



The Sherri Profeta yard at 507 N 3rd St., Groton, has been chosen as this week's Yard of the Week. The Yard of the Week is sponsored and selected by the Groton Garden Club. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Corey Harder was getting the soccer field set up for a girls soccer camp that is being held in the evenings this week. Harder said he had 17 sign up for the camp, with an average attendance of 13. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Mayor Scott Hanlon is shown getting prepped for his donation at the recent Groton Blood Drive. (Courtesy Photo)

Players named for South Dakota prep All-Star Football Game

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Eighty-four players from around the state will take part in this year's South Dakota High School All-Star Football Game.

The July 9 game will be in the DakotaDome in Vermillion, which won the bid last November. It's the first time that the game will be held outside of Aberdeen, which hosted it for three decades.

Officials this year also are doing away with the \$300 fee that athletes had to pay to play. Business sponsorships will be used to defray costs.

The players and nine coaches were announced Monday. They'll report July 6 for practices and activities leading up to the game.

Those on the list include #44 Bradyn Wieker of Claremont, #31 Carter Jondahl of Groton and #64 Jordan Carson of Langford. See the whole list, go to this link: <http://www.usd.edu/~media/files/news/SDHS-FBRoster>

A DVD and special edition of graduation and award winners are available from the Independent. Call 397-6397 to order your copy. The DVD is \$26.63 and the special edition is \$5.33. Shipping charge is \$3.

Local blood drive nets 51 units

Thanks to all who participated in the Groton Community Blood Drive, sponsored by James Valley Telecommunications. Forty-four people registered to donate and 41 were able to give. Ten gave blood on the automated 2RBC machine which collects two units of red blood cells during the donation, so a total of 51 products were collected. One donor donated for the first time!

Congratulations to Melinda Eikamp who won a \$100 credit on her JVT account.

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Front: Sebastian Walter, Scott Hughes, Zachary Bowser, Garrett Schultz, Logan Warrington, Garrett Crawford, Dillon Browning, Emma Bowser, Max Podoll, Isaiah Sharp
Middle: Axel Warrington, Anari Kallenberger, Faith Flihs, Travis Townsend, Carter Moen, Colby Sylte, Anna Johnson
Back: Cadin Kallenberger, Andrew Artz, Tucker Delzer, Taylor Dinger, Travis Sharp, Jessemy Sharp
Not Pictured: Zanrick Wiedebush, Levi Wiedebush, Colin Frey, Dylan Frey, Jamesen Stange

BROWN COUNTY 4-H SMALL ENGINE CONTEST

By: **Ashley Farrand, Summer Assistant**

The 2016 Brown County 4-H Small Engine Contest made its debut on Friday, June 17th. The contest was held at the Brown County Fairgrounds, with 28 participants. This event served as a means to educate youth on the working of small engines, as well as small engine safety. The participants started out the day, by learning about safety when working with small engines. Then they moved on to learn about the different parts of small engines. Following the informational morning, participants were able to compete in the forms of written tests, parts identification, lawn mower starting, garden tractor driving, and tractor driving.

RESULTS:

- Beginners:** 1, Faith Flihs; 2, Garrett Crawford; 3, Axel Warrington.
- Juniors:** 1, Jamesen Stange; 2, Colin Fey; 3, Levi Wiedebush.
- Seniors:** 1, Dylan Frey; 2, Tucker Delzer; 3, Travis Sharp.

Groton Senior Citizens

Groton Seniors met May 9 for a regular meeting. Seventeen members were present. President Ella Johnson opened with all reciting the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played God of our Fathers" and "Faith of our Mothers" for Mother's day. Minutes and treasurers report were read. Meeting was adjourned and cards played and the winners of the games, Bridge- Darlene Fisher; Whist- Carolyn Morehouse, Jan Raap, Pinochle- Ivan Morehouse and door prizes, Marian Raines, DeLoris Knoll and Ella Johnson. Lunch was served by Ruby Donavon

On May 16 the seniors celebrated the May and June birthdays. Twenty two members attended. Bingo was played and Bob Pray won blackout. Cards were played after Bingo. Cake and ice cream were served by Eunice McColester, Pat Peterson and Elda Stange.

On May 23 Seniors met for a regular meeting . Twenty three members were present. President opened with the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played and all sang "My country tis of thee." President thanked the ones who help plant flower at the community center. Hazel McKittrick donated the large flower pots in memory of her husband Jim McKittrick, and Gladys Dirks a former member of senior citizens who recently passed away at the age of 100. She was at the Golden Living Center in Groton. Meeting was adjourned and cards played the winners of the games. Pinochle- Allan Zoellner , whist- Tony Goldade, Carolyn Morehouse, Elda Stange. Canosta- Pat Larson, Cindy Gemmill. Door prizes -Marian Raines, Hazel KcKittrick, and Ruth Pray.Lunch was served by Ruth Pray and Ella Johnson.

Team awards announced for SDHSAA Fine Arts and Athletic Academic Achievement in 2016 spring season

The 2015-2016 school year marked the twentieth year of recognition by the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) of athletic teams and fine arts groups for academic excellence. The Activities Association recognizes 513 high school athletic teams and fine arts groups from schools across the state that have achieved the "Academic Achievement Team Award" for the spring season. Any varsity athletic team or fine arts group achieving a combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher is eligible to receive the SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award.

Numerous independent studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Education and major universities continue to demonstrate that students who are involved in interscholastic fine arts and athletic activities tend to have higher grades in school, have better school attendance, and have fewer disciplinary problems than non-participating students. These studies clearly show that high school students learn valuable lessons and lifetime skills, not only inside the classroom, but also through their participation in fine arts programs and school athletics. In addition, many studies indicate that students who are involved in multiple activities tend to have even better academic success than students that are involved in only one activity. This award program is sponsored by the SDHSAA to recognize the academic success of the teams and to encourage all students to excel in the classroom.

Those being recognized from Groton Area are the girls golf team and the girls track and field team. From Langford Area, they are the girls golf team, student council, girls track and field team, yearbook, large group chorus, large group band, boys golf team and boys track and field team. Frederick teams are the boys and girls track and field team.

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Heartland Communications Manager Ann Hyland, right, presents an energy efficiency grant to Groton Finance Officer Anita Lowary and Metering Technician Paul Kosel, who is displaying one of the new street lights the city is installing.
(Photo by Steve Moses)

Groton upgrading street lights, receives grant
GROTON, S.D. – The city of Groton is upgrading street lighting with help from Heartland Consumers Power District. The utility was recently awarded a \$5,000 energy efficiency grant for upgrading the city's lighting from high pressure sodium to LED.

The city is replacing 100 fixtures and expects to realize annual energy savings of 65,867 kWh, equating to about \$6,257 a year. The project will pay for itself in savings in just over three years, or approximately 13,700 operating hours. The LED fixtures are expected to last at least 100,000 hours.

Groton has partnered with Heartland to upgrade lighting in the past. The utility received a grant in 2014 to replace lighting at the city shop and again in 2015 to replace 33 street light fixtures.

"LED street lights offer significant advantages to their counterparts including savings in energy and maintenance, and a superior quality of light and appearance," said Heartland Communications Manager Ann Hyland. "Groton joins a number of municipalities within our customer base and across the region making the switch, and we are happy to help them administer this project."

Heartland Consumers Power District is a non-profit, public power utility located in Madison, S.D. Heartland provides reliable power as well as energy services and community development programs to communities, state agencies and organizations in Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and South Dakota, including the city of Groton. Heartland provides energy efficiency grants to customers for projects that improve energy efficiency within the city. For more information, visit www.hcpd.com/energy-efficiency.



Eisenbeisz named state president-elect

Andrea Eisenbeisz of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, was elected as President-Elect of the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association (SDFDA) at its annual state convention held in May in Sioux Falls. This year's convention marked the association's 117th anniversary.

Eisenbeisz, a funeral director for 18 years, will serve on the executive board of the SDFDA as President-Elect for the 2016-17 association year and then become the state president for 2017-18.

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Brown County Bid Installation of LED Light Fixtures

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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FIXTURES IN COUNTY SHOP/
GARAGE BUILDINGS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:45 A.M., Tuesday, June 28, 2016. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for the "INSTALLATION OF LED LIGHT FIXTURES IN COUNTY SHOP/GARAGE BUILDINGS". The work consists of removing existing fixtures and installation of approximately 48 LED Light Fixtures, which will be furnished by the County in the following buildings: Impound Garage, Weed Shop/Garage, Millim Office Building Garage and Training Resource Building.

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

Contract Notice: 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.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF LED LIGHT FIXTURES IN COUNTY SHOP/GARAGE BUILDINGS" to be opened on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 8:45 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Copies of the specifications may be obtained at the Auditor's Office or Maintenance Office, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County June 14, 2016 General Meeting

JUNE 14, 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, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the General Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2016 and the Primary Election Canvass Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,069.97; Auditor \$7,980.36; Treasurer \$13,374.87; States Attorney \$19,544.45; Blood Draws \$600.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,892.08; Maintenance \$6,858.50; Assessor \$13,271.27; Register of Deeds \$9,082.94; Veterans Service Office \$4,088.57; GIS \$2,261.47; Information Technology \$8,474.71; Human Resources \$3,022.21; Sheriff Admin \$34,623.70; Jail \$389,032.40; JDC \$23,329.81; Welfare Office \$3,581.57; Museum \$7,942.50; Parks & Fairgrounds \$7,030.33; Fair Board \$2,960.37; Weed \$4,858.83; Planning and Zoning \$1,826.02; Highway \$53,591.66; Communications \$24,015.85; Emergency Management \$3,880.14; Teen Court \$518.40; 24/7 \$3,003.92; Landfill \$12,822.50.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,710.44; Medicare \$4,375.76. Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance-H \$310.00.

Professional Fees: Avera Queen of Peace \$59.90; Den Herder Law Office P.C. \$174.80; Dohrer Law Office \$828.00; Fox Youngberg & Lewno PC \$874.00; Houston Engineering \$983.20; Kuck Law Office \$1,591.60; Lexisnexis Risk Data Mgmt Inc \$105.50; Mark Milbrandt \$500.00; Miller Funeral Home \$1,000.00; NE Mental Health Center \$2,262.00; One Source, The Background Check \$45.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck \$1,159.20; Ronayne Law Office \$4,938.20; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$135.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$4113.27; Christy Griffin-

Serr Law Office \$438.30; Spitzer Miller Funeral Home \$1,200.00; Spot Freight \$1,585.00; Vintage Tech, LLC \$2,020.48; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$25.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$786.15.

Election Workers: Laura Adema \$218.81; Judy Albrecht \$220.02; Phyllis Becker \$80.00; Becky Bereth \$250.12; Cindy Bertsch \$211.48; Diane Bruns \$200.00; Kelly Clark \$235.44; Mavis Cox \$200.00; Sharon Deilke \$205.00; Carolyn Dingering \$200.00; Carol Erdmann \$200.00; Charlean Erickson \$200.00; Dolly Evans \$205.00; Peggy Flieds \$200.00; Kay Frederick \$101.60; Susan Gerlach \$200.00; Jeanette Gollnick \$200.00; Ardys Gosch \$205.00; Joyce Grenz \$219.08; Deb Gustafson \$230.29; Marcia Haaland \$205.00; Joan Henry \$200.00; Julie Hinds \$205.00; Sally Hofer \$200.00; Elaine Huff \$200.00; Mary Jane Jark \$222.95; Rebecca Jeschke \$209.96; Lucille Kushman \$80.00; Carol Luttrell \$200.00; Donna Marmorstein \$200.00; Vangie Miller \$80.00; Dennis Nelson \$80.00; Carol Osterman \$200.00; Joyce Pfeiffer \$200.00; Carol Pulfrey \$200.00; Kathy Schaunaman \$200.00; Geri Sillman \$200.00; Evalyn Smith \$200.00; Roxanna Streckfuss \$200.00; Donna Swanhorst \$200.00; Jacob Voeltz \$200.00; Barbara Walker \$200.00; Kathy Williams \$208.48; Sharon Zastrow \$205.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$1,525.58; Dakota Broadcasting \$222.22.

Repairs & Maintenance: Roland L. Moerke \$209.50; Diamond Mowers Inc \$6.68; G&K Services \$319.52; GCR Tires & Services \$1,321.78; Helms & Associates Inc \$1,440.00; Hiplink Software \$4,941.00; Hoven Auto Repair Inc \$41.80; Lien Transportation Company \$32,667.05; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$197.87; Powerplan \$29.30; Sheehan Mack Sales \$3,659.49; Kirby K Kiesz \$105.00; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$3,193.96.

Supplies: A&B Business Inc \$381.20; Beadle Floral & Nursery \$294.15; Cash-Wa Distributing \$5,023.83; Century Business Products \$42.29; Den Herder Law Office P.C. \$19.70; Diamond Mowers Inc \$273.48; Farm Power MFG Inc \$528.70; Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. \$6.19; Fox Youngberg & Lewno PC \$36.60; MB LLC \$1,436.50; Govconnection Inc \$1,821.16; J Gross Equipment \$658.50; Ken's Superfair Foods \$275.03; Kesslers \$35.41; Kuck Law Office \$7.50; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$238.85; Lien Transportation Company \$1,07,864.81; Marco Inc \$83.10; Menards \$423.87; NCFE – Warner Elevator \$8,804.74; North Star Energy, LLC \$77.70; Poms Tire Service, Inc \$58.31; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$643.99; Proforma \$285.33; Audrey Rider \$44.85; Ronayne Law Office \$25.42; Runnings \$513.40; Share Corp \$558.00; Sophie Wieland \$10.60; Specialty MFG Inc \$91.24; Kirby K Kiesz \$129.95; Tractor Supply Co \$44.98; Web Water Bottling Company \$6.50.

Travel and Conference: Days Inn \$57.00; David Engraf \$30.08; Lynn Heupel \$23.03; Montana Assoc of Planners \$295.00; Sherri Rawstern \$103.40; Audrey Rider \$44.86.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$313.96; Qwest Corp \$1,741.76; City of Hecla \$168.09; James Valley Telecommunications \$229.80; Northern Electric Coop, Inc \$1,298.13; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$109.16; Northern Valley Communication \$300.00.

Other: Safe Harbor \$1,224.59; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$706,453.99. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following employee step increases, effective June 19, 2016: Cindy Meyers @ \$16.68 per hour, Damian Bahr @ \$22.99 per hour, Tracy Madsen @ \$16.71 per hour, Cindy Eppard @ \$15.84 per hour, Barry Kusler @ \$20.11 per hour, Jennifer White @ \$17.37 per hour, Danica Marshall @ \$17.03 per hour, Kurt Pigors @ \$19.87 per hour, Keith Baker @ \$20.11 per hour, Joe Adam @ \$21.12 per hour, Polly Rush @ \$20.06 per hour, Jaclyn Nagel @ \$15.67 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve hiring Michaela Liebel and Ryann Ganje as seasonal part-time interns in the Fair Office, effective June 15, 2016 at \$11.13 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following agreement: Boy Scouts of America for lease of the Richmond Lake

Youth Camp on June 24-26, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RELIEF LIEN SAME NAME: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #42-16. WHEREAS, Brown County has filed a Relief Lien against an individual born in 1973 in amount of \$260.00, dated January 22, 2016; and WHEREAS, another individual born in 1980 has the same first and last name as the person relief recipient; and WHEREAS, sufficient evidence has been presented to confirm that the individual born in 1980 is not the same person as the individual with the lien. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Relief Lien in amount of \$260.00 is the responsibility of the individual born in 1973 and not against the individual born in 1980. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign cooperative agreement with Aberdeen School District 6-1 to establish an educational program for youth placed in the Juvenile Detention Center, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DISINTERMENT PERMIT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to acknowledge and accept Notice of Disinterment Permit (Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery) affecting Brown County from the SD Department of Health Vital Records. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

PROPERTY TRANSFERS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to authorize the Communications Center transfer functioning components of the Cassidian Patriot 911 system to other departments (reporting description, serial number and receiving department to the Auditor's Office for personal property inventory). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following Special Malt Beverage License Applications: Centennial Village - Brown County Fairgrounds (Centennial Village) SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R64W, effective June 15, 2016; NESD Celtic Faire and Games – Brown County Fairgrounds (Centennial Village) SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R64W, effective September 16, 2016; NESD Celtic Faire and Games – Brown County Fairgrounds (Holum Expo Building) SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R64W, effective September 17, 2016 (map indicating specific areas licensed on file with applications). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following contracts for the 2016 Brown County Fair: Brown County Old Time Tractor Pullers Association @ \$1,200.00; Mogen's Heroes @ \$900.00; Hart Brothers (bleachers) @ eight general admission tickets; Groton Vet Clinic @ 4 general admission tickets; TSN Simmentals and Border Collies @ \$2,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER MARKET STREET PROJECT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign Change Order #1 for Market Street Entrance Project increasing bid from \$200,520.00 to \$211,125.00 (\$10,605.00 increase for additional handicapped parking spots). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WORTHMORE ADDICTION SERVICES: Worthmore Addiction Services Manager Julie Pfeifer presented statistics and related information in regard to the 2017 Worthmore Addiction Services Budget request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session to consult with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Clifford Rhodes, Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Patty VanMeter, Deputy Treasurer; Maxine Fischer, Auditor; Derek Ricci, Fair Manager; Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance. All attendees except Mr. White and Mr. Vetter were excused and the executive session continued to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and to consult with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3). 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 approve employee classification change for Nicole Tveit from part-time to full-time in the Sheriff Department, effective June 19, 2016 at \$14.87 per hour (step 2). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GROWSD DIRECTOR POSITION: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to authorize Gary Vetter cast vote for nominated candidate for a five year term on the GrowSD Board of Directors. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MEDICA INSURANCE CONTRACT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign the master group contract between Brown County and Medica Insurance Company for employee health insurance coverage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:00 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Groton Transit Notice to apply for funds

Groton Community Transit, Inc. Application for 5311 funds

The Groton Community Transit, Inc. intends to apply for funds under Section 5311 of the Service Transportation Assistance Act for the continued operation of a public transportation project in the city of Groton, Brown County of South Dakota. This notice offers the opportunity for a public hearing, submittal of service proposals or comments regarding the project. Interested public or private or paratransit providers are invited to comment on this proposal or submit proposals to provide the service. Requests for a public hearing, comments or requests for the grant proposal should be directed by July 15, 2016 to : Groton Community Transit, Inc.,

Arlis Doeden, Director
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Claremont Fire Notice of Election

NOTICE OF MEETING AND ELECTION

PROPOSED CLAREMONT AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A Meeting and Election will be held on July 7, 2016 to determine if the proposed CLAREMONT AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT shall be formed. If the district is formed by this election, nomination and election of a board of trustees will take place at the meeting.

Residents within the proposed district who are also registered voters within the district are eligible to vote in this election.

The meeting and election will begin at 7:00 P.M. central daylight savings and continue until all present have voted.

The meeting and election will be held at the Claremont Fire Station, 505 6th Street, Claremont South Dakota.

The area to be included in the proposed district is:

Weston Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 126 North, Range 59 West of the 5th P.M., Marshall County, South Dakota;

Newport Township: W ½ of Section 4; Sections 5-8 inclusive; W ½ of Section 9; W ½ of Section 16; Sections 17-20 inclusive; W ½ of Section 21; W ½ of Section 28; Sections 29-32 inclusive; and W ½ of Section 33, all in Township 125 North, Range 59 West of the 5th P.M., Marshall County, South Dakota;

South Detroit Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 126 North, Range 60 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Claremont "E" Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, except the Town of Claremont, all in Township 125 North, Range 60 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Claremont "W" Township: Section 1 inclusive; SE ¼ of Section 2; NE ¼ and S ½ of Section 11; Sections 12-14 inclusive; SE ¼ of Section 15; S ½ of Section 21; Sections 22-28 inclusive; SE ¼ of Section 29; and Sections 32-36 inclusive; all in Township 125 North, Range 61 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Shelby Township: Sections 13-16 inclusive; Sections 21-28 inclusive; and Sections 33-36 inclusive, all in Township 126 North, Range 61 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Town of Claremont, Brown County, South Dakota, pursuant to the plat thereof of record;

Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

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Claremont Town June 14, 2016 General Meeting

Town of Claremont 6-14-16

The Board of trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 6-14-16 at 7:00 p.m. in City hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Crosby and Merkel present. On a motion by Crosby and seconded as read. On a motion by Crosby and seconded by Merkel the minutes of the May meeting was approved as read. On a motion by Merkel and seconded by Crosby the following warrants were allowed : General: Groton Daily Independent , publishing, 43.44; Zastrow sales and service, maintainer repair, 610.00; NEW, lights, 296.24; Holland Auto, gas and diesel, 105.07; Missi Smith, mowing 22.5 hrs, 207.79; James Valley, phone and computer, 83.71; Al Merkel, 9 meetings, 623.36; Russ Crosby, 9 meetings, 623.36; Shane Johnson, 9 meetings 8hrs grader, 741.57; Claremont Fireworks, donation, 500.00; Charla Rye, wage, 300.00; WSSW: BDM, water used, 631.90; NEW, water and sewer, 406.56; Dept of Revenue Remittance, water sample, 15.00; DENR annual water fee, 60.00; Robin Crosby, meter reading, 138.52; Rural Development, loan, 576.00.

Johnson reported that rip/rap has been added and more will be added to the lagoon site and fencing repaired between Lagoon and Stanley property. Crosby will contact Rick and Carla Pahl on their decision concerning condemned property. The Liquor application for Holland Auto/ Claremont has been mailed to the State. With no further business before the Board a motion was made by Crosby and seconded by Merkel to adjourn. Motion carried

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For Sale

3 bicycles 26" and 24", electric weed eater and pressure washer. Call Eddy Opp at 229-5546 or 397-2783.

Hoops Family Reunion

John and Mary Hoops family reunion will be held on June 26th at the Groton Community Center. The pot luck dinner is at 12:30pm with Chicken and drinks provided.

Apts for Rent

1 bedroom and HUGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments available NOW! All utilities included except A/C, 1 bedroom \$504 and HUGE 2 bedroom 2 bath \$674 Please call or text 239-849-7674

Manager Wanted

Part Time Apartment Manager wanted. Responsible for showing apartments, handing out applications, overseeing maintenance and other duties as needed. Up to \$25 per hour. Previous sale experience a plus. Send email of interest to Grotnmnger@gmail.com

GROTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL MEMORABELIA NEEDED

The Dacotah Prairie Museum in Aberdeen is creating a new exhibit focusing on the history and development of football in Brown County. This exhibit will open in the fall of 2016 to coincide with football season and hopefully highlight teams and players from all Brown County High Schools, past and present.

DPM has no Groton football memorabilia in its artifact collection, so we need your help to have a good representation of Groton in the exhibit! If you have jerseys, uniforms, helmets, footballs, letter jackets, team photos, trophies etc that you would be willing to loan (or perhaps donate) to DPM for use in this exhibit, please contact Sue Gates at 605-626-7117 or e-mail dacotahpraiemuseum@gmail.com. Thank you!

**Brown County
Operation of Drones
Notice**

NOTICE OF HEARING
OF THE BROWN COUNTY
COMMISSION
TO CONSIDER AMENDING
SECOND REVISION BROWN
COUNTY ORDINANCES,
BY ADOPTING TITLE 20 –
THE USE AND OPERATION OF
DRONES

A public hearing will be held before the Brown County Commission on the 28th day of June 2016 beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota to consider amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, by adding Title 20 – The Use and Operation of Drones, as follows:

TITLE 20 THE USE AND OPERATION OF DRONES

Chapter 20.01 Definitions.

Under this Title:

"Aircraft" means any contrivance invented, used, or designed to navigate or fly in the air.

"Altitude" means the height of an aircraft above the surface of the land or water below it.

"Business purposes" means a pursuit engaged in for hire, for profit, for compensation, or earnings or monetary gain or a pursuit engaged in by a charitable or not-for-profit organization to advance the legitimate purposes of that organization.

"County airspace" means the space on a vertical plane perpendicular to and above the land, water, and waterways within the jurisdiction of Brown County, SD.

"Drone" means an aircraft that (1) is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft, and (2) weighs less than 55 pounds at the time of the operation, including the weight of any payload or fuel. The term "drone" does not include "toy aircraft" or "public aircraft" as defined herein.

"Firearm" has the meaning ascribed to the term in SDCL 22-1-2(16).

"Hobby or recreational purposes" means a pursuit engaged in for relaxation, and not for business purposes.

"Open air assembly zone" means any structure, enclosed area, or other demarcated space used for the assembly of persons in the open air, including, but not limited to, amusement parks, stadiums, athletic fields, automotive speedways, aviation fields, band stands, beach enclosures, grandstands, observation platforms, outdoor public swimming pools, outdoor theaters, race tracks, reviewing stands, street festivals, or parade routes.

"Operate" means to pilot, steer, direct, fly, or manage an aircraft through the air whether from within the aircraft or remotely. The term "operate" includes managing or initiating a computer system that pilots, steers, directs, flies, or manages an aircraft.

"Operator's Property" includes all real property over which a drone operator is permitted to operate a drone by virtue of the fact that either:

a). The drone operator owns or leases that real property; or

b) The drone operator has permission from the owner or lessee of that real property to operate a drone over the property, subject to whatever restrictions the property owner or lessee may place on such operation; or

c) The drone is being operated inside a building or structure with the consent of the person who owns or leases that building or structure, subject to whatever restrictions the property owner or lessee may place on such operation.

"Public aircraft" has the meaning ascribed to the term in 42 U.S.C. § 40102.

"Surveillance" means the gathering, without permission and in a manner that is offensive to a reasonable person, of visual images, physical impressions, sound recordings, data, or other information involving (1) an active crime, accident, or fire scene or investigation; or (2) the private, personal, business, or familial activities of another person, business, or entity, or that otherwise intrudes upon the privacy, solitude, or seclusion of another person, business, or entity regardless of whether a physical trespass onto real property owned, leased, or otherwise lawfully occupied by such other person, business, or other entity occurs in connection with such surveillance.

"Toy aircraft" means (1) a glider or hand-tossed aircraft that is not designed for and is incapable of sustained flight; or (2) an aircraft that is capable of sustained flight and is controlled by means of a physical attachment, such as a string or wire; or (3) model aircraft mentioned in SDCL 50-11-29.

"Weapon" means any instrument, article, or substance that, under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used, or threatened to be used, is readily capable of causing harm or damage to any person or property, including, but not limited to, firing a bullet, projectile, or laser.

Chapter 20.02 Operating regulations, restrictions and limitations.

Any person may operate a drone in county airspace for business, hobby or recreational purposes with the following exceptions, restrictions and limitations:

1. Not within one (1) mile of the Aberdeen Regional Airport and within the 10,000 feet non-precision approach areas to its runways including Runway 31 and Runway 35 Approach Surfaces as identified in the current Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for the Aberdeen Regional Airport; or

2. Not over property owned, leased, or operated by Brown County, including but not limited to the Brown County Fair Grounds, the Granary Rural Cultural Center and the Richmond Lake Youth Camp, except drones may be operated over county property pursuant to a license issued for this purpose by either the Brown County Commission or by one or more county officials authorized by the Commission to issue such licenses. The Brown County Commission, by resolution, may establish the requirements that must be met and the procedure that must be followed for the issuance of such licenses; or

3. Not by any child under 14 years of age when not accompanied by the child's parent or guardian or an adult designated by the child's parent or guardian. The failure of a parent or designated adult to supervise an underage child's operation of a drone shall be a violation by the parent or designated adult; or

4. Not at an altitude higher than 400 feet above ground level; or

5. Not at such a low altitude as to interfere with the then existing use to which the land or water, or space over the land or water, is put by the owner of the property, or to operate in such a manner as to be imminently dangerous to persons or property lawfully on the land or water beneath, in violation of SDCL 50-13-4; or

6. Not in a manner that interferes with, or fails to give way to, any manned aircraft or moving vehicle or interferes with the movement or safety of vehicular traffic or creates a public nuisance; or

7. Not during the period between sunset and sunrise, unless the drone is being operated within or above the Operator's Property; or

8. Not when weather conditions impair the operator's ability to operate the drone safely; or

9. Not over any open air assembly zone, school, school yard, hospital, swimming pool, place of worship, or law enforcement building, without the property owner's consent, and subject to any restrictions that the property owner may place on such operation; or

10. Not within 500 feet of any electric generating facility, substation, or control center, or within 500 feet of any electric transmission facility, or within 50 feet of any electric distribution facility or of any overhead wire, cable, conveyor, or similar equipment for the transmission of sounds or signal, or of heat, light or power, or data, upon or along any public way within the county, without the facility or equipment owner's consent, and subject to any restrictions that the facility or equipment owner may place on such operation; or

11. Not for the purpose of conducting surveillance, unless expressly permitted by law; or

12. Not when the operator of the drone is under the influence of alcohol, any drug, any intoxicant, or any combination thereof. Specifically:

a) An operator is considered to be under the influence of alcohol if that person has 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in his or her blood; or

1. Not when the drone is equipped with a firearm or other weapon or explosives including any type of commercially purchased fireworks; or

2. Not with the intent to use such drone or anything attached to it to cause harm to persons or property; or

3. Not in a reckless or careless manner; or

4. Whenever a drone is being operated other than on or above the Operator's Property, the drone must be within the operator's visual line of sight. The operator shall use his or her own natural vision, which includes vision corrected by standard eyeglasses or contact lenses, to maintain at all times an unobstructed view of the drone, without the use of vision-enhancing devices, such as binoculars, night vision goggles, powered vision magnifying devices, and goggles designed to provide a "first person view" from the model or similar devices.

Chapter 20.03 Construction

1. Operations authorized by FAA and County. Nothing in this Title shall be construed to prohibit any person who is permitted by the Federal Aviation Administration or the Brown County Commission or its designee from operating a drone in county airspace or to conduct such operations on an ongoing basis in accordance with the terms of such authorization and, if applicable, in accordance with the exceptions and limitations listed in Chapter 20.02. In addition:

a) Unless or until revoked or modified by the County Commission, the following county departments have ongoing authority, under the provisions of this section, to operate a drone in county airspace: Brown County Emergency Management, the Brown County Sheriff, the Brown County Highway Department, Brown County Fair and the Brown County Landfill.

b) By resolution and when circumstances justify, the Brown County Commission may give similar ongoing authority to operate a drone in county airspace to other county or local officials, units of government, special districts, rural fire departments and public agencies in Brown County.

1. Operations prohibited by federal or state regulation. Nothing in this Title shall be construed to authorize the operation of any drone in county airspace in violation of any federal or state law or rule promulgated thereunder, including, but not limited to, any temporary flight restrictions or notices to airmen issued by the Federal Aviation Administration. This Title shall not be construed to permit interference by any drone operation with air traffic or airport operations or in a manner less restrictive than Federal Aviation Administration guidelines regarding unmanned aerial systems and regulations regarding air space obstructions.

2. Governmental operations authorized. Nothing in this Title shall be construed to prohibit the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency, a fire department or an emergency management agency or to prohibit the conduct of governmental operations by or on behalf of a municipality, a county township, Brown County, the state of South Dakota, or the federal government.

3. Negligence per se. This ordinance is enacted to protect the health and safety of all persons lawfully within Brown County or county airspace and to prevent damage to persons and property. A violation of Chapter 20.02, without legal excuse, is negligence as a matter of law.

Chapter 20.04 Reserved
Chapter 20.05 Reserved
Chapter 20.06 Penalty

(1) A violation of this Title by an adult is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

(2) A violation of this Title by a minor is a petty offense.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding any one of or all of the amendments to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to adding Title 20 – The Use and Operation of Drones. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of such ordinance number 101.

Dated this 7th day of June 2016

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(0615.0622)

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**Frederick School
June 13, 2016**

**General Meeting
OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

June 13, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District #6-2 was called to order on June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Rich Schlosser with Eric Sumption, Jeff Forsting and Jon Ellwein present. Others present were Knute Reiersen, Jessica Ringgenberg, Deb Klapperich, Alex Hart and Bob Bergan.

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

Action 15-93 Motion by Forsting second by Ellwein to approve the agenda. All aye, carried.

Action 15-94 Motion by Sumption second by Forsting to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

A. Minutes
1. May 9, 2016
2. May 16, 2016 teleconference

A. Financial Statements as presented.

A. Bills All aye, carried.

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL UNE CLAIMS GENERAL FUND

A & M PRODUCTS COMPANY, PLAQUES, 113.00; ABERDEEN AMERICAN NEWS, INC, AD, 299.99; ABERDEEN AWARDS, AWARDS, 45.00; ACADEMY TROPHY & ENGRAVING CO., AWARDS, 10.00; BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL, LODGING, 1,354.86; COLE PAPERS, INC, SUPPLIES, 1,181.57; COMMUNITY STORE, ICE, 120.70; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, 553.44; CWD-ABERDEEN, FFVP, 22.93; DAKOTA ELECTRONICS, FEES, 20.00; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, FILTERS, 184.88; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 48.38; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, POSTAGE, 14.68; FOREMAN SALES AND SERVICE, REPAIRS, 1,137.12; GRAVES IT SOLUTION, FEES, 216.00; GROTON INDEPENDENT, INC, PRINTING, 110.64; HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, FEES, 125.00; HERMANSEN, RANDY, MILEAGE, 277.20; J.W. PEPPER & SON INC., MUSIC, 62.25; JAMES VALLEY COOP. TELE. CO., TELEPHONE, 237.13; KETTERLING PHOTOGRAPHY, INC, BANNERS, 310.00; MAC'S INC., REPAIRS, 28.57; MENARDS ABERDEEN, SUPPLIES, 198.94; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS, 430.94; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 12.50; PODOLL, LANCE, MILEAGE, 367.08; POSTMASTER, FEES, 110.00; REIERSON, JAMES, MEALS, 55.00; SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, 99.25; TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, REIMBURSEMENT, 925.00; WELLS FARGO BUSINESS CARD, POSTAGE, 3.78; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 724.29; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 72.37; GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES, INC., FEES, 485.00; GREEN IRON EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, 248.16; J.W. PEPPER & SON INC., MUSIC, 14.75; KLAPPERICH, DEBORAH, SUPPLIES, 7.00; MARC, SUPPLIES, 412.44; SCHWAN WELDING AND BOILER REPAIR, REPAIRS, 20.00;

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, PRINTING, 561.59; BROWN & SAENGER, CURTAINS, 3,896.00; JM ELECTRIC INC., REPAIRS, 471.96; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., ELEC, 3,111.03; MORLOCK, MARTY, GAS, 108.00; TOWN OF FREDERICK, WATER, 206.20; WEISMANTEL RENT ALL & EVENTS, RENT, 406.50;

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: AVERA ST LUKES, FEES, 2,167.26; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, POSTAGE, 2.37;

FOOD SERVICE: CWD-AB-

ERDEEN, FOOD, 447.86; KES-SLER'S GROCERY, FOOD, 23.27; SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION, DUES, 40.50; SDSNA, FEES, 282.00;

Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 103,631.24; Support 13,258.78; SS & Med 27,651.32. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 9761.89; Delta Dental, ins. 1163.25; AFLAC, insurance, 319.86; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 357.50; VSP, Vision, ins, 150.27; Security Benefit, retirement, 50.00; American Funds, retirement, 1282.50; Reliastar Life Ins., ins, 150.55; Wellmark, ins, 12,850.78; Janelle Barondeau, ICU monitor, 37.50; Judith Bretsch, sub, 200.00; Jon Ellwein, board salary, 57.82; Jeff Forsting, board salary, 65.08; Tim Fugman, sub, 200.00; Ann Hegge, sub, 100.00; Austin Jensen, sub, 60.00; Marty Morlock, driving, 309.65; Dan Nickelson, board salary, 55.00; Carma Ruenz, sub, 1400.00; Richard Schlosser, board salary, 61.30; Eric Sumption, board salary, 65.08; Michelle Sumption, sub, 160.00; Cole White, sub, 240.00. Special Ed: Teachers, 10,403.96; Support, 4172.44; SS & Med, 3542.12; SDRS, retirement 1348.18; 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; Ann Hegge, sub, 300.00. Food Service: Support, 3628.41; SS & Med, 964.00; SDRS, retirement, 415.23; VSP, insurance, 45.28.

The following reports were given at this time:

A. Knute Reiersen – Superintendent/AD

Enter Dan Nickelson at 7:06 pm

A. Jessica Ringgenberg –K-12 Principal

B. Bob Bergan – Grounds and Maintenance

C. Knute Reiersen – Athletic Co-op

D. Richard Schlosser – Hub Area Vo Tech

Exit Bob Bergan

The 2016-17 Athletic co-op agreement was reviewed. Adoption was tabled until the July meeting due to clarification needed on a few items.

Action 15-95 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the following amendments to the 2015-2016 budget:

All aye, carried

Action 15-96 Motion by Sumption, second by Nickelson to declare the items listed on 6-A-16 as surplus and authorize the business manager to sell or dispose of them. All aye, carried.

Action 15-97 Motion by Forsting, second by Ellwein to accept the following administrative contracts, certified contracts, coaching contracts and employment agreements: Knute Reiersen, Superintendent Addendum, \$68,000.00; Jessica Ringgenberg, K-12 Principal, \$55,000.00; Deb Klapperich, Business Manager, \$53,000.00; Justin Brotzel, Technology Coordinator, \$55,000.00; Jennifer Anliker, Teacher, \$39,050.00; Janelle Barondeau, Teacher, \$46,860.00; Janel Bergan, Teacher, \$49,455.00; Jennifer Dallmann, Teacher, \$37,700.00; Amanda Kallas, Teacher, \$40,450.00; Angela Keller, Teacher, \$42,960.00; Elizabeth Labesky, Teacher and Band and Vocal Advisor, \$51,870.00; Ashley Larsen, Counselor, \$37,950.00; Melissa Meidinger, Teacher, \$37,900.00; Marty Morlock, Teacher, \$42,460.00; Brock Pashen, Teacher and Yearbook Advisor, \$40,643.00; Caitlin Podoll, Teacher and Oral Interp, \$39,100.00; Sarah Sumption, Teacher and Science Fair, \$43,907.37; Teri Trumble, Teacher, \$38,200.00; Paula Tschosik, Teacher, \$41,460.00; Maggie Ulmer, Teacher, \$38,225.00; Tonya Zinter, Teacher, \$51,453.00; Tom Arnold, Asst. Janitor, \$12.76/

hour; Bob Bergan, Custodian, \$17.40/hour; Renee Brooks, Para, \$14.95/hour, John Brotzel, Bus Driver, \$40.37/route; Mark Christianson, Bus Driver, \$40.37/route; Sheryl Downes, Head Cook, \$15.00/hour; James Dumire, Bus Driver, \$13.99/hour and Summer Maintenance, \$10.44/hour; Janet Elsen, Para, \$19.23/hour; Faye Gunther, Asst. Cook, \$13.00/hour; Donna Hoffman, Para, \$12.91/hour; Lance Podoll, Bus Driver \$41.98/route and Transportation Director, \$699.73/month; Stacey Sumption, Secretary, \$16.64/hour and Fundraising Advisor, \$1500.00; Renata Winburn, Para, \$12.30/hour; Janelle Barondeau, Cross Country Coach, \$3922.00; Justin Brotzel, JH Girls BB Coach, \$1522.00; Jennifer Hoyle, JH Volleyball Coach, \$1450.00; Marty Morlock, Head Track Coach, \$3922.00 and Head FB Coach, \$3922.00; Brock Pashen, Head Boys BB Coach, \$3762.00; Troy Podoll, Head Girls BB Coach, \$3922.00; Wyatt Sumption, Asst. FB Coach, \$2625.00. All aye, carried.

Action 15-98 Motion by Forsting, second by Ellwein to accept the resignations of Ellen Schlosser and Brian Sumption. All aye, carried.

Action 15-99 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to set the budget hearing for the 2016-2017 budget at 6:30 pm on July 11, 2016. All aye, carried.

Action 15-100 Motion by Sumption, second by Forsting to approve the contract for the 2016-2017 school year with the South Dakota Department of Health. All aye, carried.

The 2016-2017 preliminary budget was reviewed.

A discussion was held concerning the issue that the new stage curtains have not been fixed to overlap in the center. The board members will look at the track after the meeting to see what needs to be adjusted/ fixed so they will overlap in the center.

A letter from Frederick City requesting payment for 1/3 of the cost of the portable bleachers purchased for the ball field was read.

Cost proposals for replacing the remainder of the sidewalks and adding and repairing the asphalt in the front of the school were reviewed.

Cost proposals for updating the lighting in the locker rooms were reviewed.

Upon needing further clarification on the current number of football coaches and the necessity of adding an assistant coaching position, a decision was tabled.

The board and administration wishes to thank Jeff Forsting for his years of service to the district. Other thank you and congratulations were read and will be posted on the school website.

Action 15-101 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to enter into executive session at 8:56 pm to discuss personnel matters. All aye, carried.

Exit Alex Hart.

Chairman Schlosser declared executive session out at 9:31 pm.

Action 15-102 Motion by Ellwein, second by Forsting to offer the 2016-17 Athletic Director contract to Brock Pashen. All Aye, carried.

Action 15-103 Motion by Forsting, second by Sumption to adjourn. All aye, carried.

Chairman Business Manager

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	GENERAL FUND	C.O. FUND	SP. ED. FUND	PENSION
Beginning Checking Bal	\$60,334.91	\$631,937.77	\$213,672.56	\$123,532.95
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	\$212,263.10	\$238,840.81	\$111,959.94	\$23,833.93
Local Sources	\$9,668.31	\$1,859.04		
Interest	\$54.26		\$0.00	
Federal & State	\$39,889.91		\$1,091.25	
Investments	\$833,845.70	\$40,429.40	\$256,175.05	\$45,189.23
Disbursements	\$132,262.25	\$7,623.92	\$17,364.55	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$1,023,793.94	\$905,443.10	\$565,534.25	\$192,556.11
	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED	FOOD SERVICE FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
Beginning Balance	\$86,713.69	\$275.09	\$1,942.08	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$7,790.25	\$0.00	\$4,302.23	
Disbursements	\$11,558.67	\$0.00	\$7,087.91	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$82,945.27	\$275.09	-\$843.60	\$19,090.52

Mowing fines, water tower fund given first reading

Mowing into the street or alley fines were given a first reading at the Groton City Council meeting Monday night. There will be a warning issued on the first offense, then the fine will be \$25 and doubled thereafter until it reaches the \$500 maximum. A second reading will need to be held.

There may be a new line item on your future utility bills (not including the June bill). The council is looking at developing a fund to replace the current water tower. "In two years, you'll have a hundred year old water tower," said Finance Officer Anita Lowary. It was decided to add a line item on the utility bill for a water tower fund in the amount of \$5 each month. It would raise about \$45,000 a year. A new water tower will cost \$600,000 and there are 60:40 matching funds available from time to time.

The rent charges for the Groton Community Center were reviewed and the only change was the cleaning charge, which was raised to \$20 an hour. Someone wants to use one of the rooms for four to five times a week. The council hashed over charging \$15 each time.

Umpires will be paid for doing girls softball games. Since there is no teenager team this year, the \$750 coaching fee will help pay for girls softball umpires. The fee to pay is \$20 at the plate and \$15 at the line.

The city will be applying for a grant for playground equipment at the ball field. Councilman David Blackmun said, "If we can double the money, let's try it." There is \$25,000 available in memorial funds available so if the city gets the grant, that would allow the city to buy \$50,000 in playground equipment.

The electric rates, especially dual fuel rates, were discussed. Councilman David McGannon said the city should get an outside firm to do an electric rate study. Lowary said a study would cost about \$6,000. The council instructed Lowary to get cost estimates on an electric rate study.

There are two dilapidated houses that are being considered for action. One on fifth street, being owned by the Bank of Iowa, has a porch that is ready to fall off and is being considered a dangerous house. Another one being considered is owned by Butch Farmen on Fourth Street. After further discussion, some of the councilmen agreed that the council is not in the position to decide if a house should be condemned or not. A letter was sent to the The Bank of Iowa house (formerly owned by Tony Donovan) and there has not been any response. The council instructed Lowary to get quotes from local contractors to "make the house safe," which will be accessed against the property. A letter will be sent to Farmen requesting that he present tot he council his plans for his house.

Camille Sippel of Groton receives stipend for research project at UNL

LINCOLN, NE (06/21/2016)- Camille Sippel of Groton is among 325 undergraduates who have been awarded stipends by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to participate in research with a faculty mentor during the 2016-17 school year.

Sippel, a economics major, will participate in the project "Apple v. Samsung and the Technology Race" as part of UNL's Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experience (UCARE) Program, which supports undergraduates to work with faculty mentors in research or creative activities. Undergraduate students receive stipends of \$2,400 to engage in intensive research or creative activity for 10 hours per week. The students' projects span across academic disciplines including engineering, chemistry, modern languages and literatures, psychology, art and art history, architecture, special education, and fisheries and wildlife.



The Butch Farmen house (left) and former Tony Donovan house (right) were discussed as dilapidated houses in Groton.



There is a gaggle of geese at the HRH Mobile Home Park. It looks like there are four families of geese being raised at the park.



Left to right are Aubray Warner, her father, Shaun Warner, and Tom Mahan, president of Groton Kiwanis Club. Lee Schinkel was program leader for Groton Kiwanis, last Wednesday. Lee's guests were Aubray Warner, and her father. Aubray presented several vocal solos, which brought her first place records, in talent contests in Brown County.

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Community Calendar

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Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
6:00pm: NESDU8 in Groton (Groton Blue vs. Webster Wolves and Groton Red vs. Webster Saints)
7:00pm: NESDU8 in Groton (Groton Blue vs. Webster Saints and Groton Red vs. Webster Wolves)

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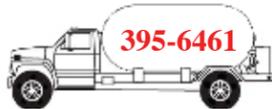
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Thursday, June 23
Anniversary: Henry & Vera Musil.

Birthdays: Twila Ruden, Kaycie Hawkins, Shaylee Peterson, Alyssa Sippel, Sarah Sippel, Megan Baule, Madeline Flihs, Branden Abeln.

4:00pm: Groton Transit Fund-raiser

6:00pm: NESDU10 in Britton (Groton Blue vs. Britton in double header)

6:00pm: NESDU10 in Groton (Aberdeen vs. Groton Blue in double header)

6:00pm: NESDU12 in Sisseton (Sisseton vs. Groton Red in double header)

6:00pm: NESDU12 in Webster (Webster vs. Groton Blue in double header)

6:00pm: T-Ball Scrimmage

Friday, June 24
Chambers Best Ball Tourney
Junior Teeners at Milbank Tourney
Legion at Redfield Tourney
Anniversary: Mark & June Thompson
Birthdays: Jeremy Weber, Eunice Alberts, Ellie Sippel
6:00pm: Teeners host Webster (DH)

Saturday, June 25
Junior Teeners at Milbank Tourney
Legion at Redfield Tourney
U12 Softball at Ellendale Tourney
Birthdays: Dodie Neumann, Carlie Peterson, Sydney Locke.

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

Sunday, June 26
Junior Teeners at Milbank Tourney
Legion at Redfield Tourney
Anniversary: Jeff & Bridget Flihs
Birthday: Thomas Sternhagen

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
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
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
3:00pm: Amateurs host Northville (DH)

Monday, June 27
Anniversaries: Jim & Jenny Meister, Gary & Patty Baule, Jeff & Jami Larson.

Birthdays: Elaine Wolken, Cassie Monson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:00pm: U10 Softball hosts Ellendale

7:00pm: U12 Softball hosts Ellendale

7:30pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 28
FFA Leadership Retreat in Swan Lake, Viborg
Anniversaries: Doug & Melenie Sombke, Carroll & Pearl Dean.
Birthdays: Holly Johnson, Michael Baule.
10:00am: United Methodist Women's

Bible Study
5:30pm: Legion hosts Milbank (2)
6:00pm: T-Ball Gold hosts Ferney

Wednesday, June 29
FFA Leadership Retreat in Swan Lake, Viborg
Anniversaries: John & Meri Erickson, Gordon & Dorene Nelson.
Birthday: Derick Furman
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible

Thursday, June 30
FFA Leadership Retreat in Swan Lake, Viborg

Birthdays: Brad Furman, Mary Anne Clark, CJ Lane, Alan Zoellner, Harvey Flihs Sr., Gilbert Hinkelman, Cole Larson, Steve Thurston, Haley Wheeler, June Meyer, Spencer Knecht.

5:30pm: Legion at Mobridge (2)

5:30pm: U8 Softball host Ipswich

6:00pm: Junior Teeners at Northville (DH)

6:00pm: NESDU10 in Britton (Britton vs. Groton Red in double header)

6:00pm: NESDU10 in Sisseton (Groton Blue vs. Sisseton 1 in double header)

6:00pm: NESDU12 in Milbank South (Groton Blue vs. Milbank Red in double header)

6:00pm: NESDU12 in Webster (Groton Red. vs. Webster in double header)

6:30pm: U10 Softball at Ipswich

7:30pm: U12 Softball hosts Ipswich

School Board Agenda

Groton Area School District #06-6 School Board Meeting June 27, 2016 – 7:30 PM; GHS Conference Room

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.

2. Approval of year ending District bills.

3. Approval of year ending North Central Special Education Co-Op bills.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.

2. School Board Committee Reports:

a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel

b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix

c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith

3. Second reading and approval of proposed MS/HS Student Handbook changes.

4. Second reading and approval of proposed Elementary Student Handbook changes.

5. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principals' Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorize Business Manager to make necessary Contingent Fund transfers to cover year-ending deficit accounts in General Fund.

2. Adopt Supplemental Budget for Capital Outlay and Special Education in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12.

3. Open and approve fuel oil, diesel/gas quotes.

4. Open and approve newspaper quotes and designate Official Newspaper.

5. Amend ESY work agreements of Joni Groeblichhoff and Gail Kyar.

6. Approve hiring Nicholas Strom as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for 2016-2017.

7. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.

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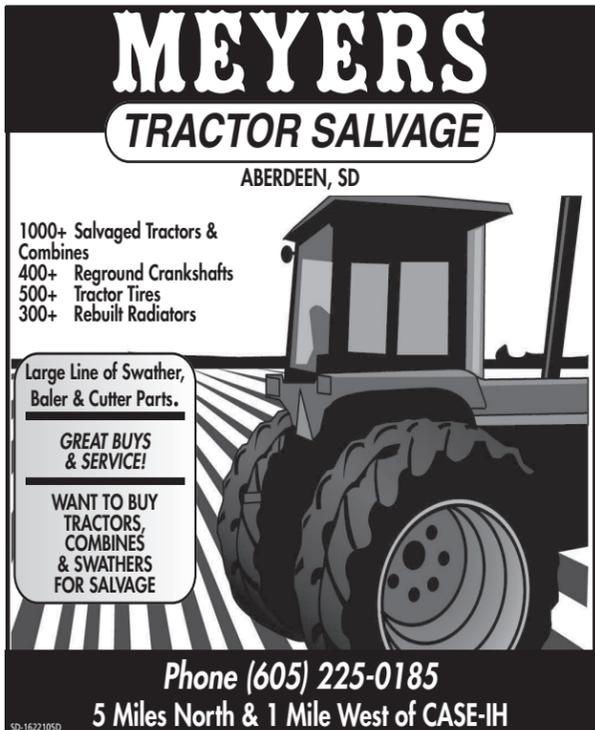
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The Life of Mary Ann Flihs

Forman, ND: The funeral for Mary Ann Flihs, 87 of Forman, formerly of Cogswell, was held Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Britton, SD. Rev. Craig Grams officiated and burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Aberdeen, SD.

Mary Ann (Nehls) Flihs was born on August 20, 1928 near Groton, SD to Fred Henry and Dora Emma Anna (Hopps) Nehls. She grew up and attended school in the Groton area.

On November 7, 1945 she married Marvin Flihs. They moved to Belle Glade, Florida in 1956 and returned to the Dakotas in 1959. At that time they took up farming in the Brampton, ND area. In 1963, they moved to a farmstead near Cogswell, ND. In the 1980's, Mary Ann began working at the Farmers Inn in Havana, ND and worked there for several years. Marvin passed away on November 19, 2014 and in April of 2015, Mary Ann moved to Forman to an apartment and lived

there before entering the Four Seasons Healthcare in June of 2016.

Mary Ann was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Britton, SD. She also belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed baking, especially donuts, cooking for her kids, playing cards at the Kwik Stop every morning and on Tuesday with her friends in Havana and with family, playing bingo and going to the casino.

Mary Ann fell asleep Thursday, June 17, 2016 at the Four Seasons Healthcare at the age of 87

Grateful for having shared her life are her four sons: Marvin (Julie) Flihs, Jr., Cogswell, ND; Douglas Flihs, Kidder, SD; Darwin (Sandra) Flihs, Forman, ND; and Dennis (Lisa Janes) Flihs, Cogswell, ND; five grandchildren: Kristy (Donavan) Hajek and Kirk Flihs, both of Forman, ND; Erika (Sean) Parrow and Corey Flihs, both of Havana, ND and Matt (Kaitlyn) Flihs, Wilmot, SD; five great grandchildren: Alexius and Colby Hajek and LeiLani Ringer, all of Forman, ND; Brytan Flihs, Wilmot, SD and Deagan Parrow, Havana, ND; two brothers: Maurice Nehls, Langford, SD and Carrol "Spike" (Pat) Nehls, Groton, SD; a number of nieces, nephews and their families, and a special dear friend and neighbor Deloris Wittich.

Preceding her in death were her maternal and paternal grandparents, her parents, two sisters: Grace Blondo and Bernice Prunty and two brothers: Dallas and Howard Nehls.

Condolences may be directed to the family in care of Dennis Flihs - 12792 96th Street SE - Cogswell, ND 58017.

The Life of Lorraine Cowan



Services for Lorraine Cowan, 86, of Ulysses, Kansas and formerly of Groton was held, Monday, June 20th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. Rev. Lloyd Redhage officiated. Burial followed in the Conde City Cemetery.

Lorraine fell asleep June 15, 2016 in Ulysses, Kansas.

Lorraine Leona was born on January 16, 1930 in Dallas, South Dakota to Joseph and Margaret (Hotz) Puhl. She attended school in Gregory/Dallas area. Lorraine continued her education at Northern State Teachers College and earned her teaching certificate in July of 1950. She taught grade school in Putney and Verdon for several years each. On June 7, 1951 she was united in marriage with Clair Robert Cowan at the Catholic Church in Groton. Together they made their home in Mesa, Arizona and later settled on the family farm near Verdon. Lorraine worked as assistant Postmaster in Verdon for many years before they retired to Groton in 1979. Following Clair's passing in October of 2013, Lorraine became a resident of Rosewood Court. She later moved to Kansas to be near her daughter.

Lorraine was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney. She was also active in the American Legion Auxiliary. In earlier years, she enjoyed cooking and sewing. Lorraine loved helping on the family farm, raising large gardens and canning after the harvest.

Celebrating her life are her children: Peggy (Jim) Spencer of Ulysses, Kansas; Rob (Pam) Cowan of Roseville, Minnesota; Rick (Donna) Cowan of Casa Grande, Arizona, her sister, Peggy Guhin of Plano, Texas, 8 grandchildren: Joseph Spencer, Thomas Whitworth, Justin Cowan, Lindsay (Graham) McCall, Lance (Carrissa) Cowan, Andy (Haley) Cowan, Josh Cowan and fiancé Malerie Ell, James Cowan and 7 great-grandchildren: Cecilia, Naomi, Brecklyn, Willow, Graham, Hudson and Hawthorne.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband of 62 years, three brothers and three sisters.

Casketbearers were Justin Cowan, Lance Cowan, Andy Cowan, Josh Cowan, James Cowan, Lindsey McCall and Graham McCall.

Memorials may be directed to Rosewood Court, in care of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, PO Box 575, Groton, SD 57445.

Service Notice: Reta Washnok

Services for Reta Washnok, 100, of Aberdeen will be 11 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Eldon Reich will officiate. Burial will follow in the Conde Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel on Friday from 5-7 p.m.

Reta fell asleep June 21, 2016 at Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen.

The Life of Helen Walter



Helen Kay Walter, 76, died January 6, 2016 at their home with her husband Jack in Harlingen, Texas from complications of a 2014 stroke. Mass will be held in Groton, SD at Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church at 10:30 July 9th, Burial will follow at the Groton Cemetery. She was born February 22, 1939 to Clair and Marcella (Reinert) Steenson in Aberdeen, SD. She attended school at Sacred Heart Elementary and graduated in 1957 from Aberdeen Central High School. She was united in marriage to Jack Walter on October 25th, 1958 and moved to Groton where they farmed and raised Angus cattle for over 50 years.

Helen enjoyed cooking, sewing, playing bridge and raising the couple's five children. She was active in Groton Jaycees, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Weight Watchers,

Brown County 4-H, and SD Junior Angus Assn. Jack and Helen loved to camp and in later years traveled the winter months in their fifth wheel, visiting all 48 contiguous states. They settled in Harlingen, Texas as their winter home for more than 25 years. In 2012 Helen and Jack retired to Mina Lake where Helen took joy in watching the water and listening to the waves.

Grateful for sharing her life are her husband Jack of 57 years, five children; Kim Hill and fiancé Mike, Marietta, GA; Mark and wife Barb of Centerville, SD; Scott and wife Vicki of Tyler, TX; Pam Geppert and husband Kent of Kimball; and Dani Bolte of Sioux Falls; twelve grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and one brother, Jim Steenson and wife Ruth of Kalispell, MT. She is preceded in death by her parents, four siblings, Marion, Dick, Betty and Marilyn and son-in-law Kurt Hill.