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Construction of Highways 12 & 37 in Groton

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Transportation says reconstruction of Highways 12 and 37 in Groton has begun with phases 1 & 2.

The planned improvements for the project include new surfacing, curb and gutter, storm sewer, sidewalk, lighting and traffic signals.

The six phases of construction established for this project are as follows:

Phases 1 & 2: Install traffic control on Highway 12 to move westbound traffic into a two-way traffic configuration in the eastbound lanes to allow for construction of the westbound lanes.

Phases 3: Install traffic control on Highway 12 to move all traffic into the westbound lanes to allow for construction of the eastbound lanes. Place asphalt concrete on Brown County 12E to use as detour for southbound traffic using Highway 37.

Phase 4: Install traffic control on Highway 12 moving eastbound traffic to the outside eastbound lane and westbound traffic to the outside westbound lane to allow for construction of the center lane. Use Brown County 12E as a detour for southbound traffic using Highway 37.

Phase 5: Install traffic control on Highway 37 to allow for the construction. Use Brown County 12E as a detour for southbound traffic using Highway 37.

Phase 6: Beginning of the project south of the railroad tracks to East Railroad Avenue will be built under construction. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers and a pilot car and the detour route will still be utilized.

The construction operations will reduce traffic to one lane in each direction on Highway 12. Highway 37 will be closed with a detour route for phases 3 through 6. Flaggers will be present at different times during construction.

This work is part of a \$5.1 million contract with Webster Scale, Inc. to do repair work on Highway 12 and Highway 37 in the Aberdeen region.

The project has an interim completion date of July 1, for work on Highway 12 and a substantial completion date of Oct. 15, for all work excluding permanent pavement markings and erosion control. The overall completion date is Nov. 1.

The public is invited to attend weekly meetings to discuss progress and sequencing.

Meetings will be held every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Groton Community Center located at 109 N. 3rd St.

For complete road construction information, visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or dial 511.



The old flashing lights were taken down Tuesday as work on US12 in Groton begins.



Schuring signs on with Presentation

Sean Schuring has signed on to play basketball at Presentation College in Aberdeen. According to his dad, Brian Schuring, eight schools were trying to recruit Sean. In the photo below are Andrea and Brian Schuring, Presentation Head Coach Jeremy Reigle and Assistant Coach Brendan Goetzinger, with Sean Schuring in the front.

VOTE April 11th

Groton City residents and Groton Area School patrons will be heading to the polls on Tuesday, April 11th.

In Groton, Ward 3 residents will be voting for a councilman between Mary Flihs and Karyn Babcock.

Meanwhile, there will be a vote to replace part of the middle/high school building for a new building for educational purposes.

Voters will be voting on a bond issue not to exceed \$14.5 million, payable over 20 years. For the first three years, no principle will be paid. Once the Arena and East Side additions are paid for within three years, those payments will then be applied to the principal payment, keeping the mil level at the same rate.

The sample ballots are printed on Page 11.



Pappas earns outstanding presiding officer award

GHS Freshman, KaSandra Pappas was awarded the Senate Outstanding Presiding Officer award at the Northern District State Student Congress Contest. Also at this contest, Keri Pappas was selected as an alternate in the House of Representatives for the National Congressional Debate Contest.

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Wanner qualifies for state, Thompson sets school record

Audrey Wanner qualified for state in the triple jump and Emily Thompson set a school record in the pole vault at the Ipswich Tiger Relay track meet held Tuesday.

Both the boys and girls teams placed third at the meet. Bennett Shabazz placed first in the triple jump and McClain Lone was first in the shot put. Wanner won both the long jump and the triple jump and the girl's 800m relay team also placed first.

Boy's Division

Team Points: Aberdeen Roncalli 101, Warner 85, Groton Area 78, Langford Area 73, Ipswich 67, Frederick 58, Faulkton 42, Leola 37, Sunshine Bible Academy 25, Edmunds Central 13, Aberdeen Christian 6.

110m Hurdles: 7, Garret Schroeder, 21.3.

300m Hurdles: 5, Tylan Glover, 48.8.

100m Dash: 4, Trevor Pray, 11.82; 6, Jackson Oliver, 12.11; 8, Lucas Hinman, 12.4.

200m Dash: Lucas Hinman, 24.0; Jackson Oliver, 25.5; Garret Schroeder, 27.08.

1600m Run: Mitchell Koens, 5:58; Hayden Pigors, 6:15.

400m Relay: 3, (Jackson Oliver, Trevor Pray, Thomas Cranford, Lucas Hinman), 47.62.

800m Relay: 2, (Jonathan Doeden, Austin Jones, Garret Schroeder, Thomas Cranford), 1:56.

1600m Relay: 3, (Austin Jones, Brandon Keith, Treyton Diegel, Sean Schuring), 3:54.

3200m Relay: 3, (Sean Schuring, Mitchell Koens, Brandon Keith, Treyton Diegel), 9:15.

High Jump: 5, Austin Jones, 5-3; Jonathan Doeden, 5-1.

Long Jump: 2, Bennett Shabazz, 19-8.75; Tylan Glover, 17-4; Thomas Cranford, 15-10.5.

Triple Jump: 1, Bennett Shabazz, 37-6.

Discus: 2, McClain Lone, 133-8; 5, Luke Thorson, 121-3.

Shot Put: 1, McClain Lone, 45-10; Luke Thorson, 39-6; Grady O'Neill, 27-1.

Pole Vault: 7, Tylan Glover, 8-9.

Girl's Division

Team Points: Ipswich 178, Aberdeen Roncalli, 143, Groton Area 84, Sunshine Bible Academy 42, Warner 34, Edmunds Central 26, Aberdeen Christian 23, Leola 19, Frederick 18, Langford Area 11, Faulkton 0.

100m Hurdles: 3, Eliza Wanner, 20.26.

300m Hurdles: 2, Payton Maine, 53.4; 7, Jodi Hinman, 1:03.

100m Dash: Tady Glover, 14.15.

200m Dash: 5, Eliza Wanner, 30.28; Tady Glover, 31.09.

400m Relay: 2, (Audrey Wanner, Heather Lone, Eliza Wanner, Alex Stange), 54.7.

800m Relay: 1, (Audrey Wanner, Payton Maine, Katie Koehler, Alex Stange), 1:42.

High Jump: Katie Koehler, 4-6.

Long Jump: 1, Audrey Wanner, 15-10.25; Katie Koehler, 13-3.25; Tady Glover, 12-8; Jodi Hinman, 11-3.

Triple Jump: 1, Audrey Wanner, 34-0.5 (state qualifier); 5, Katie Koehler, 30-1.

Discus: 2, Jessica Bjerke, 104-1; 4, Taylor Holm, 94-4; 5, Jennie Doeden, 90-11.

Shot Put: 3, Taylor Holm, 31-1.75; 6, Jennie Doeden, 30-0.

Pole Vault: 6, Emily Thompson, 6-3 (school record)



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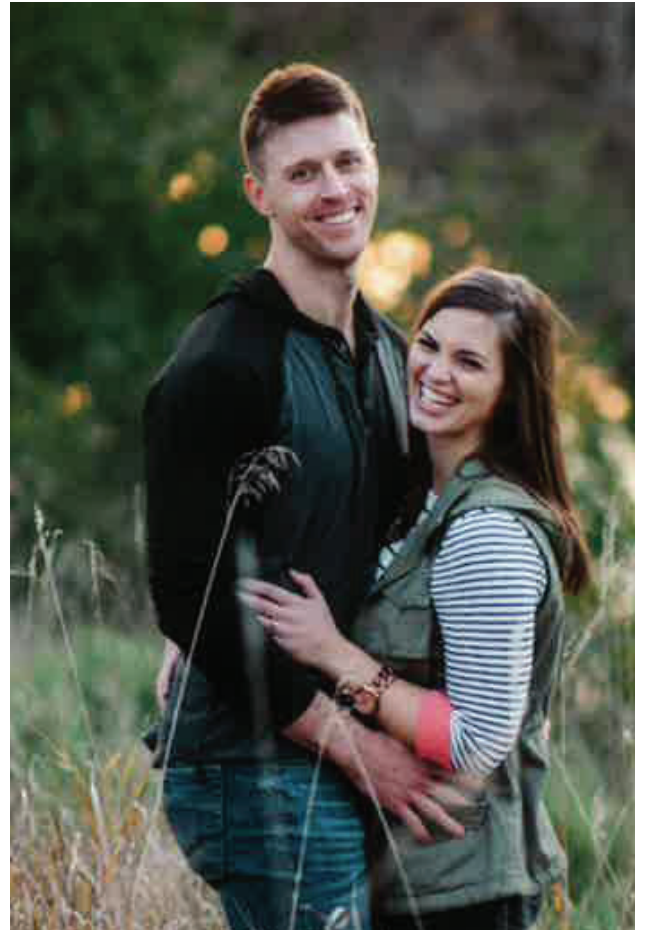
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**Johnston, Kroll
 Engaged**

Steve Johnston and Casey Kroll of Sioux Falls are engaged and plan a May 20th wedding at Memorial Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Parents of the couple are Dave and Sandy Johnston of Sioux City, Iowa and Ron and Luanne Kroll of Groton. (pd)

Vote "Yes" on the bond

To the Editor:

As a taxpayer, resident, and former Groton Area School board member, I'd like to address some of the voiced concerns of the new elementary school remodel/addition project and high school bond issue vote next week. The Groton School board needs to be commended for the due-diligence they have done on both projects. The efforts to gather concerns, ideas, and plans has spanned for over one year. The elementary school was deemed overwhelmingly the first area that needed to be addressed by the public, staff, and administration. Both a new building and a total remodel/addition were considered, with the project that is to start in May chosen as the most cost effective effort. That project will address most of the suggestions that were compiled by the several listening meetings with the community and staff plus the detailed analysis by the consulting firm hired by the Board of Education.

The April 11th bond issue is the next positive step forward for our progressive school district. I've heard concerns varying from the bidding process to the design of the new building. From my research, the process has had proper council from the Groton School Attorney Rodney Freeman and was handled according to what is required by SD state law. After the bond issue passes, it will allow the school board to move forward with the final design and specs of the new building with bidding the fall/winter of 2017. The building illustration is a conceptual drawing so there will be ample time to address design concerns during the next stage of the process.

Our school district has always been considered one of the top school districts in the state with an excellent staff and administration plus a progressive thinking school board. To keep up with the changing educational environment, replace an aging structure, and to continue to be a school district that is a magnet for top educators and students, I would encourage a positive vote on the bond issue next week.

Roger Rix

Blood Drive set for April 17th

The Groton blood drive is set for Monday April 17, 2017, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00p.m. at the Groton American Legion. Contact June Ackman at 605-397-8369 or Eunice Alberts at 605-397-8485 to make an appointment.



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Groton Senior Citizens

Groton Senior Citizens met March 13. Lee Schinkel played. "His truth goes Marching on" President Ruby Donovan opened the meeting all recited the flag pledge. Minutes and treasurers report were read and accepted. get well card was sent to Ruth Pray. meeting adjourned. Cards were played. Winners from each game. Pinochle- David Kliensassor, whist- Ella Johnson and Bob Pray. Door Prizes- Pat Larson, David Kliensassor and Lee Schinkel. Lunch was served by Eunice McColister

March 20 and April birthdays were celebrated. Twenty three members were present. Bingo was played. Pat Larson won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes went to Alan Zoellner, Darlene Fischer, Grace Albrecht. Cake and ice cream were served by Alan and Sharon Zoellner and Pat Larson.

March 27 seniors met. Twenty three members attended. President Joe Schwan from the high school came and spoke on the school project. Cards were played. the winners. Canasta-Beulah Hoops and Mary Walker, Pinochle- Don Donovan, Bridge- Wally Fischer, whist- Ella Johnson and Marion Raines. Door prizes- Lois Pasch, Grace Albrecht, and Don Darwin. Lunch was served by Wally and Darlene Fischer, Lee Schinkel and David Kliensassor

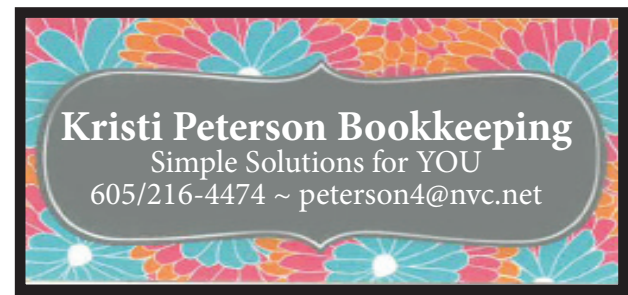
Living Stations to be presented Wednesday

Living Stations event at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church on April 12, 2017 at 7:00pm. The address is 107 E. 7th Avenue. There will be bars and coffee afterwards. It is being sponsored by the High School CCD students.



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Brown County March 28

Meeting Minutes

MARCH 28, 2017 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commissioner 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 Fischbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$335.24.

Professional Fees: Altman Law Office \$9,633.07; Kelli Aslesen \$90.00; Brevik Law Office \$204.33; Marv Ekeren \$22.50; Michelle Gaikowski \$61.20; Great Plains Psychological Services \$1,172.50; Interprecops \$280.00; Mark Katterhagen \$37.50; KCH Law \$160.71; Kuck Law Office \$957.80; Lucy Lewno \$310.50; Mikelson Law Office \$314.76; Richardson, Wylly, Wise, Sauck \$291.40; Ronayne Law Office \$8,500.00; Schneider Corp. \$2,265.00; SDACES \$45.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$1,635.00; SD Human Services \$600.00; Christy Griffin-Serr \$7,236.05; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$4,577.90; Kristi Spitzer \$781.00; Spot Freight \$1,575.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$192.80; Karen Swanda \$15.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$789.60; Yankton Co. Sheriff Office \$50.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$705.92; Gregory Times \$12.35; Teton Times \$9.75.

Repairs & Maintenance: A & B Business \$38.66; Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$1,766.95; Auto Glass Solutions \$40.00; Auto Trim Design \$504.00; Graham Tire \$14.98; Hedahl's Auto Value \$7.47; Hoven Auto Repair \$55.75; Ken's Alignment \$518.95; Lien Transportation \$925.63; North Central Rental \$29,958.58; Sand Lake Tree \$2,400.00; Thee Glass Doktor \$42.00.

Supplies: Allegiant Emergency Services \$24,757.50; Century Business Products \$61.61; Ferguson Enterprises \$45.39; Full Circle Ag \$397.15; Galls \$309.98; Ken's Alignment \$114.20; Knight Towing \$45.00; LG Everist \$8,021.25; LabSource \$576.24; Lar-Jo's \$270.37; Lucy Lewno \$12.92; Marco \$351.61;

Menards \$224.96; Midstates Printing \$141.13; Moore Medical \$528.17; NACVSO \$60.00; NCFE-Warner \$19,776.30; Pitney Bowes \$156.00.

Travel & Conference: Assn of SD Museums \$129.00; Stan Beckler \$18.33; Darwin Bettmann \$15.24; Jodi Brown \$418.90; City of Groton \$100.58; ClubHouse \$655.00; Sarah Hartje \$301.96; Nick Juenger \$248.50; Patrick Keatts \$34.11; Dale Kurth \$75.02; Gene Loeschke \$101.05; Roberta Nichols \$179.86; David North \$105.48; Jerry Streckfuss \$34.98.

Utilities: AT&T \$69.99; Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; NWPS \$1,885.94.

Other: Holum Farms \$1,379.40.

Machinery & Equipment: RDO Equipment \$320,557.83. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreements: Debbie Sanborn for lease of the Granary Rural Cultural Center on May 25, 2017; Hub City Radio for lease of the Expo Building on April 1 & 2, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contracts for the 2017 Brown County Fair: Ashley Smith and Marsha Braun @ \$30.00 each (judges). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #16-17. BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "R Tewksbury Addition in the SE 1/4 of Sec 11-T121N-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 Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #17-17. BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Heupel's Outlot A in DeWald & Hoffman's Second Richmond Lake Subdivision in E 1/2 Sec 14-T124N-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 Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #18-17. BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "P Meyers North Addition in the S 1/2 of Sec 31-T124N-R63W 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 Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following Abatement: XL Homes Corp MHD49 @ 379.40 (in dealer inventory). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID – LANDFILL COUNTY LAND LEASE: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for the lease of two parcels of county owned land. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to award high bid, submitted by RB Farms (Randy Bauer) in amount of \$135.00 per acre for lease of the following: 129 acres in NW Sec 13-123-65 and 35 acres in NW Sec 14-123-65; rejecting bid submitted by Tom Erickson in amount of \$120.00 per acre for each parcel. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign Contracts with RB Farms (Randy Bauer) for lease of the NW 1/4 Sec 13-T123N-R65W (129 acres) and NW 1/4 Sec 14-123-65 (35 acres). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL SPRING RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve waiving fees on all material types from Residential Users only during the Spring Residential Cleanup at the Brown County Landfill, to be held from April 28 thru May 13, 2017. Tire disposal: Residential users, farmers and those that do not charge fees for tire disposal will be free with no limit; fees will still be charged for retailers, tire dealers and those that charge a fee for tire disposal. No free waste will be accepted from commercial contractors or businesses (in-

cluding mobile homes). In the event circumstances beyond the control of Brown County (flood, tornado, fire, other) would occur during the FREE Cleanup period the Brown County Commission reserves the right to end the free cleanup period at such time and implement the regular fee structure. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GRANT – TIRE REMOVAL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve participation in the DENR grant program for Tire Removal within the Brown County Landfill service area (80% DENR 20% County match). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID-WASTE TIRE CLEANUP: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize advertising a public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for the 2017 Brown County Waste Tire Cleanup, to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers at 8:45 A.M. on April 18, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WEB WATER UPDATE: WEB Water General Manager Angela Hamrlich, met to update the Commission on the status of the WEB Water Rural Water System, stating the system is currently reaching capacity and in the last year has declined services totaling 3,459 gallons per minute. As the system is in its 30th year of operation, WEB Water Officials are seeking input on resources and support for obtaining funding to expand water infrastructure and continue economic development in Northeast South Dakota. WEB Water Officials Eric Hansen, Clayton Larson, Shane Phillips and Les Hinds were also in attendance.

FAIRGROUNDS LEASE: Kurt Smith, Fairgrounds Superintendent discussed the need for an updated grazing lease for the area in the southeast corner of the Fairgrounds. After discussion, the Commission requested an updated lease be drafted with the assistance of the States Attorney's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss a contract, per SDCL 1-25-2(3), but session adjourned immediately as contract not in effect.

GROTON LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT: Groton City Officials Dave Blackmun and Dave McGannon met to discuss a joint powers agreement between the City of Groton and Brown County, in regard to law enforcement assistance between the entities. An agreement will be drafted for review. Sheriff Mark Milbrandt was also in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:45 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Brown County

March 27

Joint Minutes

MARCH 27, 2017 - JOINT ABERDEEN CITY/BROWN COUNTY

MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 5:30 P.M. in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 123 S Lincoln Street, Aberdeen, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Campbell, Johnson, Olson, Remily, Ronayne, Rux, Slight-Hansen and Mayor Levsen. Present from County were Commissioners Hansen, Sutton and Fischbach. Commissioners Kippley and Fjeldheim were absent.

ORDINANCE #17-03-01/465: On motion by Campbell, seconded by Bunsness, the City unanimously voted to approve First Reading of Ordinance #17-03-01/465. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve First Reading of Ordinance #17-03-01/465, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (M-AG) Mini Agricultural District and (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini Agricultural District: Lots 11-13, Block 2, DeVaans Villa Rancheras Subdivision in the S 1/2 of Sec 31-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (2101 NE 130th Street). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #17-04-01R/466: On motion by Ronayne, seconded by Johnson, the City unanimously voted to set public hearing for Resolution #17-04-01R/466. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to set public hearing for Resolution #17-04-01/466, on petition to vacate the public right-of-way filed by Paul Meyers, Wendy Meyers, and Christopher Leidholdt for the vacation of the public right-of-way described as follows: That portion of the 60' wide Camino Real Public Right-of-Way, commencing at the North side of Brown County 13 public Right-of-Way and continuing North 1,860' between Lots 1-5, Block 1, and Lots 1-6, Block 2, DeVaans Villa Rancheras Subdivision, then continuing West 1,446' between Lots 7-11, Block 1, and Lots 5-8, Block 2, DeVaans Villa Rancheras Subdivision, and then continuing South 501' between the North 501' of Lot 8, Block 1, and Lots 12-13, Block 2, DeVaans Villa Rancheras Subdivision, located in the SE 1/4 of Sec 31-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (NE 130th Street and Roosevelt Street Intersection), to be held in the City Council Chambers on April 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Hansen to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting. Motion carried.

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Brown County

Waste Tire

Contractors

NOTICE TO WASTE TIRE CONTRACTORS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, until 8:45 A.M. on April 18, 2017, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and con-

sidered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for the 2017 BROWN COUNTY WASTE TIRE CLEANUP.
Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "2017 BROWN COUNTY WASTE TIRE CLEANUP", to be opened on April 18, 2017 at 8:45 A.M.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 6-2
Notice is hereby given that the school board election scheduled for the 6th day of June 2017, in Frederick South Dakota has been canceled. The following individuals have filed a certificate of nomination in the office of the Business Manager for the positions to be filled:

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Dan Nickelson... 3 year term
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Lowary to retire after 36 years



Mayor Scott Hanlon reads the resignation letter from City Finance Officer Anita Lowary.

It is now official. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary has submitted her resignation effective June 30, 2017. Mayor Scott Hanlon read her letter of resignation as she will be retiring after 36 years of service to the city.

The Safe Route to School project that the city has been working on for four years is in jeopardy. The sidewalk route runs on the west side of First Street, north of Fourth Avenue to Fifth Avenue, and then on the north side of Fifth Avenue from First Street to Washington Street.

Tim and Faye Berndt and Don Protas came before the council to question the procedure. When they arrived home last week, they discovered pink marks on the tree and questioned what was going on. They said they were never noticed of the proposed sidewalk in front of their homes.

Two councilmen then chimed in and said they thought the entire project was killed a couple of years ago when everyone fought the city about losing trees because of the sidewalks. Both Berndts and Protas would lose trees. They said they were never notified about the sidewalk project.

The sidewalk is part of the Highway 37 project which has been all engineered and bid and construction will be starting this month. The council decided to try and get the one block west of 37 out of the project and if they are unable to get that done, then they want the whole project scrapped. The sidewalk is paid for with a grant from the State Department of Transportation.

(update) If the city were to cancel the project, it would be responsible for up to \$24,000 in engineering fees. It was agreed that the two trees at Berndt's would be moved, but the ones at Protas would be removed. The sidewalk project will proceed as scheduled.

Highway 12 work is scheduled to begin next week and is suppose to be done by July 1. The flashing lights are scheduled to be taken down today (Tuesday) along with six street lights on the north side of US 12. The SD 37 detour will be east on Railroad Avenue to US 12. The state is planning to put down a mat on the road from Sixth Street east to US 12 on the south side of the golf course.

The annual Heartland Consumers Power District meeting is set for April 20 in Madison. Lowary will need to resign from the customer board and she said she would like to get Shawn Lambertz on the board.

Councilman David McGannon proposed to the council about changing the way the city charges for demand to its electrical customers. Under current city ordinance, once a customer reaches 20 KW or 6000 KWH, they are charged a demand rate for a year. The city used to be charged a winter and summer peak load from its wholesalers, but that has been changed several years ago when the city is being charged with a peak demand on a month-to-month basis. McGannon said the city should be doing the same thing to its customers. "It's not fair," he said. Councilman David Blackmun added, "It's time for updating our policy." It will cost the city \$800 to \$1,200 to update its billing program to accommodate the change. The council gave the okay to go ahead with the change in the program. There will be no change in rates until the city gets its report on the rate study which is expected to be done within the next month.

Sump pumps are suppose to be discharged outside and not in the city's sanitary sewer. The council directed Lowary to have an all-call done to remind citizens to get this done.

After an executive session, the council gave first reading on an amendment to the summer salary ordinance.

No Cracker Barrel

The Groton Government Class was planning a Cracker Barrel in reference to the upcoming school vote on the new middle/high school addition. According to Superintendent Joe Schwan, the event was cancelled.

The Life of Genevieve Trembl

Mass of Christian Burial for Genevieve Trembl, 99, of Aberdeen and formerly of Groton will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8 at St. Elizabeth



Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Father Mike Kelly will officiate. Burial will follow in Groton Union Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel on Friday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Jenny passed away Friday, March 31, 2017 surrounded by family at Avera Mother Joseph Manor, Aberdeen.

Genevieve (Jenny) Froehle Trembl was born Feb. 18, 1918 to Joseph and Barbara Herrbach Schroh in Aberdeen, SD. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School through 8th grade. Genevieve assisted several families in the neighborhood by doing housekeeping and babysitting. On Oct 9, 1944, she married Gordon Froehle at St. Mary's Catholic Church. They established a home in Groton where Gordon farmed land north and south of town. Together, they raised

4 daughters, Margaret, Mary Jane, Janice & Rosemary. Jenny was a fantastic seamstress and sewed most of their clothes using a Singer treadle sewing machine. During their younger years, her 3 oldest daughters were usually dressed in lookalike dresses created by her. Having 4 daughters, also gave her the opportunity to sew many doll clothes. Jenny always had a set of dishtowels nearby that she was embroidering and loved to give them as

gifts. She had a great talent for crafts and her favorite projects were Christmas decorations. Jenny enjoyed hosting coffee parties with her friends and always served her homemade goodies (Pies, cakes, brownies, and cookies) which she baked every Saturday morning. During the summer, she spent endless hours working in 2 gardens which produced enough vegetables to feed her family for the year. Every year after Gordon had completed harvest, the family of six would load up the car and travel to a nearby state and enjoy the different sights.

After her children were grown, she looked forward to having everyone home for the holidays and loved having her entire family around their table enjoying her home cooked meals.

She was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, formerly St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and was involved in altar society. For several years, she was a member of a women's birthday club which met at individual's homes and she developed close friendships with everyone.

Jenny worked at the Groton School cafeteria from 1964 through 1980.

Gordon died suddenly in July of 1975 after suffering a heart attack.

She married George Trembl on Sept 20, 1980 and they continued to live in Groton. They loved gardening together and maintaining their beautiful yard. George died in July of 2000.

In June of 2007, Jenny moved to Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen and lived there until the time of her death. Even when her health had started to decline, Jenny still enjoyed embroidering and visiting with people and loved the visits from the staff.

Genevieve is preceded in death by a daughter, Janice Peterson, sons-in-law, Raymond "Pete" Peterson and Jack Looyen, her parents, 3 brothers, Lawrence, Walter, and Joseph and 1 sister, Agnes Lapp.

She will be missed by 3 daughters, Margaret (Carl) Hennemen, New Auburn, WI, Mary Jane Looyen, Blaine, MN, Rosemary (Tom) Eisenbeisz, Aberdeen, SD. 10 Grandchildren, Jeff (Tricia) Henneman, Natalie (Don) Springer, Brenda, (Javi) Lopez, John Henneman, Doug (Sheryl) Looyen, Claudelle (Mike) Thomas, Becky Peterson, Laura (Scott) Bohls, Bradley (Michaela) Eisenbeisz, and Kevin Eisenbeisz and 17 great grandchildren.

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With Barr and Kendricks locking down two of the three linebacker positions, the Vikings will be looking at the following players to see who can step up and become the third starting linebacker:

Emmanuel Lamur, who was brought in as a free agent last offseason, and has tons of experience in Zimmer's defense.

Edmund Robinson, who is entering his second year in the NFL but has spent time in the Canadian Football League.

Kentrell Brothers, who was drafted by the team last year in the fifth round.

There are a few free agents who the Vikings may be interested in, including former Vikings Gerald Hodges, and Ray Mauluga, who worked under Mike Zimmer in Cincinnati.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Before we get into the roster breakdown, I wanted to cover a few news items. The biggest news to come out of Vikings land this past week was a video posted by Teddy Bridgewater. The video showed the quarterback dropping back and throwing a football. There is a huge difference between throwing the ball in a park and playing an actual game, but seeing him throw still caused quite a stir. All reports indicate there is a chance Teddy may never play again, and even if he does, his injury was unique and there is no time table for his return. But he is clearly attacking his rehab with ferocity, and I am certainly not counting him out.



There is also a report that Adrian Peterson will be meeting with the New England Patriots. Personally, I don't think Peterson's style fits with New England's offense, but if there is any coach in the league who can take advantage of his skills, it would be Bill Belichick.

Harrison Smith had surgery on his ankle last week. The surgery was a success, and he should be good to go by training camp.

Now on to the roster breakdown. The Vikings have one of the youngest linebacking corps in the league, and it got younger after the retirement of Chad Greenway. As of now, the Vikings only have five linebackers on the roster, so they will certainly be looking to add one or two during the draft or through free agency.

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- F, canned foods, 5. T

Winnie-the-Pooh

Groton Area High School District Building projects op/ed

South Dakota rural communities offer wonderful opportunities for families to grow and prosper. The only thing better than being raised in a progressive community is seeing your grandchildren growing up in the same environment you did. Communities across South Dakota are all very proud of their heritage and accomplishments as they should be, because it takes a village working together to raise a family. I commend anyone who serves their community in any capacity helping others.

One such service some choose to give through is the local school board, a very worthy cause. It not only affects our youth's education and community activities. But, it touches every property owner and citizen in the school district through taxes they levy to fund our school.

On April 11th, 2017 Groton Area School District will vote on a bond measure vote to build a new Middle and High School levying 50 cents tax to every \$1000.00 assessed valuation just for this project alone which will be levied until the year 2036.

According to Grotonarea.com website the .50 cents added to our current local school tax burden from past school projects is a total of \$1.35 per \$1000.00 valuation which will not be termed off the tax role until 2023. This is only for bonded projects and capital outlay projects NOT general school funding taxes.. Groton City residents will pay additional levy due to city projects assessed to their properties until the year 2019.

Recently, I received a pamphlet distributed by Groton School Board containing helpful information pertaining to this new project. I want to point out this pamphlet ONLY contains tax information for the Middle and High School; it does not give you a total tax assessment for your real estate per year. Since family farmers carry the heaviest tax burden funding local schools and communities I feel you should hear in real numbers how a bond issue like this affects family farmers.

- How many farmers do you know who farm without real estate?

- On our farm one of our least valued quarters of land the tax valuation is \$189,285.00. Currently, we pay a

- school bond of .243 cents per \$1000.00 plus,
- School capital outlay of .81 cents per \$1000.00 plus,

- School general fund of \$1.568 cents per \$1000.00 plus,

- School special Education of .648 cents per \$1000.00. for a

- Total school funding tax of \$618.78 to date for 160 acres of real estate we use to make a living from. Add .50 per \$1000.00 our total tax to Groton School District for one quarter of real estate property will be \$713.42 annually, or \$4.45 per acre

- . Now, that doesn't sound so bad right? That's an increase of less than \$100.00 annually. In a business where you can share that per day or per item with the average consumer this would be easy to accept right. I mean as a banker, mechanic, doctor, insurance salesman or contractor you could share this expense with those who purchase your goods or services with a very mild increase in price.

- But, farmers don't get to share such added costs with those who purchase what they produce.

- Just to put this into perspective for you; using my lowest valuation figures shared above and figure the average farm in SD is 1500 acres times \$4.45 per acre to fund Groton School that means the average farm in the district will pay \$6675.00 annually just to fund the school with this new tax added in.

- Now on the same 1500 acre farm you need to know this family farmer is paying; Township, county, fire district and water district taxes of \$7950.00 annually. For a total real estate tax bill annually to an average family farmer of \$14,625.00 to fund local Schools, fire protection, water drainage, roads and bridges. Or, \$9.75 per acre tax annually.

- REMEMBER; these are conservative numbers. Actual numbers and figures will vary and I estimate they will be much higher. Especially for farmers north of Groton.

If we truly want to remain a progressive community and see young people live and farm here

we must take care of them first and foremost. Building a new school at this time will only add to our tax burden adding stress to those already over stressed and allowing only the rich to survive.

Please Vote NO on April 11th.

Doug Sombke

Groton, SD 57445

Time to do your homework before voting!

To: Groton Area School District Patrons

On April 11th we are faced with a very important vote for the benefit of our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We are very fortunate to be a part of this "exemplary blue ribbon" district. Our school has turned out a long list of decorated graduates including a US Representative, very decorated military personnel, doctors, lawyers, collegiate professors and successful college coaches, amongst many others.

We, (the school board and administration) started our building improvement study in January of 2016. The reason behind the study was the needed infrastructure improvements at both attendance centers in our district. We wanted to be able to make educated decisions that were both fiscally responsible, and that would serve the needs of our school for years to come. We have looked at tons of information, and attended many meetings that included engineers, architects, staff members, along with public meetings. We have listened very closely to all the input that we have received, and are putting forth for you to approve what we feel is the best option for our middle school/high school building improvements. The concept we are presenting is a building that will be very functional, with lots of natural light, safe and secure for our students and staff, (both physical security and information security), along with preserving the history of the 1934 building that will be replaced. We believe the new building will create an environment that will aid our students in building on the outstanding education that they are currently receiving.

The reason that I am writing this letter to the editor, is not to directly ask for a yes vote on April 11th but to ask you, our voters, to make an educated vote when you go to the polls. There is currently a lot of misinformation floating around our communities in regards to the building improvements we have presented, which is often the case when information is passed along, not to mention a lot of opinions that are being shared that are not based on facts. In keeping with the spirit of a top notch school, I am asking you to do some homework between now and April 11th. Your assignment is to study the information available on the home page at www.grotonarea.com, ask questions, obtain the facts, both financial and in regards to the building concept we have presented. A couple of facts that I will give you to start your homework with are, as we all know, we are in a rising interest rate environment, and this project will never be any less costly to do than it is right now, and secondly, our tax impact for both the elementary and middle school/high school project is projected to be less than .95 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation, whereas a couple of school projects in our area that have been voter approved are carrying a tax impact of over \$2.30 and \$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value.

In closing, please read the information available on the school website or contact any of our administrators, Superintendent Joe Schwan, Principals Anna Schwan and Brett Schwan, Business Manager Mike Weber or any of the board members for any information you need to complete your homework! We would be more than happy to talk to you.

Thank you for your time, and please vote on April 11th.

Marty Weismantel

Groton Area School Board Member

Farm property to take a hit on school bond issue

After discussion with the Groton Area School District Board of Education I realized that the procurement process for the selection of the Construction Manager for the elementary school project was a sole-source selection process. This is the single largest contract for the project and the only one that was not a competitive bid process. The school board pushed back when questioned and responded that they did not need to make this a competitive process,

but when awarding an 18% fee to this group, why wouldn't you? A competitive process could have offered up multiple concepts and had the potential to save the school district several hundred thousand dollars. Unfortunately it is too late for the elementary school project because our school board has recklessly and ignorantly squandered district tax dollars by entering into a contract with this group at the aforementioned fee of 18% of the project cost. The high school and middle school project still has the potential to be a competitive process, but we must vote against the upcoming bond issue and force the school board to be held accountable as good stewards of the tax dollars entrusted to them.

The potential tax impact for farmers and agricultural land owners in the Groton Area Schools District for both elementary and high school projects could levy taxes at a rate of \$0.75/\$1000 of assessed value. For many landowners, this will be an increase in your annual tax bill of almost \$400/quarter or \$4000/annually for a landowner having at least ten quarters of land in the district. Please vote against the upcoming bond issue on April, 11th and send a message to our school district board of education that we support change, but we expect due diligence on our behalf in the process.

Cory Barber

GHS Class of 88

To backup Cory Barber's asking for a no vote, I felt what the ruling really is should be exposed for the voter's sake. South Dakota Law Section 5-18 states that procurement for professional services exceeding fifty thousand dollars shall be procured using a request for proposals. The school board is not being responsible by not asking for a competitive bid. It shows disrespect for the tax increase that is about to occur. No doubt we need some improvements that need to be addressed, but someone is pulling the wool over the eyes of the school board. Vote "NO" to be sure the next project goes through a competitive process and follows the law. It's only good business!

Harry Pharis

A Farmer's Point of View

Please consider these points as you decide your vote on April 11:

1. Seven million dollars of your hard earned money will be spent remodeling the elementary school - without a vote. The school board can legally do this - but is it morally and financially right to tax people without a popular vote?

2. Seven million dollars will be spent on the elementary remodel with little to no input from farmers, teachers and constituents from all the surround communities. Groton, Bristol, Ferney, Columbia and Andover had a total of 95 people attend meetings of the approximately 2,600 people in the district.

3. Seven million of your dollars will be spent at a rate of over \$75,000 per day to remodel an obsolete pod-shaped design. This 48-year old elementary building has tiny trapezoid classrooms that will have less teachable space when your hard earned money is all spent.

4. Seven million dollars will be spent in 89 days, but there doesn't seem to be a clear budget or anyone at risk. What happens when it costs more because of weather and building delays from unforeseen problems that remodeling a 48-year old structure presents? If they exceed their bids, the board will want more of your tax dollars.

5. Seven million dollars would have gone a long ways to build a BRAND NEW elementary school!

6. \$14,500,000 of your hard earned tax dollars are being voted on April 11. The school board and administration are asking for huge projects at both the elementary school and the high school. One project we get to vote on - the other we did not. From a farmer's perspective, I want to see results from my tax dollars spent at the elementary school first. What is the rush?

7. Where was the competition among all the architectural firms for the best ideas on how to build or remodel these projects? The public has seen none! One plan for the elementary school and only one for the high school. Say "NO" to the high school.

A vote "NO" means we can think about all the above mentioned points and get the BEST plan for the BEST price that will promote the BEST future for our children and the teachers.

/s/ Robert Swisher

DOT holds first meeting

Work has started on US12 in Groton with the Department of Transportation holding its first meeting Thursday at the community center. There will be weekly meetings at 1 p.m. on Thursdays at the Groton Community Center and they will be carried live on GDILIVE.COM.

It was stated that through Monday will be the worst for traffic congestion on US 12. The entrance into the Dairy Queen is blocked off, so entrance there will be through MJ's. Ken's will also have entrance issues, especially with delivery trucks. There was discussion of making 12th Avenue behind Ken's a 2-way street during construction.

The work on US 12 is expected to be completed by July 1; however, the DOT is concerned about several utilities that are in the way. They said that James Valley has been doing a great job getting everything organized and having a plan for its utilities. The same

cannot be said for the other companies. Northwestern has gas lines and it is going to take time to get them moved. MidContinent has several issues to deal with including raising its cabinet on the north-east corner of US12 and SD37 by three feet.

You better start planning a different route if you use Broadway in Groton. Starting May 5th, Broadway will be blocked off from US12 to Railroad Avenue. There will be at least two cross roads that will remain open between the west side of town and the east side. Those crossings will vary during construction.

The Safe Route to School sidewalk is expected to be done fairly quickly. That goes from Fourth Avenue on the west side of First Street, north to Fifth Avenue, then on the north side of Fifth Avenue from First Street over to Lincoln Street.

The DOT officials on hand said they will work with the businesses to make the transitions as easy as possible.



World War I



When World War I began in 1914, it was a war that mainly involved European countries and Russia. The U.S. was not involved, but did agree more with one side, called the **Allies**. Germany, part of the other side, the **Central Powers**, became angry with bank loans and ships bringing cargo to Britain (its enemy). Germany threatened to use its submarines to sink any ships going to Britain – even American ships. So the U.S. on April 6, 1917, declared war on Germany.

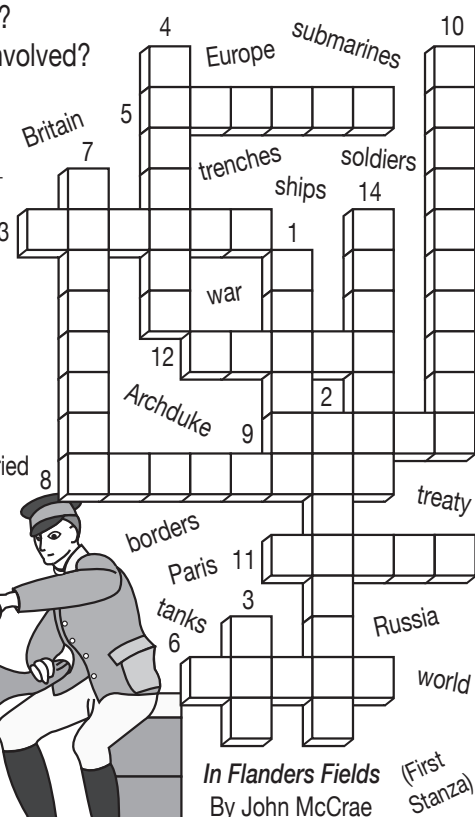
Read my clues about WWI to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- in 1914, people in the small country of Serbia (in _____) did not want the Emperor of the large nation of Austria-Hungary to their north to rule their country
- when the Austrian-Hungarian _____ Franz Ferdinand and his wife visited Serbia, they were killed while riding in their carriage
- this was seen as an act of _____ and the countries of Bulgaria, Italy, Germany and the Ottoman Empire sided with Austria-Hungary (Italy later switched sides)
- France, Great _____ and Russia lined up with Serbia
- at the beginning of the war, _____ had the largest army in the world and sent the most soldiers
- _____ were used for the first time during this war; at first called 'land ships'; the British shipped them in crates that were supposed to be holding water tanks
- soldiers dug _____; lived and fought in them



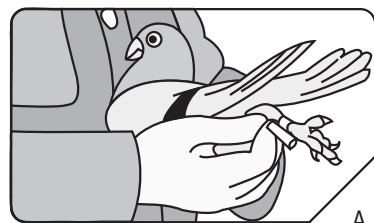
How Did the War Begin? Why Did the U.S. Get Involved?

- during the first Christmas of the war (1914) some _____ on both sides agreed to stop fighting; they sang songs, _____ gave some small gifts of food – and some even took part in a football game
- France built a fake city of _____ hoping to confuse enemy fighter pilots
- the U.S. joined in WWI (1917) after Germany's _____ sank American ships and Germany tried to get Mexico to side with them by promising land that Mexico had earlier lost to the U.S.
- German U-boats sank over 5,000 _____
- was the first war fought by countries all over the _____ and was so terrible, people felt that it must be the "War to End All Wars"
- at the end of WWI (1919), Germany, Austria and Turkey had to sign a _____ giving up their colonies (lands they had taken over)
- new _____ were drawn, some countries added land, some new countries were created too – the map of Europe changed largely to the one we see today



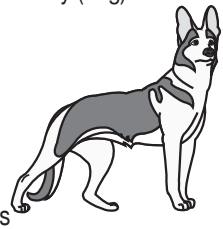
In Flanders Fields
By John McCrae
(First Stanza)
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

How Did Animals Help the Soldiers?

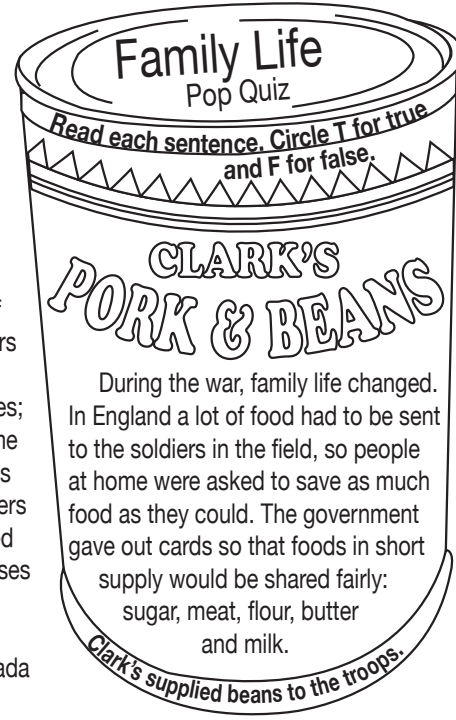


During the course of World War I, animals helped the soldiers in many ways. Some were mascots and cheered up the troops. Some animals saved soldiers' lives. **Can you match each to how it was known to help the soldiers?**

- Jimmy the donkey
- Winnipeg the bear
- Sergeant Stubby (dog)
- horses
- terriers
- pigeons
- German shepherds



- carried soldiers; pulled wagons
- born on French battlefield (1916); lifted hoof in salute; carried supplies and injured soldiers
- brought overseas by American soldier; smelled gas and alerted soldiers, saving lives; thought to be the greatest war dog of all time
- worked for Red Cross; went onto battlefields to reach wounded men; used to guard soldiers
- trained to kill rats in the trenches; were called "ratters"; saved troops from bites and diseases
- flew with messages; very dependable, and information they carried saved lives
- black bear cub brought overseas from Canada as a mascot, donated to the London Zoo



- A lot of men went to war so women filled their jobs.
T F
- With moms working in factories, many children grew up without a parent home all day.
T F
- Boy and Girl Scouts of America handed out pamphlets on how to buy candy to support the soldiers.
T F
- Dried foods kept a long time so demand for them rose.
T F
- When people went to see a movie, a film 'news' reel would be shown first.
T F

A "Beary" Special Story

Winnipeg the bear was bought by veterinarian Lt. Harry Colebourn on his way to England during World War I. When his regiment moved out from England, he loaned the black bear cub to the London Zoo. There the bear became so beloved that Harry donated it to the zoo. A few years later, writer A. A. Milne visited the zoo with his son, who named his own stuffed bear after the cub. Milne wrote books about this bear, which became famous:

Use this key:
Y = Yellow
O = Orange



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Groton School

Notice of

Bond Election

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6

A Special School District Bond Election will be held on April 11, 2017 in all the voting precincts in Groton Area School District 06-6, Groton, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven o'clock a.m. to seven o'clock p.m. central time on the day of the election.

At the election, the following questions will be voted upon:

SHALL THE GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6, BROWN, CLARK, DAY, MARSHALL AND SPINK COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA, ISSUE ITS NEGOTIABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$14,500,000, ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, BEARING INTEREST AT SUCH RATES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AND MATURE OVER A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY YEARS FROM THEIR DATE OF ISSUANCE WITH PRINCIPAL DEFERRED IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY AND HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC SPACES TO REPLACE THE 1934 HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND THE REMODELING OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE ROOM AND COSTS OF ISSUANCE?

SHALL THE ABOVE PROPOSITION BE APPROVED AND THE BONDS ISSUED?

The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows:

Andover Area Precinct #1, (which includes Andover Town, Andover Township and Farmington Township) – Andover Senior Center.

Bristol Area Precinct #2, (which includes Bristol Town, Butler Town, Lily Town, Bristol Township, Butler Township, Kidder Township, Lynn Township, Oak Gulch Township, Scotland Township, Troy Township, Union Township, Valley Township and York Township as well as Clark County residents in Warren Township) – Bristol Community Center.

Columbia Area Precinct #3, (which includes the City of Columbia, Brainard Township #7, Shelby Township #8, Cambria Township #15, and Garland Township #46,) – Columbia Community Center

Groton Area Precinct #4, (which includes the City of Groton, Wards 1, 2, & 3, and Claremont Township #10, Riverside Township #16, Groton Township #17, Henry Township #18, Bath Township #19, Gem Township #24, East Hanson Township #25, Garden Prairie Township #26 East Rondell Township #27, Bates Township #44, Putney Township #48, and West Hanson Township #49 as well as Spink County residents in Beotia Township, Conde Township and Olean Township) – Groton Community Center.

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

Groton Area School District No. 06-6
Michael J. Weber, Business Official
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Groton City Notice of Ward 3 Election

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON
A Municipal Election will be held on the 11th day of April, 2017 in Groton, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven o'clock a.m. to seven o'clock p.m. central daylight savings time on the day of the election.

At the election, the following offices will be filled: Alderman Ward 3 – 2 Year Term – Mary Fliehs or Karyn Babcock

Furthermore, the following offices were unopposed: Alderman Ward 1 - 2 year term – Jay Peterson (Incumbent); Alderman Ward 2 - 2 year term – Ed Opp (Incumbent)

The polling place in Ward 3 of this municipality is the Groton Community Center, 109 N Third St, Groton, SD.

Voters with disabilities may contact the City Finance Officer for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Anita Lowary
Finance Officer
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SAMPLE BALLOT BOND ELECTION

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 BROWN, CLARK, DAY, MARSHALL AND SPINK COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA

APRIL 11, 2017

SHALL THE GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6, BROWN, CLARK, DAY, MARSHALL, AND SPINK COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA, ISSUE ITS NEGOTIABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$14,500,000, ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, BEARING INTEREST AT SUCH RATES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AND MATURE OVER A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY YEARS FROM THEIR DATE OF ISSUANCE WITH PRINCIPAL DEFERRED IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY AND HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC SPACES TO REPLACE THE 1934 HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND THE REMODELING OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE ROOM AND COSTS OF ISSUANCE?

SHALL THE ABOVE PROPOSITION BE APPROVED AND THE BONDS ISSUED?

ATTORNEY'S EXPLANATION

The School District is proposing to issue the principal amount of not to exceed \$14,500,000 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the construction of a new middle school facility and high school academic spaces to replace the 1934 high school addition and the remodeling of the performing arts practice room and paying costs of issuance. The terms of the bonds will be set by the school board.

A vote "Yes" would give the School District the authority to issue an amount not to exceed \$14,500,000 in bond financing, the proceeds of which will be used in the construction of a new middle school facility and high school academic spaces to replace the 1934 high school addition and the remodeling of the performing arts practice room.

A vote "No" is against the issuing of bonds.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square preceding "Yes" or "No". A vote "yes" is in favor of issuing the bonds and a vote "no" is against the issuing of bonds.

YES

NO

GROTON KIWANIS CLUB

Tom Paepke, president; led the short business session for the Wednesday weekly dinner meeting. Plans are being made for the annual Kiwanis sponsored GHS athletic banquet, May 1.

Mayor Scott Hanlon was program leader, and introduced John Schuroke and Brian Schroeder, who spoke on Groton's road construction plans.

Thirteen members attended the meeting, and two guests.

Next week's program leader is Sharon Simon, followed by Steve Simon.

The president met with the membership committee after the meeting. Those committee members are Reed Litch, chairman, Mike Ehreshmann and Lee Schinkel

SAMPLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT

WARD 3

GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 11, 2017

To vote use a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the square in front of the name. DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race.

For Alderman 2 year term, you may vote for one or leave it blank.

Mary Fliehs

Karyn Babcock

Community Calendar



1503 N Broadway, Groton, 605/397-8145

Friday, April 7

State Student Congress in Pierre
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Groton FFA CDE

United Methodist: MOMS Group at 9:30 a.m.

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, beets, peach upside down cake, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Cheese omelette, muffin, fruit, juice, milk.

United Methodist: MOMS Group, 9:30 a.m.

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, fruit, broccoli and dip.

Saturday, April 8

ACT Test, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at GHS
State Show Choir in Aberdeen

United Methodist: Focus Days at Conde UMC.

Aberdeen 225-6772 1-800-843-1865
Redfield 1-800-247-4650
Webster 1-800-658-2252

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Sunday, April 9

POPS Concert at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with Sunday School singing at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Catholic Parish: Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic

Church at 9 a.m., then at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.

United Methodist Parish: Worship in Conde at 9 a.m., coffee fellowship time at 10 a.m. and worship in Groton with Sunday School singing at 11 a.m., Sunday School begins after children's sermon in church.

Heaven Bound Ministries in Pierpont: Worship at 10 a.m.

Monday, April 10

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

United Methodist: Evening Bible Study at 7 p.m.

7th/8th grade track at Milbank, 3:45 p.m.

School Board Meeting at 7 p.m.

School Lunch: Chicken sandwich, smile potatoes, fruit, romaine salad.

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, apricots, whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, April 11

Emmanuel Lutheran: Church Council at 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m., NO Ad Council
Groton hosts track meet starting at 11:30 a.m.

School Lunch: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, fruit, carrots, dip.

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: BBQ Chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, chocolate cake, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, April 12

School Lunch: Soft shell tacos, tri taters, fruit.

School Breakfast: Bosco sticks, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle at 5 p.m., League at 6:30 p.m., Confirmation at 7 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church: Living Stations at 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation at 3:45 p.m.

United Methodist, Groton: Community Coffee Time from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with free coffee and rolls; Kid Zone at 3:30 p.m., Confirmation at 6 p.m. with 8th grade mentors joining.

Thursday, April 13

7th/8th grade track at Sisseton, 4 p.m.

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, broccoli and dip, fruit.

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Easter Dinner: Ham, raisin sauce, baked sweet potato, green bean casserole, Easter dessert, dinner roll.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with 1st communion for Fifth Graders at 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Conde Maundy Thursday service at 5:30 p.m., Finance Meeting at 6 p.m., Groton Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14

Community Good Friday service at Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church at noon

Death Notice: Ralph Sippel

Ralph Sippel, 90, of Groton passed away April 6, 2017 at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Death Notice: Dwayne Coon

Dwayne Coon, 80, of Groton passed away April 6, 2017 at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

EASTER CELEBRATION
Set the holiday table with traditional family favorites!



GREAT WINE SELECTION

Ken's Super Fair Foods

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

C-Store

Monday - Saturday
6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Groton, SD 57445

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