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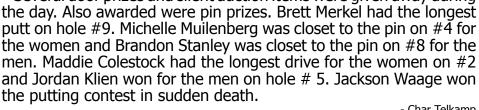
legislature resulted in the Groton School District reducing funding to some programs, including the high school golf program. The Groton Golf Association was born.

This group of parents and other golf enthusiasts has risen the funds each year to continue the golfing program at the high school level. One of the ways they raise funds is through the GGA Golf Tournament, which was held Saturday with 12 teams participating.

Each team of four played 18 holes of scramble golf. The team of Randy Stanley, Brandon Stanley, Jordan Klien and Cody Garvey finished in the top spot for the championship flight shooting a 59. Finishing in second place was the team of Maddie Colestock, Tyler Sperry, Lance Frohling and Brett Merkel with a 61.

Ryan Koehler, Dylan Hanson, Brandon Spanier and Drake Patterson finished first in the First Flight with a 62. The second place team was Brad Hanson, Dave Carlson, Terry Gilchrist and Kyle Spencer with a 64.

Several door prizes and silent auction items were given away during



**Championship Flight:** 

Randy Stanley, Brandon Stanley, Jordan Klien, Cody Garvey; 59 Maddie Colestock, Tyler Sperry, Lance Frohling, Brett Merkel; 61 Landon Marzahn, Wade Marzahn, Skip Kettering, Bary Keith; 61 John Clark, Craig Dunker, Brad Larson, Dar Larson; 61 Brian Schuring, Rob Gravatt, Marcus Gravatt, Roger Colestock; 62 Dylan Krueger, Reilly Ell, Gavin Krueger, Jonathan Fliehs; 65

**First Flight:** 

Ryan Koehler, Dylan Hanson, Brandon Spanier, Drake Patterson; 62 Brad Hanson, Dave Carlson, Terry Gilchrist, Kyle Spencer; 64 Tony Madsen, Jay Waage, Jackson Waage, Scott Campbell; 64 Jeff Neger, Jeremy Vanwhe, Jeremy Benewald, Jeff Olson; 67 Korbin Blackmun, Trey Diegel, Dennis Shawd, Jason Pelzel; 71 Michelle Muilenberg, Craig Muilenberg, Becky Wirkus, Chip Hanson; 71



The team of Randy Stanley, Brandon Stanley, Jordan Klien and Cody Garvey finished in the top spot for the championship flight shooting a 59 in the GGA Golf Tournament on **Saturday.** (Photo #8210 by Char Telkamp)



Many current and past members of the Groton High School Golf team participated in the GGA Golf Tournament on Saturday. They were: Jackson Waage, Dylan Krueger, Dylan Hanson, Tyler Sperry, Brandon Spanier, Landon Marzahn, Reilly Ell, Ryan Koehler, Korbin Blackmun and Treyton Diegel. Seated in front are Maddie Colestock and Payton Colestock. (Photo #8203 by Char Telkamp)



Ryan Koehler, Dylan Hanson, Brandon Spanier and Drake Patterson finished first in the First Flight of the GGA Golf Tournament on Saturday with a 62. (Photo #8213 by Char Telkamp)



The second place team in the first flight of the GGA Golf Tournament was Brad Hanson, Dave Carlson, Terry Gilchrist and Kyle Spencer with a 64. (Photo #8204 by Char Telkamp)



Finishing in second place for the championship flight of the **GGA Golf Tournament on Saturday was the team of Maddie** Colestock, Lance Frohling Tyler Sperry and Brett Merkel with

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**a 61.** (Photo #8207 by Char Telkamp)





# An open letter to United States Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe

Dear Postmaster General Donahoe:

I do hope this letter arrives at your office in reasonable time.

Sarcasm aside, there was a time when I put a First Class stamp on a letter and mailed it, I had confidence, depending on its destination, it would get there overnight or within two or three days. There was a time when newspaper publishers could expect their latest edition would reach mail subscribers in a reasonable time frame as well.

Today, that confidence doesn't exist.

And your latest plan to close more than 80 mail processing plants around the country – including the Dakota Central facility in Huron – will erase any shreds of remaining confidence.

You have a difficult job. Mail trends have not been kind to your business the past several years, thanks in large part to the internet and 9-11. First Class mail – still the biggest generator of revenue for you – has dropped more than 35 percent the last dozen years or so.

So how do you clear a path for the survival of the Postal Service in the face of some mighty strong headwinds? Obviously, you need to reduce expenditures and tighten the belt

But I believe your latest plan goes too far. From the 30,000-foot view at USPS headquarters, your latest plant consolidation plan may look good on the spreadsheet. But looking at it from here on Main Street and the mailbox-dotted gravel roads of South Dakota, it's a

The newspaper publishers of South Dakota who belong to the trade association I work for, know it's a clunker as well. They have been fighting desperately now for several years to find ways to get their newspapers delivered to customers in a timely manner. Fighting desperately despite the roadblocks and hurdles put up by your organization.

Closing more mail processing plants will only contribute to the sclerosis of the mail network in this country. Your plan doesn't save the Postal Service; it just makes things worse.

The degradation and decline don't happen all it once, but they happen. Newspaper subscribers become frustrated they can't get their hometown paper delivered to them in a reasonable time, so they stop paying for it when the subscription comes due. Advertisers become frustrated when their promotions and marketing specials can't reach the market-

But it is not just newspapers. It is all businesses that rely on the mail for delivery of invoices, checks, correspondence and so much more. It's people who live so far from town that they must rely on the mail for delivery of their medical prescriptions. It's the delivery of farm parts and legal documents. The list goes on.

Mail service always has been and remains a vital part of the infrastructure serving rural America. For that matter, our entire country. Good, reliable mail service supports a strong



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economy and a connected, engaged society. Let's not degrade and destroy that network. Instead, we should be working to protect and provide for a strong, reliable mail service that to major in business administration. serves all of our country.

If you won't do it (and your latest plant consolidation announcement suggests you won't), then we call on Congress to step in and put a the Postal Service.

ing in Congress for some time now. Congress and were ultimately selected based on their needs to act.

Congress needs to remove the onerous, Postal Service to greatly accelerate set-asides leader in the business world." for postal retirees' health benefits. Doing so would help the Postal Service's balance sheet will major in seven majors at CBA. They will and remove some of the pressures that lead to complete most of their foundation and core policies and actions that have hurt, not helped, business courses together as a cohort using your organization.

Postal reform legislation is not a headlinesgrabbing, popularity-poll issue that Congress rallies around. Nevertheless, Congress needs to act now, before your organization, Mr. Postmaster General, regresses into a shell of its former self from which it cannot recover.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Dakota Newspaper Association** 

(South Dakota Newspaper Association represents the state's weekly and daily newspapers 2014 cohort to the academy," said Erin Burwith a total readership of more than 600,000 nette, assistant director of the academy. "Their people.)

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## Camille Sippel of Groton among 39 high-achieving students selected for CBA Honors Academy

Camille Sippel of Groton is among 39 freshmen selected to be part of the College of Business Administration Honors Academy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall.

A graduate of Groton Area High School, plans

After a successful inaugural year of the program, the CBA Honors Academy had a nearly 20 percent increase in applications this year.

We are encouraged by the increase in the halt to it. Congress should freeze any further number of quality applicants who applied for plant consolidations and closings until it can the Honors Academy," said Donde Plowman, agree upon meaningful reform legislation for James Jr. and Susan Stuart Dean of the College of Business Administration. "Those selected Postal reform legislation has been percolat- went through a rigorous application process overall scholastic achievement, exceptional leadership experience, communication skills overly aggressive provisions that require the and the way they demonstrated becoming a

> The students are from eight states and an action-based learning style focused on the development of critical thinking, technical and communication skills.

They will also participate in leadership activities to build their skills and participate in student competitions. Academy students will benefit from connecting and working with corporate partners from around the country. Additionally, they receive internships and David Bordewyk, General Manager, South study-abroad experiences to learn valuable lessons and prepare them to make an impact in the business world after graduation.

"We're all very excited to welcome the fall scholastic achievements are very impressive and their overall enthusiasm for maximizing their college experience will make them tremendous assets to the program. I look forward to helping them achieve great things over the next four years."



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lished in both the Groton Daily Independent and the Groton Independent, and posted online at www.grotonsd.net. Cut rate in half if you just want it in the GDI or just the weekly.

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#### **Woods Bridal Shower**

**Open House Bridal Shower For Mariah** Woods, Future wife of Jayde Graves, Saturday, July 19, 1-3:00 PM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Bring your favorite recipe or words of wisdom to share with Mariah. (0708.0715)

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

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#### Dennert Household Sale

**ELINOR DENNERT HOUSEHOLD SALE:** Moved to apartment and not enough room for everything. Everything is for sale and must go. Sale to be held at Steve & Betty Dunker's, 709 N. Harrison St. Groton, SD (1 Mile West of Groton on Hwy 12 & ¼ Mile South), Friday, July 18th 12:00-4:00 & Saturday, July 19th 8:00-2:00. QUALITY ANTIQUES AND **VINTAGE ITEMS, FURNITURE, Variety** of Kitchen Items, Tupperware, Picture Frames, Home Décor, Seasonal Items, **Sewing and Crafting Items, Women's** Clothes (sz. 16-18), Books, Fishing Items, Misc. Tools (shop & yard), and TOO MANY ITEMS TO MENTION!!! No **Early Sales.** 

### Worship Resumes at **Historic Church**

Worship service will resume at the Trinity Historic Church in Groton at Third Ave. and Third Street. Service will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday. The service usually lasts about half an hour. You are invited to the service in the historic setting. Offering will be used to help maintain the church and to pay for insurance.



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# **NSU Biology Team Tracking Mosquitoes** Responsible for Deadly West Nile Virus

ABERDEEN, S.D. -Six Northern State University biology/ environmental science students and two NSU biologists are part of statewide efforts in South Dakota to identify and test mosquitoes that can carry West Nile virus.

The NSU biology team has mosquito trap stations located at eight sites in Brown County. There are two collection stations on Richmond Lake, two at Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, one in Warner, one in Stratford, and two others located in rural loca-

"Using a high definition microscope attached to a Dell monitor, NSU biology student Mat Muston points out the identifying characteristics of a Culex tarsalis mosquito, a potential carrier of West Nile virus."

tions in central Brown County.

Each morning during the week the students travel to the collection sites, retrieve the catch of mosquitoes from the day previous and attach a new trap bag and fresh supplies. The students return to the biology lab on the NSU campus and begin the tedious task of separating, categorizing and counting the many mosquitoes.

Each trap can yield as few as a dozen mosquitoes to as many as over a thousand. Most traps average 300-500 mosquitoes daily. The largest number taken in any one trap so far

this summer is more than 900.

The NSU team is specifically looking for the mosquito species Culex tarsalis, which are regarded as the most likely carriers of West Nile virus. Those mosquitoes are separated and placed into vials and sent to the South Dakota Department of Health in Pierre for testing for the West Nile virus.

This is the second year that Northern State University has participated in the statewide mosquito tracking effort, which is funded through an award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the South Dakota Department of Health. The NSU team has helped expand the Brown County test region beyond the City of Aberdeen and provide the S.D. Department of Health with additional vital resources in the efforts to monitor and control the Culex tarsalis mosquitoes.





By Richard P. Holm M.D.

# The Mystery of Parkinson's Disease

Parkinson's disease is one of those unfair illnesses. Actually a group of conditions affecting movement, Parkinson's disease results from different kinds of injuries to a specific part of the brain. Although many believe it takes a genetic tendency plus some environmental assault to cause it, still we don't know why some get Parkinson's and some don't.

To better understand this mystery, the following are examples of known and definable

causes for the brain injury:

At the time of the 1918 influenza lung epidemic, there was a form of that same viral infection, which attacked the brain, resulting in what was commonly called "the sleeping sickness." Millions were affected and in some a Parkinson's-like movement disorder appeared years later. The book and movie entitled "Awakenings" by famous neurologist Oliver Sacks played by Robin Williams described this story.

Sometimes a Parkinson's-like condition fol-

lows severe or repeated physical trauma to the brain such as what happens in boxing. Mohamed Ali is one who struggles with the consequences of repeated brain injury manifesting in tremors, rigidity, the slowing down of spontaneous movement, and a loss of mental acuity also called dementia pugilistica.

The long-term side effect of certain toxins can result in a Parkinson's-like condition. Examples include manganese dust exposure, which can occur in mining or in the steel industry; carbon disulfide exposure, which can occur in the Rayon fabric industry; and carbon monoxide poisoning, which can result from burning anything in an enclosed space.

In the 1980s in California, a small group of heroin addicts took an illicit street drug contaminated with a chemical called MPTP, which resulted in a severe Parkinson's-like movement disorder. Scientists took this unfortunate discovery to simulate Parkinson's disease in lab animals, which has greatly increased the understanding of Parkinson's.

At this time however the cause for most cases of Parkinson's disease still remains a mystery. It is one of those unjust illnesses that can occur in any one of us and at any time for no reason that we can define.

Let us hope research moves forward to find ways to protect us.

Dr. Rick Holm wrote this Prairie Doc Perspective for "On Call®," a weekly program where medical professionals discuss health concerns for the general public. "On Call®" is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University Journalism Department. "On Call®" airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting-Television at 7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain. Visit us at OnCallTelevision.com

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Westport **Town** July 7 Meeting **Minutes** 



Town of Westport General Meeting July 7th, 2014

The Town of Westport met on July 7th, 2014 with Larry Huettl, Wyatt Wilson, Todd Hertel, and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General

NWPS (\$172.58), Groton Independent (\$20.28), Mike Wilson –repairs (\$60.00), Nelson stop (\$139.85 & 177.05), Brown County treasurer- mosquito spraying (\$406.83), SD Unemployment Insurance (\$2.48), US Treasury (\$410.62), Richard Huettl —mowing (\$428.22) Mike Huettl –mowing (\$428.22 Wilson - repairs (\$49.00). Water

WEB (\$932.06), Dept. of Revenue (\$13.00), Water Main-tenance District (\$321.43), SD dept. of Env and Natural resource (\$60.00).

Sewer

NWPS (\$48.11), NRWA – loan repayment (\$210.13), Sewer Duck (\$507.50), Dakota Pump and Control (\$5,217.34 & \$24.015.60)

Wyatt Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Todd

The following deposits were

City General Brown County Collections

(\$1.047.41), Interest (\$14.45). Resident Payments-

(\$612.00), Brown County Collections (\$900.00). Water

Resident Payments -(\$2017.60). NEW BUSINESS:

The 2 new sewer pumps are

installed and are working.

Todd is working with NECOG and the city attorney in regards

to city ordinances. Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$15.21.

Frederick City July 7 Meeting Minutes



Town of Frederick July 7, 2014 Minutes

Frederick Chairman Scott Campbell opened the monthly town meeting at 7:08 Monday evening on July 7th, 2014. Attending the July meeting along with Chairman Campbell were Board Members Robert Smith and Thomas Meyer, Utility Manager Richard Bakeberg, Finance Officer Diane Bruns, FF member Krysti Mikkonen, Gary Peterson, Maple River Lodging and Patron Craig Larson.

The June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with motion made by Tom Meyer and seconded by Robert Smith.

The Financial Report for June was reviewed and approved with motion made by Tom Meyer and seconded by Robert Smith. Motion Carried

Approval of the Accounts Payable for July was made with a motion by Tom Meyer and seconded by Scott Campbell with a requirement to verify one bill to RDO w/o a receipt, before sending that check. Motion Carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

A&B Bus Solutions, Inc. Genl \$174.90; R. Bakeberg Sts/Wtr/ Swr \$365.91; Bower Tree Ser vice S.Park/Econ Dev \$1800; C. Campbell Genl \$189.32; Com Store FO/CC/Genl \$30; Dak Pump & Control, Inc. Lagoon \$171.43; D. Campbell Genl \$78.50; Dependable San Garb \$4,111; DENR Wtr \$10; D. Bruns Sup Genl/CC \$37.98; D. Bruns CC \$80.82; D. Bruns FO \$1015.86; E. Head Landfill \$231.58; Ellendale True Value Sewer \$4.97; FU EBL/CC/FireHall \$1615.12; FAA BallPark \$114.26; FDC Econ Dev \$1200; Green Iron Equip B Park/S Park/Genl \$127.73; GDI legals \$45.00; JC Campbell, Inc. Genl \$84.00; J. Moore S Park/

Genl \$235.50; JVC phones/ Internet \$312.30; JM Electric, Inc. S. Park \$5800; M. Cox EBL \$540.25; MDU elect \$1038.04; M. Glarum EBL \$80; Menard's S. Park \$18.48; R.S. Campbell Genl \$46.18; RDO Equip S Park \$118.58; R. Bakeberg Cemetery \$207.79; R. Smith Genl \$23.09; Sam's Way Trucking Lagoon \$162.50; SD Dept of Health Lab/ Wtr/Lagoon \$374.00; SD Dept of Rev Garbage \$72; SD State Treasurer 0; SDML Genl \$50; T, Meyer Genl \$23.09; T. Meyer Lagoon/Postage \$41.70; USPS Stamps \$147;US Treasury 941 \$1180.72; USDA-RD AP Wtr Loan \$475.00; WEB Water 916,200 gals \$2571.65.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussed in the Utility Report presented by Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg, were the meters now in the new single-family dwellings on Main Street; possible installing a manhole on 1st Street; a possible leak in the NW corner of town where the replacement of a 4" cast-line to a 2" cast-line may help as water could be flowing into the Maple River. He also mentioned some new gravel and blading is needed in spots and, he will be recalling Brick's to do some more flushing of lines in town. Chairman Campbell will call M. Thorpe about work needed on 2nd Avenue and by Simmons Park. Bakeberg said the Landfill is full but it has been too windy to burn yet. Fredérick Forward mem-

ber and Finn Fest Chairperson Krysti Mikkonen said given the weather Saturday evening which cancelled or postponed some events, this years' Finn Fest, 'Was a decent success" and the income was good. The Men's Community Club has voted to do fire works during Homecoming on September 12, 2014 this year as they were unable to that weekend. FF is trying to raise money to help defray costs of the FYI and would like to pay wages to H. Martilla-Losuré. She inquired about some type of bridge being installed to get from the ballpark to Simmons Park, possible a floating bridge. Chairman Campbell told her if FF did the footwork, the City will support them. They need to contact DENR and GF&P. She also mentioned no where to go during foul weather and said those at the park ended up at

Historical Society No representation

Emma Burnham Library A review of the 2nd Ouarter Financial Report for the EBL was accepted with a motion made by Tom Meyer and seconded by Scott Campbell. Motion Carried.

Frederick Dev Corp

Continental Western Insurance Continued review of letter -Agent Campbell said there would be no fencing on the bleachers as they will possibly be replaced in a year or so; the electrical panel in the EBL basement was looked at by a professional electricion, is homemade and very efficient; and an estimate on a double walled gas tank for the firehall will run about \$1500 for over 100 gallons, includes security and lock.

City Boundary Lines continued to August meeting NEW BUSINESS

Appropriation Budget was reviewed with changes coming in August.

Water and Sewer Rates were discussed including the state DENR recommended charges. It was suggested our sewer rates may be increased to \$12. Tabled to August meeting.

Radix Update/Computer Software were discussed and may have to be replaced in the near future.

August Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 5th, instead of Monday August 4th, at 7:00 PM.

Three customers are to be shut off immediately due to no utility bill payments. Utilily Manager Rich Bakeberg will be doing the shutoffs.

CORRESPONDENCE:

New laws which took effect July 1st, 2014 and were sent out by the SD Municipal League were



looked at along with Banyon Data Systems for software. Correspondence from SDML about unmanned aircraft was reviewed.

Other correspondence was also discussed. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Motion was made by Tom Mever and seconded by Robert Smith. Motion Carried.

Town of Frederick Diane Bruns, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$49.43.

**Butler** Town July 7 Meeting **Minutes** 



Butler Town July 7th 201 Regular Meeting

President Kristen Marko brought the meeting to order at the Galen Sichmeller residence at 7:00pm. All members were present James Marko and Galen Sichmeller.

A motion was made by Marko and second by Sichmeller to read and approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as read.

A motion was made by Sichmeller and second by Marko to submit and pay bills. Motion carried. Northwestern Energy 85.32, Groton Daily Independent 56.29, Bjerke Brothers LLC 6,855.89, and Dependable Sanitation Inc 175.00 will be paid when statement is received.

The board discussed finding a different Insurance company for errors and omissions. Kristen Marko will check on this issue and report back when she has the information. Georgia Sichmeller will check on a dumpster as the current one has issues. She will report back when she has this information.

A motion was made by Sichmeller and second by Marko to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

The next meeting will be at the James Marko residence on Aug. 4th 2014 at 7:00pm.

Georgia Sichmeller Secretary

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**Brown** County July 8 Meeting **Minutes** 



JULY 8, 2014 - GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach and Wiese. man Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, econded by wiese to approve the Joint City County Meeting minutes of June 30 and the General Meeting minutes of July 1, 2014. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. CLAIMS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve

the following claims: Insurance: SD Public Assur-

ance Alliance \$511.00. Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$96.07; Avera Orthopedic Specialists \$101.86; Avera St. Luke's \$1,054.84; Dakota Plains Surgical Center \$493.09; KCH Law \$166.16; Sanford Health

\$1,327.06; SD Dept. of Revenue Regulation \$633,375.43. Publishing: Groton Indepen-

Rentals: Evan Cummins \$300.00; LeRoy Imberi \$200.00.

dent \$593.02

Repairs & Maintenance: Ace Refrigeration \$179.52; Clark Engineering \$550.00; Classic Glass \$6,048.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$3,194.06; Dakota Electronics \$557.38; DFP \$16.00; DSG \$50.40; DMI \$4,200.00; Lawson Products \$112.58; Lien Transportation \$38,619.88; Midwest Pump & Tank \$30.54; Pauer Sound & Music \$1,700.00; Running's \$139.99; SD Dept. of Transportation \$71,843.50; Sheehan Mack Sales \$5,330.00; Wallwork Truck Center \$62.50; Western States Fire \$1,223,58: Woodman Refrigeration \$364.29. Supplies: A & B Business

\$384.15; Bakken Build Maintenance \$500.00; Cartney Bearng \$441.88; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$2,769.41; Crescent Electric \$291.26; Dakota Electronics \$913.74; DFP \$7,323.07; Dakota Oil \$2,938.10; DSG 571.57; Fastenal \$234.69; GovConnection \$3,196.63; Graham Tire \$118.00; Great Western Tire \$11,300.24; Hanten's Repair \$375.90; Hecla Implement \$29.40; Hedahl's \$64.00; IDC \$37.89; Lawson Products \$2,083.23; Lien Transportation \$80,613.53; Mac's \$74.11; Marco \$140.49; Menards \$55.86; Midcontinent Communications \$205.00; Midstates Printing \$183.09; Midwest Pump & Tank \$1,388.32; NCFE – Warner Elevator \$6,634.75; NVC \$4,795.62; Running's \$1097.89: SDN \$493.04; Sheehan Mack Sales \$2,808.01; Taylor Laundry \$40.50; Wallwork Truck Center \$943.71; Wishing Well Reflections \$168.00; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$82.00.

Travel & Conference: Rachel Kippley \$106.74; Duane Sutton 92.58; John Waller \$236.80.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$ 1,468.96; BDM Rural Water \$30.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$229.90; Midcontinent Communications \$306.40; Midwest Alarm \$51.50; NVC \$2,951.38; NWPS \$728.10;

Town of Frederick \$32.25. Buildings: JDH Construction \$67,800.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MILEAGE' REIMBURSEMENT RATE: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to amend the Mileage Rate portion of the expense policy set on January 7, 2014 and as amended April 1, 2014, as follows: Mileage Rate: Reimbursement for use of personal vehicle for County business, as follows: 37 cents per mile for Commissioners, Auditor, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, State's Attorney, Director of Équalization, Deputy State's Attorneys and State's Attorney special agents; 47 cents per mile for all County employees, effective July 1, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PROPERTY DONATION AC-CEPTANCE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to accept donation of property located at 408 S 3rd Street, as proposed by Wells Fargo Bank of South Dakota. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. RELIEF LIEN: Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #45-14. WHEREAS, Brown County has filed a Poor Relief Lien against an individual (with no middle name listed) who rented 1021 1/2 S Main, dated March 2, 1976 – September 23, 1976 with balance of \$808.22; and WHEREAS, another individual has the same first and last name as the poor relief recipient, but did not reside at 1021 1/2 S Main

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and was not married in 1976; and WHEREAS, Brown County has determined it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers to release certain property from the effect of said lien, upon condition that the lien remains filed against the individual who rented 1021 1/2 S Main. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following real property, which is described as follows: The 337' North of South 250' of East 963' except road in the NE 1/4 of Sec 19-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota is hereby released from the effect and force of said lien, upon condition that the lien shall stay filed against the individual. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Róll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippleyaye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye,

Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following agreement: 3M Corporation for lease of The Club House on September 6-7, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion

HOUSING AND REDEVELOP-MENT COMMISSION APPOINT-MENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to re-appoint Fran Brink to the Housing and Redevelopment Commission of Brown County, effective July 9, 2014 - July 9, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF AC-COUNT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve the June 2014 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$18,988,874.37 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00, US Bank @ \$14,402.12, Dacotah Bank @ \$345,316.55, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$18,623,355.70). All members present voting aye. Motion

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following Special Malt Beverage License Application: Boys & Girls Club - Brown County Fairgrounds (Grandstand) SW 1/4 Sec 1-T123N-R64W, effective August 11-17, 2014 (map indicating specific area licensed on file with applications). All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. LANDFILL UNIT 1 CLOSURE PAYMENT REQUEST: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Request #5 for Landfill Unit 1 Closure Project to B & B Contracting in amount of \$86,962.36. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE LIGHTING PROJECT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve Addendum No. E-1 to electrical plans and specifications for the Brown County Courthouse Lighting Improvements Project changing time of pre-bid walk thru from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. (July 10 and 11, 2014). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR OFFICE BUILDING CHANGE ORDER #3: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve Change Order #3 for the Fair Office Building Project (relocate water coolerton adjacent room) increasing total project amount by \$589.00 (\$93,236.95). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. BUDGET DISCUSSION: The

following Officials met to discuss documentation presented for the 2015 budget process: States Attorney Larry Lovrien; Highway Superintendent Dirk Rogers; Planning & Zoning Administrator Scott Bader; Landfill Manager Mike Scott; Auditor Maxine Fischer; Treasurer Sheila Enderson gave update on Experience Works individual. No action was taken at this time as a result of the discussions.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent discussed the purchase of a de-paving machine and project

WOOD WASTE GRINDING: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to accept quote received from SRSS Portable Waste Shredding (Rhett Albers), Mobridge SD in amount of \$475.00 per hour with no mobilization fee for grinding of wood waste at the Landfill; rejecting quote submitted by Dakota Wood Grinding, Rosemount, MN in amount of \$525 per hour with an \$1800 mobilization fee. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to declare the real estate taxes as uncollectible on the following, as units are uninhabitable: 1972 Indy Mobile Home, 1971 Dickman Mobile Home. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY INTEREST STATEMENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to accept for filing the April - June 2014 Interest statement (\$6,474.43), submitted by County Treasurer Sheila Enderson. All members present voting aye. Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation, as per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with 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: RECESS: The Chairman de-

clared the Commission recessed until July 15, 2014. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor Published once at the total

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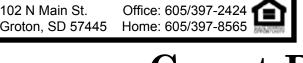
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# Grant Rix joins Groton Area School Board

There was a changing of the guard at Monday's annual duel meetings of the Groton School Board. Each year the board splits the July meeting to close out the last school year and start the new one.

The board said good-bye to board member Joy Voss and welcomed new member Grant Rix to the board. Dorene Nelson stepped down as the board president and Steve Smith was elected to the position. Kelly Kjelden was re-elected as the board vice president. The "ad hoc" committees will remain the same with Rix replacing Voss on the personnel, policy and curriculum committee.

The board voted to keep the meeting schedule the same as it has been, meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month with the exception of only meeting on the second Monday during May, July, August and December. The board also voted to keep the salaries for board members at zero.

"When we voted to take the pay cut," Nelson said. "I said I wouldn't take any pay until the four programs that we were forced to limit funding too were fully funded again. They still aren't fully funded, so I vote to keep the salaries at zero."

During the budget hearing, Business Manager Mike Weber reported that all accounts were healthy.

There won't be any need to raise the tax levies for next year," Weber said. "As value added infrastructure (also known as other revenue) and local land prices increase, so does our school district valuation."

In fact the valuation has increased over \$300 million over the past three years and the projected estimate for fiscal year 2015 is \$914 million.

"As a result the corresponding taxes generated by state mandated tax levies will exceed recognized need in state aid funding," Weber added. "In the spring of 2015 I anticipate that we will no longer receive state aid funding, surviving only on our locally generated tax revenue."

Weber stressed to board members the importance of keeping the other revenue tax dollars generated in our area for use in the same area.

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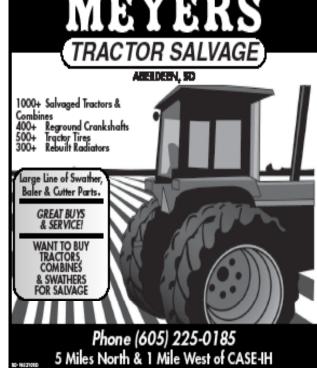
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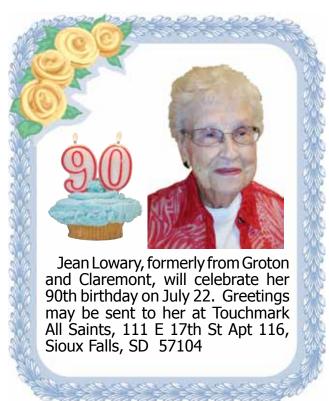




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"With the push at the state legislature to take these funds and spread them across the state," Weber said. "We would lose a large portion of our funding. Be sure to impress the need to keep the money generated by our patrons here in our school district when talking to state representatives."

One account did see a minor problem as



program that parents pay for to watch students before and after school.

lunch prices, milk and orange juice tickets or professionals for the 2014-2015 school year the activity gate admissions for the 2014-2015 at \$10.25/hr. Approval was also given to add

During the principals reports it was noted contract. He is the tech coordinator. that the supply list for the new school year on the website.

School Superintendent Joe Schwan reported on the new Smart Snacks Program which will be able to use a school van on their mission take effect this fall. The program is part of the trip to Bloomington MN on July 18-20 and National School Lunch Program run by the the Groton Legion Baseball team will have USDA. In 2010 they released the changes to the the use of a bus for the regional tournament school lunch program, followed the changes if needed while their bus is being fixed. Both to the school breakfast programs. This year will be charged the rate established by the it affects the food and beverages sold to stu-school's activity trip expense chart. dents during the school day, especially through and beverage sold after school.

A second reading and approval was given to the recommended policy changes in the middle school/high school student handbook and the policy for volunteer drivers. There was some discussion on what happens when students ride a bus to an activity, but ride home with another parent, technically, the

student is the school district's responsibility to the student is returned to the school. Some schools have a

\$2,176 in bad debt had to be written off in the policy that if you are in an activity, you ride OST program. Since then changes have been the bus to the event and back again. No acmade with a new policy that limits charges tion was taken at this time; it is currently up to more than \$100. OST is the Out of School the coaches to set the policy on riding home.

Approval was given for the hiring of Vonnie There were no changes made to the school Lutz and Jill Krueger as special needs parafive additional working days to Aaron Helvig's

Three open enrollments were approved, one have been sent to area businesses and is up from Aberdeen and two from the Langford school districts.

St. John's Lutheran Church youth group will

All 15 items on the consent agenda were school fundraisers. One program affected will approved; this included the designation of be the Wake-Up Wednesday fundraiser done the official bank as Wells Fargo, the legal by the Debate program. So far the program counsel as Rodney Freeman and the Groton does not affect the concession stands or food Independent as the official school newspaper.

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