

Groton has Schwantastic Administrators

Three Schwans are at the helm of the Groton Area School District, but the two families are not related. Joe Schwan is the superintendent. Brett and Dr. Anna Schwan are the principals. Anna just recently earned her doctorate degree. Joe became superintedent in 2013, Anna became the middle/high school principal in 2013 and Brett became the elementary principal



In back is Superintendent Joe Schwan In front is Dr. Anna Schwan, middle/high school principal; and her husband, Brett, elementary principal.

Middle/High School Principal Dr. Anna Schwan (Raber) Hometown and High School you graduated from: Lake Preston High

School, Lake Preston, SD

Your education background: BA in English and Spanish from SDSU, Master's Degree from Valley City State University in Teaching English Language Learners, Specialist Degree from USD in School Administration, and Doctorate Degree from USD in School Administration.

Previous Jobs and time at each place: English and Spanish teacher at Leola School (8 years), ELL Teacher at Aberdeen Central High School (3

Superintendent Joe Schwan Hometown and High School you graduated from: Warner High School Your education background:

Undergraduate Degree - BS Mathematics Education (NSU) 2005 Master's Degree - Leadership and Administration (NSU) 2007 Specialists Degree - School Superintendent (USD) 2013 Previous Jobs and time at each place:

Arlington High School, Math Teacher/Coach, 4 years (2005-2009) Hamlin School District, MS Principal/Athletic Director, 2 years (2009-2011) Groton School District, MS/HS Principal, 2 years (2011-2013) Groton School District, Superintendent 2013-Present

Why did you decide to go into education? My mother has been an educator for over 30 years. Obviously that has played a major impact in my decision to pursue a career in education. As many educators will tell you, I was fortunate to have had many teachers and coaches that played important roles in helping me to grow and learn. The opportunity to pass that along can be tremendously rewarding.

After one year of college, I was accepted into South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and was weeks away from transferring out of NSU to pursue a career in Civil Engineering. After giving full consideration, I determined that the best opportunity for me to make an impact was to work with developing people, rather than objects. I stayed at NSU and finished my education studies.

What have been your challenges or are going to be challenges in Groton? Like many schools, a major challenge for us will be competing with the private sector for qualified employees, including teachers and all support staff. All of the services that we provide for our students depend entirely upon being able to hire the best people to work with them. Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared

you adequately for post education life? Yes. There is, however, much to be said for learning by experience.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Be dili-gent in your studies to prepare yourself for the opportunities that have yet to present themselves. If you wait for an opportunity to arise before you begin to prepare, you'll be too late. If school is easy for you, work to expand your skill set outside of your comfort zone. Take advantage of all the opportunities provided for you while you are in high school.

Is there any relation between your two families? No known relationship.

Elementary Principal Brett Schwan

Hometown and High School you graduated from: Born in Aberdeen. Later moved to Mina Lake and graduated in 2001 from Ipswich High School.

Your education background: Attended NSU and majored in K-12 Special Education. Later attended NSU and received my graduate degree in Leadership and Administration which certified me to be a PK-12 Principal.

years).

Why did you decide to go into education? I decided to become a teacher because I decided my contribution to society could be through education. Education stole my heart when I was in 1st grade, and I have been dedicated ever since to helping young people realize their potential not only as students but as human beings.

What have been your challenges or are going to be challenges in Groton? Groton is a fantastic school district with a supportive community, exceptional students, and a truly amazing staff. My goal in this position is to take it to a new level. I don't want us to be good; I want us to be the best.

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? Realizing the tools that were available when I was in high school, I do believe I was adequately prepared. However, I am very excited for kids in the school system today because of what we know now about teaching, critical thinking, problem solving, and authentic content. As a college graduate, nothing ever prepares you completely for the real world, and keeping up with the changes and developments in education is no small task. I am interested to see the results of studies looking at year-long student teaching placements and some of the reforms that are happening in post-secondary schools in the teacher preparation program.

What advice would you give the high school students today? I hand out advice all day long! My advice to all students is that truly realizing your place in this world begins with how you perceive education and your role as a life-long learner. Sometimes it is difficult to see the relevance in what we ask you to do at school, but allowing yourself to believe in us and that what we are teaching you is all for you...to give you the means to be able to think for yourself and live your life as genuinely as you wish will truly show you the way.

Previous Jobs and time at each place:

2005-2008: Edmunds Central - K-12 Special Education Teacher, Head Football, Head Basketball

2008-2010: Leola School District - Dean of Students (6-12 Principal Duties), Testing Coordinator, Athletic Director, Junior High Football, and Junior High Basketball.

2010-2015: Holgate Middle School - 8th Grade Special Education Teacher, After School Program Tutor

Why did you decide to go into education? I've always enjoyed helping and instructing kids. To see a student grow academically, socially, emotionally, and physically over a period of time is a very enjoyable and rewarding experience for any teacher or administrator.

What have been your challenges or are going to be challenges in Groton? My first challenge will be getting to know the staff, students, and parents. I'm also quickly learning the traditions and day-to-day operations of Groton Elementary and how they are different than my previous school. I'm excited for change but with change comes plenty of observing, learning, advice taking, and responsibility. These few challenges will keep me plenty busy for the first part of the school year.

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? Very much so. I learned at a young age that responsibility and accountability are two very important characteristics that all people should have. I can honestly say I don't remember every little detail of every class I took, but I do remember being held accountable and taking responsibility for my own study habits and effort.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Take ownership in what you do and don't do and understand that not all tasks put before you are going to be easy.



SD37 Project is Delayed

There has been a lot of anticipation for the \$5.6 million SD37 project to be done in 2016. It looks like the project is one hold for one year due to issues with railroad easements. The project includes grading, storm sewer, curb and gutter, sidewalk, roadway lighting, AC surfacing and new four-way stop lights at the intersection of SD37 and US12.

City looking at refinancing

Meanwhile the city is over its head in debt and will have to go back to the bank to borrow money to pay for the \$241,535.41 in bills that it approved. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary said she had to scratch and scrape to find enough money to meet payroll on Friday. "The sales tax is coming in slow this year," she said. "The property taxes are coming in slow

this year. I'm open to suggestions." The council agreed to borrow \$240,000 to meet its obligations. Councilman Burt Glover expressed concern of what will happen in the next three months until the property taxes come in. The city's finances are operating on "hope." I'm hoping to get enough sales tax and electric revenue to get the city through the next two months," Lowary said. "I'm hoping to get this refinanced so we can survive,' said Councilman David McGannon. The city is paying \$500,000 a year just on debt retirement, which includes sewer improvements, a new substation transformer, curb and gutter projects, water main projects and the swim-ming pool. The city's total debt is currently about \$2.5 million. And add to that, the gen-eral fund is in the hole by about \$500,000 and there is the new \$240,000 bank loan that the city is getting to pay its bills

city is getting to pay its bills. Putting all of the city's obligations into one bond (all but two loans that will be paid off in two years and are at a low interest) is-sue would cut the city's annual payment to \$241,823.04 for two years, then it would drop to \$196,688.18. The big bond would be over 20 years, but time is a problem. The soonest the city would get the bond would be in December. Meanwhile the city may be borrowing even more money to keep afloat. On the bright side, Lowary said it appears that the upcoming electric bills will generate extra funds for the city thanks to the hot spell the city recently experienced. Lowary said



Councilman Burt Glover (left) explains his options for refinancing the city to **Councilmen David McGannon and Mary Fliehs.**

that she will talk with the banks to see what they may offer for financing rates. The city's 2015 assessed valuation is \$74,206,402. The city can go into debt up to \$3,710,320.10 for general obligation and up to \$7,420,640.20 for water and sewer debt. The city's current general obligation debt is \$1,086,812.49 and the water and sewer debt. is \$420,540,30. The pool is not included in any of those funds as the council used creative. is \$420,540.30. The pool is not included in any of those funds as the council used creative financing and called it a lease. There is \$454,667.18 left to pay on the pool. Its normal pay-off date is November 20, 2019. Curb and gutter is also not included as those are special assessments being paid in full by the property owners involved with the various projects. The special assessments balance is \$573,013.59.

The council will have a special meeting possibly on August 24 or August 31 to talk with the bonding officer about the city's options.



Then the 2016 budget was discussed. Items cut or reduced include eliminating chip and seal for next year in the amount of \$100,000, eliminate a cemetery mower and a park mower for \$8,200 each, eliminate a cemetery mower and a park mower for \$8,200 each, eliminate a ballpark gator for \$8,500, reduce electric line supplies and poles by \$20,000, reduce the new police vehicle by \$3,000, eliminate stump grinding for \$250, eliminate new community center tables and chairs for \$5,000, eliminate a water valve exercising tool for \$8,600, eliminate sewer relining for \$40,000, reducing salaries and overtime from 10 percent to 5 percent; adding in \$40,000 for contingency, \$2,000 for Sixth Street repairs, \$7,000 for tires, \$6,000 for West Nile Prevention chemicals, and \$10,000 for sewer jetting and cameraing. If the city were to refinance everything, the general cameraing. If the city were to refinance everything, the general fund would begin the year at a minus \$173,260 and the end balance would be a surplus of \$113,790. With the surplus, then the city would be able to add in some budget items that were axed.

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There was a change order for the West Fifth Avenue project. There was no flush seal put on this time and the street will have chip and seal in two years, so it would be duplication. There was a reduction in \$7,258.27.

There was discussion on the west ditch drainage concerns. The council did not have enough information to form any opinions so the issue was tabled.

There was \$2,000 budgeted for clean-up and the spring clean-up campaign cost the city \$1,600. With only \$400 left in the budget, the council decided not to have a city-wide clean-up this fall. City residents can take their stuff to the Brown County Landfill August 28-September 12 for free. "We had a good spring clean-up," said Mayor Scott Hanlon.

There was a request to have a "Take your dog to the pool" day on the last day of the pool. "Our pool was built for people, not animals," said Councilman Eddy Opp. The council voted 5-1 against having a dog day. Councilman Mary Fliehs said she was in favor of the dog day as it would generate extra money. There have been complaints on dust on Seventh Avenue West. "Construction is done," Hanlon said. "Use Fifth Avenue."

Labor Day falls on a Monday so the council moved that Monday

meeting to Tuesday, Sept. 8. Councilman David Blackmun said he has heard good comments about the baseball program this year. "I heard a lot of comments about how the kids enjoyed the program this year." But the base-ball program cost the city \$78,000. "Doesn't that seem enormous?" Lowary asked. "We should trim baseball as much as possible."



Editor's Note: This is the 35th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Travis Traphagen

JobWise what are you doing today? Head Women's Basketball Coach at the University of Sioux Falls

How long have you been working at the current job? Will be starting my 8th year

How did you get your current job? Worked my way up from an Asst coach at Wayne State, Augustana and Know USF

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. Wayne State 2 years and Augustana 6 years

What year did you graduate from high school? Groton HS

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? NSU 1 year, Black Hills State 3 years, Degree: Business Administration

What advice would you give the high school students today? Nothing comes easy anymore. You need to work hard if you want to achieve your goals

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. I have a beautiful family with 2 children and a dog!! We are expecting 1 more child in September

Your wife: Ann Traphagen (previous Konnechne) Kimball, SD

How did the two of you meet? We were both basketball coaches and we new each other when she played at Tech in college and I played at BHSU

Do you have any children? Grayson 3 years old and Rylie 1 year old

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? For sure. College taught me how to work hard, balance my time between academics, athletics, and socially. I wouldn't be who I am today if it wasn't for my time in college. It allowed me to grow as a person

GROTON LIONS CLUB

The Groton Lions Club held their monthly potluck meeting at Topper Tastad's business on Main Street last Thursday Topper gave a report on the successful car show and lunch at Stratford last month. Plans are being made to serve the annual breakfast at the Andover threshing show. This year the club will serve breakfast both Saturday and Sunday. Topper is chairman of the two day event.

Plans were to have the Punt, Pas and Kick contest at Homecoming again this year. Lee Schinkel made a presentation of a \$500 donation from a member who wishes to re-

main anonymous.

Lee brought in a petition and dues for Greg Heillman, who was voted on to become a new memver of the Groton. The September meeting wil not be a potluck. At the close of the meting, the new president, Chris Frost, presented Lee with a pin and the Senior Master Key, from the international president, for bringing in 25 new members into the Groton Club.

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Ann and Travis Traphagen in back. Rylie and Grayson in front

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Wednesday, August 19

dles roman, lemon buttered broccoli, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Sherwin & Christine Nyberg

Birthdays: Michelle Leonhardt • Helen "Pat" Nehls • Blake Anderson

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

7:00pm: C&MA Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Kids Club

Thursday, August 20

Senior Menu: Roast beef, potatoes/carrots/onions, gravy, honey dew melon or peaches, dinner roll.

Anniv: Bob & Laurie Pray • Doug & Heidi Krueger Birthdays: Marc Sippel • Megan Unzen • Marie Loutsch • Beve Farmen • Kim Evans • Kim Claussen 1:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA "DO Day"

Friday, August 21

Senior Menu: Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice and raisins, whole wheat bread. Birthdays: • Tara Carlson • Scott Krueger 6:30am: C&MA Men's Bible Study at Dairy Oueen 4:00pm: Girls Soccer hosts Belle Fourche 6:00pm: Boys Soccer hosts Belle Fourche

Saturday, August 22

Anniversaries: • Anniv: Rick & Melanie Rossow • Anniv: Marc & Jayne Rossow

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape **Senior Menu:** Baked chicken breast, noo- juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread. Birthdays: Mitchell Koens • Bill Stolle • Clint Mortenson

Tanea Clocksene

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study 5:00pm: Welcome Back Community Picnic

6:30pm: JK-5 Open House at Elementary Sc

6:30pm: Sixth Grade Orientation at GHS

Tuesday, August 25

Faculty In-Service

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak,

mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Tim Fliehs • Angela Mettler

10:00am: C&MA Ladies Bible Study

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 26

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Bill & Eileen Schuelke

Birthdays: Jana Duncan • Doris Craig • Carly Wheeting

• Dustin LaMee

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

7:00pm: C&MA Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Kids Club

Webster Theatre Theatre opens at 7 pm with movies starting at 7:30 pm, Friday through Monday. 8/21-8/24 Faith of our Fathers **PG 13** 8/28-8/31 Pixels PG 13





Birthdays: • Deb Thurston • Jeff Sippel • Connie McDonald • Colby Merkel • Virginia Breitkreutz 12:00pm: Girls Soccer hosts St. Thomas More 2:00pm: Boys Soccer hosts St. Thomas More 4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, August 23

Birthdays: Lisa Pray • Robin Fliehs • Allerie Loeschke • Ashley Larson • Jeremy Paul • Trista Telkamp • Lorraine Sippel 9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship 9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass 9:15am: C&MA School 10:15am: C&MA Fellowship time 10:45am: C&MA Worship 11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship 5:00pm: HBM Great Maple Tree Event in Pierpont

Monday, August 24 Boys Golf at Dell Rapids Faculty In-Service

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Health Department Awards \$500,000 In Community Mosquito Control Grants PIERRE, S.D. – More than 180 South Dakota cities, counties and tribes will share in \$490,371 in grants intended to control mosquitoes and prevent West Nile virus (WNV), the Department of Health announced today.

All applying communities received funding, with grants ranging from \$750 to \$20,000. Grant awards were based on the population of the applying jurisdiction and its history of human WNV cases through 2014.

Including this latest round of grants, the state has provided local mosquito control programs with more than \$6 million in support, in either direct grant funding or control chemicals, since the virus emerged in South Dakota.

Those locally getting grants are Aberdeen for \$20,000, Andover for \$963, Conde for \$963, Groton for \$5,005, Hecla for \$2,024; Langford, Pierpont, Rolsyn, Eden cooperative for \$2,877; and Warner for \$2,239.

Girls Soccer team beats Garretson with a final score of 6-0. This was a great

The Groton Girls Varsity soccer team won their opening game on Saturday against Garretson with a final score of 6-0. This was a great team effort and with the temperatures in the 90's the subs where a vital part of the win. Groton had 22 shots on goal and Devan Howard had 6 saves. For the Tigers Harleigh Stange scored four goals and Emily Locke scored two goals. Marlee Jones and Emily Locke each had three assists and Emily Raap, Jasmine Schaller, and Angela Locke each had one. Heather Lone added great support on defense. The tigers will now take on Belle Fourche on Friday and Saint Thomas Moore on Saturday at home.



Emily Locke kicking a corner kick.

Courtesy Photos by Mendy Jones



Number 10 Angela Locke going after the ball with number 9 Emily Raap helping out.



Harleigh Stange and Marlee Jones stop Garretson from scoring. Devon Howard is ready in goal.

SDSU Extension Regional Center in Aberdeen Hosts Retirement Open House for Marjorie Zastrow

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The SDSU Extension Regional Center in Aberdeen will host a retirement Open House for Marjorie Zastrow on Sept. 11, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A program begins at 3 p.m. Zastrow is a native of Long Prairie, MN. In 1982 she received

her Bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University in Home Economics Education and Extension, and later went on to complete her Master's degree in 1994.

She has spent her entire professional career serving the university, the state and its citizens through SDSU Extension for more than 32 years.

Zastrow started her career as the Extension Home Economist in Union county in 1982. She moved to Brown County in the mid-1980s and served as an Extension Educator in Family and Consumer Sciences until 2011. Zastrow was then appointed as an SDSU Extension Nutrition Field Specialist in the Aberdeen Regional Extension Center, where she has focused on worksite wellness, community-based obesity prevention, and nutrition.

The open house and program are open to the public. SDSU Extension Regional Center in Aberdeen is located at 13 2nd Ave. SE, Aberdeen, 57401, (605) 626-2870.



Marjorie Zastrow



The new scoreboard arrived at Doney Field on Tuesday. It is scheduled to be up before the first home football game.

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Brown County Aug. 11 Meeting

Minutes

AUGUST 11, 2015 - 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 Fjeldheim. Commissioner Fischbach led the Pledge

of Allegiance. MINUTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the Joint City/County Meeting Minutes and the General Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$3,767.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources sistant/Human Resources \$4,088.74; Auditor \$7,635.56; Treasurer \$12,640.48; Data Processing \$7,187.26; State's Attorney \$17,245.28; Blood Draws \$500.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,873.94; Mainte-nance \$6,551.65; Assessor \$13,136.50; Register of Deeds \$8,758.87: Veterans Service Of-\$8,758.87; Veterans Service Of-fice \$3,563.74; GIS \$2,195.60; Sheriff Admin \$30,455.30; Jail \$34,185.82; Coroner \$1,200.00; JDC \$16,384.56; HD \$5,223.27; Welfare Office \$3,500.47; Mu-Seum \$7,679.74; Parks & Fair-grounds \$7,513.53; Fair Board \$4,529.92; 4-H \$1,712.00; Weed \$4,379.08; Planning and Zoning \$1,586.47; Highway \$53,724.83; Communications \$21,357.83; Emergency Man \$21,357.83; Emergency Management \$3,767.34; Teen Court \$275.28; 24/7 \$3,135.01; Landfill \$12,269.80

Matching Benefits: FICA \$17,816.73; Medicare \$4,166.82.

Insurance: American Income Life \$100.00.

Professional Fees: 4-H Performing Arts \$200.00; Aber-deen Advanced Care Ambulance \$3,825.00; Aberdeen Lion's Club \$500.00; Br. Co. Old Time Tractor \$470.00; Br. Co. Trea-surer \$1,275.00; Robert Burtis \$700.00; CHS Dance Team \$1,000.00; CMS Cleaning Service \$6,500.00; Crusaders Motorcycle Club \$1,000.00: Dakota Pedal Pulls \$150.00; Dakota Running Iron Cowboy Mounted Shooters \$1,500.00; Dietrich's \$5,140.00; Garv Allen Tours \$75,000.00; Greg Gilbertson \$400.00; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church \$3,000.00; Shawn R. Houser \$70,000.00; Hub Area Habitat Rodeos \$21,500.00; Korkow Rodeos \$21,500.00; Lew's Fire-works \$1,000.00; Keith Ray-mond \$1,900.00; Nelson Talent Agency \$1,000.00; Nelson Talent Agency \$1,000.00; Newsboys \$40,000.00; NSU Rugby Team \$3,000.00; NSU Women's Swim Team \$5,500.00; Pauer Sound & Music \$10,000.00; R & R Total Destruction Promotions \$9,000.00; Romeo Entertainment Group \$178,500.00; SD Nurse's Assoc. \$1,000.00; SD Snow Queen Festival \$3,500.00; SD Stockdog Assoc. \$1,850.00; Sherwin Linton \$2,000.00; Ryan D. Stevenson \$1,135.00; Stunt Dog Productions \$7,500.00; Teal Heel Touring \$3,000.00; The Sound Exchange \$1,663.33; TMS \$34,700.00; Tayler Wolff \$400.00; AMG Radiology \$25.41; Avera St. Luke's \$2,229.25; Lynnel Bruemmer \$8.00; Denise Cody \$15.00; Helm's & Assoc. \$165.60; Lucy Lewno \$144.00; Sanford Health \$393.55; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$719,185.01; Karen Šwanda \$15.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff Of-

fice \$25.00 Publishing: Aberdeen Ameri-can News \$495.27; Hub City Radio \$300.00; Midstates Printworks \$4,000.00; Keith Raymond \$1,900.00; Mary Davis Show \$3,000.00; Scott McFall \$4,200.00; SD Stockdog As-\$4,200.00; SD Stockdog As-soc. \$150.00; Ryan D. Steven-son \$865.00; T & K Rentals \$1,058.33; The Sound Exchange \$2,336.67; TMS \$18,000.00; Robert Velline \$4,000.00; A & B Business \$348.90; Aberdeen Auto Center \$113.82; Ameripride \$237.18; Artz Equipment \$211.27; Bakken Building Maint. \$500.00; CarQuest \$1,824.93; Cartney Bearing \$24.24; Craw-ford Trucks & Equip. \$3,311.23; Dakota Electronics \$426.40; DFP \$1,717.06; DSG \$24.45; Diamond Mowers \$119.22; DMI \$1,852.26; Eiler's \$136.00; Fastenal \$711.16; Fire Safety First \$107.50; Geffdog \$430.00; Gov-Connection \$1,835.94; Graham Tire \$720.00; Great Western Tire \$2,718.94; Hedahl's \$13.52; Interstate Battery \$338.85 Jebro \$31,577.89; Leidholt Tool Sales \$37.01; Lucy Lewno \$6.49; Lien Transportation \$40,219.08; Mac's \$109.31; Marco \$304.08; McKesson Medical \$21.80; Menards \$106.38; Midstates Printing \$102.78; NCFE – Warner Elevator \$9,309.43; Network Services \$1,298.30; Pierson-Ford \$39.44; Pizza Ranch \$652.50; Productivity Plus \$1,257.15; RDO \$37,732.39; Running's \$1,009.74; Share Corp. \$477.50; Sheehan Mack \$3,804.26; Taylor Laundry \$128.00; Wallwork Truck Center \$808.42; Walth Safety Service \$180.08; Web Water \$68.50; Zastrow's Sales

\$72.84. Travel and Conference: Gene Loeschke \$127.56; Russell Metz \$143.54; Mark Milbrant \$373.00; Sherri Rawstern \$165.44.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,465.19; CenturyLink \$46.31; City of Groton \$330.00; Dependable Sanitation \$451.00; Midcontinent \$70.31; Northern Electric \$161.29; NVC \$2,935.69; NWPS \$891.76; Town of Freder-

ick \$41.00. Other: Raymond Barton \$1.20; Cheri Bender \$3.64; Karla Engelhart \$9.00; SDACO \$1,254.00. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. PERSONNEL: Moved by Fis-chbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following employee step increases, effective Aug 16, 2015: Kristi Vetter @ \$16.13 per hour, Scott Kolb @ \$22.60 per hour, Sherri Rawstern @ \$16.60 per hour, Tina McLeod @ \$15.28 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve hiring the following part-time employ-ees, effective August 10 - 17, 2015 for Security: Alan Petersen @ \$18.00 per hour; Ticket Sales: Andy Meyers @ \$14.18 per hour; Fairgrounds Maintenance: Mike Lynch, Nancy Goss, David Holm, Daniel Gilkerson @ \$10.62 per hour; Charles Wood, Dora Selzler, Steven Smith @ \$10.56 per hour. All members present

voting ave. Motion carried. ABATEMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following Abatements: Lot 31 Lutgen & Davis Richmond Lake Develop-ment in the NE ¼ 25-124-65 in amount of \$22,970.26 (tax deed); Lot 32 Lutgen & Davis Richmond Lake Development in the NE 1/4 25-124-65 in amount of \$3,875.70 (tax deed). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF AC-COUNT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve the July 2015 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$16,357,013.39 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00, US Bank @ \$45,794.84, Dacotah Bank @ \$707,606.76, Petty Cash

voting ave. Motion carried. CROW CREEK DRAINAGE STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for labor and equipment to complete the Crow Creek Drainage Structure Replacement Project, to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:55 a.m. on September 1, 2015. members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the following July 2015 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - LANDFILL SCRAPER: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for the purchase and delivery of a new 2015 or current model, Wheel Tractor Twin Engine Scraper for the Brown County Landfill, to be held in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:50 a.m. on September 1, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. LANDFILL FALL RESIDENTIAL

CLEANUP: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve waiving fees on all material types from Residential Users only during the Fall Residential Cléanup at the Brown County Landfill to be held from August 28 thru September 12, 2015 (open Labor Day). Tires are limited to car/ pickup tires only with a maximum of 4 tires per customer for event period. Fees will apply to commercially generated tires and other tire sizes. No free waste will be accepted from commercial contractors or businesses (including mobile homes). In the event circumstances beyond the control of Brown County (flood, tornado, fire, other) would occur during the FREE Cleanup period the Brown County Commission would reserve the right to end the free cleanup period at such time and implement the regular fee structure. All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. SOLID WASTE SPECIAL AS SESSMENT FEES – 2016: Com-missioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLU TION #48-15. WHEREAS, Title 3, Solid Waste Management System, Chapter 3.07011 of the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, effective March 12, 1997, as amended, requires the Board of County Commis-sioners to establish the Solid Waste Special Assessment fee schedule for the following year, prior to the second Tuesday in September. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Solid Waste Special Assessment fees shall be effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, for the Brown County Sanitary Landfill: SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FEE SCHEDULE

(Billed with the Real Estate Tax Notice) Households within Incorpo-

rated Cities or Civil Townships that require curb service @ \$21.00 per vear Households within Incorpo-

rated Cities or Civil Townships that do not require curb service @ \$77.00 per year

Condominiums taxed as single units within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that require curb service @ \$21.00 per year Condominiums taxed as single units within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that do not require curb service @ \$77.00

per year

tive March 12, 1997, as amended, requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish the fees for use of the landfill

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Solid Waste Tipping Fee Schedule shall be effective January 1, 2016:

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE PRICES EXCEPT MINIMUM CHARGE DO NOT REFLECT 4% SALES TAX ALL LOADS MUST BE TARPED AND SECURED

ALL WASTE MUST BE SORTED AND PUT INTO PROPER AREAS

Type Appliances	
Appliances	With or Without FRFON
Asbestos1	Friable – Powdery or Dusty state, can be crumbled and reduced\$ 5.00 per bag to powder by hand
Compost	Grass, Leaves and Light Garden ResidueFREE
Contsoil	Gas and Diesel Contaminated Soil (notification and analysis
	required before disposal)
Contsoilsp	Contaminated Soil Special (NW Energy, Coal Gasification)\$38.00 per ton
Contsmix	Waste Oil and Mixed Fuel Contaminated Soil
E-Waste	Electronic Waste – TV's, Computers, Copiers, Printers, etc\$100.00 per ton
MSWRB	Rubble waste placed in Unit 1\$20.00 per ton
INDSW	Industrial Solid Waste\$38.00 per ton Municipal Solid Waste – IN COUNTY (Paper, plastic,\$38.00 per ton
MSW1	Municipal Solid Waste – IN COUNTY (Paper, plastic,
	cardboard, carpet, upholstered furniture, mattress, box springs, etc.) (Check with Landfill for material not accepted)
MSW2	Municipal Solid Waste – OUT OF COUNTY (same as MSW1)\$38.00 per ton
MSWCR	Rural container site collection waste
MSWDA	Carcasses (notification required prior to dumping)\$38.00 per ton
Rubble 1	Construction debris-lumber, shingles, sheetrock etc
Rubble 2	Heavy debris, concrete, dirt, rocks etc
Rubble 3	Pallets\$20.00 per ton
	- all sizes\$250.00per unit
Scrap Metal	Metals\$20.00 per ton
Sludge	Sump waste (analysis may be required)
Tires	Large quantities priced per ton
Tires Count Tire Shreds	Car and light truck
Tree Chips	Shredded tires (cell disposal)\$38.00 per ton
Trees1	Wood chips from trees\$14.00 per ton Trees less than 8 inches in diameter\$20.00 per ton
Trees 2	Trees more than 8 inches in diameter (must be 8' or shorter\$14.00 per ton
11000 2	in length)
Minimum Charc	e (except on per item fees) 4% Sales Tax included\$ 3.00

The following items are accepted free: Lead Acid Batteries, Waste Oil, Paint, Grass and Leaves, Computer and Office Paper, Cardboard, #1 and #2 Plastic, Magazines, Phone Books, Antifreeze (residential only) and Propane Tanks Dated this 11th of August 2015.

Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. APPLICATION FOR OCCUPAN-

CY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following application submitted by Web Water Development for occupancy of County 14 in Sec 16-T127N-R63W, Brown County, SD to provide potable water line. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-abstain, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Motion carried. COMBÍNING OFFICE REPORT:

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the Committee report in regard to combining offices and the Chairman publicly

thanked the Committee for their time. The Commission will review report and make final decisions at a later date.

REIMBURSEMENT DIS-CUSSED: A request to waive employee policy and reimburse several lunches at a training held in Brown County was discussed. No action was taken at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and contract discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vet-ter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion car-ried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion:

Moved by Fischbach, sec-

onded by Fjeldheim to amend Employee Policy C-17) Conflicts of Interest – County officials, employees, and board members are prohibited from: 2) receiving any outside compensation, gift, or gratuity, for the performance of County duties, except as follows, c) receipt of social amenities, ceremonial gifts, or advertising gifts, having less than \$100 \$150 in value. Amendment effective August 11, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Maxine Fischer, Brown County

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Brown County

Crow Creek Drainage

ture Replacement

the Brown County Auditor at 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota until 8:55 AM local time 2015 for the above referenced and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

At or shortly after the time named above and within the County Commission Chambers, such Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting of the Board

The Project includes replacement of the concrete gate structure on Crow Creek Drainage Ditch, just downstream of County Road 13. Work includes a 4-barrel Box Culvert, control lated work. Final completion for the project is October 1, 2016. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as described the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described in the Bidding Documents. Bidding Documents may be examined at the locations listed: Brown County Hwy Dept. 3133 8th Ave. NE Aberdeen, SD 57401 Phone - (605) 626-7118 Clark Engineering Corp. 2301 8th Ave NE, Suite 125 Aberdeen, SD 57401 Phone - (605) 225-3494 Clark Engineering Corp. 114 1st Ăve NW Watertown, SD 57201 Phone - (605) 878-0414 Clark Engineering Corp. Convention Center Plaza 1410 West Russell Street Sioux Falls, SD 57104-1328 Telephone - (605) 331-2505 The Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations: Aberdeen, SD Builders Exchange; Rapid City, SD Builders Exchange; Sioux Falls, SD Builders Exchange; Plains Builders Exchange, Sioux Falls, SD;

Dodge Data & Analytics, Hot Springs, AR; Construction Plans Exchange of Bismarck-Mandan, Bismarck, ND; or Construction Plans Exchange of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, ND.

An electronic copy of the Bidding Documents on a compact disc may be obtained from the Aberdeen office of Clark Engineering Corporation for no fee.

BY: Maxine Fischer Published twice at an approximate cost of \$ 44.10.

PUBLISHING DATES: August 19, 2015 August 26, 2015

Brown County

Ord. 447 Notice

NOTICE OF JOINT HEAR-ING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING PETITION TO

REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 25th day of August 2015, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the Petition filed by Kirby Smith to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-ÀG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows: Lot 26, Evelo's Outlot in the NE ¼ of Sec 2-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13645 Pontiac Drive) The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the Petition to Amend Ordi-nance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the council and commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance #15-08-03/447 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property. Dated this 4th day of August 2015. ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Ord. 446 Notice NOTICE OF JOINT HEAR-ING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY

Brown County

COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY

COMMISSION REGARDING PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 25th day of August 2015, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the County Commission Cham-bers, 25 Market Street, to con-sider the Petition filed by Curtis L Merkel 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, said property being described as follows:

Lot H, Pendroy's Green Acres Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Sec 21-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., ..Brown County, SD (1635 Melgaard Road South)

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 the conclusion of the hearing, the council and commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance #15-08-02/446 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property. Dated this 4th day of August 2015. ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance

ADVERTISEMENT Crow Creek Drainage Struc-

Brown County, South Dakota Sealed Bids will be received by on the 1st day of September, project. Bids shall be prepared

of County Commissioners.

ina \$30.00.

Rentals: Brick Roto-Rooter \$8,300.00; Gompf Display \$1,680.00; NB Golf \$10,075.00; Spotslam \$1,600.00; Street Smart Rental \$5,400.00; T & K Rentals \$8,591.67; Vision Communications \$1,942.00; Aberdeen Housing Authority \$310.00; Danne \$300.00; Jerke Rentals \$330.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Artz Equipment \$14.10; Clark En-gineering \$9,000.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$1,036.60; Dakota Tree Co. \$848.00; Dia-mond Mowers \$10.77; G & K Convises \$202.35; Crapt Wort Services \$303.35; Great West-ern Tire \$6.00; House of Glass ,100.86; Hoven Auto Repair \$108.95; Jebro \$2,082.51; Lien Transportation \$26,589.64; Mid-Iransportation \$20,309.04; Filu-west Pump & Tank \$110.48; Productivity Plus \$8.25; RDO \$6,789.04; SD DOT \$36,787.25; Service Signs \$732.45; Sheehan Mack \$13,310.77; Woodman Defineration \$1 103.30 Refrigeration \$1,103.39. Supplies: 4-H Leader's As-

soc. \$5,350.00; Acoustic Smoke \$1,750.00; Phil Baker \$800.00; Br. Co. Old Time Tractor \$730.00; Robert Burtis \$2,300.00; Da-kota Pedal Pulls \$375.00; Di-etrich's \$800.00; Gary Allen Tours \$15,000.00; Korkow Ro-deos \$5,050.00; Lew's Fire-

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@ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$15.597.811.79). All members present voting aye. Motion carried

ATTORNEY CONTRACT: Attorney's Tom Cogley, Chris Dohrer, Adam Altman and Scott Kuck were present to answer any questions in regard to the current attorney contract prior to the following action: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider Requests for Proposals for purpose of defending all Court Appointed Legal Counsel cases in Brown County, to be held in the Brown County Com-mission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen SD at 8:50 a.m. on September 22, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following con-tracts for the 2015 Brown County Fair: RDO (rent eleven (11) units) @ insurance and damage warranty; TMS (Wed event) @ \$5,000.00; Dakota Running Iron Cowboy Mounted Shooters (mounted shooting event) @ \$1,500.00. All members present

Apartment Units and Assisted Living Units within incorporated Cities that require curb service @

\$13.00 per unit per year Seasonal Lake Cabins @

\$34.00 per year

Mobile Home parks, outside incorporated municipalities, which provide or require lot side waste pickup during the entire assessment period, for deposit into a permitted landfill solid waste facility @ \$21.00 per unit per year

Mobile Home parks, outside incorporated municipalities, which do not provide or require lot side waste pickup during the entire assessment period, for deposit into a permitted landfill solid waste facility @ \$77.00 per unit per year Dated this 11th of August

2015.

Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE – 2016: Commissioner Fischbach

offered the following Resolu-tion: RESOLUTION #49-15. WHEREAS, Title 3, Solid Waste Management System, Chapter 3.07010 of the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, effec-

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Scraper Bid Notice

NOTICE TO NEW Wheel Tractor Twin Engine Scraper DEAL-

ERS Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, until 8:50 A.M. on September 1, 2015, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for the Purchase and delivery of A NEW 2015 or CURRENT MODEL, Wheel Tractor Twin Engine Scraper to be delivered F.O.B., Brown County Landfill, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BID ON A NEW 2015, or CURRENT MODEL Wheel Tractor Twin Engine Scraper", to be opened on September 1, 2015 at 8:45 A.M.

PROPOSAL GUARANTEE:..... The proposal guarantee required and must accompany each bid is a certified check, cashier's check or bank draft. This quarantee must be certified or issued by a national or state bank and payable at sight to Brown County, South Dakota in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. In lieu thereof, bidder may furnish a bid bond of ten percent (10%) of the bid, such bond is to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County, South Dakota.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Auditor's Office and the Brown County Solid Waste Department Office and may be obtained at no charge

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

(0818.0825)

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Brown County Legal Services

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Brown County hereby requests proposals to provide legal services that fulfill its statutory obligations as set forth in SDCL 23A-40-7 and other such instances in which the appointment of legal counsel at the expense of the County has been mandated by statute. The two year (2) contract period will commence January 1, 2016, with the option to extend the contract by mutual agreement of the parties for an additional two-year period. To minimize the need for conflict counsel, Brown County may contract with one or more firms, or group of attorneys that are not associated with each other.

Sealed proposals shall be received by the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market St., Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401, no later than 8:50 a.m., September 22, 2015. Proposal specifications are available from the Brown County Auditor at the above-adc at www.brown.sd.us. Brown County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, and make a selection deemed to be in the best interest of Brown County, SD.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that any person, firm partnership or corporation affected by such fee may appear before the Brown County Commission sitting in Equalization between October 15, 2015 and November 1, 2015. Persons desiring to appear shall make an appointment with the Brown County Auditor's Office in advance by calling 626-7110.

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County

Auditor (0818.0825)

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Heartland CPD Policy Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE WITH THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF A POLICY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COM-MISSION ORDER ON COGEN-ERATION AND SMALL POWER PRODUCTION AND WAIVER OF CERTAIN FERC'S REGULATIONS **IMPLEMENTING SECTION 210** OF PURPA.

Heartland Consumers Power District ("Heartland") on behalf of itself and customer listed below ("Participating Member"), hereby gives notice of their intent to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") requesting approval of a proposed Policy for Compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order on Cogeneration and Small Power Production ("Plan") to jointly implement their respective obligations under Section 210 of the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C § 824a-3) ("PURPA") and under Part 292 of the FERC's Regulations.

In filing with FERC, Heartland on behalf of itself and its Participating Members, plan to apply for waiver of certain obligations under Section 292.303 of FERC's Regulations which, if granted, would result in all purchases from Qualified Facility's being made by Heartland and all sales to Qualified Facility's

Brown County Provisional Budget

PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD For Year January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

Governmental Funds

Board of County Commis-sioners 446,156, Contingency 250,000, Elections 104,944 Courts 88,118, Auditor 304,369, Treasurer 537,686 Data Process ing 444,139, States Attorney 758,578, Court Appointed At-torney 508,500, Abused & Neglected Child Defense 15,000, Building Maintenance 3,360,506, Director of Equalization 572,221, Register of Deeds 342,486, Vet-erans Service 147,933, Predatory Animal 3.916, GIS Coordinator 95,188 Sheriff 1,436,236, Jail 519,609, Coroner 29,574, JDC 862,550, Fire Protection 17,000, Support of Poor 540,946, County Nurse 18,540, Ambulance 25,000, FGP 1,500, Mentally Ill 150,000, Mentally Handicap 13,700, Worthmore, Alcohol Committals 30,000, NE Mental Health Center 37,080, Libraries 51,000, Museum 375,695, Landmark Commis-sion 500, Boys & Girls Club 5,000, Richmond Youth Camp 104,224, Fairgrounds 386,052, Fair 1,181,896, Area IV Nutrition 1,500, Ride Line 1,000, Groton Transit 1,000, 4-H 74,542, Weed Control 205,188 Planning & Zoning 82,431 NECOG 23,560, Grow SD 2,500, Aberdeen Development Corp 20,000, Glacial Lakes 750, Operating Transfers (EM 240,915; Road & Bridge 5,513,750; E911 110,773; Courthouse/Jail 200,000). Total Appropriations \$21,243,751.

Governmental Funds – means of finance:

Cash balance applied 4,495,034, Current Property Tax Levy 13,452,355 (less 22,171 to cities), Other taxes 124,666, Licenses & Permits 82,800, Intergovernmental Revenue 433,652, Charges for Goods & Services 2,132,157 Fines & Forfeit 25,850, Miscellaneous Revenue 170,500 Other Financing Sources 1,467,000 Less 5% DCL 7-21-18) 1,118,092. Total leans of Finance \$21,243,751. Special purpose Governmental

Funds: Road and Bridge 9,960,000, Payment to other Governments 40,000. Total Appropriations \$10,000,000. Means of finance: Other Taxes 760,000, Licenses & Permits 6,000, Intergovernmental Revenue 3,688,000, Charges for Goods & Services ,500, Miscellaneous Revenue ,250, Other Financing Sources ,541,250. Total Means of Finance \$10,000,000. E911 Fund Total Appropriations \$1,057,279. Means of Finance: Cash balance applied 175,000, Intergovernmental Revenue 640,914, Miscellaneous Revenue 450, Other Financing Sources 240,915. Total Means of Finance \$1,057,279. Emergency Management Total Appropriations \$210,913 Means of Finance: Cash balance applied 35,000, Intergovernmental evenue

65,000, Miscellaneous Revenue 140, Other Financing Sources 110,773. Total Means of Finance \$210,913. Safe Harbor \$14,200, Means of Finance: Licenses & Permits 8,100, Intergovernmental Revenue 3,100, Charges for Goods & Services 3.000. Total means of Finance \$14,200. Teen Court \$26,710, Means of Finance: Cash balance applied 10,710, Intergovernmental Revenue 15,000, Miscellaneous Revenue 1,000. Total means of Finance \$26,710. 24/7 Sobriety \$90,405, Total Means of Finance: Charges for Goods Services \$90,405. Modern-& ization & Preservation Relief Fund \$20,000, Total Means of Finance: Charges for Goods & Services \$20,000. BCT1 (New Angus) \$904,966, Total Means of Finance: Cash balance applied 251,502; TIF Increment 653,464. Total means of Finance: 904,966. Proprietary Fund: Landfill Solid Waste 4,260,367. Means of Finance: Cash balance applied ,954,649, Other taxes 7,000, Tipping Fee 1,700,000, Miscellaneous Revenue \$598,718. Total Means of Finance \$4,260,367. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY SD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, will meet in the Courthouse at Aberdeen South Dakota on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2016 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 29th day of September

2015. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives. items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor, Brown County, SD Published once at the total ap-

proximate cost of \$43.37.

Groton City August 17 Meeting August 17, 2015 The Groton City Council met

on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, Fliehs, McGannon, Blackmun, Peter-son, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson and representatives of the press.

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

Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign a change order with HF Jacobs & Son for a reduction of the W 5th Ave contract by \$7,258.27. All members resent voted aye. Moved by Blackmun and sec-

onded by Glover to authorize the following bills for

payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank 9,354.42 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 975.00 emp savings; Office of Child Support 344.31 emp child support; Patrick Sieh 300.00 HWH sales incentive; AFLAC 782.32 emp ins; Associ-ated Supply Co 22.20 chemicals; Buhls 31.70 rug rent; Car Quest 626.48 filters,oil,hoses; Dakota Supply Group 355.88 bulbs; Dearborn Natl Life Ins 76.50 life ins; Ecolab 94.70 pest control; Farmers Union Coop 119.60 gas; Fire Safety First 392.46 extin inspect,1st aid supplies; Groton Ford 1,118.99 repairs; Groton Independent 97.56 publishing; Guardian Ins 233.63 emp ins Heartland Cons Power District 49,059.37 power; HF Jacobs & Son Constr 114,781.44 st reconst; Jacobson Electric 605.63 LM installs; Kens Food Fair 2,232.89 gas, food, supplies; Paul Kosel 283.43 med flex; Lyle Signs 165.05 brackets; MJ Sinclair 2,639.92 gas, batteries; Meierhenry Sargent 1,650.00 bond counsel; NWPS 3,428.58 power delivery; SD State Treas 7,625.95 sales tax; SD Supple-ment Retirement 1,330.001emp retirement; Stan Houston Equipment 199.201sealant; Randy Stanley 510.00 HWH sales in centive; Topkote 3,000.00 chip/ seal; Wellmark Blue Cross/ Blue Shield 13,833.72 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 25,194.59 power Finance Officer Lowary re-

ported that there is a cash flow problem and the line of credit will have to be used for this months bills.

Drainage concerns in the

West Ditch Creek in Groton City limits were discussed. Mud Creek Drainage Commission requested assistance in solving this 2 foot rise by the BNSF railroad crossing. More information will be gathered on what can be done.

There will be no fall cleanup by the City of Groton in 2015. Citizens will be encouraged to participate in the Brown County Cleanup Aug 28- Sept 12.

Finance Officer Lowary announced that the SDML conference will be in Watertown on Oct 7-9 with many educational sessions available.

Council approved the end of season swimming pool hours and decided against hosting a Dog Day at the pool.

Completion of the W 5th Avenue construction and dusty streets on the alternate routes were discussed

Refinancing several loans to reduce interest rates and payments were discussed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Fliehs to hold a special meeting Aug 24 or 31 with Ray Woodsend to discuss the bonding options. All

members present voted aye. The 2016 proposed budget

was discussed. Moved by Peterson and seconded by Opp to hold the 1st meeting in Sept on Sept 8 instead of Sept 7 due to the Labor Day holiday. All members present voted ave.

At 8:19pm the Council adjourned into executive session for personnel issues on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular

session at 8:46pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Anita Lowary, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$34.04.

Milbank Golf Results

Groton's boys golf team took part in its first meet on Monday at the Poet Invitational held in Milbank.

Brody Sombke shot a 91, Landon Marzahn a 95, Sean Schuring a 96, Hunter Schaller 103, Cade Guthmiller 104 and Treyton Diegel 105. Team Scores were as follows:

Parkston 318 Madison 337 Sisseton 340 Tea Area 340 Chamberlain 342 Vermillion 345 Aberdeen Roncalli 347 Dell Rapdis 352 West Central 367 Watertown 370 Sioux Valley 373 Groton Area 385 Redfield-Doland 398 Aberdeen Central 405 Milbank Area 437 Mobridge-Pollock no score

Claremont Town August 11 Meeting The Board of Trustees for the

town of Claremont met in regular session on 8-11-15 at 8 p.m. in City Hall. President Shane called the meeting to order with trust-ees Al and Russell present.

On a motion by Al and sec-onded by Russell the minutes of the July meeting were approved as read. On a motion by Russ and seconded by AI the following warrants were allowed:

General:

James Valley, phone, 83.57; NWE, lights, 491.44; Holland Auto, mower and grader, 199.45; Full Circle Ag, spray weeds, 76.10; Missi Smith, mowing, 166.23; Charla Rye, wage, 300.00; Barneys Hoe, 1569.39; Br. Co. Weed & Pest, mosquito, 972.61.

WSSW:

BDM, water, 875.90; SD Dept. of Revenue & Remittance, water sample, \$30.00; NWE, water and sewer, 174.53; SD Assoc. Rural Water Systems, annual dues, 320.00; Robin Crosby, meter reading, 138.52.

Johnson notified the board that AJ Michaels of the DENR will be here to inspect the Rubble Site.

Johnson also notified the hoard that CDJ will be replacing the pump in the well house.

The town was awarded a grant of \$2,500 in the battle against mosquitoes.

No bids were received for the glider and mayo pole, so they will be removed and gotten rid of With no further business be-

fore the board, a motion made by AI and seconded by Russ to adjourn. Motion carried.

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baby's first steps.

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Brown County Solid Waste Fees SOLID WASTE SPECIAL AS-SESSMENT EQUALIZATION NO-TICE

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nected with the Participating Members electric distribution systems being made by the Participating Members.

Copies of the proposed Plan will be sent to interested parties upon request. Heartland will also accept written comments on the proposed Plan. Heartland intends to file for approval of the Plan with FERC on or after September 15, 2015. FERC will publish public notice of Heartland's filing in the Federal Register following receipt of the filing. That notice will specify that any person desiring to be heard in this matter can make the appropriate filings with FERC. Inquiries concerning this matter should be addressed to: Mr. Russell Olson

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2015 FFA Livestock Show



Kiera Leddy, State FFA Vice President, presents the Grand Champion Market Sheep award to Carly Wheeting



Kiera Leddy, State FFA Vice President, presents the Grand Champion Market Goat award to Carly Wheeting





Kiera Leddy, State FFA Vice President, presents the Reserve Champion Market Swine award to Kaitlyn Ringgenberg



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Katie Miller, District I FFA President presents the Reserve Champion Market Steer award to Kaitlyn Ringgenberg

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Katie Miller, District I FFA President presents the Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer award to Latisha Smith



Katie Miller, District I FFA President presents the Grand **Champion Market Steer award to Hailey Hanson**

Market Goats Class 1 1 - Josie LaMee Class 2 1 - Carly Wheeting 2 - Josie LaMee Grand Champion -Carly Wheeting Reserve Champion -Josie LaMee Market Sheep Grand Champion -Carly Wheeting Reserve Champion -Carly Wheeting **Breeding Sheep** Late Spring Rams Grand Champion -Faith Houghtaling Reserve Champion -Trey Wright **Yearling Ewes** 1 - Faith Houghtal- Heifer Show ing 2 - Trey Wright 3 - Trey Wright Late Spring Ewes

1 - Kaitlyn Ringgen- manship - Swine berg 2 - Carly Wheeting Class 3 1 - Madilyn Wright 2 - Kaitlyn Ringgenberg Class 4 1 - Kaitlyn Ringgenberg 2 - Josie LaMee 3 - Carly Wheeting Class 5 1 - Josie LaMee Grand Champion -Madilyn Wright Reserve Champion - Kaitlyn Ringgenberg Champion Showmanship - Kaitlyn Ringgenberg **FFA Breeding** Grand Champion -Hailey Hanson Reserve Champion -Latisha Smith

Grand Champion -Adam Krause





New Sidewalk at Football Field



FFA Market Cattle 1 - Trey Wright 2 - Mark Leonhardt Show **Early Spring Ewes** 1 - Trey Wright 2 - Faith Houghtalberg ing 3 - Tyra Leonhardt Grand Champion Ewe - Faith Houghtalberg ing Reserve Champion Ewe - Trey Wright Champion Showmanship - Faith Houghtaling Market Swine Hailey Hanson Show Class 1 1 - Madilyn Wright 2 - Madilyn Wright 3 - Madilyn Wright son Class 2

Class 1 1 - Kaitlyn Ringgen-Class 2 1 - Hailey Hanson 2 - Kaitlyn Ringgen-Class 3 1 - Madilyn Wright Class 4 1 - Madilyn Wright 2 - Braiden Craig Grand Champion -Reserve Champion - Kaitlyn Ringgenberg Champion Showmanship - Hailey Han-FFA Alumni Show-

The new sidewalk was being poured this morning between the bathrooms and the bleachers. Pictured are Joe Foertsch in red, Nick Olson in pink, Justin Olson in yellow and Jeff Krueger in black.

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Breck plays at McCrory Gardens Betty Breck, Groton, played traditional American folk songs on her violin at the MrCrory Gardens 50th

Betty Breck, Groton, played traditional American folk songs on her violin at the MrCrory Gardens 50th Anniversary Garden Party August 7 in Brookings. The Gardens were in full bloom; tours, lectures and other activities were held throughout the day; and Master Gardeners were on hand to answer the public's questions.

Betty is pictured playing in front of a quaint, little cottage which was a gas station located in Lake Preston, SD before it was moved to the Cottage Garden. English in origin, a cottage garden depends on grace and charm rather than grandeur and formal structure. It is a distinct style of garden that uses an informal design, traditional materials, dense plantings, and a mixture of ornamental and edible plants. A commemorative 50th Anniversary Christmas ornament of the Cottage Garden was offered for sale for the first time at the Garden Party.

The McCrory Gardens Facebook timeline features a photo of Betty entertaining children at the Garden ^Q Party.

Adults Need Vaccines Too

PIERRE, S.D. – Every year, thousands of adults in the United States suffer serious health problems, are hospitalized, or even die from diseases that could have been prevented by vaccination.

To celebrate the importance of immunizations throughout life – and to help remind adults that they need vaccines too – the South Dakota Department of Health is joining with partners nationwide in recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

"There is a misconception among many adults that vaccines are just for children," said Barbara Philips, nurse educator for the Department of Health immunization program. "The truth is, you never outgrow the need for immunizations."

The specific vaccines adults need are determined by factors such as age, lifestyle, risk conditions, locations of travel, and previous vaccines. All adults should talk to their health care providers about which vaccines are right for them.

One vaccine recommended for everyone over the age of six months is the seasonal flu vaccine. "South Dakota has one of the highest overall flu vaccination rates in the country with well over 50 percent of adults getting vaccinated in the 2013-2014 season, said Philips. "While that's good news, there are still significant numbers of adults who don't get a flu vaccine."

To find out which vaccines might be right for you and where you can get vaccinated, visit http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ adults/.

Midwest Refinery Throws Wrench into Gasoline Price Slide AAA reports South Dakota's pump price average for self-serve regular climbed 5 cents over the past week to an average today of \$2.74

AAA reports South Dakota's pump price average for self-serve regular climbed 5 cents over the past week to an average today of \$2.74 per gallon. However, over the last seven days some Midwestern states have seen dramatic increases: Indiana ---- up 59 cents Illinois ----- up 57 cents Michigan --- up 51 cents Ohio ----- up 44 cents

Indiana —— up 59 cents Wisconsin — up 39 cents

Wisconsin – up 39 cents "These price spikes are the result of a BP refinery going down unexpectedly in Whiting, Indiana. Unfortunately, it's the largest refinery supplying fuel to the Great Lakes region and the central U.S.," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "We're feeling some impact here in South Dakota because fuel is being purchased from surrounding areas to supplement the demand, tightening our supply and boosting retail prices."

	Today	Last Week	Change	Jul. 21	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.634	\$2.643	(\$0.009)	\$2.700	(\$0.066)	\$3.389
Brookings	\$2.686	\$2.639	\$0.047	\$2.856	(\$0.170)	\$3.459
Huron	\$2.794	\$2.766	\$0.028	\$2.688	\$0.106	\$3.493
Mitchell	\$2.845	\$2.757	\$0.088	\$2.758	\$0.087	\$3.448
Pierre	\$3.002	\$2.919	\$0.083	\$3.092	(\$0.090)	\$3.555
Rapid City	\$2.864	\$2.865	(\$0.001)	\$2.869	(\$0.005)	\$3.601
Sioux Falls	\$2.646	\$2.512	\$0.134	\$2.695	(\$0.049)	\$3.302
Vermillion	\$2.576	\$2.591	(\$0.015)	\$2.726	(\$0.150)	\$3.302
Watertown	\$2.621	\$2.446	\$0.175	\$2.802	(\$0.181)	\$3.518
Yankton	\$2.685	\$2.693	(\$0.008)	\$2.817	(\$0.132)	\$3.465
South Dakota	\$2.748	\$2.696	\$0.052	\$2.797	(\$0.049)	\$3.467

Initial reports indicate it may take BP a month or longer to repair the troubled crude distillation unit. The refinery is capable of producing 430,000 barrels of refined product per day.

The national average price for regular gasoline ended a 27-day streak of daily declines last week and has since increased for six of the last seven days. Today's average price of \$2.66 per gallon is an increase of eight cents per gallon versus one week ago,

"It appears crude oil prices have room to move even lower," said Buskohl. "We just have

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so much of it around the world. And now we're hearing reports that the Japanese economy is shrinking. Both exports and consumer spending fell in Japan from April to June, which will likely reduce their demand for oil."

West Texas Intermediate closed down 63 cents yesterday to settle at \$41.87 on the NY-MEX. WTI prices are the lowest since March, 2009 due to the continued global oversupply of crude oil and weakening foreign economies.

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2016 State DI to be held in Mitchell

Dean Fenenga, Affiliate Director of South Dakota Creativity, Inc., has announced that the 2016 State Destination Imagination event will be held in Mitchell on April 2, 2016. "Mr. Geoff Gross and the rest of the people I have talked to are very excited to have us in the community and have opened the doors to their school for us," Fenenga said. "This is a great opportunity to showcase DI in a growing area of the state."

SHRINERS TAKE GOLD AGAIN IN FARGO

Yelduz Shrine Chanters brought hiome the plaque for the GOLD AWARD in singing competition again this year, at the Midwest Shrine convention in Fargo, this week. Lon Gellhaus, Les Nehls, LeRoy Farmen, and Lee Schinkel were there, singing withe Shrine Chanters for competition, this Wednesday.

will always be a quality I'm drawn to.

I dealt with two opposite ends of a spectrum today and it reenforced something I learned long ago but for some reason, today, it arrived in such a way that I couldn't makeup was perfect, help but think about it.

We were busy and I was the only one available to help people at the cutting counter while our weekly freight was unloaded. I could see there were several people lining up but I knew my two hands were only going to be able to help one person at time so me, she "looked" very

Inner beauty is and I stayed as focused as possible and politely apologized to the customers that ended up waiting for several minutes.

One of those waiting was a tall, very striking woman with long dark hair. Her her outfit was well had a rather round planned and it was face and two bear easy to tell she didn't just throw something on before she arrived. She was definitely "put together." I admire people that put she applied the black a little extra time into their appearance as it is something I can relate to and trust with the teddy bear

nice. I'm not saying I look nice but I am effort into my appearance.

Behind her were two young women. One had her hair styled in such a way that she resembled a teddy bear. She ears formed on the top but slightly off to each side of her head. I'm not sure just what her plan was when color to her eyebrows but for some reason, they didn't seem to go



saying I do put some hair idea. Her friend had bright red hair hanging in clumps around her very fair complexion. Neither of them was as put together as the woman in front of them and I'm not so sure they weren't wearing what some might call pajamas.

As I worked my way towards helping them I noticed something very interesting. The beautiful "put together" woman was rather uptight and a bit unfriendly and it was easy to see she was not going to engage in any small talk nor did she have any immediate plans of smiling.

When she walked away the teddy bear and the red bed head approached the counter. I apologized for their rather lengthy wait and they both smiled and said, "We've worked retail. We totally understand. It was no big deal." We had



by Beverly Patterson

a nice chat and when they left, they left with smiles on their faces thanking me for cutting their fabric.

Two thoughts evolved from this experience.

Outer beauty drastically changes when inner beauty isn't shining from within and inner beauty drastically changes outer beauty when it's given the chance to shine.

I find people so incredibly fascinating and I do my best to treat everyone the same. At times I secretly gather facts from those assembled before me and try to remind myself not to judge any of those "books" by their covers. They all have a place in my world. Some are sent to challenge me, some are there to make me feel inadequate but the majority arrive with a smile on their face which tells me they brought their inner beauty and they're ready to let it shine!



GHS Class of 1975

Members of the GHS class of 1975 held a 40 year reunion the weekend of July 17 & 18. Friday night's gathering at Deb Olson's home in Groton started, literally, with a bang when a severe thunderstorm moved thru the area just as quests were arriving and some outdoor activities were curtailed. The weather did cooperate for Saturday's golfing event and the afternoon tour of the school involved a lot of reminiscing.

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One of the most notable items of remembrance was that 4 members of this class (Deb Olson, Earleen Pope, Carla Stahl and Beth Wegehaupt)were on the first Groton Girl's Basketball team that was formed in 1975. Saturday night's program included a tribute to deceased classmates Michael Ball, Donna (Chell) Meyer, John Luce, Robert Mc-Gannon, and Arnold Zoellner. Other memories included mood rings. pet rocks, hip huggers, bellbottoms, leisure suits, 8 tracks, disco, PEZ candy, TV show Saturday Night Live, President Gerald Ford and ten cent postage stamps.

Attendees not pictured include Lisa Schelle, Bill Sieh, Sherry (Zimney) Arneson, Carla (McKiver) Ronning, Loren Johnson, David and Connie (Sperry) Nilson.

Pictured in the back row are: Eugene Johnson, Greg Siefkes, Jeff Braun, Beth (Kruse) Wegehaupt, John Ries, Rick Kammerer and Brad Morehouse;

Middle row: Bruce Sippel, Kris (Raap) Schneider, Earleen (Dalv) Pope, Sandy (Schuring) Jebbens, Janel (Hanson) Merkel, Dale Abeln, Tami (Erickson) Zimnev, and Scott Sueltz:

Seated: Steve Herron, Harvey Fliehs, Yvonne (Larson) Ablen, Carla (Reed) Stahl, and Deb (Hoops) Olson.