

C&MA Church Pastor Mujahid el Masih is returning as a guest speaker at the Groton Christian and Missonary Alliance Church, 706 N. Main Street in Groton on Sunday, September 20. Pastor el Masih will speak during the 9:15 Sunday School hour and at the 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. services. The public is invited to all the services.

While growing up he studied the Koran and Islam for 14 years in Pakistani schools and had military training. From Islamic teachers and the military he was taught to hate Israel, Christians, and all non-muslims and was very passionate to be a martyr for Country and the Religion. Then he came to know that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and gave his life to Christ at age 25.

In 1997 some Christians in an area of Pakistan were falsely accused of tearing the pages of the Koran and throwing them into a mosque. Thousands of Muslims were incited to riot against the Christians living in two vil-lages in that area. The villages were burned and the believers were violated and suffered at the hands of these Muslims. Pastor Masih's life was spared. Later, he fled for his life. God opened the door for him and his family to come to America.

Jesus Christ has used Pastor Masih through his ministry, Faith Covenant International, to start close to 200 churches in Pakistan, establish a Bible school, Jesus Heals Medical Clinic, and a child-support program in Pakistan. FCI also started a work in 2010 in Sri Lanka, establishing 24 Bible schools, one in each district.

Pastor Masih has a deep love for the body of Christ and especially persecuted Christians around the world. He shares of God's continual faithfulness, God's love for all people and the miraculous hand of God during all the days of his ministry in Pakistan. God has put it upon his heart to teach Americans the truth about Islam and would love to share about the faithfulness and miracles God has provided in his life and share from his studies of Islam and

how we can love Muslims to Christ. The Groton C&MA congregation invites you to hear this wonderful Christian pastor share about his life before and after his conversion, miss this opportunity to hear an internationally **Emma, learning the trade.** known pastor share his heart with us!



It was a beautiful sunset as seen at halftime of the game.

Breck is fiddling to the top Betty Breck placed second in the open fiddle contest at the 40th Annual National Old-Time Country, Bluegrass and Folk Music Festival held in LeMars, Iowa recently. The Festival features 650 scheduled performers on 10 stages for 7 days. Breck was one of the scheduled performers and also taught the beginning fiddle workshop at the festival. It is held the week before Labor Day every year at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds.



A pair of siblings were helping a parent at the football game Friday night. In the

Westport Community **Club dissolves**

The Westport Community Club representatives met with the people after the town board meeting. It was decided that if no one would take over the officer jobs and organize the fundraiser the club would dissolve. No one stepped forward and the WCC is dissolved.

Worship at Trinity this Sunday

Worship at the historic Trinity Church in Groton, located at Third Street and Third Avenue, will be held Sunday at 5 p.m.

his congregations, his joys and his concerns for left photo, Brian Schuring is keeping stats and is being helped by his son, Sean. In the Body of Christ in this 21st century. Don't the right photo, Joann Donley is taking photos for the yearbook with her daughter,



Betty Breck was one of the supervisors of the one-room school house on the James Valley Threshing Show arounds in Andover. She is pictured showing a photo of her mom, Myrle Breck, who was the first female city superintendent in the state. She was the superintendent at the Andover School.



Mrs. Myrle Breck Superintendent Colorado State College of Education

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Editor's Note: This is the 39th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Lee Raines

JobWise what are you doing today? Semi retired working for Leif Johnson Ford II, LTD in Austin, TX

How long have you been working at the current job? Year and half.

How did you get your current job? Previously I was their CFO for 7 years.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. Leif Johnson Ford II, LTD 1997 to current; Fletcher Music Centers 1995-1997; Genmar/Minstar Inc. 1985 to 1995; Arthur Andersen & Co 1978 to 1985.

What year did you graduate from high school? Groton in 1971

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? University of South Dakota, BA, 1978

What advice would you give the high school students today? I think it is necessary to have a "plan" whether it be related to school or the future. Get an education, get a degree or get a skill.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. Got a college degree after 3 ¹/₂ years in the military. Successful business career, mentored a great many people, and saved enough money to retire and play golf.

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? I think education at either the high school or college level can prepare you for the future to a very limited extent. It should give you the skills of listening, formulating opinions, and continuing to learn. College and high school are just the beginning of your "learning". Life is the true education.

School board switches banks The long debate over which bank to use was finally decided at Monday night's school board

meeting. Mandy Boe, store manager of Wells Fargo Bank of Groton, and Ryan Olson, service manager, of Wells Fargo Bank, were both on hand to discuss why the district should keep its \$3 million dollars with Wells Fargo.

"Wells Fargo is very secure," Boe said. "We have a huge budget for fraud security." She also said that Business Manager Mike Weber has a convenient payroll - it works for everyone. It's a streamline process.

"We've had a great partnership with the school over the years," Boe said. "Our roots go back to First National Bank here in Groton and we're not going any where."

Boe listed a number of projects that Wells Fargo has donated to in the community. "Your business means a lot to us and we will continue to be a big supporter of the school no matter what decision you make tonight," she said.

Superintendent Joe Schwan presented figures to the board about the savings by switching to First State Bank. The district would see a net increase of \$4,899.06 while the NorthCentral Coop would see a net increase of \$598.02 and the district agency account would see a net increase of \$47.14. Business Manager Mike Weber said, that the payroll cutoff would have to get moved back one day. There is a day to a day and half delay in direct deposit at First State Bank compared to Well's Fargo Bank. The board decided on a 4-1 vote with Marty Weismantel abstaining to declare First State Bank as the official depositary effective January 1, 2016. Dorene Nelson voted no.

The football field scoreboard has run into several snags which is why it is not up, yet. The installation cost will be significantly higher than initially budgeted at \$32,000 with a budget of \$20,000. Doland has expressed an interest in getting the old scoreboard.

The Chamber Sign is operational and Superintendent Joe Schwan reported they have to decide what events will be put up on the board. The district had contributed \$10,000 to the project. Schwan said that it is not feasible to put all of the school events on the board. MS/HS Principal Dr. Anna Schwan reported on some changes to homecoming this year. The float building will be done on the school grounds. The theme for this year is "Holidays." The last time this theme was used was in 1963. There will be no homecoming dance. Mike and Marsha Braun are the Parade Marshalls. The robotics program is looking to use school transportation vehicles. Superintendent Joe Schwan said if the district were to charge the regular fee of 63 cents per mile, it would be about \$2,200 just in travel. The board agreed to allow them to pay for the fuel and use of the vehicles for free for in-state events. The district is currently not providing any financial support of the program. "It's a very good program and it's very academic," Schwan said. "It's good fit for 15 students." The board approved the use of the elementary school showers for the Dakotas United Methodist Youth Group convention to be held in Groton. There will be 30 participants. The event will be held November 13-15. The only fee will be custodian fees if they are not donated. A request to waive the fee for the Groton Youth Rally to be held November 18 in the Arena was approved. The teaching contract for Desiree Yeigh was amended to include 9-12 instrumental stipend of \$3,325.





Lane changes for certified teachers was approved.

Amendments to auxiliary staff work agreements were approved.

The board approved hiring Justin Hanson as assistant boys basketball coach at 8% of base salary, Kelli Hanson as basketball cheerleader advisor at 4.5% of base salary, Kandi Weismantel and Jaimie Mitchell as special education paraprofessionals at \$10.50 an hour for seven hours per day.

An open enrollment from Sisseton in the seventh grade was approved. The board acknowledged receipt of two public school exemptions.



Wednesday, September 16

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk. School Lunch: Pizza cruncher, corn, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, Acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Camille Sippel • Bonnie Nierman • Vera Weisenberger • Jeannie Clocksene • Ramona Rossow • Jayne Rossow

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League 7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, September 17

School Breakfast: Cereal, juice, fruit, yogurt, milk. School Lunch: Taco salad, refried beans, bread stick, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hot pork combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrot-raisin salad, pear halves, whole wheat bread.

Anniversaries: • Bary & Tricia Keith • Lauren & Jean Harrison

Birthdays: • Jackson Strom • Kyler Ell • Kathy Holm • Ruby Larson • Iver Finnesand • Eric May

1:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA to elect officers 4:00pm: Cross Country at Lee Park Golf Course 4:00pm: JHFB at Aberdeen Central

6:00pm: VB at Milbank (JV/C match start at 6 pm)

Friday, September 18

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk. School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Salmon loaf, creamed peas, watermelon, peanut butter brownie, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Eddy & Virginia Nehls

Birthdays: Teresa Davies • Melissa White • Bret Fliehs

Homecoming Week! Monday, September 21 MS/HS is Opposite Gender Day Elementary is Camo Day

School Breakfast: Ham and egg sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Turkey gravy, whipped potato, corn, tea bun, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, zucchini bread.

Birthdays: Julie Milbrandt • Joseph Groeblinghoff • Collin Gengerke • Larry Harry • Darlene Jones • Regan Lewandowski • Mary Lou Bierman

- Dillon Freeman
 Rhonda Swanson
 6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
 4:00 pm: Cross Country at Clear Lake
 - 4:30 pm: JV Football hosts Milbank

7:00pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

7:30 pm: Homecoming Coronation

Tuesday, September 22 MS/HS is Toga Day Elementary is Sports Day

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/Mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

- Birthdays: Katie Kampa Darin Krueger •
- Alex McKiver Keegan Schelle Jason Mettler •
- Rose Waage Madison McNickle Jay Peterson 10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study 4:00pm: JHFB at Milbank (7th at 4 pm, 8th at

5 pm) 5:00pm: Boys soccer at Mitchell Christian Thursday, September 24 MS/HS is Color Day (Seniors-black, Juniorswhite, Sophomores-blue, Freshmen-yellow, 8th grade-red, 7th gradegreen, 6th grade-purple, Staff-pink)

Elementary is Holiday Dress-up Day.

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit, links, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hot ham and cheese, sweet tots, romaine salad.

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli or carrots, garlic toast, sherbert.

Birthdays: • Jesse Overacker • Charles Dirks • Ben Woodward • Turner Webb • Jerry Locke • Wade Marzahn 10:00am: Boys golf at Sis-

seton 4:00pm: 7th Grade FB host

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4:30pm: VB hosts Clark-Willow Lake (7th/8th play at same time on two courts) 6:00pm: Volleyball hosts Clark-Willow Lake (JV at 6 followed by varsity)

Friday, September 25 Spirit Day

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Tailgate Party

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend veggies, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Jason & Kathy Holm

Birthdays: • Grant Rix • Jarrett Rix • Joey Padfield

11 am to 3 pm: Jungle Day Bazaar at the First Presbyterian Church

1:00pm: Homecoming Parade

7:00pm: Football hosts Aberdeen Roncalli

Saturday, September 26

Birthdays: • Alan Strom • Heidi Krueger

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

1:00 pm: Girls soccer hosts Tea Area

3:00 pm: Boys soccer hosts Tea Area

7:00pm: FB at Milbank

Saturday, September 19

Anniversary: Morgan and Ginger McNickle Birthdays: Lanny Torguson • Diann Morehouse 10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

1:00pm: Girls soccer host Garretson 3:00pm: Boys soccer host Freeman Academy 4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, September 20

Anniversaries: • Chuck & Sheila Johnson • Loren & Crystal Wheeler

Birthdays: • Marjory Townsend • Jordan Fliehs 9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass 10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship 5:00 pm: Worship at Trinity Church in Groton 5:15pm: Volleyball at Warner (7th/C at 5:15, 8th/ JV at 6:30, followed by varsity)

Wednesday, September 23 MS/HS is Tacky Tourist Day Elementary is Pajama Day

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, milk, fruit.

School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, mixed vegetable, broccoli and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, macaroni salad, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Carolyn Sndyer • Duane Johnson 7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League 7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation





Registration: 8 a.m. Run starts at 9 a.m. in front of GHS Pre-registration gets you a shirt. Must be postmarked by Sept. 23. Stop at GHS to pick up form. For more information, contact Brooke Lingbeck at 397-8381. Proceeds go to Groton FBLA.

Brown County Sept. 8 Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 - GEN-FRAL 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. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Kippley to approve the Joint City/County Meeting Minutes and the General Meeting Minutes of September 1, 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 \$4,088.74; Auditor \$7,492.69; Treasurer \$12,683.02; Data Processing \$7,262.38; State's Attorney \$16,127.58; Blood Draws \$650.00; SVA-WA Grant \$1,873.94; Maintenance \$6,814.22; Assessor \$13,136.50; Register of Deeds \$8,758.87; Veterans Service Of-fice \$3,563.74; GIS \$2,195.60; Sheriff Admin \$31,477.61; Jail \$33,446.39; Coroner \$0.00; JDC \$15,442.97; HD \$4,662.17; Welfare Office \$3,500.47; Museum \$7,683.74; Parks & Fairgrounds \$6,356.91; Fair Board \$5,420.18; 4-H \$1,113.60; Weed \$4,135.40; Planning and Zoning \$1,586.47; Highway \$51,381.30; Communi-cations \$20,485.41; Emergency Management \$3,767.34; Teen Court \$192.69; 24/7 \$2,890.49; Landfill \$12,180.95; Matching Benefits: FICA \$17,371.76; Medi-

care \$4,062.75 Insurance: SD Public Assur-

ance Alliance \$549.62. Professional Fees: Stan Adel-

man \$200.00; Avera Queen of Peace \$59.90; Avera St. Luke's \$850.07; Karin Bartell \$30.00; Better Ride \$150.00; Greg Bohn \$150.00; Joy Braun \$30.00; Ruth Casanova \$30.00; Denise Cody \$15.00; Josh Cribbs \$150.00; DevNet \$3,281.25; Ric Dias \$30.00; Tracy Dice \$30.00; Phyllis Donat \$30.00; Kristi Er-ickson \$30.00; Express Employment \$1,690.55; Lisa Fedeler \$30.00; Wayne Fischer \$150.00; Susan Gerlach \$30.00; Jer-emy Geske \$200.00; Ann Gibbs \$30.00; Carol Green \$30.00; Judy Gulleson \$30.00; John Gupman \$150.00; Gweneth Hansen \$30.00; Missy Hanson \$200.00; Carol Hein \$30.00; John Hepola \$30.00; HKG Architects \$38,565.00; Ramon Hurin \$30.00; Duane Jark \$60.00; DaRae Jones \$30.00; Renita Kainz \$30.00; KCH Law \$315.00; Janelle Klapperich \$30.00; Rob Janelle Klapperich \$30.00; Rob-ert Kramer \$150.00; Florence Kraus \$30.00; Lucy Lewno \$144.00; Liberty Tire Recycling \$5,780.53; Long Nines \$200.00; Marilyn Maloney \$30.00; Stepha-nie Mattson \$30.00; Marissa Mickelson \$30.00; Midstates Printing \$75.00; Emily Munger Printing \$75.00; Emily Munger \$38.27; Darcee Munsterteiger \$30.00; Kathy Novstrup \$30.00; Brett Oelke \$200.00; Ronald Parker \$150.00; Sherry Perrion \$30.00; PRCA \$900.00; Ellen Schlosser \$30.00; Cindy Sch-nabel \$30.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$664,686.16; SDN Communications \$125.00 Evalyn Smith \$30.00; Diann Steinheuser \$52.07; Karen Swanda \$15.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$792.00; Amy Weismantel \$30.00; Elsie Wells \$30.00; Jeffrey Wolff \$200.00; Marjorie Zastrow \$30.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen Ameri-can News \$4,697.10; Groton

Independent \$643.57; Hub City Radio \$5,550.00; iHeartMe-dia \$2,500.00; Ingstad Fam-ily Media \$1,572.00; Kelo TV \$480.00; KOKK \$2,400.00; Me-diaUSA \$695.00; Midcontinent \$4,915.00; Midstates_Printing \$620.94; KDLO Radio \$3,500.00; SD Magazine \$295.00. Rentals: Builder's Mgmt.

\$300.00; Gompf Display \$75.00; GPHC \$330.00; Junior Hammrich \$260.00; NB Golf \$2,124.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Ace Refrigeration \$86.70; B & B Contracting \$23,892.90; Beadle Floral \$3,122.00; Crawford's Trucks & Equip. \$1,125.01; Cunningham Electric \$9,517.34; Dakota Oil \$30.06; Dakota Pump & Control \$504.61; Da-taSpec \$399.00; G & K Services \$231.96; Hanlon Brothers \$5,463.41; Harr Plumbing & Heating \$3,892.93; HF Jacobs & Son \$4,645.21; Jason's Electric \$139.90; Jebro \$4,131.26; Leidholt Electric \$1,928.48; Nelson Sales & Service \$42.00; PowerPlan \$6,797.41; ProAg Supply \$744.69; Sheehan Mack \$4,517.33; Vosika Fencing \$4,000.00; Weigel Construction \$1,975.60; Woodman Refrigera-tion \$2,255.97 tion \$2,255.97.

Supplies: A & B Business \$200.18: Aberdeen Area Radiator \$1,670.00; Aberdeen Asphalt tor \$1,6/0.00; Aberdeen Asphalt \$63,192.59; Academy Trophy \$332.00; Ameripride \$102.74; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; CarQuest \$1,568.85; Cartney Bearing \$53.74; Center Print-ing Co. \$189.59; CMW Clean-ing Service \$959.53; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$3,029.64; Cun-ningham Electric \$9,517.35; Da-kota Electronics \$1.848.50; DFP kota Electronics \$1,848.50; DFP \$815.72; Dakota Oil \$5,710.24; DSG \$2,417.23; DMI \$1,246.48; Farm Power Mfg. \$13.00; Fas-tenal \$148.52; FedEx \$46.98; Fire Safety First \$325.00; G & K Services \$77.24; Galls \$581.40; Geffdog \$693.16; Grabar Voice & Data \$1,353.00; Graham Tire \$49.00; Great Western Tire \$26,293.22; Hecla Implement \$15.56; HF Jacobs & Son \$2,443.20; House of Glass \$144.56; J Gross Equip. \$37.66; Jebro \$62,420.89; KCH Law \$19.36; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$1,216.77: Kessler's \$46.96: Lucy Lewno \$6.49; Lien Transportation \$1,519.32; Mac's \$3.55; Marco \$204.93; McKesson Medical \$80.18; Menards \$262.99; Meyer's Tractor Salvage \$150.00; Midstates Printing \$2,514.76; Millstone \$67.50; Myer's Enterprises \$1,515.00; Nalco Co. \$611.80; NCFE -Warner Elevator \$11,457.73; Nelson Sales & Service \$16.49: Network Services \$45.26; Pauer Sound \$300.00; Photo-X-Press \$34.31; Pitney Bowes \$126.00; PowerPlan \$1,375.94; Premier Biotech \$576.10; ProAg Sup-ply \$78.00; RDO Equipment \$173.00; Running's \$557.27; Share Corp \$444.00; Sheehan Mack \$9,363.12; Sherwin Williams \$308.65; Taylor Laundry \$108.50; Town & Country Building \$14.50; TrueNorth Steel \$1,400.85.

Travel and Conference: Stan Adelman \$61.45; Karin Bartell \$22.51; Greg Bohn \$45.88; Joy Braun \$15.59; Josh Cribbs \$78.13; Tracy Dice \$104.35; Lisa Fedeler \$96.74; Jeremy Geske \$151.42; Judy Gulleson \$29.50; John Gupman \$111.97; Gweneth Hansen \$26.15; Missy Hanson \$72.62; DaRae Jones \$33.17: Patricia Kendall \$375.00; Robert Kramer \$112.13: Cathy McNickle \$11.00; Mark Milbrant \$286.00; Emily Munger \$8.27; Clay Nelson \$314.80; Brett Oelke \$81.88; Sherry Perrion \$14.19; Kathy Schlecht \$273.80; SDACO \$100.00; Becca Tullar \$311.00; Van Diest Supply Co. \$2,912.05; Aaron Walberg \$265.75; Jeffrey Wolff \$52.29.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$4,519.40; AT & T \$227.94; BDM Rural Water \$30.00; Centu-ryLink \$258.43; Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; Executive Mgmt. \$94.31; James Valley Telecommunications \$230.60; Midcontinent \$791.24; Northern Electric \$2.18; NVC \$2,550.88; NWPS \$11,910.68; Town of Frederick \$41.00; Web Water

\$75.33. Other: Jana & Keith Hurley \$170.46; Ken Bjur \$25.00; SD-ACO \$1,264.00; Shootin' Blanks \$150.00. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. PERSONNEL: Moved by Kip-pley, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following employee step increases, effective Sep 13, 2015: Sara Hagman @ \$15.68 per hour, Matt Heupel @ \$17.30 per hour, Bryan Owens @ \$17.86 per hour, Casey Jensen @ \$17.77 per hour, Kenny Fouts @ \$17.06 per hour All members present voting ave. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve hiring Re-becca Hill, effective September 8, 2015 for purpose of prisoner transport. All members pres-ent voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to acknowledge resignation of Katie Goulding and Salesi Mounga from the Fair Board, effective June 15, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fieldheim to approve the following agreements: Butler Machinery for lease of the parking lot south of the Grandstand on September 29, 2015; Polack Bros Circus for lease of the parking lot area south of beef barn (former horse arena area) on September 12-14, 2015. All members p resent

voting aye. Motion carried. AUDITORS REPORT OF AC-COUNT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the August 2015 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$15,075,162.19 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00, US Bank @ \$51,231.09, Dacotah Bank @ \$594,516.68, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$14,423,614.42). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EM PERFORMANCE GRANT AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize Chairman sign the 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement, with SD Office of Emergency Management, acknowledging that the following documents are incorporated into the terms of the award: 1) SD OEM 2016 SLA Terms and Conditions, 2) FY2016 SLA Work Plan (October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016).. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following con-tract for the 2015 Brown County Fair: SD Stockdog Association (sheep dog trial) @ \$2,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONCERNED CITIZEN: Brown County resident Matt Deilke (Dakota Ink and Toner) met to discuss issues with the on-line ticket sale program reporting for sales tax submission and accounting from reports provided. Mr. Deilke also addressed the billable hours submitted by Paul Sivertsen as contractor for the County's IT department from 2011-2014, questioned the current employee salary for Mr. Sivertsen; guestioned lack of contract for providing the on-line ticket program and why program not on the county owned system; ending the pre-

material for replacement of the concrete gate structure on Crow Creek Drainage Ditch; rejecting the following: Swingen Construc-tion @ \$866,742.20; SFC Civil Constructors @ \$821,594.33. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session for personnel discussion, 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:

The Commission recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session to review communications from legal counsel about proposed litigation, per SDCL 25-2-1(3) with Larry Lovrien, Chris Healy, Gary Vetter, Mary Worlie and Maxine Fischer 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.

CENTRALLY ASSESSED VALU-ATION APPEAL: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #59 15. WHEREAS, any pipeline company owning property in the State is subject to taxation, as authorized by SDCL 10-37-3; and WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue shall determine the true and actual value of the pipeline property located within each taxing district, as authorized by SDCL 10-37-9; and WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue shall take into consideration the cost approach, the market approach, the income approach and may take into consideration any other information or data which the department may deem material in arriving at the fair market value; and WHEREAS, any public taxing district, governmental subdivision, of affected utility feeling aggrieved by the DOR's assessment can appeal, as authorized by SDCL 10-38-30; and WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission is concerned about how certain centrally assessed property is valued. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Commission appeal the Centrally Assessed Valuation of NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership, L.P. property in South Dakota, (including Brown County); and FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Commission secure the services of Meierhenry Sargent LLP to proceed with the appeal process on a contingent fee basis. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commis-sioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by

Hansen, seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Brown County Commission (no meeting next Tuesday, September 15 due to Commission attendance at the SD Counties Convention). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

Published once at the total approximate cost of \$117.62.

Brown County Vacate Right-of-Way Notice

NOTICE OF JOINT HEAR-ING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY

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Brown County Ord. 449 Notice

Aman Rezone NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING

OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUN-CTL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING PE-TITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 22nd day of September 2015, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the Petition filed by Lynn Aman to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:

Lot 1, P and L Aman Addition in the SE 1/4 of Sec 2-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown .. County, SD (13659 387th Avenue)

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. the council and commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance #15-09-05/449 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property. Dated this 1st day of September 2015. ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance

Officer Maxine Fischer, Brown County

Auditor (0908.0915)

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Groton City Airport Rent Lease Bid Notice INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids for a three year cash rent lease for 118 acres, more or less, located on the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 19, Township 124, Range 60 which is six miles north of Groton on Highway 37, which is known as the Groton City Airport land, on September 21, 2015 at 7:30pm (local time) at Groton Community Center, 109 N 3rd St, Groton, SD. Received sealed bids will be opened and read aloud.

The Lease will be for three year period commencing October 1, 2015 and terminating September 30, 2018. Payment of rent will be due each year, one-half on April 1, and one-half on September 1. The first payment would be due April 1, 2016.

Questions or requests for further information or mailed bids should be directed to the City Finance Office, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.

The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD. The City further reserves the right to terminate their lease or any part thereof if the land will be needed for non-farm or municipal use. Rent per acre would then be reduced accordingly.

Exact acreage will be deterined by ASC Office determiby Glover and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye. Executive Payroll 646.46

salaries; Administrative Payroll 5,925.98 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 14,024.20 salaries: Public Works Pavroll 16,409,72 salaries: Cultural & Recreational Payroll 21,620.85 salaries; First State Bank 11,340.27 ss & wh; City of Groton 453.52 dep refunds, postage; Cons Fed Cr Union 975.00 emp savings; Office of Child Support 344.31 emp child supp; Guardian Insurance 14.87 rate increase; John Lendry 67.45 deposit refund; Gail Schinkel 15.00 deposit refund; Ashley Seeklander 213.20 deposit refund; John Martin 510.00 HWH sales incentive; Duane Fliehs 510.00 HWH sales incentive; St Johns Lutheran Church 300.00 HWH sales incentive; US Post Office 209.23 postage; April Abeln 8.05 mileage; Border States 6,706.74 wire, materials; Buhls 31.70 rug rent; Chase Visa 165.65 domain fee, data storage; Chief Supply 41.73 light, shirt; Clark Engineering 7,024.55 engineering; Farmers Union 128.00 gas; Fastenal 37.46 bolts; Full Circle Ag 52.13 weed killer; Groton Independent 42.68 publishing; Harry Implement 2,146.42 repairs; HD Supply Waterworks 2,575.96 fittings; Heartland Waste 6,319.59 garbage hauling; Irby 177.90 glove testing, protectors; Jacobs & Son 34,596.68 W 5th Ave reconst; James Valley Tele 706.47 phone. internet; Drew Johnson 900.00 legal services; Kays Computing 185.50 comp repairs; Kens 1,176.10 gas, supplies; Paul Kosel 367.43 med flex; MJs Sinclair 874.04 gas, battery, tires; Milbank Baseball 100.00 Midget website; NW Energy 696.24 nat gas; Railroad Management 482.32 rent-water, electric; Red Horse Inn 130.00 Fam Cr motel: Runnings 448.81 saw, supplies; S&S Lumber 105.34 supplies; SD Dept of Health 60.00 testing; SD Retirement 8,008.64 retirement; Seric Shabazz 225.00 lifeguard training; Share Corp 147.50 cleaner; Dan Sunne 2,000.00 moving; Verizon 41.61 data trans; Walmart 26.68 supplies; WEB Water 14,997.39 water; Webster Baseball 85.00 Midget medals; Wesco 274.00 numbers; Western Supply 144.90 forms

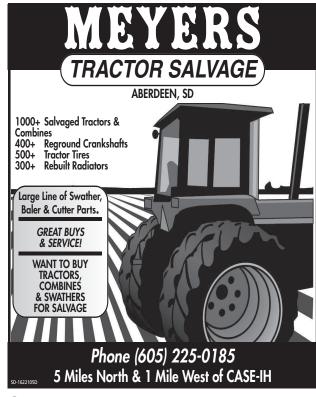
Department reports were given.

Julie Schaller came before the Council to request permission to place a fence around her property on the public boulevard. Issues of visibility, liability, and use of public property were discussed. The request was denied.

Roger Rix came before the Council to discuss the West Ditch drainage from W 5th Ave to the Railroad. He had spoken with the land owner, NRCS, and Mud Creed Drainage Board. He stated that a cost sharing or grant would be available if the City undertook the project to help drainage and reduce mosquitoes. No action was taken until adjacent property owners are contacted.

Cement load charges for the Rubble Site were reviewed. Besides the dump permits, the cement loads will also pay \$10 per load for small loads (pickup); \$20 per load for medium loads (trailer or small truck); \$30 per load for large loads (full dump truck); and \$40 per load for semi truck loads for cement dozing on a motion by Fliehs and seconded by Peterson. All members present voted ave.

A request for stop signs on Madison and Garfield at W 2nd Ave was denied, but more enforcement will be requested.



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sentation with a request for a motion relieving Mr. Sivertsen of his duties. Commissioner Kip-pley stated she was not ready to make a motion, but will review all of the documentation presented.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCU-PANCY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign applications, submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of following: Brown County Hwy #20 in the NW 1/4 Sec 2-T127N-R60W; Brown County Hwy #18 in SW ¼ Sec 20-T125N-R61W; Brown County Hwy #18 in NW ¹⁴ Sec 15-T127N-R61W, Brown County, SD to install buried electric utility line. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD - CROW CREEK DRAINAGE PROJECT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to award bid for the Crow Creek Drainage Structure Replacement Project – after discussion the motion and second were withdrawn for approval next week. Due to Convention, no meeting will be held until Sept 22nd, therefore motion reconsidered, as follows: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to award bid, submitted by B & B Contracting in amount of \$538,178.82 for labor and **REGARDING A PETITION TO**

VACATE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 22nd day of September 2015, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the County Commission Cham-bers, 25 Market Street, on the petition to vacate the public right-of-way filed by Francis E Brink and Mary Cutler for the vacation of the public right-of-

way described as follows: The entire 100' Cul-De-Sac Public Right-Of-Way located 337 North of Eighth Avenue, NE at the North End of Cutler Road (824 Cutler Road)

The public is invited to attend the hearing on the petition to vacate the public right-of-way and to present comments and testimony regarding said peti-tion. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may approve a resolution granting the petition to vacate the public right-of-way. Dated this 25th day of August 2015.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0908.0915)

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September 3, 2015 (0908.0915) City of Groton Anita Lowary Finance Officer Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$28.96.

Groton City Sept. 8, 2015 **Meeting Minutes**

September 8, 2015 The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Fliehs, Blackmun, Peterson, McGannon, Opp, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, and representatives of the press.

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

The financial report was approved on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion

A request for forgiveness of a penalty on a utility bill was denied.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to leave the designated truck route on 6th St, Railroad Ave, SD Highway 37, and US Highway 12 as is. All members voted ave.

The cyber security grant from Heartland Consumer Power District was refused at this time on a motion by Fliehs and seconded by Opp. All members present voted ave.

Council was reminded of the SD Municipal League Conference in Watertown on Oct 7-9.

Refinancing was discussed and the 2016 budget proposal was discussed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to give 1st Reading to Ordinance No. 700, The 2016 Appropriation Ordinance, All members present voted ave.

Meeting adjourned. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Anita Lowary, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$41.15.

Westport Town Sept. 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

September 7th, 2015 The Town of Westport met on September 7th, 2015 with Jan Ellefson, Mike Wilson, Doreen Hertel and 14 community members present. John Bain was absent.

The following expenses were presented:

City General

NWPS (\$173.24), Groton Independent (\$31.69), Brown County Treasurer-Mosquito Spraying (688.40), EZ stop-Gas (79.69), Wright & Sudlow (28.50), Payroll –Spenser Vetter-Mowing (\$326.11), Wyatt Wilson (\$25.00), Doreen Hertel (\$180.00), Jan Ellefson (\$100.00), Mike Wilson (\$50.00) & John Bain (\$100.00).

Sewer

NWPS (\$49.76) NRWA –loan repayment (\$210.13), Payroll-Doreen Hertel (\$ 120.00). Water

WEB (\$1.076.49), Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43), Payroll- Doreen Hertel (\$240.00).

The following deposits were presented:

City General

Interest (\$14.22), Brown County Collections (\$479.00), Building Permit (\$10.00), State

of South Dakota (1,568.38), Sewer

Resident Payments-(\$1,470.00).

Water Resident Payments –

(\$1,926.05). NEW BUSINESS:

The budget was presented and approved for the 2016 year.

The city has researched software for the new water and sewer billing system. Banyon was the one that was the best price for the needs of the city. Jan made a motion to purchase this system and Mike seconded it.

The water meter replacement loan will be approved and accepted by September 23rd. The bids for the water meter system are being advertised and will be in by the next meeting on October 5th at 7:00. The board will read the bids and accept the lowest bid. The city residents are encouraged to attend meeting to have input on contractor to be hired.

The storm drainage pipes will be having a smoke testing on October 14th. This should only cost the city \$300.00. In mean time, Jan will get bids to fix the storm system by Rick Labay's house. Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer Publiched once at the total ap-

Published once at the total approximate cost of \$20.28.

State of South Dakota Janet Kolker Estate

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JANET KOLKER, DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 06PRO 15- 086

Notice is given that on the 14th day of September, 2015, Richard Kolker, whose address is 807 N. First Street, Groton, South Dakota 57445, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Janet Kolker.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within four

SAVO TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE Mowing Notice

Savo Township All road ditches in Savo Township must be mowed by October 20, 2015

If not done by October 20, they will be mowed and the expense charged to

the landowner at the rate of \$100 per 1/2 mile per side. Savo Township Clerk

Judy Bretsch (0915.0922)

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BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2015 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile. Bates Township Board of

Supervisors Betty Geist

Township Clerk (0908.0915)

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Webster Area beats Waverly-South Shore

After a bad punt snap by Waverly-South Shore gave Webster Area good field position towards the end of the 4th quarter, Hunter Gaikowski scored with 1:53 remaining to lift Webster Area to a 24-18 win. Webster Area had tied the game with 5:08 remaining in the game.

Kelby Hawkins, who transferred from Groton Area to Webster Area this year, completed one of five passes for 54 yards with one interception and one touchdown pass of 54 yards which tied the game at 18.

Noah Thurston had six carries for 15 yards and he completed two of two passes for 20 yards.

Webster Area is now 3-0 on the season while Waverly-South Shore goes to 2-1.

Hughes speakes at Friday morning breakfast

Football player Billy Hughes was in Groton and was spending time with the Jondahls. He spoke to the football players at the Friday morning breakfast, according to Coach Shaun Wanner. "He said that football is the ultimate team sport. Too many times they are too individualized." Hughes gave a good pep talk, according to Wanner.

Webster Area Invitational Cross Country Meet

Girls 3000m Junior Varsity Division

Jenifer Fjelstad placed 26th with a time of 18:25.08 Summer Smith placed 29th with a time of 19:05.27 Gabrielle Kramer placed 35th with a time of 21:38.99

Girls 2000m junior high division

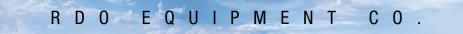
Summer Smith placed 22nd with a time of 17:44.01.

Boys 3000m junior varsity division

Micah Poor placed fifth with a time of 13:48.98 Mitchell Koens placed ninth with a time of 14:22.96 Isaac Smith placed 10th with a time of 14:26.06 Dylan Graf placed 11th with a time of 14:27.87 Noah Poor placed 34th with a time of 17:33.24 Spencer Jacobs placed 40th with a time of 21:56.89

Varsity girls 5000m division

Jasmine Schinkel placed eighth with a time of 22:22.00 Hannah Lewandowski placed 27th with a time of 25:23.44 Erin Smith placed 51st with a time of 28:45.65. AnneMarie Smith placed 55th with a time of 31:24.11





Tuesday, September 22nd Expo Building at the Brown County Fairgrounds

Aberdeen, SD **10:00 am - 12:00 pm** *Lunch to be served following clinic.*

Clinic will be on 60, 70 and "S" series combines along with front and header equipment for those machines. The clinic will be focused on optimization of the equipment for better harvesting efficiency.

Please call: 605-225-6772 for more information!

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Groton Area

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Groton Area had 357,

Aberdeen Central JV

382, Mobridge-Pollock

387, Milbank Area 406

and Redfield-Doland

Nate Nielsen won

the meet with a score

of 78. Brody Som-

bke led Groton Area

with an 87 and a 10th

place finish. Landon

Marzahn shot an 87,

Sean Schuring an 89,

Cade Guthmiller a 94,

Treyton Deigel a 103,

Trey Wright a 123 and

443.

Seven golf teams

Faulkton defeated Leola-Frederick, 40-6. Leola-Frederick's touchdown came with the first play of the second period when Austin Sumption completed a 38-yard pass play to Zach Sumption. Faulkton had more total offense, 285-197. Austion Sumption completed nine of 27 passes for 153 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions. Leading rushers were Austion Sumption with three carries for 21 vards while Zachary Mikkonen had one for 13 yards and John VanDover had five for 12 yards. VanDover had three kickoff returns for 33 yards

(4) months after the date of the appointment of the personal representative on the 14th day of September, 2015 or within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2015.

Richard Kolker

Marla Zastrow Brown County Clerk of Courts

101 SE 1st Ave. PO Box 1087 Aberdeen SD 5

Aberdeen, SD 57402-1087 Richard Kolker, Attorney PO Box467 Groton , SD 57445 (605) 397-8464

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Tigers beat Cavaliers in volleyball

Groton's volleyball team defeated Aberdeen Roncalli, 3-1. Game scores were 22-25, 25-15, 25-17 and 27-25.

In serving, Audrey Wanner was 10 of 13 with four ace serves and Katie Koehler was 19 of 23 with three ace serves.

In hits, Wanner was 26 of 30 with 10 kills and Josie Doeden was 30 of 34 with seven kills. Koehler had 15 digs and Wanner 12. Gia Gengerk had five blocks and Doeden had two. In the C match, Roncalli won, 25-11 and 25-11.



Groton Area beats Redfield-Doland

One would have thought that Groton Area won the state football title Friday night as the fans were on their feet, anticipating what may happen in the closing seconds of the game. Redfield-Doland had two incomplete passes into the endzone with less than 12 seconds left in the game as Groton Area hung on to go 3-0 on the season with a 14-7 Northeast Conference win.

"I'm proud of how our guys played," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "I knew it was going to come down to making the big plays."

But it was a big play that put Groton in the hole to start the game. Prior to the game, Wanner told his captains, "Now don't let them score on the first play of the game, or the second." Carter Klapperich took the opening kickoff and returned it 78 yards in 14 seconds as Redfield-Doland jumped out to a 6-0 lead. Riley Evans kicked the PAT and it was quickly a 7-0 lead for the Pheasants. "I have to quit saying that," Wanner said. "Mobridge-Pollock scored right away on us last week, too. But I'd rather have that than for them to score with 14 seconds left in the game. There was a lot of playing time left."

The Tigers tried to return the favor on its first possession, marching down to the 11-yard line, but then Alan Masat intercpeted the ball in the endzone to end the Tiger drive. On Groton's next possession, the Tigers were sacked on fourth and one, but Lucas Hinman intercepted the ball.

ants fumbled the ball as Jack McKiver made a sack and Hunter Lerew stripped the ball from the Redfield-Doland player and recovered the loose ball.

"We put oursevels in good sitatuations, but we didn't capitalized on them," Wanner said. "I told the kids at half time that someone has to step up and make the big plays. I thought the kids did a good job in this close game."

Redfield-Doland still held a 7-0 lead at half time.

The Tigers would get a taste of the endzone early in the third quarter when Bennett Shabazz would escape and run for 38 yards. The PAT kick was no good and Redfield-Doland was still on top, 7-6.

Early in the fourth quarter, a high snap by the Pheasants put Groton Area within striking range at the Pheasant 24-yard line. On the next play, Shabazz would run 24 yards and he ran in the PAT as Groton took a 14-7 lead with 10:29 left in the game.

Groton Area then had a high snap. The Pheasants picked up the ball and Shane Simon turned around and dove to make the tackle. "There are some things you don't see on a stat sheet and that was one of them," Wanner said. "That was the play of the game. If Shane wouldn't have made that tackle, Redfield would have ran it into the endzone untouched." Redfield was on the Groton fouryard line. A penalty made it first and nine, then it was second and six. On third down, Adam Herman made the interception in the endzone with 3:31 left in the game. "That was another big play," Wanner said.

The Pheasants had one more opportunity to score, taking over at the Groton 35 yard line with 47 seconds left in the game. Redfield-Doland got a first down with the ball at the Groton 24 vard line with 12 seconds left. Two incomplete passes into the endzone resulted in no score as Groton Area went on to win, 14-7. In the game last week, Seric Shabazz ended up with a hairline fracture in his growth bone in his ankle area. Wanner said he will be in a cast for four weeks and then the doctors will re-evaluate his condition. "We were shuffling guys around and we had some illness this week so we were not as prepared as we wanted to be in this game," Wanner said. "We had to take out a sophomore and put in a freshman. We have a lot of inexperience out there right now, but that's the difference between an average football team and a good football team. A good football team gets better and I feel we are doing exactly that. The kids are very positive with each other and they 6 **397**news.com **Tues.**, Sept. 15, 2015



Bennett Shabazz looks for an open person as the line makes The teams went back and forth with no hit hitting paydirt. The Pheas- the blocks and the crowd is watching in the background.



Above: Carter Jondahl gains a few yards before being brought down by Kevin Krumm. Below: Jondahl brings down Alan Masat.



understand it's not just one person - everyone is contributing. I'm proud of how our guys are



Lucas Hinman (Left) and Patrick Gengerke (right) tackle Redfield-Doland's Dalton Jessen.



making the big plays.

Groton Area had more first downs, 10-8, and both teams had five penalties with Groton Area having 45 yards penalized and Redfield-Doland 30 yards. Groton Area carried the ball 42 times for 202 yards. Bennett Shabazz had 26 carries for 164 yards and two touchdowns, Carter Jondahl had six carries for 28 yards, Lucas Hinman had five carries for 17 yards, Adam Herman had four for 23 yards and Patrick Gengerke had one for a minus 25 yards. Redfield-Doland had 31 carries for 35 vards. Cooper Baloun had 19 carries for 50 yards and Alan Masat had nine for 20 yards.

Bennett Shabazz completed one of six passes for five yards (to Trevor Pray) and one interception. Alan Masat completed seven of 22 passes for the Pheasants for 72 yards and two interceptions. Brandyn Binger had two catches for 39 yards.

Carter Jondahl had 10 tackles for Groton Area and Bennett Shabazz had eight. Leading

Adam Herman brings down Cooper Baloun.

tacklers for the Pheasants were Taylen Wiff with 11 and Bradyn Bingan, Cooper Baloun and Collin Klebsch with 10 each.

Groton Area will travel to Milbank on Friday and Redfield-Doland will travel to Parkston. The Pheasants are 1-2 on the season.

"Milbank will be another big game for us," Wanner said. "Our goal is to win the conference championship and we have put ourselves in a situation to win it.



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Thank you so much for the kindness and generosity shown by all who contributed to our bridal shower gifts from Lori's Pharmacy. We can not thank you enough for all the decorative and useful gifts. Lori's Pharmacy and Groton will have their mark all over our home! Thank you for supporting us on this new journey in our lives.

Kate & Austin Luecke

Helping pollinators helps the whole system, advocate

Says By Susan Smith, Special to Dakotafire Media

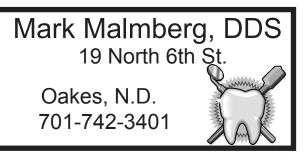
Populations of pollinating insects, such as monarch butterflies and bees, are considered a key indicator of overall environmental health.

"They're the canary in the coal mine," said Peter Berthelsen during a presentation to students and landowners Sept. 9 at South Dakota State University. "We have to figure out how to make all things work together. We think by doing that it addresses all concerns.

As director of habitat partnerships for Pheasants Forever, Berthelsen is working to turn as many acres of land as possible into nutrient-rich prairie smorgasbords for everything from bees to butterflies to pheasants to deer.

Fewer homes, less food for pollinators

The top seven honey-producing states in the nation, including South and North Dakota, have lost millions of acres of natural wildlife habitat to crop production, Berthelsen said. Berthelsen calls this transfer of land the "death by 1,000 papercuts"—small changes have amounted to big impacts over the years. As land is converted from grassland to cropland, pollinators have from early April until the beginning of October fewer places to live and less food to eat. In June 2014, President Barack Obama released a presidential memorandum that created a federal strategy to help bees and pollinators. The memo noted the sharp decrease In honey bee and monarch butterfly numbers. Mike Bjerke, a landowner in northern Clark The monarch population hit all-time lows in 2012 and 2014. The decrease threatened the in honey bee and monarch butterfly numbers. 2013 and 2014. The decrease threatened the butterflies' annual migration from the United States to Mexico. Disease, loss of foraging ground, pesticides, parasites, limited genetic diversity and poor nutrition caused a corresponding decline in the populations of commercial honey bees and native bees. The losses threaten the prosperity of and many pheasants shelter on his land. One an industry that adds \$15 billion to U.S. agriculture. The pollination of California's almonds—a \$6 billion industry—is totally dependent on honey bees, Berthelsen said. The measures dependent on The monarch is not as effective at pollination as the honey bee, but it is beloved and garners farmers to be as concerned about pollinators a great degree of attention when its numbers are threatened, Berthelsen said.





Pete Berthelsen

Making land that's left better

The memo jump-started efforts to create and preserve pollinator habitats, Berthelsen said. Creating places they can gain good nutrition helps honey bees ward off other threats that are more difficult for humans to control.

"Forage is something we can control," Ber-thelsen said. "It addresses all things."

Berthelsen said the quest to use as much land as possible for farming has left wildlife with the scraps. If that's what deer, pheasants and pollinators are down to, he said, those acres should be the best they can be.

Farmers and ranchers have to benefit financially from conservation efforts, he said, or they won't be sustainable. The federal Conservation Reserve Program, which will have funding for 24 million acres as of the 2018 fiscal year, provides that benefit. So does the Honey and Monarch Butterfly Partnership between Pheasants Forever; Project Apis m., which directs research to improve the health of honey bees and crop production; and Browning Honey Company, a commercial honey producer in the upper Midwest.

The partnership began in the spring of 2015 and gives producers in North and South Dakota incentives to create pollinator habitat, including a three-year project guarantee, an annual \$50-per-acre rental payment, a \$15-per-acre planting incentive, and seed mixtures for honeybees and monarchs. The partnership also manages grazing and having on project land.

"Bees, monarch butterflies, songbirds—they all want the same things," Berthelsen said. "Great pollinator habitat is the same habitat needed for growing pheasants and quail."

Berthelsen said those fields should bloom



Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met July 18 at the home of Linda Gengerke with Beverly Sombke assisting. Eleven members answered roll call with what they did on the 4th of July. An invitation was read from the Milbank garden club inviting us to the district 1 meeting. It will be Aug 1, at 11:30 at the Pizza Ranch in Aberdeen. There will be a sale table. Yard of the week was discussed. Mari Overacher handed out the 2015-2016 program books. The groups reviewed the club constitution, by-laws, and standing rules. Changes will be voted on at the Sept. meeting. The August 17, meeting will be held with Eunice McCollister and Elda Stange at 5:30 p.m. Linda Anderson will have the program. Following the meeting the group went to the city park to weed the circle.

ABC Birthday Club

ABC Birthday club met at the Dairy Queen for the month of September with Grace Albrecht as hostess.

Prizes were awarded to Darlene Fisher, Ella Johnson and Audrey Padfield. The honor were awarded to Deloris Knoll.

The guest was Merry Jo Ball. The October 6th meeting will be held at Olive Grove Golf club house with Audrey Padfield as hostess at 1 o'clock.



and should include a minimum of 12 kinds of grasses and 51 wildflowers. The seed mixtures Pheasants Forever distributes accomplish those goals. Pheasants Forever makes a similar mix for backyard gardens.

ideas on controlling noxious weeds on his conservation land. His family's efforts began in the 1970s, planting trees on parts of his property that weren't producing well. He's since put land in CRP, alfalfa and native prairie grass and food plots.

In a hard winter, he has 200 to 300 deer of his neighbors has taken similar measures.

Berthelsen's goals include encouraging other as Bjerke, and creating more land that can sustain wildlife-a strategy that in the long run can help people, too.

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I've only been subjected to three emergency room visits in my lifetime and the first one happened before I was 2 years old and I don't remember it. The second one happened a very long time ago and the details are a bit hazy but the reasons for going there were more about pain that couldn't wait until the clinic opened the



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Two threshing units were in action Sunday afternoon at the parade at the James Valley Threshing Show. Gilbert Hinkelman, helps with the throwing of the wheat onto the conveyor belt.

with the end result. I can't say I'll be happy when the bill arrives but the experience was not boring.

Shortly after I arrived a woman came running in the door and pleaded The receptionist was completely awake at this point and sitting rather straight in her chair and you could almost tell she was wondering if the woman on the other side of the counter was going to try and cram information through earlier. It would have been one of those thrilling popcorn crunching moments you sometimes find yourself completely engulfed in at the movies but this wasn't a movie, it was reality and once the woman calmed down they took her back to be with her sister.

The sequel arrived moments later. She was a very tall, raw boned woman with short white hair. She was cussing when she walked in the door. She was cussing when she sat down two rows of chairs away time she told me how clumsy he can be. I learned that the klutz was a man she had been married to for 65 years. I learned that he was on blood thinners and that his sense of balance leaves a lot to be desired and that the old fool should know better than to kick a door stop out of the way. She said, "He knows he falls every time he attempts to stand on one foot. The old fool. Now he has a big horn sticking out of his forehead and he's bleeding all over the damn place. I could just kill him right now."

After the frantic sister was taken back to be with her sister and the elderly woman was taken back to be with her "old fool" I couldn't help but think about all the ways love is portrayed. Sometimes it's hugs and kisses and tons of romance. Sometimes it's flowers when they're least expected, but sometimes it's making an attempt to be with someone you dearly love even if it means yelling and screaming at a powerless receptionist and sometimes it disguises itself by appearing to be angry and frustrated with the one person that means the world to you. Love isn't always patient and kind. Sometimes it's packed with fear of losing someone near and dear to your heart. Sometimes it says things it doesn't mean but the one thing about love I do know for sure is....Love Never Fails.

following day and less about me losing the beat in my heart. The third trip, however, is quite fresh in my mind, as it happened just the other night and as I sat waiting patiently for my name to be called I managed to gather some rather interesting material for my blog.

When I entered the premises I scared the living day lights out of the receptionist that was busy dozing off while trying to make it look like she was reading a book. She nervously slid a form under the open area between the glass and the counter separating her from me and then asked me to take a seat once the pertinent information had been disclosed. Apparently things had been a little slow up until I arrived and I was only there because of a reaction I was experiencing from my doctor's third attempt to medicate my slightly elevated blood pressure. This particular pill has several typical side effects but the one I with the slightly frazzled receptionist I had freaked out earlier by saylanded was at the very bottom of the side effects list in the "rare but ing," I have to get in there to be with my sister! She's alone and she's severe" section. My lips turned into something that resembled two not having a seizure! She took an overdose of Valium! Oh, please of those long balloons clowns use to concoct animals for children at let me go back there with her so I can tell the doctor what's wrong!" birthday parties. Eventually my cheeks joined in and over the course of the day my face began to resemble one of those puzzles where the wrong top and wrong bottom were put together. From the nose up I looked pretty normal but from below the nose down it looked like I herself through the small slot I had slipped the paper with my pertinent was attempting to hide the Goodyear Blimp inside my mouth!

Prior to my arrival there was a considerable amount of deliberation that included nudges from Don via phone as he was hundreds of miles away for work, the doctor's office nurse that decided not to wait until the following day to return my call, my brother and my sister so I finally caved and took myself in. It was feared that the swelling that had been wreaking havoc with my face all day might eventually decide to inhabit a space inside my tongue and possibly my throat. I from me and she cussed out that damn husband of hers the whole did a short imaginary video of how things might play out if this happened while I was sleeping and I decided I wasn't incredibly happy



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James Valley Threshing Show



Groton Lions members serving the annual Andover Threshing Show breakfast, Saturday morning, were standing L-R, Troy Lindberg, Mark Wattier, Justin Olson, Topper Tastad, and Lee Schinkel. Sitting is Dave Pigors. Missing from photo is Larry Wheeting.



It has been a few years since a blacksmith has been at the James Valley Threshing Show. This year, Michael Quade, Wilmot, was busy making things at the show. He has been a blacksmith for over 30 years.





The James Valley Tractor Club gave away a tractor at the James Valley Threshing Show. Matthew Bogue of Beresford was the lucky winner of the tractor.



The 40 minute parade was full of tractors, steam engines and antique cars. Gary and Linda Anderson are pictured leading the parade as honorary members.



Donna Anderson was busy as she oversaw the quilting building on the James Valley



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Right Photo: Jeremiah Hurst, Andover, gets the train set moving at the James Valley Threshing Show. The train set is owned by Jordan Schmig of Andover.

Threshing grounds in Andover.

Kolton Antonsen, Groton, gave it his best in the youth tractor pull contest.



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Legion Auxiliary News

Michelle Erickson, newly elected president of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #39, Groton, opened the September meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 with a prayer recited by the chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance and Auxiliary Anthem were recited in unison. Fourteen members were and minutes of the previous meeting held June 1st were read and approved as read. Treasurers report was given and filed.

Report was given on the annual salad buffet held last July. Approximately 140 guests attended, 38 salads were given and 12 auxiliary members worked. Luncheon committee was very satisfied with the results and thanks ever one who helped make it a success. It was suggested to ask the auxiliary to compile a list of all the salads and include a recipe for each salad. It was moved and seconded to continue paying the same amount on our mandatory obligations, Memberships quota for this year is 127. Last years it was 101, for an increase of 26 members.

New business includes making arrangements for Christmas gifts for our veterans. It was decided to again send money to the home office to be distributed as they see necessary.

Girls State was discussed. Girls attending this year included Allison Weber, Lily Cutler, and Katie Miller from Groton and Kiernan McCranie from Claremont and Kaitlyn Rinngenberg from Columbia, It was decided to set guidelines for the girls to follow avoiding any unforeseen problems.

Gold Star Mothers Day is September 29 and a gift will be sent to Lois Pasch, our Gold Star Mother. The auxiliary will again send dicitionaries to the grade school. Tami is in charge.

Pam Hanson, Golden Living Center has requested help from the stakes, Kristen Lambert - Sioux Émpire Fair, 2nd Sweepauxiliary in remembering Veterans of stakes, Kierra Abbas – Turner County Fair, Grand Award, Deni

Foreign Wars Days by helping with bingo on that day, September 17 and furnishing lunch. Rose and Con- nie will be in charge.

The Fall District Meeting for Area IV will be held Saturday, September 12, 2015 with Groton Post #39 as hosts for the evening and Terry Hanson, Arlington, newly elected commander will be the speaker. The



Auxil- iary will meet at the Groton Community Center chaired by our district president, Jackie Omland, who will present the new department president, Jane Benzel, giving a power-point presentation.

Wendy Cooper served lunch before the meeting began and chaplain read the closing Prayer for Peace. Next meeting will be October 5.2015, Marjorie Overacker will serve snacks.

25th ANNUAL STATE YOUTH TALENT FINALS



L to R Kari Hanson - Brown County Fair Reinvite, 1st Sweepstakes, Kristen Lambert - Sioux Empire Fair, 2nd Sweepstakes, Kierra Abbas – Turner County Fair, Grand Award, Deni Zeeb & Maria Noyes – Sully County Fair, 3rd Sweepstakes

On September 7, 2015 at the South Dakota State Fair the crowd assembled enjoyed 9 different acts. These acts represented 7 different fairs or celebrations throughout the state. To become eligible to compete at the state level they won a competition at a local fair or celebration.

Prizes given at the State Contest were Grand Award of \$500.00 sponsored by Romeo Entertainment Group of Omaha, NE. 1st Sweepstakes of \$250.00 sponsored by Theatrical Media Services of Omaha, NE. 2nd Sweepstakes of \$150.00 and 3rd Sweepstakes of \$100.00 sponsored by South Dakota Association of Fairs & Celebrations. The South Dakota State Fair gave t-shirts to each participant. RaceWest Awards & Trophies from Ipswich, SD provided trophies for this year's contest. These sponsors have provided some outstanding prizes for this contest and we appreciate their support.

This is a great way to increase attendance at your event by hosting a contest as mom, dad and grandparents along with friends usually follow the performers to these types of events. If you need help putting together a contest for next year, please contact Janet Lehman – State Youth Talent Contest Coordinator – 605-397-8333 or sdafc@ southdakotafairs.com.

Homecoming Theme is Holidays

Daily Themes

Monday--MS/HS is Opposite Gender Day; Elementary is Camo Day Tuesday--MS/HS is Toga Day; Elementary is Sports Day Wednesday--MS/HS is Tacky Tourist Day; Elementary is Pajama Day Thursday--MS/HS is Color Day (Seniors-black, Juniors-white, Soph-

I nursday--MS/HS is Color Day (Seniors-black, Juniors-white, Sophomores-blue, Freshmen-yellow, 8th grade-red, 7th grade-green, 6th grade-purple, Staff-pink); Elementary is Holiday Dress-up Day. Friday--Spirit Day

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