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Three golfers compete at state

Three Groton Area golfers qualified for the state golf meet by placing in the regional golf meet held in Madison. The state meet was held in Rapid City at the Hart Ranch.

Pictured left to right are: Hunter Schaller - he placed 22nd at the regions with a score of 99 and he placed 92nd at the state meet with a score of 208 over the two-day event; Landon Marzhan - he placed 20th at the region with a score of 98 and 61st at the state with a score of 186; and Cade Guthmiller - he placed 21st at the region with a score of 98 and 89th at the state with a score of 205. (Photo courtesy Tina Guthmiller)



Landon Marzahn gets ready to hit the ball at the state golf **meet held in Rapid City.** (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.)

The Northern State University Marching Band from Aberdeen was the featured band this year at the Lake Region Band Festival held in Groton on Friday. See more photos and results inside.

Thompson qualifies for state

The regional cross country meet was held Thursday in Webster and Groton Area's Emily Thompson placed 12th to qualify for the state meet. She ran the 5,000m course in 21:23.06.

Girls Varsity Division

- 12, Emily Thompson, 21:23.06
- 37, Hannah Lewandowski, 25:02.60.
- 39, Erin Smith, 25:58.85
- 41, AnneMarie Smith, 27:14.01
- 42, Jenifer Fjeldstad, 27:46.00

Boys Varsity Division

- 32, Lee Williams, 19:41.17.
- 41, Micah Poor, 20:34.50
- 44, Mitchell Koens, 21:08.29.

Bovs JV

- 11, Tylan Glover, 13:11.45
- 23, Noah Poor, 13:54.73
- 43, Spencer Jacobs, 17:06.41

Open meetings panel finds violation

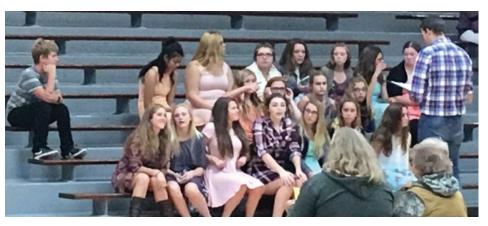
The Groton City Council violated a state law that requires local governments to vote before going into executive session, the Open Meetings Commission decided last Friday in Aberdeen.

The infraction was during a June 20 Groton city meeting.

Groton resident Betty Breck filed the complaint. Breck said the council disregarded state law when it went into closed session without voting.

The city's attorney admitted to the commission that the council failed to vote to go into executive session, but said it was an oversight made in the spur of the moment.

Prairie Harvest Choral Festival



Groton Area music director Cody Swanson goes over last minute details with the Groton junior high choir students. (Below) Students from Britton-Hecla, Groton, Langford, Oakes, Rosholt, Summit and Waubay took part in the Prairie Harvest Choral Festival held Monday night in Britton. (Photos by Tina Kosel)





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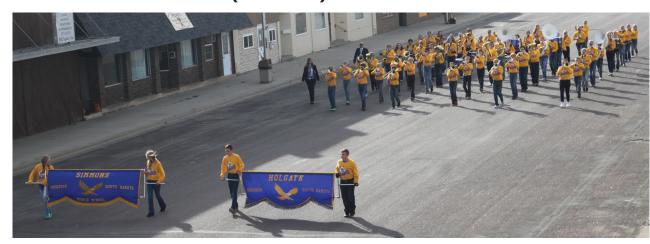




Groton Area High School (Exhibition)



Groton Area Middle School (Exhibition)



Aberdeen Simmons/Holgate Combined 8th Grade Marching Band Middle School Band of Distinction Award



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Lake Region Band

Marching Festival
Groton hosted the Lake Region Band Marching Festival on Friday with windy conditions and temperatures in the mid 50s. There were 13 vistings bands plus the NSU marching band and Groton's two marching bands. After the parade on Main Street, everyone gathered at the football field where NSU put on an exhibition and the awards were handed out. The Band of Merit is considered second place and the Band paid at Groton, SD. of Distinction is considered first place.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

This weekend, the Minnesota Vikings got some much deserved rest. Generally, teams prefer their bye week to be later in the season, but the Vikings aren't going to complain about the timing of it this year. While they are the only team in the NFL that hasn't lost a game this season, injuries have been mounting. Hopefully the players will take this time off to heal and be ready for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Since the Vikings aren't playing this week, let's take a look around the rest of the NFC North.

Chicago is sitting in the basement of the division with a record of 1-5. Even though quarterback Jay Cutler has missed some time with a thumb injury, the Bears' offense has been moving the ball well,

especially through the air. However, the team has been unable to find the endzone and is averaging less than 17 points per game. Head coach John Fox is in his second season, and has seen improvement on the defensive side of the ball. This team is still in rebuilding mode, and is at least a couple years away from challenging the Vikings atop the NFC North.

The Detroit Lions are third in the division with a 3-3 record. Matthew Stafford is having

The Detroit Lions are third in the division with a 3-3 record. Matthew Stafford is having perhaps the best season of his career, which is surprising considering the retirement of his favorite target Calvin Johnson. The Lions have been up and down all season, handing the Eagles their first loss of the season last week but also giving Chicago their only win of the year. The Lions seem to be lacking an identity this year, and will likely be muddling in the middle of the division until they find one.

Green Bay is sitting at second in the NFC North, a half-game above Detroit with a 3-2 record. The Packers were the trendy preseason pick to win the division, but they have had some early season struggles. The team was actually booed at Lambeau Field on Sunday after getting blown out by the Dallas Cowboys. A large part of Green Bay's struggles can be placed on the shoulders of Aaron Rodgers, who is having the worst year of his career. Currently, Pro Football Focus has given Rodgers a grade of 61.1, which ranks him 24th in the league. Betting against the Packers is usually a bad idea, and the team cannot be counted out this early in the season.

Stephanie in Sioux Falls, SD wrote me on Facebook and asked: "If Sam Bradford continues playing at such a high level, will there be a quarterback controversy next offseason?"

This is a great question and unquestionably the thing I get asked the most. In my opinion, the biggest question will be if Teddy Bridgewater comes back fully healed. If he does, the Vikings will give him every chance to win the starting role back. The Vikings are in a great position, because quarterbacks of Bradford's caliber don't come around very often, and he will be a hot commodity throughout the league next offseason. If Teddy comes back healthy, the Vikings will have a bidding war on their hands, with multiple teams selling the farm to acquire Bradford. Cha-ching!

Jon from Moorhead, MN asks: "Will Jake Long be the Vikings' left tackle? How long until he is starting on the offensive line?"

Great question Jon. Jake Long was brought in by Minnesota because of all the injuries on the offensive line. Long was the first overall pick in the 2008 draft, and was at one point considered one of the best left tackles in the league. Injuries derailed his career, but he is only 31 years old and says he feels better than he has in a long time. If Long can become even a shadow of his former self, he will instantly become the best offensive tackle on the team. If I had to put money on it, Long will be starting at left tackle sooner rather than later. Don't be surprised if he's starting as soon as this weekend!

Thanks to Stephanie and Jon, as well as everyone else who submitted questions!

If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Facebook: Facebook.com/ SkolJWright or on Twitter: @SkolJWright



8th Grade Team Awards

Front row from left. Groton, 1st place, Alexis Hanten, Isaac Smith, Erin Unzen, Grace Wambach. Back row from left: Groton, 2nd place, Trey Gengerke, Tanae Lipp, Sage Mortenson, Samantha Pappas

MathCounts teams take first and second at Groton competition

The Groton Area Invitational MathCounts Competition was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 in the high school gym.

107 students from eight Aberdeen area schools (Britton-Hecla, Holgate, Northwestern, Roncalli, Selby, Simmons, Warner, and Groton) participated in the event, which was sponsored by 3M of Aberdeen. Groton earned first and second places in the eighth grade team division. Alexis Hanten, Isaac Smith, Erin Unzen, and Grace Wambach were on the first place team. Second place team members were Trey Gengerke, Tanae Lipp, Sage Mortenson, and Samantha Pappas.

Three Groton eighth graders also received recognition in the individual portion of the competition. Isaac Smith placed first, Samantha Pappas placed third, and Trey Gengerke placed fourth.

MathCounts is a nationwide coaching and competition program

for middle school students that promotes excellence in mathematics. Area competitions consisting of several types of tests are held monthly.

The next junior high competition will be the Roncalli Invitational MathCounts Competition on Wednesday, November 2.

Netters breeze past Tiospa Zina

Groton's volleyball team is now the second seed team in the region, after falling from first to third and now back up to second, just behind Milbank Area. The Lady Tigers defeated Tiospa Zina Thursday night, 25-10, 25-14 and 25-7. The Tigers lost ground with the win as Milbank Area defeated Redfield/Doland to secure more bonus points. But it is still close as the Tigers host Florence/Henry on Monday, travel to Northwestern on Tuesday and then to Milbank on Oct. 24.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-8 and 25-23, and the C match, 25-4 and 25-13.

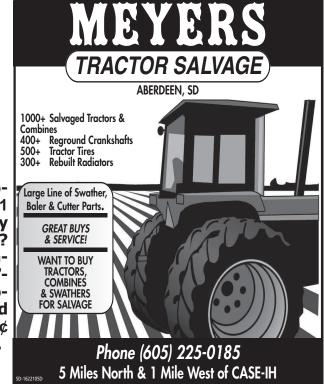
In serving, Groton Area was 71 of 94 with 14 ace serves. Jessica Bjerke had five ace serves, Katie Koehler had four, Taydn Glover had two and having one each were Gia Gengerke, Paityn Bonn and Jennie Doeden. Bjerke was 18 of 19 and Koehler was 11 of 12.

In attacks, Groton Area was 97 of 111 with 38 kills. Audrey Wanner was 11 of 15 with eight kills and Jennie Doeden was 14 of 14 with eight kills.

The Tigers were 88 of 90 in sets with 31 assists. Katie Koehler was 75 of 77 with 30 assists and Jennie Doeden was nine of nine with one assist.



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GROTON LIONS CLUB

The Groton Lions Club met last Thursday, with a supper during the business session, led by Dave Pigors, president. Nancy Larsen, secretary, read minutes of the September monthly meeting.

There was no treadurer's report.

Reports were given bt Topper Tastad on the Andover threshing show, served two days, and the city sponsored pumpkin fest, by Topper Tastad.

Justin Olson reported on the Jungle Days parade entry. Lee Schinkel told of Peace Poster contest plans. Written reports were read from Michelle Mullenburg on the Punt, Pass and Kick contest on Jungle Day. Seven youth will go on to the regional contest at Castlewood. The club pays for the trophies.

Michelle also sent her written report on the fall rummage sale. The spring rummage sale is set for May 6.

Justin played a recording of the Lions ad for the homecoming football game.

October 27 was the date set to clean ditches again.

A monetary donation was made to the Golden Living Center's annual Halloween trick or treating.

Lori Bahr will be the Lions photographer.

Ron and Kathryn Rehfuss presented a plan for a possible Legacy project for the club in the city park.

Karen Babcock was a guest.

James Valley Tractor Club raffle ticket winners

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Leola	231	219	211	661		
Roncalli	234	231	209	674	2nd	
lpswich	228	238	216	682	1st	
Northwestern	215	220	175	610		
Waubay	183	190	137	510		
Langford	217	229	208	654		
Simmons & Holgate	203	144	157	504	1st	Middle Sc
Milbank	191	142	129	462		
Watertown	182	140	143	465	2nd	
Great Plains Lutheran	192	212	182	586	2nd	High Scho
Britton-Hecla	195	208	170	573		
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According to South Dakota Codified Law:

SDCL 12-20-21.2 - Write-in votes not to be counted--Other votes on ballot. If a name is written on a ballot in an attempt to cast a write-in-vote, the write-in vote may not be counted. However, all other votes for which the voter's intent may be determined shall be counted.

Administrative Rule:

5:02:16:17.01 - Write-in votes not counted. As each ballot is being examined to determine how the vote was cast for each office, the counting board shall determine if any write-in was placed on the ballot. The write-in may not be counted as a vote but all other valid marks shall be counted as votes.

Voter Registration Deadline is October 24th by 5pm.

Deadline approaching for disabled veteran property tax program

PIERRE, S.D.—The Nov. 1, 2016, deadline for eligible disabled veterans to apply for property tax relief is approaching.

The South Dakota Department of Revenue's Disabled Veteran's Program exempts the first \$100,000 of valuation on an eligible applicant's property. The program also applies to surviving spouses of disabled veterans if they have not remarried. Once approved, this exemption will automatically continue until the property changes ownership or

is not owner occupied.

To qualify for the program, applicants must meet both of the following criteria:

 The veteran must be rated as permanently and totally disabled as a result of a service-connected disability.

• The veteran or a surviving spouse, who is not remarried, must own and occupy the property.

Applicants will be required to provide proof of their eligibility to receive the exemption, which may be obtained by calling the Sioux Falls VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-1000.

If approved, applicants will receive their first reduction in their property taxes payable in 2018. Applications can be accessed on the Department of Revenue's website or from their county director of equalization.

South Dakota Reports First Flu Detection Of Season

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota is reporting its first influenza detection of the 2016-2017 season, a Pennington County resident in the 20-29 age group confirmed with influenza A. The first influenza hospitalization was also reported in a Potter County resident in the 20-29 age group with influenza B.

"A yearly flu shot is the best way to protect yourself and those around you from influenza and now is the time to get vaccinated," said Colleen Winter, family and community health director for the department.

Yearly flu vaccination is recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months, but some groups are at higher risk – pregnant women, people over 50 years and people with chronic medical conditions. Health care workers and household contacts of high risk populations, especially those with young infants in the household, should also be vaccinated.

Last flu season, 56.6 percent of South Dakotans got a flu vaccine, the highest vaccination rate in the nation for the third straight year. South Dakota has had the nation's highest flu vaccination rate for five of the last six seasons.

In addition to annual vaccination, people can help prevent flu by washing hands often with soap and water, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick. Learn more about influenza and how to prevent it at http://flu.sd.gov.

Preventing and controlling infectious disease is one objective of the Department of Health's 2015-2020 strategic plan, http://doh.sd.gov/strategicplan.

Groton Area beats Florence-Henry



Paityn Bonn goes for a kill with Jessica Bjerke in the background.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Gia Gengerke gets ready to return the ball. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Coffee Cup

Oct. 17 Team Standings

James Valley 13, Jungle Lanes 10, Ten Pins 9, Kens 8, High Games: Vicki Walter 181, Vickie Kramp 174, Arlowyn Spencer 167

High Series: Vicki Walter 474, Vickie Kramp 471, Arlowyn Spencer 464

Conde National League

Team Standings: Giants 16, Pirates 14, Colts 13, Braves 12, Mets 9, Cubs 8.

Men's High Games: Lance Frohling 222, 206; Butch each having five. Groton Area had Famen 220; Bruce Hermon 201

Men's High Series: Lance Frohling 576, Butch Farmen 557, Bruce Herman 523

Women's High Games: Michelle Johnson 191, Deb Fredrickson 173, Mary Larson 171

Women's High Series: Deb Fredrickson 466, Mary at Milbank Area Larson 449, Michelle Johnson 444

Groton Area's volleyball season is quickly coming to a close as the Tigers hosted the final home match of the season. It was also Parent's night for the C, JV and Varsity team members.

The Lady Tigers defeated Florence-Henry, 3-0, to improve to 15-5 on the season. Florence-Henry is

Game scores were 25-14, 25-20 and 25-11. Groton also won the junior varsity match, 25-23 and 25-19.

In serving, Groton Area was 63 of 72 with seven ace serves. Katie Koehler was 13 of 15 with two ace serves, Gia Gengerke was five of six with two ace serves, Audrey Wanner was eight of nine with one ace serve, and having one ace serve each were Paityn Bonn and Jessica Bierke.

In sets, Groton Area was 94 of 95 with 30 assists. Katie Koehler was 79 of 80 with 25 assists and Paityn Bonn was 11 of 11 with five assists.

Groton Area was 98 of 110 in spikes with 36 kills. Gia Gengerke was 17 of 19 with 11 kills, Audrey Wanner was 26 of 30 with eight kills and Jessica Bjerke was 22 of 23 with six kills.

Groton Area had five blocks with Gia Gengerke having three solo blocks, and Katie Koehler and Taylor Holm each had two assists. Groton Area had 43 digs with Payton Maine having 12, Audrey Wanner 10 and Paityn Bonn eight.

Northwestern has nearly clean sweep over Groton

Northwestern won 11 of the 12 volleyball games played Tuesday at Mellette. The seventh graders won their first game, 25-19, before dropping the next two, 25-16 and 15-6. The eighth graders lost their games, 25-22 and 25-21. The C team had an exciting first game going into extra points before the Wildcats pulled it off, 30-28. Northwestern won the second game, 25-15. The Wildcats won the junior varsity match by two identical game scores of 25-15. The varsity lost its match by game scores of 25-19, 25-16 and 25-10.

In serving, Groton Area was 42 of 46 with one ace serve. Audrey Wanner was eight of nine with one

In attacks, Groton Area was 78 of 95 with 17 kills. Audrey Wanner was 22 of 25 with five kills and Katie Koehler was 11 of 11 with three kills.

Groton Area had 33 digs with Audrey Wanner having nine and Payton Maine and Paityn Bonn Jessica Bjerke each having one solo block.

The volleyball team ends its reqular season on Monday with a match

four blocks with Taylor Holm and

Groton City Oct. 17 **Meeting Minutes**

October 17, 2016 The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Fliehs, Opp. Blackmun, Peterson, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Members absent were: Glover and McGannon. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Justin Olson, and Kathy Sundermeier.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Opp. All mem-

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

present voted aye. First State Bank 7,509.81 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; SD State Treasurer 8,894.77 sales tax; April Abeln 40.21 dep & med flex; AFLAC 749.62 emp ins; Badger Meter 54.00 meter gateway; Border States 732.78 materials; Car Quest 299.64 repairs; Cole Paper 105.36 towels; Dakota States Group 291.70 sewer pipe; Dearborn National Ins 88.00 life ins; Ecolab 98.96 pest control; Full Circle Ag 186.37 herbicide; Guardian Ins 245.30 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 34,713.58 power; Ken's Food Fair 466.99 gas,dsl,sup; Paul Kosel 5.51 med gas, usi, sup, Paul Rosel 3.51 filed flex; Lori's Pharmacy 32.18 float dec; Anita Lowary 176.68 meals, paper, med flex; MJs 1,391.89 gas, dsl, tire repair; RDO-John Deere Cr 104.58 blade; SD One Call 70.35 locates; SD Federal Property 1,011.75 blade, tools; Supplement Retirement 1,260.00 emp retire; Dan Sunne 200.00 med flex; T & R Electric 3,158,00 transformers: Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,548.62 health ins; Wesco 1,100.00 lights; Western Area Power Adm

25,811.11 power A request from the Golden Living Center for a donation to the

Halloween candy was denied.
Police Chief Stacy Mayou enters the meeting at this point and reported on training, small equipment grants received, duties as Brown County deputies, vehicle bids, and sale of current vehicle. He leaves the meeting

after this discussion.

Lowary reported on health insurance renewal cost increases.

Other options will be explored. The 2016 swimming pool and baseball reports were reviewed. Eide Bailey has completed the 2014-2015 Audit.

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Blackmun to authorize one to go to Safety School in Pierre on Nov 9-10. All members present voted ave.

Lowary reported on the SDML conference she attended.

At 8:03pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Peterson and seconded by Opp to discuss legal matters SDCL 1-25-2 (3). All members present voted ayé. Council reconvened at 8:21pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Anita Lowary, Finance Officer proximate cost of \$17.53. 13016

Claremont Town Oct. 11 **Meeting Minutes**

The board of Trustees for the

town of Claremont met on 10-11-16 at 7p.m. in the city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Crosby, and Merkel present. On a motion by Al and seconded by Russ the minutes of the September meeting were approved as read. On a motion by Russ and seconded by Al the following warrants were allowed: General: Office Max, computer, shredder, scanner, 1192.15; IRS, 3rd quarter report, 352.65; Unemployment Ins,SD, 3rd quarter, 19.40; Br. Co. treasurer, mosquito spraying 423.20; James Valley, phone and computer 86.03; NWE, lights 365.82; Charla Rye, wage, 300.00; WSSW: sewer duck, pump suage x3, 2030.40; DPC repair sewer lift #2, 1410.71; BDM, water used, 727.90; Dept of Revenue- Remittana, water sample, 15.00; NWE, water reading, 138.52; Robin Crosby, meter reading, 138.52; Rural development, loan payment, 576.00; The board agreed that due to the increase in water rate by BDM that they had no other choice than to raise the town water rate. So on a motion by Al seconded by Russ the rates will be as follows \$24.00 for the 1st 1000 gallons (remains as in the past). \$3.50 per thousand gallons there after-(new) \$17.00 sewer rate will remain the same. A motion to purchase two pumps from DPC at \$6745.00 each to repair lift #2 and have the other for emergency was made by Al and seconded by Russ motion carried. On a motion by Crosby and seconded by Merkel to adjourn the meeting. Motion

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Aberdeen Radar to undergo upgrade

The weather radar used by the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Aberdeen will be down for three days beginning Monday, October 31, 2016 for technicians to install an important technological upgrade. The work on the WSR-88D has been scheduled to minimize any potential impacts to office operations and will be delayed if hazardous weather is forecast.

During the outage, radar coverage is available from adjacent radar sites including North Platte, NE; Rapid City, SD; Bismarck, ND; Grand Forks, ND; Minneapolis, MN; and Sioux Falls, SD.

A crew will install a new signal processor, which replaces obsolete technology, improves processing speed and data quality, provides added functionality, and increases IT security. This is the first of four major upgrades, known as service life extension projects, planned in the next five years to replace and refurbish major components of the 20 year old WSR-88Ds

and to keep the radars operational into the 2030s. The \$150 million investment is being made by the three organizations that use these radars, the NOAA National Weather Service, United States Air Force and Federal Aviation Administration. The three other service life extension projects include refurbishing the transmitter, pedestal, and equipment shelters.

The tri-agency Radar Operations Center, which supports the radars, estimates it will take about 10 months to upgrade the signal processor on all 159 operational WSR-88Ds.

A tentative deployment schedule is available:

http://www.roc.noaa.gov/WSR88D/PublicDocs/SLEP/ECP0437SigProcSLEPDeploySched.pdf

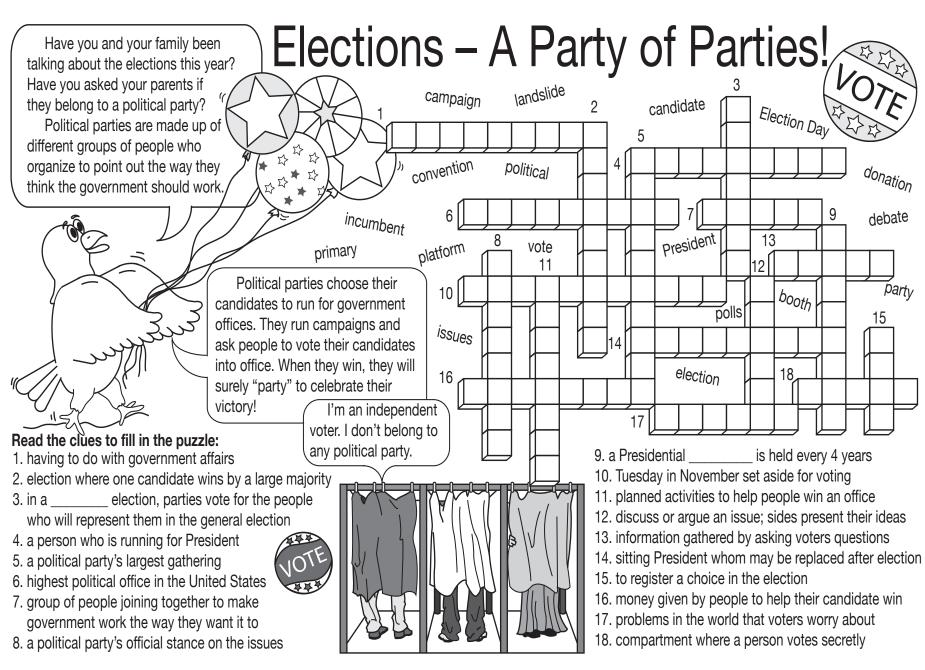
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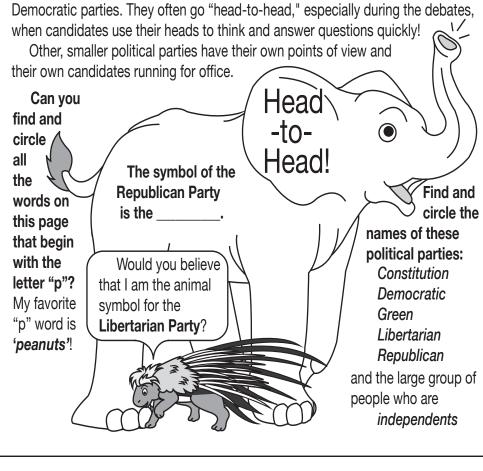
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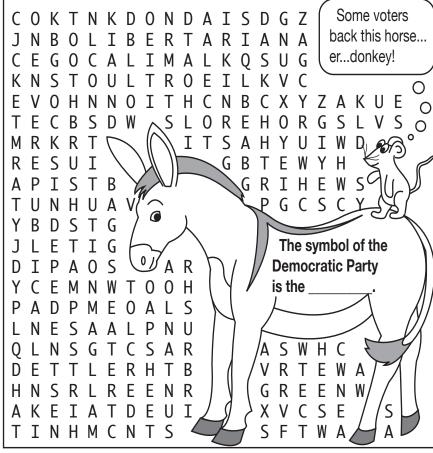
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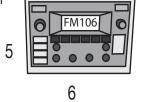
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Brown County Oct. 11

Meeting Minutes OCTOBER 11, 2016 - GEN-

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

MINUTES: Moved by Fieldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the Joint Frederick City/ County Meeting Minutes and the General Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: Adam Altman \$4,570.88; Avera St. Luke's \$84.75; Dakota Wood Grinding \$24,955.00; Ryan Dell \$1,131.60; Kuck Law Office \$756.50; LGB \$5,397.60; Jerry McNeary \$5,198.00; Rogers Law Office \$979.80; SD Dept. of Health \$200.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$718,090.38; State of SD \$5,596.47; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$984.40; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$671.60; Jennifer Stoddard \$1,011.08.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$262.31; Groton Independent \$352.68; Hub City Radio \$300.00; K-Love \$5,500.00;

Repairs & Maintenance: Áberdeen Chrysler Center \$735.88; Artz Equipment \$17.73; Clark Engineering \$22,019.09; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$1,482.81; Custom Sheet Metal \$111.00 Dakota Electronics \$93.10; DFP \$675.52; DMI \$20,600.00; Foothills Contracting \$527,469.18; Gardner Locksmithing \$323.61; GovConnection \$16,273.15 Great Western Tire \$10.00: Harr Motors \$744.38; Hoven Auto Repair \$226.68; Industrial Builders \$152,384.64; ITS \$15,632.50; J Gross Equip. \$25.20: Jebro \$933.95: Lawson Products \$33.48; Leidholt Electric \$61.22; Overhead Door \$394.90; PowerPlan \$1,750.53; Pro Ag Supply \$78.28; Productivity Plus \$48.58; Quality Welding \$331.40; Sheehan Mack \$2,341.81; Walth Safety Service \$90.00.

Supplies: A & B Business \$4,680.98; A-1 Locksmithing \$110.00; Aberdeen Area Radiator \$197.50; Aberdeen School Dist. \$323.29; Artz Equipment \$762.46; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Bonnie Bitz \$144.00; Brown & Saenger \$798.00; CarQuest \$1,637.82; Cartney Bearing \$175.17; Century Business Products \$51.80; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$2,250.88; Dakota Electronics \$122.75; DFP \$760.16; Dakota Öil \$772.89; Dean Foods \$678.30; DT Pharmacy \$1,200.00; Earthgrains \$952.95; Fastenal \$587.70; FedEx \$22.01; Great Western Tire \$8,389.48; Interstate All Battery Center \$32.80; Interstate Battery System \$171.95; Intoximeters \$2,100.00; J Gross Equip. \$854.26; Jebro \$10,942.25; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$190.16; Lawson Products \$450.67; Lien Transportation \$57,418.48; Mac's \$21.22; Marco \$608.62; Menards \$479.48; NCFE – Warner Elevator \$976.08: Network Services \$69.30; Overhead Door \$150.00; JoAnn Paulson \$1,055.00; Pizza Ranch \$74.45; Anissa Poor \$21.26; PowerPlan \$3,428.68; Running's \$284.69; Sheehan Mack \$1,940.91; Sherwin Williams \$178.50; Taylor Laundry \$1,724.10; Walth Safety Service \$106.91.

Travel and Conference: Tom Fischbach \$340.28; Carol Sherman \$195.52; Sarah Swenson

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$5,345.36; CenturyLink \$406.54; Economy Propane \$90.10; Midcontinent \$550.00; NWPS \$879.15; NVC \$1,135.43; Town of Frederick \$48.00.

Buildings: Huff Construction \$71,856.00.

Other: SDACO \$1,134.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

INTEREST STATEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to accept for filing the July – September 2016 Interest Statement (\$6,520.57) submitted by County Treasurer Sheila Enderson. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

UNCOLLECTIBLE TAX LIST: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to declare the taxes uncollectible on two mobile homes (tax bill #25438, 25529, 25529, 25593 and 25661), as submitted by Sheila Enderson, Brown County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

USED COPIER QUOTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to refer two quotes received for a used copier to the IT Department for review and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:10 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County

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Brown County Rohr Rezoning **Notice**

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMIS-SION REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 25th day of October 2016, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the petition filed by Todd Rohr, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:

Proposed Lots 1 and 2, Rohr Third Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Sec 36-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12989 and 12993 Rohr Drive)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may adopt first reading of Ordinance #16-10-02/460 granting petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 1st day of August 2016.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County

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Groton School Oct. 11

Meeting Minutes UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF BOARD OF FDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING

October 11, 2016 President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjelstad, Harder, Kjelden, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Gengerke. Others present: Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan and Business Official Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the agenda with three amendments under

New Business Item #2 – amend \$130 request to \$135, New Business Item #4 – approve promissory note and New Business Item #5 – approve Project Skills agreement. Motion carried.

There were no potential conflicts of interest reported.

Moved by Hader, second Rix to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes from September 12 and 27, North Central Special Ed Coop School of Record agenda items and District bills. Motion

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary 173,933.42; FIT – 19,749.31; Medicare - 6,624.24; FICA 28,324.06; American Funds – 764.50; Washington Nation-98.40; SD Retirement 29,074.78; First National Bank HSAs – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 1,301.40; Horace Mann – 539.21; Thrivent – 226.50; AFLAC – 2,090.91; Delta Dental - 4,501.86; SD Supplemental Retirement – 851.53; Wellmark BCBS -64,035.00; Reliastar 570.78; Aberdeen Awards medals, 192.40; Acme Tools supplies, 167.57; Agency Fund advance payments, 21,354.57;
 Allied Climate Professionals – boiler & ac services, 8,091.85; Band Shoppe – shoes, 39.90; C. Barse – agenda refund, 5.00; Brown County Treasurer – spraying, 123.36; Carquest – auto parts, 158.39; CHS Show Choir estival – entry, 200.00; City of Groton - utilities, 12,766.09; Cole Papers – supplies, 1,964.39; Crawford Trucks – switch, 26.84; Dakota Supply Group – bulb, 46.97; Dependable Sanitation services, 1,254.50; Domino's Pizza - meal, 111.84; Follett School Solutions – support credit, (238.63); G&K Services – rug service, 430.06; GCR Tires – tires, 105.70; GASD Food Service – supplies, 23.30; Groton Chiropractic – physical, 95.00; Hauff Mid-America Sports – track supplies, 291.85; Hillyard – supply credit, (2,900.18); T. Hilsenéger – soccer services, 99.00; House of Glass - repairs, 298.63; IXL Learning site license. ,288.00; JW Pepper – music, 248.38; James Valley Telecomm.
– services, 924.95; G. Kjellsen
– meal reimb, 62.10; Locke Electric – services, 2,634.24; Madison Central School – state golf expense, 48.06; Matheson – supplies, 180.37; NCS Pearson – aimsweb, 675.00; Northside Implement - bus repairs, 11,045.03; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 291.81; Olde Bank Floral-n-More – hc flowers,

227.50; QQP/Midstates – hc banner, 90.00; N. Quamme – sc choreography, 1,500.00; Ramkota Hotel – lodging, 95.99; J. Schwan – fuel reimb, 55.97; SDHSAA – penalties, 100.00; Sewer Saver – services, 202.35; Taylor Music – repairs/supplies, 222.35; Tresona Multimedia – sc music licensing, 625.00; Vermillion Music Boosters - entry, 250.00; Walmart Community – supplies, 102.05; M. Weber – meal reimb, 9.34. Total General Fund - \$399.501.79

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Busiequipment, 1,785.44; Acme Tools — jigsaw, 129.00; Agency Fund — adv pmts, 109,703.12; Band Shoppe banner frame, 149.27; Engel Music - clavinova, 6,400.00; Follett School Solutions – lib books, 303.53; Hauff Mid-America – uniforms, 1,982.63; Hillyard – scrubber, 6,760.80; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - sci ence resource, 13.75; House of Glass – handle, 30.20; MPS - chem text, 151.71; Northern State – texts, 266.82; Stan Houston Equipment – equipment 405.50; Subscription Services of America - magazines, 313.76; Turning Technologies – exam suite, 79.00; US Games – ropes, Total Capital Outlay \$128,493.41

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary 26,308.61; FIT – 2,672.64; Medicare – 1,006.48; FICA – 4,303.52; SD Retirement – 4,452.98; Waddell & Reed 250.00; AFLAC – 680.98; Delta Dental – 845.22; SD Supplemental Retirement - 200.00; Wellmark BCBS – 10,676.92; Reliastar – 206.61; Agency Fund adv pmts, 265.13; Avera St.
 Luke's – services, 3,555.03; Walmart Community - supplies, 41.60; Patron – mileage reimb., 740.88. Total Special Ed - \$56,206.60.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary - 5,380.30; FIT - 441.16; Medicare - 191.88; - 191.88; FICA – 820.54; SD Retirement – 578.84; AFLAC – 54.22; Wellmark BCBS – 1,510.00; Reliastar 1.30; Bernard Food – food,
1,460.92; CWD – food/suppl,
3,602.84; Dean Foods – dairy product, 1,072.86; Earthgrains
– bakery product, 324.60; G&K
Services – linen serv, 214.74;
Hobart Sales – parts, 85.43;
Reinhart – food/suppl, 3,619.77;
SD DOE/CANS – processed com-SD DOE/CANS – processed commodities, 214.20; Sysco – food/ suppl, 1,879.84; US Foods – food/suppl, 3,155.42. Total Food Service - \$24,608.86.

OST Net Salary - 3,215.16

; FIT – 153.57; Medicare – 110.56; FICA – 472.72; SD Retirement – 303.94; AFLAC 135.98; Wellmark BCBS 664.00; Reliastar -- .65; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 273.12; Menards - snacks, 46.84; S. Weber reimb supplies, 117.90. Total OST - \$5,503.44.

Total Enterprise Funds -\$30,112.30

AGENCY FUND: Total -\$151,549.86.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 7,784.52; Other Local Sources – 175,116.88; County Sources – 865.54; State Sources - 5,246.96. \$189,013.90. Total Receipts -

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

Weber presented the September Financial Report, Agency Accounts and Investments. Moved by Grant, second Weismantel to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Superintendent J. Schwan presented the September Transportation Report. Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Superintendent J. Schwan presented the September Lunch Report. Moved by Weismantel, second Fjelstad to approve as presented. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports given.

The board heard program presentations from Science teachers Travis Kurth, Jodi Sternhagen and Lance Hawkins and from English/Language Arts and Reading teachers Sara Honer-man, Diane Kurtz and Mary Johnson.

Superintendent J. Schwan presented internal control reports on OST and credit cards. There were no board commit-

tee reports given

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: Elementary Remodel Project Update, 2017-18 School Calendar, MS/HS Project Update, School Law Seminar, 1st grade class size issues, Marching Band Festival, Science Curriculum Training, picture day, Student Health Fair, Student Council Regional Meeting, student clubs meeting during lunch, MS/HS teachers hosting NSU sophomore students and potential Build America Bond refinance of capital outlay

Superintendent J. Schwan discussed health insurance issues as a result of the Associated School Boards Protective Trust meeting on October 3rd. The ASBSD presentation required that health pool membership be assessed fees to erase the current 12.5 million health pool fund deficit, of which Groton Area School District's liability portion is \$307,000. This fee would need to be paid as a lump sum by August 1, 2017 or as installments over four years beginning October 1, 2017, with a 1.5% annual interest assessment. The school must let ASBSD know which payback option they are selecting by January 2017. No action was taken.

Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve request from School District Attorney, Rodney Freeman, for contribution of \$135 toward his attendance at the national Education Law Association 2016 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Groton United Methodist Church requested use of shower facilities and school bus transportation to and from Aberdeen during their youth gathering on November 13-15. Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to grant request with mileage assessment for bus use, and the stipulation that the shower facility be cleaned afterwards. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to áuthorize a short-term loan of \$80,000 from the General Fund to the Special Education Fund. The interest thereon Fund. shall be at the rate of 0% per annum on the unpaid balance. The entire principal amount shall be fully and immediately repayable upon receipt of sufficient revenues to satisfy the same but not later than January 1, 2017.

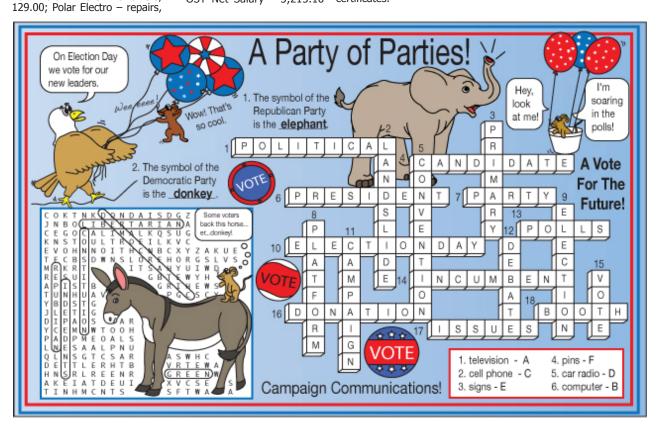
Moved by Rix, second Fjelstad to approve cooperative agreement with South Dakota Department of Human Services and Division of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired (Project Skills). Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Man-Steven R. Smith, President

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

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		MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6							
	For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2016								
	General	Restricted	Capital	Special	Pension	Bond	Enterprise	Agency	Total for
	Fund	Gen Funds	Outlay	Education	Fund	Redemption	Fund	Fund	District
1. Beginning Balance	1,542,422.69	32,052.21	802,468.22	123,563.78	0.00	145,785.32	70,997.26	234,281.98	2,951,571.46
a. cash	1,542,422.69	32,052.21	802,468.22	123,563.78	0.00	145,785.32	70,997.26	234,281.98	2,951,571.46
b. petty cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in									
Revenue to date	646,428.28	0.00	5,404.48	5,572.45	1,028.35	980.75	71,231.48	196,760.92	927,406.71
Total accounted for	2,188,850.97	32,052.21	807,872.70	129,136.23	1,028.35	146,766.07	142,228.74	431,042.90	3,878,978.17
5. Transfers out									
Expenditures to date	828,427.17	0.00	361,988.26	108,949.41	0.00	0.00	56,407.67	351,799.41	1,707,571.92
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	828,427.17	0.00	361,988.26	108,949.41	0.00	0.00	56,407.67	351,799.41	1,707,571.92
7. Ending Balance	1,360,423.80	32,052.21	445,884.44	20,186.82	1,028.35	146,766.07	85,821.07	79,443.49	2,171,606.25
a. cash	1,360,423.80	32,052.21	445,884.44	20,186.82	1,028.35	146,766.07	85,821.07	79,243.49	2,171,406.25
b. petty cash	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
September Receipts	33,692.48	0.00	1,510.64	1,020.14	287.42	429.54	52,124.76	99,948.92	189,013.90
September Expenses	422,932.74	0.00	197,549.24	93,276.27	0.00	0.00	22,865.59	151,549.86	888,173.70
Agency Checking	79,243.49								
District Checking	2,092,162.76								
Certificate of Deposit	0.00								
Agency Cash on Hand	200.00								
Total all Funds	2,171,606.25 www.397news.com ♦ Wed., Oct. 19, 2016							9, 2016 💠 🤄	

The Life of Clayton Litch

The memorial service for Clayton Litch was held Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at Heaven Bound Ministries church in Pierpont. Pastor Paul Kosel officiated. Charles Young Post #99 of the American Legion of Pierpont presented military honors. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date.

Clayton fell asleep Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at his residence in Pierpont at the age of 87.

Clayton Louis Litch was born December 23, 1928 on a farm southeast of Britton in Marshall County, SD to Ralph Roland and Dorothea (Berger) Litch. His family lived on various farm sites in the Marshall County area. Clayton attended school at Victor #4. After completing his education, Clayton helped his dad on the family farm. He was married to Faye Swanson from 1951 to 1983.

Starting in 1947, Clayton served his country for a six-year period in the U. S. Army. Part of his time he was stationed in Korea during the Korean War. He attained the rank of Corporal in the 2nd Infantry Division. He earned the WW II Occupation Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation Award, and three times was awarded the Korean Service Medal. Upon his honorable discharge, Clayton returned stateside, and worked for a number of different farmers in the Langford and Britton areas. In 1968 he purchased a farm near Pierpont, which he nicknamed "The Ponderosa", and he raised sheep. During his time of the farm, Clayton also worked as a mechanic at the John Deere dealership in Pierpont, and later for Groton Truck Center in Groton. In 1985, he moved into Pierpont and worked part time at a dry cleaner and Walmart in Aberdeen.

Clayton was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pierpont. He also belonged to Charles Young Post #99 of the American Legion of Pierpont. He greatly enjoyed fixing things and was known to make a

beautiful pencil drawings. Above all else, he was a perfectionist and insisted that things be done correctly.

Grateful for having shared his life are his four children: Kathryn (Daryl) Sundermeyer of Andover, SD; Karla (Ed) Juran of Cogswell, ND; Mikel Litch of Gwinner, ND; Kari (LaVern) Lee of South Shore, SD; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and a sister, Velza Behnke of Rosholt, SD. Preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers and their wives: Earl and Della Litch, Ivan and Leona Litch, Donald and Shirley Litch, Warren and Donna Litch; a sister, Ella Litch, and a brother-in-law, Merle Behnke.

Condolences may be directed to the family in care of Karla Juran – 12567 91st Street SE – Cogswell, ND 58017.





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Taking antibiotics for granted By Richard P. Holm, MD

We take a lot of things for granted. With the advent of antibiotics in the 1930s and 40s, we saw a true change in longevity and a reduction in premature death from infectious diseases. Now we are seeing deaths from bacteria which are resistant to every antibiotic and it's not just the sick and decrepit who are affected. Recent studies show many more people are dying in the US from antibiotic resistant bacteria than from AIDS. It's a real crisis from too much of a good thing.

Resistance is due to excessive and overuse of antibiotics, which are often incorrectly seen as the cure for whatever ails us. The most glaring example is when antibiotics are given for what is obviously the common cold, making absolutely no difference in the course of the illness. Often I hear from the patient, "Why not start an antibiotic to keep this viral bronchitis from turning into pneumonia?" To that guestion I usually answer, "You are correct, when bacterial pneumonia occurs, it often follows a common cold, but studies show antibiotics don't prevent that pneumonia following the cold. It just becomes a pneumonia resistant to treatment."

So why are we overusing antibiotics? Certainly an effective sales effort by the pharmaceutical industry is part of it, but what's most to blame is patient or parent expectation. One study showed that 65% of the time children get antibiotics if the doctor perceives the parents expect them, but only 12% of the time when antibiotics are not expected, even when the children are similarly ill. Ultimately the doctor is responsible but too often influenced to provide unnecessary treatment.

Another huge reason for growing antibiotic resistance results from their regular use in animal and poultry feed. Apparently this boosts growth and profits. Sometimes herds are even getting the newer broad spectrum antibiotics, which absolutely should be reserved for the care of sick individual animals, not the herd.

The good news is that in countries where efforts to use less antibiotics are successful, then, over just a few years, antibiotics become effective again.

So, there is something very important you can do. First, never push your doctor for an antibiotic. Make it clear you would be happy without the stuff unless it's necessary.

Second, please push your grocery store or your restaurant for antibiotic-free meat. If we are willing to pay a little more for antibiotic-free products, farmers will provide.

Let's not take antibiotics for granted. By avoiding the overuse of antibiotics, we can save ourselves from a real crisis.

Groton gets first place vote!

Groton has gotten one first-place vote in the latest poll released by

the Associated Press. Up to this point, Winner has gotten all eight first place votes. Winner is rated first in the state and Groton Area is rated second. These are the only undefeated teams left in the Class 11B.

Groton ends its regular season on Thursday by hosting Parkston. Playoffs begin next Tuesday with Groton Area hosting the first round

Class 11B

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Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Winner	(7)	7-0	39	1		
2. Groton Area	(1)	7-0	31	2		
T3.Tri-Valley	-	4-3	16	3		
T3.Sioux Valley	-	5-2	16	RV		
5. Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan	-	4-3	13	4		
Others receiving votes: Chamberlain 5.						