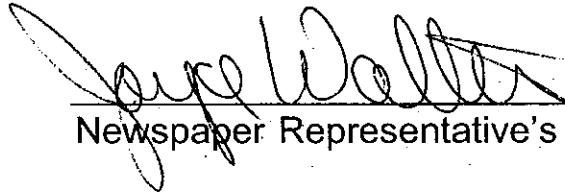


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different divisions of math. The different divisions were Algebra I, Geometry, Advanced Algebra and Senior Math.

Frederick High had only four students participate this year. In the Algebra I division, Angela Goodall and Breanna Helland represented FHS. Angela received fourth place in her division.

Representing the Advanced Algebra class were Chelsy Podoll and Matthew Haas.

Chelsy noted, "It was a great learning experience to compete in a math contest."

Lynnette Hertel was their math instructor for this event.

## Play is a Success

**By Rance Maddocks**

Frederick Area School recently presented their spring play, "Hoodwinked and Hoodooed".

Veteran actress Shari Elsen, senior, exclaimed, "The play was so much fun this year! For having so few males in the play, we improvised and had some girls play male roles. From the beginning with trouts, to the last dress rehearsal, the cast clicked. We understood each others emotions and worked through the rough parts. In the end, the play was a huge success."

For the first time in several years, the play was not a co-op activity. This allowed the cast to begin practices right at 3:20 p.m. and to wrap up between 5-5:30 p.m. Following two weeks of intense practices, the cast was ready for their production.

"The kids were amazing," said Carma Ruenz, co-director. "They had limited practices, but they learned their lines and accomplished some great character development." Tonya Zinter also co-directed the production.

Senior Mikayla Barondeau added, "It was so fun participating in the play! I'm sure it was stressful for our directors because we had so little time to work on it. It came together and was a blast."

The play involved students in grades 7-12.

## Titans Run at Ipswich Relays

**By Matthew Haas**

Leola-Frederick's Titans competed at the Ipswich Relays on Saturday April 19.

The Lady Titans leader Mikayla Barondeau did her job by winning the 1600 meter run and 800 meter run. She ran a 5:30.23 in the mile 1600 and a 2:24.21 in the 800. Both times are state qualifying times for

those events.

The Lady Titans also had a good day in the throwing events, having Caylee Hertel place second in the shot put with a throw of 32 feet 9 inches, and sixth in the discus, throwing 85 feet 3 inches. Jessica Walworth also placed in discus, throwing 83 feet 3 inches placing her in eighth. For running events, Sara Mack placed fourth in the 100 meter hurdles, running 18.03, and sixth in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 54.68. Breanna Helland also placed in two of her open events with sixth in the 800 meter run (2:45.15) and seventh in the 400 meter dash (70.6). Rachel Davis placed seventh in the 200 meter dash, running it in

30 seconds flat. Stephanie Jung placed fifth in the two mile, with a time of 14:33.74; she also placed eighth in the mile, with a time of 6:27.86. Erin Wolter placed seventh in the two mile, running it in 15:14.3.

For the boys Wyatt Sumption had a great day in the jumping events placing third in the high jump with a jump of 5'9", which tied the Titan high jump record. He also finished third in the triple jump with a leap of 37 feet 4 inches and placed fifth in the long jump, jumping 18 feet 6 inches. Matthew Haas placed sixth in the triple jump with a jump of 36 feet 5 1/2 inches. Haas also placed eighth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.23 seconds, and seventh in

the 800 meter run with a time of 2:25.33 seconds. Derek Barondeau placed in the 800 meter run, running a 2:26.81 and finishing eighth. Barondeau also placed sixth in the mile with a 5:18.63. Brandon Haas placed seventh in the 110 meter hurdles, running a 20.09. Haas also placed seventh in the mile run with a time of 5:19.55 seconds.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**WHAT:** East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. Transmission Line Project, Brown and Day Counties, South Dakota  
**WHEN:** Monday, May 12, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. CDT  
**WHERE:** CoCo's Restaurant, Junction of Highways 12 and 37, Groton, South Dakota

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold a public input hearing at the above time and place on an application filed by East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (East River) for a Facility Permit to construct a 115 kV overhead electric transmission line which will allow Lake Region Electric Association to serve a pump station of the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline. The line will originate at Western Area Power Administration's Groton Substation located in the SW 1/4 of Section 18, Township 122 North, Range 60 West, Brown County, South Dakota, and run approximately 13 miles, terminating at a new East River substation adjacent to the pump station located in Section 17, Township 121 North, Range 59 West, Day County, South Dakota.

At the hearing, East River will present a brief description of the project, following which interested persons may appear and present their questions, views and comments regarding the application. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(5), the application is on file in the Brown County Auditor's office and Day County Auditor's office and in the Commission's office in Pierre and the application and all other documents in the case may also be accessed on the Commission's web site at [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov) under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2008 Electric Dockets, EL08-010.

The parties to this proceeding are currently East River and the Commission. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17, any person residing in the area of the project, each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the project area, any non-profit organization for med in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the project area, or any interested person, may be granted formal party status in this proceeding by making written application to the Commission as provided in ARSD 20:10:22.40 on or before June 2, 2008. Application forms for party status will be available at the public input hearing on May 12, 2008, or may be obtained from the Commission.

Following the public input hearing, the Commission may schedule one or more subsequent formal evidentiary hearings conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by any intervening party, Commission Staff or the Commission itself. At such formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL 1-26, 49-1 and 49-41B and ARSD 20:10:01 and 20:10:22. Absent a contested issue, the Commission will schedule the matter for decision at a regular or special meeting of the Commission.

For approval, East River must show that the proposed transmission line project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied or granted upon such terms, conditions or modifications of the construction, operation or maintenance as the Commission finds are appropriate. The parties will have the right to appeal the final decision in this case to the appropriate Circuit Court by serving and filing a notice of appeal of the decision in accordance with SDCL 1-26-31, within thirty (30) days after the date of service of the notice of decision in this case.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you. The Commission's contact information is: ph (800) 332-1782; fax (866) 757-6031; [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov); 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

## Groton Students of the Month

The student council is sponsoring Student of the Month. Each month the faculty select three students who outstanding academic achievement. These students receive certificates and are honored at a Kiwanis luncheon.

The students selected in March are:

Grades 7-8: Erin Sterhagen

Grades 9-10: Annie Hockhalter

Grades 11-12: Hanna Larson

**Name:**

**Erin Sterhagen**  
Grade: 8  
Parents/  
Family: Craig and Jodi Sterhagen; brothers Tom and Luke



Hometown: Groton  
Activities: Band, Vocal, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Track, Natural Helpers, Star Torch, Carnival of Silver Skates

Accomplishments: Junior High All State Band, Honor Roll.  
Interests: Running, reading, singing

Favorite Subject: English  
Occupational Outlooks/ Future Plans: College  
Role Model: My mom

**Name:**

**Annie Hockhalter**  
Grade: 9  
Parents/  
Family: Brenda and Fred Hockhalter; sister Amy



13, and dog Peepers

Hometown: Andover  
Activities: Band, Star Torch, Natural Helper, Yearbook committee, Vocal, Show Choir, Ice Skating

Accomplishments: Principals Honor Roll, Honors Band, All-State Band 7&8 grade, participant in Miss Teen of South Dakota, Special Olympics volunteer, 1st Runnerup Jr. Snow Queen Student of the Month!

Interests: Comic books, Clarinet, reading Stephen King books, riding bike

Favorite Subject: Band, Lunch, English  
Occupational Outlooks/ Future Plans: Graduate high School, attend college for Occupational Therapy  
Role Model: Grandpa and parents

**Name:**

**Hanna Larson**

Grade: 11  
Parents/  
family: Scott and Kristi Larson; sister Kyla-15  
Hometown:



Groton

Activities: Volleyball, Track, Band, FCA, Star Torch, Natural Helpers, church youth group

Accomplishments: previous student of the month, 4.0 honor roll

Interests: hanging out with friends, meeting new people, watching movies, listening to music

Favorite Subject: English  
Occupational Outlooks/ Future Plans: no idea