

## First State Bank of Claremont and Langford to Compete for \$15,000 Strong Communities Award

(Langford, South Dakota) – The Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines) is excited to announce that First State Bank of Claremont and the community of Langford have been selected as one of seven Strong Communities Award finalists vying for the opportunity to receive \$15,000 for The Front Porch, a community investor-owned business development project. This is the only project in South Dakota vying for this award.

FHLB Des Moines challenges communities to rally behind their community's project during a public vote from October 5 – October 16 on Strengthening Communities Together™ at [www.fhlbforcommunity.com](http://www.fhlbforcommunity.com). The voting will serve as a component of the selection process to award a \$15,000 stipend to support small business and economic development growth in their community.

FHLB Des Moines member First State Bank partnered with local leaders to develop the Langford Main Street Center dba The Front Porch. The center opened in July of 2015 and is home to four new Main Street businesses. The project has created and retained more than 40 jobs and has increased the community's tax revenue.

The Strong Communities Award honors the projects, the people and the programs that promote small business growth and retention in their communities.

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**Terry and Kristin Kenny, along with Gizmo, have this week's Yard of the Week sponsored by the Groton Garden Club. The Kenny house is located at 610 N Main Street.**



**Back Row: Dale Ringgenberg, Groton; Derwin Kampa, Aberdeen Rural; Darrell Berreth, Hecla  
Front Row: Leon Patterson, Claremont; Loy Stange, Stratford; Pat Tollefson, Aberdeen; Corey Mitchell, Columbia; Kevin Barton, Frederick; Jeff Johnson, Stratford.**

## Brown County Fire Chief's Association gets training grant

The grant award is for the 2015 IIASD Service Corporation Firefighter's Essentials II Training Program – \$750. The grant was awarded on Monday, September 21st at the Hecla Fire Department. Independent Insurance Agents of South Dakota is giving back to a community service organization that does so much to protect our industry and communities.

The Independent Insurance Agents of South Dakota (IIASD) is proud to support SD Volunteer Fire Departments through their Fire Department Grant Program. In 2011, they distributed the first grant of \$5000 to Vale Fire Department. In support of the service and protection the South Dakota Fire Departments provide to the insurance industry and our communities, the IIASD Board voted to continue funding the program at the State Level by setting aside \$10,000 - \$15,000 each year to assist volunteer fire departments with training and equipment funding.

This year, IIASD is partnering with the State Fire Marshall's Office in supporting the Firefighter Essentials Grant Program which provides revenue to support fire safety and education programs required to maintain certification. IIASD Service Corp is providing a match of \$750 to fire departments across the state who hosted the Firefighters Essentials education program. These grants help to defray costs such as training manuals, instructor fees and certification expenses. Among the recipients this year is the Brown County Fire Chief's Association. Delivery of the grant award was handled by IIASD President-Elect, Pat Tollefson of Insurance Plus.

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## Kindergarten class in crowd control



**Pictured left to right are Julie Milbrandt, Emily Eichler, Renee Swisher, Ann Gibbs and Kayla Krause. The JK, kindergarten and first grade teachers gave their presentations at the school board meeting last night.**

Groton Area elementary teachers talked about the number of students in this year's kindergarten class, and basically said this year is crowd control more than teaching.

Kindergarten teacher Ann Gibbs said, "We are very, very concerned. We have many students with lack of exposure and I am seeing things I have never seen in my 25 years of teaching." Gibbs was talking about students who should be in junior kindergarten instead of kindergarten. Renee Swisher, kindergarten teacher, said, "There are now 50 students and the number of high need students is creating an issue in Groton." They reported that there are seven kindergarten students who should be in kindergarten. "They don't know how to spell their name or hold a pencil or use a scissors," Swisher said. Gibbs added, "We have a lot of temper tantrums that we have to deal with and the students in the upper level are not getting any attention." Gibbs added that one upper tier student is suddenly complaining of a headache or a stomach ache or other ailments just so they can get attention.

"We don't just want to get through this year," Swisher said, "we want to do the very best and every child deserves the very best." It was pointed out that money could be a driving force in pushing the students into kindergarten, which is a full day class. Families cannot afford child care for half a day as the junior kindergarten class is a half-day class and pre-school costs money as well.

Emily Eichler, first grade teacher, said, "Groton is a very academic school. We don't get the awards for no reason. We take teaching very seriously."

Board member Marty Weismantel asked what could be done in the short term. Gibbs said that having three groups of kindergarten students would be ideal. "If we can have the smaller groups, we can reach out to them better," she said. The kindergarten class would go from two groups of 25 to three groups of about 16 per class. "Kayla Krause could be the third kindergarten teacher, but then you would need to find someone to do junior kindergarten," Gibbs said.

Swisher said that something that could be considered in the future is putting a cap on kindergarten students. She said that both Webster and Oakes have a cap of 45 students. "Maybe that's something we should look at," she said. "If you don't get a secure foundation now in reading and math and social skills, you won't get them later."

"We are worried about our higher tier kids who are not getting the attention they deserve," Gibbs said.

Some of the classrooms are still very warm, and that also has been a concern for the elementary school. Emily Eichler reported that some classrooms are still 80 degrees and that studies have shown that productivity drops when the temperature gets above 68 degrees.

Kayla Krause reported that she had 20 students last year and it was very difficult to give the proper one-to-one help and she got a little emotional when talking about it. Swisher then said, "We get emotional and because we are passionate about what we do."

Reading and math are strong areas for kindergarten students, according to Ann Gibbs. Gibbs, Krause and Swisher went to a kindergarten academy in Beresford this summer. Swisher said it was a great event. Swisher said it was a wonderful event and thanked the board for sending them.

A trifecta of Schwans gave their report at the school board meeting Monday evening. Elementary Principal Brett Schwan reported on the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting that was held. Students will be given a chance to win a new Kindle Fire HD. All students will be allowed to have their name in the hat. If a student received a proficient or advanced, they will get their name in the hat one extra time. Kindles will be ordered by September 30.

The carnival date has been set for April 23. The playground is in need of updating and they are looking at having fundraisers to get extra money for the playground.

The Groton Fire Department is in the process of purchasing possibly four new basketball hoops for the playground. They are checking prices and determining what would be the most beneficial.

Everything went well for the homecoming event. Schwan said he is looking at doing some community based activities the morning of the homecoming to get the students more involved. "The community does a lot for the district and we should try to do something for the community," he said.

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The cross walk at the elementary school was covered up with the chip seal project and it was reported that the cross walk will be painted in the very near future.

Dr. Anna Schwan, middle/high school principal, reported that the district is still grappling with weighted classes and dual credits. She said that opinion is split as to whether or not to allow college classes to replace high school classes.

All of the float building was done on school grounds and Schwan said the staff really appreciated keeping the students on school grounds instead of running all over town. The middle school held a dance and the "5th" Quarter also sponsored activities after the game.

The high school band earned a "I" rating at the Gypsy Day Parade in Aberdeen on Saturday.

Dr. Schwan will be attending the Ed Porthan Instructional Leadership Training being offered in Hartford (West Central). There will be three days in October, three in November and two in December for the three phases of training. According to the leadership training information, "Administrators who successfully complete the training are able to provide world-class feedback to teachers, work successfully with difficult teachers, conduct developmentally appropriate conferences, create legally sound and educationally fit improvement plans and coach exemplary teachers to higher levels of performance."

Dr. Schwan attended an English as a Second Language conference in Sioux Falls along with Joann Donley. The state department updated the attendees with new ESL program requirements. Schwan is highly qualified to teach ESL and will work with Donley in lesson planning for language instruction.

Students on ICU were not eligible to participate in Jungle Day activities held Thursday afternoon or float building Friday morning. When the work was done they were dismissed. If students are on ICU, they will be required to attend school on in-service days to get caught up.

Superintendent Joe Schwan reported on the official school enrollment. State aid is based on school enrollment on the last Friday of September and Groton, it was 585. That is down from 596 last year, but up from the projection of 583. Currently, there are 72 students attending the Groton Area School District under the state open enrollment statute. For this year, there are 16 students who have open enrolled into the district and 14 that have open enrolled out of the district. Those coming in are 11 from Aberdeen, four from Langford and one from Sisseton. Going out are nine to Aberdeen, two to Langford and three to Webster.

The food service inspection at the Elementary School received a score of 100 out of 100 points. The inspection was conducted by the South Dakota Department of Health on September 21.

Business Manager Mike Weber reported that there is talk of creating a 1/2 cent sales tax in South Dakota to raise money for education. It would raise \$90 million and it would give property tax relief in the amount of \$40 million in South Dakota. There is still discussion on the Big Stone to Ellendale transmission line. Weber said if it is taxed as commercial property, the district will get a boost from it. If it is taxed as a utility, the revenue would be captured by the state and then redistributed statewide.


The valuation of the property in the Groton Area School District is skyrocketing and as a result, taxpayers will be seeing a decrease in the mil levy for school taxes. The district will eventually lose state aid, but Weber reported that the district's valuation will be more than plenty to run the district. The district's valuation jumped from \$771,319,615 in 2014 to \$911,238,705 in 2015 and to \$1,081,645,046 in 2016. Back in 2005, the district had a valuation of \$353,188,569.

The mil levy for ag property will drop from 4.122 to 3.581; for owner occupied property, it will drop from 6.592 to 6.088; and for other/utility, it will drop from 11.446 to 10.742. The Arena will be paid off in five years and that mil levy will drop from .333 to .283. Patrons of the former Bristol and Conde schools do not pay on the Arena and are not access the mil levy.

The board approved the budget for the 2015-16 school year at \$4.7 million for the general fund, \$1.1 million for the Capital Outlay Fund, and \$822,000 for the Special Education Fund. Weber said, "We are in pretty good shape."

Cody Swanson, K-12 vocal instructor, talked about the spring show choir trip. It is a performing trip where they will perform in front of a large audience. There have been some conflicts with dates, and Swanson proposed having the group leave the Monday after graduation and returning that Friday. The main concern is that it is the last week of school and the students would have to have all of their finals taken before they left on the trip. Dr. Schwan said it could present issues for the teachers if the finals are given a week early. Then the teachers would have to come up with something for the final week. The board did not make a decision and will have a couple of weeks to think about out.

Superintendent Schwan reported on the districts 2015 report card. "Our numbers are very impressive," he said. All of the grades tested were anywhere from 7 percentage points to 40 percentage points higher than the state average.

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## Cyclones beat Groton Area, 3-1

Clark-Willow Lake rallied from a first game defeat to beat Groton Area, 3-1.

Groton won the first game, 25-17. The game was tied nine times and there were six lead changes before Groton Area took control of the game for the win.

The second game featured three ties. Groton Area led for most of the game, holding a 17-11 lead. Then the Cyclones rallied to tie the game at 18 and to take the lead, 23-18, outscoring Groton Area, 12-1, to win the game, 25-20.

The third game featured three lead changes and the game was tied four times. Clark-Willow Lake had the upper hand for most of the game. Groton jumped out to a 4-0 lead before falling behind, 11-6. Groton recaptured the lead at 15-12. The Cyclones rallied to tie the game at 17 and then went on to win, 25-20.

Groton Area led only once in the fourth game as the Cyclones jumped out to a 6-1 lead. Groton led, 15-14 and tied the game at 20, but the visitors hung on for the 25-21 win.

In serving, Groton Area was 71 of 75 with 11 assists. Audrey Wanner was 14 of 17 with four assists and Payton Maine was 12 of 13 with two assists.

In sets, Groton Area was 154 of 156 with 22 ace serves. Marlee Jones was 143 of 145 with 22 ace serves and Katie Koehler was 11 of 11 with one ace serve.

Groton Area was 135 of 163 in spikes with 33 kills. Gia Gengerke was 13 of 15 with nine kills and Carly Wheeting was 43 of 48 with eight kills.

Gengerke had two and Wheeting had one in blocks. Groton Area had 74 digs with Maine and Koehler each having 26.



Marlee Jones

## Groton Cross Country Meet

The Groton "Steve Grode" Invitational Cross Country Meet was held Monday at the Olive Grove Golf Course.

In the girls varsity division, Jasmine Schaller placed seventh with a time of 21:37.75, Hannah Lewandowski placed 14th with a time of 23:15.01, Emily Thompson placed 24th with a time of 25:23.08, Erin Smith was 28th with a time of 27:14.28, AnneMarie Smith was 30th with a time of 28:51.53 and Jenifer Fjelstad was 31st with a time of 29:30.60.

Webster won the team title with 17 points followed by Waubay/Summit with 19, Sargent Central/Lidgerwood with 27, Britton-Hecla with 29, Groton Area with 40 and Rosholt with 58. Micah Poor placed 22nd in the boys varsity division with a time of 20:37.16 and Mitchell Koens was 27th with a time of 22:16.09.

Warner won the team title with 14 points followed by Webster Area with 15, Aberdeen Christian with 23, Sargent Central/Lidgerwood with 41 and Rosholt with 46.

In the girls junior varsity race, Summer Smith was 12th with a time of 16:43.42 and Gabbie Kramer placed 14th with a time of 18:40.98.

In the boys junior varsity race, Isaac Smith placed fifth with a time of 12:50.07, Lee Williams placed ninth with a time of 13:13.04 and Noah Poor was 16th with a time of 15:41.48.

In the elementary "Munchkin" run:

Boys K-2nd Grade: 1, Owen Sperry; 2, Ryder Jangula; 3, Jadyn Helvig.

Girls K-2nd Grade: 1, Rylee Dunker; 2, Jerica Locke; 3, McKenna Tietz.

Boys 3rd-5th Grade: 1, Layne Tietz; 2, Jacob Lewandowski; 3, Cole Simon.

Girls 3rd-5th Grade: 1, Anna Fjeldheim; 2, Brook Gengerke; 3, Carly Guthmiller.

## Netters beat Florence/Henry

The Groton Area volleyball team went to Florence/Henry Monday night and came home with a 3-1 win. Game scores were 25-21, 19-25, 25-23 and 25-19.

The junior varsity team also won by game scores of 25-20 and 25-20.

In serving, Groton Area was 80 of 81 with eight ace serves. Marlee Jones had four ace serves and Payton Maine had two.

In sets, Groton Area was 141 of 143 with 31 assists. Jones had 29 and Katie Koehler had two.

Groton Area was 144 of 172 in spikes with 54 kills. Audrey Wanner had 16 kills and Gia Gengerke had 11.

Carly Wheeting and Gengerke each had one block and in digs, Groton Area had 33 with Maine having 18 and Wanner seven.

## Golfers at Sisseton Invitational

The Groton Boys Golf team participated in the Sisseton Golf Invitational held Thursday. Landon Marzahn tied for eighth with a score of 91, Brody Sombke was 10th with a 93, Cade Guthmiller was tied for 11th with a 94, Sean Schuring was 18th with a 96 and Treyton Deigel was 26th with a score of 103.

Groton Area placed third with a score of 340. Sisseton won the team title with 318 followed by Roncalli with 337, Sioux Valley was at 340, Milbank Area 342, Redfield-Doland 345 and Watertown 347.

The regional tourney will be held Monday at Milbank.

## South Dakota State announces scholarship recipient

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Sept. 24, 2015 – South Dakota State University announced Eric May of Aberdeen will receive the Jim and Doniese Wilcox Scholarship this academic year.

May, son of Bruce and Rhonda May of Groton and Jason and Jackie Gauer of Aberdeen, is a senior majoring in operations management. A Groton Area High School graduate, May is involved in intramural sports at State.

## Deuel Cross Country Results

In the girls junior varsity division, Summer Smith placed 26th with a time of 18:38.

In the boys junior varsity division, Joy Htoo placed 19th with a time of 13:59, Issac Smith was 19th with a 14:18, Lee Williams was 37th with a time of 15:25 and Noah Poor was 59th with a time of 17:33.

Hannah Lewandoski placed 25th in the girls varsity division with a time of 23:38.



Payton Maine



Gia Gengerke

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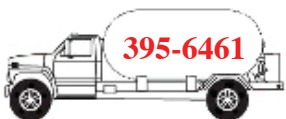
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### Wednesday, September 30

**School Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, green beans, broccoli and dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Baked chicken breast, noodles roman, lemon buttered broccoli, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

**Anniversary:** Rich & Tami Zimney

**Birthdays:** • Dustin Dinger • Caitlin Howard • Tanya Torguson

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, October 1

**School Breakfast:** Egg and cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Chicken dummies, sweet potato tots, fruit, broccoli and dip.

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

**Birthdays:** • Joe Gustafson • Turner Thompson

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

4:00pm: 7th Grade FB host Roncalli

4:30pm: 7th/8th VB host Webster

4:30pm: Cross Country at Sisseton

5:00pm: 8th Grade FB hosts Roncalli

6:00pm: VB hosts Webster with C/JV matches starting at 6 pm followed by the varsity match

### Friday, October 2

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

**School Lunch:** Pizza crunchers, carrots and dip, fruit, corn.

**Senior Menu:** Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice and raisins, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** • Michael Protas • Gertie Erickson • Gary Baule • Cassie Siders • Winifred Fawcett  
7:00pm: Football at Sisseton

### Saturday, October 3

**Birthdays:** Madison Profeta, Shawn Lambertz

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

### Sunday, October 4

**Birthdays:** Fred Wolken • Josh Atherton • Gabriel Kjellsen • Trixie Schwabe • Rick Hofer • Malerie Yeaton  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship  
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with communion, baptism and JK/K Baptismal Milestones

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

5:00 pm: Worship at Trinity Historic Church

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Adult Bible Study

### Monday, October 5

Boys state golf at Milbank

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

**School Lunch:** Sausage pizza, green beans, fruit, carrots and dip.

**Senior Menu:** Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** • Brent Swenson • Jeanne Wanous • Judy Feser • Dianne Schelle • Cole Thurston • Sandy Osterman • Julie Shilhanek

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:00pm: 7th VB at Langford Area

5:00pm: 8th VB at Langford Area

5:00pm: JV Football hosts Sisseton

6:30pm: JV Volleyball at Langford followed by varsity match

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

### Tuesday, October 6

Elementary Pictures

State Golf at Milbank

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

**School Lunch:** Chicken strips, French fries, garlic toast, fruit, romaine salad.

**Senior Menu:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Mary Ann Sippel • Jan Dedrickson • Dianne Schelle

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

5:15pm: 7th VB host Leola/Frederick

6:30pm: 8th/JV VB hosts Leola-Frederick followed by varsity match

### Wednesday, October 7

MS/HS Picture Day

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

**School Lunch:** Cheese sticks, broccoli and dip, fruit, mixed vegetables.

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

**Anniversary:** Cal & Billie Wagner

**Birthdays:** Allen Walter • Brenda Craig • Lance Flihs • Ramona Helgeson

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

12:30pm: MathCounts at GHS

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

### Thursday, October 8

**School Breakfast:** Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Lasagna hot dish, romaine salad, corn, tea bun, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Ranch chicken, boiled potato, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

**Anniversary:** Lars & Kelli Hanson

**Birthdays:** Christopher Podoll • Gloria Pharis • Scott Vedvei • Shane Reich

9:20am: Juniors to DACAC Career Fair in Aberdeen

3:30pm: NEC Cross Country Meet in Webster

4:30pm: 7th/8th VB at Sisseton

6:00pm: C/JV Volleyball match at Sisseton followed by varsity match

### Friday, October 9

**School Breakfast:** Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Hot dog, baked beans, fruit, carrots and dip.

**Senior Menu:** Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli, Swedish Apple Pie Square, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** • Clint Jacobson, Jr. • Jerry Johnson • Eileen Schuelke • Janet Harder • London Bahr • Joseph Smith

10:00am: Lake Region Marching Festival in Groton

7:00pm: Football hosts Wagner

### Saturday, October 10

**Birthdays:** • Jenn Gustafson • Erica Swisher • Mandilyn Krueger Flihs • Megan Erickson  
9:00am: VB Tourney at Redfield

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



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**Appropriations**

Town of Frederick  
2nd Reading of Ordinance 196  
Budget and Appropriations  
2016

The 2nd Reading of the 2016 Budget and Appropriations was held at the Frederick Community Center on Tuesday evening, September 24, 2015. Present were R. Scott Campbell, Chairman, Tom Meyer and Richard Osborn, Board Members, and Diane Bruns, Finance Officer.

Chairman Campbell called the meeting or order at 7 PM. The board gave final review of the 2016 budget.

The following Ordinance was offered:

Ordinance #196  
2016 Appropriations  
Be it ordained by the City of Frederick that motion has been made by Thomas Meyer and seconded by Richard Osborn to adopt the 2016 Budget and Appropriations as presented. The total budget is \$236,363.00 for the 2016 budget year for maintenance and operations of the Town of Frederick and to meet its obligations.

Roll Call Vote: Campbell - aye; Meyer - aye; Osborn - aye. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8 PM, motioned by Osborn/Campbell. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns  
Frederick Finance Officer  
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**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 (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 57402-1087  
Richard Kolker, Attorney  
PO Box 467  
Groton, SD 57445  
(605) 397-8464

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Groton, SD 57445  
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**Brown County  
Vacate Public  
Right of Way**

RESOLUTION #60-15  
RESOLUTION #15-09-  
01R/448

RESOLUTION TO VACATE  
PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota that the Petition to Vacate the Public Right-of-Way filed by Francis E Brink and Mary Cutler is hereby granted and the public right-of-way is hereby vacated for the following described areas:

..... 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)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed for record and duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Brown County.

Dated this 22nd day of September 2015.

Duane Sutton, Chairman  
Brown County Commission  
ATTEST: Maxine Fischer,  
Brown County Auditor  
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**Lake Region Marching  
Festival is Oct. 9th**

The Lake REgion Marching Festival is set for Friday, Oct. 9, beginning at 10 a.m. and marching south to north on Groton's Main Street.

Both the Groton Area Middle School and High School Marching Bands will be performing.

Schools competing in the event include Holgate/Simmons Middle School of Aberdeen, Warner, Wilmot, Langford Area, Leola, Aberdeen Roncalli, Great Plains Lutheran of Watertown, Ipswich, Selby Area, Milbank Area Middle School, Northwestern Area, Hoven, Waubay, Webster Area and Watertown Middle School.

The featured band will be the SDSU Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band.

This will be third year that Groton has hosted this event.

**Groton Area School  
Sept. 28, 2015  
Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING  
September 28, 2015

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.

The board heard program overview presentations from Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten and 1st Grade Teachers Kayla Krause, Ann Gibbs, Renee Swisher, Julie Milbrandt and Emily Eichler.

There were no board committee reports given.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports:

student enrollment data, Blue Ribbon Task Force progress, Elem PAC update, playground project, Fire Department playground donation, cross walk repainting, NEAP, Homecoming, ESL Conference, Ed Porthan Instructional Leadership Training and ICU update.

Show Choir Director Cody Swanson was on hand to discuss the Spring 2016 Show Choir Travel Agenda. No action was taken.

Weber presented the 2015-16 District Budget with amendments and tax levy request.

Moved by Nelson, second Weismantel to amend and approve the Groton Area School District 2015-16 Budget, as published from the budget hearing on July 13, 2015 as follows and authorize Weber to file the tax request with the county auditors: Revenue - General Fund from \$4,080,703 to \$4,167,437, Capital Outlay from \$1,060,000 to \$1,059,700, Special Education from \$667,700 to \$669,700 Pension Fund from \$196,450 to \$196,550 Food Service from \$234,800 to \$233,800, Enterprise from \$52,000 to \$55,500 and Total Revenue from \$6,508,653 to \$6,599,687. Expenditures - General Fund from \$4,718,628 to \$4,719,838, Capital Outlay from \$1,127,993 to \$1,146,493, Special Education from \$804,405 to \$822,231, Food Services from \$262,471 to \$260,848, Enterprise Fund from \$61,986 to \$62,008 and Total Expenditures from \$7,423,761 to \$7,459,696. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schwan presented a review of the Food Service Inspection of Groton Elementary School conducted by South Dakota Department of Health on September 21st. The District scored 100 out of a possible 100.

Superintendent Schwan presented District and School Report Cards for 2015.

The board acknowledged Public School Exemption #16-05 for children in grades K, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9.

Moved by Kjelden, second Nelson to go into executive session at 9:30 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) for a student issue. Motion carried.

President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 10:14 pm.

Moved by Kjelden, second Nelson to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager  
Steven R. Smith, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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**Licenses  
Available  
Oct. 1**

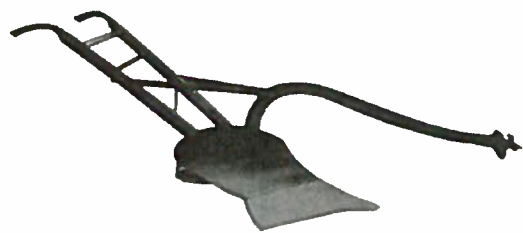
PIERRE, S.D. - The 2016 annual park entrance license for South Dakota's state parks and recreation areas will be available for purchase Oct. 1.

The 2016 park entrance license is valid from Oct. 1, 2015, through May 19, 2017. An annual park entrance license is \$30. Purchasers of one license can also buy a second at half price. The license is required for entrance into designated state parks, recreation areas and lakeside use areas, although it does not cover camping costs or additional fees.

South Dakota state parks offer a variety of outdoor activities including hiking, biking, kayaking, disc golf, fishing, archery and bird watching.

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**'East' Claremont Township, Brown County, South Dakota**

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**TRACT 2: (237 acres +/-):** S1/2NE1/4; SE1/4 all in Section 16-125-60, Brown County, South Dakota (containing 237 total acres; +/- 235 crop acres) List Price: \$2,135,800\*

**TRACT 3: (313.7 acres +/-):** W1/2 of Section 21-125-60, Brown County, South Dakota (containing 313.7 total acres; +/- 249.10 crop acres; and 55.6 CRP/CREP acres) List Price: \$2,582,500\*

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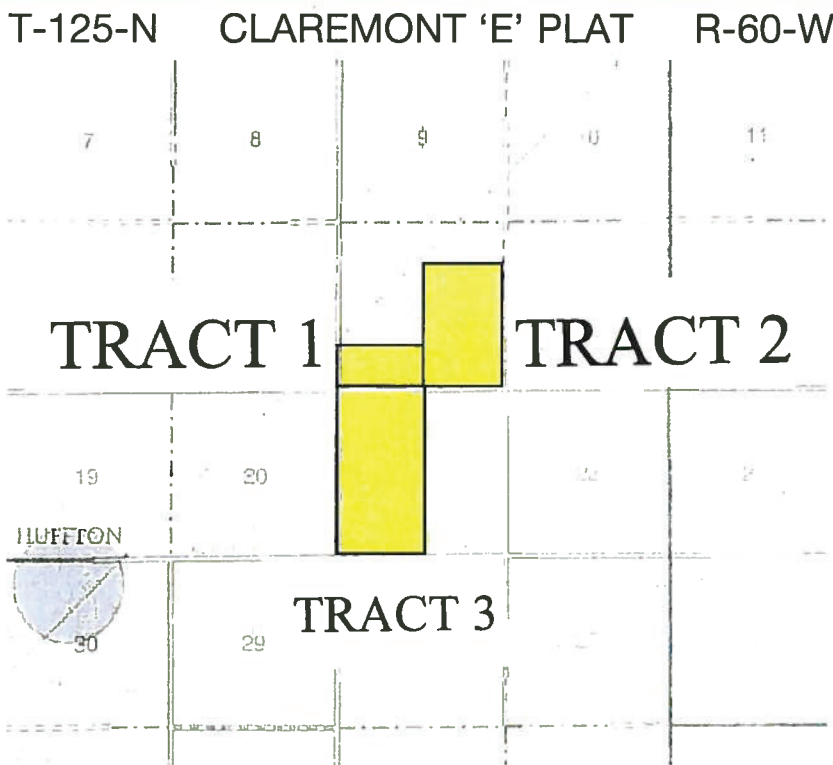
**SALE FORMAT:** Preliminary written offers/bids will be accepted by Coteau Land Company, LLC, 520 2nd Avenue East, PO Box 86, Sisseton, South Dakota. Seller will consider offers as they are received. Offers to be received prior to 4:00 o'clock p.m. on **October 29, 2015**. If no offers have been accepted by Seller prior to said date, then the top bidders will be invited to attend a private bidders meeting to raise their bids. The private bidders meeting will be held on or about November 5, 2015. Seller reserves the right to invite additional bidders. Any additional terms and conditions of sale shall be announced at the time of bidders meeting and such terms and conditions shall take precedence over this written notice. Seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in the proceedings.

**PRELIMINARY WRITTEN BID FORMAT:** Preliminary written bids may be submitted in the form of a letter or bid form mailed or delivered to Sellers' Agent at the address printed above. Preliminary bid letters should include bidder's name, address and phone number, and the amount of each bid.

**TERM:** At the time of acceptance of a bid, a Purchase Agreement will be executed and the successful bidder shall be prepared to pay a non-refundable earnest money deposit equal to 10% of the total bid with the balance of purchase price to be paid upon closing and delivery of a Warranty Deed. Cost of owner's policy of title insurance and closing fees split 50/50. Sellers will pay the 2014 taxes due in 2015, and all prior taxes. Property to be sold subject to existing easements, reservations and restrictions of record. Property is being sold "as is."

Subject to lease for 2015 crop year. Seller to receive 2015 rent with real estate available for 2016 crop year. Potential Buyers may contact Coteau Land Company to enter the property.

The information contained herein and in any advertisement has been given to us by the Brown County Assessor, Brown County Register of Deeds and Brown County Treasurer and is believed by the Seller and its agents to be true. Nonetheless, it is your responsibility as Buyer to research all information to your own satisfaction.





# Penalties propel Roncalli to a 3-touchdown win

When it comes to penalties, the Groton-Roncalli game had a ton of them. Coach Shaun Wanner said he and Roncalli Coach Terry Dosch talked after the game and both agreed that if the teams were going to proceed into the playoffs, they need to control the penalties. There were 240 yards of penalties in the game while the grand total of offense was 246 yards.

It was a double penalty against Groton that created a turning point in the game and Roncalli spoiled Groton Area's homecoming with an 18-0 Northeast Conference win.

Braden Sommers intercepted the ball to stop Groton's second drive. The Cavaliers took over on the Groton 17-yard line and threatened to score on a goal line stand, but the Tiger defense held as the first quarter ended scoreless. Groton was unable to get any offense going and the Cavaliers started at the Tiger 25 yard line. "They (Roncalli) are a good defensive teams," Wanner said. "Their quickness hurt us and we could not get our running game going and they had our quarterback on the run. We ended up punting deep which gave Roncalli good field position." The Cavaliers' drive started at the Groton 25 yard line and this time, they scored on a five yard run by Sommers. Hunter Lerew blocked the PAT kick and it was 6-0 with 9:08 left in the second quarter. The Cavaliers were forced to punt on fourth and nine and the Tigers got into good field position at the Roncalli 18 yard line. On fourth and five, the Tigers were going to attempt a field goal. "I thought we if got a field goal, it would 6-3, and then later on, we could get a touchdown," Wanner said. But then a penalty moved the field goal attempt to 35 yards and it was wide on the attempt.

Roncalli got a couple of first downs and were marching down the field, using two time-outs to stop the clock, but on the last play of the first half, Bennett Shabazz intercepted the ball to thwart any big touchdown run.

Roncalli received the second half kickoff and was stopped at their own 12 yard line. The Cavaliers got three first downs and were down to the Groton 29 yard line. "We spent too much time on defense," Wanner said. The Tiger defense held its ground again, forcing Roncalli to punt on fourth and 35. The third quarter ended with Roncalli clinging to a 6-0 lead.

The Roncalli drive that started with 1:27 left in the third quarter at their own 44 yard line was benefited from Groton penalties. The Cavaliers got a first down when they were second and 15. Then when the Cavaliers were third and 30, a double penalty on Groton put the Cavaliers on the Groton 10 yard line. Four plays later, Anthony Andera scored on a three-yard run with 10:26 left in the game. The PAT run was stopped and it was 12-0. The next Tiger drive was stopped by a Roncalli interception. Roncalli got a first down with a penalty, but ended up punting on fourth and five. Groton took over on its own seven yard line and was pushed back to the five yard line on the next play. The snap went through the quarterbacks hands and into the endzone and it was recovered by Alex Garvin. Adam Herman blocked the PAT kick and Roncalli took an 18-0 lead with 4:25 left in the game, which ended up being the final score. "The score does not show how well we played," Wanner said. "I told the kids after the game that we are not going to base our whole season on one loss. We have a lot of things to get accomplished yet this season. We played a very good football team and you will only get so many big plays in a game like that."

Groton had three first downs in the game while Roncalli had 16. The Tigers had 27 carries for 35 yards with Bennett Shabazz having 14 carries for 18 yards, Lucas Hinman with eight carries for 10 yards and Carter Jondahl with four carries for eight yards. Roncalli had 38 carries for 131 yards with Brandon Sommers having 16 carries for 64 yards and Anthony Andera having 15 for 65 yards.

Bennett Shabazz completed two of eight passes for 15 yards with two interceptions. Hunter Lerew had one catch for eight yards and Adam Herman had one for seven yards. Sommers completed six of 18 passes for Roncalli for 53 yards and one interception. Conner Fiedler completed one of two passes for 12 yards. Logan Karst had two catches for 38 yards.

Groton lost one of two fumbles and Roncalli recovered both of its fumbles. Groton had 12 penalties for 120 yards and Roncalli had 15 for 120 yards.

Defensive leaders for Groton Area were Carter Jondahl and Patrick Gengerke with 12 each, Alex Garvin had eight for Roncalli.

Groton continues to be the leader in the region with four wins while Roncalli had three. "This did not hurt us one bit in the regions for the playoffs," Wanner said. "We are 4-1 and Roncalli is 3-1."

Groton Area will travel to Sisseton on Friday while Roncalli plays Wagner. "It's going to be a big region game for us," Wanner said. "Sisseton is now in our region and they are 2-2 right now. We now have to position ourselves to host a playoff game." Wanner said that Sisseton likes to pass the ball so the Tigers will be gearing up for pass defense.

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Hunter Lerew caught this pass for an eight yard gain for the Tigers.



Bennett Shabazz had limited running room behind the line.

Photos and Story by Paul Kosel

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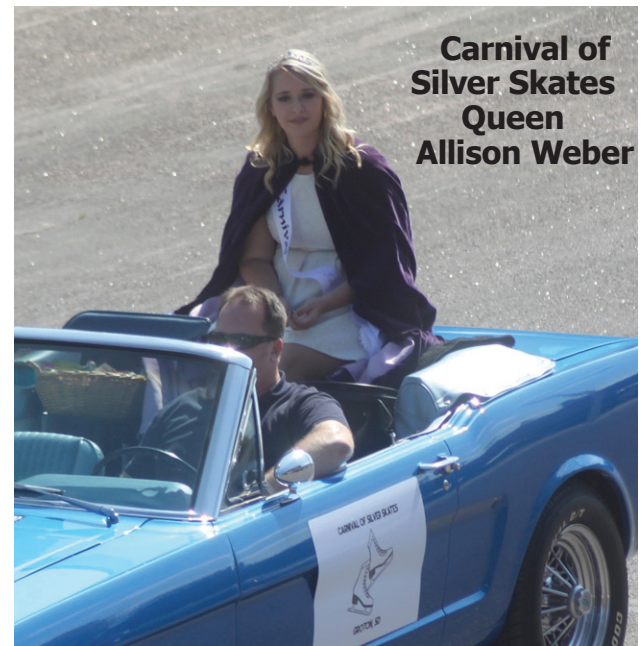
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This NOTICE is being provided pursuant to SDCL 41-4-1.1. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks is proposing the acquisition of approximately 320 acres, more or less, of land in Brown County, South Dakota, described as:

The North One-Half (N1/2) of Section Twenty (20), Township One Hundred Twenty-Six (126) North, Range Sixty (60) West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, containing 320 acres, more or less.

The tract of land is located three miles northwest of Claremont, South Dakota, to be used as Game Production Area.

The Game, Fish and Parks Commission will be conducting its Commission meeting at the Ramada Inn, 1525 West Haven Street, Mitchell, South Dakota 57301 on November 5-6, 2015, to commence at 1:00 PM on November 5th and to continue to adjournment. Sometime during the Commission meeting, the Commission is expected to take action on the intended purchase of the land described above. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit opinions, arguments, and their view, either orally or in writing or both, prior to the time that the Commission takes action on the intended purchase. Any person unable to attend the meeting may mail their opinions, arguments and views to Paul Coughlin, Wildlife Program Administrator-Habitat, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 575-1 or email [paul.coughlin@state.sd.us](mailto:paul.coughlin@state.sd.us), to be received prior to November 4th, 2015.

Date this 17th day of September, 2015

/s/ KRH

Kelly R. Hepler, Secretary

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### CARDS OF THANKS

We want to thank our family and friends for the cards, gifts, phone calls and the nice anniversary dinner. We are so thankful for everything.

Eddy and Virginia Nehls

### AUCTIONS

COLLECTOR CAR AUCTION, Saturday October 3, 2015, 10:30am, 40280 US Highway 14 East, Huron, Ben Meyer Auction Service, 605-350-0316/605-332-5597, [www.benmeyer-auctions.com](http://www.benmeyer-auctions.com), 1966 Ford Fairlane 500XL, 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 Convertible, 1964 Ford F-100.

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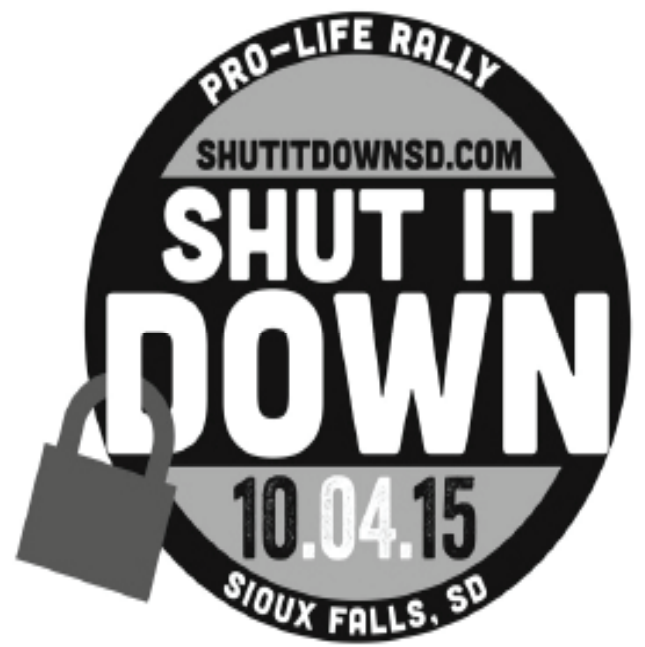
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Ten Ways To Tell If The Relationship You've Established With Your Cell Phone Is Perhaps, A Bit, "Over The Top!"

You slowly begin to wake from a restful night's sleep and rather than give that first sip of coffee your full attention, you grab your phone to see if anyone messaged you, poked you or revealed some incredibly fantastic news on Facebook after you dozed off the night before that you just have to know more than anything in the world.

You learn that sitting on the toilet too long will actually cause your legs to "fall asleep." Yes, it's true. They get tired of waiting for you to check all of your messages while propped up on that hollow circle that inevitably restricts

the blood flow to them and they have no other choice. Once you remove yourself, you learn rather quickly legs aren't real happy when you wake them up.

You begin to wonder why so many people are saying, "I told you this about a week ago, don't you remember?" and then you realize it might have something to do with the fact that you were somewhat distracted by a story about a dress that looks white with touches of gold in some pictures and blue with touches of black in others. Hmmm, this is interesting stuff, no doubt.

Your whole life is being conveniently stored on your phone. Your family's birthdays, your grocery list, your business contacts, your results from your pregnancy test provided you purchased your phone with the optional "pee stick" attachment. Your phone is no longer a means of communication between you and another person for a small amount of time but rather a device that has given you the confidence to share everything you can possibly think of just in case you forget everything about yourself and all at the very same time.

You go out to eat with friends but carry on a text conversation with someone else the entire time you could be laughing and carrying on with real people sitting within 3 feet of you.

You feel the need to call home to make sure you pick up the right kind of shampoo. We all know shampoos are all different and the reason manufacturers create 7000 different kinds is because there are 7000 different ways people can get their hair dirty.....of course.

Due to the fact that you have a very busy and productive life, you need to make use of every single second of every single day so you save your chats with yours friends for those times when you sit down in the stall of a public restroom. It's so darn handy to have that phone with you and I'd be willing to bet your friend can't even tell where you are if you pretend to sneeze or cough during the "splash down" and flush parts of your mission.

Your friends wouldn't describe you as the "chatterbox" type but for some reason, you can always think of someone to call while you're at the store and you've learned the best time to get into a really involved chat is when it's time to check out. The people ringing up your sale don't mind. They love trying to slip in a few pertinent questions when they notice you taking a breath. (Okay, I'm kidding. They're really entertaining thoughts of slapping you up in an attempt to get your attention for the better part of 3 minutes.)

You may or may not be aware of this yet but when you are out in public talking on your phone, YOU ARE TALKING A LOT LOUDER THAN YOU THINK YOU ARE.

You are into fitness and you take regular walks. You've been attached to your phone so long that you are now able to walk without watching where you're going and you almost never run into anything except an occasional stop sign, that guy on the skateboard, the woman with the stroller, the trash can, the garage sale sign, the guy wearing the furniture store sign advertising a big sale and the parked car but those things happen to everyone....the phone did not distract you.



## Bevitized: Being "Texted" to the Max

by Beverly  
Patterson



Jamie Stadel and Austin Fordham

## Stadel, Fordham to hold senior recital at Northern State University

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Jamie Stadel and Austin Fordham will have their senior recital at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in Northern State University's Krikac Auditorium.

Stadel is the daughter of Dave and Cindy Stadel. She grew up in Aberdeen and is a 2012 graduate of Central High School.

Fordham is the son of Mike and Tina Fordham. He grew up in Groton and is a 2012 graduate of Groton Area High School.

Stadel plays alto saxophone and oboe. On alto saxophone, she will perform "Sonatina" by Lex van Delden and "Syrinx" by Claude Debussy (transcribed by Jean-Marie Londeix). On oboe, she will perform "Three Romances, Op. 94" by Robert Schumann. She will be accompanied by Mary Marion.

Fordham plays the tuba. He will perform "Serenade No. 12" by Vincent Persichetti; "Air and Bourrée" by J.S. Bach (Arr. William Bell); "Concertino for Tuba and Band" by Frank Bencriscutto; and "New World Symphony Quartet" by Dvorák (Arr. Fordham). He will be accompanied by Ron Parker.

Stadel has studied with Fred Hemke at Northern. She will graduate from NSU in May 2016 with a degree in instrumental music education and an arts administration certificate.

"I chose Northern because of the quality and reputation of the music program," she said.

Her future plans are to teach or to attend graduate school.

Fordham has studied with Jessica Perkins at NSU. He will graduate in May 2016 with a degree in K-12 music education.

Since he grew up in Groton, Fordham said he was familiar with Northern's music program.

"My high school band director was a Northern graduate, and suggested Northern to me when I showed interest in furthering my education in music," he said. "A lot of the music faculty also knew me by name before I even graduated high school, and due to that, I felt as if the professors truly do care about each student."

After graduation, Fordham hopes to start his career as a high school band director.

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This story was inspired by a letter to "Dear Abby" I read earlier about a parent that was so let down by her adult children when they arrived at her house for a birthday party. No one offered to help clear the table, do the dishes or watch the children but rather sat around each staring at their cell phones or tablets while she did all the work. It's just another story of a very good and helpful invention gone terribly wrong in some instances. It's nothing new, this type of thing happens all the time.

(No, cell phones don't come with a "pee stick" attachment.....not yet anyway.)

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# The Life of Wayne Feller



Services for Wayne Loren "Coach" Feller, Jr, 72, of Groton will be 11 a.m., Friday, October 2, 2015 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in Bates-Scotland Cemetery, rural Verdon.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Wayne died September 27, 2015 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls following a farm accident.

Wayne was born on September 18, 1943 in Aberdeen to Wayne and Ruth (Bjerke) Feller. Wayne grew up on the family farm near Ferney where he was the oldest of 5. Wayne attended Prairie Pride Country School until the 8th Grade and graduated from Groton High School in 1961. Wayne was active in Lazy Farmers 4-H, GHS football and Band. He was also quite the socialite at GHS. Wayne continued his education

at Northern State University, graduating with a degree in Business. He was united in marriage with Paula Hatch and they had two children, Scott and Sara, whom he was very proud of.

Wayne started his career at Hub City Iron and later worked for the Aberdeen American News and Kessler's. Wayne was well known to all customers at Kessler's and was sure to tell a joke or a story of his children and grandchildren. It was very obvious how proud he was of them. Wayne dedicated his time to coaching his children and many others for Aberdeen Hockey Association. He loved looking into genealogy and telling his family about their history. Wayne made sure everyone knew what was going on with his letters and pictures sent thru snail mail, although he was recently introduced to the internet and Facebook and would love to make funny comments on people's Facebook posts. In his spare time, Wayne enjoyed watching the history channel and traveling to see family and friends. He had recently been to New York and Kansas City to visit family. He was always willing to help his son on the farm; or help anyone who needed anything.

Wayne is survived by his children, Scott (Natasha Swanson) Feller of Ferney, Sara (Lee) Jefferson of Lees Summit, MO, grandchildren: Jackson, Jaliyah and Amira Jefferson. Wayne is also survived by his sister, Shirley (Tom) Kucera of Sioux Falls, sister, Nancy (Josh) Bartos of Webster his brother, Jason (Nataliya) Feller of Dallas, TX and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his brother, Leslie Feller.

Casketbearers will be Guy DiBenedetto, David Kucera, Tom Kucera, Ryan Heinz, Jarod Heinz, Richard Hildebrant and David Feller.

# RSVP honors Groton Senior Citizens



**RSVP, North Central Region, honors Groton senior citizens, for years of volunteering to the community. Pictured L-R standing are Lee Schinkel, ten years; Darlene and Wally Fischer, five years; and sitting is Elda Stange, Lifelong Award, with 20 years, and over 4,000 hours. Elda holds a certificate signed by President Obama.**

# Groton Area enrollment drops 1.8%

The enrollment numbers for the Groton Area School District are down by 11 from last year, or 1.8 percent. The elementary school actually seen an increase of one student to 275. The middle school has seen a drop of three students and the high school has seen a drop of 14 students. Groton graduated 55 students last year and there are 41 coming in as freshmen. This year's kindergarten numbers are up by 11 from last year at 49 while the junior kindergarten numbers have dropped by six.

	This Year	Last Year
Elementary	275	272
Middle School	128	131
High School	179	193
Total	582	593

The follow enrollment numbers, with the exception of JK and Kindergarten, reflect the same class enrollment numbers. For example, the first grade number this year is 39 students. As a group of kindergarten students last year, their enrollment number was 38, so that class has seen an increase of one, etc.

	This Year	Last Year
JK:	14	20
K:	49	38
1:	39	38
2:	50	48
3:	42	40
4:	42	43
5:	39	40
6:	39	43
7:	49	48
8:	40	41
9:	41	42
10:	30	33
11:	53	53
12:	55	52

# Yo-Yo Effect Hits South Dakota Pump Prices

Sept. 29, 2015 – Although the nation's regular gasoline price average has fallen for 27 of the past 31 days, South Dakota's statewide average has been down, but is now showing signs of reversing course. Today's South Dakota average price for regular unleaded stands at \$2.37 a gallon. In Sioux Falls, motorists have seen a nine cent increase in the average pump price.

	Today	Last Week	Change	1-Sep	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.422	\$2.396	\$0.026	\$2.482	-\$0.060	\$3.469
Brookings	\$2.374	\$2.432	-\$0.058	\$2.606	-\$0.232	\$3.274
Huron	\$2.512	\$2.622	-\$0.110	\$2.653	-\$0.141	\$3.465
Mitchell	\$2.340	\$2.444	-\$0.104	\$2.592	-\$0.252	\$3.271
Pierre	\$2.580	\$2.564	\$0.016	\$2.869	-\$0.289	\$3.382
Rapid City	\$2.479	\$2.539	-\$0.060	\$2.775	-\$0.296	\$3.425
Sioux Falls	\$2.184	\$2.092	\$0.092	\$2.459	-\$0.275	\$2.151
Vermillion	\$2.189	\$2.323	-\$0.134	\$2.519	-\$0.330	\$3.189
Watertown	\$2.275	\$2.329	-\$0.054	\$2.434	-\$0.159	\$3.533
Yankton	\$2.315	\$2.336	-\$0.021	\$2.621	-\$0.306	\$3.361
South Dakota	\$2.375	\$2.374	\$0.001	\$2.613	-\$0.238	\$3.322

According to FuelGaugeReport.AAA.com, the nationwide pump price average today is \$2.29 per gallon, a penny more than it was a week ago, three cents below the price two weeks ago, 20 cents lower than the price one month ago and \$1.05 less than the price average one year ago.

"As the fall refinery maintenance season continues to ramp-up in response to the very busy summer, gasoline price declines could slow and temporarily change direction," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota.

Motorists in four states are paying averages below \$2 per gallon today with South Carolina (\$1.96) leading the way followed by Mississippi and New Jersey (both at \$1.97) and Alabama (\$1.98). Alaska (\$3.02) has the nation's most expensive fuel followed by California (\$2.98), Nevada (\$2.93), Hawaii (\$2.88) and Utah (\$2.69).

"There are a lot of questions right now about where global oil demand is headed," said Buskohl. "For example, many analysts are saying we could see less consumption in China as the carbon emissions cap-and-trade program they just announced is implemented. Others maintain that country's economy is merely taking a breather before resuming aggressive expansion."

West Texas Intermediate crude oil closed out yesterday's formal trading session on the NYMEX down \$1.27, settling at \$44.43 per barrel. The last time WTI closed above \$50 was on July 21.

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# Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 40th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.



From Left to Right: Jackson, Madison, Sara, Shane, Jake, Haley

## Shane Buntrock

**Where are you living today?** Mesa, Arizona  
**JobWise what are you doing today?** Attorney in private practice with my firm Buntrock & Gardner Law, PLLC

**How long have you been working at the current job?** I have worked as an attorney since 1995.

**How did you get your current job?** Started my own firm in 2013.  
**If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.** Johnson Heidepriem Miner & Marlow, Yankton, SD 1995-1999; Sanders & Parks, PC Phoenix, AZ 1999-2006, Rowley Chapman Barney & Buntrock, Ltd 2006-2013, Buntrock & Gardner Law PLLC 2013-present.

**What year did you graduate from high school?** GHS in 1985  
**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** South Dakota State University B.S 1989

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** Work hard and have fun. Smile. Keep your eye on what comes after high school

**List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.** Education, my Family and work with the Arizona Burn Foundation  
**Married Life:** Sara Mannes Aberdeen, SD

**How did the two of you meet?** Through mutual friends in high school

**Do you have any children?** Yes. Haley Elizabeth Brown, 23 married, attending law school at Gonzaga University Law in Spokane Washington. Jackson 20, attending Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ, Madison, 18, attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Jake, 11, 6th grade.

**Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?** I think that for my time, my high school and college education helped me. They certainly did not provide all the answers as we must learn and figure out through experience and continued learning.

## Groton Area Elementary Earns Title of Exemplary High Performing School

On Tuesday, the South Dakota Department of Education released its 2015 state report card which scores schools on a variety of performance indicators including the much anticipated Smarter Balanced Assessment. Based on their overall performance in the prescribed indicators, schools earn a rating score in the form of a School Performance Index, a 100-point scale. Schools are then placed in rank order and the top 5% of those schools are designated as the state's Exemplary High Performing Schools. Those schools ranking between the top 5% and 10% of schools are designated as Status Schools. The bottom two tiers of schools are classified as Priority Schools and Focus Schools and receive additional assistance from the Department of Education to improve results for their children.

Based on the School Performance Index, Groton Area Elementary has earned the distinction of being an Exemplary High Performing School. All elementary schools receive points for student achievement in mathematics and English language arts as well as attendance. Groton Area Elementary School received a total School Performance Index of 74.50 out of 100.

Superintendent Joe Schwan said, "This achievement is the result of the tireless work of a community dedicated to its young people including the teachers, support staff, students, parents, board members, and administrators that make the success of our students a priority."

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