



Lions Club give \$200 to Groton Transit
Groton Lions Club members, (all in yellow Lions jackets), are L-R – Iva McCullough, president, Lee Schinkel, Mayor Scott Hanlon, Nancy Larsen, and Topper Tastad. In front is Arlis Doeden, director of the Groton transit. The transit recently held its annual fundrasier. This was an outdoor cook-out, served by members of the transit board, and other volunteers. The purpose was to raise for the Groton bus transit, serving all ages of the Groton community. Lee Schinkel is presenting a check for \$200 to Arlis Doeden, from the Groton Lions Club.

New Law Makes Online Renewal of Driver License More Convenient

PIERRE, S.D. – Online renewal of South Dakota driver licenses will be more convenient when a new law easing vision-test requirements takes effect on July 1.

The law removes for most citizens, those under the age of 65, the requirement for a statement from an ophthalmologist or optometrist as part of the renewal process. Persons 65 and older must still provide a vision statement.

“The change makes it much more convenient for our citizens under 65 to renew online or through the mail, eliminating a trip to the exam station,” said Cindy Gerber, director of the Driver Licensing Program.

Some data changes on a driver license or replacement license also may be obtained online or by mail. And minors with restricted permits may upgrade those permits to full operators’ license electronically or by mail.

Driver licenses are valid for five years. The law allows online renewal every other five-year cycle. License holders who prefer to renew at an exam station will take the standard vision test.

Hay Bales Being Left Too Close To The Roadway

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Department of Transportation reminds landowners that baled hay shall not be left within the right of way closer than 30 feet from the painted shoulder stripe.

Officials say when bales are left too close to the roadway it creates a safety hazard for motorists by limiting site distance and creating an obstruction should a vehicle leave the driving surface.

All hay harvested under a permit must be removed from the right of way within 30 days after being processed.

Administrative Rule 70:04:06:06 states: No mowing of the right of way may begin in the west river counties of Gregory, Lyman or Tripp before June 15 and east of the Missouri River before July 10. All mowing by permit must be completed by Sept. 1 each year.

Recreational Vehicles Causing Damage In Road Ditches

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Transportation would like to remind riders of off-road vehicles, such as ATVs and motorcycles, that riding in the highway right of way can cause damage to vegetation and lead to erosion and drainage issues.

The problems that arise from over-use of roadway ditches by off-road vehicles can pose a safety hazard for motorists who leave the roadway and result in costly repairs.

Those who are recreationally riding off-road vehicles in the state highway ditches are asked to remember this and it is suggested that riding patterns/routes be altered or modified if damage in highway ditches begins to become evident. If the damage becomes severe enough, the department will have to close the affected ditches to off-road vehicles.

Statewide Texting While Driving Ban Effective July 1

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota’s Office of Highway Safety reminds drivers that a statewide ban on texting while driving takes effect on July 1.

“Texting while driving, like other forms of distracted driving, has always been unsafe and a bad idea,” said Lee Axdahl, director of the Office of Highway Safety. “People know that, and most people pay attention while driving. We believe this law will drive the point home and prompt more motorists to put their full attention to operating their vehicle.”

Axdahl also said parents are the best educators when they use good driving habits.

“That includes not doing something illegal and dangerous while driving a vehicle, no matter if you’re on a city street or an interstate highway,” he said.

The law directs the Department of Public Safety to run a statewide education campaign about the dangers of texting and driving. The department, which includes Axdahl’s office, has an ongoing public awareness campaign that includes messages on texting and other forms of distracted driving. An expanded campaign will be launched in the coming days.

“We have previously focused our South Dakota message on the fact that texting is a dangerous thing to do behind the wheel,” Axdahl said. “With this law, we can also tell people it is illegal.”



March Students of the Month

Back – Kate Kate Po, Matt Knecht, Samantha Menzia, Katlyn Kyar
Front – Halle Dohman, Gabrielle Kramer, Hailey Hanson
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The Life of Gary Spencer



Gary Spencer, 64, Eden Prairie, Minn., and formerly of Groton, Aberdeen and Rapid City, died suddenly on June 18. Gary was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. Survived by wife, Joy; son Paul (Jennifer); daughter, Katherine; grandchildren, Taylor, Dylan and Zachary; mother, Virginia; sister, Kristine Ferrington (Ken); 2 nieces, 1 nephew, cousins, aunts uncles and many friends. Gary graduated from Groton High School in 1969. He received

a degree in electrical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in 1973. He recently retired after 40 years in the IT field.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on July 16 at Wooddale Church, 6630 Shady Oak Rd. Eden Prairie with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Memorials preferred to We Can Ride Inc., local A.R.C. or Wooddale Church Missions.

Highway 12 Construction

The South Dakota Department of Transportation has begun asphalt concrete paving work on Highway 12 east of Ipswich to Mina.

The asphalt paving operation has reduced traffic to one lane with a 16-foot width restriction. Traffic is being controlled with flaggers and a pilot car at both ends of the work zone.

This work is part of a nearly \$5.9 million contract with Duinick, Inc. to do repair work on Highway 12 in the Aberdeen region.

The expected completion date for the asphalt paving is Aug. 1, with

an overall completion date of Oct. 10.

For complete road construction information, visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or dial 511.

Friendly Fellows and Daisies

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H Club met June 22 at the Claremont United Methodist Church. Dylan Frey called the meeting to order with roll call topic "Favorite Summer Activity." Flag pledges were led by Kaitlyn Anderson and Will Cutler. The Secretary's report was read and approved by Colin Frey and seconded by Justine Sanderson. The Treasurer's report was read and approved by Hanna Miller and seconded by Will Cutler.

Old business included a discussion on Sand Lake Refuge tour. Kaitlyn Anderson closed old business and seconded by Mallory Miller. In new business, Leader, Mike Frey reviewed the newshound and had a discussion on the entry tags system that's going to take place this year. Mallory Miller closed new business and Kennedy Anderson seconded it. Other business, we held our annual rocket launch and ice cream social after the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Brady Wieker and seconded by Sam Sanderson. A talk was given by Will Cutler on "How to score your bb gun target." Lunch was served by Miller's. The next meeting will be Aug. 3rd at Wylie park at 5:00 p.m.

Modern Woodmen fundraiser for Drake Dosch a success

Modern Woodmen of America members in Groton recently helped raise money for Drake Dosch by having a rummage and bake sale.

The event, held on May 3, 2014, raised \$5,000. This includes \$2,500 matched by Modern Woodmen's home office through the organization's Matching Fund Program. The money will be used for medical



Curtis Mitchell, Kelsie Ehresmann, Drake Dosch, Jeromy Dosch.

expenses.

The Matching Fund Program offers Modern Woodmen members nationwide the chance to show their support for a community cause, organization or individual in need by holding fundraisers. Modern Woodmen matches money raised up to \$2,500. These fundraising projects contribute \$9 million to community needs nationwide each year.

"The community truly came together to support a local need," says Curtis Mitchell, local Modern Woodmen chapter activities coordinator. "That support is what it's all about."

Coordinated by local Modern Woodmen members, chapters provide opportunities to take part in social activities and community service projects to meet local needs.

For more information or to get involved, contact Mitchell at curtis.c.mitchell@mwarep.org.

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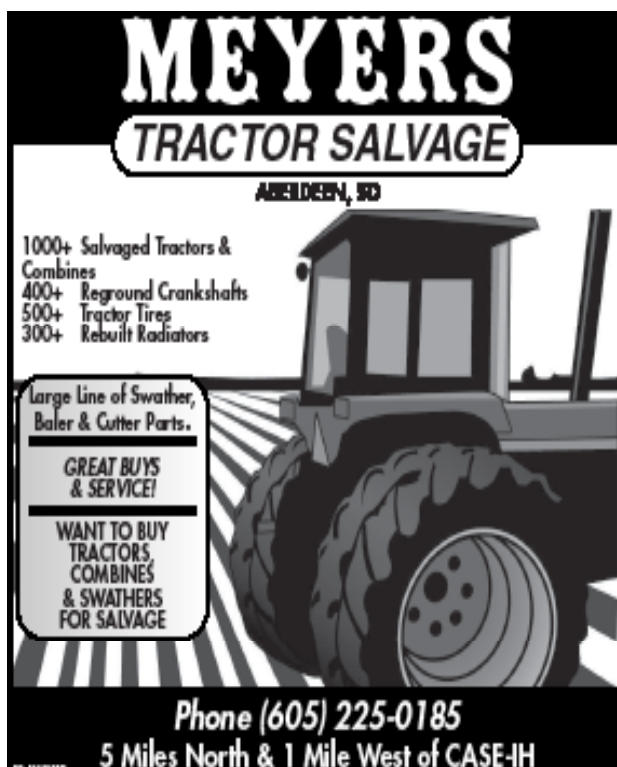


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March Students of the Month

Katlyn Kyar, sixth grade, is the daughter of Gail and Kevin Kyar, Groton, and has a younger brother, Ian. She is involved in archery and her accomplishments include having a superior in piano festival and being on the team that qualified for Global Finals in Destination Imagination. She is interested in archery, music and books.

Katlyn's favorite subjects are reading and art and she plans to go to college. Her role model is Teresa Winsenburg.

Samantha Menzia, seventh grade, is the daughter of Ann and Eric Menzia, Conde. Her siblings are Sara, Nick and Sanjay. She is involved in basketball, volleyball, track and Carnival of Silver Skates. Her accomplishments include getting first place in a DARE essay, being chosen for Student of the Month and basketball.

Samantha's interests are sports, hanging with friends and family, fishing, camping, movies and having fun. Her favorite subject is math and she plans to be a teen counselor. Her role models are her coaches.

Kate Kate Po, eighth grader, is from Groton. Family members are Ehkalu Htoo, Eh Shee, Mulaler Poe, Peace Charity Heoo, Htoo Htoo and Pa Khet.

Kate Kate's activities include soccer, basketball and track and field. She had a perfect attendance from kindergarten to fourth grade. She is interested in computer programming, free-lance artist, cartoonist, and illustrator. Art is her favorite subject. She plans to go to a fine arts college for four years, then to be a free lance artist, or, if offered, work for a company. Her role models are Nick Delco, Mark Crilley and Jasiah Brooks/Jazz.

Gabbie Kramer, freshman, is the daughter of Michelle Kramer and Dale Kramer, Groton. Her siblings are Ava and Skyler. She is involved in swimming, biking, dancing and drawing.

Gabbie's accomplishments include getting a 100 percent on the 2007 STEP test and earning several MathCounts awards. She is interested in drawing, music, singing and running. Band is her favorite subject and she plans to go to college to be an engineer.

Hailey Hanson, sophomore, is the daughter of Jeff and Shawn Hanson, Bath. Her siblings are Logan and Layne.

Activities include dance, dance team, showing cattle in 4-H, livestock judging in FFA and youth group, FCCLA. Her accomplishments including being on the honor roll, state fair champion Market Beef Showman, 2013 champion BCF steer and showman.

Hailey is interested in dance, cattle, fishing and sewing. Her favorite subject is math and she plans to look into something in the ag field or possibly architectural. Her role model is her dad.

Matt Knecht, junior, is the son of Mick and Becky Kencht, Houghton. He has a sister, Megan, currently living in Nagaya, Japan.

Matt's activities include football, basketball, church league, softball, choir, chamber choir, show choir, concert band, jazz band, pep band, FCA, and C&MA youth group. He is a three-year member of All-State Chorus, two-year member of the Honor Band and has been on the 4-0 honor roll.

Matt likes being with friends and family, playing sports and video games and playing the piano. Math is his favorite subject. He will attend a four-year college, but is unsure of a major at this time. His role model are his parents.

Halle Dohman, senior, is the daughter of Dave and Tammy Dohman, Groton. Siblings are Drew, Meghan, Natalia and Gabe Dohman.

Halle's activities include basketball, soccer, volleyball, student council as a seventh grader, Friendly Helpers, Natural Helpers, FCCLA, SEAS Youth Group and homecoming royalty in 2013. Her accomplishments include Principal's Honor Roll, Student of the Month, 4.0 Honor Roll, Most Improved in basketball as a sophomore, National Honor Society, third place at state soccer and state track her seventh and eighth grade years.

Halle likes being at the lake, babysitting and hanging out with friends and family. Her favorite subject was student internship. She plans to attend the University of South Dakota to major in biology and study dentistry. Her role models are her grandparents.



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Ladies Golf Tourney

Olive Grove hosted the Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday. The golfers were split into three flights with Laura and Sarah Stoebner winning the championship flight with a score of 70. Sheri Braun and Marry Ann Kessler won the second flight with an 85 and the third flight was won by Sharon Zastrow and Sue Stanley with an 87. Three Ladies walked away with the Pin Prizes. For the longest putt on #9 was Sheryl Ward. Collette Quam was closest to the pin on #4 and Laura Stoebner had the longest drive on #7.

- Char Telkamp

Championship Flight

- 70- Laura and Sarah Stoebner
- 73- Joanie Carlson and Sheryl Ward
- 75- Collette Quam and Kristi Strivent
- 81- Cyndy Larson and Patti Causer
- 82- Chenny Baher and Kathy Fink

First Flight

- 85- Mary Ann Kessler and Sheri Braun
- 86- Ranae Ball and Betty Dunker
- 88- Pat Givanatte and Sharon Harding
- 88- Dorene Borchard and Lolly Dean
- 90- Mary Blackmun and Julie Hinds
- 90- Brenda Waage and Dar Larson
- 92- Edith Bertsch and Mavis Rossow

Second Flight

- 87- Sharon Zastrow and Sue Stanley
- 89- Chana Nolz and Mary Ann Allery
- 90- Terri Tranxinger and Carrie Pulfrey
- 91- Arlys Kluess and Diane Easthouse
- 93- Jeanne Wanous and Judy Sandling
- 106- Vickie Kramp and Patsie Hearnen
- 110- Arlowyn Spencer and Mel Eikamp

Sharon Zastrow and Sue Stanley shot an 87 to win the third flight of the Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday at Olive Grove.



(Photo #8158 by Char Telkamp)

Butler Town May 5 Meeting Minutes



Butler meeting President Kristen Marko brought the meeting to order at the James Marko residence at 7:00. All members were pres-

ent Galen Sichmeller and James Marko. A motion was made by Sichmeller to read and approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Marko second the motion carried. The minutes were approved as read. A motion was made by Marko to submit and pay bills at this time. Sichmeller second the motion carried. The bills that were presented for

payment were Northwestern Energy 86.60, Dependable Sanitation, Inc. 175.00, and the Groton Independent 74.47. A motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m. The next meeting will be at 7:00p.m. at the Kristen Marko residence on June 2nd. Georgia Sichmeller Secretary Published once at the total approximate cost of \$8.11.



Laura and Sarah Stoebner won the Championship Flight of the Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday.

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Second Flight winners of the Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday were Sheri Braun and Mary Ann Kessler with a 85 score.

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Travel & Conference: Mike Wiese \$12.58; Marie Schlosser \$25.05; Kay Fredrick \$8.01; Judy Dosch \$220.22; Don Fischer \$9.00; Kathy Fischer \$269.24; Barry Kusler \$293.66; Leo Leshar \$28.00; The Lodge at Deadwood \$2,178.00; Russell Metz \$465.71; Mary Worlie \$269.24.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$322.00; CenturyLink \$712.68; City of Hecla \$144.77; Northern Electric \$1,171.76; NWPS \$1,983.96; Verizon Wireless \$160.04.

Other: JRWD \$28,861.03; Safe Harbor \$1,290.00.

Improvements other than Building: B & B Contracting \$25,852.35. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-nay, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve the following employee step increases, effective June 22, 2014: Cindy Eppard @ \$14.41 per hour, Barry Kusler @ \$18.21 per hour, Jennifer White @ \$15.59 per hour, Danica Marshall @ \$15.28 per hour, Kurt Pigors @ \$18.50 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve hiring Don Fischer as part-time employee for Elections, effective June 3, 2014 at \$13.58 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve hiring Keith Baker as Jail Deputy, effective June 16, 2014 at \$17.90 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve hiring Daniel Studelska as full-time Corrections Officer in the Jail, effective June 30, 2014 at \$14.28 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve the following May 2014 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS PERMIT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Fireworks Public Display Permit, submitted by Kent Larson, Richmond Lake Association for a Fireworks Dis-

play to be held on July 4, 2014 on the point at Richmond Lake. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY APPLICATION: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following application: Disabled American Veterans to conduct a raffle on August 16, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY FEE AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Attorney Fee Agreement with Victor B Fischbach for completion of quiet title action on the following real estate: Lots 31 and 32, Lutgen and Davis Richmond Lake Development in the NE ¼ of Sec 25-T124N-R65W, Brown County, SD (379704 S Shore Drive). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-abstain, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Motion carried.

FAIR BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to appoint Fae Dayton for a one year term and Darren Erdman for a two year term on the Brown County Fair Board; and further acknowledge resignation of Terri Traxinger and Sandy Osterman from the Fair Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY FAIR: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve list of promotional tickets for the 2014 Brown County Fair, with the removal of Commissioner Hansen from the list per her request. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following Abatement: Aberdeen Public Works Special Assessment in amount of \$422.57 on the W 47' Lt 16 Blk 31 Thomas Addition to Aberdeen. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE OF RACE TRACK: Time and place to open, read and consider proposals for lease of the Car Racing Facilities at the Brown County Fairgrounds. No proposals were received. The Commission will re-advertise at a later date.

ORD 086 - TITLE 16 BROWN COUNTY FAIR: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to adopt Ordinance #086, An Ordinance to repeal Title 16 Second Revision Brown County Ordinances - Brown County Fair Board and to replace with Title 16, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances - Brown County Fair. Roll call vote: Com-

missioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Ordinance adopted.

STRATFORD PROPERTY: Duane Jark met to discuss the liens on a parcel of land in Stratford. No action was taken at this time, as more research to be completed.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve applications, submitted by James Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #23 in Sec 2-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., and Hwy #11 in Sec 28/27-T125N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD to provide telecommunication services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss contract, as per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Paul Sivertsen, Amy Scott, Derek Ricci, Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

WARNER STREET DANCE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve closing Warner Main Street for a street dance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUOTE REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to accept low quote submitted by Aberdeen Appraisal in amount of \$600.00 (completion date of July 9, 2014) for appraisal of real estate described as Lots 31 and 32, Lutgen and Davis Richmond Lake Development in the NE ¼ of Sec 25-T124N-R65W, Brown County, SD. (379704 S Shore Drive); rejecting quote from Erickson & Associates @ \$1,000.00, and Bierman Appraisals @ \$700.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until June 24, 2014. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$80.36.

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Johnson/Loeschke married
Matt Johnson and Casey Loeschke were united in marriage on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at the Aberdeen United Methodist Church. The Rev. Eldon Reich performed the ceremony. Parents of the groom are Pam Monson, Aberdeen, and Rodney and Janice Johnson, Webster. Parents of the bride are Ron and Carol Loeschke, Aberdeen.
Matt is an assistant manager at Ken's Food Fair in Groton and Casey is a hair stylist at Salon Remix in Aberdeen. The couple is residing in Groton.

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Foster Grandparent Program looking for you!

The Foster Grandparent program is looking for Foster Grandparents to help at the Groton School and the preschool. Below is a testimony from Virginia Burgher.

If you like kids and you have some spare time on your hands the Foster Grandparent Program may be the perfect fit for you! Foster Grandma Virginia tells about her experience with the program. My day begins as I walk into the kindergarten classroom and there are 23 eager youngsters wanting to learn. Invariably, the first thing in the morning I get a hug from someone. Here are just a few of the things that I do: Listen to the children read. (This is one of the most rewarding things that I do!) Help youngsters with their school work. Sometimes the teacher has me read to the students. That is fun! I help put together their homework folders, staple together booklets and cut and glue things for the teacher that are then laminated and used by the students during their center time. I help the teacher by correcting tests and putting stickers on their papers. I could go on and on. I love everything that I do. The work is so fulfilling and rewarding.

At the end of the day my teacher practically always thanks me for helping her and many times when I leave there is a chorus of voices saying, "Goodbye Grandma Burgher."

Before becoming a Foster Grandparent, I was bored with life, sleeping a lot, and even a little depressed. I really wanted and needed something to do with my time. Then I saw a newspaper article about the Foster Grandparent Program and I decided to check it out. Needless to say, I am not depressed or bored any more. The Foster Grandparent Program has been one of the most positive and rewarding experiences I have ever encountered. I love every aspect of it and it has been a blessing in my life.

If you are looking for something meaningful to do in your life, and you love children, why not consider being a Foster Grandparent? The



children will be there for you and will give you unconditional love. You will get hugs galore. You will be there for the children and will be helping a teacher out and in so doing you will feel needed. There is camaraderie with other teachers and school personnel. In-service meetings every other month are not only educational and helpful, but there is a warm camaraderie with other Foster Grandparents.

I'd like to share one of my most fun experiences. I'll be out in the community doing something and one of my kids from the classroom runs up to me excitedly and says, "Hi Grandma Burgher" and gives me a hug. It never ceases to warm my heart!

Foster Grandparents must be 55 or over, living on a fixed income, and have a heart for children. They receive an hourly stipend, transportation assistance, free daily meal, paid time off and holidays and other benefits. These benefits are not taxable and don't affect your eligibility for any governmental assistance. Volunteers are placed at schools, Head Start centers, daycare centers and other youth facilities where they act as mentors, tutors and role models for children. Volunteers of America, Dakotas Foster Grandparent Program is in need of Foster Grandparents in this area. Please call Cindy & Juli toll free at 1-888-761-7244 to learn more about the program.

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First-Annual Prime Time Gala Raises \$115,831 to Feeding South Dakota



From left: Todd Wilkinson, SDCF board member, Kerri DeGraff, Development Director for Feeding South Dakota; Matt Gassen, Executive Director, Feeding South Dakota; and Ryan Eichler (a GHS graduate), SDCF President.

The South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation (SDCF) presented a check for \$115,831 to Feeding South Dakota at the first-annual Prime Time Gala held June 14 in Sioux Falls. SDCF hosted the inaugural event with two goals in mind: to raise money for Feeding South Dakota and to build awareness of Feeding South Dakota's shortage of protein for hungry individuals.

"The turnout and financial support speaks volumes about the character of South Dakotans and their willingness to help those in need," Ryan Eichler, SDCF President said. "We would also like to thank all of the sponsors of the event. Their kindness not only allowed us to put on a first class event, but also brings awareness to the importance of sustainable food production and how it relates to one of South Dakota's biggest issues; hunger."

Feeding South Dakota provides emergency food assistance to thousands of people in any given week and hundreds of men, women and children every day. However, of the approximately 12.5 million pounds of food distributed by Feeding South Dakota to individuals and families in 2013, only 4 percent was meat. Therefore, securing protein for distribution is a critical need of Feeding South Dakota.