingo, cooking, canning, and freezing foods, besides being with family and friends.

Grateful for having shared Marie's Life are her six children: Art (Linda) Gengerke, Groton, Ev Fuehrer, Mitchell, Norm (Ellen) Gengerke, Groton, Shirley Guthmiller, Aberdeen, Howard Gengerke, Miramar Beach, Florida, and Pam (Alan) Davis, Bath, Thirteen grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren and four greatgreat grandchildren.

Preceding Marie in death are her parents, George and Lillian Sippel, her husband, Marvin Gengerke, three brothers, Melvin, Marvin, and Harry Sippel, two sisters, Myrtle Blondo and Mabel Hagele, two brothers-in-law, Walt Blondo and Albion Hagele, three sisters-in-law, Mary, Margaret and Lorraine Sippel, niece, MaryAnn Sippel and nephew Marty Sippel.

Casket bearers were her eight grandsons: Collin, Shawn, and Ryan Gengerke, Kevin and Tim Fuehrer, Matthew Guthmiller, and Tony and Andrew Davis. Honorary casket bearers are her granddaughters and great grandchildren.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Cheetahs 26, Shih Tzus 23 ½ Foxes 22, Jackelopes 17, Chipmunks 16, Coyotes 15 ½

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 226, Ron Beldon 218, Roger Spanier 199

Women's High Games: Nicole Kassube 177, 163, Sue Stanley 174, Vicki Walter 162

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 556, Roger Spanier 532, Roger Colestock 499

Women's High Series: Nicole Kassube 485, Sue Stanley 474, Dar Larson 426

Conde National League

Jan. 6 Team Standings: Cubs 10, Giants 8, Tigers 7, Braves 5, Pirates 4, Mets 2

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 232, 189, 188; Ryan Bethke 229, 192, 184; Lance Frohling 182

Men's High Series: Ryan Bethke 610, Butch Farmen 609, Lance Frohling 538

Women's High Games: Mary Larson 178, Vickie Kramp 178, Deb Fredrickson 173, Michelle Johnson 172

Women's High Series: Mary Larson 474, Vickie Kramp 463, Deb Fredrickson 458

Groton Coffee Cup League

Jan. 7 Team Standings: Biker Chix 10, Ten Pins 5, Kens 5, James Valley 4

High Games: Sandi Bistedeau 162, Nancy Radke 157, Myrna Stange

High Series: Sandi Bistedeau 443, Vickie Kramp 429, Nancy Radke 401

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