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Elementary School Building being reviewed

Mike Hubbard with Johnson Controls talked about long range plans for the needs of heating and cooling for the buildings, as well as the use of the facilities. About 50 percent of the campus has infrastructure that is 50 years old. There are operational deficiencies that should be addressed with a long range capital plan. Johnson Controls could help create a project development plan. It would take six months to put together a detailed plan. The elementary school has bad acoustics and no privacy between the classrooms. Brett Schwan said it is very loud in that building. Superintendent Joe Schwan said to spend millions on a HVAC system may not be in the districts best interest for the long term. Hubbard said the octagon system at the elementary school is an obsolete design. Business Manager Mike Weber said that in five to seven years, both of the school bond issues (Arena and new addition) as well as the city pool issue will be paid off and that would be the time to look at building options. Some of the board members said this is the time to start planning for the long term so the district makes the proper decision. "We need to have the backing of the community in order to proceed," said board president Steve Smith.

The county will have the ability to apply a shutdown in the Groton Area High School. The Gallagher Access System has been being installed. Superintendent Joe Schwan said it took a considerable amount of coordination with to state and the county to get everything to work.

Elementary Principal Brett Schwan talked about a new developmental screening for the three-year olds. Schwan said the screening has usually been done in the spring and they miss out on a whole year of educational opportunities. The three-year olds will be screened on December 1. The four and five year olds will continue to be screened in the spring.

School will dismiss at 1 p.m. Thursday for conferences.

Middle/High School Principal Dr. Anna Schwan talked about the "Stay Put" drill held Nov. 3. The South Dakota Patrol and a canine trained for the purposes of detecting drugs visited the school.

The board approved the use of a bus for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church to send students to a youth rally in Brookings on November 14. The church will pay for charges to use the bus.

The board approved to waive gym fees for a sixth grade boys and girls basketball camp in January. Board Member Marty Weismantel said he does not want to see what happened last year where only a select few were "invited" to attend the camp. "It has to be open to all sixth graders," he said. Kara Pharis is organizing the camp.

Pink Night at Volleyball game nets close to \$3500

October was National Breast Cancer Awareness month. In conjunction with that, Groton collaborated with Northwestern School for the 5th annual fundraising event at Groton's volleyball game on Tuesday, October 20th.

The fundraiser was a huge success raising \$3,478.76 for the Avera St. Luke's Cancer Foundation in Aberdeen. This money is used for people in our local area not only for breast cancer needs but all types of cancer – from life-saving medications, lodging, transportation and much more.

Nora Groft, coach for Northwestern's volleyball team came up with the idea of a joint fundraiser between the two schools, rotating every other year at their respective home sites. Northwestern's Business Class led by teacher, Anne Frericks, makes the t-shirts in house.

Three named to All State Soccer Team

Joy Nay Htoo, a senior, was named to the first team of the South Dakota High School Soccer Coaches Association All State Soccer Team. Named to the second team were seniors James Thompson and Lane Weig.

Veteran's Day Luncheon at Groton Area



Fourth grader Layne Hanson invited a Veteran friend from his church to the Veteran's Day morning breakfast at the Groton Area Elementary School. He is pictured with Al Froiland and his wife, Sheryl, from Aberdeen. Al served in the US Army from December 1968 to November 1971 as a Helicopter crew chief during the Viet Nam War.

Third grader Jeslyn Kosel (left) along with her sister, sixth grader Julianna, invited Norman Anderson, Groton, to the Veteran's Day breakfast. Norman attends the church that the girls go to in Pierpont. Norman served in the US Navy for 17 years, serving on eight destroyer ships and troop transport ships during the Korean and Viet Nam wars.

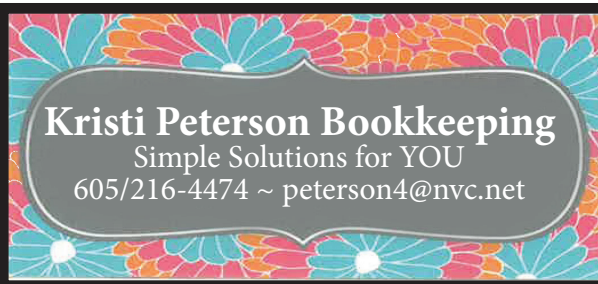


Superintendent Joe Schwan poured coffee at the Veteran's Day breakfast. He is pouring coffee for Eddy Opp, Groton. Opp served in the US Army during the Korean War as a mine defuser.

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Oral Interp Team places second

The GHS Oral Interpretation Team had a very successful weekend at the Watertown Pumpkin Stakes held October 31, 2015. The Reader's Theater team of Erin Smith, Jenifer Fjelstad, Kelsey Iverson, Anne Marie Smith, Lily Cutler and Keri Pappas placed second behind a team from Sioux Falls O'Gorman. Cutler also placed fourth in Poetry. Others competing for GHS included Iverson in Dramatic Interpretation, E. Smith and Fjelstad in Duo Interpretation, Cutler in Humorous Interpretation, Pappas in Non-Original Oratory. GHS will have their regional competition on November 17, 2015 in Aberdeen.



Back row L to R: Adam Herman, Tylan Glover, Cody Swanson, Garrett Stene, Mitchell Koens
Front row L to R: Macy Knecht, Aleaya Worlie, Gabbie Kramer, Kari Hanson

All State Chorus


This past weekend, eight Groton Area High School students participated in the South Dakota All-State Chorus in Rapid City. At the beginning of the school year, the students auditioned as quartets and have been rehearsing outside of school to prepare for the event. These students joined over 1000 other South Dakota high school students to perform their concert at the Rushmore Plaza on Saturday night, October 31. The guest conductor was Peter Eklund, a well-known music educator and conductor from Lincoln, Nebraska. The students enjoyed rehearsing with Mr. Eklund, who currently teaches at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The students are under the direction of Mr. Cody Swanson.

Bid on table at Stratford Community Theatre

Stratford Community Theatre has donated a table for one of their performances of the murder mystery comedy "Agatha Christi Made Me Do It." to be auctioned off with sealed bids. Proceeds will be donated to the Randell Robins 4-H Club and will be used towards the construction of a new 4-H Building on the State Fairgrounds in Huron. The highest bidder will have first choice of tables at the performance of their choice. Bids must be in by November 23rd. Winner will be contacted on November 24th.

Send sealed bids for the table to:
 Stratford Community Theatre, 293 E Randell Ave-Suite 1, Stratford, SO 57474. Write 4-H on the outside of the envelope.

Last Days of Autumn! Getting Ready for Winter - Late Fall



Clues:
 1. PUMPKINS
 2. FOOTBALL
 3. BIRDS
 4. DAYLIGHT
 5. SCREENS
 6. SWEATERS
 7. BIRDS
 8. SWEATERS
 9. R
 10. APPLES

Answers:
 1. POTATOES
 2. FIREWOOD
 3. FURNACE
 4. CLOTHES
 5. CAT
 6. SAND
 7. KITE
 8. BALLOON
 9. CAT
 10. APPLES

Autumn Ice?
 What mixes with cool rain to make a slippery mess?
 leaves

Autumn ice is not so nice!

Falling rain and cool windy breezes pulled the autumn leaves from the tree. When the storm was over, what could we see?

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Results of the Eureka Vex Robotics Tournament Saturday, November 07, 2015

Rank	Team number	Team name	School	Wins	Losses	Ties	Win points	Score points
1	9050-D	Geek Squad	Groton	9	2	0	18	118
2	9050-A	G-Force	Groton	7	4	0	14	96
3	9050-C	G.A.T. Wrenches	Groton	7	4	0	14	78
4	8410	Teck-Kno-Logik	Eureka	5	6	0	10	97
5	8410-D	Double Trouble	Eureka	5	6	0	10	84
6	9050-E	Galaxy	Groton	5	6	0	10	69
7	7375	Leola SD	Leola	3	8	0	6	82
8	9050-B	Gear Heads	Groton	3	8	0	6	72

Tournament Champions

9050-D Geek Squad Groton
9050-A G-Force Groton

Awards

Excellence Award: 9050-A G-Force Groton

The **Excellence Award** is the highest award presented in the VEX Robotics Competition. This award is presented to a team that exemplifies overall excellence in creating a high quality VEX robotics program. This team is a strong contender in numerous award categories. Excellence winners must have an engineering notebook. Key criteria:

- Tournament Qualification Round ranking
- Programming Skills Challenge ranking
- Robot Skills Challenge ranking
- Design Award ranking
- Other Judged Award rankings
- High quality VEX robotics program

Design Award: 9050-C G.A.T. Wrenches Groton

The **Design Award** is presented to a team that demonstrates an organized and professional approach to the design process, project and time management and team organization. Only teams that submit Engineering Notebooks are eligible for the Design Award. Key criteria:

- Engineering Notebook is a clear, complete document of the team's design process
- Team is able to explain their design and strategy throughout the season
- Team demonstrates personnel, time and resource management through the season
- Teamwork, interview quality, and team professionalism.

Judges Award: 7375 Leola SD Leola

The **Judges Award** is presented to a team that the judges determine is deserving of special recognition. Judges consider a number of possible criteria for this award, such as team displays of special attributes, exemplary effort and perseverance at the event, or team accomplishments or endeavors throughout the season that may not fit under existing awards, but are nonetheless deserving of special recognition.

Groton Area girls upset Sisseton in VB Regions

Groton Area upset top seeded Sisseton in the regional championship semifinals played Thursday night in Milbank, 3-1. Groton Area will now play Milbank Area on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Milbank for the right to advance to the state tournament.

Game scores were 25-19, 25-19, 19-25 and 25-22.

Groton Area was 91 of 97 in serves with eight ace serves. Payton Maine was 21 of 23 with three ace serves, Marlee Jones was 21 of 22 with two ace serves and Audrey Wanner was 12 of 13 with two ace serves.

In sets, Groton Area was 149 of 149 with 52 assists. Marlee Jones had 129 sets with 48 assists.

The Tigers were 131 of 144 in spikes with 52 kills. Audrey Wanner was 45 of 53 with 20 kills and Carly Wheeting was 31 of 32 with 13 kills.

Groton Area had 114 digs with Katie Koehler having 35 and Marlee Jones 20. Josie Doeden had three and Gia Gengerke had two for the team's five blocks.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Coyotes 3, Foxes 3, Shih Tzus 3, Jackelopes 1, Pocket Gophers 1, Chipmunks 1

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 237, 196, Brad Larson 209, 201, Doug Jorgensen 196

Women's High Games: Vicki Walter 177, Sue Stanley 161, Dar Larson 153

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 622, Brad Larson 582, Doug Jorgensen 526

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter 475, Sue Stanley 444, Dar Larson 438

Groton Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Jungle Lanes 22, Ken's 20, James Valley 16, Ten Pins 14.

High Games: Vickie Kramp 171, 168; Gert Erickson 168; Penny Stolle 166

High Series: Vickie Kramp 487, Joyce Walter 478, Penny Stolle 459

Conde National League

Team Standings: Mets 14 1/2, Braves 14, Pirates 12, Cubs 12, Giants 11, Colts 8 1/2

Men's High Games: Larry Frohling 199, Troy Lindberg 182, Topper Tastad 182, Chad Furney 170

Men's High Series: Troy Lindberg 499, Allen Walter 486, Larry Frohling 472

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 179; Joyce Walter 173, 160, 157; Renee Hanlon 150.

Women's High Series: Joyce Walter 490, Vickie Kramp 472, Nancy Radke 432

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**Brown County
Nov. 3, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

NOVEMBER 3, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. 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 October 27, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$3,767.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$4,088.74; Auditor \$7,960.01; Treasurer \$12,640.49; Data Processing \$7,171.88; State's Attorney \$16,212.90; Blood Draws \$950.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,873.94; Maintenance \$5,342.57; Assessor \$13,136.50; Register of Deeds \$8,787.69; Veterans Service Office \$3,563.74; GIS \$2,195.60; Sheriff Admin \$32,915.27; SPP-VLSL Payout \$5,390.55; Jail \$35,490.44; Coroner \$900.00; JDC \$16,375.49; HD \$5,401.34; Welfare Office \$3,026.85; Museum \$7,683.74; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,924.20; Fair Board \$4,002.77; 4-H \$1,113.60; Weed \$2,355.49; Planning and Zoning \$1,586.47; Highway \$46,272.41; Communications \$23,383.92; Emergency Management \$3,767.34; Teen Court \$0.00; 24/7 \$2,968.86; Landfill \$12,730.35

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,161.04; Medicare \$4,247.39; Life \$658.92; Dental \$6,446.40; Health Insurance \$93,851.26; Retirement \$51,591.13.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$8,021.01; Br. Co. Treasurer \$30.00; Language Line Services \$90.12; LBG \$5,518.85; Schriver's Memorial Mortuary \$1,000.00; SD DOT \$6,315.08; SDN Communications \$125.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$97.65; Jodi Sudweeks \$30.80; Sara Zahn \$239.40.

Publishing: American News \$118.12; Groton Independent \$65.15; Ingstad Family Media \$1,077.00; Nationwide Hotel Guides \$295.00.

Rentals: Jon Malsam Rentals \$269.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$67.32; Auto Glass Solutions \$40.00; Butler Machinery \$2,107.09; Cass Co. Heating \$15.32; Climate Control \$1,738.29; Eugene Dennert \$825.00; Great Western Tire \$10.00; HF Jacobs & Son \$17,213.70; Leidholt Electric \$2,270.90; Marco \$124.42; Fritz Pigors \$240.00; Southern Folger Detention \$201,970.00; Thee Glass Doktor \$92.40; Volk Upholstery \$60.00.

Supplies: A & B Business \$60.72; Active Data Systems \$224.93; American Stamp & Marking Products \$84.37; Ameripride \$412.90; Butler Machinery \$3,329.20; Cass Co. Heating \$36.00; Crescent Electric \$156.82; DT Pharmacy \$3,938.39; Equipment Blades \$1,034.80; Sue Gates \$21.83; GovConnection \$841.56; Great Western Tire \$7,629.65; J. Gross Equipment \$521.85; Lang's TV & Appliance \$714.99; Mer-nards \$330.05; Network Services \$266.42; Parcel Erickson \$135.00; Pro Ag Supply \$404.90; Running's \$219.21; Lora Schaanaman \$20.41; Thee Glass Doktor \$121.50; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$85.43.

Travel and Conference: Dawn Allam \$433.34; Exec. Mgmt \$1,047.00; Cliff Rhodes \$97.48; Andrea Sjomeling \$190.72.

Utilities: AT & T \$678.78; BDM Rural Water \$44.00; Century-Link \$2,655.78; Midcontinent \$525.60; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$24.78; NVC \$136.32; NWPS \$10,588.50; Verizon \$2,572.79; Web Water \$74.68. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the following employee step increases, effective November 8, 2015: Andrew Janusz @ \$15.46 per hour, Sheila Anderson @ \$19.00 per hour, Michael Ernst @ \$18.17 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve hiring Cameron Refsland as full-time Correctional Officer effective November 16, 2015 at \$14.88 per hour; and Grace Gasperich as part-time 24/7 Employee, effective November 3, 2015 @ \$12.54 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kip-

pley, seconded by Fischbach to approve request to fill vacancy for a permanent part-time civil process assistant at the Sheriff Department. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to acknowledge resignation of Diane Mielke, effective November 2, 2015; and approve employee classification change for Teresa Mann from part-time to full-time position (cook at the Jail), effective November 2, 2015 @ \$15.74 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to void the uncashed checks from the General Fund and Jail Commissary and send the \$202.22 to Unclaimed Property. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Court Security Grant application letter in amount of \$6,782.00 (50/50 match grant). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #76-15. A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PURSUANT TO SDCL 10-11-66 THROUGH 10-11-77. BE IT RESOLVED that a consolidated Board of Equalization as authorized by 10-11-66 shall be established pursuant to the Resolution of the Governing Boards of Brown County, City of Aberdeen, and the Aberdeen School District 6-1. The consolidated Board of Equalization as created by this Resolution shall be authorized to exercise all powers contained in SDCL 10-11. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that three members from the Brown County Commission and one member of the Aberdeen City Council and one member of the Aberdeen School District 6-1 School Board shall constitute a consolidated Board of Equalization as provided by SDCL 10-11-66. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Aberdeen City Council, Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen School District 6-1 shall be responsible for the per diem and salary and mileage costs of the respective members that serve on the Consolidated Board of Equalization. Brown County Commission shall be responsible for the ordinary and customary expenses associated with the equalization of property including appeals to the State of South Dakota Office of Hearing Examiners. The financial responsibilities contained in this resolution shall remain unless the Aberdeen City Council, Brown County Commission or the Aberdeen School District 6-1 shall request that they be modified prior to December 1st of each year. THIS RESOLUTION shall be binding upon the Brown County Commission, Brown County, SD and upon each governing body adopting this Resolution according to law. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

BID DATE – ANNEX BASEMENT AND FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR COURTHOUSE LIGHTING PROJECT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize advertising for sealed bids for labor and material to replace all light fixtures in the Annex Basement and on the first and second floor of the Brown County Courthouse, to be opened and considered in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:50 A.M. on November 24, 2015 (2016 project). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign documentation to assign claims against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

VOTE CENTERS: Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #77-15. A Resolution Authorizing Use of Vote Centers For the Aberdeen Municipal Special Election. WHEREAS, as per SDCL 12-14-17, the Brown County Board of County Commissioners may authorize the use of vote centers in lieu of precinct polling places, providing that the election is conducted in conformance with all applicable election laws and rules, and WHEREAS, the City of Aberdeen, Brown County, in its entirety, will be considered one precinct with the use of vote centers for the

Aberdeen Municipal Special Election to be held on December 15, 2015; and WHEREAS, the use of vote centers will make voting more accessible for registered voters in Brown County as they will be able to vote at any one of the vote centers, and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Commission declares all of the City of Aberdeen, Brown County as one voting precinct for the Aberdeen Municipal Special Election to be held on December 15, 2015; and designates the following locations as vote centers:

1. AmericInn
2. Best Western Ramkota Hotel/Convention Center
3. Courthouse Community Room

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor's office will be used as an absentee vote center to process absentee ballots on Election Day. Dated this 3rd day of November 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. **SPEED LIMIT:** Gary Vetter, Commission Assistant discussed speed limit change on County Road 15. No action was taken at this time.

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: Shaun Falken, Marco, Inc requested permission to present demonstration of their product M-Files, a content management and document management system to the Commission and each Department. No action was taken at this time. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session for contract discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter, Mark Milbrandt and John McQuillen 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.

BCCHC REPORT: DeAnna Kyburz presented the Brown County Community Health Center Report for July – September 2015.

ASSESSMENT QUESTION: Cheryl Block inquired about possibility of a lowered assessed value for 2014 payable 2015 on her property. No action can be taken as the appeal process for 2014 payable 2015 has ended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and contract discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to authorize the States Attorney to complete a retainer agreement contract for the Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONCERNED CITIZEN: Area citizen Matt Deilke distributed the definition of a hostile work environment, as stated in United States labor law; and volunteered to go with a county employee of the Commission's choosing and administer an anonymous ballot to all employees in regard to Brown County being a hostile work environment. The Commission will discuss and consult with the States Attorney.

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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**Brown County
Nov. 3, 2015**

Joint Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 3, 2015 - JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Campbell, Johnson, Ronayne and Mayor Levsen. Absent were Council Members Remily, Rux, Slaughter-Hansen and Swanson. Present from County were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach, Fjeldheim and Sutton.

ORDINANCE #15-10-02/450: On motion by Bunsness, seconded by Campbell, the City unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #15-10-02/450. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to adopt Ordinance #15-10-02/450, An Ordinance to

amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District and (A-2) Greenbelt District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District and (A-2) Greenbelt District: Lot 1, Dahme Pit Addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (1715 135th Street SW). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE #15-11-01/451 AND #15-11-02-452:

On motion by Bunsness, seconded by Johnson, the City unanimously voted to set public hearing date for Ordinance #15-11-01/451 and Ordinance #15-11-02/452. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Kippley to set public hearing for Ordinance #15-11-01/451, An Ordinance 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: Lot 27, Evelo's Outlots in the NE ¼ of Sec 2-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13649 Pontiac Drive); and Ordinance #15-11-02/452, An Ordinance amending the Aberdeen City Code regarding changes to the downtown facades and signs ordinances, to be held in the County Commission Chambers on November 24, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

The City Council adjourned and the County Commission continued in regular session.

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**Brown County
Middlestead
Zoning Request**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Donald Middlestead, etal to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 17, 2015 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front District (R3): Lots 7 & 8, Block 1 RO-JU-OS Park; Lots 12 & 13, Block 1 RO-JU-OS Park; Lots 1-5, Block 1 RO-JU-OS Park; Lot 6, Block 1 RO-JU-OS Park; Lot 2, Block 1 Graham Oster Addition to RO-JU-OS Park; Lot 3, Block 1 Graham Oster Addition to RO-JU-OS Park; Holty Outlot A to RO-JU-OS Park; and a tract 60' N & S by 175' E & W adjacent to Lot 1 Hart Family Subdivision to RO-JU-OS Park located in the S ½ of SE ¼ of Sec 8-T128N-R65W, Brown County, SD (10186, 10194, 10176, 10184, 10172, 10174, 10160, and 10164 RO-JU-OS Place).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 097.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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**Brown County
County Road 5 Bridge
Replacement**

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2016 County Road 5 – Bridge Replacement

Brown County, South Dakota Sealed Bids will be received by the Brown County Auditor at 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota until 9 AM local time on the 8th day of December, 2015 for the above referenced project. Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

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

The Project includes the Work for replacement of the bridge on County Highway 5, interim gravel surfacing, seeding and associated work.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the locations listed:
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Aberdeen, SD 57401
Phone - (605) 626-7118
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2301 8th Ave NE, Suite 125
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The Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations: Aberdeen, SD Builders Exchange; Rapid City, SD Builders Exchange; Sioux Falls, SD Builders Exchange; Plains Builders Exchange, Sioux Falls, SD; Dodge Data & Analytics, Hot Springs, AR; Construction Plans Exchange of Bismarck-Mandan, Bismarck, ND; or Construction Plans Exchange of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, ND.

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(1103.1110)
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**Annex Basement
Lighting Project
Bid Notice**

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market St Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:50 A.M. on November 24, 2015, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for labor and material required for Lighting Replacement Project- replacement of Light Fixtures in the Courthouse Annex basement and 1st and 2nd Floors of the Courthouse in accordance with specifications. Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope. "Lighting Replacement Project" to be opened on November 24, 2015.

A Pre-bid walk thru will be held on November 17th and November 19th at 8:00 A.M. Bidders should meet at west entrance of the annex. Bidders are encouraged to attend at least one pre-bid walk thru.

On-site work to commence after January 1, 2016 and completion of all work shall be before April 30, 2016. After April 30, 2016, contractors may be assessed up to a maximum penalty of \$500 per week.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check, or bank draft for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price.

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

Electronic Specifications are on file at Mettler Sitchmeller Engineering, 801 Railroad Ave. SE Aberdeen, South Dakota. Please call 605-225-4344 to request a

copy by e-mail.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(1110.1117)

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**Dahme
Rezoning
Approved**

**ORDINANCE #15-10-02/450
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 1164 TO
REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED
PROPERTY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property filed by Gary H Dahme is hereby granted and Ordinance No. 1164 is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from (A-1) Agricultural District and (A-2) Greenbelt District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District and (A-2) Greenbelt District, said property is described as follows:

Lot 1, Dahme Pit Addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD, (1715 135th Street SW)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota, that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for the County of Brown to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: October 14 & 21, 2015

Passed First Reading: October 27, 2015

Passed Second Reading: November 3, 2015

Adopted: November 3, 2015
Published: November 12, 2015

Effective Date: December 2, 2015

Duane Sutton, Chairman
Brown County Commission
ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**Sauvage Rezoning
Hearing
Notice**

**NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING
OF THE ABERDEEN CITY
COUNCIL**

**AND THE BROWN COUNTY
COMMISSION**

**REGARDING PETITION TO
REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY**

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 24th day of November 2015, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the Petition filed by Josh Sauvage 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 27, Evelo's Outlots in the NE ¼ of Sec 2-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13649 Pontiac Drive)

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 #15-11-01/451 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property. Dated this 3rd day of November 2015.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(1110.1117)

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Amendment proposed for downtown signs Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION

TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO DOWNTOWN FACADES AND SIGN ORDINANCES

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 24th day of November 2015, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider Proposed Ordinance No. 15-11-02/452 amending the Aberdeen City Code regarding changes to the downtown facades and signs ordinances.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments regarding the Proposed Ordinance. At the conclusion of the hearing, the council and commission may adopt first reading of this Ordinance. Dated this 3rd day of November 2015.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(1110.1117)

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Frederick Town Nov. 2 Meeting Minutes

Frederick Town Board meeting November 2, 2015 Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chairman Scott Campbell at 7pm. Council members Scott Campbell and Rich Osborn were present. Council member Tom Meyer was absent. Others present were Utilities manager Rich Bakeberg, Roger Nixon, Gary Schlosser, Tamie Nickelson and Craig Larson.

The minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting were reviewed by the board. Council member Rich Osborn asked that a correction be made in regard to the Emma Burnham Library. The wording and with contributions from fund raisers in the past by the EBL should be deleted. Neither council member remembered stating that. Council member Rich Osborn made the motion to approve the October 5, 2015 minutes with the noted correction. Council member Scott Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented and reviewed by the board. Council member Rich Osborn made the motion to accept the financial report. Council member Scott Campbell seconded the motion.

The Accounts Payables were presented and reviewed by the board. Council member Rich Osborn made the motion to approve the accounts payables. Council member Scott Campbell seconded the motion.

Accounts Payable
R Bakeberg VA st/wtr/swr \$75; Rich Bakeberg UT Mgr wtr/sts/swr \$508.85; Bower Tree Service remove 2 trees EBL \$800; Mavis Cox wage EBL \$520.33; Diane Bruns sup CC \$28.42; Diane Bruns OT Wtr \$72.15; Diane Bruns wage CC \$123.14; Diane Bruns wage FO \$1000.03; Edgar Head wage LF \$249.34; Farmers Union Oil gas Genl \$821.73; 1st National Bank box rent \$8; FDC econ dev Econ Dev \$1500; GDI legals Genl \$48.67; JVT phones, services, Internets Genl/EBL/Wtr/FO \$297.18; MDU elect Wtr/Fire/S Park/B Park/CC/FO/Sewer/Sts \$1074.28; Menards monument S Park \$37.08; Scott Campbell Chrmn Genl Admin \$46.18; Rich Osborn Brd Mem Genl Admin \$23.09; Sam's Way Trucking haul gravel St Rpr \$200; SD Dept of Rev garb Sales Tax ST \$70.60; SD Dept Rev lab lagoon samples Sewer \$550; Tom Meyer Brd Mem Genl Admin \$23.09; USDA-RD AP loan wtr Wtr Rpr \$475; WEB Water 575,900 gals \$2086.89. Total A/P \$10,639.05.
Old Business

Utilities manager Rich Bakeberg gave his utilities report. Items discussed were the water meter readers and the quotes for a new meter reader from Metering and Technologies for a Badger Ranger Trimble handheld reader and the same handheld reader with updated software and training. No action taken. Discussed landfill and when the town should prepare to close it for the season. Gave a report on the sewer lagoon and status of discharge. Noted that the ammonia levels exceeded permit

requirement with the last sample and discontinued discharge. Discussed repairing fire hydrants and water main replacement on 5th street.

It was noted that the roof of the library should be replaced soon and the Ray Bower removed the trees that were growing next to the foundation.

Council member Scott Campbell reported on the tax ordinance update and that the town was still working on the wording of the ordinance. The city council will contact the city attorney to prepare an ordinance to created an urban tax district and rural tax district.

It was reported the junked cars that were the subject of the town's abatement letter are now licensed and are not a nuisance.

New Business
The town's liquor license renewals with Titan's Bar and Grill and the Community Store were approved on motion by council member Rich Osborn and seconded by Council member Scott Campbell.

Council member Rich Osborn made the motion to approve the first reading of the resolution that amends the sewer ordinance #197. Whereas, it has been found that the present sewer rates are deemed inadequate for operation and maintenance for the City of Frederick.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Frederick will increase the charge for the monthly cost of the sewer rate to \$22.00. This new rate becomes effective January 1, 2016 following passage of SECOND READING.

Council member Scott Campbell seconded the motion to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried.

Frederick resident Roger Nixon had concerns about the large rubble pile next to the football field. This matter will be discussed during the council meeting in December.

Council member Rich Osborn made the motion to adjourn. Council member Scott Campbell seconded the motion.

Scott Campbell, Chairman
City of Frederick
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Groton City Nov. 3 Meeting Minutes

November 3, 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: Peterson, Flihs, Opp, Blackmun, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, Shawn Lambert, Stacy Mayou and representatives of the 3 newspapers. McGannon was absent.

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

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

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Glover and seconded by Peterson. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll 484.85 salaries; Administrative Payroll 6,154.89 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 14,161.61 salaries; Public Works Payroll 17,057.59 salaries; 1st State Bank 7,586.17 ss & wh; City of Groton 280.87 dep ref, postage, util, bks; US Post Office 207.81 postage; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 975.00 emp savings; Office of Child Support 344.31 emp child support; Jennifer Hunnel 153.98 deposit refund; Paul Kosel 117.33 med flex; A & B Business 50.69 ribbons; Buhls 31.70 rug rent; Chase Visa 549.08 motels, postage, bks, supplies; Chiefs Supply 102.99 boots; Dakota Electronics 33.80 repairs; Dakota Press 1,128.95 publishing; Galls 67.12 wedges; Groton Independent 365.93 publishing; Harry Implement 974.88 repairs; HD Supply 21.90 grease; Heartland Waste 6,219.46 garbage hauling; Terry Herron 100.00 med flex; James Valley Tele 632.08 phone, internet; Drew Johnson 1,475.00 legal services; Kay's Computing 119.49 repairs; Paul Kosel 174.56 med flex; NW Energy 11.69 nat gas; Jackson Oliver 200.00 training; S & S Lumber 423.54 supplies; SD Dept of Health 30.00 testings; SD Retirement 8,233.12 retirement; SD Rural Water Assoc 600.00 vac rent; Share Corp 215.96

cleaner, deodorizers; St Paul Stamp Works 113.54 dog tags; Verizon Wireless 41.61 comm; WEB Water 13,408.11 water; Wells Fargo Securites 8,182.00 06 C&G payment

Department reports were given. Herron, Zerr, Lambert, and Mayou reported about ongoing projects and repairs. Employees and Council members were given tips on dealing with difficult people.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to accept the bid from Groton Ford for \$3,784.48 to repair the 2012 Tahoe transmission. All members present voted aye.

Tree trimming around power service lines was discussed. Letters will be sent to property owners for permission to go on private property. More clarification on service line ownership for repairs and replacement was discussed.

Sewer charges, especially in apartment houses, that are affected by running toilets were discussed. Ordinance requirements of presentation of plumbing bills will remain in effect.

A letter from WAPA was read which keeps electric power rates the same for 2016.

The Heartland Consumer Power District meeting on Nov 18 will be held at the Groton American Legion. Electric rates will be reviewed at the next meeting to determine if a raise is needed when Heartlands rate raise is better understood.

Strict enforcement of shut off for delinquent utility bills was discussed.

A request to have skating warming house employees sell Silver Skates Carnival merchandise was denied. Forms will be made available.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to authorize Finance Officer to sign the Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield contract for Dec 15-Dec 16 which reduces the premium by 9.29%.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to adjourn into executive session at 8:00 to discuss personnel issues. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 8:48pm.

Dan Sunne has completed his probationary period. Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to raise Dan Sunne salary to \$30/hr as electric lineman. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Youth Rally is next Wednesday

We have had Groton Youth Rallies for about 15 years, excluding last year. This year we will have Mark Cahill, author and professional speaker as our speaker on Nov. 18th at 7pm at the Groton Area High School Gym.

"Mark Cahill has a business degree from Auburn University, where he was a two-time Honorable Mention Academic All-American in basketball. After spending a few years in the business world, he surrendered his heart to Jesus Christ and asked God to place him where he could touch as many lives as possible. Within a year, he was teaching school. Although Mark planned to teach for the rest of his life, God moved him from teaching at a Christian high school to devoting a year to full-time evangelism. He then embarked on a speaking career.

Mark is the best-selling author of One Thing You Can't Do in Heaven and One Heartbeat Away, which have been translated into over 13 languages. He has also authored The Watchmen and his two novels, Paradise and Reunion.

A testimony- "I came to Sunshine Bible Academy near Miller, SD, as an atheist. I had anger issues, and disrespected teachers and students. After Mark Cahill, challenged us about the proof of the Bible and the existence of God, I accepted Jesus as my Savior." Felipe Sawaki

Please reserve this night for a great time here in Groton! Tickets will be sold for \$5 in advance at the Groton Dairy Queen and Aberdeen Anchors of Faith, and \$6 at the door. You may call for tickets or more information at 377-0709 or 397-8647 or email me at: glennaremington@hotmail.com or Groton Youth Rally, PO Box 81, Groton, SD 57445. All ages are welcome!!

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Kids: color stuff in!



The air is cooler. The fallen red, yellow and orange leaves have been raked. Geese honk noisily in the sky as they fly south. School buses rumble by. Football and soccer players are running and kicking balls. We've fallen gently past the middle of autumn!



Well, most of us anyway!

Last Days of Autumn!

What are Families Doing in the Late Fall to Get Ready for Winter?

1. raking leaves and clearing _____
2. taking down _____ and putting up storm windows
3. having the chimney cleaned and stacking _____
4. storing summer _____ and taking out hats, jackets, boots
5. picking and storing apples, _____, carrots, squash
6. canning _____ and fruits; making jellies and jams
7. finding the shovels and filling a pail with _____ for ice
8. rolling up _____ and turning off water pipes to outside
9. having the _____ checked and cleaned
10. cooking larger, hotter _____

Late Fall

potatoes
clothes
firewood
furnace
gutters
meals
sand

squirrels
pumpkins
people
birds
air
apples
sweaters
football
leaves
daylight

screens
hoses
vegetables

Read the clues to fill in the crossword with late fall fun.

1. big, orange _____ sit shrinking in fields
2. _____ are finishing chores around the house and yard
3. hours of _____ are even fewer
4. _____ have been raked
5. _____ are still gathering acorns
6. crowds cheer at _____ games
7. _____ are flying south
8. light jackets and _____ are being worn
9. the _____ is chillier
10. _____ are piled high in baskets

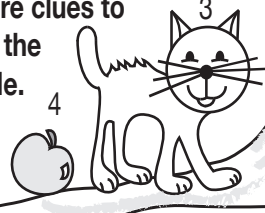
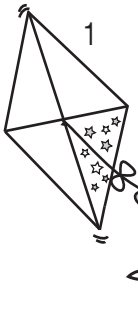
Phew! I hope this is the last batch to store for the season!

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Fall Surprises

Falling rain and cool windy breezes pulled the last autumn leaves from the tree. When the storm was over, what could we see?

Look at the picture clues to fill in the puzzle.



apple
nest
balloon
airplane
cat
kite

Autumn Ice?

I wanted to go out one rainy autumn day. As I stepped out the door, I slid away! "Autumn ice" was hiding beneath the eaves. It was made of cool rain and fallen...

e v l e s a

Autumn ice is not so nice!

Follow the dots to see what mixes with cool rain to make a slippery mess.

Storing Food for the Winter

Start at the arrow to help the farmer squirrels find each giant acorn to put into their sack.

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School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Beef stew, biscuits, romaine salad, fruit.
Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, squash, molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: John Gustafson • Virginia Needham • Betty Breck
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
4:00pm: 7th Grade GBB host Leola-Frederick with 8th grade at 5 pm
6:30pm: All School Play at GHS Gym

Thursday, November 12
District I Leadership CDE at Watertown
School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.
Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower and pea salad, tapioca pudding, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Mike Profeta • Debbie Herron • Clarence Hannon • Heidi Locke
1:30pm: Parent/Teacher Conferences
6:30pm: Groton Lions meet at Dakota Brush on Main Street
6:45pm: Senior Scholarship Info Night

Wednesday, November 18
School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.
School Menu: Softshell taco, refried beans, fruit.
Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.
Birthdays: Jerick Hanson • Patricia Kappes • Luverne Strom • Jordan Zoellner • Julie Schaller
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
8:30am: MathCounts at Aberdeen Holgate Middle School (6th grade)
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
5:00pm: Groton Youth Rally at GHS Gym
6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Friday, November 13
Ag Appreciation Banquet in Aberdeen
Debate and Oral Interp at Aberdeen Central
NO SCHOOL - Faculty In-Service
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Lindsey Tietz

Thursday, November 19
State Volleyball Tourney in Sioux Falls
School Breakfast: Egg cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Turkey dinner, mashed potato, corn, dressing, pumpkin dessert.
Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Larry Remington • Stephen Duncan • Crystal Sippel • Garrett Heitmann • Heather Sippel • Taylor Gustafson • Tanya Nordine • Jerry Abernathy • Michael Krueger
1:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran WEL-CA Praise and Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 14
Debate and Oral Interp at Aberdeen Central
Anniversary: Loren & Holly Johnson
Birthdays: Tricia Keith
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, November 15
Anniversary: Fred & Elaine Wolken
Birthdays: Glenn Cooper • Landon Jondahl • Amber Meister Miller
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
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
3:30pm: All-School Play at GHS Gym
3:30pm: Emmanuel Fellowship at Golden Living Center with young adults serving

Monday, November 16
Groton Garden Club Meets
School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.
School Menu: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, carrots, fruit.
Senior Menu: Beef stew, buttermilk biscuits, Waldorf salad, sherbet.
Birthdays: Halley Schmidt • Allen Baker • Greg Clocksene • Harleigh Winther • Roger Krueger
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
4:00pm: 7th Grade GBB at Webster, 8th grade at 5 pm
7:00pm: City Council meeting


Tuesday, November 17
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2015 Groton Area Elementary Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds
December 1, 2015

Parents of children ages 3 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time or to confirm their screening time.

The Developmental Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Gymnasium. Please park and use the east entrance to the gym.

Crops, Pheasants and Entrepreneurial Spirit Thrive on Sombke Family Farm

Celebrating a century of service to South Dakota's farm and ranch families, throughout 2015, South Dakota Farmers Union highlights members who farm or ranch with their families each month. This November, South Dakota Farmers Union features the Sombke family who farm together near Conde.

By Lura Roti, for SDFU

In 1978, when Doug Sombke made the decision to farm fulltime after high school, times were tough.

"To explain how broke we were, I tell people that when Mel and I got married we couldn't afford an oven. We cooked on a hotplate," Sombke recalls.

But he was determined to make a go of it. Starting with 38 acres and the 4-H flock of 150 registered Suffolk ewes he and his brother, Dean, had built, Sombke stuck with it. He leased from neighbors, share cropped and eventually purchased land.

Along with sheep, the fourth generation Brown County farmer started a cow/calf herd and eventually expanded to operate a feedlot.

"Everything Mel and I earned went back into the farm." Together the couple raised four, now grown children: Nikki, Brett, Bryan and Bryce.

Fast forward 20 years. Like their dad, as his sons grew into men, they wanted to return to the family farm. However, the now 2,300-acre farm was not large enough to support four families and land prices had escalated dramatically. So, Brett, 29, Bryan, 28, and Bryce, 28, began looking for innovative ways to supplement their farm income.

Today, along with farming, Brett is co-owner of No Limits Soil Services and Bryan and Bryce co-own Co-teau View Hunt and Kennels.

Crops, Pheasants and Entrepreneurial Spirit Thrive on Conde Farm

Looking for a career path off the farm, Doug Sombke headed to college in 1978. However, only a few weeks into his freshman year, he was ready to pack up and head back to his family's Conde farm.

"Sitting in class I began to think of how many heifers or ewes I could buy with the money I had just spent on books and college tuition," explains Doug, 55, a fourth generation farmer.

Up to this point, he had seen college as a way to escape the farm. "It was hard work and there was little reward. Only a few weeks away from the farm, I could not wait to return." Farming was hard work alright. And in 1978 a future in farming didn't look bright, but Doug had discovered his calling and he was determined to make it work.

With 38 acres and a flock of 150 ewes he owned with his brother, Dean, Doug set about building his farming operation. He had support from his dad, Dallas, who let Doug use his machinery in exchange for labor. He sharecropped and leased ground from retiring neighbors. In time, those same neighbors sold him their land.

"It was a different time. My neighbors didn't pit me against another neighbor or family member trying to get the best price; they felt fortunate to have someone farm their ground who they knew would take care of it," Doug explains.

In one season he went from farming two quarters and 38 acres to four quarters. "That more than doubled my farm ground. It doesn't sound like a lot today, but in those days of 12-foot drills, it was a lot," he said.

Lifetime Farmers Union member

Along with supportive neighbors, Doug found an ally in Farmers Union.

His dad was a lifetime member of Farmers Union and actively served on the board of several local cooperatives, so Doug was familiar with the organization.

However, it was not until he became concerned about packer consolidation and the resulting impact on local markets that he became involved.

"Farmers Union was lobbying on behalf of family farmers like me," Doug explained. "This was about the same time that Sen. Johnson first introduced COOL (Country of Origin Labeling)." He attended a D.C. Fly-In. "I was impressed by how professionally the national staff handled themselves. I was also impressed by the respect the organization received from Congressional



Doug Sombke, SDFU President, and his sons, Bryce, Bryan and Brett, farm together near Conde. (photo by Kaylee Speck photography)



Farming has been in the Sombke family for decades. (photo by Kaylee Speck photography)



Doug Sombke is a life long member of the South Dakota Farmers Union and he serves as its president. (photo by Kaylee Speck photography)

staff," he says. "During the Fly-In, Farmers Union was determined to help us share our stories. I was able to share my family's farm story, and Congressmen actually listened to me. That was a big deal."

After the Fly-In experience, Doug became actively involved in the South Dakota Farmers Union. He served on the Brown County Farmers Union board, and like his dad, also served on the local board of the Ferney Farmers Union Oil Cooperative Association board.

In 2005 he was elected to serve as President of the S.D. Farmers Union.

"Fortunately, I was asked to serve at the same time that my sons were home to help with farm work. I can focus my energies on carrying my neighbors' concerns and



Below is the sign along SD Highway 37 south of Groton. Above, hunters are going after pheasants. (photo by Kaylee Speck photography)



the concerns of South Dakota's farmers and ranchers to change policy and activate change," Doug says. "I love helping people. My mom always said that helping people is either my passion or vice. I have always found great satisfaction in helping people get what they want." Today, South Dakota Farmers Union takes second place only to Doug's family.

"Farming is how I unwind these days," says Doug, who starts most mornings before dawn reading online articles, blogs and newspapers to stay on top of issues impacting South Dakota's family farmers, ranchers and rural communities.

"These are the people and issues that are important to me," Doug says as he recalls a Tom Daschle quote:

"If I don't do it, who will? If not now, when?" Family life In 1980, Doug and Mel married. The couple began dating in high school. Since the beginning, Mel worked off the farm as a postal clerk.

Today, she is Postmaster of the Groton Post Office. "Mel's off-farm income was helpful, but the biggest reason she worked off the farm was healthcare. With four kids, that was a big deal - we needed to find a way to supplement healthcare costs." Together they raised four children on the farm: Nikki, Brett, Bryan and Bryce.

"We all did chores together and hunted together," says Bryan, 28, of the work and hobby that would bring him back to the family's farm in ironically a similar way that his dad came home.

"I was pursuing a Business Economics degree and sitting in an accounting class one day when the department head walked in and encouraged all of us to change our majors because the job market was so bad," Bryan says of the 2008 moment that motivated him to return to the farm fulltime.

Coteau View Hunt & Kennels is born

"Bryce and I were just getting the dog kennel and lodge off the ground, so I saw college debt more as dead weight, when I could be investing that money into these businesses," he explains.

Twins and now business partners, Bryce and Bryan had been trying to figure out a way to make returning to the farm feasible.

Doug suggested they look into building a hunting lodge and business around the wild pheasant population which already flourished on the farm.

Both Dallas and Doug were strong advocates for conservation and had been placing marginal production acres into Conservation Reserve Programs (CRP) for more than 20 years.

"We only hunt wild birds and they need plenty of cover to survive winter and have a successful hatch without CRP and the food plots, we wouldn't have pheasants," Bryan says.

They converted a 1950s-era grain bin into a hunting lodge and began visiting sportsman shows across the U.S. to drum up business.

"You talk to thousands of hunters and maybe book 12 guys, but that's what it took to get started," Bryan says.

From there, word of mouth did the work for them. They haven't attended a show for a few years now because each season they are booked - hosting about 80 hunters.

Doug helped his sons get started by loaning them the capital they needed.

"At 19 there wasn't a bank that would loan us the money we needed. He believed in us," Bryce says.

Along with the lodge, Bryce and Bryan raise pointing Labradors and train hunting dogs. "These are not flushing dogs. They will point a bird until you produce a bird and kill it," Bryan explains.

Together they train about 20 dogs a year and sell about 50 puppies. To guarantee their puppies' health, they have all breeding stock genetically tested before purchasing them. "These tests rule out things like hip and elbow dysplasia and eye issues basically all inherited diseases," Bryce explains.

Looking back on the history of their family farm, Doug says since the beginning breeding registered animals has been part of its legacy. "Great Grandpa Albert, who homesteaded this land, raised registered Percheron horses; my Grandpa, Alvin, raised Registered Hereford cattle and I raised registered Suffolk. Now my sons are raising registered Labradors."

No Limits Soil Services

Growing up farming with his dad and brothers, Brett, 29, knew the value of soil sampling. As precision ag technologies took off across farm country, he noticed that the soil sampling process had become much more precise and time consuming. "Today, it takes a lot of time and technology, so agriculture cooperatives are looking for third parties to do the work," explains Brett of the niche he and business partner, Austin Clark, fill with the soil sampling business they began five years ago.

"We are busy sampling from the time soybeans come off the field until the ground freezes." Brett says the days become quite long he works until dark and then heads home to help with harvest - but he says the business provides the supplemental income he needs to farm with his dad and brothers.

"Land today is so expensive that if you can't pay for it up front, it's difficult to make it work. Because we all wanted to return to the farm, we all had to find different avenues to make it work," he explains. "I love the lifestyle farming provides. I like being my own boss and living out in the country." The next generation Reflecting on the work it took to get their respective businesses off the ground, all three sons say timing was everything. When they started, grain markets were good.

"The farm was actually making enough that we would have been OK just farming, but we knew it wasn't sustainable and eventually the markets would level off. I'm so thankful we were ready for it and our businesses were off the ground," says Bryce.

In today's markets, Bryce says if it weren't for their off-farm income, the farm income would not be able to sustain four families.

Brett is married. He and his wife, Stephanie, have a baby son, Braxten, born this August. Stephanie works as a radiology technician at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Bryan is married. He and his wife, Whitney, have a baby daughter, Maryn, born this August. Whitney works as a nurse at same day surgery at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Bryce's girlfriend, Amber, is in her last year of veterinary school at Iowa State University.

Nikki has a daughter, Adeline, 5, and works as a radiology technician for Orthopedic Surgery Specialists and Avera in Aberdeen. She is currently pursuing a degree in MRI. Nikki has always helped out on the family farm and currently helps Bryce and Bryan by cleaning the lodge in between groups of guests.

"The boys have exceeded my expectations of the businesses that they have built," Doug says. "I have said this to my sons and I truly believe it a good life is not about the money you make. It's about the place you live and doing what you like to do. If you love what you do, then it's not work."

Warriors end Groton's football season

It was a tough night for the Groton Area Tigers, but the Tigers held Winner to its fewest points in a game so far this year. Winner had two fumbles and the Tigers had opportunities to score, but the Winner defense was all over the Tigers. Winner would be quick to tackle the receiver right after catching the ball. The Warriors went on for a 39-0 win over the Tigers in the state championship semifinal football game played Saturday in Winner.

Coach Shaun Wanner said, "Winner is so solid. They don't have many weaknesses. We had to play a perfect game and find some ways to get a couple of scores."

Winner's first touchdown was set up on a blocked punt, putting the Warriors on the the 49 yard line. The Warriors would score once in the first quarter, twice in each of the second and third quarters and once in the fourth quarter.

Groton Area had seven first downs, had 25 carries for 34 yards with Bennett Shabazz having 19 for 20 yards, Adam Herman and Ceric Shabazz each having two carries for five yards, Trevor Pray had one for four yards and Carter Jondahl had two for no gain.

Bennett Shabazz completed 14 of 22 passes for 95 yards. The receivers were Carter Jondahl with three catches for 29 yards, Ceric Shabazz with three catches for 22 yards, Adam Herman had two for 18 yards, Patrick Gengerke had two for 13 yards, Trevor Pray had three for eight yards and Lucas Hinman had one for six yards.

Groton had one fumble, but recovered it and had seven penalties for 70 yards. Defensive leaders were Carter Jondahl with 11 tackles followed by Trevor Pray and Brandon Keith with nine each.

Winner had 17 first downs and had 44 carries for 345 yards. Winsor Bary had 10 carries for 102 yards and Cameron Kuil had 14 for 97 yards.

Drew Devners completed one of three passes for 25 yards for a touchdown, caught by Isaac Nosasz. The Warriors lost two fumbles and had two penalties for 30 yards. Defensive leaders were Jayden Schroeder, Riley Frazier and Isaac Naasz with six tackles each.

Groton Area finishes its season at 8-3 while Winner advances to the state championship with an 11-0 record.

"The kids played hard," Wanner said. "We had a great year. This group over achieved, but we have established a good program. We kept getting better as the year went on. Our seniors did a good job leading our younger kids this year. I was proud how our seniors handled this year. We needed some seniors to lead us. We're two years in a row in the semifinals. We were the only team left from last year still left in the semifinals.

"You see the emotions - it means they enjoyed the football year. I've had 29 senior groups - this group hung in there, played hard and got along well. I'm only as good as our coaching staff. Coach (Scott) Thorson and Coach (Travis) Kurth know where to put the kids and have done a great job with the kids. Successful programs are all about having fun - it's not necessarily about winning or losing."

First Quarter

0:56: Winsor Barry with a 33 yard run. PAT kick no good.

2nd Quarter

8:50: Cameron Kuil with a four yard run. PAT run failed.

2:04: 25 yard pass to Isaac Naasz. PAT kick good by Jonas Brill.

Third Quarter

8:30: Reily Fresier with a 1 yard run. PAT kick by Brill was good.

7:37: 4 yard run by Winsor Barry. PAT kick was no good.

Fourth Quarter

11:49: 51 yard run by Winsor Barry. PAT by Brill was good.



The Groton Tigers line up for an offensive play.



Groton quarterback Bennett Shabazz shuffles the ball off to Carter Jondahl in the middle.



Adam Herman catches the ball, and then is immediately tackled by a Winner defender.

Girls volleyball team drops three games to Milbank in region title game

The girls volleyball team lost the region championship game to Milbank Tuesday night in Milbank. Game scores were 25-21, 25-19 and 25-17. Audrey Wanner had two ace serves and 11 kills. Josie Doeden had six kills and two blocks. Gia Gengerke had one block. Katie Koehler had 20 digs and Marlee Jones had 25 assists in sets.

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When:

The Book Fair will be open daily from 8:30 to 3:30, November 9 to November 11 for students and parents to preview books. However, books may only be purchased on November 12 during conferences or online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/grotonar-eelementaryschool1> from November 6 to November 26.

Where:

Groton Area Elementary is located at 810 N 1st St.

More:

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