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Front row left to right: Deb Utecht, LaVonne Helmer, Cheryl Wold
Second row: Brett Merkel, Hayley Merkel, Pam Merkel and Julia Wold
Back row: Bob Utecht, Rich Helmer, Dan Wold

Long history with NSU continues

As (Julia) LaVonne Jones Helmer's four children, Deborah, Rich, Pamela, and Cheryl, gathered over Labor Day weekend to move her into assisted living, among her many prized possessions were her four diplomas from Northern State University.

When LaVonne first enrolled in Northern State Teachers College in the 1940s, little did she know that she would have family members attending NSU for decades to come. LaVonne first attended Northern after graduating from Langford High School in 1946. She was a business major and worked at Jackson Hardware in Aberdeen. In 1948 she moved to Arizona for health reasons, but returned once again to South Dakota a year later. She taught in Wetonka 1 year, Draper 2 years and Langford 1 year before getting married. After she married, she lived on a farm by Andover and taught elementary school in Groton beginning in 1963. She earned her two-year elementary education degree in 1963 and her bachelor's in 1967. She eventually returned to NSU to earn her first master's degree in 1976 graduating the same day as her oldest daughter Deborah Helmer Utecht. LaVonne earned a second master's degree in 1983. She also taught briefly at NSU as an adjunct instructor and worked one year as a counselor in Bristol. After retiring from teaching, LaVonne worked as a newspaper writer and also authored two books. LaVonne's four children have all attended NSU at some point.

At NSU, Deborah met her husband Robert Utecht who played basketball for the Wolves. Deborah and Robert graduated in 1976. Deb later earned a MBA from Northern Illinois University. Deb and Bob have two sons, Eric who received his B.A. from Grinnell College in Iowa, and his master's and Ph.D. from Long Island University in New York; and Brad, who received his bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus in Minnesota and his master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

Rich Helmer attended NSU at one time, but earned two bachelor's degrees from SDSU. Rich and his wife, Dee's, son, Nick, has earned a degree from Aurora College in Illinois and is attending graduate school at DeVry University.

Pamela Helmer Merkel graduated from NSU in 1979. She and her husband, Bruce, have two sons, Lanny and Brett. Lanny earned his bachelor's degree from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and his master's degree from the University of Texas at Dallas. His wife, Becki Clobes Merkel, received her bachelor's degree from NSU in 1997. Brett received his bachelor's degree from NSU in 2007 while his wife, Hayley Spitzer Merkel, received her bachelor's degree from NSU in 2011.

Cheryl Helmer Wold graduated from NSU in December 1980. Her husband, Daniel Wold received his master's at NSU in 1996. Cheryl received her master's degree from Northern Illinois University and her Ph.D. from the University of North Dakota. Both of their children have attended NSU; Julia who graduated December 5, 2015, and Jordan who took dual credit during his senior year at Aberdeen Central. Jordan is now a freshman at Emerson College in Boston.

LaVonne will be celebrating her 88th birthday on March 24th. She had no idea her love of education would lead her children and grandchildren to earn so many bachelors degrees, Master's degrees and doctorates.

The long streak of LaVonne's family attending NSU may be coming to an end for a while, however, the connection continues for now as daughter, Cheryl, returned to NSU as an Assistant Professor of Special Education in 2013. Maybe her great-grandchildren, Justin Merkel, Lillian Merkel, or Mac Merkel have a future at NSU as well. For the four Helmer children, the history at NSU goes back even further as their paternal grandmother, Mabel Wilmsen Helmer, attended NSU many years ago to become a teacher.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Groton's NOON
GOOD FRIDAY service

Hosted this year at
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Groton Area Girls State Representatives
 Back Row - Erin Smith, Gabbie Kramer (both representing Groton) and Halie Yarborough (representing Columbia)
 Front Row - Keri Pappas (representing Groton) and Macey Knecht (representing Claremont)

Carnival of Silver Skates elect officers
 The Carnival of Silver Skates Executive Board held its annual meeting today. Please welcome our volunteer board members for 2016-17:
 Chairperson: Rachael Van Liere Crank
 Co-chair: Tina Kosel
 Costumes: Pamela Opsahl Barse
 Secretary: Kristie Wieseler Flihs
 Treasurer: Dawn Imrie
 City Liaison: Tasha Dunker
 Skating Instruction Coordinator: Coralea Wolter
 Publicity/Communications: Deb Schuelke & Sarah Keller-Hanten

Groton Legion Auxiliary News

On Monday March 7,2016 the monthly meeting was called to order by the president, Michelle Erickson. Opening Prayer recited by the chaplain. The flag pledge and auxiliary preamble were recited in unison. Thirteen members were present. No minutes or treasurers available since secretary and treasurer were absent. The district newsletter from Jackie Omland was read, asking all members to stress membership. The theme for March is

" I promise to breath life into our organization, Members helping Members."

Membership awards received were Columbus Day 35% on October 12,2015, Veterans Day 45% on November 11, 2015, and Pearl Harbor Day 60% on December 7, 2015. The certificates will be filed.

Remember March 15, 2016 is the American Legions Birthday and Jan will furnish an ice cream cake for their meeting on Monday 3-14-2016

. Elvira Moen, the Children and Youth Chairman, is working on the Beads of Courage Program for children coping with serious and life threatening illness. Bead Kits will be available for purchase at the District IV meeting April 8, 2016 in Bowdle, S.D.

Chairman Goeringer, the gift shop chairman, sends a big Thank You to all units that participated in sending gifts to Fort Meade. .She said that 46 veterans were served; 24 volunteers put in over 221 hours.

Girls State Applications are due April 1st and year end reports are due April 15th. Also Legionette of the Year nominations are due March 15th and all poems and essays are also due

Twenty-four, hand written and colored with a design, Thank Yous were received from the third graders in appreciation of the dictionaries given to them by the auxiliary.

Members voted to send a monetary donation to the Mikey D Chapter to be used for their expenses.

May 22, 2016 has been designated as day for ditch clean-up on highway 37.

Plans were made for workers helping with the Legions annual Spring Fling. Marge, Rose and Bonnie, and Sherry will furnish bars. Two shifts, 3-6 pm and 6-9 pm will help in kitchen.

Scholarship applicants were Marlee Jones from Groton and Brody Sombke from Columbia.

Pat Larson presented her report on box tops and grocery store tapes.

Previous to the meeting, Deb and Tami served a light lunch. Hostess for April 4th meeting will be Meri and Pat.

Chaplain gave the Prayer for Peace. Meeting adjourned.

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4/9 to 4/11 Zootopia PG
4/16 to 4/18 Miracles From Heaven PG

January Students of the Month

The student council is sponsoring Student of the Month. Each month the faculty selects seven students who show outstanding academic achievement. These students receive certificates and have a spring lunch with the principal.

Left to Right Back: Payton Colestock (grade 8), Alexis Simon (grade 9), Landon Marzahn (grade 11), Marshall Lane (grade 10)

Left to Right Front: Grace Wambach (grade 7), Jackson Cogley (grade 6), Jaden Oliver (grade 12)

Jackson Cogley, sixth grader, is the son of Steve Cogley and Michele Cogley, Claremont. His brothers are Ryland, David, Chance and Quinn.

Jackson's activities include basketball, football, baseball, soccer and band. His accomplishments include summer baseball all-star team and soccer tournament championships. He is interested in sports, hunting, fishing and camping. His favorite subject is math and his future plans are undecided. His role models are his brothers Ryland and Chance, his grandpa and his dad.

Grace Wambach, seventh grader, is the daughter of Richal Wambach and Jason Wambach. Her activities include basketball, volleyball and JO. She has placed first in group MathCounts competition and her interests are art, shopping and food. She plans to attend college and her role model is Taylor Swift.

Payton Colestock, Groton, eighth grader, is the daughter of Craig and Michelle Muilenburg and Roger Colestock. Her siblings Maddie Colestock, Megan Fowles and Nick Weber. Her activities include volleyball, basketball, golf, softball player/coach, boys' basketball stats, play crew and JO Volleyball. Her accomplishments are being selected Student of the Month, state softball championships, getting to play C team in basketball and volleyball, winning NEC in golf and qualifying for state in golf. Payton's interests are hunting, fishing, driving, snapchatting, training dogs, hanging with friends and family, tubing, and hanging out at the cabin. Her favorite subject is Civics and she plans to attend a college in Nebraska and become either a nurse or a photographer. Her role model is her sister, Maddie.

Alexis Simon, freshman, is the daughter of Nick and Jamie Simon, Groton. Her brothers are Lucas, Cole and Carter. Alexis has been a volleyball statistician, basketball statistician, track student manager, is involved in 4-H, Future Business Leaders of America, band and show choir. She has been selected as Student of the Month, been on the 4-0 honor roll, Principal's honor roll and was the 2016 Groton Junior Snow Queen. Her interests are baby-sitting, going to school sporting events, watching Netflix, hanging out with friends, exercising, traveling and reading. Math is her favorite subject and she plans to attend a 4-year university and major in business. Her role model is her grandpa, Larry Birchem.

Marshall Lane, sophomore, is the son of Jim and Melodee Lane, Groton. His siblings are Logan, Lincoln, CJ and Jamie. His accomplishments include band, choir, show choir, Chamber choir, football, basketball, baseball and working at the Dairy Queen. He has been in All-State Choir, been on the honor roll, involved in Chamber Choir and the show choir second place. He is interested in sports, music and hanging with friends and family.

Math and sciences and probably chemistry are his favorite subjects. He plans to be a physical therapist and his role model is his dad, Jim Lane.

Landon Marzahn, junior, is the son of Wade and Renee Marzahn, Groton. His siblings are Breanna, Nicole and Andrew. His activities are golf, choir, Robotics, 4-H and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Youth Group. He has qualified for the state 4-H archery, qualified for National Robotics competition and being named to the National Honors Society. His interests are golfing, hanging out with friends and working on robots. Math is his favorite subject. He plans to be a mechanical engineer at SD School of Mines. His role model is his dad, Wade Marzahn.

Jaden Oliver, senior, is the daughter of Stacy and Chad Oliver, Groton. Jackson Oliver is her brother. She has been involved in jazz band, show choir, FBLA and yearbook. Her accomplishments include being on the President's Honor Roll and National Honors Society. Music, band and reading are her interests and her favorite subject is band. She plans to get a major in nursing and a minor in Spanish at SDSU, Brookings. Oprah Winfrey is her role model.

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**Brown County
March 15, 2016
General Meeting**

MARCH 15, 2016 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippley at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Sutton and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Fischbach was absent. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: Norma Andersen \$15.00; Avera St. Lukes \$1251.04; Devnet \$3,281.25; Michelle Gaikowski \$14.80; Greentree Psychological Service \$500.00; Kolker Law \$50.00; LaCroix Law Office \$310.50; Lewis and Clark BHS \$320.00; Lucy Lewno \$144.00; NE Mental Health Center \$1,820.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck \$439.60; Schneider Corporation \$2,265.00; Christy Serr \$115.00; Jennifer Stoddard \$283.66; Karen Swanda \$15.00; Avera St Lukes \$1,907.52; Yankton County Treasurer \$125.45.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$1,716.74; Simon Solutions, Inc. \$162.00; Dakotafire Media LLC \$395.00; Groton Independent \$993.72.

Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Electronics \$97.50; Elections System & Software \$7,476.00; Farm Power \$12.00; G&K Services \$439.06; GCR Tires and Services \$19,579.33; Karst Car Care \$66.63; Steven Lust Automotive \$46.95; US Bank \$417.90; Walth Safety Service \$90.00.

Supplies: A&B Business Inc. \$379.45; Ameripride Services Inc. \$208.64; Carlson Funeral Home \$621.30; Century Business Products \$183.68; Leesa M Christenson \$150.00; Dean Foods North Central \$369.18; Farm Power MFG Inc \$238.07; Farmers Union CO-OP Assoc \$27.04; GCR Tires And Service \$588.24; MB LLC \$11.50; Gov-connection Inc \$4840.25; HF Jacobs & Son Const. \$127,739.75; Intellectual Technology, Inc \$61.95; J Gross Equipment \$437.47; LaCroix Law Office \$19.74; Lucy Lewno \$6.49; Mac's Inc \$54.14; Marco Inc \$75.98; McLeods Printing & Office Supplies \$59.46; NCFE-Warner Elevator \$15,053.85; NCOG \$31.52; Nelson Sales and Service, LLC \$82.65; Network Services Company \$40.25; Northstar Energy LLC \$77.95; Pantorium Cleaners \$530.25; Rowan & Littlefield Publishing \$66.80; Sioux City Foundry Co. \$21,970.00; Thomson Reuters \$65.20; Tractor Supply Co \$123.52; TrueNorth Steel \$13,306.13; US Bank \$9,978.73; Walth Safety Service \$131.70; WEB Water Bottling Company \$94.50.

Travel and Conference: SDACC \$400.00; Crisis Prevention Institute \$2670.00; Duane Jark \$34.78; Troy Knecht \$35.72; Derek Ricci \$650.00; The Police Chaplain Program \$1,488.00; The Police Chaplain Program \$150.00; US Bank \$2,874.74; Dennis Wiedebush \$22.56; Winner Police Department \$26.93.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$303.40; AT&T Mobility \$227.94; Century Link \$5215.34; Centurylink Business Services \$2.50; City of Hecla \$213.21; James Valley Telecommunication \$229.00; Midcontinent Communications \$440.60; Northern Electric COOP Inc \$2,029.62; Northwestern Energy & Comm \$2,831.54; US Bank \$606.44; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$40.01; Verizon Wireless Services LLC 2520.43.

Other: Groton Community Transit \$1,000.00; James River Account \$6,998.28; McLeods Printing & Office Supplies \$45.75; Safe Harbor \$615.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve hiring Tammie J Niemann as part-time assistant in the Veterans Service Office, effective March 21, 2016 @ \$10.71 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve request to fill vacancy for Chief Deputy Register of Deeds position. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fjeldheim, sec-

onded by Sutton to acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of February 2016: Kendell Titze – 108 @ \$58.32, Michael Scott – 452 @ \$244.08, Gary Vetter – 113 @ \$61.02, Dirk Rogers – 684 @ \$369.36. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve appointment of Cody Bonn, as an additional member of the Brown County Dive Team. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen to appoint JoEllen Gonsoir to 1st term (2016-2018) on the Brown County Fair Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve employee classification change for Russell Metz from appraiser to Deputy Director of Equalization at \$22.91 per hour, effective March 28, 2016; and further change title for Gene Leschke to Deputy Director of Equalization, effective March 28, 2016 @ \$22.91 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to authorize advertising the position of full-time Appraiser in the Director of Equalization Office (Step 1 @ \$16.82 per hour). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Commission Chair sign the following agreements: Hub City Radio for lease of the Expo Building on April 2-3, 2016; Native American Church of God for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on July 11-15, 2016; Aletheia Horner for lease (includes alcohol use permission) of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on Oct 1-2, 2016; RDO Equipment for lease of the Expo Building on Mar 28-29, 2016; Prairie Fiber Guild for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on April 30-May 1, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the following February 2016 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the following Abatement: City of Hecla (Jacob Ruenz) @ \$14.70 (sold to tax exempt entity). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM SDSU 4-H: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Memorandum of Understanding between SDSU Extension to provide guidance and active assistance to the 4-H Advisor; and further that Brown County reimburse SDSU \$18,320.00 for cost share of 4-H Advisor 2016 salary. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR SERVICE QUOTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following quotes for services during the 2016 Brown County Fair: Roto Rooter - portable toilets/hand washing stations @ \$10,200 (2016) \$10,575 (2017), 10,950 (2018); Aberdeen Ride Line - shuttle service at no cost to county - all passengers pay Ride Line \$2.00 ride fee. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following contracts for the 2016 Brown County Fair: Pauer Sound & Music Inc (sound equipment @ \$10,000.00); Stunt Dog (Aug 16-21 @ \$7,500.00; Acoustic Smoke (Aug 19-20 @ 2,800.00 plus 3 rooms); WWC Enterprises (Aug 16-20 @ \$5,600.00 plus 1 room); NSU Rugby Team (clean grandstand and racetrack area (Aug 15-21 @ \$3,000.00); Lew's Fireworks (display Aug 20 @ \$5,000.00); MERCYME (Aug 17 @ \$40,000.00); Dustin Lynch (Aug 18 @ \$60,000.00); Jake Owen (Aug 20 @ \$100,000.00); Korkow Rodeos (Aug 15-16 @ \$32,000.00; Special Guests (Aug 17-19 @ \$80,000.00); 4-H (10 Carnival tickets @ \$280.00). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY FAIR TICKET PRICES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following 2016 Fair Ticket Prices: \$5.00 increase on package (General and Grand-

stand) tickets Aug 15; \$20.00 adult Rodeo package and \$10.00 child Rodeo package for both Mon & Tues events; General and Grandstand ticket buyers may purchase night specific adult Rodeo tickets @ \$12.00 and child rodeo tickets (ages 4-12) @ \$6.00; No limit on General ticket purchases; Ten (10) ticket limit on Grandstand Reserved ticket purchases. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HLS PROPERTY TRANSFERS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following 2015 Homeland Security Equipment Transfer Documents: Hecla Fire Department (4 SCBA); Groton Fire Department (4 SCBA); Columbia Fire Department (4 SCBA); Frederick Fire Department (4 SCBA); Aberdeen Rural Fire Department (4 SCBA); Aberdeen City Fire Department (4 SCBA); Warner Fire Department (4 SCBA); Stratford Rural Fire Department (4 SCBA) and Claremont Fire Department (4 SCBA). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID ADDENDUM – RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve Addendum #1 adding option to submit bids for Rental of Scrapers, Motor Graders and Compaction Equipment, to be opened at 8:55 a.m. on March 22, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PHASE III JAIL PROJECT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to authorize a change Order on the Phase III Jail Project; and further authorize the Chair to sign when presented: #5 @ \$6,046.64 and #10 @ \$723.98. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUOTES HOLDING CELL LOCK: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve quote, submitted by Western Detention Products Inc in amount of \$7,763.10 for labor and material to install holding cell lock mechanism; rejecting Sentry Security Fasteners Inc @ \$7,870.68, WDSI @ \$6,453.00 and @ \$5,650.00 (not compatible with existing system). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DISCRETIONARY FORMULA SPECIFIC HISTORICAL DISTRICT: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #20-16. WHEREAS, the Aberdeen Commercial Historic District is the area in the City of Aberdeen within the border of 6th Avenue SE/SW on the south, Railroad Avenue SE/SW on the north, the public alley right-of-way between Main Street S. and 1st Street S. on the west, and the public alley right-of-way between Main Street S. and Lincoln Street S. on the east.

WHEREAS, the Aberdeen City Council, pursuant to SDCL 11-8-4, designated the Aberdeen Commercial Historic District an urban renewal area. WHEREAS, the Brown County Board of Commissioners has currently adopted a "discretionary formula" for the assessment of certain structures in Brown County. WHEREAS, SDCL 10-6-35.2 and SDCL 10-6-35.22 authorize the Brown County Board of Commissioners, at its discretion, to adopt any formula for assessment of new industrial or commercial structures or additions, renovation, or reconstruction to existing structures, which new structures or additions, renovation, or reconstruction have a full and true value of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or more, located within a designated urban renewal area as defined in SDCL 11-8-4. WHEREAS, SDCL 10-6-35.2 states the formula may include for any or all of the five tax years following construction all, any portion, or none of the assessed valuation for tax purposes. WHEREAS, consistent with the provisions of SDCL 13-13-20.4, the South Dakota Department of Revenue and Regulation does not seek to recoup lost local effort to the extent a 20, 40, 60, 80, 100% formula is adopted for the 5 year period. WHEREAS, the current discretionary formula allows the level of assessment for all qualifying structures, per SDCL 10-6-35.22 to be 20% of assessed value for the 1st year, 40% for the 2nd year, 60% for the 3rd year, 80% for the 4th year, and 100% for the 5th year, provided that the assessed valuation during any of the five years may not be less than the assessed valuation of the property in the year preceding the first year of the tax years following construction. WHEREAS, the adoption of the discretionary formula authorized by SDCL 10-6-35.2 shall be concurrent with, and have no effect upon, existing municipal tax

assessments for a business improvement district and a parking district that include the Aberdeen Commercial Historic District. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Brown County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts a new discretionary formula as authorized by SDCL 10-6-35.2 for those structures within the urban renewal area known as the Aberdeen Commercial Historic District specifically classified pursuant to SDCL 10-6-35.22, which new structures or additions, renovation, or reconstruction have a full and true value of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) or more. The level of assessment for qualifying structures shall be 0% of assessed value for the 1st year, 0% for the 2nd year, 0% for the 3rd year, 0% for the 4th year, and 0% for the 5th year. The assessed valuation during any of the five years may not be less than the assessed valuation of the property in the year preceding the first year of the tax years following construction. The resolution shall be applied beginning November 1, 2016 for the 2017 assessment year and shall end at the 2028 assessment year, which begins November 1, 2017 for completed projects. Dated this 15th day of March, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-

aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-absent, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

PRISONER HOUSING FEE: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to authorize Sheriff Mark Milbrandt increase the fee from \$50.00 per day to \$75.00 per day for housing adult prisoners from other SD Counties. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to amend earlier motion approving personal miles driven in county vehicles to correct the personnel/business mileage split. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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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Hearing Notice**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION HEARING

The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will continue the public hearing on March 28, 2016 at 7:00pm CDT at Groton Community Center, 109 N 3rd St, Groton, SD for a special exception of Title 11, Section 11.0104 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Colby Capital, LLC for the operation of a retail Dollar General Store at the location of 1203 N Main St., Groton, SD, legally described as Lots 1-9, Block 4, Randalls Addition and its vacated alley; 12th Ave. Vacated between Main St and 3rd St; and Lot 18 Block 11, Randalls Addition. This would be in a Residential 3 Zone.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this special exception may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

March 8, 2016
Anita Lowary
Zoning Administrator
(0315.0322)

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2015 Frederick Annual Report

Exhibit I

MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK, SD
STATEMENT OF FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUNDS
December 31, 2015

	ENTERPRISE FUNDS					Total
	General Fund	Burnham Library Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Garbage Fund	
Cash Assets:						
Cash in checking accounts.....	222,688.69	1342.60	43,633.10	17,314.50	17,165.00	302,143.89
Passbook Savings	44,785.55					44,785.55
Savings Certificates.....	53,013.90					53,013.90
CD #3616	6,916.27					6,916.27
CD #3643	5,729.38					5,729.38
101 FUND CASH BALANCES....	333,133.79	1,342.60	43,633.10	17,314.50	17,165.00	412,588.99
Municipal funds are deposited or invested with the following depositories:						
All funds are vested at 1st National Bank, Frederick SD 57441						412,588.99

Exhibit II

MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK, SD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUNDS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2015

	ENTERPRISE FUNDS					Total
	General Fund	Burnham Library Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Garbage Fund	
Receipts (Source)						
311 Property Taxes	83,427.16					83,427.16
313 Sales Tax	851.05					851.05
311-319 Other Taxes (319)	1,173.81					1,173.81
320 Licenses and Permits	1,343.00					1,343.00
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax	739.32					739.32
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%)	4,726.58					4,726.58
335.6 Fire Insurance Premium Reversion	245.00					245.00
335.8 Local Gov't Hwy & Bridge Fund	8,491.08					8,491.08
338.3 County Wheel Tax	242.87					242.87
331-339 Other Intergovernmental Rev.	35,599.51					35,599.51
361 Investment Earnings	471.98					471.98
362 Rentals	5,531.00					5,531.00
363-369 Other Revenues (369)	4,586.26					4,586.26
386 Cemetery	30.00					30.00
388 Landfill	669.00					669.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS						
380 Enterprise Operating Revenue			43,633.10	17,314.50	17,165.00	78,112.60
Total Receipts	148,899.11		43,633.10	17,314.50	17,165.00	227,001.71
Disbursements (Function):						
411-419 General Government (414)	39,871.70					39,871.70
422 Fire	1,137.47					1,137.47
431 Highways and Streets (includes snow removal and street lights)	48,206.61					48,206.61
432 Sanitation (includes garbage and rubble sites)	1,734.29					1,734.29
437 Cemeteries	2,199.25					2,199.25
441-449 Health and Welfare (441)	300.00					300.00
451-459 Culture - Recreation (451)	18,453.17					18,453.17
461-469 Conservation and Development (465)	17,700.00					17,700.00
470 Debt Service	5,700.00					5,700.00
480 Intergovernmental Expenditures	6,003.24					6,003.24
.....	Emma					Total
.....	General	Burnham	Water	Sewer	Garbage	
.....	Fund	Fund	Fund	
.....				
ENTERPRISE FUNDS						
410 Personal Services			35,628.10	6,521.42	17,304.76	59,454.28
Total Disbursements	141,305.73		35,628.10	6,521.42	17,304.76	200,760.01
391.01 Transfers In	750.00					750.00
51100 Transfers Out	(750.00)					(750.00)
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements and Transfers	7,593.38		8,005.00	10,793.08	(139.76)	26,251.70
Fund Cash Balance						
January 1, 2015	194,835.39		43,633.10	17,314.50	17,165.00	272,947.99
Restated Fund Cash Balance						
January 1, 2015	194,835.39		43,633.10	17,314.50	17,165.00	272,947.99
FUND CASH BALANCE						
DECEMBER 21, 2015.....	333,133.79	1,342.60	8,005.00	10,793.08	(139.76)	351,792.11
.....	Not in our				
.....	Account				
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**Frederick School
March 14, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
MARCH 14, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District #6-2 was called to order on March 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Rich Schlosser with Eric Sumption and Jon Ellwein present. Others present were Knute Reiersen, Jessica Ringgenberg, Deb Klapperich and Bob Bergan.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 15-61 Motion by Sumption second by Ellwein to approve the amended agenda. All aye, carried.

Action 15-62 Motion by Sumption second by Ellwein to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

- A. Minutes
- B. Financial Statements as presented.

Bills All aye, carried.

GENERAL FUND: APS SPORT FLOORS INC., REPAIRS, 460.00; CHRISTIANSON, CHRISTIAN, REFERENCE, 100.00; CLIMATE CONTROL INC., REPAIRS, 653.95; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 921.62; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, 168.77; CWD-ABERDEEN, FFVP SUPPLIES, 577.32; DAKOTA ELECTRONICS, FEES, 20.00; FARMERS UNION OIL ELLENDALE, MAINT, 10.60; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 613.13; HEINE, WYATT, REFERENCE, 100.00; HOFFMAN, ANDREW, REFERENCE, 30.00; HUB AREA SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS, FEES, 10.00; JAMES VALLEY COOP. TELE. CO., TELEPHONE, 229.54; JOSTENS, SUPPLIES, 167.82; KESSLER'S GROCERY, SUPPLIES, 37.32; KLAPPERICH, DEBORAH, REPAIRS, 26.50; KULLY SUPPLY, INC., REPAIRS, 128.40; LAPKA, PATRICK, REFERENCE, 30.00; LEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, STIPEND, 127.23; MAC'S INC., REPAIRS, 8.99; MARC, SUPPLIES, 1,362.44; MENARDS ABERDEEN, REPAIRS, 85.21; NORTH CENTRAL SPECIAL ED COOP, FEES, 3,000.00; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS, 79.96; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 144.60; PODOLL, LANCE, MILEAGE, 309.12; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC, REPAIRS, 52.00; RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., REPAIRS, 248.64; SDSASBO, FEES, 50.00; SDECE, FEES, 130.00; SDIAAAA, FEES, 140.00; TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, REIMBURSEMENT, 892.22; VANTILBURG, TREVOR, FEES, 45.04; WELLS FARGO BUSINESS CARD, SUPPLIES, 154.44; A & M PRODUCTS COMPANY, EXTRA DRISTRICT PLAQUE, 57.00; GROTON INDEPENDENT, INC, PRINTING, 252.51; JOSTENS, DIPLOMAS, 70.72;

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, PRINTING, 561.59; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., ELEC, 4,755.71; TOWN OF FREDERICK, WATER, 234.56; WELLS FARGO BUSINESS CARD, GAS, 24.55;

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: AVERA ST LUKES, FEES, 2,008.68; NORTH CENTRAL SPECIAL ED COOP, FEES, 6,991.50; TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, REIMBURSEMENT, 19.60

FOOD SERVICE: BERNARD FOOD INDUSTRIES, INC., FOOD, 231.93; BLUE RIBBON MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, SUPPLIES, 160.88; CWD-ABERDEEN, SUPPLIES, 3,193.62; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 96.83; SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ED, PROCESSING, 338.05.

Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 104,567.89 Support, 12,360.18; SS & Med 27,528.96. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 9378.53; Delta Dental, ins. 1163.25; AFLAC, insurance,

319.86; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 357.50; VSP, Vision, ins, 150.44; Security Benefit, retirement, 50.00; American Funds, retirement, 1282.50; Reliastar Life Ins., ins, 149.25; Wellmark, ins, 13,397.78; Janelle Barondeau, ICU Monitor, 11.25; Justin Brotzel, JH referee & ref, 117.52; Jim Dumire, bus driving, 494.67; Jon Ellwein, board salary, 61.72; Jeff Forsting, board salary, 65.08; Brandon Gorsuch, driving, 35.00; Ann Hegge, sub, 200.00; Austin Jensen, sub, 80.00; Marty Morlock, driving, 163.87; Brock Pashen, driving, 105.00; Leroy Podoll, driving, 238.07; Carma Ruenz, sub, 450.00; Richard Schlosser, board salary & clock, 241.30; Eric Sumption, board salary, 65.08; Stephanie Sumption, sub, 200.00. Special Ed: Teachers, 10,100.19 Support, 4260.97; SS & Med, 3479.00; SDRS, retirement, 1361.98; AFLAC, insurance, 15.99; Delta Dental, ins, 146.99; Reliastar Life Ins, ins, 1.39; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 250.00; VSP, insurance, 29.73; Wellmark, ins, 1251.22; Carma Ruenz, sub, 100.00; Stephanie Sumption, sub, 50.00. Food Service: Support, 3876.36; SS & Med, 1030.80; SDRS, retirement, 443.94; VSP, insurance, 45.11.

The following reports were given at this time:

- A. Knute Reiersen – Superintendent/AD
- B. Jessica Ringgenberg –K-12 Principal

Enter Marty Morlock at 6:20 PM

A. Bob Bergan – Grounds and Maintenance

B. Knute Reiersen – Athletic Co-op

C. Richard Schlosser – Hub Area Vo Tech

Action 15-63 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to accept the GEO Thermal maintenance proposal from Climate Control. All aye, carried.

Action 15-64 Be it hereby resolved that the board of education of the Frederick Area School District does authorize to enter into an agreement with the Bank of Montreal for purchasing P-cards. Ellwein yes, Sumption yes, Schlosser yes. Carried.

Action 15-65 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to move the meeting time to 7 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. All aye, carried.

Action 15-66 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to declare the item listed on 3-A-16 as surplus and authorize the business manager to dispose of it. All aye, carried.

Action 15-67 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to accept the contract of Jennifer Hoyle for the position of Elementary Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. All aye, carried.

Action 15-68 Be it hereby resolved that the board of education of the Frederick Area School District does authorize the participation in the SDHSAA for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Ellwein yes, Sumption yes, Schlosser yes. Carried.

The 2015-2016 school calendar was discussed. The missed day for the State Girls Basketball tournament will not be made up at this time.

Discussion continued on the purchase of stage curtains. Based upon proposals reviewed, these will be ordered to have them installed before 2016 graduation.

Enter Justin Brotzel at 6:45 PM JH Track Coaching was discussed. Randy Hermansen will be recruited as a volunteer coach with mileage reimbursement for this season.

Enter Jeff Forsting at 7 PM.

A discussion was held concerning the portable bleachers to be purchased by the Community Men's Club. The school is willing to donate towards the purchase.

Justin Brotzel presented information on the picture composite project. Work will continue on this.

The senior class will be allowed to use a school bus for travel to the airport for their senior trip.

Thank yous and congratulations were read and will be posted on the school website.

Action 15-69 Motion by Sumption, second by Forsting to enter into executive session at 7:45 pm to discuss student and personnel matters. All aye, carried.

Exit Deb Klapperich.

Chairman Schlosser declared executive session out at 8:51 pm.

Action 15-70 Motion by Sumption, second by Forsting to adjourn. All aye, carried.

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**Brown County
Chemical Dealer
Bid Notice**

NOTICE TO CHEMICAL DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, Brown County Courthouse Annex at Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until 8:50 A.M. on March 29, 2016, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing of chemical for the Brown County Weed and Pest Department for 2016.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Contract: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County in accordance with the bid as accepted. Successful bidder shall furnish proper certificates of insurance as required by Brown County. Contract for the chemicals shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of eight months from April 1 to November 30, 2016.

Sealed envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota and be marked "Chemical Bid for Brown County Weed and Pest Board" and to be opened at 8:50 A.M. on March 29, 2016.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Specifications are on file and may be obtained at no charge at the office of the Brown County Auditor and Pest Office.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0316.0323)

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**Brown County
County Equalization
Meeting Notice**

NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as a County Board of Equalization (SDCL 10-11-25) of Brown County, SD will meet in the Commissioners' Chambers in said County on TUESDAY, the 12th day of April, 2016, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said County for year 2016.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to submit written notice to the County Auditor no later than April 5, 2016.

Maxine Fischer, County Auditor, Brown County, SD

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016

(0323.0330)
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**Brown County
Consolidated
Equalization Notice**

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CONSOLIDATED EQUALIZATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that members of the Board of County Commission, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen School Board, sitting as a Consolidated Board of Equalization (SDCL 10-11-66) of Brown County, SD will meet in the Commissioners' Chambers in said County on TUESDAY, the 12th day of April, 2016, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said County for year 2016.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to submit written notice to the County Auditor no later than April 5, 2016.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor, Brown County, SD.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016

(0323.0330)

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**Groton City
March 21, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

March 21, 2016
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, McGannon, Flihs, Blackmun, Peterson, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary and representatives of the press.

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

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank 7,122.98 ss & wh; Paypal 110.88 supplies; 1st National Bank 9,604.27 lagoon payment; Abeln, April 41.00 med flex; Abeln, Branden 11.00 meal; AFLAC 782.32 emp ins; Car Quest 314.08 filters, cleaner, repairs; Cole Paper 105.36 towels; Dearborn Natl Ins 88.00 life ins; Groton Independent 422.27 publishing; Guardian Insurance 233.63 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 63,921.72 power; Ken's Food Fair 724.13 gas, supplies; Anita Lowary 195.48 mileage; MJ's Sinclair 321.41 gas; Michael Todd 558.65 broom repairs; MTI 175.02 re-

pairs; Quality Quick Print 9.00 laminating; RDO 743.63 repairs; Runnings 24.52 oil,tools; SD Dept of Public Safety 40.00 ID cards; SD Federal Surplus Property 446.25 cabinets,tools; SD Supplement Retirement 1,160.00 emp retirement; Dan Sunne 11.00 meal; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,548.62 health ins; Wesco 1,224.00 lights; Western Area Power Adm 30,848.49 power

Possible walking path locations, and grants were discussed. No application will be submitted for 2016.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to authorize Paul Kosel to attend the Swimming Pool Operators School in Fargo on April 18-19 for certification. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to approve a Brown Bag Permit for the Groton Firemen for April 16, 2016 for their fundraiser at the Fire Hall. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to hire the following summer employees: Bennett Shabazz, Swimming Pool Lifeguard; Aaron Severson, Public Works Laborer; Travis Kurth, Legion Baseball Coach; and Mason Madsen, Jr. Teener Coach. All members present vote aye.

Meeting adjourned into equalization hearing.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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2015 Westport Annual Report

MUNICIPALITY OF Westport, SD				
STATEMENT OF FUND CASH BALANCES				
ALL FUNDS				
December 31, 2015				
Fund	Enterprise Funds			Total
	General	Water	Sewer	
Cash Assets:				
Cash in Checking Accounts	90,282.30	8,193.51	82,452.24	180,928.05
Savings Certificates			9,222.17	9,222.17
101 FUND CASH BALANCES	90,282.30	8,193.51	91,674.41	190,150.22
		Home Federal (General)		90,282.30
		Home Federal (Water)		8,193.51
		Home Federal (Sewer)		82,452.24
		Home Federal (Sewer CD)		9,222.17
				190,150.22

MUNICIPALITY OF Westport				
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES				
ALL FUNDS				
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015				
Fund	Enterprise Funds			Total
	General	Water	Sewer	
Receipts (Source):				
311 Property Taxes	10,852.00			10,852.00
313 Sales Tax	4,347.00			4,347.00
311-319 Other Taxes (319)	186.00			186.00
320 Licenses and Permits	1,025.00			1,025.00
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax	127.00			127.00
335.2 Prorate License Fees	329.00			329.00
335.3 Liquor Tax Reversion	827.00			827.00
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%)	2,063.00			2,063.00
335.8 Local Government Highway and Bridge Fund	3,337.00			3,337.00
338.2 County Highway and Bridge Reserve Tax (25%)	7,970.00			7,970.00
338.3 County Wheel Tax	223.00			223.00
331-339 Other Intergovernmental Revenue (339)	2,659.00			2,659.00
351-359 Fines and Forfeits (351)			0.00	0.00
361 Investment Earnings	87.00		124.00	211.00
362 Rentals	175.00			175.00
363-369 Other Revenues (369)	2,500.00	24,184.00	27,986.00	54,670.00
Total Receipts	36,707.00	24,184.00	28,110.00	89,001.00
Disbursements (Function):				
411-419 General Government (414)	5,136.00			5,136.00
422 Fire	975.00			975.00
432 Sanitation (includes garbage & rubble sites)			4,119.00	4,119.00
433-439 Other Public Works (435)	2,267.00	4,177.00		6,444.00
490-493 Miscellaneous (492)	2,643.00			2,643.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
410 Personal Services	4813.00	960.00	480.00	6,253.00
420 Other Expenses	5547.00	15741.00	789.00	22,077.00
426 Supplies and Materials	673.00	14158.00		14,831.00
Total Disbursements	22054.00	35036.00	5388.00	62478.00
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements and Transfers	14653.00	(10852.00)	22722.00	26523.00
Restated Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 20	75629.00	19045.00	68953.00	163627.00
FUND CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 20	90282.00	8193.00	91675.00	190,150.00

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	GENERAL FUND	C.O. FUND	SP. ED. FUND	PENSION
Beginning Checking Bal	\$163,741.54	\$580,471.61	\$235,739.85	\$115,281.00
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	\$22,340.24	\$25,697.09	\$12,161.21	\$2,569.83
Local Sources	\$13,767.06	\$118.86		
Interest	\$44.74		\$0.00	
Federal & State	\$51,992.52		\$262.25	
Investments	\$830,471.29	\$40,429.40	\$256,175.05	\$45,189.23
Disbursements	\$125,035.01	\$14,258.96	\$21,053.19	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$957,322.38	\$632,458.00	\$483,285.17	\$163,040.06
	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED	FOOD SERVICE FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
Beginning Balance	\$90,392.69	\$275.09	\$5,030.81	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$5,387.24	\$0.00	\$8,471.55	
Disbursements	\$3,268.98	\$0.00	\$8,130.79	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$92,510.95	\$275.09	\$5,371.57	\$19,090.52

Local Classified and Card of Thanks Rates

The following rates are for Classifieds published in both the Groton Daily Independent and the Groton Independent, and posted online at www.grotonsd.net. Cut rate in half if you just want it in the GDI or just the weekly.

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BRIDAL SHOWER

Come and go bridal shower for Sarah Geary, bride-to-be of Sam Thorson, Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. The couple is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and at Target.

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EMPLOYMENT

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MEDICAL LAB TECH MLT/MLS or MT Immediate opening full-time (or part-time) position at Mobridge Regional Hospital & Clinics. Must be board certified. Competitive wage DOE&Q with an excellent benefit package. Apply online with an application and resume at www.mobridgehospital.org. Call Human Resources. With questions (605) 845-8171. EEO.

EMPLOYMENT- SCHOOLS

SEEKING MS PRINCIPAL; HS Principal; Grade 6-12 Special Education Teacher; HS Math teacher; HS Science teacher; Kindergarten teacher and Third Grade teacher for the Mobridge-Pollock School District 62-6 for the 2016-2017 school year. Contact Tim Frederick at 605-845-9204 for more information. Certified Application and Resume can be mailed to: Mobridge-Pollock School District 62-6; Attn: Tim Frederick; 1107 1st Avenue East; Mobridge SD 57601. Open until filled. EOE.

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City Council

The Groton City Council held a very short meeting before switching to an equalization board.

At the meeting, the council talked about the walking path grant. At the present time, there is no good proposal to create a walking path in Groton. One was proposed around the golf course, but Councilman Eddy Opp said that he had talked to several golfers and they were opposed to the idea. Councilman Burt Glover said maybe someone from the community would put together a proposal for a walking path. The grant is available every other year.

A brown bag permit was approved for the Groton Firemen for April 16.

Summer employees hired were Mason Madison and Travis Kurth at the baseball field, Aaron Severson for the public works department and Bennett Shabazz at the pool.

Paul Kosel was approved to attend pool school April 18-19 in Fargo.

During equalization, all of the property in Groton was reviewed. Many went up, many went down in evaluation. Overall, the city seen a 2.5 percent increase in evaluation.

After the equalization, City Finance Officer Anita Lowary handed the councilmen a copy of why the Dollar General Store should not be located at the proposed site from Steve Smith. The Planning and Zoning Commission will be having a hearing on March 28, 7 p.m., at the Groton Community Center on the proposed Dollar General Store.

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Winter 2016 Ranks Among Warmest in South Dakota's History: SDSU Extension Climate Outlook for Spring and Summer 2016

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Winter 2015-16 ranked among the warmest on record for South Dakota in the last 121 years, said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

"We're on trend with the rest of the United States and it looks like winter's warmer climate is continuing into the spring and summer," said Edwards, referencing today's national climate outlook released by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center.

Edwards went on to say that although all of the U.S. was above average, the Dakotas and Montana were among the states that ranked warmest compared to long-term averages. This winter ranked as the eleventh warmest on record for South Dakota.

"Winter 2015-16 was a little wetter than average statewide, primarily due to the snowy and rainy southeast," she said.

From Dec. 1, 2015 through Feb. 29, 2016, Sioux Falls measured 39 inches of snow, which is more than 170 percent of average. "This total does not include snow that fell in November, which brings their seasonal total to over 50 inches," Edwards said.

On the flip side, the state's northern counties were drier than average with precipitation totaling around 75 percent of average or less.

Edwards explained that El Nino's warm Pacific Ocean played a significant role in South Dakota's wintertime climate. "Warmer than average temperatures in our region are consistent with historical El Nino events," Edwards said. "Drier conditions in the north and wetter to our south have also been associated with El Nino conditions in the northern Plains."

El Nino is forecast to dissipate over the spring season, as ocean temperatures cool. "Currently, more than half of the long-range computer models are forecasting La Nina, or cooler than average waters in the equatorial Pacific Ocean, to build by the end of the fall season," Edwards said.

This transition, she explained, along with long-term trends and other factors, has been factored in to the outlook for the 2016 growing season.

Precipitation Prediction for Growing Season 2016

According to NOAA's March 17, 2016 outlook for April and the season ahead; we can continue to expect warmer than average temperatures over western South Dakota in April, with equal chances of warmer, cooler or near average for the eastern region.

"For the rest of the spring and summer, there is increasing likelihood of warmer than average temperatures in the northern Plains and across the lower 48 states," Edwards said. "The outlooks have been consistent in indicating warmer than average temperatures throughout the growing season."

As far as precipitation is concerned, Edwards said the pattern of drier to our northeast and wetter to our south-southwest is projected to continue.

For precipitation, the spring season appears to continue the same pattern of drier to the north-northeast and wetter to the south-southwest.

"The summer season is less clear, as climate models are often challenged with our typical thunderstorms that can bring locally intense rainfall," Edwards said. "In addition, the timing of a transition between our current strong El Nino and the potential of La Nina can be difficult."

Overall, Edwards said the general outlook of warmer than average temperatures in our region could be good news for row crops, as a few extra Growing Degree Days and warm weather could help in increasing our yield potential, especially for corn. "Additionally, we could benefit from an extended growing season, if we are fortunate enough to have an early spring frost date and/or a late fall frost," she explained.

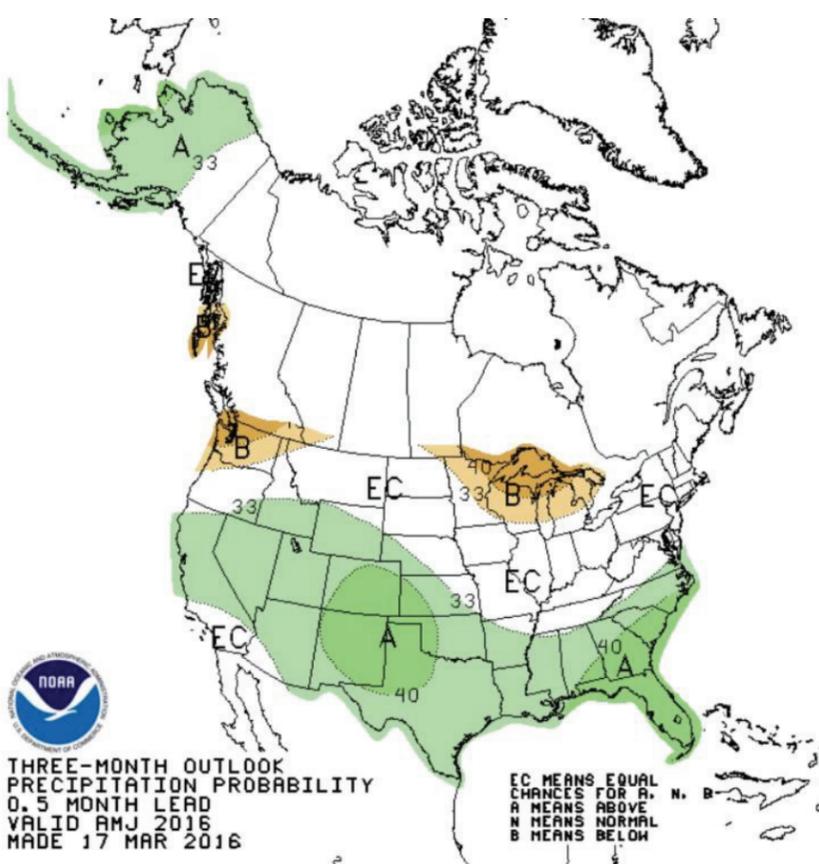
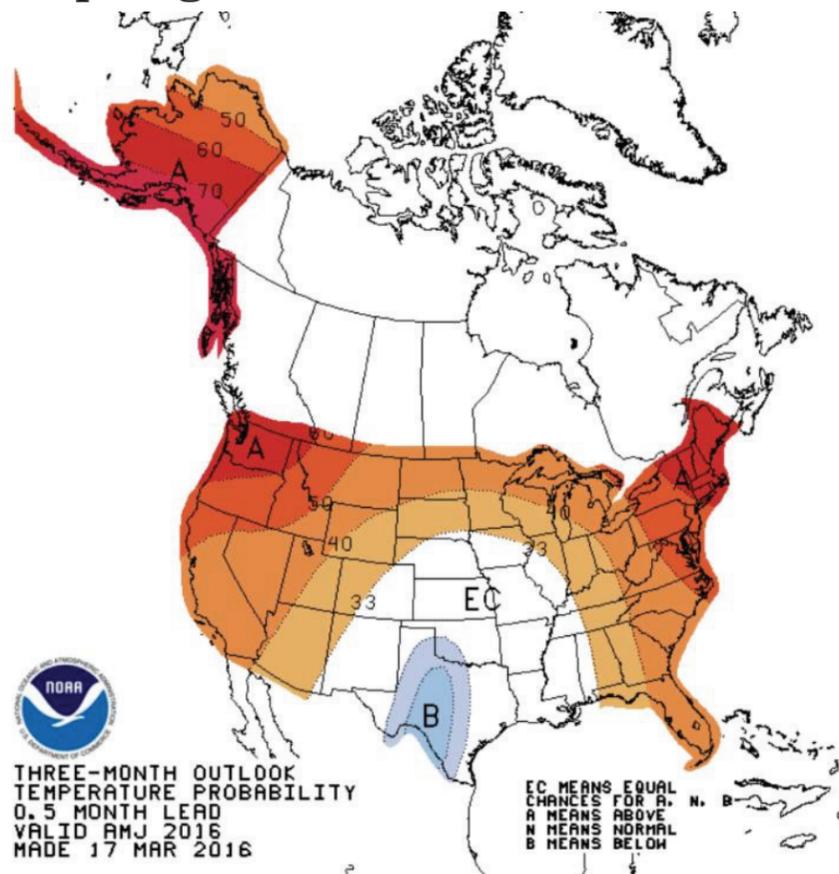
Soil temperatures, at least at 4-inch depth, are already above freezing nearly everywhere, according to data from the SD Mesonet. Fieldwork activities have already begun, and favorable weather for an early spring planting season is on the horizon.

On the other hand, Edwards said additional heat during the growing season could add some stress in areas where we are moisture-limited.

"This might bring on some short-term or moderate drought concerns at some point in the growing season," she said.

In areas that are starting out slightly dry, such as in the north central and northeast, timely rainfall could be more important this year.

Edwards reminded growers that 2015 started out very dry as well, with record dry conditions statewide for January through March.



Groton Senior Citizens

Groton Seniors met February 8 for a regular meeting with 26 members were present. President Ella Johnson opened the meeting. All recited the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and all joined in singing. Birthday song was sung to Marian Raines. Minutes and treasurers report were read accepted. Ruth Pray and Boyd Barwin thanked everyone for their get well cards. Card party was planed for February 14. Meeting was adjourned and cards played.

The winners of the games. Canasta- Beulah Hoops, Hazel McKittrick, Whist-Bob Pray and Tony Goldade , Penochle- Bert Raap and Beverly Sombke. Door prizes- Tony Goldade, Ruth Pray, Mary Walker. Lunch was served by Mary Walker, DeLoris Knoll and Hazel McKittrick.

February 14 was the Valentine card party. Due to all the snow 20 were able to attend. Winners of the card games. Penochle- Tony Goldade high and Grace Albrecht low, Bridge- DeLoris Knoll high and Donna Stelly low Canasta- Pat Larson and Eunice McColester high, Beulah Hoops and Mary Walker low, Whist- Elda Stange high, Jan Raap low. Beverly Sombke read a few Valentine jokes. Bar-be-ques, pickles, bars punch and coffee were served after the games. Door prizes- Ruby Donavon, Sharon Zeollner and Pat Larson.

February 15 was the pot lunch dinner and 24 were present. Bingo was played. Lee Schinkel and Ruth Pray both won black out. Door prizes went to Beverly Sombke, Tony Goldade and Elda Stange. Serving Committee were Tony Goldade Marian Raines and Lois Pasch.

February 22 was a regular meeting and 22 members were present. President opened the meeting with the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played "Star Spangled Banner." Minutes were read and accepted. Had no old or new business the meeting was adjourned and cars played. The winners of the games Penochle- Ruby Donavon and Allen Zeollner, Whist- Marian Raines and Tony Goldade, Canasta-Pat Larson and Ella Johnson. Door prizes were David Kliensosser, Marian Raines and Lois Pasch. Serving Committee Ruby and Dick Donavon, Lee Schinkel, and Lorraine Sippel.

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What do you know about the Easter holiday? Easter is an important Christian holiday. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Easter is the celebration of his "new life after death." It is a time of great joy.

Families spend a lot of time getting ready: cleaning, decorating, planning meals, and getting their best clothes ready for church.

My crossword puzzle is about Easter and what families are doing. **Can you read the clues to fill it in?**

Happy Easter!

What are you doing in the nest? Huh? Huh?

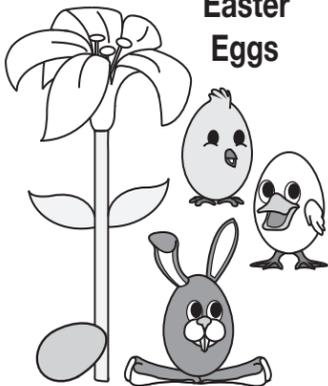
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clues: dinners, parade, Easter, chicks, baskets, sunrise, bells, friends, chocolate, houses, eggs, buns, candles, church, clothes, beginnings, cards, lily, Lent, Keeping the eggs safe, of course.

Easter Time:

- the 40 days before Easter; for some people a time for prayer and fasting; many people "give up something," like desserts
- many Easter services are held at this beginning of a new day
- ring with joy
- burn with bright light
- Easter Bunny brings these, with treats in them...
- with this kind of rabbit often in the middle
- beautiful, white flower that stands for "new life after death"
- soft, yellow baby animals also used as a symbol of new life
- gentle animal sometimes used as a symbol of Jesus
- dawning of a new day; can be a time for this

3 Cute Easter Eggs



Families Are:

- cleaning _____ and decorating
- dying and decorating _____
- baking hot cross _____
- dressing in their best _____
- going to _____ services
- visiting _____ and relatives
- hunting for _____ eggs
- enjoying delicious ham _____
- sending _____ and buying flowers
- marching in an Easter _____

"Double Take" of Easter Fun

Study the items below in the boxes.

- In the first box, find 2 chicks that are exactly alike and positioned the same way.
- In the second box, find 2 baskets that are the same.
- In the third box, find 2 bonnets and then 2 eggs that are exactly the same in the pile.

Jelly Bean Fun Count

Can you make your way through the maze to "pick up" the 12 jelly beans that add up to the number in the jar? You can use a calculator to help. You can pass through jelly beans, but you cannot "go backwards" or cross your own path.

Start Here! 57, 93, 114, 97, 78, 999, 575, 36, 888, 900, 44, 27, 53, 90, 56, 133, 87, 799, 77, 947, 895 jelly beans

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Community Calendar

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chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, broccoli, bread sticks, sour cream apple pie square
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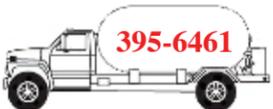


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Thursday, March 24
School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, green beans, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Blake Merkel, Emerlee Darlene Jones, LaVonne Helmer, Sophie Cutler, Kinton Tracy

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship and 1st Communion for 5th Graders

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Maundy service

Friday, March 25
NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK
Anniversary: Samantha & Andy Jondahl

Birthdays: Brent Wienk, Keri Pappas, Keri Pietz, Laurel McNickle, Murdock McNickle, Patrick Gengerke, Sherri Profeta, Larae Taylor

12:00pm: Community Good Service at Emmanuel Lutheran Church
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Tenebrae Service

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Good Service

Saturday, March 26
Birthdays: Bob Wegner, Clare Davidson, Jonathan Cutler, Justin Morehouse, Mark Thompson, Noah Thurston, Scott Kettering, Clayton Kurtz, Samantha Menzia
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, March 27
Easter Sunday
Birthdays: Dwight Strom, Gail Schinkel, Michelle Walter

7:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunrise Service with Breakfast by League

7:30am: St. John's Lutheran Easter Breakfast

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship
10:00am: Heaven

Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:00pm: HBM Easter Worship at Golden Living Center

Monday, March 28
NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread

Anniv: Gail & John Zeck
Birthdays: Craig Dunker, David Johnston, John Wheeling, Lana Jondahl, Neil Warrington, Riley Thurston, Bennett Suther

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
7:00pm: Dollar General hearing at Community Center

Tuesday, March 29
School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, broccoli, fruit.

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

Birthdays: Alexander Kern, Darcy Albrecht, Sharon Wheeling, Tyrel Telkamp

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

5:00pm: School Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 30
School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

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Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, Mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie

Birthdays: Bonnie Cooper, Gordon Nelson, Jessica Osterman, Lori Seelye, Melenie Sombke, Sandy Tullis, Taylor Schmidt, Vickie Sippel

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

6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League (no confirmation)

Thursday, March 31
School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: BBQ, French fries, romaine lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Turkey

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National Honor Society

These are the new inductees into the National Honor Society. The program was held Monday evening. Pictured left to right are Nick Achen, Macy Knecht, Landon Marzahn, Jaden Oliver, Keri Pappas, Erin Smith and Brody Sombke.

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

Please attend the meeting!

The Groton Planning and Zoning Commission will be meeting on Monday, March 28th, 7 p.m., at the Groton Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the special exception for a Dollar General store to be located at US 12 and Main Street in Groton. It's very important for people to show up for the hearing.

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The Life of Raymond Bloom



Raymond Bloom, 76, of Faulkton, SD died Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Faulkton Area Medical Center.

A celebration of life will be from 4:00 – 7:00p.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at Luce Funeral Home, Faulkton, SD. Private burial of his cremains will be held at a later date.

Raymond Leroy Bloom was born October 15, 1939 in Winfred, SD to Orville and Eva (McDonald) Bloom. He attended and graduated from Ramona High School in 1957. After graduation Ray worked for Amert Construction and on the family farm.

Ray was united in marriage to Bonnie Christensen on February 25, 1961 at

Badger, SD. To this union two children were born.

Ray work for Schwan's Sales Inc. for 12 years where they made their home in Faulkton, SD and Thorton, CO. In 1980 the family relocated back to Faulkton, SD where Ray became the manager of the Super 8 Motel and later was a rural mail carrier for many years, recently retiring in 2015.

Ray enjoyed spending time hunting, and fishing with his wife on the Missouri River. He truly loved time spent with his family and friends; his nightly kitchen table cards games; and he was a passionate race car owner and had a top winning car that he raced at Miller and Huron, SD.

Ray's life will be cherished by his wife of 55 years, Bonnie, Faulkton, SD; children: Shelly Lerew (Al Strom), Groton, SD and Jeff (Julie) Bloom, Fredericksburg, IA; sisters: Carol Ecklund, Arlington, SD and Patsy (Larry) Schaffer, Ramona, SD; grandchildren: Ty Lerew, Groton, SD, Tiffany (Randy) Albertson, Tripp, SD, Lysie (Dan) Wallace, Ottosen, IA, Taylor Bloom, Cedar Falls, IA, and Tanner and Zoie Allison, Fredericksburg, IA; great grandchildren: Carter, Lane and Brody and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Rita.

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