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Read the pros and cons of each
of the 10 ballot issues you will be
voting on next month!

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Crevier to be at Groton Youth Rally



The Groton Youth Rally will feature the Bruce Crevier family and their Spin-tacular Basketball program called Champions Forever, at the Groton Area High School Arena. The Rally will be on Wed., Nov. 16th at 7pm. They will be sharing an evangelistic message of hope to this generation.

Bruce Crevier has traveled all over the world, performing in over 35 countries. They were also finalists on America's God Talent. The Crevier's were also featured in Sports Illustrated. Bruce and family speak, and

perform in schools, camps, prisons, and basketball halftime shows. Bruce is a five time Guinness World Record holder for spinning basketballs, and has spun as many as 21 basketballs at once. He also holds the world record endurance spin where he spun one basketball for 22 hours and 12 minutes without a break! He has appeared on numerous television shows, and in magazines, and newspaper articles across the country. Bruce and his wife Diane have twelve children. When his family is with him, they are part of an energetic program that is truly inspirational as well as motivational. Youth and adults will be challenged to take their lives to the next level! They invite you to be a part of this Spin-tacular event! We are calling this a "Family Night of Champions"

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General election ballot to test voters with 10 questions

By Maricarrol Kueter

For S.D. Newspaper Association

South Dakota voters will face a broad menu of potential law changes on this year's election ballot.

Ten separate ballot issues will seek answers to questions such as:

- How much should a teenager earn on the job?
- Should Democrat and Republican party labels come off the ballot?
- What, if anything, should happen to payday lending in South Dakota?

In addition to three initiated laws, there are five proposed Constitutional amendments and two referred laws.

Here is a breakdown of what is at stake:

Two measures that deal with regulations on the payday loan industry are probably the most familiar of this year's ballot issues.

Initiated Measure 21 would cap interest rates on payday loans at 36 percent.

Amendment U would provide for an 18 percent cap on payday loans, but also allow unlimited interest rates by written agreement with the borrower.

Less familiar, perhaps, are other measures including:

Amendment S. Known as Marsy's Law, this measure would give crime victims' certain rights, including the right to notice when criminal perpetrators have court hearings or are scheduled for release from custody.

Amendment R would create a new oversight system for the state's four technical schools. The schools would be governed by a board, set up by the legislature, independent of local school boards and the Board of Regents.

Initiated Measure 23 would allow organizations, including labor unions, to charge fees to non-members for services provided.

Two laws passed by the legislature have been referred to the ballot. Voters will decide if the laws go into effect.

Referred Law 19 involves changes legislators made to election procedures, including requirements for obtaining petition signatures and filing deadlines for the petitions.

Referred Law 20 sets a youth minimum wage at \$7.50 an hour, less than the \$8.55 per hour rate voters approved in the 2014 election.

Two measures could make substantive changes to election and campaign laws.

Initiated Measure 22 would allow public money to be used in political campaigns. It would also set new campaign finance and lobbyist spending limits and create an ethics commission.

Amendment V would set nonpartisan elections for federal, state and county offices in South Dakota. All candidates would run on one primary ballot and the top two vote getters regardless of political party would move on to the general election.

Amendment T would change the way legislative district boundaries are determined, transferring the responsibility for setting boundaries from a committee of legislatures to a bipartisan panel of voters.

Early voting for the general election began Sept. 23. Election day is Nov. 8.

You can learn more about the questions in this week's Groton Independent. You can read the pros and cons for each ballot question and there is also a check box that you can clip out and take with you when you go to vote.

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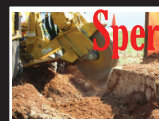
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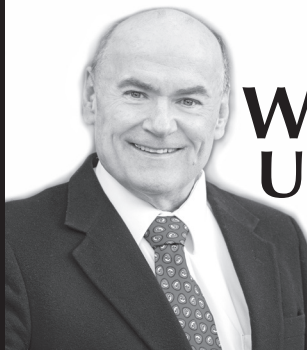
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Don't miss the ball and boy jetting out from behind that car

By Richard P. Holm, MD

The first hint that I had glaucoma, came when I was at the eye doctor and it was discovered by machine testing that I had lost vision in the peripheral areas around but not including the center point of vision on my left eye. Loss of peripheral vision is a sign that glaucoma might be occurring, and indeed, when they measured the pressure within my eyes, it was increased on the left. I had no idea something was wrong.

An estimated three million people in the U.S. have glaucoma, one-half have no idea something is wrong, and 120,000 are blind as a result. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, especially for those coming from African origins. Once discovered, we have treatment, so the best preventive move is to get routine glaucoma testing.

Glaucoma causes peripheral vision loss and preserves central vision until late in the disease. Central vision is that concentrated view we have of the object at which we are staring. It is the eye of the needle into which we are trying to put the thread; the subtle smile of the mysterious woman about which we are painting; the target into which we are aiming our arrow. Say it again, early on, central vision is preserved in glaucoma.

Remember, glaucoma causes progressive loss of peripheral vision. Peripheral vision is important, allowing us to see the shooting star that flashes suddenly from the eastern horizon, while we stare at the big dipper and the northern star; to see the ball and boy that might jet out from behind that car, while we drive down the road; to see the guy across the room who has captured our attention, while we secretly watch him with peripheral vision.

For comparison, macular degeneration, causes the opposite kind of loss to that of glaucoma, specifically, loss of central vision while preserving peripheral vision. Both conditions affect the retina, that blanket of nerves covering the back side of the eye, which, like a camera, captures the image of an autumn moon rising on a South Dakota lake, a wind wave of grass moving on a prairie hill, or the surprised face of discovery on a visiting grandchild.

Take home message: people don't realize there is peripheral vision loss resulting from glaucoma, until the damage has been done. Get in to have routine eye testing. You may have no idea something is wrong.

High School Dual Credit Popular Option for Students

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The state's initiative to financially support college-level dual credit courses taken by high school juniors and seniors is resulting in students with more college credit hours completed and higher GPAs, while also generating significant cost savings for those students and their families.

Research by South Dakota Board of Regents' staff was undertaken to evaluate the academic and financial impacts of the program on high school students. The analysis looked at 557 degree-seeking students who had earned high school dual credit in the 2015 academic year, paying \$40 per credit hour for those courses.

The study found that those students, once they were enrolled in one of the state's six public universities, completed more credit hours (28.4 vs. 25.5) and had significantly higher grade point averages (3.22 vs. 2.75) after the first year of college than students who did not complete any dual credit coursework.

"Financial benefits to students and families from the dual credit program are significant," said Paul Turman, the regents' vice president for academic affairs, who authored the study. Turman reported that students taking only one three-credit course in the dual credit program saved \$411 toward their total educational costs. In the study, 22 students were found to have enrolled in at least five courses each, which produced a savings of \$2,054 in higher education costs.

"The ability to complete a sizable portion, if not all, of the required 30 credit hours of general education has the potential to reduce the time to degree by up to a year, resulting in more than \$20,000 in savings for students/families through this program," the study reported.

Turman also looked at whether completing dual credit courses in math would adversely impact a student's performance in subsequent college math courses. Data show that dual credit students performed slightly better in those subsequent math courses than the general student population at a 69.3 percent pass rate compared to a 68.4 percent pass rate.

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INQUIRIES: Interested parties may contact Coteau Land Company for more information or to enter the property.

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Brown County Sept. 27

Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: Kristi Brandt \$354.85; Den Herder Law Office \$165.60; Dohrer Law Office \$1,637.60; Michelle Gaiowski \$51.00; William Gerdes \$36,419.00; Mark Katterhagen \$12.00; Kuck Law Office \$184.30; Kuusakoski Glass Recycling \$1,993.06; Lucy Lewno \$216.00; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$100.66; Darcy Lockwood \$6.00; Mikelson Law Office \$288.88; Muth Electric \$11,319.53; Richardson, Wylie, Wise, Sauck \$2,217.20; Romeo Entertainment \$1,248.52; Ronayne Law Office \$28,219.40; Schwan Welding \$90.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$1,154.60; Kristi Spitzer \$1,248.50; Spot Freight \$1,575.00; Karen Swanda \$6.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$729.78.

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Travel and Conference: Best Western Sioux Falls \$109.99; City of Groton \$259.44; Sheila Enderson \$491.68; Maxine Fischer \$207.70; Sarah Hartje \$57.81; Duane Jark \$34.78; Sheraton Hotel Sioux Falls \$1,352.00; Dennis Wiedebush \$11.28.

Utilities: Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; North Star Energy \$230.69; NWPS \$13.26.

Other: Pizza Ranch \$91.44. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes:

- Approve employee classification change for Rachel Wilson from part-time Home Detention to full-time JDC Correctional Officer, effective October 11, 2016 @ \$15.33 per hour.

- Approve hiring Quincy Bad Moccasin as full-time JDC Correctional Officer, effective October 11, 2016 @ \$15.33 per hour.

- Approve hiring Breanne Bjerke as part-time JDC Correctional Officer, effective October 11, 2016 @ \$12.92 per hour.

- Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of July 2016: Kendall Titze – 108 @ \$58.32, Michael Scott – 180 @ \$97.20, Gary Vetter – 102 @ \$55.08, Dirk Rogers – 646 @ \$348.84.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2017 PROVISIONAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to amend the 2017 Provisional Budget line items, as follows: Governmental Funds: Sheriff from 1,504,279.51 to 1,507,851.97; Jail from 1,689,971.13 to 1,703,983.12; Total Appropriations from 17,865,168.42 to 17,882,752.87; Cash applied from \$2,060,294.37 to \$2,078,804.32; Less 5% from \$940,272.03 to \$941,197.53; Net Means of Finance from \$17,865,168.42 to \$17,882,752.87. Special Purpose Funds: Road and Bridge:

Total Appropriations from 9,269,620.61 to 9,658,620.61; Cash applied from 400,000 to 789,000; Net Means of Finance from \$9,269,620.61 to \$9,658,620.61. All other line items remaining as stated in the Provisional Budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2017 ANNUAL BUDGET: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD. For the Year January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. RESOLUTION #72-16. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, this 27th day of September, 2016. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor, Brown County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Brown County for the year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

COUNTY TAX LEVIES WITHIN LIMITED LEVY Dollars \$'S/1,000

*General County Purposes (10-12-9)	\$13,596,295	3.563
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	\$13,596,295	3.563

*These amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.

Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

PLATS: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #73-16. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Groton South Substation Addition in Government Lot 1 of Sec 19-T122N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #74-16. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Maynard Subdivision in the NE ¼ of Sec 18-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #75-16. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Dutenhoffer Family Trust First Subdivision in SE ¼ Sec 8-T125N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Troy Haselhorst Addition in the SE ¼ of Sec 1-T121N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

ORD 105 - SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to set public hearing to consider the Petition filed by Matt Fonder for Ordinance #105, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Lots 1 & 2, Biegler Richmond Lake Third Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Sec 13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (126694 & 126998 East Shor Drive), to be held in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:45 a.m. on October 18, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following agreement: Jark/Worlie Auction for lease of the Beef Barn on September 24, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RACE TRACK AGREEMENT – RESTATED/AMENDED: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Restated/Amended Lease Agreement for the Brown County Raceway with Bullet Sports; and further approve and authorize the Chair to sign Lease Option Renewal Addendum for 2017 (year two of the four one-year options). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 103: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to adopt Ordinance #103, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.10 (R-3) Lake Front Residential District: Lot 2 Klipfel Subdivision in the N ½ SE ¼ of Sec 8-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (10858 Ro-Ju-Os Place). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Ordinance adopted.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the purchase of a Telex dispatch console for the Brown County Jail in amount of \$11,503.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2016 FAIR RECAP: Derek Ricci, Fair Manager presented statistical information recapping the 2016 Brown County Fair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to discuss personnel, 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 no action taken as a result of the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:35 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Brown County Sept. 27

Frederick Meeting

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 - JOINT FREDERICK CITY/BROWN COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Frederick City Council met in joint session at 8:45 A.M. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD. Present from Frederick City were Council Members Gary Schlosser and Troy Millard. Mayor Scott Campbell was absent. Present from County were Commissioners Hansen, Sutton, Fischbach, Fjeldheim and Kippley.

ORD #104/199 FIRST READING: On motion by Schlosser, seconded by Millard, Frederick City unanimously voted to approve First Reading of Ordinance #104/199. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve First Reading of Ordinance #104/199, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.14 (HC) Highway Commercial District: Lots 3 & 4 Schlosser/Sumption Addition in the W ½ NW ¼ of Sec 11-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (38604 Brown County 10A and 38609 107th Street, Frederick). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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Bates Township Right-Of-Way Notice

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Bates Township Board of Supervisors
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Township Clerk
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Netters edge Langford Area

It was a rough night for the host team as Groton needed four games to edge out Langford Area in volleyball action, 3-1.

Groton threatened to run away with the match as the Tigers won the first game, 25-10. But then Langford Area had other plans. The Lions took the lead and led by as many as 10 points in the second game before Groton rallied to tie the game at 21. The game was tied four more times and there were three lead changes as the second game went into extra points. Groton scored the last two points for the 27-25 win. Groton led in the third game by as many as five points, but the Lions rallied and tied the game at 18 and then took the lead. The game was tied at 23 and 24 as the third game went into extra points as well with Langford Area winning, 26-24.

The fourth game was a challenge for both sides as the game was tied 13 times and the lead changed hands five times before Groton Area pulled out the 25-23 win.

In the earlier matches, the seventh graders won, 25-18, 25-23, 25-16 and 19-12. The eighth graders won, 25-15, 25-10 and 25-16. And the junior varsity team won, 25-15 and 25-11.

Groton Area was 90 of 99 in serves with 13 ace serves. Katie Koehler was 18 of 21 with seven ace serves, Miranda Hanson was 19 of 20 with two ace serves and Payton Maine was 17 of 18 with two ace serves. Langford Area had 76 serves with one ace serve. Ady Dwight and Addy Taylor each had 17 serves and Madi Nelson had 13 with one ace serve.

In attacks, Groton Area was 149 of 178 with 52 kills. Gia Gengerke was 31 of 40 with 14 kills, Taylor Holm was 29 of 34 with 14 kills and Jennie Doeden was 33 of 40 with 10 kills. Langford Area had 79 attacks with 15 kills. Maria Barker had 23 attacks and four kills, Ady Dwight had 21 attacks with six kills and Brandy Peterson had 18 attacks with two kills.

Groton Area was 150 of 153 in sets with 43 assists. Katie Koehler was 133 of 136 with 40 assists and Paityn Bonn was 13 of 13 with three assists. Chesney Olson had 102 sets and 11 assists.

Groton Area had 66 digs with Payton Maine having 18, Jessica Bjerke 15 and Katie Koehler nine. Langford Area had 58 digs with Madi Nelson having 19, Julia Swenson 14 and Ady Dwight nine.


Groton Area recorded no blocks. Ady Dwight had five for Langford Area with Maria Barker and Chesney Olson each having three.

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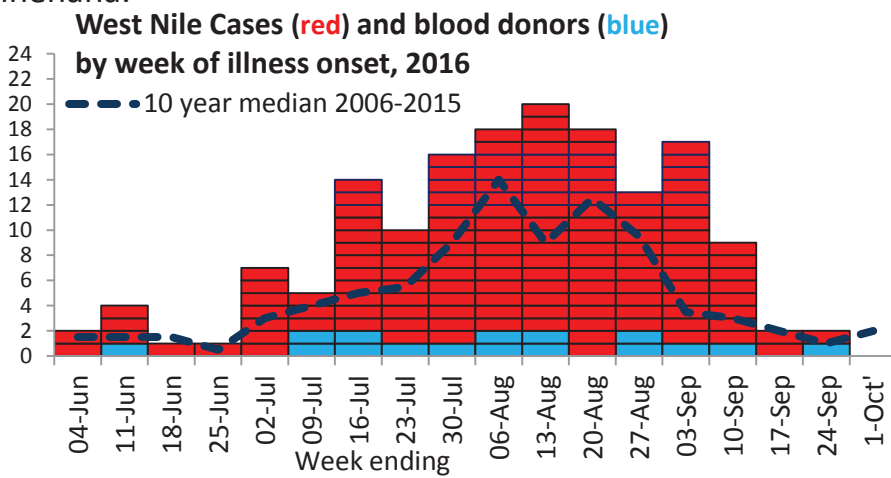
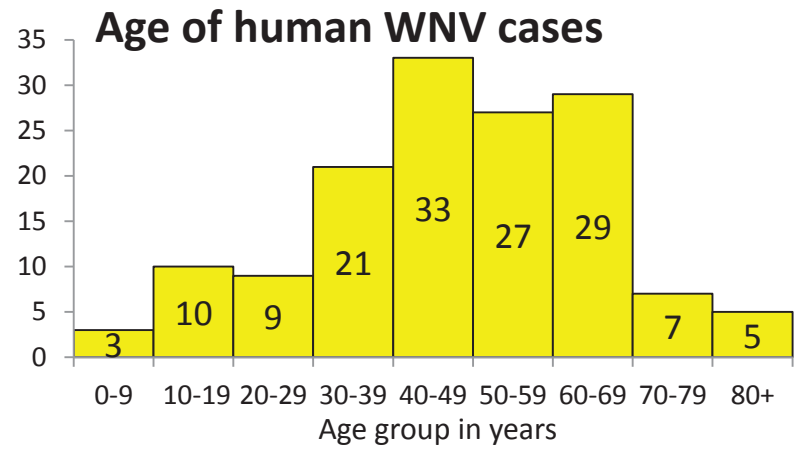
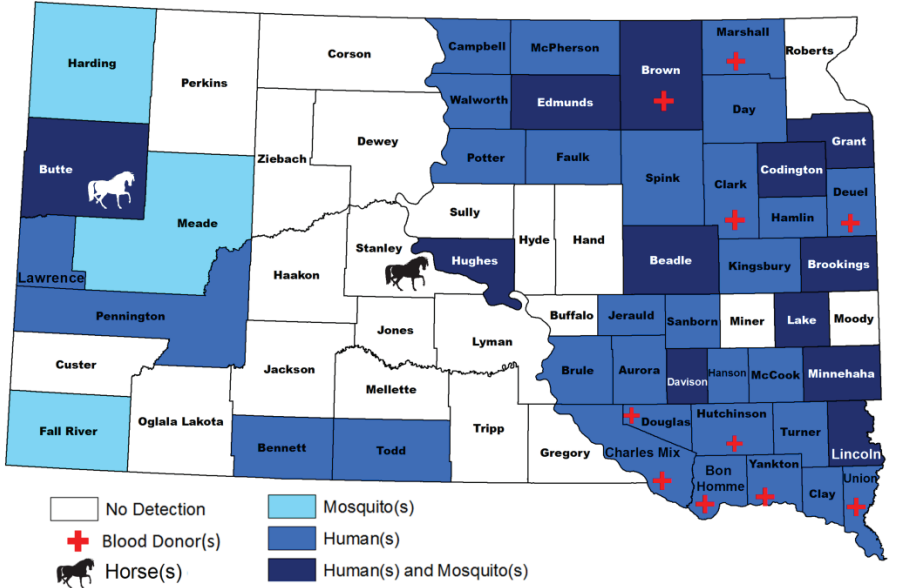
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- **Counties with viremic blood donors:** Bon Homme 2, Brown 2, Charles Mix, Clark, Deuel, Douglas, Marshall, Minnehaha, Spink Union, Yankton 3.
- **Counties with WNV positive horses:** Stanley, Butte.
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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

On Monday night, under the bright lights of US Bank Stadium, Eli Manning and Odell Beckham Jr came to town looking to knock the Vikings from the ranks of the undefeated. In a game that was physical from the first whistle to the last, the Minnesota Vikings dominated the New York Giants 24-10.



The Vikings' defense has officially entered the "elite" conversation. Through the first four games of the season, the unit has faced some of the best quarterbacks in the NFL and has only given up 12.5 points per game. In the first three games of the season, the game plan was to get after the opposing QB. On Monday, the Vikings were held without a sack for the first time this year, but that didn't matter. This game was won in the secondary, who had five passes defended and caused Eli Manning to throw the ball away on many occasions.

The Giants' defense was one of the worst in NFL history last season, and they spend over \$100 million in guaranteed money to fix it this past offseason. As we all know, money doesn't buy a winning team, and the Giants' defense isn't close to Minnesota's level. The Vikings' offense was able to take advantage, as Sam Bradford and company were able to get into the endzone three times. Minnesota was only averaging 51 rushing yards per game, but were finally able to get over 100 yards on the ground against the Giants.

The player of the game was Xavier Rhodes, who shadowed OBJ for most of the game. Odell Beckham is one of the best wide receivers in the league, and even though the ball was thrown his way nine times on Monday, he could only corral three of those passes for 23 yards which is the lowest of his career. Rhodes seems to step his game up when he's lined up against the best receivers in the league, shutting down the likes of Kelvin Benjamin and OBJ in consecutive weeks. If he can stay healthy, Xavier has the ability to be one of the best cornerbacks in the NFL.

The player who needs the most improvement is Eric Kendricks, who didn't even have a bad game. The entire team played so well that it was incredibly difficult to select a player for this section. Kendricks did miss a few tackles throughout the game, a couple of which were for a first down and a touchdown. Eric is a great young middle linebacker who is usually a sure tackler. This game was sort of an aberration, and I completely expect him to play better in the coming weeks.

Looking ahead, the Vikings welcome the Houston Texans next Sunday, October 9. Houston has a couple excellent receivers in DeAndre Hopkins and Will Fuller, and they also have a good running back in Lamar Miller. The Texans' defense was very good entering the year, but they recently lost All-World defensive lineman J.J. Watt to injury. The jury is out on how the team will respond after losing their leader, but surely Minnesota will enter as the heavy favorites.

Jordan Wright has been a fan of the Minnesota Vikings since he was 4 years old. After graduating from Groton H.S., Jordan attended NDSU before moving to Portland OR. After recently moving back to South Dakota, he left his job in finance to pursue his dream of covering the Vikings and bringing his passion for the team to his readers.

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Letter to the Editor:

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Sincerely,
Russell Olson, CEO
Heartland Consumers Power District

The Life of Clarice E. Larson



Memorial services for Clarice E. Larson, 85, of Britton and formerly of Amherst will be 2 p.m., Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the United Methodist Church, Claremont. Rev. Bill Duncan will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton at a later date.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to services at the church.

Clarice fell asleep Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Wheatcrest Hills, Britton with family by her side.

Clarice Elaine Brant was born on August 28, 1931 in Aberdeen to Desmond and Ruth (Ferguson) Brant. At age 11, she lost her father to TB and the family moved to Oregon for a few years, while her mother worked in the ship yards. They later returned to Groton where she gained a wonderful step-father, William Klaus. Clarice graduated from Groton High School in 1949 and continued her education at Northern State College. She met the love of her life, Bobbie "Bob" Larson while attending Methodist Church camp at Lake Poinsett in the summer of 1948 when they were juniors in High School. They dated after that and were married June 4, 1950 at the Methodist Church in Groton. They lived and farmed in the Claremont and Amherst areas for 30 years. Aside from helping on the farm, she was known for her hard work in raising their family, large vegetable gardens with lots of canning, freezing and pickling and beautiful flower gardens. Clarice also loved to entertain and was an outstanding cook, who always had plenty of wonderful baked goodies. Her homemade bread and caramel rolls were the absolute best and often requested for church and local events.

While downsizing their farming operation they lived 3 years in Groton prior to moving to Willcox, Arizona area, where they farmed in an irrigated valley from June 1981 to the fall of 2005. After 4 1/2 more years of the southwest, they returned to South Dakota in the spring of 2010. She and Bob entered Aberdeen Health and Rehab in May of 2010, later moving to Wheatcrest Hills at Britton in February of 2012. Both were so loved and treated like family while at Wheatcrest and the family thanks the staff for the awesome care. Bob passed away May 1, 2014.

Clarice was active in the Claremont United Methodist Church and Willcox Methodist Church, UMW, local extension clubs and 4-H. After moving to Wheatcrest, they both enjoyed being close to family and friends, who stopped by to visit.

Celebrating her life are her children, Alan Larson (Deb Thorsness) of Gwinner, ND; Kathy (Marty) Binger of Willcox, AZ; Larry Larson of Phoenix, AZ; Karen Larson of Aberdeen; Robert "Rob" Larson of Pearce, AZ; Nancy Gaethje of Page, AZ, 12 grandchildren: Toscha (Ben) Larson, Tiffany (Ryan) Hamrick, Tahra (Bill) Doll, Katy Beth Larson, Miranda Larson, Waylon (Melissa) Binger, Lucas (Shari) Binger, Jeff (Ali Gould) Larson, Daphnie (Shawn) Lidgard, Jennifer Larson, Robbie Larson, Hannah Gaethje, 6 step-grandchildren: Aimee (Dan) Sarbaum, Josh Haring, Danielle (Doug) Stahl, Dawn Thorsness, John George, Melissa Duran, 11 great-grandchildren: Chance Unterseher, Jacob & Ava Larson, Dietrich & Colton Hamrick, Pierce Doll, Brylee and Tatum Binger, Ethan, Gage & Madison Lidgard, 8 step-great-grandchildren: Jaylyn & Rylan Sarbaum, Kyrie Haring, Kyle and Kade Stahl, Shawn, Shane and Shay Duran, 2 step-great-great grandchildren, Kevin Duran and Dante Duran, her brother-in-law, Dean (Dorothy) Larson of Pierpont, three sisters-in-law, Janet Drewitz of Faribault, MN; Lylia (Don) Miller of Aberdeen; Diane (Stuart) Eberhart of Britton and several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her step-father, her in-laws, Florence and Emil Larson, Bobbie, her husband of 64 years, an infant son, Craig Alan Larson in 1959, her son, Doug Larson in 2014, sister and brother-in-law, Donna Jean (Andrew) Nikolas, a brother-in-law, Jim Drewitz and three daughters-in-law: Becky Larson, Bonnie Larson and Victoria Larson

Honorary Urn bearers will be all of Clarice's grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Karen Larson 2714 1st Ave SE #201, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

The Life of Harvey Flihs, Sr.



Harvey Flihs, Sr., 92, of Groton fell asleep on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen. Private family services were held.

Harvey Richard Flihs was born on June 30, 1924 at home near Athens, Wisconsin to Richard and Bertha (Rose) Flihs. He was baptized at home on the date of his birth and confirmed at the Christ Evangelical Church at Athens, Wisconsin. Harvey attended school through 8th grade in the Wisconsin Public School system of Marathon County. He was a WWII Army veteran and served from January 13, 1944 through March 2, 1946 as a truck driver and interpreter. In 1947, he started farming in the

Groton area and continued until his death. On September 27, 1947 he was united in marriage to Bernice Arlene Schmidt at the First English Lutheran Church in Groton. They later became members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Together, Harvey and Bernice celebrated 65 years of marriage before her passing in October of 2012.

Celebrating his life are his children, Judy Feser; Joan (Jerry) Johnson; Harvey (Sue) Flihs, II, all of Groton, grandchildren: Aaron (Chasity) Feser, Heather Feser, Carrie (Chuck) Cole, Adam (Amanda) Feser, Jerry Ray (Becky) Johnson, Lyndsey Flihs and Trey (Becah) Flihs. Harvey is also survived by 11 great-grandchildren, his brother, Richard (Judy) Flihs of Groton, a sister, Doris (Carlmon) Briggs of Tucson, Arizona, his half-siblings, Duane (Rhonda) Flihs of Groton, Diane Hickenbotham of Aberdeen, Dale (Claire) Flihs of Groton, Sharon (Mike) Dell of Rapid City and a sister-in-law, Mary Flihs of Groton.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, and infant sister, Irene, two sisters, Betty Ann Flihs and Arvilla Goss and his son-in-law, Richard Feser and his half-brother, Darrel Flihs.

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Constitutional Amendment R

Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution regarding postsecondary technical education institutes.

Attorney General Explanation

Under the South Dakota Constitution, the Board of Regents is responsible for postsecondary educational institutions funded entirely or in part by the State. Constitutional Amendment R applies to postsecondary technical education institutes that receive state funding and offer career and technical associate of applied science degrees, certificates, or their equivalents. Currently, there are four such institutes: Lake Area Technical Institute, Mitchell Technical Institute, Southeast Technical Institute, and Western Dakota Technical Institute. Under the amendment, postsecondary technical institutes will be governed separately in a manner to be determined by the Legislature.

The amendment also clarifies that the Board of Regents retains control over state-funded postsecondary educational institutions offering associate of arts, associate of sciences, bachelor's, and postgraduate degrees.

A vote "Yes" is for adding a provision to the Constitution regarding postsecondary technical educational institutes. A vote "No" will leave the Constitution as it is.

Pro-Constitutional Amendment

Please support Constitutional Amendment

South Dakota's four technical institutes play a significant role in training and preparing many South Dakota high school graduates to enter the work-force with important and directly applicable job skills in fields such as computer technology, medical technology and care, mechanics for the car, truck, construction and agricultural equipment, manufacturing, electricity, heating and air conditioning, agriculture, telecommunications, welding and many others.

South Dakota's four post-secondary technical institutes are Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, Mitchell Technical Institute, Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls and Western Dakota Technical Institute in Rapid City.

Constitutional Amendment R makes clear that our state's four post-secondary institutes may consider evolving from their existing original 1965 status as part of the state's kindergarten through twelfth-grade system toward a dedicated and independent system, without being required to report to the Board of Regents which oversees our six state universities. To do this, however, the technical institutes must remain true to their work-force skill training and development intended to lead directly to employment.

Constitutional Amendment R makes clear that the technical institutes are not allowed to evolve into the traditional university mission and degrees, reserving this for the Board of Regents and our existing state universities.

Constitutional Amendment R passed the legislature overwhelmingly with broad support from a variety of employers, industry representatives, the four post-secondary technical institutes and the Board of Regents. There were no opponents.

Please support Constitutional Amendment R to update our constitution to reflect our existing educational institutions and strengthen the ability of the four technical institutes to meet the work-force shortages in a number of critical industries such as medical technology and care, telecommunications, computer technology, manufacturing, mechanics for the car, truck, construction and agricultural equipment, electricity, heating and air conditioning, agriculture, telecommunications, welding and many others.

Representative Mark Mickelson
Speaker Pro Tempore, 2015
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Former Board Member, South Dakota Board of Economic Development

Con –Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional Amendment R would change the South Dakota Constitution to authorize the Legislature to establish a new, unelected and tax-funded governing board which would help the State shift the cost of technical schools from the State budget to the budgets of already overburdened counties, cities and school boards.

Like the SD Board of Regents, this new governing board would oversee every aspect of postsecondary technical institutions. The law exempts the board members from election, so taxpayers would lose direct representation in the oversight of education policies at technical schools. Member selection will be heavily influenced by lobbyists and favored industries according to provisions in a 2015 law (HB1118) that was passed in anticipation of this Constitutional change.

That same law will immediately increase the number of Board members from five to nine, further growing the bureaucracy.

The taxpayers will pay the nine board members, and they will require a substantial budget.

Legislation passed in 2014 (HB1142) allows counties and municipalities to voluntarily contribute money from their general funds, capital outlay funds, or both - to any postsecondary technical institute. The same bill permits local school boards to appropriate funds from their general fund "...for the general operating and financial support of technical institutions". However, the South Dakota Department of Education and the South Dakota Board of Education retain control over the distribution of any such contributions or appropriations, and they determine how the money is used.

Small changes in the wording of laws often result in huge changes in the effect of the law. Lawmakers need only to amend the words "may appropriate funds" to read "shall appropriate funds" in order to

transfer the financial burden for technical institutions to struggling local governments.

Please help keep the bureaucracy in check.
Vote NO on Constitutional Amendment R!!
Rep. Elizabeth May - District 27

Constitutional Amendment S

Title: An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution to expand rights for crime victims

Attorney General Explanation

Currently, state statutes provide certain rights to crime victims. This measure expands these rights and places them in the State Constitution.

Under the amendment, the rights provided to a victim generally include: protection from harassment or abuse; the right to privacy; timely notice of all trial, sentence, and post-judgment proceedings including pardon or parole; the right to confer with the attorney for the government; and the opportunity to provide input during all phases of the criminal justice process. Victims will be given written notification of their rights.

The rights may be enforced by the victim, the victim's attorney or representative, or the attorney for the government. They may be enforced in any trial court, appeals court, or other proceeding affecting the victim's rights.

The definition of "victim" includes a person who suffers direct or threatened harm as the result of any crime, attempted crime, or act of juvenile delinquency. It also includes that person's spouse, children, extended family members, guardians, and others with a substantially similar relationship.

If a victim's rights provided by this amendment conflict with a criminal defendant's rights under the South Dakota and United States Constitutions, a court may determine that the defendant's rights take priority.

A vote "Yes" is for expanding statutory rights of victims and placing the rights in the Constitution. A vote "No" will leave the Constitution

as it is.

Pro –Constitutional Amendment S

A 'Yes' vote on Amendment S, known as Marsy's Law, will establish a Crime Victims' Bill of Rights in the South Dakota.

South Dakota has some of the weakest crime victim rights in the nation. We are one of the last remaining states that fails to provide an equal level of rights under the constitution to victims of crime. The U.S. and South Dakota constitutions provide those accused of crimes with due process protections, but our state constitution does not give crime victims the right to meaningfully participate in the criminal justice process. Marsy's Law will give victims basic constitutional rights, including: the right to be notified of hearings, the right to be present and the right to be heard at those hearings. It would give victims the right to confer with the prosecuting attorney in their case and to provide input before a plea agreement is finalized.

Marsy's Law will also give victims the right to privacy and the right to refuse unreasonable requests for discovery or the release of personal information. In addition, it will give victims the right to be notified of any changes in the custodial status of the offender in their case.

The opponent arguments have already been proven wrong by the many other states that have already passed Marsy's Law or similar laws. Other states prove Marsy's Law does not result in any significant cost increases, burden the court system or violate any rights the accused already have.

A 'Yes' vote for Amendment S is a vote to ensure that victims of crime are afforded rights on a level equal to those of the accused and convicted. A 'Yes' vote is for equal rights.

Jason Glodt, Attorney

Former Assistant Attorney General

State Director for Marsy's Law for South Dakota

Con –Constitutional Amendment S

The State Bar of South Dakota, through a vote of all its members, has voted to oppose Constitutional Amendment S, labeled "Victim's Rights" or "Marsy's Law." The isolated incident from California that fueled this proposal has been cured since 1991 when South Dakota originally enacted the Victim's Rights Act, and the other proposed rights are either currently in statute or also included in the Federal Victim's Rights Act. Violations of current state law are enforceable, and if changes should be made to the Victim's Rights Act these changes should be made through our state legislature.

The main opposition focuses on how this proposed amendment would prohibit our county state's attorneys from spending their limited resources on the most serious crimes.

For example, this constitutional amendment greatly expands the definition of who is a 'victim'. This will force state's attorneys to consult with grocery stores before resolving misdemeanor petty theft cases. Doing so will require the limited resources provided to our counties to be spent on low-level cases and away from the prosecution of more serious cases, such as rape, aggravated assault, or murder. Many counties will see increased costs to comply with this state mandate. As a result, the South Dakota State's Attorney's Association also opposes Amendment S. Providing these constitutional rights would create a tool for a

person to use the criminal justice system to seek vengeance against a person who allegedly did them wrong. The amendment creates constitutional rights that directly conflict with the constitutional rights afforded to the accused by the Founding Fathers of our country. Resolving these conflicts will delay justice for all, the accused and the victim.

In essence, this proposal is duplicative to enforceable rights already in statute and will be extremely costly to the South Dakota taxpayer.

Ryan Kolbeck, Attorney on behalf of the State Bar of South Dakota

Constitutional Amendment T

Title: An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution to provide for state legislative redistricting by a commission

Attorney General Explanation

State senators and representatives are elected from within legislative districts.

The South Dakota Constitution currently requires the Legislature to establish these legislative districts every ten years.

This measure removes that authority from the Legislature and grants it to a redistricting commission.

The commission is made up of nine registered voters selected each redistricting year by the State Board of Elections from a pool of up to 30 applicants. This pool consists of applicants registered with South Dakota's two largest political parties (ten from each), and ten not registered with either of those parties.

A commission member must have the same party registration, or be registered as unaffiliated with a party, for three continuous years immediately prior to appointment.

No more than three commission members may belong to the same political party.

For three years immediately prior to and three years immediately after appointment, commission members may not hold office in certain state or local public offices, or in a political party organization.

The commission will redistrict in 2017, in 2021, and every ten years thereafter.

The commission must produce a draft map and allow for public comment.

The districts must be drawn in compliance with state and federal law.

A vote "Yes" is for changing the Constitution to provide for state legislative redistricting by a commission. A vote "No" will leave the Constitution as it is

Pro –Constitutional Amendment T

Voting YES on Amendment T will improve the way voting maps are drawn in South Dakota. It puts VOTERS

back in charge of our elections because VOTERS should choose their legislators, legislators should not choose their VOTERS.

How voting maps are drawn matters. Currently, the Legislature is responsible for redrawing voting maps in South Dakota. Politicians choosing voters. Amendment T changes that by putting redistricting in the hands of an impartial committee of registered voters. Voters choosing politicians. Amendment T is not about politicians or political parties, it is about voters' rights.

Voting YES on Amendment T will:

- Replace the previous committee of 15 LEGISLATORS with a balanced 9 member committee of VOTERS,

saving taxpayer dollars.

- Require committee members not hold public office 3 years before or after being selected.

- Establish constitutional guidelines to ban the use of political party identification and incumbency to

manipulate voter maps.

- Establish constitutional guidelines to protect counties and neighborhoods by requiring they be kept in

the same voting district whenever possible.

- Give South Dakotans a 30 day public comment period to express their concerns and comments on

potential voter maps.

Amendment T is more efficient, provides more safeguards, is partisan balanced and encourages voter

participation. It curbs corruption and holds politicians accountable by pulling back the curtain of secrecy on the process of drawing voting maps. It creates a fair system so that voters are choosing politicians instead of politicians choosing voters.

Amendment T uses South Dakota common sense to establish fair elections for all South Dakotans. VOTE YES ON T!

Doug Sombke, Chairman of #SDRtThing2Do

Con –Constitutional Amendment T

Amendment T takes the power of creating legislative districts away from the elected 105 members of the Legislature and gives it to nine unelected people appointed to a new board.

Proponents claim the current system is unfair.

But, that's not true. Both Republican and Democrat legislators have worked very hard to be fair by adhering to state and federal constitutions, laws and court decisions. In the last five redistrictings, Democrats won a total of nine more Senate seats and three more House seats in the next elections after redistricting. In two of those, Democrats won enough additional elections to become the majority party in the State Senate.

SDRtThing2Do, the proponent group, claims Amendment T provides "clarity," but it doesn't. It copies much of the current constitutional and SDCL 2-2-41 language without additional details. It also creates confusion by using two different phrases-- "equal population" and "equal population to the extent possible"-- in instructions for creating districts.

SDRtThing2Do claims Amendment T will prevent boundary drawing that might hurt a candidate's chances for winning. However, the new system could cause more broken up, divided counties. Under the current system in 2011, the number of divided rural counties was reduced from seven to three.

SDRtThing2Do claims Amendment T promotes "bipartisanship" because commission members are from two major parties and everyone else in equal proportion. The Legislature already includes members of different parties, but in proportion to what the people decide with their votes.

Amendment T mandates equal membership in three groups.

That's not bipartisan. It's an imposed quota system. It is certainly not democracy.

SDRtThing2Do, claims Amendment T "empowers voters," but it doesn't because it takes redistricting away from 105 legislators elected by the voters and gives it to nine people not elected by the voters.

Please vote "NO" on proposed Amendment T. Submitted by Representative Jim Bolin, Canton

Constitutional Amendment U

Title: An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution limiting the ability to set statutory interest rates for loans.

Attorney General Explanation

Under this constitutional amendment, there is no limit on the amount of interest a lender may charge for a loan of money if the interest rate is agreed to in writing by the borrower. If there is no written agreement, however, a lender may not charge more than 18% interest per year. A law setting an interest rate for loans is not valid unless the law gives the lender and borrower the ability to agree to a different rate. If an interest rate for loans is established by law, it must apply to every type of lender.

The amendment eliminates the ability to set statutory interest rates that are inconsistent with this amendment.

A vote "Yes" is for adding provisions to the Constitution that limit the ability to set statutory interest rates for loans.

A vote "No" will leave the Constitution as it is.

Pro –Constitutional Amendment U

VOTE "YES" to Stop Unfair Lending and Protect South Dakotan Families

– Constitutional Amendment U

This measure places a strict 18% cap on interest rates, is far more stringent than that of other measures

being proposed, and takes the extra step of amending the South Dakota constitution, which will ensure that the cap placed on interest rates are not undone or weakened by politicians.

This measure takes a balanced approach to protecting poor and middle-class people and families from predatory lending, while also protecting their access to money in cases of emergency.

This measure places greater protections for borrowers in South Dakota by putting an 18% cap on interest rates right in the constitution – making it much more difficult for special interest groups and politicians to undermine or weaken it.

Thanks to the overwhelming support people of South Dakota, as seen by the record number of people that signed the petition to place this measure on the ballot, South Dakotans will have the opportunity to vote on this important issue in November and send a clear message to lobbyists and special interests that in South Dakota, we stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

Lisa Furlong

Chairman

South Dakotans for Fair Lending

Con –Constitutional Amendment U

Payday Lenders and Car Title Companies in South Dakota support Constitutional Amendment U because it provides a large loophole that will continue to allow them to charge unlimited interest rates to low-income South Dakotans who walk through their front doors desperate for a short-term loan.

While Payday Lenders say this will cap interest rates at 18%, the loophole they wrote into the proposed law allows the lender to force a borrower to sign away their rights to an 18% loan and charge them whatever high interest rate the lender wants.

We are encouraging South Dakotans to oppose Constitutional Amendment U because of the large loophole that renders the so-called 18% rate cap useless. This amendment is opposed by all major religious denominations, AARP and other organizations that work to protect low-income families and seniors in South Dakota.

By Steve Hildebrand, Co-Chair of South Dakotans for Responsible Lending

Constitutional Amendment V

Title: An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution establishing nonpartisan elections

Attorney General Explanation

Currently, most general election candidates for federal, state, and county offices are selected through a partisan primary or at a state party convention. This Constitutional amendment eliminates those methods by establishing a nonpartisan primary to select candidates for all federal, state, and county elected offices. This amendment does not apply to elections for United States President and Vice President.

Under the amendment, candidates are not identified by party affiliation on the primary or general election ballot. All qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote for any candidate of their choice.

The two candidates with the most votes advance to the general election.

For certain offices where more than one candidate is elected at the general election, the number of candidates advancing to the general election will be double the number of seats to be filled.

If the amendment is approved, a substantial re-write of state election laws will be necessary.

A vote "Yes" is for adding provisions to the Constitution to establish nonpartisan elections.

A vote "No" will leave the Constitution as it is.

Pro –Constitutional Amendment V

Amendment V - Nonpartisan Elections is Supported by:

- South Dakota League of Women Voters
- Republicans, Democrats, and Independents from East & West River

Does Politics Make You Feel FRUSTRATED?? ANGRY??

You're not alone!

Politicians are elected to win for their party, not America. 109,000 South Dakota independent voters can't fully participate. 90% of Americans lack confidence in our political system. The voters deserve better.

Amendment V Fixes Our Politics:

- A Voice for Every Voter -- including independents.

- Voters can vote for who they want.

- Elects public servants, not party servants.

- Sends a Message to Washington: The Voters are fed up!

How Does It Work? Just Like Our Local Non-partisan Elections for Mayor or Judge

Have you voted for Mayor, City Council, School Board, or Judge? Then you already know how it works. All the candidates -- regardless of party -- are listed on a single ballot. Every voter - including independents - can just vote for who they want. The top two vote getters move on to a runoff style election in November. That's it!!

Nebraska's Nonpartisan Legislative Elections have worked for over 80 years.

They have a higher voter turnout than South Dakota, and the most competitive Legislative elections in the country. Doesn't South Dakota deserve that?

Who Opposes Nonpartisan Elections? The Partisan Establishment.

"Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

The political establishment wants to scare voters against Amendment V! Do you think they care about the voters? Or keeping their power? But Republican, Democratic and Independent voters agree: let everyone vote for who they want!

Join the League of Women Voters, Republicans like former Reagan/Bush Appointee Chuck Parkinson, Democrats like former US Senator Tim Johnson, and Independents like me who put our country first. Vote Yes on V! For the Voters!

Rick Knobe (Independent)

Chair of the Vote Yes on V Committee

www.VoteYesOnV.org

Con –Constitutional Amendment V

Amendment V gives politicians the constitutional right to hide party information from South Dakotans. The people deserve constitutional rights, not politicians. Amendment V takes party registration information away from voters at the moment they need that information most: when voting. Amendment V makes our ballot less transparent. While proponents call it an "open" primary, they never tell you that it is actually a HIDDEN Primary.

Amendment V puts California's merged primary system into South Dakota's constitution. Merging the two primaries into one will not give any South Dakotan an additional election in which to participate. Everyone will be able to vote in June and in November, just as they do today. Independent candidates will be harmed by California's system. Because only two candidates will be permitted in the general election for most races, voters are denied a third option. We have a great state. California should be taking notes from us, instead of us copying them.

Amendment V is a constitutional overhaul. Because Amendment V works major changes to our South Dakota constitution, it will be almost impossible to fix when we, the voters, realize that we have been robbed of our right to know who we are voting for.

Amendment V is sponsored and promoted by veteran Democrat political operatives. Do not be fooled by claims that this is "non-partisan." Most of the money raised by Amendment V came from out-of-state. The single biggest donor is an organization from New York City. Do not be fooled by claims that this is a "grassroots" or "South Dakota" effort.

South Dakota voters have a right to know who they are voting for.

The bottom line is: Amendment V makes South Dakota's elections less transparent.

Vote NO on Amendment V

Faithfully Submitted,

Will Mortenson

Chairman, VoteNoOnV.com

Initiated Measure 21

Title: An initiated measure to set a maximum nance charge for certain licensed money lenders

Attorney General Explanation

The initiated measure prohibits certain State-licensed money lenders from making a loan that imposes total interest, fees and charges at an annual percentage rate greater than 36%. The measure also prohibits these money lenders from evading this rate limitation by indirect means. A violation of this measure is a misdemeanor crime. In addition, a loan made in violation of this measure is void, and any principal, fee, interest, or charge is uncollectable.

The measure's prohibitions apply to all money lenders licensed under South Dakota Coded Laws chapter 54-4. These licensed lenders make commercial and personal loans, including installment, automobile, short-term consumer, payday, and title loans. The measure does not apply to state and national banks, bank holding companies, other federally insured nancial institutions, and state chartered trust companies. The measure also does not apply to businesses that provide nancing for goods and services they sell.

A vote "Yes" is for prohibiting certain money lenders from charging more than 36% interest on loans. A vote "No" is against the measure.

Pro –Initiated Measure 21

We are encouraging South Dakotans who believe we should cap interest rates on payday loans and car-title loans at 36% to vote YES on Initiated Measure 21. Currently, there is NO cap on interest rates. Lenders can and do charge whatever high rates they want to. Today, the average payday loan in South Dakota charges low-income people 574%.

We can do better. Predatory lenders should not be able to charge more than 36% interest – a rate set by the federal government for members of the military.

Capping interest rates at 36% on payday loans is supported by all major religious denominations, AARP and other organizations that work to protect low-income families and seniors in South Dakota.

By Steve Hickey, Co-Chair of South Dakotans for Responsible Lending

Con –Initiated Measure 21

Vote "No" on Initiated Measure 21

If passed, Initiated Measure 21 will:

- allow for more government intrusion into your personal nancial decisions.

- end access to short-term loans in South Dakota.

- prohibit hard-working South Dakotans with an unexpected need for cash to obtain these loans in times of need.

- destroy jobs and the bene ts South Dakotans need to provide medical care for their families.

This measure claims to cap short-term lending at a 36% interest rate, but do not be fooled. If gas prices were capped at 36 cents per gallon, it would mean you would have no gas.

This measure will end short-term lending in South Dakota, preventing hardworking South Dakotans from obtaining emergency loans when they most need them and killing the jobs that so many South Dakotan families need.

Brad Thuringer, Chair of Give Us Credit South Dakota

Initiated Measure 22

Title: An initiated measure to revise State campaign finance and lobbying laws, create a publicly funded campaign finance program, create an ethics commission, and appropriate funds

Attorney General Explanation

This measure extensively revises State campaign finance laws. It requires additional disclosures and increased reporting. It lowers contribution amounts to political action committees; political parties; and candidates for

statewide, legislative, or county office. It also imposes limits on contributions from candidate campaign committees, political action committees, and political parties.

The measure creates a publicly funded campaign finance program for statewide and legislative candidates who choose to participate and agree to limits on campaign contributions and expenditures. Under the program, two \$50 "credits" are issued to each registered voter, who assigns them to participating candidates. The credits are redeemed from the program, which is funded by an annual State general-fund appropriation of \$9 per registered voter. The program fund may not exceed \$12 million at any time.

The measure creates an appointed ethics commission to administer the credit program and to enforce campaign finance and lobbying laws.

The measure prohibits certain State officials and high-level employees from lobbying until two years after leaving State government. It also places limitations on lobbyists' gifts to certain state officials and staff members.

If approved, the measure may be challenged in court on constitutional grounds.

Legislative Research Council's Prison/Jail Population Cost Estimate Statement:

The penalties in this Act are administrative misdemeanors, with one class 5 felony. Their purpose is to enforce compliance with the provisions to which they adhere. These crimes are presently in statute, and past violations of these statutes show minimal charges and even fewer convictions. It is the opinion of the Legislative Research Council that the nature of these laws encourages regular compliance. When an offense is prosecuted, it will not likely result in a jail sentence. Hence, the impact on jail populations is likely negligible.

A vote "Yes" is for revising State campaign finance and lobbying laws.

A vote "No" is against the measure.

Pro –Initiated Measure 22

Vote YES on Initiated Measure 22, the South Dakota Government Accountability and Anti-Corruption Act. South Dakotans pride ourselves on being good, ethical citizens. We expect the same from our government. Under current law, South Dakota is the only state in America where lobbyists can give unlimited gifts to politicians. IM-22 ends unlimited lobbyist gifts.

A recent study found corruption in government costs every South Dakotan about \$1,300 per year. IM-22 eliminates this "corruption tax":

- IM-22 increases penalties for violations of campaign finance and lobbying laws.

- IM-22 requires more transparency, so we know who's buying influence in politics.

- IM-22 toughens ethics law enforcement to investigate lobbyists and state officials for violations.

South Dakota needs this Anti-Corruption Act to stop big-money lobbyists from having more control than everyday citizens over our elected officials. IM-22 lets you control \$100 of your own tax money, so you can support candidates who best represent your beliefs and values — or tell government not to spend it. It's that simple. It's your choice.

Special interest lobbyists oppose IM-22 because they benefit from a rigged political system and don't want it changed. IM-22 was put on the ballot by more than 20,000 South Dakotans, including South Dakotans for Integrity, a group of conservatives, progressives, small business owners, veterans, retirees, and everyday South Dakotans who believe freedom and self-governance are the foundations of our democracy.

We need to restore a government of, by and for the people, not government for the highest bidder. We can't fix every problem in politics, but IM-22 is a step in the right direction. While Washington remains gridlocked, South Dakota can lead the nation in government integrity by voting YES on IM-22.

Vote YES on IM-22. South Dakota won't be bought.

Don Frankenfeld, South Dakota economist and Republican

Co-chair, South Dakotans for Integrity

Read the proposal at yes.22.org

Con –Initiated Measure 22

Vote "NO" to defeat public financing of elections and to stop millions of your tax dollars from going into the political slush funds of politicians and those seeking public office.

The 34 page initiative is bad public policy and should be defeated.

Defeat initiated measure 22 because it: (1) forces South Dakota taxpayers to earmark millions of tax dollars to subsidize political campaign activity and causes they may not support; (2) diverts public funds that could be spent on other core priorities such as education, transportation or public safety, or returned to taxpayers in the form of lower taxes or fees; (3) compromises the constitutional rights of SD citizens to support the causes of their choice by stripping away individuals' right to privacy; and (4) exposes SD residents to harassment and intimidation while imposing a chilling effect on speech and political dialogue.

Vote "NO" to defeat Initiated Measure 22.

Larry Rhoden

Defeat22.com

Initiated Measure 23

Title: An initiated measure to give certain organizations the right to charge fees

Attorney General Explanation

The measure gives corporate organizations and non-profit organizations the right to charge a fee for any service provided. This measure takes effect on July 1, 2017.

A vote "Yes" is for allowing certain organizations the right to charge fees.

A vote "No" is against the measure.

Pro –Initiated Measure 23

Vote "Yes" on IM23 and Close the Free-rider Loophole!

Is it right for government to force anyone—including unions—to provide services for free?

IM23 reaffirms the right of any business or not-for-profit organization to collect fees for services they provide. Under current law, targeted non-profit membership organizations in South Dakota are required to provide services to non-members, but aren't allowed to charge for those services.

Can you think of any other situation where government forces people to do anything free? A similar "free-rider" law, comparable to what we have in South Dakota, has recently been ruled unconstitutional in Wisconsin.

This law does not inhibit or change in any way a South Dakotan's right to employment or require membership in any organization in order to hold a job. It merely closes the free-rider loophole, now hurting many employee-sponsored organizations.

IM23 will stop government interference into relationships between employers and workers to prevent "free-riders" from getting benefits other individuals are paying for without contributing their fair share. These benefits include pension plans, lifetime medical insurance, training and educational programs, and legal assistance.

Imagine: you and co-workers pool your money to hire a specialist to negotiate a better contract. Several other workers refuse to help pay for maintaining the contract. They get the same raises you paid to negotiate. The same pension and health care benefits. The same legal protection. Without your investments, there wouldn't be raises, a pension and health benefits.

How would you feel? Would you be comfortable if you were not helping?

Companies and employees should work together to create good jobs and improve South Dakota's economy without government interference. State government should not be allowed to stop businesses and non-profit organizations from collecting fees for services

that they provide.

Vote Yes on IM23 and close the Free-rider Loophole!

Submitted on behalf of South Dakotans for Fairness

Ballot Committee, Scott Niles, Newell, SD, Chairman

Con --Initiated Measure 23

First, read the language of IM-23:

"Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, an organization, corporate or nonprofit, has the right to charge a fee for any service provided by the organization."

Don't understand it? It's no wonder. Neither does anyone else. Does it really empower any organization to charge a fee for any service? What organizations or service does that include? And what impact will "notwithstanding any other provision of law" have on our existing laws that regulate fees or protect workers from being forced to pay fees to unions?

IM-23 was brought by unions in Minnesota and Illinois to force hard-working South Dakota teachers, police, firefighters, nurses, linemen, city, and state workers to pay fees to labor unions even if those workers choose not to be union members.

Having a job in South Dakota is not dependent on belonging to a labor organization or having to pay money to a union. That freedom is known as your "right to work". South Dakota's Right to Work law is in the Bill of Rights of the State Constitution. IM 23 would essentially end that right because it would exist "notwithstanding" any other law, even laws that prohibit forced payments to unions. Your right to work does not, and should not, include being forced to pay fees.

Organized labor claims they provide services including having to represent non-members in grievances at work. There is nothing that keeps unions from negotiating contracts that apply only to union members, leaving other workers to negotiate their own pay and deal with their own grievances. Historically Unions have had value, but workers should not be forced to pay membership fees if they don't want to.

Workers should decide on union membership. Don't let your right to work become pay to work.

VOTE NO on IM-23.

David Owen, Chairman of NO on 23 committee

Referred Law 19

Title: An Act to revise State laws regarding elections and election petitions

Attorney General Explanation

Currently, primary election candidates for certain offices must circulate and submit nominating petitions between January 1 and the last Tuesday in March. Referred Law 19 changes that timeframe to between December 1 and the first Tuesday in March. The referred law also changes other election-related submission deadlines, adjusting them from the last Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in March.

Certain election-related documents, including nominating petitions, are currently considered timely submitted if sent by registered mail before the deadline. The referred law changes this to require that these documents be received by the submission deadline. It also changes the method for calculating the number of signatures required on nominating petitions for certain elective offices.

The referred law prohibits a person registered with a recognized political party from signing an independent candidate's nominating petition. The current law does not contain that prohibition.

Under the referred law, an independent governor candidate cannot appear on the ballot if the corresponding lieutenant governor candidate withdraws and a replacement is not certified by the second Tuesday in August. It also restricts the circumstances under which a political party may replace a candidate who

has withdrawn from consideration after the primary election.

A vote "Yes" is for revising State laws regarding elections and election petitions.

A vote "No" is against the referred law.

Pro –Referred Law19

Passage of Referred Law 19 will mean fair and honest elections, increased transparency, and will prevent abuses of the election process.

Republicans drafted this bill, Republican Legislators passed it, and a Republican Governor signed it. Every voter, especially Republicans, should support Referred Law 19.

House Majority Leader Rep. Brian Gosch

Con –Referred Law19

Referred Law 19 is an attack on democracy. Incumbent legislators hijacked a petition reform law and turned it into this pile of new regulations to help themselves cling to power and discourage us citizens from participating in elections.

Among its several sections, Referred Law 19 makes three harmful changes.

RL 19 moves the deadline for candidate petitions from the end of March to the beginning of March. Candidates for Legislature would have to decide whether to run or not before the Legislative Session ends.

Candidates would lose most of the longer, warmer days of March to circulate petitions. In exchange, RL 19 gives them December, whose short days, cold weather, and holiday business make it the worst month for petitioning. These conditions mean fewer candidates will run for office.

RL 19 requires Republican and Democratic candidates to gather more signatures. It's already hard to recruit neighbors to run for office; making candidates collect more signatures will keep even more candidates off the ballot.

Worst of all, RL 19 takes away the right of Republicans and Democrats to sign petitions for Independent candidates. Right now, Independent candidates can take signatures from any registered voter. RL 19 says Independents could only take signatures from fellow Independents.

Limiting Independent petitions to Independent signers drastically reduces the number of South Dakotans who can sign Independent petitions (from 81% of adults to 17%) and makes it practically impossible for Independents to get on the ballot.

These changes add up to fewer people running for office, fewer choices on our ballots, and fewer incumbents held accountable by challengers.

That's bad for democracy. If we want to encourage citizens to participate in elections and make their voices heard, let's vote NO on Referred Law 19 and seek other reforms to improve our petition and election laws.

Cory Allen Heidelberger, Independent journalist, Dakota Free Press, Candidate, District 3 Senate

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Referred Law 20

Title: An Act lowering the State minimum wage for non-tipped employees under age 18

Attorney General Explanation

State law requires employers to pay all non-tipped employees a minimum wage, with limited exceptions. Currently, that amount is \$8.55 per hour. State law also requires that the minimum wage be adjusted, effective on January 1 of each year, by any increase in the cost of living as measured by the U. S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index.

Referred Law 20, if approved, would lower the existing State minimum wage to \$7.50 per hour for non-tipped employees under age 18. In addition, no annual cost-of-living wage adjustment would be required for the youth minimum wage.

The referred law would also prohibit employers from taking any action to displace an employee or reduce an employee's hours, wages, or benefits, in order to hire someone at the youth minimum wage.

A vote "Yes" is for lowering the minimum wage to \$7.50 per hour for non-tipped employees under age 18.

A vote "No" is against the referred law.

Pro – Referred Law 20

Young people in South Dakota deserve a fair shot at a first job. That's why South Dakota residents should vote YES on Referred Law 20 – SB 177, an Act that establishes a youth training wage while respecting the will of voters to raise the minimum wage for adults.

When South Dakota approved a minimum wage increase last November, voters might not have realized that the policy could unintentionally price the state's youngest jobseekers out of the workforce. Sadly, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office confirms that this is what happens when the minimum wage goes up.

That's the problem; SB 177 is the solution.

A study published by Cornell University found that the creation of a youth training wage can help alleviate the negative effects of a minimum wage increase on young employees. It makes intuitive sense: If the state's small businesses can pay a training wage to young adults who don't have extensive workplace experience, they're less likely to "downsize" that job.

That means young people will continue to receive all benefits associated with a first job, like higher pay and greater job security in the future.

Economists have shown that just 20 hours of part-time work per week during the senior year of high school results in annual earnings that are 20 percent higher after graduation, relative to young adults who don't work. Another study shows that young adults who are unemployed today are missing out on more than a paycheck---they're also at a greater risk of future unemployment.

You can't start climbing the career ladder without a first rung.

A youth training wage provision would ensure that, even as the minimum wage in South Dakota rises, this first rung still exists.

Michael Saltsman
Research Director
Employment Policies Institute
Saltsman@EPIOOnline.org

Con – Referred Law 20

Voting NO on Referred Law 20 keeps the current minimum wage for all workers. Voting NO on 20 prevents the creation of an unnecessary and undemocratic sub-minimum wage for teenagers. The state legislature attempted to create this "youth minimum wage" in 2015, but thousands of South Dakota voters prevented that pay cut from taking effect by signing a petition to refer it to a statewide vote. Voting NO on 20 stops that pay cut for good.

There are two reasons to vote NO on 20.

First, Referred Law 20 attacks South Dakota voters. In November 2014, we passed Initiated Measure 18 by a 55% to 45% margin. This statewide vote raised the state minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$8.50 an hour with an annual inflation adjustment. Thanks to that measure, the state minimum wage is now \$8.55 an hour. The state legislature attempted to undermine this measure by creating a lower sub-minimum wage of \$7.50 an hour for workers under age 18.

This youth minimum wage tries to overturn our majority vote in the 2014 election. Thus, voters who respect South Dakota's long history of direct democracy should vote NO on Referred Law 20.

Second, Referred Law 20 is also entirely unnecessary. Despite dire warnings from legislators backing the youth minimum wage, South Dakota's labor market has continued to expand and unemployment has decreased.

Paying young workers the same minimum wage as adults helps younger workers earn more to support their families and go to college without harming South Dakota's strong economy.

Please, vote NO on Referred Law 20. This legislation attacks the will of South Dakota voters and serves no good purpose in our robust labor market.

Reynold F. Nesiba
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**Groton City
Oct. 3, 2016**

**Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016**

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, Fliehs, Blackmun, McGannon, Glover, Peterson, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Justin Olson, Kathy Sundermeier, Dwight Zerr, Shawn Lampertz, and Terry Herron.

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

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

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

Executive Payroll 369.40 salaries; Administrative Payroll 6,311.17 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 13,544.00 salaries; Public Works Payroll 18,857.26 salaries; Culture & Recr Payroll 7,772.25 salaries; 1st State Bank 7,769.95 wh & ss; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; City of Groton 614.13 dep refunds, postage, util; Jeff Bailey 186.88 dep refund; Syndi Erzen 161.76 dep refund; Iver & Mary Finnesand 159.80 dep refund; US Post Office 201.45 postage; 1st National Bank 4,344.69 sewer crossing loan; 1st National Bank 6,975.69 west sewer loan; April Abeln 72.30 dep flex; Brandon Abeln 11.00 lunch; AmeriPride 31.70 rug rent; Border States 373.73 tools, supplies; Chase Visa 309.27 supplies; Clark Engineering 2,595.05 drainage study; Dakota Electronics 118.00 batteries; Dakota Pump & Control 2,420.82 pump repairs; Perryn & Angela Dobbins 200.00 Heartland rebate; Ecolab 98.96 pest control; Groton Area School 1,600.00 Heartland rebate; HD Supply 342.78 tool, supplies; Heartland Waste 6,376.34 garbage hauling; Terry Herron 11.00 lunch; James Valley Tele 512.53 phone, internet; Drew Johnson 975.00 legal services; Jerry Johnson 200.00 Heartland rebate; Locators & Supplies 152.29 uniforms; Anita Lowary 284.47 mileage, med flex; NW Energy 10.54 nat gas; Olson Backhoe 6,991.02 digging, trenching; S&S Lumber 538.25 supplies; SD Dept of Health 241.00 testing; SD Fed Surplus Prop 99.95 supplies; SD Public Assur Alliance 40,925.47 insurance; SD Retirement 8,083.36 retirement; Share Corp 276.17 cleaners, sprayers; St Paul Stamp Works 118.73 dog tags; Ultramax 857.58 ammunition; USA BlueBook 187.81 sensor; Verizon Wireless 41.81 communication; WEB Water 13,587.63 water; Dale & Karen Wolter 100.00 Heartland rebate

Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, and Shawn Lambertz gave department reports. Herron reported that the 4th St water main replacement was complete. A ten foot plov for the payload available from SD Federal Surplus property was approved for purchase on a motion by Fliehs and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye. Dwight Zerr reported that sewer cleaning starts next week and street sweeping to remove the leaves continues. Lambertz reported on electric projects and the need for bucket truck tires. Herron, Zerr, and Lambertz leave the meeting at this point.

Lowary reported on the Heartland Power CCC meeting she attended. Load management settings were discussed. Council was reminded of the Heartland meeting in Langford on Oct 19. 2nd Reading to Ordinance No. 707, Designating Finance Officer as Employee, was given on a motion by Glover and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Pumpkin Festival plans were discussed. City is cooperating with the school for band festival plans. ICS classes were discussed and Glover will check his certificates for the classes. Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to adjourn into executive session on legal matters 1-25-2-(3) at 7:45pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

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**Voter Registration
Notice**

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the General Election to be held on November 8th, 2016, will close on October 24th, 2016. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the county auditor at (605) 626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov.

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

Maxine Fischer, County Auditor

Brown County, South Dakota (1005.1012)

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**Groton City
FO to be no longer appointed**

Ordinance No. 707

An Ordinance Entitled: "An Ordinance Amending the 2012 Revised Ordinances For the City of Groton As It Pertains To Appointed Officials."

Be It Ordained By The City of Groton that the following paragraphs be amended to read as follows:

1-1-2 Appointive Officers, Salaries, Bonds. The following offices or positions of the city, as hereinafter created, are continued, and the amounts of salaries to and bonds to be finished by them shall be fixed by resolution of the city council and shall be adjusted as deemed necessary by resolution of the city council of the City of Groton and said amounts shall be on file at the office of the finance officer: attorney, and such other officers as may be prescribed by ordinance or state statute.

The salaries of such designated officers shall be paid monthly and that of the city attorney shall be paid an hourly rate on a monthly basis.

1-1-3 Employees Other Than Appointive. In addition to appointive officers, the mayor with the majority vote of the city council shall hire such other personnel, professional and otherwise, required and necessary for municipal purposes. The compensation of such employees shall be fixed by resolution at anytime regardless of the time when any city employee may have been hired.

The salaries of such employees shall be paid an hourly rate on a biweekly basis except that of the finance officer and police department who shall be paid semi-monthly.

Passed First Reading - 9/6/16
Passed Second Reading - 10/3/16

Published - 10/5/16
Effective Date - 10/25/16
Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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**Brown County
Klipfel Rezoning
Approved Ord.103**

ORDINANCE #103
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Candace Klipfel is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3), said

property described as follows:

Lot 2 Klipfel Subdivision in the N 1/2 SE 1/4 of Sec 8-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (10858 Ro-Ju-Os Place)

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

Notice of Hearing: August 30 & September 7, 2016

Passed First Reading: September 20, 2016

Passed Second Reading: September 27, 2016

Adopted: September 27, 2016
Published: October 5, 2016

Effective Date: October 25, 2016

Rachel Kippley, Chair
Brown County Commission

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
Fonder Rezoning
Notice**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Matt Fonder to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on October 18, 2016 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): Lots 1 & 2, Biegler Richmond Lake Third Subdivision in the SW 1/4 of Sec 13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (126694 & 126998 East Shore Drive)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 105.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

(1005.1012)

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**Henry Township
Mowing Notice**

Henry Township owners and tenants of Henry township are hereby notified and required according to law, to cut all weeds in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within said township on or before October 15, 2016 or someone will be hired by the township board and \$250 per half mile charge to the abutting property.

By order of the township board

Darlene Sass Town Clerk
(0928.1005)

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**Bates Township
Mowing Notice**

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2016 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors

Betty Geist
Township Clerk
(0928.1005)

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**Ownership
Statement**

The Groton Independent (230-440) has filed with the United States Postal Service its annual Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation. The annual subscription rate is \$35 and is published at least 50 weeks per year. The mailing address of the newspaper is 110 N Washington St., Groton, SD 57445. It is the same address as its publisher, editor and managing editor, Paul Irvin Kosel. The owner is Next Generation Publications, Inc. of the same address. The average number of paid circulation for the past 52 weeks is 314.

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Groton earns fifth NEC Title

The 2016 Groton Area Tigers have earned their fifth Northeast Conference Title posting a 41-6 win over Sisseton Friday night in Groton. The Tigers win the conference title with a 4-0 record.

Groton's touchdowns came on runs of four, 14 and 25 yards by Trevon Tuggles; and Bennett Shabazz passed to Trevor Pray for touchdowns of 25 yards and 36 yards, and to Seric Shabazz for 14 yards. Peyton Johnson kicked three PATs and Brandon Keith had one PAT on a pass from Bennett Shabazz.

Sisseton would score with 59 seconds left in the game on a 10 yard run by Hunter Medenwald. The PAT run was no good.

Groton Area had 13 first downs and Sisseton had six. The Tigers had 27 carries for 150 yards. Rushers were Trevon Tuggles with 10 carries for 85 yards, Bennett Shabazz with eight carries for 29 yards, Seric Shabazz with six carries for 21 yards, Brandon Keith with two carries for 11 yards and Trevor Pray with one carry for four yards. Sisseton had 36 carries for 86 yards. Justin Brockel had 17 carries for 54 yards.

Bennett Shabazz completed seven of nine passes for 163 yards for three touchdowns and one interception. Receivers were Trevor Pray with four catches for 115 yards, Seric Shabazz had one catch for 36 yards and Lucas Hinman had two catches for 12 yards.

Hunter Medenwald completed four of seven passes for Sisseton for 29 yards. Colbey Leh-rke had one catch for 23 yards.

Groton lost one fumble and Sisseton recovered both of its fumbles. Groton had eight penalties for 65 yards. One of those penalties included recalling a touchdown by Trevor Pray. Sisseton had three penalties for 30 yards.

Leading tacklers for Groton Area were Brandon Keith with 10 tackles and Seric Shabazz and Lucas Hinman with eight each. Josh Currence had nine tackles for Sisseton and Justin Brockel had six.

Groton Area is now 6-0 on the season and 4-0 in the Northeast Conference. Sisseton is 1-4 overall with an 0-2 NEC record.

Groton Area travels to Wagner on Friday and Sisseton hosts Aberdeen Roncalli.

2016 NEC Champions Coach Shaun Wanner
 2011 NEC Champions Coach Shaun Wanner
 1972 NEC Champions Coach Bobby Dubbs
 Left NEC in 1959 and rejoined in 1970
 1938 NEC Champions Coach Perry Doney
 (The football field is named after Doney)
 1939 NEC Champions Coach Perry Doney

Netters shake off Titans in fifth game

Groton Area needed all five games to shake off Leola-Frederick in volleyball action Tuesday night in Frederick, 3-2. Game scores for Groton Area were 25-20, 7-25, 25-20, 21-25 and 15-6.

Groton Area was 115 of 116 in sets with 30 assists. Katie Koehler was 102 of 103 with 27 assists and Paityn Bonn was nine of nine with two assists. Leola-Frederick was 118 of 123 with 29 assists. Keely Podoll was 96 of 101 with 22 assists.

In attacks, Groton Area was 157 of 183 with 37 kills. Gia Gengerke was 40 of 50 with 10 kills and Taylor Holm was 28 of 30 with nine kills. The Titans were 124 of 147 with 20 kills. Cassandra Hinz was 30 of 34 with four kills and April Hoffman was 25 of 31 with five kills.

The Tigers were 58 of 62 in serves with 11 ace serves. Katie Koehler was 20 of 21 with three ace serves and Miranda Hanson was 17 of 18 with three ace serves. Leola-Frederick was 76 of 81 with three ace serves. April Hoffman was 28 of 28 with two ace serves and Brianna Erdmann was 17 of 18.

Groton Area had more digs, 72-64, with Jessica Bjerke and Payton Maine each having 20 for Groton Area and Cassandra Hinz having 14 and April Hoffman 12 for the Titans.

The Tigers had four blocks with Gia Gengerke having all four. The Titans has seven blocks with Cassanda Hinz having five.

The Titans won the junior varsity match by game scores of 21-25, 27-25 and 15-9.

Groton Area, now 9-3, is currently in third place in the region. The Tigers will host Clark/Willow Lake on Thursday. Leola/Frederick, also third place in the regional seedings, is now 6-8 on the season and will host Waubay-Summit on Saturday.

Groton Coffee Cup

October 3 Team Standings: Jungle Lanes 7, James Valley 7, Ten Pins 6, Kens 4.

High Games: Joyce Walter 162; Penny Stolle 162; Vicki Walter 160, 160; Nancy Radke 158.

High Series: Vicki Waler 474, Penny Stolle 465, Nancy Radke 458.

Conde National League

October 3 Team Standings: Braves 11, Giants 10, Pirates 9, Colts 9, Mets 6, Cubs 3.

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 243, Larry Frohling 196, Justin Kesterson 160.

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 559, Larry Frohling 477, Justin Kesterson 434

Women's High Games: Michelle Johnson 252, 196; Joyce Walter 197; Mary Larson 188.

Women's High Series: Michelle Johnson 580, Joyce Walter 504, Vickie Kramp 481, Alice Severson 481.



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Groton ranked second in the state

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Sportswriters Association high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points and last week's ranking. With first-place votes in parentheses and total points. Groton Area remains second in the state with Winner getting all nine first place votes.

Class 11B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Winner	(9)	6-0	45	1
2. Groton Area	-	6-0	33	2
3. Tri-Valley	-	4-2	21	3
4. Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan	-	3-3	15	4
5. Chamberlain	-	4-1	13	5

Others receiving votes: Mobridge-Pollock 2, Parkston 2, Sioux Valley 2, Aberdeen Roncalli 1, McCook Central-Montrose 1.



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Class of 61 holds reunion

GHS Class of 1961 had their 55th class reunion on Jungle Day. Classmates came from Groton, and far away as Florida. 1961 homecoming king, Dennis Swanson, Florida; and queen, Joyce Ragels Darling, Deadwood were honored.

Joyce Ragels Darling and Lee Schinkel were co-chairmen of the reunion.

The class held their 50th in Groton, five years ago, and already planning their 60th reunion.

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Death Notice:

Richard Johnson

Richard "Herb"

Johnson, 73 of Conde

fell asleep October

3, 2016 at his home.

Services are pending

with Paetznick-Gar-

ness Funeral Chapel,

Groton.



Senior Citizens Royalty King Bob and Queen Ruth Pray. They have been married for 70 years!

Groton Senior Citizens

Groton Senior Citizens met September 12 with 24 members present. President Ella Johnson opened the meeting with pledge to the flag. Lee Schinkel played the piano. Eunice McColister read the secretary minutes from the Groton Independent paper. Treasurer gave her report. Seniors went to the RSVP volunteer recognition held by RSVP. A plaque and pin were given to Ella Stange for her volunteering 20 years. Bob and Ruth Pray were chosen King and Queen for the Senior Citizens. They rode in a Cadillac driven by Ruby Donovan in the homecoming parade. On October 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 there was a memorial service for DeLoris Jorgen. Meeting was adjourned and cards played. The winners Bridge-Darlene Fischer, Whist- Dick Donovan, Pinochle- DeWayne and Don Dauwin, canasta- Pat Larson and Cindy Gimmel, Door prizes-Beulah Hoops, Don Dauwin and Wally Fisher. A Get Well card was sent to Ella Stange. Lunch was served by Marian Raines, Tony Goldade and Grace Albrecht.

On September 19, 2016 The Groton Area Senior Citizens met to celebrate September and October birthdays. Bingo was played. Pat Larson won blackout. Door prizes went to Lorraine Sippel, Marian Raines and Beulah Hoops. Cake and ice cream was served by Marian Raines, Beulah Hoops and Tony Goldade.

On September 26 The Groton Seniors met for a regular meeting. Twenty-six members attended. President Ella Johnson opened the meeting and all recited the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played, the Battle Hymn of the Republic and all sang along. Minutes and treasures reports were read and accepted. A get well card was sent to Jan Raap. Meeting was adjourned and cards played the winners of the games. Pinochle--David Kleinsasser, Canosta- Beulah Hoops and Hazel McKitterick, Bridge -Wally Fischer,, Whist-Lorraine Sippel, Ella Johnson, and Elda Stange. Door prizes- Beulah Hoops, Wally Fischer, and Allan Zoellner. Lunch was served by Darlene Fischer, Ella Johnson and Mary Walker, A delicious lunch was served. Common table prayer was said before lunch.

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