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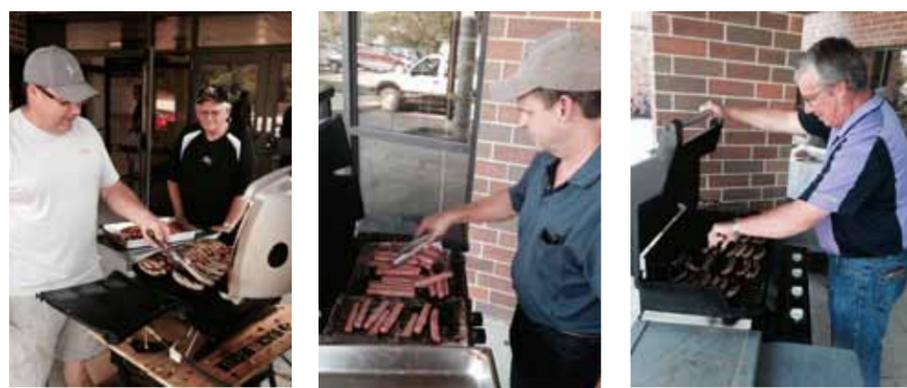
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Jackson Garstecki, Bath, was making a paper airplane with the help of Clint Fjeldstad at the Destination Imagination exhibit at the GES Gym. His mom, Jackie (Thompson) Mulder is watching in the background.



A good sized crowd was on hand Tuesday afternoon at the Groton Area School Open House event.



Lars Hanson, Steve Smith and Marty Weismantel were the master cooks at the Groton Area School Open House held Tuesday evening. In the left photo, in the background, Merle Harder helped to shuffle the food from the grills to the serving area in the gym.



Destination Imagination was well represented at the Groton Area School open house held Tuesday. Clint Fjeldstad was busy handing out brochures at the elementary school.



Mickie Padfield, Kelly Kjelden and Superintendent Joe Schwan were the servers at the open house.

Gordon and Dorene Nelson made sure the cups were filled with lemonade.

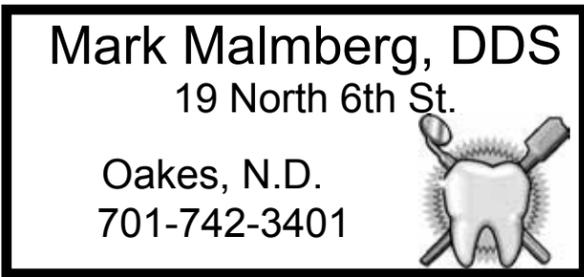


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Boys 2-1 for Season

The Groton Boys Soccer Team opened the season with a game on Tuesday, August 19 in Aberdeen against Aberdeen Central and lost 2-1 with Groton's goal by Lucas Sternhagen (a header off a free kick by Landon Larson).

On Friday, August 22 the Groton team traveled to Belle Fourche to play and won by a score of 7-0. In the first half, James Thompson scored the first goal at the 19 second mark with an assist by Jacob Milbrandt. At 12:40 Tyler Scott scored the next goal (unassisted) off a corner kick taken by James Thompson. Wyatt Kurtz scored at 14:40 (assist James Thompson) and James Thomspson (assist Jacob Milbrandt) scored at 20:14 to bring the half time score to 4-0. In the second minute of the second half Lucas Sternhagen scored on a header off a free kick taken by Tyler Scott. Martin Rigg scored at 24:30 with a corner kick assist by Jacob Milbrandt. The final goal of the game was at 29:00 by Wyatt Kurtz.

The Groton Boys played again on Saturday, August 23 in Rapid City against St. Thomas More. In the first half at the 7 minute mark James Thompson scored his first goal with an assist to Jacob Milbrandt. Two minutes later, Trevor Pray placed a bullet into the upper net corner to score and at 25 minutes Wyatt Kurtz scored an unassisted goal. With 4 minutes left in the first half Luke Sternhagen scored on a header off a free kick and with 0:28 seconds left Cade Guthmiller scored on a penalty kick (Luke Sternhagen was fouled in the box). Early in the second half, James Thompson scored his second goal and eight minutes later his third (assist Rayce Harder) to earn the hat trick. Landon Larson brought the ball up the field and scored Groton's last goal 15 minutes into the second half. The Tiger won 8-1. Chance Strom was Groton's goal keeper. The Tigers are coached by Mike Becker and assisted by Craig Sternhagen.



Tyler Scott and James Thompson at St. Thomas More game.



Landon Larson, James Thompson and Luke Sternhagen at St. Thomas More game.



Jacob Milbrandt at St. Thomas More game.



Jacob Milbrandt and Luke Sternhagen at Aberdeen game.

Photos by Jodi Sternhagen



Rayce Harder at Aberdeen game.



James Thompson at Aberdeen game.



Trevor Pray at Belle Fourche game.



Chance Strom at St. Thomas More game.



Zach Crosby and Jacob Milbrandt at Belle Fourche game.

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Yard of the Week
 Rob and Jeanne Wanous, 201 E 6th Ave., Groton, was chosen as this week's Yard of the Week by the Groton Garden Club. Rob said that now he has Yard of the Week, he will be getting a new lawn mower. Jeanne takes care of the flowers, which you can see in the background. Rob added, "I have to thank Aberdeen Lawn Care, Inman Irrigation and Toro for our lawn!" (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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Youth Horse Show Results

Kendyl Hanson-Brooks, Groton, was the judge for the Youth Horse Show Monday of the Brown County Fair. This was a fun show as the County and State Horse Shows have already been held.

Beg. Showmanship:

1. Lily Tobin
2. Ivy Schanzenbach
3. Hanna Miller
4. Sydney Evans
5. Turner Thompson
6. Blake Pauli
7. Sara Menzia

Jr. Showmanship:

1. Callin Sprinkel
2. Elle Schanzenbach

Sr. Showmanship:

1. Trey Wright
2. Katie Buttolph
3. Alexandra Stange

English Hunt Seat:

1. Gabi Siefkes
2. Danielle Podoll
3. Katie Buttolph
4. Elle Schanzenbach

Lead-Line:

1. Haily Pauli
2. Taryn Thompson

Walk-Trot Stock Seat:

1. Danielle Podoll
2. Lily Tobin
3. Morgan Haselhorst
4. Hanna Miller
5. Turner Thompson
6. Ivy Schanzenbach

Jr. Stock Seat:

1. Colin Sprinkel
2. Paige Evans
3. Elle Schanzenbach

Sr. Stock Seat:

1. Kaylee Braun
2. Trey Wright
3. Alexandra Stange

Beg. Egg & Spoon:

1. Danielle Podoll
2. Kira Goldade
3. Hanna Miller

Jr. Egg & Spoon:

1. Elle Schanzenbach
2. Paige Snyder
3. Colin Sprinkel

Sr. Egg & Spoon:

1. Kaylee Braun
2. Alexandra Stange
3. Katie Buttolph

Beg. Trail:

1. Kira Goldade
2. Turner Thompson
3. Lily Tobin

Jr. Trail:

1. Colin Sprinkel

Sr. Trail:

2. Alexandra Stange
3. Logan Flack
4. Trey Wright

Reining:

1. Kaylee Braun
2. Danielle Podoll

Jr. Barrels:

1. Danielle Podoll, 18.28
2. Danielle Podoll; 18.53
3. Paige Sydner; 18.66
4. Paige Evans; 22.34
5. Skylar Mohr; 26.62
6. Sydney Evans; 28.57

Sr. Barrels:

1. Kaylee Braun; 19.30
2. Alexandra Stange; 22.34
3. Cassie Artz; 22.73
4. Trey Wright; 27.22

Jr. Poles:

1. Danielle Podoll; 23.16
2. Danielle Podoll; 25.01
3. Paige Sydner; 25.94
4. Sydney Evans; 37.48
5. Kira Goldade; 40.90
6. Collin Sprinkel; 41.93

Sr Poles:

1. Alexandra Stange; 28.42
2. Kaylee Braun, 29.30
3. Katie Buttolph; 39.28

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A special thanks needs to be given to the man who accidentally left his keys in his car. Without his unlikely oversight Lynn would not have been able to find help. Also, a sincere thanks to all of the people who searched for our faithful dog, Nelly.

The Gus Lawson and Vietor families

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OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
AUGUST 11, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District #6-2 was called to order on August 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Rich Schlosser with all members present. Others present were Justin Downes, Jessica Ringgenberg, Deb Klapperich, Rick Downes and Marty Morlock.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 14-11 Motion by Forsting second by Sumption to approve the agenda. All aye, carried.

Action 14-12 Motion by Forsting second by Sumption to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

Minutes
Financial Statements as presented.

Bills
All aye, carried.

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL AUGUST CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND: A & B BUSINESS, INC, CHAIR MATS, 323.12; BLEDSOE FAMILY CHIRO CLINIC, BUS PHYSICAL, 75.00; BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL, FEES, 46.80; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 1,530.32; COUNCIL ON COLLEGE ADMISSION IN SD, FEES, 70.00; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, 179.37; DAKOTA ELECTRONICS, FEES, 20.00; DECKER EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, 809.67; DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, FEES, 43.25; DOWNES, JUSTIN, MEALS & MILEAGE, 52.85; DREAMBOX LEARNING, 95 SEAT SUBSCRIPTION, 2,375.00; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 261.77; FOREMAN SALES AND SERVICE, REPAIRS, 92.80; GROTON INDEPENDENT, INC, PRINTING, 276.24; HOUGHTON MIFFLIN CO., WORKBOOKS, 758.34; HOUSE OF GLASS, INC, REPAIRS, 98.59; HUB AREA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, FEES, 1,718.00; JAMES VALLEY COOP. TELE. CO., TELEPHONE, 345.25; KLAPPERICH, DEBORAH, PAINT, 31.85; LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, 950.62; MARC, SUPPLIES, 8.00; MCGRAW HILL COMPANIES, STUDENT ACTIVITY BOOK, 349.26; MENARDS ABERDEEN, REPAIRS, 205.80; NEMEC, BRIGETTE, FINGERPRINTING, 7.00; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS, 27.34; PEARSON, AIMSWEB COMPLETE, 540.00; PJ TECHNOLOGIES, INC., GOVERLAN 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION, 160.00; PODOLL, LANCE, BUS PHYSICAL, 75.00; RINGGENBERG, JESSICA, TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS, 140.00; RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., REPAIRS, 85.21; SANDER'S SEW-N-VAC, REPAIRS, 46.49; SCHOLASTIC CLASSROOM MAGAZINE, SUPPLIES, 317.83; SCHOLASTIC, INC., PAPERBACKS, 127.78; SD

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**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING/ OPEN HOUSE**

Project P 0037(129)207; PCN 039K; BROWN COUNTY

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Grading, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalk, Roadway Lighting, AC Surfacing

Date: September 4, 2014
Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. CDT
Place: Groton Community Center
109 N. 3rd Street
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A presentation will take place shortly after 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, SDDOT staff will be available with displays to discuss the proposed project and answer your questions. During this time, you will also have the opportunity to present written comments.

Information will be available on the acquisition of right-of-way and relocation assistance. This project is being developed in compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

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All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting to share your views and concerns any time between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

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Information presented at the Public Meeting/Open House will be posted on the SDDOT web site after the meeting at <http://sddot.com/dot/publicmeetings/default.aspx>.

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; Eric Sumption, board salary, 63.88. Special Ed: Teachers, 8290.28; SS & Med, 1904.24; Delta Dental, insurance, 44.94; SD District Benefit Fund, insurance, 1109.90; SDRS, retirement, 753.18; VSP, insurance, 8.60; Amanda Kallas, summer hours, 362.61. Food Service Fund: Support, 134.12; SS & Med, 28.32;

The following reports were given at this time:

Justin Downes – Superintendent/AD

Jessica Ringgenberg – Principal

Justin Downes – Transportation

Rick Downes – Grounds and Maintenance

Justin Downes – Athletic Co-op

Richard Scholsser – Hub Area Vo Tech

Action 14-13 Motion by Sumption second by Ellwein to accept the contracts of Donna Hoffman, paraprofessional, \$10.50/hour; Wayne Haas, assistant track coach, \$2900.00 and Marcus Robinson, head boys basketball coach, \$3583.00. All aye, carried.

Action 14-14 Motion by Sumption second by Nickelson to authorize CEO Justin Downes and Board President Richard Schlosser to sign the Petition for Hearing and Report of Trustees in the Matter of the Trust of Ovid J. Stevens and return to Rodney

Freeman for the Circuit Court filing. All aye, carried.

Action 14-15 Motion by Ellwein second by Forsting to accept the proposed amendment to the Negotiated Agreement.

All aye, carried.

Action 14-16 Motion by Sumption, second by Nickelson to accept the home school applications of family A and family B. All aye, carried.

Action 14-17 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to accept the open enrollment application. All aye, carried.

Action 14-18 Motion by Forsting, second by Sumption to approve the Facility Use Agreement as presented. All aye, carried.

The current Leola-Frederick Co-op coaching contracts offered by Leola were reviewed.

A discussion was held concerning the FMS program facilitated by Marty Morlock.

Marty Morlock request that the Board of Education consider hiring a third track coach. This was tabled for future discussion and decision.

Summer projects of the FACS room and the needed flashing on the north side of the building were discussed.

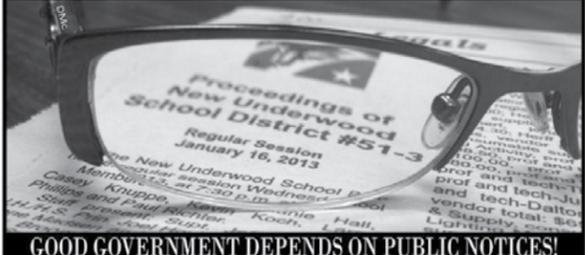
Thank you and congratulations were read and will be posted on the school web site.

A discussion followed concerning the use of the Wellness Center. CEO Downes will send a letter requesting that members

follow the regulations as specified in their contract.

Action 14-19 Motion by Forsting second by Sumption to adjourn. All aye, carried.

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Beginning Checking Bal.	\$274,298.23	\$461,769.54	\$121,023.60	\$66,597.90
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	\$35,895.55	\$2,912.32	\$1,446.25	\$291.43
Local Sources	\$12,123.17			
Interest	\$36.21			
Federal & State	\$64,275.00			
Investments	\$823,379.20	\$40,429.40	\$256,175.05	\$45,189.23
Disbursements	\$112,052.32	\$138,909.74	\$11,943.30	\$0.00
CLOSING BALANCE	\$1,097,955.04	\$366,201.52	\$366,701.60	\$112,078.56
	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED	FOOD SERVICE FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
Beginning Balance	\$90,012.94	\$275.09	\$818.80	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$2,612.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Disbursements	\$4,698.75	\$0.00	\$334.12	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$87,926.22	\$275.09	\$484.68	\$19,090.52

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**Brown County
Aug. 19
General Meeting**



AUGUST 19, 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. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting minutes of August 12, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: Kone \$300.00; Language Line Services \$749.00; Sanford Health \$384.00; Schreiber Law Firm \$225.02; SD Secretary of State \$7.00.

Transcripts: Sara Zahn \$85.00.

Publishing: Groton Independent \$340.19; Hub City Radio \$300.00.

Rentals: BOPA \$300.00; JAS Properties \$123.00; Key Investments \$260.00; Ted Kneebone \$130.00; Daniel Pelican \$150.00; Wolfson Apartments \$300.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: ACE Refrigeration \$124.95; Clark Engineering \$1,100.00; Climate Control \$6,266.32; D & S Service \$113.00; DNA Auto \$387.98; Fastenal \$77.22; G & K Services \$374.69; GCR Tires & Services \$1500.96; Graham Tire \$71.40; Hoven Auto Repair \$72.50; Kone \$15,590.00; Leidholt Electric \$107.14; Overhead Door \$295.92; Steven Lust Automotive \$75.60.

Supplies: 446-Praxair \$118.87; AASLH \$115.00; Aberdeen Asphalt \$369,318.97; Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$885.00; Advance Auto Parts \$14.69; Best Business Products \$176.80; CarQuest Auto Parts \$2,374.17; Dakota Electronics \$5,728.00; DSG \$1,198.90; Dickey Co. Extension \$35.50; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$131.45; Gardener Locksmithing \$100.00; GCR Tires & Services \$54.00; Kessler's \$441.57; LexisNexis \$77.60; Lien Transportation \$197,733.08; Marco \$34.31; Menards \$289.84; NCFE - Warner Elevator \$51,566.24; Network Services \$240.00; North Star Energy \$432.29; Pitney Bowes \$5,000.00; Pizza Ranch \$857.42; Service Signs \$1,260.21; Sewer Duck \$205.00; Share Corp. \$181.00; TrueNorth Steel \$24,975.00; Marla Zastrow \$8.97.

Travel & Conference: City of Groton \$15.54; Gene Loeschke \$289.51; Lora Schaubman \$539.41.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,735.11; CenturyLink \$1,132.04; Exec. Mgmt. \$96.66; Northern Electric \$998.24; NWPS

\$3,288.11; Verizon \$200.05. Improvements Other Than Buildings: B & B Contracting \$21,114.09.

Machinery & Equipment: HC Clark Implement \$19,975.00. Other: SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$2,374.17. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to acknowledge resignation of Debra Miller (Dispatch Center), effective August 19, 2014; and approve request to fill vacancy. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve the following employee to work security during the Brown County Fair - August 11-17, 2014: Alan Petersen. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Agreement, submitted by Nicole Zelmer and Dennis Zelmer for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge on September 13-14, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Subordination Agreement for a Poor Relief Lien with Aberdeen Federal Credit Union on Lot 3 Foster's Second Subdivision of Lots 17 and 18, Block 42 and Lots 1 and 2, Block 47, Thomas Addition to Aberdeen, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FREDERICK AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to set public hearing to consider petitions for establishing the Frederick Area Fire Protection District, to be held on September 9, 2014 at 8:50 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL UNIT 1 CLOSURE CHANGE ORDER #2: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Change Order #2 (final) decreasing final project cost by \$2,947.98 (total project \$412,781.77). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL UNIT 1 CLOSURE PAYMENT REQUEST: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Request #5 (final) for Landfill Unit 1 Closure Project to B & B Contracting in amount of \$21,114.09. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Abatement: Carlen and Carrie Hanson @ \$572.50 (Bath Sewer). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising public hearing to consider the following Special

Malt Beverage License Application submitted by The Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, 516 S Main Street, Aberdeen for special event at Web Water Development on September 11, 2014 (Lt 2 Web Water Development First Subdivision in the N 1/2 of Sec 21-T123N-R64W 38456 Hwy 12 W); to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:45 a.m. on September 9, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign application, submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Highway #13 in the SW 1/4 of Sec 34-T124N-R60W, Brown County, SD to provide electric services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign application, submitted by James Valley Telecommunications for occupancy of Brown County Highway #9 in Sec 32-T126N-R63W, Brown County, SD to provide telecommunication services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign application, submitted by James Valley Telecommunications for occupancy of Brown County Highway #12E in Sec 27/28/21-T123N-R60W, Brown County, SD to provide telecommunication services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to deny application, submitted by The City of Aberdeen for occupancy of Brown County 14W in Sec 28-30-T123N-R64W and Sec 25, 36-T123N-R64W Brown County, SD for installation of pipes for storm water discharge to be controlled by pumps. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to present substitute motion to approve application, submitted by The City of Aberdeen for occupancy of Brown County 14W in Sec 28-30-T123N-R64W and Sec 25, 36-T123N-R64W Brown County, SD for installation of pipes for storm water discharge to be controlled by pumps, contingent upon Brown County Commission approval in regard to when the hi-volume pump can be activated for the storm water discharge. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-nay, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-nay, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Motion approved.

ASSURANCE LIFE/ACCIDENT: Dean Karlen introduced Jamie Ehnes as the agent of record in Aberdeen representing Assurance Life/Accident; and further introduced Dave Beck who presented a brief overview of Legal Shield (formerly Pre-Paid Legal), an employee insurance group for legal services and fraud protection services.

ARCADIS UPDATE: Thomas J Fischer, PE, Arcadis met to update the Commission on the status of the ongoing environ-

mental monitoring Northwestern Energy is conducting at its former manufactured gas plant on the northeast side of Aberdeen; and further requested ongoing access to property owned by Brown County for future monitoring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss a contract, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to acknowledge that Attorney Chris Jansen has surrendered his license to the state bar and is no longer qualified to participate in the Brown County Attorney Contract, effective July 31, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to authorize withholding payment under the attorney contract to Gina Rogers until proper documentation is submitted to the Auditor's Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until August 26, 2014. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
Frederick
Area
Fire District**



NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING A PETITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREDERICK AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission of the 9th day of September 2014 beginning at 8:50 a.m. in the Brown County Commissioners Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, SD, to consider the Petition filed by qualified voters in the area for the establishment of Frederick Area Fire Protection District, said area in square miles to be included in the district is 312 square miles.

City of Frederick, Brown County, South Dakota pursuant to the Plat thereof of record

Palmyra Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 128 North of Range 65 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Osceola Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 128 North of Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Savo Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 128 North of Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Allison Township: Sections

1-36 inclusive, all in Township 127 North of Range 65 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Frederick Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive (except the City of Frederick), all in Township 127 North of Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Richland Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 127 North of Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Franklyn Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 126 North of Range 65 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Oneota Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 126 North of Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Brainard Township: Sections 1-12 inclusive; sections 16-21 inclusive, sections 28-33 inclusive, all in Township 126 North of Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

All persons residing in or owning taxable property within the proposed district shall have an opportunity to be heard respecting the formation of such district or the location of the boundaries thereof. Thereupon the board of county commissioners shall determine whether the proposed district is suited to the general fire protection policy of the county, determine the boundaries of the proposed district, and make a written order of such determination to be filed in the office of the county auditor.

Dated this 19th day of August 2014

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0826.0902)

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**Groton
City
Red
Dragon
Saloon**



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR 2014-2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council on the 2nd day of September, 2014, at the hour of 7:30pm in City Hall, 209 N Main, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider the following new application for alcoholic beverage license to operate within the City of Groton, South Dakota for the 2014-2015 licensing period, which have been presented to the governing body and filed on the Finance Office.

Tim Thurston, dba Thirsty's Lodge & Suites & Red Dragon Saloon- 32 N Main St - Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person, persons, or their representative may appear at said scheduled public hearing and present objections to any or

all of the above applicants, if any objections there be.

Dated at Groton, South Dakota this 25th day of August, 2014 Anita Lowary, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$6.76.

**Groton
City
Yard
Waste
Removal**



Ordinance No. 693

An Ordinance Entitled: "An Ordinance Amending the 2012 Revised Ordinances For the City of Groton As It Pertains To Yard Waste Removal."

Be It Ordained By the City of Groton that the following paragraph be amended in section 4-1-11 to read as follows:

4-1-11 Yard Waste Removal. The person, firm, corporation or business responsible for disposal of yard waste shall not place or leave on any public street, road, alley or sidewalk or other public grounds in the City of Groton any yard waste which may obstruct the free use of said street, road, alley or sidewalk or public ground or which could obstruct storm water gutters or inlets.

Passed First Reading - 8/1/14
Passed Second Reading - 8/18/14

Published - 8/27/14
Effective Date - 9/16/14
Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Attest:
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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**Groton
City
Weber
Variance
Notice**



NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on Sept 22, 2014 at 7:00pm CDT at City Hall, 209 N Main, Groton, SD for a variance of Title 9, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Michael & Lorrie Weber, 307 N Second St, Groton, SD, for the reduction in side yard from 7 feet to 1.5 feet for the construction of a garage on property legally described as Original Plat, Block 9, North 42 feet of Lot 16 and South 35 feet of Lot 17. A variance is required for the reduction in required minimum side yard size in a Residential 1 (R1) District.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this variance may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Anita Lowary
Zoning Administrator
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Groton City
Aug. 18
Meeting
Minutes



August 18, 2014

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Blackmun, Opp, Glover, Flihs, Muilenburg, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, and representatives from the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank 9,429.52 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; City of Huron 3,000.00 water slide; Aberdeen Police Dept 175.00 registration; SD Municipal League 100.00 registration; 1st State Bank 30.00 NSF charges; April Abeln 231.00 med,dep flex; AFLAC 906.52 emp ins; Buhls 30.50 rug rent; Burlington Northern RR 438.47 rent; Dearborn Natl Life Ins 90.50 life ins; Ecolab 94.70 pest control; Geffdow Designs 420.17 t-shirts,caps; Groton Ford 328.28 repairs; Guardian Ins 218.76 emp ins;

Heartland Cons Power District 40,886.76 power; Adam Herman 35.00 umpiring; Johnson Trucking 400.00 slide frt; Brady Keith 15.00 umpiring; Brandon Keith 125.00 umpiring; Ken's Food Fair 2,738.51 gas, cleaners, food; Kessler's 60.00 pop; Lori's Pharmacy 56.70 books, batteries; Anita Lowary 230.08 mileage,books; NWP3 3,241.85 power delivery; Olde Bank Floral N More 30.00 flower; Jackson Oliver 130.00 umpiring; RDO - John Deere Cr 138.48 blades; Truitt Rogers 70.00 umpiring-Midgts; SD State Treas 7,327.82 sales tax; SD Supplement Retirement 1,590.00 emp retirement; Aaron Severson 90.00 umpiring; Alec Voss 35.00 umpiring; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,261.41 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 25,194.59 power

Department reports were given. Street project updates and electric outage plans were given. Questions regarding the bricks being hauled to the rubble site by Clint Jacobson, Jr. were answered. An offer from Neal Abeln to spray for weeds in the park, cemetery, swimming pool area and community center was accepted.

Betty Breck came before the Council at 7:12pm to discuss membership opportunities with the Brown County Historic Society. She also announced that she is helping to seek a grant for the stained glass window repairs needed at the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to give 2nd Reading to Ordinance No. 693, The Removal of Yard Waste. All members present voted aye.

A complaint on an unkempt yard was reviewed and the Finance Officer was directed to sent the property owner a reminder.

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Blackmun to pass the following 2014 Special Assessment Bonding Resolution. All members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-818
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2014, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000; FIXING THE FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE BONDS; RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN RELATED INSTRUMENTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON, BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. Ratification of Prior Actions and Declaration of Necessity. All actions heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution) by

the Council and by the officers of the City directed toward the issuance of the bonds are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. The City hereby declares a necessity to issue Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2014.

Section 2. Issuance of Special Assessment Bonds. To provide funds to pay the costs of the improvements, the City shall issue, without a vote to its electors, its registered bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000, to be issued in full conformity with the provisions of SDCL Chapters 9-43 and 6-8B. The Bonds shall be issued in lieu of Special Assessment Certificates and shall be payable solely from special assessments made against property benefited from the Improvements. The bonds do not constitute a debt within the meaning of Article XIII Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota.

2.1. Date and Denomination of Bonds. The bonds will be dated in 2014 and shall also bear the date of authentication, shall be in fully registered form shall be on such terms and conditions as are determined by the Mayor and Finance Officer, shall be numbered 1 and upward, and the bonds shall become due and payable as determined by the Mayor and Finance Officer.

2.2. Interest and Principal Payments. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 3.95% from their date or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount of the bonds is paid, such interest (computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) being payable as determined by the Mayor and Finance Officer. Interest on each bond shall be paid by check, draft or wire transfer of the Finance Officer, Groton, South Dakota, hereby designated as the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent, payable in lawful money of the United States of America, to the person in whose name such bond is registered at the close of business on the last day of the month next preceding the interest payment date. The principal of the bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the principal office of the Bond Registrar.

Section 3. Redemption. All Bonds are redeemable prior to maturity in whole, or in part, at the option of the City. All bonds are redeemable pursuant to SDCL Chapter 6-8B. Prior to any redemption date, the City shall deposit with the Bond Registrar an amount of money sufficient to pay the redemption price of all the bonds or portions of bonds which are to be redeemed on that date.

Section 4. Authentication. All bonds shall have thereon a certificate of authentication substantially in the form hereinafter set forth duly executed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent of the City and showing the date of authentication. No bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under this resolution unless and until such certificates of authentication shall have been duly executed by the Bond Registrar by manual signature, and such certificate of authentication upon any such bond shall be conclusive evidence that such bond has been authenticated and delivered under this resolution. The certificate of authentication on any bond shall be deemed to have been executed by the Bond Registrar if signed by an authorized officer of the Bond Registrar, but it shall not be necessary that the same officer sign the certificate of authentication on all of the bonds issued hereunder.

Section 5. Registration of bonds; persons treated as owners. The City shall cause books (the "Bond Registrar") for the registration and for the transfer of the bonds as provided in this resolution to be kept at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, which is hereby constituted and appointed the registrar of the City. The City is authorized to prepare, and the Bond Registrar shall keep custody of, multiple bond books executed by the City for use in the transfer and exchange of bonds.

Section 6. Form of Bond. The Bonds shall be prepared in

substantially the form on file with the Finance Officer.

Section 7. Sale of Bonds. The Mayor and Municipal Finance Officer are authorized to sell said bonds upon terms and conditions not inconsistent with this resolution to First State Bank or their designee. The Finance Officer shall deliver upon receipt of the purchase price therefore; the Bonds to said purchaser. The bonds shall be purchased for a price not less than 100%.

Prior to the delivery of any of the bonds, the Municipal Finance Officer shall execute a certificate describing the improvements (by number) which are to be financed by the proceeds of the bonds being delivered, stating the amount of unpaid assessments for such improvements, and stating that said assessments have been appropriated and pledged to the bond fund hereby created.

Section 8. Creation of Bond Fund. The proceeds of the bonds, including accrued interest thereon, upon receipt thereof, shall be deposited promptly by the Municipal Finance Officer and shall be accounted for in the following manner and are hereby pledged therefore:

8.1. Accrued interest received for the bonds shall be deposited in the Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2014, Bond Fund (the "Bond Fund") which is hereby created for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds. The accrued interest and funds deposited by the City at the time of the delivery of the bonds, shall be used for the first installment of interest on the bonds; and

8.2. The balance of such proceeds shall be credited to the improvement account created by the Finance Officer to pay the costs of, or reimburse the City for the costs of, the improvements.

Section 9. Covenants of Tax Exemption. The City hereby covenants for the benefit of each holder of the bonds that:

9.1. Bond proceeds and other sums credited to the improvement account shall not be invested in such manner as to result in the loss of exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds;

9.2. The City shall make no use of the proceeds of the bonds which, if such use had been reasonably expected on the date of the issue of the bonds, would have caused them or could cause the governmental obligations of any subsequent issue to be "arbitrage bonds" under Section 103(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the applicable regulations thereunder; and the City and its officer, employees and other agents shall take appropriate action so that on the basis of the facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of issue of the bonds it is reasonably expected that the proceeds of the bonds will be used in a manner that will not cause the bonds nor the governmental obligations of any subsequent issue to be such taxable "arbitrage bonds"; and

9.3. The City certifies the following:

9.3.1. The Bonds are being issued for a valid essential governmental purpose and are not "private activity bonds" as defined by the Code. None of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to make or finance loans to any person. The City does not anticipate issuing more than \$5,000,000 in tax exempt obligations during the current calendar year. The Bonds are "qualified tax exempt obligations" as described by the Code.

9.3.2. The covenants in this Section impose an obligation on the City to comply with the requirement of Section 103 of the Code, and such income tax regulations; but

9.3.3. The proceeds of the bonds may be otherwise invested if and when the Code and Regulations thereunder permit the investment to be made in the manner made without causing the bonds or the governmental obligations of any subsequent issue to become such taxable "arbitrage bonds".

9.3.4. The Bonds are hereby designated for the purposes of 265(b)(3)(B)(i)(III) to be qualified tax-exempt obligations.

Section 10. Pledge of Special Assessments. The Special As-

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essment Bond Fund 2014 (hereafter "Bond Fund") is hereby created. For the purpose of providing the necessary funds to make required payments of principal of and interest on the bonds, the City hereby irrevocably pledges all amounts derived from special assessments for all improvements and all moneys in the Bond Fund. No moneys may be transferred out of the fund until all obligations which are or may be charged against the Bond Fund have been discharged.

10.1. Deposit of Assessments into Bond Fund. Such assessments as created by Resolution 14-818 passed by the City on August 18, 2014, when collected and received by the City, shall be deposited immediately into the Bond Fund. In the event the amount in the Bond Fund is insufficient to pay all principal and interest when due, such amount shall first be used to pay any past due interest and then in pro rata payment of current interest. Any balance shall be paid on bonds issued hereunder in order of serial numbers; provided that no bondholder shall be compelled to accept partial payment on any bond.

Section 11. Event Constituting Default. In event of nonpayment of principal or interest on any of the bonds, such action shall constitute a default as to all bonds and shall enable the holders of any or all outstanding bonds, whether or not the same shall be due, acting individually or collectively, to take such action as they may deem necessary to protect the security of their bonds.

Section 12. Registered Form. The City recognizes that Section 149(a) of the Code requires the bonds to be issued and to remain in fully registered form in order that interest thereon is exempt from federal income taxation under laws in force at the time the bonds are delivered. In this connection, the City agrees that it will not take any action to permit the bonds to be issued in, or converted into, bearer or coupon form.

Section 13. List of Bondholders. The Bond Registrar shall maintain a list of the names and addresses of the holders of all bonds and upon transfer shall add the name and address of the new bondholder and eliminate the name and address of the transferor bondholder.

Section 14. Authorization to Furnish Information. The Municipal Finance Officer is authorized and directed to furnish to bond counsel certified copies of all proceedings and records of the City relating to the bonds and to the improvements financed thereby and to the right and power of the City to make the assessments securing payment of the bonds and all said certified copies and certificates shall be deemed representative of the City as to the facts therein stated.

Section 15. Authorization to Take Action. The Mayor and Finance Officer of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take all other action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, negotiating the final terms of the bonds, the printing of the bonds, and the execution of such certificates as may reasonably be required, including, without limitation, certification relating to the signing of the bonds, the tenure and identity of the City's officials, the exemption of interest on the bonds from federal income taxation, the receipt of the bond purchase price and, if in accordance with the facts, the absence of litigation affecting the validity thereof.

Section 16. Resolution Constitutes Contract. After the bonds have been issued, this resolution shall constitute a contract between the City and the holder or holders of the bonds, and shall be and remain irrevocable and unalterable until the bonds and the interest accruing thereon shall have been duly paid, satisfied and discharged.

Section 17. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Councilman Blackmun reported on the baseball advisory committee meeting. The Groton Baseball Foundation will join the

advisory committee and seek funds to do the needed repairs to the complex. The following persons were elected as officers: President Lars Hanson; Secretary Kathy Bjerke; Treasurer Brenda Waage; Steve Giedt as Fundraising Director; Matt Locke as Facilities Director; Justin Hanson as Promotion and Advertising Director; and David Blackmun as City Council Liaison. The next meeting was set for August 25 at the American Legion.

A suggestion for a fund raiser was presented.

Modern Woodsmen (Curt Mitchell) presented the City Park with \$1,000 gift certificate to Parkview Nursery for new trees.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to authorize two to attend the Water and Wastewater conference in Watertown on Sept 17-19. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Flihs to set the meeting date on Sept 2, 2014 due to the Labor Day holiday. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Muilenburg to authorize Finance Officer Lowary to seek temporary funding for cash flow up to \$500,000 which will be repaid with sales and property taxes before Dec. 31, 2014. All members present voted aye.

Finance Officer Lowary introduced the 2015 proposed city budget. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to have a special meeting August 26 at 5:30pm at City Hall for the purpose of discussing the budget and giving 1st reading to the 2014 Appropriation Ordinance.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$103.53.



Gonsoir receives Farmers Union Check

Joellen Gonsoir was one of the recipients of the Stanley Moore Scholarships sponsored by the Farmers Union Industries Foundation.

Gonsoir is pictured receiving a check for \$1,500 from Doug Sombke, president of the S.D. Farmers Union. Sombke said that this was the first time he was able to present a check to someone from his home town of Groton in the eight years serving on the Farmers Union.

Gonsoir is attending the University of Minnesota, Crookston. She plans to obtain a degree in agricultural business and communications, with a minor in animal science.

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It is a great time of the year as we experience our local county fairs and achievement days. I am especially proud as I watch the students in the 4-H programs. They are now gearing up for the State Fair. I have great memories of the Spink County Achievement Days. We were proud of what we had raised and we enjoyed showing them. The SD State Fair was always a highlight and a goal for us as we worked on those projects. I learned so much during my days in both 4-H and FFA. These are such great programs and yet they are in danger of being eliminated in many places due to budget cuts and the difficulty of getting instructors. Many of those who are skilled at teaching our students these important lessons are leaving



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the field of education to pursue other areas of employment where they can support their families more adequately. We need to protect these and other such programs.

Other exciting things are happening now, too, as the school year begins and the fall sports programs are starting. Soon we will have the exciting football and soccer games, volleyball matches, and golf and cross country meets. Homecoming, with the parades and so many activities, will entertain us, too. I will be at many of the parades throughout District 2 but some of them fall on the same day so I will get to what I can and I hope to see you at other activities as well. Please stop by and say hello when we are in the area.

As school is starting it is sad to see that many of our schools are still trying to find teachers. Schools are dealing with this problem in the best ways that they can and have had to be very creative to solve the problem. I have been pursuing this issue and this is one of the main reasons I ran for the State Senate in 2012. We absolutely have to make progress in this area. As I have said many times we are at a crisis situation for many reasons: teachers are leaving the field of education, many teachers are retiring, teachers are going to other states where they can make higher salaries, and we just don't have many students choosing to go into education. We need to accept that we are in crisis mode and do something about it. Yet when we had a resolution in the 2014 Legislative Session to recognize this issue it was killed. At the very least we need to recognize this issue but the opposition party said no. Media all over the state were very critical of this action. Before we can fix the problem we have to recognize that there is a problem.

The political news in SD has been dominated by discussion of the EB-5 program and the failure of the state to adequately investigate what has been happening in this area. The EB-5 program was used to bring big projects to SD like the packing plant in Aberdeen. Yet it is apparent that some things were done very wrong and that state money was used improperly. One death has resulted and many questions have gone unanswered. Our party's leaders have been pushing for a forensic audit and have attempted to get more transparency concerning "who knew what and when". This seems reasonable yet we have been pursuing this throughout the past year to no avail. We will continue to push for answers.

We also continue to work for solutions for our roads and bridges. We will have meetings in Pierre on August 26 and 27 to put together the information that we have received at our input meetings held throughout the state. I want to thank everyone who attended those in Watertown and Aberdeen to let us know about the issues you are facing. We absolutely need to find relief for the counties and townships. The problems are huge and at our meetings we heard the message that people are willing to pay more to have better roads.

It is a privilege to serve District 2. Thank you for this opportunity.
 Chuck Welke
 District 2 State Senate