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Boys Soccer Team Is State Champion



Front (left to right): Austin Jones, Wyatt Locke, Anthony Schinkel, Grady O'Neill, Clayton Kurtz, Hunter Schaller, Cade Guthmiller, Joel DeLoera

Middle (left to right): Coach Craig Sternhagen, James Thompson, Devon Poppen, Jacob Milbrandt, Trevor Pray, Clayton Kurtz, Zack Crosby, Lane Weig, Luke Sternhagen, Stormy Bahr, Coach Mike Becker

Back: (left to right): Tyler Scott, Rayce Harder, Martin Rygg, Landon Larson, Hunter Lerew, Chance Strom, Nick Dalchow, Truitt Rogers, Coach Mike Becker, and statistician Alyssa Sippel.

(SDPB Photo)

Groton wins first SDHSAA sporting title since 2004

This is Groton Area's first ever SDHSAA State A Soccer Title. It was the girls cross country team in 2004 that last won a South Dakota High School Activities Association sponsored state title.

State Champions

- 2014- Boys Soccer
- 2004 - Girls Cross Country
- 1986- Boys Track
- 1983- Boys Track
- 1982- Boys Track
- 1979- Gymnastics
- 1978- Gymnastics
- 1976 - Wrestling

Runner-up

- 2008- Football
- 2007- Football
- 1977- Boys Track



The seniors on the State Championship Team are Tyler Scott, Landon Larson, Nick Dalchow, Devon Poppen, Chance Strom, Zack Crosby, Rayce Harder, Luke Sternhagen, Stormy Bahr, Jacob Milbrandt; in front are coaches Mike Becker and Craig Sternhagen. (Photo by Julie Milbrandt)



Chance Strom - Groton Area Player of the Match (SDPB Photo)

Groton Boys Are State Soccer Champions

The Groton Boys Soccer team defeated Sioux Falls Christian after 80 minutes of regulation, two ten minute overtimes, and penalty kicks to claim the State A Boys Soccer Championship on Saturday, October 11, 2014 in Mitchell. It was a double sweet day for Coach Mike Becker as it was his birthday, celebrating it with a state title. Even though Groton played one player short for 45 minutes due to a penalty, the Tigers were able to claim the victory with great defense and a will to win. Scoring in the penalty kick phase for Groton were: Jacob Milbrandt, Luke Sternhagen, Wyatt Kurtz, Martin Rygg and finally Landon Larson. Groton's Chance Strom was selected as player of the game.



Luke Sternhagen battles for the ball in the state soccer title game with Sioux Falls Christian.

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Wyatt Kurtz, Stormy Bahr, Jacob Milbrandt

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Jacob Milbrandt gets in front of this Sioux Falls Christian player.

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Student count at school lunch program is up
 Lunch count is up 15 students per day compared to last year. "That's a good thing to have," said Superintendent Joe Schwan at the school board meeting Monday night. "If the student count stays up, we should be in good shape in our lunch fund."

Business Manager Mike Weber presented the financial report. He said that the general fund balance is down by \$160,000 from this same time last year. Part of that is a reduction in state aid and also lower beginning fund balance. The Capital Outlay Fund is up, primarily because of the higher beginning fund balance.

Two buses were surplused. There were two bids that were submitted. Harlow's of Webster bid came in at \$1,550 for both buses, just \$50 under the total appraised value.

The elementary girls basketball tournament is set for November 8. Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow reported that there was 100 percent participation in the Muffins for Mom in the kindergarten class. Fifth grade band will begin October 27. Sarah Lewandowski will have a NSU sophomore field experience with Zoellner's second grade class and Dylan Hanson will be with Winburn's third grade class.

High School Principal Anna Schwan reported that Holly Hoffman was the guest speaker for the junior REAL presentation. The end of the first quarter will be October 17.

Ashley Gibbs, Sydney Thorson and Kaitlyn O'Neill presented to the school board the government's class project. The plan is to remove the gravel, put in dirt (donated by Jon Anderson) and plant the grass seed yet this fall. Scott Thorson, the government teacher, said, "It's going to look a heck of a lot better than what it looks like right now," Thorson said. "There are a lot of things that we can do." Preliminary plans call for blading the gravel and hauling in the dirt. Gravel paths will be put in place and trees will be planted as well inside the football field complex.

Travis Kiefer was approved as a volunteer debate coach for 2014-15.

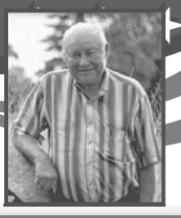
The district received a little over \$9,800 from the state that is to be used for teacher salaries. The board approved the negotiated rate of about \$180 per teacher over the next 12 months. Thereafter, it will be added to the district's base pay.

Marty Weismantel will be the district's voting representative at the ASBSD convention November 21 in Pierre.

A print publication is going to be discontinued at the end of 2014. The Associated School Boards of South Dakota has a monthly bulletin that it has been publishing and sending to school board members. That publication will be discontinued and information will be posted on its blog brief site.

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Houdek to celebrate 99th Birthday

Laverna Houdek of Groton, SD celebrates her 99th birthday on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. She enjoys visiting with friends and is still an avid Twins fan. Win or lose, Laverna, never misses a Twins game on TV. Greetings may be sent to 1005 Redwood Lane, Aberdeen SD, 57401.

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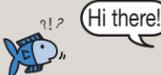
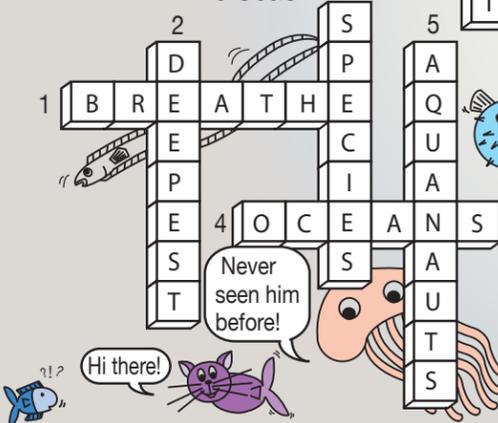
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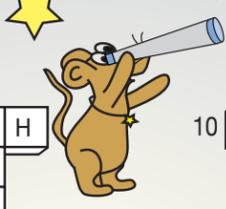
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Solution to last week's Fun Page

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High Games: Joyce Sanderson 182, Darci Spanier 181, Mary Jane Jark 171.

High Series: Mavis Rossow 471, Sue Stanley 456, Mary Jane Jark 455.

Pheasant Opener

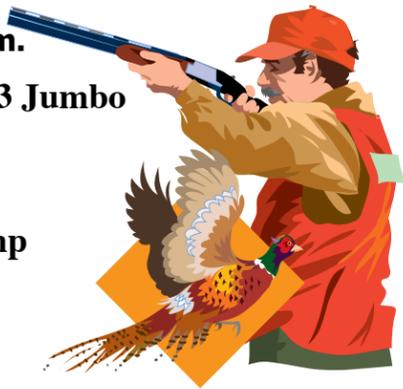
Friday, Oct. 17, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

10 oz. Sirloin, Baked Potato, 3 Jumbo Shrimp with Salad, \$19.50

12 oz. Baked Walleye Filet, baked potato, 3 Jumbo Shrimp with Salad \$19.50



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Groton Dairy Queen not affected by hack

Kmart and Dairy Queen customers should check their credit- and debit-card statements for shady activity. Nearly 400 Dairy Queen restaurants, including three in South Dakota - De Smet, Hot Springs and Custer, were recently hacked. The retailer and the fast-food chain have become the latest businesses to reveal that their payment systems were hacked.

Columbia City Oct. 7 Meeting Minutes



Unapproved Minutes
City of Columbia Council Meeting
October 7, 2014 7pm
CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Mayor Corey Mitchell
ROLL CALL T. Kampa, A. Davis, C. Kampa, E Kuschel-Harr
Public attending
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Motion to approve A Davis, 2nd Kuschel-Harr
FINANCIAL REPORT/WARRANT VOUCHERS Warrants: Parks/Streets: Kevin Hamilton, 894.11 Corey Mitchell, 133.91 Andrew Davis, 47.03 Utilities: James Valley Tecom, 137.65 NorthWestern Energy, 422.77 (fd 56.51) Web Water, 21.44 Repairs/Supplies: Jensen Rock and Sand, 169.33 Full Circle Ag, 764.33 John Deere Financial, 44.87 Runnings, 165.70 Brown County Treasurer, 778.95 Titan Access, 48.25 Publishing: Groton Independent, 15.72 Finance Officer Wages: A Bisbee, 230.87 Taxes:
SD Unemployment, 21.90 United States Treasury, 41.97 Miscellaneous: Emily Larson, 400.00 Sewer:
NorthWestern Energy, 16.00 A Bisbee, 61.57
Motion to approve A Davis, 2nd T Kampa
COMMUNITY COMMENTS
CORRESPONDENCE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Nuisances - City wide letter to be sent about barking dogs in town. Send letter to Steve Ackerman to clean up yard.
Streets- Need to blade
Parks- Water pipes drained to concession and bathrooms. Boat ramp is under review
Lagoon/sewer- Sample needs to be taken and sent in. Needs to be drained before winter
Sewer accounts- Rubble Site- Will need to be burned this fall
NEW BUSINESS- Reviewed information for a Municipal Tax. Motion to adjourn meeting Kuschel-Harr, 2nd T Kampa
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$16.22.

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Brown County Oct. 7 Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 7, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING

The Brown County Commission convened at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting minutes of September 30, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Commission \$3,527.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$3,992.74; Auditor \$7,138.87; Treasurer \$11,647.68; Data Processing \$3,262.61; State's Attorney \$14,517.95; Blood Draws \$300.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,825.94; Maintenance \$6,020.27; Assessor \$12,733.30; Register of Deeds \$8,422.87; Veterans Service Office \$3,260.54; GIS \$2,147.60; Sheriff Admin \$34,258.22; Jail \$32,194.63; JDC \$14,967.24; HD \$4,947.78; Welfare Office \$3,104.47; Museum \$6,928.16; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,191.10; Fair Board \$2,883.94; 4-H \$1,159.21; Weed \$5,683.24; Planning and Zoning \$1,538.46; Highway \$51,553.91; Communications \$18,679.08; Emergency Management \$3,209.72; Teen Court \$98.35; 24/7 \$2,638.75; Landfill \$11,765.21

Matching Benefits: FICA \$16,427.98; Medicare \$3,842.11

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance-H \$250.00;

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$4444.14; Dakota Wood Grinding Inc. \$16,485.00; Helms & Associates Inc. \$13,448.25; Leggette, Brashears & Graham \$16,295.35; Lucy Lewno \$210.98; Lutheran Social Services Inc. \$2,200.00; Midstates Printing \$75.00; Jerry Pollard \$112.50; Cathryn Rehffuss \$37.50; Sanford Health \$1,286.97; SHRM-Society for Human Resource \$370.00; Sivertsen Technology Inc. \$6,425.00; Karen Swanda \$37.50; Vintage Tech LLC. \$3,394.72.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$686.16

Rentals: Aberdeen Housing Authority \$261.00; Gohn Rentals \$310.00; Sewer Duck Inc. \$210.00; Rollie White \$260.00; Zumbaum Property MGMT. \$330.00

Repairs & Maintenance: Asphalt Zipper, Inc. \$113.00; Butler Machinery \$3050.04; Clark Engineering Inc. \$1,259.72; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$645.36; Diamond Mowers Inc. \$81.45; GCR Tires & Service \$22.50; Great Western Tire Inc. \$21.00; Grote Roofing Co, Inc. \$55,632.21; Groton Ford \$382.30; Tom Lammon \$190.75; Powerplan \$10.00; Runnings \$679.96; Taylor Laundry & Dry Cleaners \$63.00; Jeff Vilhauer/Jeff's Home Improvement \$3,066.34.

Supplies: Aberdeen Awards \$48.00; American Health & Safety \$567.89; Ameripride Services Inc. \$242.63; Artz Equipment \$856.44; Asphalt Zipper, Inc. \$1467.00; Bakken Build Maintenance \$500.00; Butler Machinery \$921.15; Cartney Bearing \$54.16; Cash-Wa Distributing \$15.95; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$4,368.13; Crescent Electric Supply Co. \$151.21; Custom Glass & Repair \$147.10; Dacotah Prairie Mercantile \$24.75; Dakota Electronics \$704.00; Dakota Fluid Power Inc. \$95.06; Dakota Oil \$1,709.57; Dakota Supply Group \$303.79; Diamond Mowers Inc \$532.08; Fastenal Co. \$87.72; Fedex \$48.25; Govconnection Inc. \$151.53; Graham Tire Inc. \$382.20; Great Western Tire Inc. \$5,122.29; Groton Ford \$25.00; Hecla Implement Co. \$21.64; House of Glass \$825.32; Hoven Auto Repair Inc. \$280.88; Interstate Battery System \$210.90; J Gross Equipment \$1,088.45; Lang's Audio TV & Appliance \$152.42; M & T Fire & Safety

Inc. \$2,638.94; Mac's \$249.97; Marco \$232.86; McKesson Medical-Surgical \$52.67; Menards \$14.39; Midstates Printing \$229.29; NCFE-Warner Elevator \$4,337.52; Office Smart Labels \$71.63; Police Magazine \$14.99; Powerplan \$1626.72; Qualification Targets Inc. \$87.47; Runnings \$173.06; Cathy Sauer \$88.96; South Dakotans for the Arts \$175.00; Taylor Laundry & Dry Cleaners \$43.00; Van Diest Supply Co. \$4,269.03; Walth Safety Service Inc. \$30,965.95; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc. \$393.54; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$122.12; Zones \$365.89.

Travel & Conference: Rachel Kippley \$236.06; Duane Sutton \$250.86; Michael Wies \$136.16; Stan Beckler \$19.74; Darwin Bettmann \$10.16; Duane Jark \$33.84; Patrick Keatts \$34.11; Dale Kurth \$75.02; Mark Milbrandt \$296.00; David North \$105.48; SDSU Extension \$90.00; SDSU Extension \$20.00; Jerome T Streckfuss \$34.98; Dennis Wiedebush \$22.56.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer 1,336.51; AT&T Mobility \$482.33; BDM Rural Water System Inc. \$35.00; Century Business Products \$31.76; Century Link \$242.06; James Valley Telecommunication \$223.10; Midcontinent Communications \$576.40; Northern Valley Communications \$2,348.93; Northwestern Energy \$9,862.70; Town of Frederick \$32.25; Verizon Wireless Services LLC. \$42.46; Web Water \$62.88.

Other: James River Acct#1598637468 \$1,224.88; SD Assoc. of County Officials \$1,138.00; Sd Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$4,274.75. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following employee step increases, effective October 7, 2014: Nyle Jensen @ \$16.69 per hour, Terrence Evans @ \$21.35 per hour, Mariann Malson @ \$15.08 per hour, Kathy Thompson @ \$16.84 per hour, Amber Olson @ \$14.89 per hour, Nathan Smith @ \$19.86 per hour, Glenn Neumiller @ \$16.56 per hour, Ermelinda Marcuson @ \$14.94 per hour, Kristal Koens @ \$17.77 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to acknowledge resignation of Ron Leighty (Veterans Service Office) effective October 1, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 440 - SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to set public hearing for Ordinance #14-10-01/440, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (R-2) Medium Density Residential District: Proposed Lot 1, Parkway Subdivision in the SE 1/4 of Sec 20-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (1760 S Melgaard Road), to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers at 8:45 a.m. on October 28, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY INTEREST STATEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to accept for filing the July - September 2014 Interest statement (\$5,497.32), submitted by County Treasurer Sheila Anderson. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

POOR RELIEF: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #67-14. WHEREAS, Brown County has filed a Relief Lien against an individual who is now deceased formerly residing at 906 S Cochrane Street in amount of \$6,551.52, dated July 1, 1970 - Feb 5, 1991; and WHEREAS, another individual has the same first and last name as the poor relief recipient, but resides elsewhere and does not have the same birth date or social security number. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Poor Relief Lien in amount of \$6,551.52 is against the deceased individual formerly residing at 906 S Cochrane Street, and not the individual with the same first and last name residing at 419 N Congress. Seconded by

Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

CAR RACING PROPOSALS: Troy, Scott and Todd Neuendorf representing Bullet Sports and Nick Guthmiller representing Generation 2 Promotions presented additional information in regard to their proposals for lease of the Car Racing Facilities at the Fairgrounds. There was no action taken at this time.

PROPERTY DONATION: States Attorney Larry Lovrien informed the Commission that the deed conveying the property at 408 S 3rd Street to Brown County is complete and recommended declaring said property surplus for possible donation to Hub Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to declare the property at 408 S 3rd Street (Lot 2, Block 23, First Addition to Aberdeen, Brown County, SD, according to the recorded plat thereof) surplus for possible donation to Hub Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Amy Scott, Larry Lovrien and 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 accept resignation of William Kimball and Darrin Erdmann from the Fair Board, effective October 7, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR REVENUE REPORT: Amy Scott, Fair Board Manager distributed the revenue report from the 2014 Brown County Fair.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve application, submitted by WEB Water Development for occupancy of E Shore Drive in Sec 13-T124N-R65W, Brown County, SD to provide potable water line. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-abstain, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL CHANGES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve changes to the Employee Policy Manual, effective October 7, 2014 in the following sections: C-1, C-2, C-10, C-16 and E-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) 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 declared the Commission recessed until October 14, 2014. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$89.48.

Westport Town Oct. 6 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

October 6th, 2014

The Town of Westport met on October 6th, 2014 with Larry Huettl, Wyatt Wilson, Todd Hertel, Cody Braun and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$176.51), Groton Independent (\$53.85), Brown County treasurer- mosquito spraying (\$445.66), Richard Huettl - Mowing (\$226.46), Nelson Sales and Service (\$97.21), Northstar energy -Propane fill (\$104.65), Mike Wilson-Repairs (\$49.00), US Treasury (\$169.87), EZ stop -gas (\$169.87) SD Unemployment Insurance (\$4.73).

Water WEB (\$887.12), Dept. of Revenue (\$13.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43).

Sewer NWPS (\$40.61), NRW -loan repayment (\$210.13), Wyatt Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Larry Huettl.

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$167.65), Hall Rental (\$50.00), Building Permit (\$5.00), Interest (\$12.65) Westport Community Club (\$958.73).

Sewer Resident Payments - (\$966.00). Water Resident Payments - (\$1868.00).

NEW BUSINESS: Cody Braun attended meeting asking for clarification on the ordinances that where to be enacted.

Ordinances that have been changed or deleted are:

4-2-5 Ordinance has been amended
4-2-11 Ordinance has been deleted
6-6-12 Wording of title has been amended
8-2-7 the 15th was changed to the 10th.
8-11-2 Strike from Ordinance (Runoff Rate)

Section 5-5 strike pending review with NECOG.

A list of the table of contents was read. They are:

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The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, both councils may adopt first reading of Ordinance #14-10-01/440 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property. Dated this 7th day of October 2014.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (1014.1021)

Westport Town Oct. 6 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

October 6th, 2014

The Town of Westport met on October 6th, 2014 with Larry Huettl, Wyatt Wilson, Todd Hertel, Cody Braun and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$176.51), Groton Independent (\$53.85), Brown County treasurer- mosquito spraying (\$445.66), Richard Huettl - Mowing (\$226.46), Nelson Sales and Service (\$97.21), Northstar energy -Propane fill (\$104.65), Mike Wilson-Repairs (\$49.00), US Treasury (\$169.87), EZ stop -gas (\$169.87) SD Unemployment Insurance (\$4.73).

Water WEB (\$887.12), Dept. of Revenue (\$13.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43).

Sewer NWPS (\$40.61), NRW -loan repayment (\$210.13), Wyatt Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Larry Huettl.

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$167.65), Hall Rental (\$50.00), Building Permit (\$5.00), Interest (\$12.65) Westport Community Club (\$958.73).

Sewer Resident Payments - (\$966.00). Water Resident Payments - (\$1868.00).

NEW BUSINESS: Cody Braun attended meeting asking for clarification on the ordinances that where to be enacted.

Ordinances that have been changed or deleted are:

4-2-5 Ordinance has been amended
4-2-11 Ordinance has been deleted
6-6-12 Wording of title has been amended
8-2-7 the 15th was changed to the 10th.
8-11-2 Strike from Ordinance (Runoff Rate)

Section 5-5 strike pending review with NECOG.

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Wyatt made a motion to adopt ordinances, Larry seconded the motion.

Votes to adopt the ordinances are Larry Huettl, Yea; Wyatt Wilson, Yea; and Todd Hertel, Yea. Motion passed.

WEB water has notified the city of a water rate increase that will take into effect October 25th, 2014. The city will revise the rates at a later time.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$47.40.

Butler Town Regular Meeting October 6th 2014

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

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Savo Township Clerk Judy Bretsch Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$13.68.

Westport Town Ordinance Revision Notice

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AN ORDINANCE IN REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ordinance No. 1 being an ordinance in revision of the ordinances of the Town of Westport, South Dakota, was duly adopted by the Town Board of Westport on the 6th day of October, 2014. If you wish to review the ordinances in their entirety, a copy is available at City Hall. These said ordinances will become effective 20 days after the 2nd publication of this notice of adoption.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2014

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Sisseton hands 3-1 loss to Groton

Groton's volleyball team suffered a 3-1 loss to the hands of Sisseton Thursday night in Groton. Game scores were 25-21, 20-25, 18-25 and 15-25.

Sisseton led for most of the first game with the game being tied five times. The Redmen held a 21-17 lead before Groton scored the last eight points to pull out the win, 25-21. "We did some really good things," said Coach Chelsea Hanson. "In our first game of the match, I thought was the best we have played all year so far."

The second game was tied five times and there were four lead changes before Sisseton took over, taking a 16 tie and going on to win, 25-20. Sisseton never trailed in the



Instead of getting set, Courtney Kurtz hits the ball over the net to surprise the defense and score a point.

third game, jumping out to a 5-1 lead and upping it to 12-6. Groton came to within one point, 13-12, but quickly fell behind, 24-16, and Sisseton going on to win, 25-18.

Groton ran out of steam by the fourth game. "I felt like we gave them the fourth game and that's disappointing," Hanson said. "but we also walked away from this match with a little bit of confidence seeing how much potential we have." Sisseton jumped out to a 7-4 lead and was up, 15-8 and 19-14. The Redmen outscored Groton, 5-1, at the end to get the win.

Sisseton had a slightly better serving percentage at 92 percent compared to 90 percent for Groton. Groton was 71 of 79 with 10 ace serves. Ashley Gibbs was 18 of 18 with two ace serves and Audrey Wanner was 14 of 16 with two ace serves. Sisseton was 81 of 88 with five ace serves. Cami Goodhart was 26 of 26 with one ace serve and Abby Drew was 21 of 22 with three ace serves.

In sets, Groton missed only one in 113 attempts with 27 assists. Courtney Kurtz was 103 of 104 with 27 assists. Sisseton was 103 of 107 with 26 assists. Cami Goodhart was 73 of 75 with 24 assists.

Groton was 106 of 125 in spikes

with 28 kills. Gibbs was 27 of 32 with eight kills and Josie Doeden was 23 of 29 with six kills. Sisseton was 94 of 111 with 39 kills. Amanda Reinart was 37 of 40 with 16 kills and Emily Weatherstone was 26 of 35 with 12 kills.

Sisseton had more blocks, 10-4, with Weatherstone having five for Sisseton and Tori Bjerke having two for Groton and Doeden and Maggie Simon each having one.

Groton had 98 digs with Gibbs having 29 and Wanner 17. Sisseton had 28 with Lacila Fromboise having 14 and MaKenzy Frederick 13.

"Moving towards the end of the season, we still need to put a whole match together rather than just one or two games," Hanson said. "I have no doubt that we can play with any team in our region if we play together as a team and play with as much intensity as we did in that first game. We're starting to have some girls step forward and lead the team and that's exactly what we need right now. This was our sixth game in 11 days and three of them have been tough matches. I know the girls are tired, but were going to get better out of these two weeks."

Sisseton is now 14-9 on the season and Groton is 7-6.

Groton won the junior varsity match by game scores of 25-19 and 25-18, and the Tigers also won the C match by game scores of 13-25, 25-17 and 15-11.

Redfield Tournament

Groton's volleyball team went 2-2 at the Redfield Volleyball Tournament held on Saturday. Groton lost to Redfield, 25-10 and 25-18, then defeated Eureka-Bowdle, 25-21 and 25-20, lost to Belle Fourche, 25-19, 20-25 and 23-25, and then defeated Wolsey-Sunshine Bible, 25-18 and 25-23. No stats were kept from the games.



Tori Bjerke gets a kill to give Groton a 23-21 lead in the first game.



Kasey Waage returns the ball from the back court.



Josie Doeden gets a block at the net.

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S.D. voters to decide on raising minimum wage

By Dana Hess for S.D. Newspaper Association

Some of South Dakota lowest-paid workers may get raises if voters approve an increase in the minimum wage on Nov. 4.

Initiated Measure 18 would raise the hourly minimum wage for non-tipped employees from \$7.25 per hour to \$8.50 per hour effective Jan. 1, 2015. It would also tie future increases in the state's minimum wage to the Consumer Price Index of the U.S. Department of Labor. For tipped employees, the minimum wage would be half the minimum wage paid to non-tipped employees and the same cost of living increase would apply.

Mark Anderson, president of the South Dakota AFL-CIO and chairman of the Raise South Dakota ballot question committee, said that South Dakota's minimum wage hasn't been increased since 2009. He notes that if it had kept up with inflation, the minimum wage would be more than \$10 per hour.

"It's time the minimum wage be raised," Anderson said. "This is the only way to do it."

Anderson said that voters need to resort to the ballot because the Legislature hasn't been interested in raising the minimum wage.

The passage of Initiated Measure 18 will have unintended consequences for employers and the state economy, according to Shawn Lyons, executive director of the S.D. Retailers Association.

"Employers are going to have to make some difficult decisions" about cutting hours

or benefits, Lyons said.

Opponents of the measure, who can be found at www.nomoremandates.org, are also concerned with the provision that ties future raises in the minimum wage to the Consumer Price Index.

"We think that's a bad precedent," said Lyons, calling passage of the measure a "perpetual" increase in the minimum wage.

Opponents of Initiated Measure 18 include South Dakota Retailers Association, S.D. Hotel and Lodging Association, S.D. Visitor Industry Alliance, S.D. Grain and Feed Association, S.D. Association of Cooperatives, S.D. Farm Bureau, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, S.D. Agri-Business Association, S.D. Petroleum and Propane Marketers Association, S.D. Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the chambers of commerce from Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Brookings.

Signatures were gathered to get the measure on the ballot through the efforts of the S.D. Democratic Party.

Both Anderson and Lyons make their case by pointing to Gov. Dennis Daugaard's recent Workforce Summits, which were held throughout the state.

Anderson said low wages came up at each meeting, though how to raise those wages didn't make it into the final report on the summits.

"Minimum wage is the 800-pound gorilla in

the room," Anderson said. "No one wants to talk about low wages in South Dakota, but it is a problem."

Lyons said a recurring topic at the governor's Workforce Summits was the state's need for workers. With 3.6 percent unemployment, Lyons said, "competition for employees and wages has never been greater. We've really got a demand for workers."

According to Anderson, the workers earning minimum wages are most likely to be women, workers older than 20 and workers who have a better than part-time job.

"It's people who are trying to raise money to raise their families," Anderson said. "They need a raise."

Two other questions are on the Nov. 4 general election ballot. Initiated Measure 17 would require insurance companies to list all health care providers who are willing, qualified and meet the conditions established by the insurer. Constitutional Amendment Q would authorize legislators to approve new games for Deadwood casinos.

Netters beat Leola-Frederick

Groton's volleyball team defeated Leola-Frederick Tuesday night in Frederick, 23-25, 25-21, 25-22 and 25-22.

Groton was 123 of 145 in spikes with 25 kills. Josie Doeden was 35 of 40 with nine kills and Maggie Simon was 21 of 24 with five kills.

In serves, Groton was 84 of 97 with 17 ace serves. Marlee Jones was 19 of 21 with six ace serves and Ashley Gibbs was 15 of 16 with three ace serves.

Groton had 116 digs with Kasey Waage having 32, Ashley Gibbs 17 and Courtney Kurtz 15.

In sets, Groton was 126 of 126 with 26 assists. Kurtz had 116 with 22 assists and Audrey Wanner had six with three assists.

Groton had five blocks, three by Doeden and one each by Maggie Simon and Wanner.

Groton won the junior varsity match by game scores of 25-14 and 25-17.

Schaller, Lewandowski place in top 20 at NEC

The Northeast Conference cross country meet was held Thursday in Webster. Jasmine Schaller was the high place winner for Groton in the girls varsity race with a 16th place finish in a time of 17:27. Hannah Lewandowski was 19th with 17:38. Hannah Fischbach was 24th with 17:55, Emily Thompson was 32nd with 18:29, Erin Smith was 40th with 20:36, Jenifer Fjeldstad was 41st with 20:58, AnneMarie Smith was 42nd with 21:13 and Kaitlin O'Neill was 43rd with 22:12.

In the junior varsity races, Gabby Kramer placed 19th for the girls with a 19:12, and the boys division, Mitchell Koens was ninth with 13:57, Micah Poor was 13th with 14:04 and Noah Poor was 24th with 15:59.



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Another great week in South Dakota. The temperature dipped a bit again and the growing season is over. The leaves are falling and the harvest is at full swing. Pheasant hunting season is here and it is a wonderful time of the year. Take some time to enjoy the outdoors before the really cold stuff gets here.

I attended a meeting with the SD Board of Regents on Thursday morning at Northern State University. We had a good discussion about their requests for the upcoming legislative session and a few other things. Of utmost concern to them is that the cost of higher education is being shifted more and more onto the backs of the students and their families. Our tuition rates used to be the lowest in the region but now they are towards the very top. This makes it more difficult for our students to afford going to an institution of higher education and it results too often in a large student loan that is not easy to pay back. Last year we did freeze tuition and provided money to make up for it. I asked them about what they thought about the Workforce Summit meetings and how the governor put the emphasis on training for jobs and not on four year degrees. This stimulated quite a discussion as they all agreed with me that the governor seemed to be deemphasizing higher learning and pushing for more students to choose the technical route. They didn't like what he had to say and number of them commented on it. In reality we need both. It is important for the students to make the right choice. To do so the

students need college and career counseling with a qualified professional but because of budget cuts in our schools many schools had to cut their counselors.

I also attended a Chamber of Commerce event on Thursday night and it was fun to meet new people and to find out about what positions they held in the area. A number of new businesses and individuals joined and put their wares on display. One from my rural area was Shagan Pit which is a catering business started by one of my former students. He has been doing really well and his samples were just superb. Scott and Michelle Hagan live near Stratford.

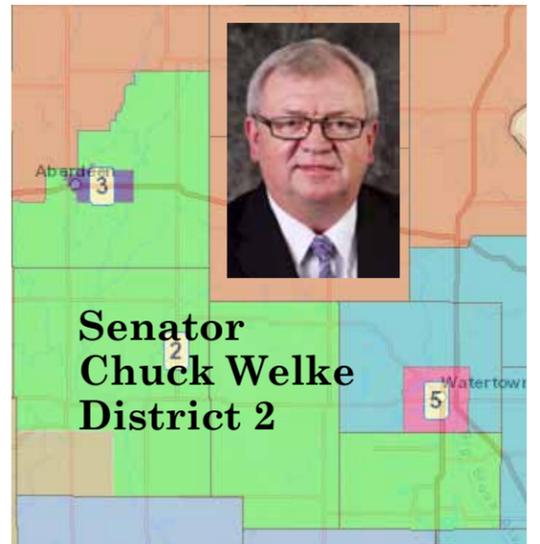
We are busy running to and fro working to talk to the voters, putting up signs, and trying to get your support. November 4th will be here

soon. I would just like to encourage you to vote. We are fortunate to live in a country and a state that allows us to have discussion, debate, and discourse before we make our choices and cast our votes. I hope we have a great voter turnout.

It has been an honor serving District 2 as your state senator. I would love to have another term. I have worked hard to hear your concerns and to get your support. If I am reelected I will work hard to make our district an even better place to live and work. If I am not I will have more time to spend with my family. I have three adult children and seven grandchildren. I also have my elderly parents living nearby. Dad will be 96 in January and my mom turns 91 this week. I try to spend as much time as I can with them. I retired in 2010 from a thirty-five year career in education to spend time with my grandchildren and parents. Since deciding to serve in the SD Legislature I have given up a lot of that important time but I still make sure that I get my grandkid time and have made a commitment to spend some time each week with mom and dad.

It is a very precious process so please take the time to look at the issues and candidates before you vote. It is too important to just pick one side and mark all of their candidates. I was a government teacher for most of my teaching career before I became principal. I taught that it was imperative that my students use critical thinking skills to make their decisions. I would challenge them on their thinking and made them defend their positions. Unfortunately too often people have the attitude that my first school superintendent had and it was, "My mind is already made up, don't confuse me with the facts."

Have a great week and I am sure we will have more to report next time. Thank you. Chuck Welke, 605-216-1467



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