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By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Ballot Measure Would Let California Negotiate Drug Prices

The fight in California over a ballot initiative that would begin to control the price of pharmaceuticals paid by state programs shows how difficult it is to "do something" about the high price of prescription drugs.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. drug spending rose 7 percent this year - the biggest increase in 24 years - and most Americans now think drug prices are unreasonable. So it's not surprising the pharmaceutical industry is running scared and, with its deep pockets, is spending big to convince millions of Californians to vote "No" on Prop 61, a Nov. 8 ballot measure that would "do something."

It's a simple measure, says Roger Salazar, the spokesperson for the group "Yes On Prop 61." It would require the state to pay no more for prescription drugs than the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs spends for the same medications. The VA negotiates prices with pharmaceutical companies, and federal law requires that the department get a discount of at least 24 percent off the drugs it buys.

That may seem reasonable considering the state spends billions on drugs it buys through such programs as CalPERS, the state employees retirement fund, the fee-for-service recipients in Medi-Cal, the state's version of Medicaid, the state prison system, and an AIDS drug assistance program. Over time proponents say the measure could save the state billions. For CalPERS alone they argue the measure could save almost \$4 billion over 10 years. The state legislative office says the financial impact is "unknown."

If proponent's estimate of potential savings is correct, that's hardly chump change. CalPERS, one of the country's largest healthcare purchasers, saw its costs for specialty drugs - high-cost medicines for complex, chronic conditions - jump 30 percent in 2015.

The pharmaceutical industry, though, worries that if the measure passes in California, it could open the door for other states to follow. Even worse, it might lead to the federal government negotiating prices with drug companies as most other nations do. "It's a fairly straightforward expansion of price controls," is how Stephen Ubl, president of the drug makers trade group, described it last summer in an interview with the New York Times.

The drug industry has fought against such negotiations for decades. Recall that Medicare is prohibited by law from negotiating prices for the prescription drugs it pays for on behalf of 56 million beneficiaries. "We can't negotiate for purchasing in one of the largest insurance systems in the world," says former Medicare administrator Don Berwick.

The fight in California reveals one of the biggest political and powerful obstacles of all - money. Two weeks before the election, the drug industry had poured \$109 million into its campaign to defeat the measure, a sum that makes it the most expensive campaign for or against a single ballot initiative in the state's history, according to Salazar's group.

High on the list of companies giving money to defeat the measure are household names like Johnson & Johnson, Merck, and Pfizer, which each tossed in more than \$9 million.

Their arguments have a familiar ring, similar to ones the drug industry has used before when price controls edged too close to their bottom lines. They argue that government interference with prices could lead to higher drug costs, treatment delays and even denial of coverage. They say the proposal offers little guidance for implementation.

Their tactics are familiar too. They've enlisted the help of several patient advocacy groups to support their position - groups like the California Hepatitis C Task Force and the Lupus Foundation of Southern California, which have received recent drug industry contributions.

When Los Angeles Times business columnist David Lazarus asked Kathy Fairbanks, the spokeswoman for the "No Prop 61" campaign, if she'd characterize high drug prices as a problem for patients, she said no, that's not how she would put it. "It's an issue, how about that?" She added healthcare costs are top of mind for a lot of people, but "Proposition 61 isn't the answer."

It's fair to ask: Then what is it? Two other weaker attempts in California to "do something" about drug prices failed this year. One was a measure to require insurers to give detailed information about drug costs and drug makers to give notice of future price increases. The other would have required more transparency about research and development, production and marketing costs for drugs with a wholesale price of more than \$10,000 a year.

The battle is being fought on the airwaves, and voters are confused.

Money talks! The question remains: When will the needs of the public and the health system in general talk louder?

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Milbank Area squeaks past Groton Area, 3-2

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Game scores were 25-18, 25-23, 20-25, 11-25 and 13-15.

In serves, Groton Area was 89 of 94 with seven ace serves. Katie Koehler was 16 of 16 with two ace serves, Audrey Wanner was 15 of 17 with two ace serves and Jessica Bjerke was 18 of 18 with one ace serve.

In attacks, Groton Area was 189 of 212 with 54 kills. Audrey Wanner was 49 of 57 with 16 kills, Taylor Holm was 39 of 40 with 11 kills and Gia Gengerke was 30 of 35 with 13 kills.

Groton Area was 180 of 185 in sets with 42 assists. Katie Koehler was 151 of 153 with

39 assists and Paityn Bonn was 15 of 18 with three assists.

Groton Area had 101 digs with Audrey Wanner having 30, Payton Maine 25 and Jessica Bjerke 19. The Tigers had six blocks with Taylor Holm having two solos and Gia Gengerke and Paityn Bonn each having two assists.

Groton won the junior varsity match, 25-21 and 25-11, and Milbank Area won the C match, 16-26, 27-25 and 15-9.



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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

In week 7, the Minnesota Vikings traveled to Philadelphia and got thoroughly dominated by the Eagles. It's highly likely that this game was an aberration, but it's concerning that the Vikings played this poorly after having two weeks to prepare. The Vikings entered the week as the only unbeaten team left in the NFL, and are still an impressive 5-1, but this team has shown some weaknesses that other teams are starting to exploit.

The offense couldn't get anything going on Sunday. Sam Bradford threw for 224 yards, but 107 of them came late in the game when the Vikings were down by 18 points. The biggest cause for concern was the offensive line, which allowed the Eagles to sack Bradford six times and hit him an additional 12. The Vikings have two of the worst tackles in football, per Pro Football Focus. To solve this, the team brought in former Pro Bowl left tackle Jake Long, but it remains to be seen if he can overcome his past injuries and return to form. Even if he is an average player at this stage of his career, he will still be a massive upgrade over TJ Clemmings.

The offensive line's struggles aren't something new. What was surprising was the play of Minnesota's defense on Sunday. Having two weeks to prepare for a rookie quarterback (Carson Wentz, NDSU) playing behind a banged up offensive line, the Vikings' defense should have dominated this game. The Eagles were limited to only 239 yards and 14 points on offense, but there wasn't a moment of the game where the Vikings' defense imposed their will. The defensive line only had one quarterback hit and no sacks, while also giving up 4.5 yards per carry to Philadelphia running backs. Statistics aside, this was the worst game of the season for the Vikings' defense.

The player of the game was Matt Asiata, who carried the ball 12 times for 55 yards. Not only was Asiata the Vikings' leading rusher, he also caught six passes for 25 yards. With all the weapons on this Vikings offense, it was surprising to see Asiata lead the team in touches. He didn't let the team down, however, running hard and picking up much needed yards. Jerick McKinnon seemed to injure his ankle during the game, so we may see more of Asiata over the next few weeks.

The player who needs the most improvement this week is Everson Griffen. This game should have given him a chance to shine, but he was invisible on Sunday. The entire defensive line had a bad day, but nobody else disappeared like Griffen, who couldn't get near Carson Wentz and only had one tackle. I have no doubt that Everson, along with the rest of the defense, will turn things around. But it was disconcerting to see him play this poorly.

Looking ahead, the Vikings play in Chicago on Halloween. The Bears are 1-6 for the year, but they are playing better than their record suggests. Quarterback Jay Cutler hasn't played since week 2, when he injured his thumb on his throwing hand. Brian Hoyer filled in for Cutler and was playing well, but recently fractured his arm and will be out indefinitely. Matt Barkley, Chicago's third string quarterback, will be facing a Vikings' defense who will be in a foul mood after the Philadelphia game. Unless the Vikings have a complete meltdown, they should be able to win this game.



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Tigers advance to second round of playoffs

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The game started about 45 minutes late due to lightning in the area and heavy rain. The game ended about 10:30 p.m.

Groton Area, seeded second in the state, will host Bennett County Monday night in the quarterfinals. Aberdeen Roncalli will host Red Cloud in the same bracket. The winner of those two games will face each other in the semifinals on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Redfield/Doland jumped out to a 6-0 lead as Cooper Baloun scrambled for 75 yards on the third play of the game. The PAT run failed.

The Tigers struggled at the beginning of the game with a missed tackle that led to the touch-down and a turnover. Coach Shaun Wanner said, "We switched to panic mode. The players, grandparents, fans and players were all pushing the panic button. I told the kids that they just needed to relax and play football. Redfield/Doland only had two big plays in the game."

Groton rallied in the second quarter as Shane Simon took a fumble recovery and dashed 36 yards for a touchdown. Seric Shabazz caught the PAT from Bennett Shabazz. Less than three minutes later, Trevon Tuggles would score on a 65 yard run. Bennett Shabazz ran in the PAT and Groton took a 16-6 lead at halftime.

Groton would score once in the third quarter on a Trevon Tuggles 11-yard run with Tuggles catching a pass from Bennett Shabazz for the extra points. Groton would score on the first play of the fourth quarter on a Trevon Tuggles one yard run. Tuggles would score later on a two yard run and Lucas Hinman scored on a 44 yard run. Bennett Shabazz had one two-point PAT and Trevor Pray caught one from Bennett Shabazz.

First Downs: Groton Area 19, Redfield/Doland 4.

Rushing: Groton 45-432 yards (Bennett Shabazz 22-191; Trevon Tuggles 15-145, 4 TDs; Lucas Hinman 2-58, 1 TD; Trevor Pray 3-35; Marshall Lane 1-2; Darion Shabazz 1-2; Seric Shabazz 1-(-1)). Redfield/Doland 32-116 (Cooper Baloun 10-79, Alan Masat 15-27).

Passing: Bennett Shabazz completed 2 of 3 passes for 15 yards, 1 interception. Receivers: Trevor Pray 2-15. Redfield/Doland: Alan Masat completed 1 of 5 passes for 11 yards. Drew Masat was the receiver.

Fumbles: Groton had 4, lost 1. Redfield/Doland had 1, lost 1.

Penalties: Groton 5-50, Redfield/Doland 6-55.

Tacklers: Groton Area: Brandon Keith 9, Patrick Gengerke 9, Trevor Pray 8, Marshall Lane 8. Redfield/Doland: Alan Masat 15, Takotah Pehrson 9.

Record: Groton Area 8-1. Redfield/Doland 2-7.

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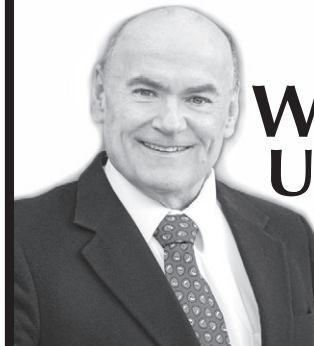
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Groton Area suffered its first loss of the season Thursday night as the Parkston Trojans took advantage of two interceptions and recovered fumble on an on-side kick. The Trojans jumped out to a 26-0 lead at half time. The Tigers shut down the scoring machine, but scrambled to score two touchdowns of their own in the second half. Groton outscored Parkston, 14-8, in the second half. Parkston went on to win, 34-14.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with over 1,300 viewers. Sponsors of the game were Simon Insurance and Auction Service, Harry Implement of Ferney, James Valley Telecommunications, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson of Groton, Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls of Groton, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc. of Groton, Subway of Groton, Leading Edge Industries with Shawn Gengerke, Bahr Spray Foam of Groton, Doug Abeln Seed Company of Groton, McKiver Collision of Groton, Blocker Construction, Pro Ag Supply of Aberdeen, and Ken's Food Fair of Groton.

Parkston took the opening kickoff and marched 65 yards on seven plays and had four first downs as Blake Beitz scored on a six yard run. The two-point PAT failed and with 9:42 left in the first quarter, Parkston took a 6-0 lead.

Groton's first possession was short lived for on third and 13, the Tiger's first pass was intercepted and Parkston started its drive at its own 29 yard line. The Tiger defense prevented Parkston from getting a first down.

Groton's next drive was thwarted by a penalty. On second and four, Trevor Pray had a long catch putting the Tigers deep into Trojan territory, but a Tiger penalty recalled the play and it was second and 16 instead. Groton ended up punting on fourth and nine.

Parkston would take six and half minutes, have six first downs and marched 71 yards before Kellan Colbert would score on a three-yard run with 10:02 left in the first half. Blake Beitz ran in the PAT and it was 14-0.

Groton kept the game on the ground, securing three first downs as the Tigers marched down the field. On fourth and 13 at the Parkston 24, a pass into the endzone was intercepted and the Trojans had the ball on their own 26 yard line. Quickly Parkston would be threatening again as a big pass put the Trojans on the Groton five yard line. On fourth and two, Dawson Semmler would score from five yards out with 55 seconds left in the half. The PAT run failed and it was 20-0.

Parkston had an on-side kickoff which bounced off of a Groton player and the Trojans pounced on the ball with 55 seconds left in the half. Two plays later, Kyler Holzbauer would score on a six-yard run with 30 seconds left in the half. The PAT run failed and Parkston took a 26-0 lead at half time.

Groton's third quarter scoring opportunity took less than two minutes with three first downs as Trevon Tuggles would score on a one-yard run with 4:57 left in the third quarter. The two-point PAT failed and was 26-6.

Parkston would take nearly six minutes off the clock on its next scoring drive, starting at its own 37 yard line, getting five first downs and culminating with a four-yard run by Kyler Holzbauer with 10:13 left in the game.

Groton would start its next scoring drive from its own 49 yard line. Trevor Pray got a first down and the Tigers got two more first downs. On second and nine, Bennett Shabazz would fly over his defender into the endzone for a 15-yard touchdown. Bennett Shabazz would run in the PAT with 5:49 left in the game and that would be the last scoring drive of the game.

First Downs: Groton Area 13, Parkston 20.

Rushing: Groton Area 28-173 (Bennett Shabazz 20-81, Trevon Tuggles 7-61, Trevor Pray 1-31), Parkston 49-218 (Kyler Holzbauer 20-100, Dawson Semmler 13-65, Blake Bietz 9-43).

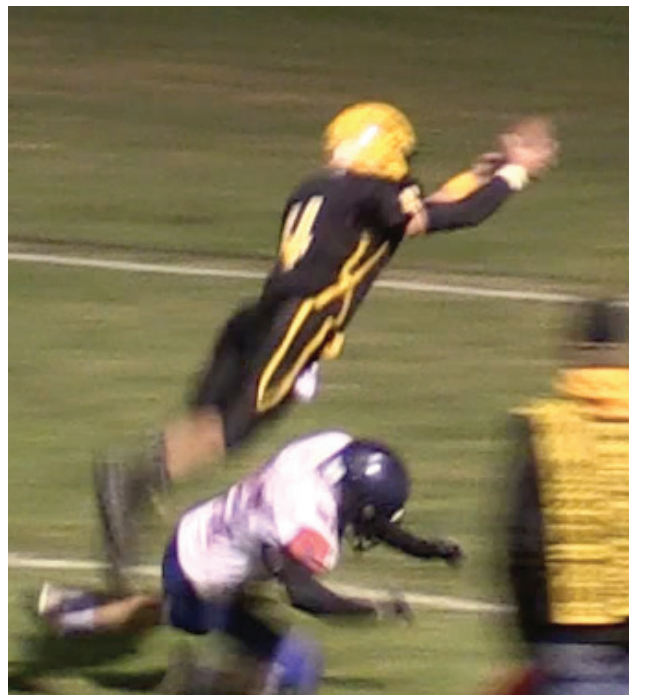
Passing: Groton Area: Bennett Shabazz 5 of 9 for 24 yards, 2 interceptions (Receivers: Trevor Pray 2-17, Trevon Tuggles 1-1, Jackson Oliver 1-2, Brandon Keith 1-4), Parkston: Kellan Culbert 6 of 7 for 146 yards (Receiver: Jordan McKean 4-90).

Fumbles: Groton Area: Had 1, lost 1; Parkston: had 1, lost 0.

Penalties: Groton Area: 5-40, Parkston: 5-44.

Defense: Groton Area: Bennett Shabazz 14 tackles, Patrick Gengerke 11 tackles, Trevor Pray 9 tackles. Parkston: Brady Albrecht 9 tackles, Blake Beitz 5 tackles, Jordan McKean 5 tackles, Kellan Culbert 6 tackles.

Record: Groton Area 7-1, Parkston: 5-3.



Bennett Shabazz would leap over his defender on his way to the endzone to score in the fourth quarter. These photos were lifted from GDILIVE.COM. You can fast forward the video to 2:27 to see the action at GDILIVE.COM.



Brown County Oct. 18 Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 18, 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 Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the General Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the following claims: Payroll: Commission \$5,069.97; Auditor \$8,071.09; Treasurer \$13,046.54; States At-

torney \$18,139.11; SVAWA Grant \$1,286.82; Blood Draws \$350.00; Maintenance \$7,263.41; Assessor \$13,305.69; Register of Deeds \$9,098.94; Veterans Service Office \$4,088.57; GIS \$2,261.47; Information Technology \$7,607.43; Human Resources \$3,022.22; Sheriff Admin \$35,363.63; Jail \$41,072.03; Coroner \$2,550.00; JDC \$18,971.79; Welfare Office \$3,581.57; Museum \$7,946.50; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,425.73; Fair Board \$4,096.68; Weed \$5,782.61; Planning and Zoning \$1,826.02; Highway \$50,504.19; Communications \$21,681.91; Emergency Management \$3,897.95; Teen Court \$575.10; 24/7 \$2,571.08 Landfill \$13,313.62.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,431.39; Medicare \$4,310.62. Professional Fees: Avera Medical Group University \$3,000.00; Avera McKennan Hospital \$6,295.50; Avera St Lukes \$6,295.50; BWA I, LLC \$77.99; Regency Midwest Ventures Limit \$2,026.99; Certified Languages International \$932.25; Dean Schaefer Court

Reporting \$249.00; Ryan S Dell, LLC \$1,094.80; Dohrer Law Office \$533.60; Marv Ekeren \$15.00; Harmelink, Fox & Ravnsborg Law \$107.36; Mark Katterhagen \$30.00; Kuck Law Office \$461.65; Language Line Services Inc \$1,700.66; Lewis & Clark BHS \$320.00; Lucy Lewno \$288.00; Lexisnexis Risk Data Mgmt Inc \$65.85; Lincoln County Treasurer \$106.05; Lutheran Social Services \$3,708.10; Minnehaha Co Sheriff's Dept \$51.00; NE Mental Health Center \$1,794.00; Cathryn Refhuss \$15.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck \$1,536.40; Rogers Law Office \$418.60; Sanford Health Pathology Clinic \$1,925.94; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$667.00; Jennifer Stoddard \$358.80; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$100.00; Luther "Luke" Yellow Robe \$3000.00; US Bank \$26.52.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$3,355.82; Dakota Broadcasting LLC \$222.22; Groton Independent \$1,748.25. Rentals: Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$118.40; Sewer Duck \$100.00.

- Paul Kosel

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Supplies: A&B Business Inc \$12.35; Aberdeen Pit Stop \$11.67; Ameripride Services Inc \$252.65; Russel Brick \$60.00; Cameron Refsflan \$3.72; Cash-Wa Distributing \$10,109.64; Century Business Products \$252.55; Cole Papers \$2,999.54; Dacotah Prairie Mercantile \$235.20; Roland L Moerke \$1,460.30; Danko Emergency Equipment Co \$109.15; State of South Dakota \$1.56; Farm Power MFG Inc \$1,200.61; Fire Safety First LLC \$20.20; GCR Tires & Service \$955.62; Govconnection Inc \$1,252.06; Hedahl's Inc \$86.41; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$710.12; Leidholt Electric LLC \$3.00; Lucy Lewno \$11.42; Marco Inc \$100.42; Menards \$161.57; Midstates Printing \$70.00; NCFE-Warner Elevator \$6,578.50; North Star Energy, LLC \$84.00; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$318.50; Pharmchem \$50.00; Regalia Manufacturing Company \$1,692.10; State of South Dakota \$103.00; Patricia M Dennert \$174.00; Specialty Mfg Inc \$246.81; Ultramax \$936.00; US Bank \$6,873.84.

Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$1,466.52; AT&T Mobility \$379.90; City of Hecla \$102.68; State of South Dakota \$77.18; James Valley Telecommunication \$456.80; Minn-Kota Communications Inc \$4,333.00; Northern Electric Coop Inc \$1,039.44; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$1,382.36; Verizon Wireless Services \$5,785.76; Web Water Development Assoc \$80.53; US Bank \$592.61.

Other: JRWD \$4,238.47; Safe Harbor \$2,014.80. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Employee step increases, effective October 23, 2016: Nyle Jensen @ \$18.93 per hour, Sandra Mielke @ \$17.87 per hour, Cindy Woodford @ \$15.74 per hour; Dawn Allam @ \$16.28 per hour; Justin Yablonski @ \$15.67 per hour.

Approve hiring Jacob Schrupp as full-time Jail Correctional Officer, effective October 17, 2016 @ \$15.33 per hour.

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of September 2016: Kendell Titze - 114 @ \$61.56, Michael Scott - 160 @ \$86.40, Gary Vetter - 89 @ \$48.06, Dirk Rogers - 684 @ \$369.36. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to include and approve the following additions to the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report:

Approve hiring Mari Flack and Robert Caputo, as part-time Home Detention Officers, effective October 19, 2016 @ \$13.77 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the September 2016 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$14,665,288.79 (total amount of actual cash @ \$2,529.93, cash item (bad check) \$2,470.07, US Bank @ \$23,737.84, Dacotah Bank @ \$5,936,110.88, Dacotah Bank Holding Account \$362,489.91, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$8,335,950.16). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to void the uncashed checks from the General Fund, Sheriff Department and Jail Commissary and send the \$388.69 to Unclaimed Property.

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All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

PHASE III JAIL PROJECT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign Contingency update #6 for the Phase III Jail Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to designate the \$11,575.00 revenue generated at Centennial Village during the 2016 Brown County Fair as assigned fund balance to finance current and future maintenance and improvements at the Fairgrounds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with Shirley A Jacobs Irrevocable Trust for lease of a portion of Dixon's Outlot 3 of Dixon Outlots 3-6 in the NE 1/4 of Sec 26-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., described as: 40' wide by 375' ling driveway extending West of 5th Ave to an area in the rear of the lot that is 200' x 200' (1.25 acres) in amount of \$500.00 per year. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 105 – FIRST READING: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve First Reading of 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 1/4 of Sec13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (126694 & 126998 East Shore Drive). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WEB PAGE EXPANSION: Museum Director Sue Gates and Office Manager Patricia Kendall met to discuss expanding the scope and improving access to the Dacotah Prairie Museum home page on the Brown County Web Site. Paul Sivertsen, also in attendance stated the site will accommodate the expansion and he has confidence in Museum personnel maintaining their portion of the Web Site.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by Matt Fonder for occupancy of County Road 6G in Sec 13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD, for boring sewer drain line, to be completed by Schmidt Construction. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2017 ASSESSMENT YEAR PRODUCTIVITY INFO: Mary Worlie, Director of Equalization and Gene Loeschke, Deputy Director presented and discussed the following information reports: Change in valuation – 2017 Assessment Year Production Information; 2015 Agricultural Bare Land Sales and Medians; and potential changes to codified law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss contract, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Paul Sivertsen, Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance; and 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 the following action taken as a result of the discussion. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to reject the two used copier quotes presented last week. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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| 1st Round | |
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| Tuesday, October 25th | |

| Quarterfinal Round | |
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| Monday, October 31st | |

| Semifinal Round | |
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| Saturday, November 5th | |

| Championship Round | |
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| Friday, November 11th | |

Region 1

7:00 p.m. CT @ Groton

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| #1 Groton Area | |
| #4 Redfield/Doland* | |

7:00 p.m. @ Aberdeen (Swisher)

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| #2 Aberdeen Roncalli | 42 |
| #3 Mobridge-Pollock | 0 |

Region 2

7:00 p.m. CT @ Volga

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| #1 Sioux Valley | 35 |
| #4 Flandreau* | 14 |

7:00 p.m. CT @ Tri-Valley

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| #2 Tri-Valley | 36 |
| #3 McCook Central/Montrose | 6 |

Region 3

7:00 p.m. CT @ Winner

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| #1 Winner | 52 |
| #4 Parkston* | 0 |

7:00 p.m. CT @ Chamberlain

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| #2 Chamberlain | 0 |
| #3 Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan | 53 |

Region 4

2:00 p.m. MT @ Red Cloud

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| #1 Red Cloud | 40 |
| #4 Custer* | 28 |

6:30 p.m. MT @ Martin

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| #2 Bennett County | 35 |
| #3 Lead-Deadwood | 16 |

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| #1 Winner | |
| #8 Tri-Valley | |

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| #4 Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan | |
| #5 Sioux Valley | |

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| #2 Groton Area | |
| #7 Bennett County | |

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| #3 Aberdeen Roncalli | |
| #6 Red Cloud | |



2016 Class 11B Football Playoffs

1:00 p.m. @ DakotaDome

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Quarterfinal Teams

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Winner | 47.250 |
| Groton Area | 43.000 |
| #Aberdeen Roncalli | 42.125 |
| Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan | 42.125 |
| Sioux Valley | 41.000 |
| ^Red Cloud | 40.675 |
| Bennett County | 40.675 |
| Tri-Valley | 40.000 |

* Denotes at-large team (cannot host 1st round game)

> Teams are re-seeded after 1st Round

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^ tie broken by result of head-to-head competition

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The Life of Lyle Reder



Lyle Reder 73 of Groton, went to be with his Lord and Savior Sunday October 23, 2016 at the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 A.M. Friday October 28, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton, Fr. Mike Kelly will officiate. Burial will be in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday 5-7 p.m. at the church. Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary at 6:30 and Wake Service will follow at 7 p.m. Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Lyle was born May 29, 1943, in Aberdeen, SD to Percy and Edith (Johnson) Reder, the second of nine children. He was united in marriage to Dorothy "Dodie" Fulker on October 1, 1966 at St. John's Catholic Church in Groton, recently celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Lyle attended school in Groton and at a very young age worked on several farms in the area. He was also employed at Eddy's High Grade Station, Groton Farm Store, and was parts

manager at Trail Chevrolet and Oldsmobile until his health forced him to retire. Lyle proudly served in the SD National Guard during the Viet Nam era and was honorably discharged on March 31, 1970.

He was an avid pen and pencil collector and enjoyed farming, gardening, cooking and baking. Lyle had a great love of cars (especially Chevrolet) and the keeping up of his childhood home near Groton, where he resided until his death.

Lyle was an inspiration to all with his strong faith, eternal gratefulness, positive attitude and perseverance; bravely battling illness his entire adult life, with his devoted wife Dodie by his side throughout his journey.

On October 10, 2010 (10-10-10), Lyle received the gift of life, a liver transplant survivor for 6 years and 13 days. Lyle's donor, Andrew Schmidt, son of Ralph and Nancy Schmidt of Big Stone City, SD, lived on in his heart and soul, and Lyle was a dedicated organ donation advocate. The fact that he lived, while a young man died, weighed heavily on his heart every single day of his life. Eternally grateful for the gift of life, Lyle and Dodie formed an amazing bond with the Schmidt family celebrating Andrew's life and birthday with them each year. Lyle's wishes were that everyone becomes an organ donor.

Lyle was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church where he served as lector, usher, Eucharistic minister, 4th and 5th grade CCD teacher and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Transplant Support Group in Aberdeen.

Grateful for sharing his life is his wife of 50 years, Dodie; his special Aunt Violet Quist of Aberdeen; six sisters, Sharon (Gary) Borg of Shoreview, MN; Gladys Reder of San Francisco, CA; Maggie (Tom) Granroth of Moundsview, MN; Janice (Monte) Freidig of Petaluma, CA; Joy (Olie) Floyd of Hill City, SD; Donna (David) Peterson of Litchfield, MN; and two brothers Roger (Julie) of Sartell, MN; Dale (Denise) Reder of Novato, CA. Also surviving Lyle are his donor family, the Ralph and Nancy Schmidt family; his many nieces and nephews, in-laws, cousins, and faithful companion Buttons.

Welcoming him to his eternal heavenly home are his parents, Percy Reder and Edith Reder Sweeter; his organ donor Andrew Schmidt; mother-in-law and father-in law, Forrest and Mary Fulker; Uncle Walter Reder; and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Lyle is remembered in our hearts and in our mind, and is greatly missed by those whose lives he touched.

Death Notice: Audrey Thurston

Audrey Thurston, 91, of Groton fell asleep October 25, 2016 at Golden Living Center, Groton. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Brown County Notice of General Election

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

A General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 in all the Vote Centers in Brown County. The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central standard time on the day of the election.

No longer are voters required to vote within precinct jurisdictions. Voters can cast ballots at any of the following Vote Centers in Brown County:

0.1. AmericInn Event Center, 301 Centennial St S, Aberdeen, SD

0.2. Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen ... SD (north convention center entrance)

0.3. Courthouse Community Room, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen SD

0.4. Columbia Legion, 102 N Broadway, Columbia SD

0.5. Westport Town Hall, 13 W Main, Westport, SD

0.6. Warner Community Center, 11 W Main Street, Warner SD

0.7. Stratford Community Center, 293 E Rondell Ave, Stratford SD

0.8. Groton Community Center, 109 N 3rd Street, Groton SD

0.9. Claremont Fire Station, 505 6th Street, Claremont SD

0.10. Hecla Community Center, 206 Main Street, Hecla SD

0.11. Frederick Community Center, 2nd Ave, Frederick SD

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Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Region 1A Volleyball Tournament



#1 Milbank Area

Scores:

Date: **Thurs., Nov. 3**
Time: **4:30 p.m.**
Site: **Sisseton**

Scores:

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#4 Roncalli

Scores:

Date: **Tues., Nov. 1**
Time: **7:30 p.m.**
Site: **Sisseton**

Scores:

#5 Sisseton

| School | Seed Pts. |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Milbank Area | 43.35 |
| Groton Area | 42.27 |
| Webster Area | 42.11 |
| Aberdeen Roncalli | 41.83 |
| Sisseton | 37.46 |
| Britton-Hecla | 37.18 |
| Tiospa Zina | 36.78 |

#3 Webster Area

Scores:

Date: **Tues., Nov. 1**
Time: **6:00 p.m.**
Site: **Sisseton**

Scores:

#6 Britton-Hecla

Scores:

Date: **Thurs., Nov. 3**
Time: **6:00 pm**
Site: **Sisseton**

Scores:

SWEET 16 QUALIFIER

#2 Groton Area

Scores:

Date: **Tues., Nov. 1**
Time: **4:30 p.m.**
Site: **Sisseton**

Scores:

#7 Tiospa Zina