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The yellow is disappearing as the grey tone fills in on the Groton Community Center.

## Community Center to get a new color

The Groton Community Center will be getting a new coat of paint and a new color. The council agreed on Stately Graystone as the new main color with white trim. Shirley Briggs will be starting the painting project on Tuesday.

City Hall will also be getting new shingles. The council agreed to accept the low quote from Blocker Construction in the amount of \$2,250 to reshingle city hall.

The council moved \$200,000 from the electric fund to the general fund to help pay for \$250,000 in debt service.

Dollar General's application for wine and beer was approved by the council. Mayor Scott Hanlon had to ask for a second time before Councilman David McGannon seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Two more handicap parking spots will be added at the baseball complex. There is currently only one spot.

The governor has declared July 3rd as a holiday in South Dakota. The city ordinance does not recognize governor's declarations so the council decided to make July 3rd a holiday in Groton as well. In addition, the city council meetings will be moved to July 10th and July 24th.

The ice machine at the ballpark broke down again. The city put \$800 into it last year and instead of putting more money into it, the council agreed to buy one for \$1,425.

There is interest in the old jail building. The council agreed to put something together to put the jail building up for bids to be moved or removed from the property. That advertisement will be approved at the next council meeting.

The council approved to have a golf team in the annual Chamber Golf Tournament on June 23rd. If the city cannot get a team together, it will donate the \$250 fee for prizes.

During the finance officer's school report, Finance Officer Anita Lowary made mention of something she didn't even know about. The Owner Occupied option on property taxes only reduces the school taxes. It does not reduce any of the other property taxes.



The Butch Farmen house at 205 N. Fourth Street in Groton is scheduled for demolition this week.



The Groton Junior Teener team is featured above. In back, left to right, are Coach Adam Herman, Jordan Bjerke, Evin Nehls, Jace Kroll, Alex Morris, Chandler Larson, Lucas Simon and Adrian Knutson; in front, left to right, are Trey Johnson, Lane Krueger, Pierce Kettering, Kaden Kurtz, Trevor Harry, Lee Iverson and Jayden Zak. (Groton Photography)



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**Ben Gustafson tries to steal third but is tagged out by third baseman Alex Morris. Claremont-Britton Coach Mike Frey is also pictured.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Groton Junior Teeners split with Claremont-Britton

Claremont-Britton had a double play in the bottom of the sixth inning to stop Groton from tying the game. Groton had bases loaded twice in the game. The first time, Lucas Simon hit a two RBI single. The second time Groton had two players walked and one got on with an error, but the double play stopped the rally.

Kaden Kurtz and Alex Morris each had two hits while Chandler Larson and Lucas Simon each had a hit. Colin Frey had a double and a single for Claremont-Britton while Boston Marlow, Hayden Reints and Austen Wieser each had a single.

Alex Morris pitched for Groton with 13 strike-outs, one walk, two hit by pitch and five hits. Kaden Kurtz was the catcher. Colin Frey pitched for Claremont-Britton with eight strike-outs, eight walks and six hits. Boston Marlow was the pitcher.

Groton scored four runs in the first inning of the second game to help the home team with a 5-3 win. Claremont-Britton had two errors to help bring in runs for Groton. Alex Morris and Chandler Larson each had a single for Groton while Boston Marlow ended with a triple and single while Zander Widner, Ben Gustafson and Kash Cutler each had a single for Claremont-Britton. Chandler Larson pitched for Groton with five strike-outs, one hit by pitch, one walk and five hits. Zander Widner pitched for part of the first inning with three walks and a single. Then Boston Marlow pitched the rest of the game with four walks, three strike-outs and one hit.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls, The Johnson Agency and Harry Implement of Ferney.



**Left to right are first flight winners Barb Gillick and Kathy Bauer; and championship flight winners Toni Gisi and Colette Quam.** (Photo by Tina Kosel)

## Ladies Invitational Golf Tourney Monday, June 19, 2017, Olive Grove Golf Course

- Championship Flight**  
 71- Colette Quam and Toni Gisi  
 80- Terri Holmes and Ellen Renner  
 80- Suzie Easthouse and Angel McGregor  
 82- Sharon Zastrow and Cyndy Larson  
 84- Cindy Kraft and Becky Campbell  
 86- Doreen Borchard and Lollie Dean  
 86- Renae Ball and Betty Dunker

- First Flight**  
 87- Barb Gillick and Kathy Bauer  
 88- Brenda Waage and Sue Stanley  
 92- Arlys Kluess and Diane Easthouse  
 94- Donna Wagner and Deanne Hoyle  
 95- Judy Thompson and Julie Flihs  
 99- Julie Hinds and Mary Blackmun  
 103- Jeanne Wanous and Judy Sundling  
 113- Melinda Eikamp and Arlo Spencer

**Closest to Pin #4:** Colette Quam ~ **Longest Putt #9:** Lolly Dean  
**Longest Drive #7:** Colette Quam



## The Life of Ronald Spencer

Services for Ronald "Ron" Spencer, 68, of Houghton were held Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the United Methodist Church, Claremont. The Rev. Loren Salfrank officiated. Burial with military honors followed at Huffton Cemetery.



Ron passed away June 15, 2017 at his home, surrounded by family.

Ronald Martin was born on January 18, 1949 in Morris, Minnesota. In 1954, he was placed in a foster home in Havana, North Dakota, where he was found by Jim and Doris (Nelson) Spencer on May 4, 1954. Ron's early school years were spent at Hostetter Country School and Barnes School before transferring to Claremont. He enjoyed playing football and basketball during those years and graduated from Claremont High School in 1967. Ron continued his education at NDSCS in the fall and graduated in 1968 from Diesel Mechanics. He then enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1969 and completed basic training in San Antonio, Texas. During his service years, he was stationed at Chanute Air Force Base and Lockland Air Force Base in California, where he worked as a machinist. Ron took additional training to become an air frame mechanic before his deployment to Vietnam on December 30,

1970. On return from Vietnam, he ended his military service in Grand Forks Air Base, ND, working in the engine shop. He was honorably discharged May 1, 1972.

Ron later came back to the Claremont area to farm with his father. He met the love of his life, Roberta (Ibis) Falk in 1981 and they were united in marriage on October 15, 1984.

Ron was a member of the Claremont Legion, the National Farmers Organization, Shrine and Masons. He was an avid racing fan, and raced a late model car from 1976-1980. He raced on tracks in Sioux Falls, Watertown, Huron and Aberdeen. He also had visited Nascar tracks in Daytona, Kansas City and Knoxville, Iowa. Other hobbies included farming, playing cards, traveling, and attending the State B's. Ron had never missed a State B Boys Basketball Tournament in 33 years. He also belonged to league bowling, and had been to several State Bowling Tournaments. Bobbie and Ron wintered in Mesa, Arizona. He was extremely proud of having completed treatment and remaining sober for 20 years.

Celebrating his life is his mother, Doris of Groton, his wife of 32 years, Roberta of Houghton, his daughter, Rhonda Willson of Harrisburg, son, Jason (Melinda) Spencer of Claremont, step-son, Shane Falk of Houghton and three grandchildren; Autumn, Connor and Danessa Willson. Ron is also survived by his biological brothers; Pete (Kathy) Mugg, Bob Enkers, Rick Enkers, El Roy (Melissa) Enkers, Wes (Karen) Enkers and J.R. Enkers.

Preceding him in death was his dad, James Spencer, infant sister, Judy Rodland, infant brother, Jerry Enkers, a sister, Arlys Reynolds, and brother, Mike Sauer.

Honorary Casketbearers were the Claremont Legion Post #262 members and Morning Coffee Crew.

Casketbearers were Doug Hinrichs, Frank Rasmussen, Todd Martin, Ron Nehls, Don Hanson and Chuck Knecht.

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## Service Notice: Marian Raines

Services for Marian Raines, 88, of Groton will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 26th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Craig Grams and Pastor Marcia Sylvester will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to services on Monday.

Marian passed away June 21, 2017 at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center.

## Hoops Family Reunion

The John and Mary Hoops family Reunion will be held on June 25th at the Groton Community Center. The pot luck dinner is at 12:30, with Chicken and drinks provided.

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## Brown County June 13, 2017

### Meeting Minutes

JUNE 13, 2017 – 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 Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

**Payroll:** Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$8,053.52; Treasurer \$13,786.70; States Attorney \$21,509.55; SVAWA Grant \$1,282.08; Maintenance \$7,192.48; Assessor \$13,776.87; Register of Deeds \$9,277.35; Veterans Service Office \$4,199.78; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,646.03; Human Resources \$3,088.06; Sheriff Admin \$36,477.93; Jail \$50,973.94; JDC \$22,318.38 Welfare Office \$3,665.57; Museum \$8,214.10; Parks & Fairgrounds \$6,776.45; Fair Board \$3,695.61; 4-H \$582.40; Weed \$5,480.83; Planning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$50,072.51; Communications \$20,701.00; Emergency Management \$3,960.14; Teen Court \$404.98; 24/7 \$3,237.57; Landfill \$15,577.06.

**Matching Benefits:** FICA \$19,610.75; Medicare \$4,586.30. Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$3,497.50; Rene Axness \$200.00; Brick's TV & Appliance \$1,972.50; Certified Languages \$1,003.20; Ryan Dell \$902.40; Dohrer Law Office \$282.00; Carol Erdmann \$200.00; Dolly Evans \$205.00; Bonnie Fisher \$60.00; Marilyn Flemmer \$60.00; Kay Frederick \$60.00; Jeanette Gollnick \$205.00; Ardy's Gosch \$205.00; Helms & Assoc. \$330.00; Sally Hofer \$200.00; Elaine Huff \$200.00; Interpreccors \$172.00; Yolonda Jahraus \$180.00; Cindy Jung \$200.00; Kuck Law Office \$2,224.20; LexisNexis \$79.50; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$135.90; Donna Marmorstein \$200.00; Midstates Printing \$500.00; Evangeline Miller \$60.00; Dennis Nelson \$200.00; Dorothy O'Keefe \$200.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$2,952.80; Rogers Law Office \$756.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$100.00; Schriver's Memorial Mortuary \$1,700.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$794,017.53; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$629.50; Geri Sillman \$180.00; Evalyn Smith \$200.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$3,252.20; Kathryn Vitense \$60.00; Barbara Walker \$200.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff Office \$100.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$1,744.90; Luther Yellow Robe \$3,000.00.

**Publishing:** Aberdeen American News \$181.98.  
**Rentals:** Dakota Electronics \$331.00.

**Repairs & Maintenance:** Custom Sheet Metal \$193.35; Dakota Electronics \$306.00; DMI \$3,518.23; E & R Industrial

Sales \$61.02; Farnam's \$86.99; Fire Safety First \$174.10; G & K Services \$266.28; Gillund Enterprises \$6.00; Hedahl's Auto Value \$21.90; Helms & Assoc. \$1,560.00; Hoven Auto Repair \$3,070.62; Huff Construction \$975.00; Kenneth Jacobson \$1,080.00; Ladner Electric \$53,194.86; Lien Transportation \$103,638.30; North Central Rental \$20,448.00; Pauer Sound & Music \$1,700.00; Pierson-Ford \$125.88; PowerPlan \$500.84; Quality Welding \$38.00; Sheehan Mack \$29,457.00; Steven Lust Auto \$441.40; Walth Safety Service \$225.00; Woodman Refrigeration \$654.10.

**Supplies:** Advance Auto \$1,699.31; Ameripride \$178.68; Butler Machinery \$191.32; Cartney Bearing \$374.69; Cash-Wa \$6,169.60; Century Business Products \$791.89; Dakota Electronics \$1,716.12; Dakota Oil \$356.80; Dean Foods \$727.28; DMI \$103.01; E & R Industrial Sales \$175.60; Earthgrains \$1,022.09; Farnam's \$151.86; Fasco \$1,249.00; Geffdog \$76.26; Gillund Enterprises \$198.00; GovConnection \$483.18; Hedahl's Auto Value \$195.74; House of Glass \$24.18; J & K Painting \$363.30; Kessler's \$27.58; Lien Transportation \$143,789.25; Marco \$32.64; Menards \$511.17; Midstates Printing \$193.63; NCFE - Warner \$8,565.12; Nelson Sales & Service \$295.91; Network Services \$2,040.31; PowerPlan \$952.22; Quality Welding \$3.00; Running's \$151.90; SD Federal Property \$20.00; Sewing Shoppe \$36.00; Sheehan Mack \$5,938.25; Steven Lust Auto \$358.85; Taylor Laundry \$123.50; Van Diest Supply \$8,154.75; Walth Safety Service \$290.24; Web Water Bottling Co. \$26.00; West Payment Center \$793.70.

**Travel & Conference:** Days Inn-Pierre \$57.00; Days Inn-Brookings \$522.00; Kay Frederick \$10.34.  
**Utilities:** Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,611.61; City of Hecla \$170.24; NWPS \$1,457.46; NVC \$2,979.56; Town of Frederick \$48.00; Web Water Development \$71.33.

**Other:** Kathy Baer \$49.38.  
**Machinery & Equip.:** DMI \$22,220.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective June 18, 2017: Cindy Meyers @ \$17.23 per hour, Damian Bahr @ \$23.54 per hour, Tracy Madsen @ \$17.62 per hour, Cindy Eppard @ \$16.60 per hour, Barry Kusler @ \$20.97 per hour; Jennifer White @ \$18.21 per hour; Kurt Pigors @ \$20.46 per hour; Keith Baker @ \$20.95 per hour; Joe Adam @ \$22.05 per hour; Polly Rush @ \$20.61 per hour; Jaclyn Nagel @ \$16.51 per hour, Sarah Hartje @ \$14.83 per hour.

Authorize payment of retirement award per policy D-3 Retirement for Donald Fischer in amount of \$150.00 before taxes as requirements were met.

Approve hiring September Dick and Nicole Bootz as full-time Dispatchers, effective June 26, 2017 @ \$16.14 per hour.

All members present voting

aye. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF REPORTS:**  
Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the following May 2017 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNT:**

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the May 2017 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$20,503,432.95 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,599.23, Cash items (bad checks) @ \$1,400.77, US Bank @ \$37,136.28, Dacotah Bank @ \$12,084,626.90, Petty Cash/Change Funds @ \$2,500.00, Fund Investments @ \$8,374,169.77). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BINGO APPLICATION:**  
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following application, submitted by the Elm Lake Association to conduct bingo every other Thursday at the Elm Lake Resort. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HLS PROPERTY TRANSFERS:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following 2016 Homeland Security Equipment Transfer Documents: Hecla Fire Department (3 SCBA); Groton Fire Department (3 SCBA); Columbia Fire Department (3 SCBA); Frederick Fire Department (1 SCBA); Aberdeen Rural Fire Department (3 SCBA); Aberdeen Fire & Rescue (3 SCBA); Warner Fire Department (3 SCBA); Claremont Fire Department (3 SCBA); Stratford Fire Department (3 SCBA). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CHANGE FUND:**  
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to increase the existing Change Fund for the Brown County Landfill from \$300.00 to \$400.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreements: Jamie Hart for lease of the Club House on Jun 17-18, 2017 (Olive Grove Golf Course obtained alcohol license for event); Trinity Lutheran Church for lease of one stage on July 22-23, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACT:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contract for the 2017 Brown County Fair: Andy Drangstveit @ \$350.00 (voiceover work). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DROUGHT DISASTER DECLARATION:**  
Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION #38-17 DROUGHT DISASTER DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, Brown County continues to suffer from a lack of moisture resulting in a natural disaster in the form of agricultural drought conditions, resulting from inadequate winter snowfall, inadequate rainfall, desolating winds, and late frost conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believe that said drought conditions constitute a natural disaster of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of this County, and there is no emergency plan available to alleviate the damage and economic chaos resulting from these conditions; and

WHEREAS, Brown County does not have the financial resources to respond to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Brown County is well aware that sparse pastures and lack of forage crops is necessitating the reduction and disposal of livestock herds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Brown County is aware that row crops are stressed from lack of rain and yields will be impacted; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-

SOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, declare a natural disaster drought emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, we, the Board of Commissioners of Brown County respectfully petition the Governor of the State of South Dakota to declare a Secretarial Disaster Declaration to exist in Brown County.

Adopted this 13th day of June 2017.

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

**APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY:**  
Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the following applications, submitted by James Valley Communications for occupancy of the following: Hwy#13 in Sec 35-T124N-R64W; Hwy #10 in Sec 36-T124N-R64W; Hwy #13 in Sec 1-T123N-R64W; Hwy #13 in Sec 6/5/4-T123N-R63W; Hwy #4 in N 1/2 Sec 6-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD to provide telecommunications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the following applications, submitted by James Valley Communications for occupancy of the following: Hwy#9 in Sec 14-T125N-R64W; Hwy #9 in Sec 15/16/17/18/13-T125N-R64/65W; Hwy #6 in Sec 13/24/25-T125N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD to provide telecommunications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**NACO CREDENTIALS:**  
Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize the Chair sign NACO Credentials Certificate for Duane Sutton to represent Brown County at the upcoming NACO Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio. Gary Vetter will also be attending. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**GUARDRAIL:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to authorize guardrail to be placed next to building owned by Gary Fischer on Railroad Avenue; and further research who is liable for building damage that occurred during snow removal. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:15 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**Westport Town  
June 5  
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Westport General Meeting

June 5th, 2017  
The Town of Westport met on June 5th, 2017 with Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson and community members present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General  
NWPS (\$349.85), Groton Independent (\$15.76), Menards (\$11.47), Eddie's Northside-gas (\$107.62), Running's (\$192.67), Pinnacle Ag (\$140.00), Gary's Engine & Repair (\$259.99), Michaela Podoll (\$ ), Tim Selzler (\$150.00), Shane Storm (\$430.00), Michael Wilson (\$100.00), & Doreen Hertel (\$900.00).

Sewer  
NWPS (\$45.09), NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13), SD Assoc. of Rural Water Systems (\$320.00) & Payroll -Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Water  
WEB (\$990.63), Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43), Payroll-Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Mike Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Shane Storm.

The following deposits were presented:

City General  
Brown County Collections (\$3,798.58), State of SD (\$5,080.12), Hall Rental (\$275.12), Building Permits (\$40.00), Reimbursement (\$35.00) & Interest (\$22.13).

Sewer  
Resident Payments - (\$1612.50).

Water  
Resident Payments - (\$3,120.48).

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
Rental of the Town Hall was discussed. It was decided to have one rental fee year round, rather than to have two fees depending if heat was used. It was decided to charge \$75.00 per day with a \$100 refundable deposit.

The post office has a new postal worker that is sending

mail to Huron, even when it is being sent from Westport to Westport. This is making the receiving of the water/ sewer bills later. Then the deposit is being made later. The town board is looking to have a drop off site for the water/ sewer bills at the town hall.

The next meeting should be July 3rd, but it will be postponed a week to July 10th due to the holiday.

WEB water will be raising their rates on October 31st. The city has figured in a raise in rates in the last fee rates for Water/ Sewer bills. The city is not plan on raising rates for this service at this time.

The CD the city has for the sewer will be cashed in when it comes due. Then it will be applied to paying off the sewer loan.

It was decided to donate \$500 to the fireworks.  
The city is looking into have electricity to the city shed.  
Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer  
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## Groton Area Fire Protection

### Truck Bid Notice NOTICE TO FIRE TRUCK DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received at Kolker Law Office, 102 N. Main Street, Groton, South Dakota 57401, until the hour of 5:00 P.M. on Monday, June 26, 2017 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District for furnishing and delivery of "One (1) New Wildland Apparatus to be Mounted on 2017 F-550 Truck", FOB Groton, South Dakota, as per the specifications contained in the bid packet available from the attorney for the fire district at the address and telephone number set forth below.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Kari A. Bartling, Attorney, PO Box 467, 102 N. Main Street, Groton, South Dakota 57445; and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON ONE (1) NEW WILDLAND APPARATUS TO BE MOUNTED ON 2017 F-550 TRUCK" to be opened on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

Proposal Guaranty: The proposal guaranty required and which shall accompany each bid is a certified check, a cashier's check or a bank draft certified by a national or state bank and payable to Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, or in lieu thereof, bidder may furnish a bid bond for ten percent (10%) of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District.

The Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which they deem to be in the best interest of the Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District.

The Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Specifications and Bid Forms are on file at the office of the District's Attorney, Kari A. Bartling, PO Box 467, 102 N. Main Street, Groton SD 57445 (phone: 605-397-8464) and may be obtained at no charge.

Bruce Sippel, Secretary  
(0614.0621)

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## Groton Transit Notice to apply for funds

Groton Community Transit, Inc. Application for 5311 funds

The Groton Community Transit, Inc. intends to apply for funds under Section 5311 of the Service Transportation Assistance Act for the continued operation of a public transportation project in the city of Groton, Brown County of South Dakota. This notice offers the opportunity for a public hearing, submittal of service proposals or comments regarding the project. Interested public or private or paratransit providers are invited to comment on this proposal or submit proposals to provide the service. Requests for a public hearing, comments or requests for the grant proposal should be directed by July 12, 2017 to :

Groton Community Transit, Inc.,  
Liz Doeden, Director  
Box 693  
Groton, SD 57445  
(0621.0628)

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## Groton City June 19 Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2017

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Peterson, Babcock, Blackmun and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Members absent were Opp and Glover. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Drew Johnson, Paul Kosel, Kathy Sundermeyer, Hope Block, Kim Bell, and Alyssa Underwood.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Blackmun, and seconded by Peterson. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Babcock to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank 18,565.95 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 2,225.00 emp savings; City of Groton 802.40 sav to pay, postage, util; Anita Lowary 195.81 mileage; SD Municipal League 50.00 registrations; Milbank Baseball 175.00 leg tourn; Joseph Schulze 1.35 dep refund; Northville Baseball 150.00 tourn; Kathy Bjerke 770.00 umpires; April Abeln 775.00 flex; AFLAC 396.52 emp ins; AmeriPride 31.70 rug rent; Associated Supp Co 738.01 chemicals; Border States 127.69 wires; Car Quest 77.41 repairs; CWD 68.25 food; Dakota Elec 93.85 mic; Ecobal 102.42 pest control; Farmers Union 842.76 dsl, gas; Geffdog Designs 25.00 banners; Guardian 258.53 Emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 35,319.72 power; Drew Johnson 1,100.00 legal fees; Ken's 842.41 supplies; Lien Trans 606.68 hot mix; Lori's Pharmacy 14.94 paint; MJ's Sinclair 1,528.53 gas, dsl; Michaels Fence 24,780.00 fence; Chuck Padfield 293.05 candy; Pipemasters 1,997.50 clean sewer; Potting Shed 233.66 flowers; RDO-John Deere Fin 310.87 repair; SD Supp Retire 3,060.00 retire; US Bank 9,604.27 loan payment; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,706.60 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 20,739.20 power.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Peterson to have Perry Blocker shingle City Hall roof. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Blackmun to paint the Community Center grey with white trim. All members present voted aye.

Capital improvement list was approved and accepted.

Councilman Glover entered the meeting at this point.

Alyssa Underwood and Kim Bell spoke on behalf of Dollar General. Moved by Babcock and seconded by McGannon to approve the following licenses.

Dollar General 224 E Hwy 12 Malt Beverage (off-sale)  
Dollar General 224 E Hwy 12 Retail (on-off sale) Wine  
All members present voted aye.

Kim Bell and Alyssa Underwood left the meeting at this point.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon to approve two more handicapped signs in the baseball parking lot. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to move the following cash fund balance:

From General To Bonds Payable 2015-\$204,800; From General To Debt Service RR Crossing-\$17,390; From General To Debt Service W Sewer-\$27,910; From Electric To General-\$200,000 All members present voted aye.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by McGannon to approve participation in the Groton Chamber Golf Tournament on June 23, 2017 or donate the entry fee for prizes. All members present voted aye.

Water and electric rate study were tabled.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to move city council meetings to July 10 and 24, and declare July 3 as a holiday for city employees. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on the possibility of selling city jail and a new ice machine for the baseball complex.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to adjourn into executive session for personnel items 1-25-2 (1) at 7:58 pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:32 pm.

Meeting adjourned.  
Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer  
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July 11, 2017	AmericInn	Aberdeen	7:00 PM (CDT)
July 12, 2017	Ramada Inn	Mitchell	7:00 PM (CMT)
July 17, 2017	Ramkota Hotel	Pierre	7:00 PM (CMT)
July 18, 2017	Ramkota Hotel	Rapid City	7:00 PM (MDD)
July 20, 2017	Webinar	Contact Dave Voelz@State.SD.US to register	2:30 PM (CDT)

Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting.

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## Groton Junior Teeners split with Clark

Groton's Junior Teener team travelled to Clark on June 12th where they split a pair of games.

Clark's defeated Groton in the first game, 7-6. Alex Morris had a single and two doubles, Jayden Zak and Kaden Kurtz each had two singles while Trevor Harry, Chandler Larson and Lucas Simon each had a single.

Jayden Zak pitched the game with six strike-outs, 13 walks and seven hits with Wicks having four singles for Clark. Morris was the catcher.

Groton scored 10 runs in the first inning to coast to a 12-1 win in five innings to win the second game.

Alex Morris had a double and a single while getting one single each were Trevor Harry, Chandler Larson, Lane Krueger and Trey Johnson.

Kaden Kurtz was the winning pitcher with nine strike-outs, four walks and three hits. Adrian Knutson was the catcher.

### Birth: Hudson Justice Kroll



Jordan and Julia Kroll are happy to announce the birth of their son, Hudson Justice Kroll, who was born June 1, 2017 in Aberdeen. He weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. His grandparents are Terry and Wanda Kroll

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Pictured are Cory Kassube and Chris Kassube.

## Kassubes win Big Stone Walleye Classic

Chris Kassube, Groton, and his brother, Cory Kassube, Big Stone City, were winners at the 37th Annual Big Stone Walleye Classic held Saturday. There were 99 teams in the tournament. The Kassubes had six fish for 17.4 pounds.

Another local, Blake Anderson, won the Bitter Optimist Club Walleye Tournament at Ried Lake on Saturday.

## Junior Teeners beat Redfield in pair of games

Groton's Junior Teeners posted a double win over Redfield on Thursday at Locke-Karst Field in Groton.

Groton won the first game, 4-0, scoring two runs in the first inning and two in the fourth.

Alex Morris was the winning pitcher with 10 strike-outs, one walk and one hit. Kaden Kurtz was the catcher.

Alex Morris and Jayden Zak each had two singles, Kaden Kurtz had a double and adding a single each were Trevor Harry, Chandler Larson and Evin Nehls.

Groton won the second game, 10-0, in four innings. Chandler Larson was the winning pitcher with six strike-outs and two hits, and at bat, he was three for three with three singles. Pierce Kettering and Kaden Kurtz each had a single and a double and Lee Iverson had a single and Adrian Knutson had a triple. Kurtz was the catcher.

## Kiwanis News

Lola Pollard, incoming Lt. Governor of Kiwanis, from Webster, addressed the Groton Kiwanis Club, on Wednesday.

Lola is a physicians assistant at Sanford Clinic, in Webster. She spoke of her family, her position at Sanford, and her years of service to Kiwanis.

Next week's program leader is Larry Schelle, followed by Lee Schinkel

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# Groton Triathlon

## Team Scores

1, Replacements (Reid Johnson, Ian Rose, Karl Alberts, Thad Albee), 7163  
 2, Full Circle Ag (Larry Frohling, Ryan Sperry, Lance Frohling, TJ Sperry), 7032  
 3, Team Dinger (Aaron Dinger, Levi Dinger, Weston Dinger, Gentry Gauer), 6188  
 4, Tiny Bubbles (Josh Heupel, Kevin Nehls, Zelos Johnson, Cody Hanson), 6110  
 5, Hub City Radio/Steven Lust (Dean Schaunaman, Jason Schaunaman, Cory Moser, Chris Feiock), 5907  
 6, OffInChurch (Austin Schuelke, Scott Ketterling, Aaron Johnson, Mike Spanier), 5713

7, Team Waage (Gavin Voss, Tony Waage, Zach Herron, Tyler Kolb), 5614  
 8, Team Sternhagen (Lucas Sternhagen, Zack Crosby, Landon Larson, Braden Miller), 5577  
 9, Team Herron (Colin Herron, Evan Erickson, Andrew Kappes, David Rosenberg), 5908  
 10, Woodsy's Place (Tom Woods, Jayde Graves, Dalton Sichmeller, Zach Geary), 3885

## Trap

Replacements 2720 (Reid 600, Ian 520, Karl 660, Thad 940)  
 Team Dinger 2560 (Aaron 380, Levin 760,

Weston 520, Gentry 900)  
 Tiny Bubbles 2300 (Josh 580, Kein 720, Zelos 620, Cody 380)  
 Full Circle Ag 2220 (Larry 460, Lance 580, TJ 700, Rayn 480)  
 Team Sternhagen 2140 (Lucas 580, Zack 380, Landon 600, Braden 580)  
 Team Waage 2120 (Gavin 320, Tony 460, Zach 720, Tyler 620)  
 Team Herron 1940 (Colin 580, Evan 360, Andrew 580, David 420)  
 OffInChurch 1700 (Austin 180, Scott 620, Aaron 520, Mike 380)  
 Hub City Radio/Steven Lust 1560 (Dean 560, Jason 300, Cory 400, Chris 300)  
 Woodsy's Place 1260 (Tom 160, Jayde 300, Dalton 240, Zach 560)

## Golf

Replacements 2028 (Reid and Thad 972,



The first place team was the Replacements featuring Ian Rose, Reid Johnson, Karl Alberts and not pictured is Thad Albee. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Full Circle Ag was the runner-up team, featuring Lance Frohling, TJ Sperry, Ryan Sperry and Larry Frohling. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Ian and Karl 1056)  
 Team Sternhagen 2000 (Lucas, Zach, Landon and Braden each with 1000)  
 OffInChurch 2000 (Austin, Scott, Scott, Mike each with 1000)  
 Full Circle Ag 1833 (Larry, Lance, TJ and Ryan each with 917)  
 Team Dinger 1722 (Aaron and Levin 806, Weston and Gentry 917)  
 Team Waage 1694 (Gavin and Tyler 722, Tony and Zach 972)  
 Hub City Radio/Steven Lust 1361 (Dean and Jason 556, Cory and Chris 806)  
 Tiny Bubbles 1361 (Josh and Zelos 556, Kevin and Cody 806)  
 Team Herron 1278 (Colin and David 639, Evan and Andrew 583)  
 Woodsy's Place 722 (Tom and Jayde 361, Dalton and Zach 472)



Tom Woods earned the courage award. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jason Schaunaman was the top bowler. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Top golfers were Karl Alberts and Ian Rose. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Karl Alberts won the Iron Man Award. He is pictured with Addison Hoffman. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Dinger 1975, Braden Miller 1974, Aaron Johnson 1967, Lucas Sternhagen 1959, Landon Larson 1956, Levi Dinger 1943, Cory Moser 1937, Tony Waage 1907, Mike Spanier 1836, Josh Heupel 1833, Chris Feiock 1826, Jason Schaunaman 1811, Zelos Johnson 1776, Aaron Dinger 1758, Colin Herron 1735, Dean Schaunaman 1694, Zack Crosby 1689, Tyler Kolb 1692, Cody Hanson 1670, Austin Schuelke 1596, Andrew Kappes 1573, Evan Erickson 1510, David Rosenberg 1446, Gavin Voss 1405, Zach Geary 1398, Jayde Graves 1264, Dalton Sichmeller 1155, Tom Woods 1013.

## Bowling

Hub City Radio/Steven Lust 2986 (Dean 579, Jason 956, Cory 731, Chris 720)  
 Full Circle Ag 2979 (Larry 660, Lance 696, TJ 723, Ryan 900)  
 Tiny Bubbles 2449 (Josh 697, Kevin 667, Zelos 600, Cody 484)  
 Replacements 2416 (Reid 667, Ian 560, Karl 714, Thad 474)  
 OffInChurch 2013 (Austin 416, Scott 694, Aaron 447, Mike 456)  
 Team Dinger 1906 (Aaron 573, Levin 377, Weston 539, Gentry 417)  
 Woodsy's Place 1903 (Tom 491, Jayde 603, Dalton 443, Zach 366)  
 Team Herron 1880 (Colin 516, Evan 567, Andrew 410, David 387)  
 Team Waage 1800 (Gavin 363, Tony 474, Zach 613, Tyler 350)  
 Team Sternhagen 1437 (Lucas 379, Zack 309, Landon 356, Braden 394)

## Individual Scores

Karl Alberts 2430, Thad Albee 2387, TJ Sperry 2340, Scott Ketterling 2314, Zach Herron 2305, Ryan Sperry 2297, Reid Johnson 2239, Gentry Gauer 2234, Kevin Nehls 2193, Lance Frohling 2192, Ian Rose 2136, Larry Frohling 2037, Weston

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