



Pierpont Church Saturday evening service

evening service

Heaven Bound Ministries will be having worship service this Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church building in Pierpont. A potluck supper will be held after the service. If you are planning to bring food, please contact Orvilla McIntosh at 467-9083 or 325-3443 as she is coordinating the food. The service will be led by Paul Kosel.



Work on the new signal lights has begun and some of the lights were installed on Tuesday. Once everything is installed, there will be a time before they are turned on as they have to do calibrating. (Photo by Tina Kosel)



Jordan Schwan handling the wheel barrel.

Reopening Wednesday!

Groton Area Superintendent Joe Schwan and his family were working around the outside of the Groton Area Elementary School. He said that there is a lot of trash and weeds around the building. He had his two boys and wife assisting him Sunday in doing some of the cleanup. Schwan said that the elementary school will be reopened Wednesday to allow the teaching staff to start on their classrooms. The crew will begin moving stuff back into the school on Monday. There will still be workers on site Wednesday.

Council gives first reading to \$4.5 million budget

The Groton City Council trimmed \$771,000 out of the budget with another \$229,000 yet to be trimmed. The council gave first reading to the 2018 budget, which right now is \$4.5 million. The council did a bunch of small cuts, but also knocked some big ticket items out of the budget. The street budget was trimmed by \$255,000. Curb and gutter repairs were trimmed by \$90,000. Swimming pool equipment was trimmed by \$38,000. Baseball was cut by \$15,000. The electric budget was cut by \$300,000. Doing sewer relining was trimmed by \$20,000.

First reading was given on the utility ordinance. There are two main changes that were approved with the first reading. The first is switching to reading the meters on the first of the month instead of the 15th. There will be normal billing for August and September, then there will be a short month as the meters will be read on the first of October with the due date of the October bill being the 25th of October. The other change will be reflected on commercial accounts. Any commercial account that reaches 25KW on their peak demand or more will pay for the peak only for that month. They will not be paying for a demand charge for the upcoming year as it has been done in the past. It will be calculated out each month. If a demand customer drops below 25KW, they will not pay the demand charge for that month.

In other action:

- The rubber tire packer was declared as surplus as the engine has blown up on it.
- The date for the first meeting in September will be September 5th at City Hall since Monday falls on Labor Day.
- The ball field lockers were declared as surplus at a value of \$5 each.
- Liability insurance for the Pumpkin Fest to be held October 7th at the City Park was approved.
- Two people will attend load management and electric meeting seminar in Bloomington, Minn., October 9-12.
- Two people will attend the 83rd Annual SD Water and Waste Water Association Conference Sept. 13-15 in Huron.
- David Hunter was approved to attend the S.D. Peace Officer's Seminar September 18 in Huron.
- The Police Department Body Camera Policy was presented with modifications to be made and represented at the next council meeting.

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West Nile in South Dakota:

Expect Cases into the Early Fall

BROOKINGS, S.D. - As a mosquito-transmitted virus, West Nile Virus is usually thought of as a summertime problem. However, data shows that a significant number of human cases occur after August 31.

"This fall, South Dakotans should not relax their protection efforts," said Russ Daly, Professor, SDSU Extension Veterinarian, State Public Health Veterinarian. "While it's true that in South Dakota, most West Nile Virus cases occur during August, in most years, new human infections are detected well into September," Daly said.

Daly quotes a retrospective of South Dakota West Nile Virus epidemiology which revealed 17 percent of cases from 2001-2011 occurred after August 31. In recent years, cases have even been observed in October.

"West Nile Virus is a fact of life during South Dakota summers. However, realizing the threat also persists into the early fall will mean people can take steps to prevent these later infections," Daly said.

Human cases of West Nile Virus have been detected in all 66 counties in South Dakota, over all age groups and ethnicities.

Seasonal Pattern

The seasonal pattern of West Nile Virus infection in South Dakota reflects the presence and activity of its carrier, the Culex tarsalis mosquito species.

This mosquito species, Daly explained, is prevalent throughout South Dakota, preferring to feed on birds and people.

"As the summer progresses, their feeding preference shifts more towards people, making late-summer barbecues and football games a prime focus for them," Daly said.

Symptoms

Most people exposed to West Nile Virus show no signs of illness, as evidenced by serologic studies that find people have developed antibody responses in the absence of sickness.

However, one in five people infected develop West Nile Fever, and one in 100 go on to a more severe neuroinvasive disease - of those cases 10 percent are fatal.

Symptoms of illness occur two to 15 days after a bite from an infected mosquito.

"This makes it possible for people to develop symptoms even after mosquito activity has stopped in the fall," Daly said.

West Nile Fever is characterized by fever, body aches, headache, rashes and swollen glands - symptoms that could be caused by a number of illnesses.

People with those symptoms should see their healthcare provider.

While there are no specific cures for West Nile Virus infections, supportive care may be necessary in some cases.

Prevention

More importantly, people should still be vigilant against mosquitoes right up until the first killing frost.

Perhaps the best line of prevention is to use insect repellents when it's necessary to be out at night, in addition to wearing long pants and long sleeved-shirts.

While many communities have mosquito-spraying programs in place through the summer and early fall, property owners can do their part to reduce mosquito habitat by getting rid of sources of standing water.



Kaylin Kucker and Allyssa Locke



Devan Howard



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Allyssa Locke

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**Photos by
 Julianna Kosel**

Schuring is JK/Kindergarten Teacher



Alexa Schuring will be the new junior kindergarten/ kindergarten teacher at Groton Area Elementary School this year. The 2012 GHS graduate attended Northern State University in Aberdeen where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and endorsements in middle school mathematics and coaching in December 2015. Schuring was a kindergarten paraprofessional at Groton Area during the last school year.

When asked why she decided to advance in Groton, she said, "I have forever been proud to be a Groton Tiger and proud of our community that we live in! I have always admired our strong academic program, and am excited to be a member of the outstanding team."

Schuring went on to explain why she gave up a better paying career to become a teacher. "Growing up, I always loved children and spent many days and nights babysitting," she said. "Ever since I was a little girl, I dreamt of being a teacher and having my own classroom. Yet, during my senior year of high school and freshman year of college, I veered off to pursue a better paying career. After completing one year of college at SDSU, I refused to go back there, and do something I really did not want to do. At the last minute, I transferred back "home" to NSU; which was the best decision I ever made and allowed me to chase my lifelong dream of becoming a teacher and changing children's lives."

She was asked if there was someone who she looked up to to become a teacher. She said, "Most definitely! All of the teachers at Groton Area have inspired me in one way or another to become a teacher myself; but my lifelong teacher, Mr. (Brian) Schuring, had the biggest influence on my future. With my dad as a teacher and coach in Groton, my siblings and I spent many hours at the gym and in his classroom. Seeing my dad so happy doing what he loves has always been something I wanted to experience when I grew up. I have always admired his interaction with his students, as he sets his expectations high for both his students and his athletes, and by doing that he builds them up and praises them along the way. I will always be amazed at the respect that he receives back from the students based on his respect for them. Mr. Schuring has taught me that being a teacher is more than teaching from a book, it's teaching from your heart."

As far as her hobbies, she said, "I love watching and cheering on the Tigers, coaching grade school volleyball, instructing skating, spending time with family and friends, and especially reconnecting with the families I have babysat for over the years."

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Hunter Schaller

The Life of Kervin Wolter

A memorial service for Kervin Wolter, 42, of Groton was held Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Marcia Sylvester officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery.

Kervin passed away August 15, 2017 at his home.

Kervin Dewayne Wolter was born on August 1, 1975 in Aberdeen to Dale and Karen (Clopine) Wolter. He attended school in Groton, where he also played football. Following graduation in 1994, Kervin attended Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown for Building Trades. Kervin spent several years custom combining with Spanier Harvesting & Trucking. He then drove truck for a company based out of Fargo for 5 years. Kervin worked at the Cenex in Ferney and Twin City Fan before helping several local farmers, as well as, working on the family farm.

Kervin was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. He enjoyed hunting and ice fishing.

Celebrating his life are his parents, Dale & Karen Wolter of Groton, his siblings, Collette Baker of San Francisco, CA, Keith & Mayme Baker of Groton, Coralea Wolter of Groton, nephews, Rayne & Allen, and his maternal grandparents, Lyle & Ruth Clopine of Phoenix, AZ.

Preceding him in death were his paternal grandparents, Russell & Cora Wolter and his aunt, Karmyn.

Honorary Urnbearers were Ryan & Ian Kutter, Jesse Overacker, Lincoln Shilhanek and his many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.



The Life of Dallas Sombke

Services for Dallas Sombke, 79, of Groton were held Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Craig Grams officiated. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery, Columbia.

Dallas passed away August 16, 2017 in Groton.

Dallas Wayne Sombke was born on February 10, 1938 in Aberdeen to Alvin and Adeline Breikreutz (Sombke). He attended school in Groton, where he was active in football, baseball and 4-H. At the age of 16, he was struck with Polio. Dallas graduated from Groton High School in 1958?? and began farming shortly

after. On September 12, 1957 he was united in marriage with Carol Weihrauch in Columbia. Together they made their home on the family farm and were blessed with five children. Dallas self-taught himself to be an auctioneer and worked at both livestock barns in Aberdeen throughout the years.

Dallas was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney. He served on the church board, as Chairman of the committee to build the new church and also as an Elder. Dallas was active on several Co-op Boards, had served on the school board and was awarded the Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer Award. He and Carol enjoyed wintering in Mesa, Arizona before her death in 2008. Dallas continued to winter there, where he enjoyed golfing and "Marshalling" on the course. He loved attending his grandchildren's activities and local fairs.

Celebrating his life are his children: Doug (Melenie) Sombke of Groton, Dean Sombke of Grand Island, NE, Sharolyn (Kevin) Jondahl of Groton, 9 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and his siblings; Larry & Sharon Sombke of Groton, Darlis Hamilton of Long Prairie, MN, Curtis & Janice Sombke of Groton, Gary & Lori Sombke of Sisseton, sister-in-law, Beverly Sombke of Groton and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 50 years, Carol, two infant children, Gene Alan and Galyne and his brother, Darrel Sombke.

Honorary Casketbearers were all of Dallas's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren.

Casketbearers were Roni Dobberpuhl, Rick Pigors, Marvin Dobberpuhl, Mike Nehls, Todd Breikreutz and Pat Wientjes.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Believe it or not, the Minnesota Vikings are halfway through the preseason after a 20-13 loss to the Seattle Seahawks Friday, August 18. The Vikings first-team defense gave up a touchdown on the Seahawks opening drive, which included four plays of at least nine yards. The Vikings responded with a field goal on their opening possession, but those were the only points the Vikings first-team offense could muster. The Vikings didn't find the end zone until there was less than three minutes left in the fourth quarter, which brought the game within one score, but the Seahawks were able to run out the clock on their next possession.



Three big questions after the preseason loss:

What was a positive to take away from the preseason loss? It's never fun watching your favorite team lose, even if it's in the preseason. However, there were some good things the team did that they will hopefully be able to carry over to the regular season. The biggest takeaway from the game was the offensive line. Going against one of the best defenses in the NFL, the Vikings offensive line kept the quarterbacks upright for the most part, only giving up one sack for the entire game. Playing without the starting left tackle (Riley Reiff) and left guard (Alex Boone) gave some of the younger guys a chance to shine, and they didn't disappoint.

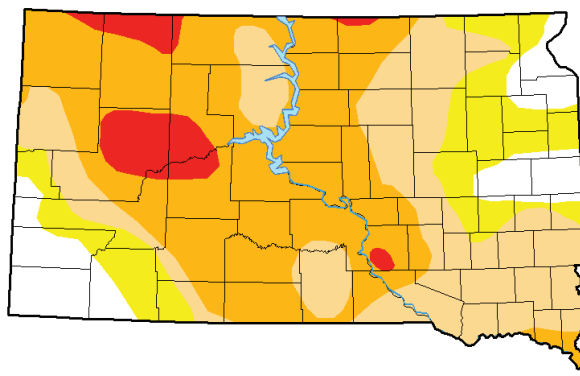
Were there any position battles that have been settled yet? The Viking didn't have many position battles coming into the season, and after the second preseason game, there might not be any battles left to be settled. It was only a matter of time before Dalvin Cook became the starting running back, and after a couple good games, combined with an injury to Latavius Murray, Cook might be in line to start right away in week one. Similarly, the Vikings were hoping that third round pick Pat Elflein would eventually secure the starting center spot, and after two strong showings, he has essentially locked it down already.

The only positions that are truly still up for grabs is at defensive tackle and weakside linebacker. The Vikings are hoping they have two more rookies who will lock down those positions in Jaleel Johnson and Ben Gedeon. Johnson was drafted in the fourth round, and he has a very complimentary skill set to Linval Joseph, who will be one of the two starting

defensive tackles. Jaleel Johnson was the Vikings highest graded player against the Seahawks according to Pro Football Focus, earning an 86.3 player grade. Ben Gedeon played well in the first preseason game against the Buffalo Bills, so the Vikings gave him the start against the Seahawks. Gedeon continued to play well, consistently being in the right place at the right time, especially against the run. He didn't get too many opportunities against the pass, which is where he needs to improve the most, but overall I liked what I saw from the fourth round pick.

What's up next for the Minnesota Vikings? The Minnesota Vikings will finally play a preseason game at home, as they welcome the San Francisco 49ers to town. The two teams will play Sunday, August 27 at 7 p.m. Central time. The third preseason game is the most important, since most of the starters will play into the second half. The Vikings should also get left tackle Riley Reiff and running back Latavius Murray back from injury, so we will finally get a chance to see why the team spent nearly \$74 million on the two players this past offseason.

Drought Monitor



August 15

With the recent rainfalls, conditions returned to normal in northwestern Kansas along the Nebraska border and across extreme southern Kansas. In southwestern Nebraska, moderate drought shrank (D1) in Perkins, Chase, Hayes, and Lincoln Counties, following precipitation totals of up to nearly 4 inches. Likewise in the Nebraska panhandle, normal conditions prevail once again across eastern Box Butte, northeastern Morrill county, and northern Garden Counties, thanks to precipitation totals of 1.5-2.5 inches over the past week. Heavy rain also erased remaining dryness in Laramie County, Wyoming. Conditions improved to abnormally dry (D0) in parts of Custer, Blaine, and Loup counties in central Nebraska after two consecutive nights of heavy rainfall. Moderate drought also shrank slightly in north central Holt and south central Boyd counties, where up to 3.5 inches of rain fell. And normal conditions returned to a swath from Ewing to Atkinson in Holt County. Some areas in South Dakota received 3-7 inches of rain over the past week, contributing to improving conditions in some northeastern, north central, and south central pockets. However, the west was not as fortunate. Extreme drought (D3) crept farther west in Meade County while severe drought (D2) expanded in Jackson. In southwestern North Dakota, rainfall helped alleviate exceptional drought (D4, the worst category), although due to the extremely poor growing conditions, it remained around the Hettinger County area. Conditions also improved in Colorado. Normal conditions returned around the Denver metro area and in Phillips County in the northeastern corner of the state.

Holding the Head Perfectly Still for Two Weeks

My Father was in his 50's when his retina, the lining which provides a blanket of vision on the inside back of one of his eyes, started separating from its base structure. Called a 'detached retina', this condition occurs in 3 people out of 1000; more often in men, in certain families, in those with near-sightedness, in obese hypertensives, and in those who have had cataract surgery.

Dad's first symptoms included floaters, quick flashes of bright light, and blurred vision starting in the peripheral part of his vision, gradually moving toward his



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

central vision, like a gray veil falling across his line of sight. There was no pain with this, however he became understandably fearful as his vision deteriorated.

I remember my father having open-eye surgery at a University Center in Minneapolis; it was a cutting-edge treatment at the time. It required two weeks of hospitalization with both eyes patched closed and with absolutely no head motion while sandbags pushed into both sides of his head. His con-

stant companion and only entertainment was a radio plugged into his ears. I remember when he finally came home, he was overjoyed to see us, seemed to have a renewed appreciation of life, and was happy that his vision seemed to be gradually returning. That was the late 60's, and I don't think his appreciation for life ever waned after that.

Modern treatment for detached retina may include reattachment of the retina with a laser (like spot-welding) or freezing

small areas (cryotherapy). Sometimes the walls are squeezed together by a band the surgeon wraps around the sphere of the eyeball. In other cases, the vitreous jelly, or the bag of fluid that fills the eyeball, is removed and the fluid is replaced with a gas bubble to push the retina back in place. Each case is different and the treatment approach may vary depending on the severity and type of detachment.

Fortunately, modern-day treatment for detached retina no longer requires two weeks of eye patches and sandbags holding the head perfectly still.



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Tiger gridiron starts off season with hard knocks



Andy Rintala is strapped into the cot as he was taken off the field after suffering a broken jaw early in the first quarter.

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

suffered a broken jaw early in the game. Senior Anthony Schinkel suffered a fractured collar bone. Sophomore Peyton Johnson took a helmet to his elbow and his condition is unknown at this time. Earlier in the week, Junior Wyatt Locke has a partial torn quad. Locke was starting at center. "We had to make the change on center on Tuesday," Wanner said. Austin Jones was put into the center spot. "Austin has never played center before."

To even further complicate matters, a new federal ruling came down changing practice times. Wanner said they used to practice 2-3 hours in the morning and 2-3 hours in the evening for the first week. Now they can only practice 2-3 hours in the morning and a one-hour walk through in the evening. Wanner said the shortened practice schedule is tough when they're trying to teach plays to newer varsity players.

Groton's roster is also light-weight compared to years past. Wanner said over the years, Groton would have eight guys well over 200 pounds. "We don't have the 260 pounder or 245 pounder on our roster," Wanner said.

"We saw this coming," Wanner said. "We could have dropped down to nine-man for two years, but we opted not too. The team will keep playing hard and keep learning. This group of kids well do exactly that."

It was only a couple of big plays that really piled up the yards for Aberdeen Roncalli, and even at that, the Cavalier's numbers were not impressive either. Roncalli had 131 yards rushing and 98 yards passing. Groton had 32 yards rushing and 10 yards passing.

Marshall Lane intercepted the ball near the endzone to end one of Roncalli's drives. Also defensively, Groton Area had five sacks with Jackson Oliver having one for a loss of 18 yards, Seric Shabazz had one for a minus three yards, Luke Thorson had one for a minus four yards, Jonathan Doeden had one for a minus six yards and Austin Jones had one for a minus 14 yards. In tackles, Brandon Keith had 12, Darien Shabazz had nine and Seric Shabazz, Jonathan Doeden and Jackson Oliver each had eight.

"We have to keep moving on," Wanner said. "They played hard and I thought I kids played well. We just had too many mistakes, but they will learn from them and improve as the season goes on."

Offensively for Groton, the Tigers had three first downs, carried the ball 31 times for 32 yards. Seric Shabazz had six carries for 28 yards and Lucas Hinman had seven for 16 yards. Marshall Lane completed two of seven passes for 10 yards with Seric Shabazz having two catches for 10 yards. Groton had nine penalties for 65 yards.

Roncalli had 12 first downs. They had 43 carries for 131 yards. Gabe Torbert had 12 carries for 51 yards, Jade Karst had seven for 38 yards and Nehemiah Becker had 10 for 28 yards. The Cavaliers completed three of 10 passes for 98 yards with Hunter Hilton having one catch for 73 yards and Grant Gunderson having two catches for 25 yards. Roncalli had six penalties for 55 yards.

Neither team had a fumble in the game.

Roncalli scored with 11:03 left in the first quarter on a 73 yards pass play from Brady Morgan to Hunter Hilton. Gavin Heier kicked the PAT and it was 7-0.

Roncalli would score with 7:45 left in the third quarter on a Morgan to Grant Gunderson 11-yard pass play. The PAT was a pass from Morgan to Hilton and it was 15-0.

The last touchdown of the game came with 6:12 left in the fourth quarter on a four yard run by Grant Gunderson. The two-point conversion failed and the final score was 21-0 in favor of Roncalli.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Hanlon Brothers, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson, Grain Solutions LLC with Jesse Zak, Groton Ford, Blocker Construction, Erickson Insurance Agency, Bahr Spray Foam and Construction, Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls, Olson Development, John Sieh Agency, S & S Lumber and Hardware Hank, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, the Johnson Agency, Farmers Union Insurance with JR Johnson, Northern Plains Psychological Associates with Franne Sippel, Doug Abeln Seed Company and Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass.



Roncalli's Peni Mouna Jr. tries unsuccessfully to pull the ball away from Groton Area's Seric Shabazz. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Groton Area will travel to Kulm next Friday to take on Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm. Wanner said they watched them play at camp this summer. "They will be good," he said. "They have a big quarterback and big linemen." He said they will be moving players around on Monday and Tuesday to make up for the injuries. "It's hard, especially when you have kids that have never played those positions before," he said.

- Paul Kosel



Jackson Oliver (22) tries to gain a few yards as Peyton Johnson (58) makes a block. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Coach Shaun Wanner knew he was going to have a challenge this year with many new faces on the gridiron squad. His major concern for the year was staying away from injuries; however, it did not take long for the first major injury to happen in Groton's season opener with Roncalli Friday night at Doney Field.

Senior Andy Rintala

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KIWANIS CLUB

Lori Giedt was program for Wednesday's Kiwanis Club dinner meeting.

Lori introduced Lily Cutler, from Claremont; and a 2016 GHS graduate. Lily is treasurer and very active member of the Circle K club, at School of Mines and Technology, in Rapid City. She gave a power point presentation of her club's activities, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club there.

Lily also spoke on how her experience as GHS sophomore, as a delegate to HOBY, literally changed her life. The Groton Kiwanis Club sponsors the HOBY program each year.

Jim and Lisa Cutler, of Claremont, are Lily's parents.

Brown County Provisional Budget

PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD
For the Year January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

	101 General Fund	201 Road and Bridge Fund	207 E911 Fund	226 EM Fund	Governmental Funds				401 Debt Service BCT1 (Northern Beef)	Proprietary Fund 504 Landfill Solid Waste Fund
					229 Safe Harbor Fund	230 Teen Court Fund	248 24/7 Sobriety Fund	251 Mod & Preservation Relief		
100 General Government										
111 Board of County Commissioners	343,560.69									
112 Contingency	250,000.00									
120 Elections	117,956.32									
130 Judicial System	73,200.00									
141 Auditor	340,381.12									
142 Treasurer	551,762.00									
151 States Attorney	969,212.12									
153 Court Appointed Attorney	675,000.00									
154 Abused and Neglected Child Defense	90,000.00									
159 Teen Court						32,321.51				
161 General Government Building	906,980.22									
162 Director of Equalization	597,757.22									
163 Register of Deeds	375,916.90							10,000.00		
165 Veterans' Service Officer	156,731.47									
166 Predatory Animal (GFP)	3,915.61									
170 Geographic Information System	102,440.71									
171 Data Processing	638,432.63									
172 Human Resources	126,255.62									
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,319,502.63					32,321.51		10,000.00		
200 Public Safety										
211 Sheriff	1,551,778.02									
212 County Jail	1,931,727.25						107,381.21			
213 Coroner	38,059.00									
215 Juvenile Detention	1,043,634.77									
221 Fire Protection	17,000.00									
222 Emergency & Disaster Services				237,238.98						
225 Communications Center (911)			1,174,861.34							
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	4,582,199.04		1,174,861.34	237,238.98			107,381.21			
300 Public Works		9,795,542.32								
311 Highways, Roads, & Bridges		9,795,542.32								
322 Solid Wastes									4,293,489.27	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		9,795,542.32							4,293,489.27	
400 Health & Welfare										
411 Support of Poor	454,449.96									
421 County Nurse	18,540.00									
424 Ambulance	20,000.00									
433 Care of Aged	1,500.00									
434 Domestic Abuse					14,200.00					
441 Mentally Ill	200,000.00									
442 Aspire/Alive/Dakota abilities	15,200.00									
443 Drug Abuse	35,000.00									
444 Mental Health Centers	37,080.00									
445 Mental Illness Board	5,000.00									
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	786,769.96				14,200.00					
500 Culture & Recreation										
511 Public Library	16,000.00									
512 Historical Museum	402,464.78									
521 Recreation Program	5,000.00									
522 Parks	130,772.56									
523 Exhibition Building O & M	447,152.47									
524 County Fair	1,153,935.53									
525 Senior Citizens	3,500.00									
TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION	2,158,825.34									
600 Conservation of Natural Resources										
611 4-H Coordinator	76,328.47									
615 Weed Control	230,019.25									
TOTAL CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	306,347.72									
700 Urban & Economic Development										
711 Planning & Zoning	102,930.07									
712 Urban & Rural Development	26,844.34									
721 Tourism, Ind. & Rec. Development	20,750.00									
TOTAL URBAN & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	150,524.41									
800 Debt Service									904,938.12	
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911 Operating Transfers Out	5,158,761.97									
TOTAL OTHER USES	5,158,761.97	40,000.00							904,938.12	
Capital Outlay Accumulation (SDCL 7-21-51)	200,000.00									
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	19,662,931.07	9,835,542.32	1,174,861.34	237,238.98	14,200.00	32,321.51	107,381.21	10,000.00	904,938.12	4,293,489.27
Cash Balance Applied									2,943.03	2,039,349.27
311 Current Property Tax Levy	13,902,440.00									
Less 25% to Cities	(22,171.00)									
311 TIF Property Taxes									901,995.09	
312/319 - Other Taxes	128,150.00	900,000.00								7,000.00
NET TOTAL TAXES	14,008,419.00	900,000.00							901,995.09	7,000.00
320 Licenses & Permits	60,350.00	7,000.00			8,100.00					
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	522,900.00	4,147,000.00	707,130.67	60,000.00	3,100.00	9,500.00				
340 Charges for Goods & Services	2,225,925.00	2,050.00			3,000.00		80,000.00	10,000.00		1,700,000.00
350 Fines & Forfeits	27,350.00									
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	142,650.00	3,000.00	600.00	100.00		1,500.00				547,140.00
370 Other Financing Sources	23,050.00	4,776,492.32	267,130.67	122,138.98						
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	3,002,225.00	8,935,542.32	974,861.34	182,238.98	14,200.00	11,000.00	80,000.00	10,000.00		2,247,140.00
SUBTOTAL	20,697,822.19	9,835,542.32	1,174,861.34	237,238.98	14,200.00	32,321.51	107,381.21	10,000.00	904,938.12	4,293,489.27
Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18)	(1,034,891.12)									
NET MEANS OF FINANCE	19,662,931.07	9,835,542.32	1,174,861.34	237,238.98	14,200.00	32,321.51	107,381.21	10,000.00	904,938.12	4,293,489.27

Proprietary Fund Landfill Fund

Net Assets, January 1	5,683,208.47
Estimated Revenue	2,254,140.00
Less Expenses	4,293,489.27
Net Assets, December 31	3,643,859.20

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ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, will meet in the Courthouse at Aberdeen South Dakota on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2018 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 26th day of September, 2017. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

s/ Maxine Fischer, Auditor
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**Brown County
August 15
Meeting Minutes**

AUGUST 15, 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 Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the following claims:
Insurance: Insurance Plus \$300.00.

Professional Fees: AMG Radiology \$94.55; Avera St. Luke's \$4,987.97; Mary Campbell \$100.00; William Daschle \$40.00; Phyllis Donat \$40.00; Jacee Engelhart \$200.00; Ashley Farrand \$40.00; Caitlyn Fluke \$40.00; Michelle Galkowski \$64.60; Heather Gessner \$600.00; Stan Gonsoir \$150.00; Carol Green \$40.00; Carrie Hansen \$40.00; Lisa Harry \$40.00; Cathy Jorgenson \$40.00; KCH Law \$117.32; Lauren Alaina \$21,860.00; Miller Funeral Home \$800.00; Mobridge Medical Clinic \$152.07; Mobridge Regional Hospital \$401.66; Rampage Youth Softball \$500.00; Sanford Health \$32.06; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$150.00; Klaryssa Schnoor \$37.39; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$2,447.00; SD Planner's Assoc. \$50.00; Ashley Seeklander \$40.00; Jamie Simon \$40.00; Kristi Spitzer \$781.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$57.60; Jodi Sudweeks \$24.40; Amanda Taylor \$250.00; The Electric Co. of SD \$1,777.00; Ann Thorson \$40.00; US Bank \$105.00; Tammy Weiszhaar \$40.00; Sara Zahn \$17.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$130.73; Groton Independent \$275.84; Hub City Radio \$3,000.00; K Hanson 5 \$22.00; Midcontinent \$2,008.00; Midstates Printing \$736.00; Star Tribune \$145.60; Teton Times \$13.26.

Rentals: 446-Praxair \$22.85. **Repairs & Maintenance:** Aberdeen Area Radiator \$3,009.00; DFP \$122.46; Diamond Mowers \$45.99; Farnam's \$12.49; G & K Services \$266.28; GCR Tires \$213.86; Gullund Enterprises \$6.00; Graham Tire \$621.88; House of Glass \$2.49; Hoven Auto Repair \$673.18; J Gross Equip. \$10.50; Ken's Alignment \$98.95; Leidholt Electric \$83.52; Muth Electric \$431.12; Newman Signs \$58.72; PowerPlan \$8,707.72; Quality Welding \$28.00; US Bank \$1,311.59.

Supplies: Nicholas Achen \$46.05; Avenger Joe \$3,500.00; Bad Hamster \$3,400.00; Best Western Ramkota \$295.00; Br. Co. 4H Leader's Assoc. \$5,350.00; Century Business Products \$3,993.80; Diamond Mowers \$702.06; Galls \$1,119.32; GCR Tires \$788.42; Gullund Enterprises \$198.00; GovConnection \$2,205.02; J Gross Equip. \$47.24; Ken's Alignment \$5.94; Kessler's \$45.75; Klein's \$150.00; L & O Acres \$4,121.25; Lien Transportation \$6,690.20; Marco \$32.54; Marshall County \$833.27; Menards \$274.49; Meyer's Tractor Salvage \$25.00; Midstates Printing \$159.93; NCFE - Warner \$8,686.13; Network Services \$413.74; Newman Signs \$788.75; North Star Energy \$7.00; PharmChem \$175.00; Pizza Ranch \$63.92; Premier Southern Ticket \$617.10; Quality Welding \$5.00; Romeo Entertainment \$4,305.00; Running's \$254.93; Sander's Sew 'n Vac \$305.38; Sewing Shoppe \$36.00; Sherwin Williams \$11.47; T & K Rentals \$1,600.00; The Electric Co. of SD \$3,297.29; US Bank \$16,890.68; Ryan Vogel \$21.29; Web Water Bottling Co. \$26.00.

Travel & Conference: Nicholas Achen \$4.70; Austin Egl \$31.87; Carrie Hansen \$21.15; Cathy Jorgenson \$14.50; US Bank \$2,794.07; Sarah Swenson \$122.67.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$354.84; City of Hecla \$98.10; Exec. Mgmt. \$80.77; James Valley Telecommunications \$224.70; Northern Electric \$228.48; NWPS \$47.60; NVC \$246.78; US Bank \$1,332.22; Verizon \$3,145.93; Web Water \$68.50.

Other: CHS Farmer's Alliance \$300.00; JRWD \$1,077.90; Safe Harbor \$1,518.14.

Buildings: Digi Security Systems \$34,688.89. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes

the following personnel changes:

*Acknowledge resignation of full-time Sheriff Employee Nicole Tveit, effective August 20, 2017; and further rehire temporarily for training purposes.

Approve hiring Chelsey LeCompte, effective August 28, 2017 as full-time Dispatcher @ \$16.14 per hour.

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of July 2017: Kendell Titze- 96 @ \$51.36, Dirk Rogers- 608 @ \$325.28, Mike Scott- 190 @ \$101.65, Gary Vetter- 103 @ \$55.11.

Approve hiring the following part-time employees for Fair Week: Laurie Smith, Jon Waldner @ \$25.00 (Security); Ryan Barker, Allison Clemons, April Fryer, Donna Goehn, Malerie Henschel, Eric Hernandez, McKenzie Schaeffer, Julianna Peterson, Jessica Rogers, Hannah Sides, Sabrina Tackett, Grace Tjeerdma, Holly Vensel, William Braswell, Andrew Cuen, Megan Hale, Auggie Leal, Emmanuel Oseguera, Patrick Ott, Jalen Simmons, Brook Skuta, Preston Walther @ 12.00 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

CERT APPOINTMENTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to appoint the following to the Community Emergency Response Team roster (CERT training complete): Shelby Elsen, Logan Flack, Sara Fleury, David Moser, Roberta Nichols, Deb O'Donnell, Mark Shishnia, Amanda Steckelberg, Mike Steckelberg, Thomas Wanttie; and further accept resignation of Zach Kern from the team. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreement: Aberdeen Humane Society for lease of the Club House on September 23, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the July 2017 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$13,798,045.89 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,698.84, Cash items (bad checks) @ \$1,301.16, US Bank @ \$64,613.56, Dacotah Bank @ \$5,351,657.29, Petty Cash/Change Funds @ \$2,600.00, Fund Investments @ \$8,374,175.04). 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: Hart Brothers @ \$440.00 (bleachers). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 109 FIRST READING: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve First Reading of Ordinance #109, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 - Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.10 (R-3) Lake Front Residential District: Lot 1, Keatts Sixth Subdivision in the W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec 23-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (37832 Richmond Drive). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR PAYROLL DISCUSSION: Erin Doering, HR Assistant met for clarification on which employees working security at the Fair are entitled to overtime. Per Commission all employees from the Sheriff (except nurse), Jail, JDC, HD are entitled to overtime, as duties are directly related to current full time positions; Cathy Jorgenson and nurse fall in the \$18.00 per hour category with no overtime.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and consultation with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following application, submitted by James Valley Communications for occupancy of

the following: Brown County Hwy #16 in Sec 16-126N-R62W, to provide telecommunications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following application, submitted by James Valley Communications for occupancy of the following: Brown County Hwy #11 in Sec 29-125N-R62W, to provide telecommunications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LIIP GRANT CERTIFYING OFFICER: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #50-17. LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT (LIIP) CERTIFYING OFFICER. WHEREAS, Brown County has received an LIIP Grant; Brown County is required to designate a certifying officer to sign required documents. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Rachel Kippley, Brown County Commission Chair be hereby designated as the County's official for the purpose of signing grant agreements and other required documents. Dated this 15th day of August 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

LIIP GRANT APPLICATION: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the Local Infrastructure Improvement Program (LIIP) Grant Agreement in amount not to exceed \$308,500.00, or 50% of the total project costs; accept and authorize the Chair sign the Board of Economic Development (BED) LIIP Award Policy; and further agree that Brown County will provide the local 50% match needed to supplement the LIIP grant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CAPITAL ACCUMULATION: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #51-17. WHEREAS, SDCL 7-21-51 authorizes County Commissions, by Resolution, to accumulate funds for a period longer than one year for a capital outlay purpose which is otherwise authorized by law;

WHEREAS, the funds accumulated shall be expended within eighty-four months (seven years) from the date of the resolution; and WHEREAS, the amount of accumulation for a specific purpose may not exceed five million dollars; and WHEREAS it is the desire of the Brown County Commission to accumulate funds in amount of \$200,000.00 per year for five years for the purpose of improvements to the Fairgrounds Grandstand. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Auditor create a new capital accumulation account in amount of \$200,000.00 per year for five years in the General Fund for the purpose of improvements to the Fairgrounds Grandstand (total accumulation of \$1,000,000.00). Dated this 15th day of August 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

2018 PROVISIONAL BUDGET: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the 2018 Provisional Budget and authorize advertising public hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, at 8:45 A.M. on September 5, 2017. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Motion carried.

REMOVE BURN BAN: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #52-17. WHEREAS, Resolution #37-17, a Resolution by the Brown County Board of Commissioners declaring a fire danger emergency and prohibiting open burning within the County (except campfires), was adopted on June 6, 2017; and WHEREAS, Ordinance 18.0702 authorizes the Brown County Board of Commissioners to rescind the Open Burn Ban (Fire Danger Emergency). NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Board of Commissioners rescinds Resolution #52-17 dated June 6, 2017, removing the open burn ban effective at 8:00 a.m. on August 21, 2017, with the stipulation that the Brown County Communications Center be notified prior to an open burn. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Derek Ricci, Sheila Anderson, Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair

declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$118.48. 14621

**West Hanson
Vacate Section
Line Notice**

Resolution and Order
Whereas, a Petition for Vacation of highway having been received from Petitioners, E. James Oliver and Jon R. Jouanet by West Hanson township, Brown County, South Dakota asking for the vacation of a section line highways located on the west Hanson township, Brown County, South Dakota, hereinafter described. Further said petition being in proper form and executed by more than the required number of electors of West Hanson township; and further this petition having come on for hearing at a special meeting of the West Hanson township Board, brown County; and information having been received both in favor and in opposition to the proposed vacation; and said Supervisors having considered said matter and being fully advised in the premises and determining the public's interest will be better served by the proposed vacation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, and it is hereby ordered:

That existing public right-of-way acquired by deed(s) lying on the section line highways described as: The dedicated public right-of-way between south half (5 1/2) of section 2 and the North half (N 1/2) of section 11, all in Township 122, Range 61 W, Brown County, South Dakota, being a section line which runs east and west approximately 5,280 feet and approximately 66 ft. width.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, and it is hereby ordered be, and the same are hereby declared to be vacated ; and further that a copy of this Resolution and Order be spread on the minutes of the Board;

It is further ordered that said Resolution shall be published in official/legal newspaper of the respective townships once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks: and that after such publication, such highway shall

be, after a lapse of thirty (30) days after the first publication thereof, vacated without further proceedings unless appealed as hereinafter provided; and that the Clerk herein is further ordered and directed to cause to be recorded a true and correct copy of this Resolution and order in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Brown County, South Dakota;

It is further ordered that any and all bridges, guard rails and culverts are hereby deemed to be non-removable and shall become the personal property and possession of the landowners. The above Motion was also made by Darlys Kampa seconded by Supervisor Mike Seyer and upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Supervisors: Charles Dirks (Yes) Mike Seyer (Yes)State of South Dakota) :SS County of Brown)

I, Darlys Kampa, being the duly elected, qualified and acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of West Hanson township, Brown County, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution on the action thereon by the Board of Supervisors of West Hanson, township, Brown County, South Dakota, at a special meeting of said Board, held on the day of July 17th, 2017, as the same appears and is now recorded in the minutes of the clerk of the Board of said West Hanson township, and that the same is true and correct transcript thereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th of August, 2017.

Clerk: Darlys Kampa
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 2017
/s/ Richard Kolker
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10-23-22
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**Town of Westport
August 7, 2017**

Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

August 7th, 2017
The Town of Westport met on August 7th, 2017 with Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson, Doreen Hertel, and 1 community member present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$244.44), Groton Independent (\$12.35), EDDIE's Northside- Gas (\$114.01), Brown County Treasurer -Mosquito spraying (\$400.00) & Michaela Podoll (\$ 224.19).

Sewer NWPS (\$41.35), NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13)

Water WEB (\$1,036.77), Dept. of Revenue (\$30.00) & Water Maintenance District (\$321.43).

Tim Selzler made motion to pay all bills; second by Mike Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$757.84), State of SD (\$2,185.84) & Interest (\$23.63).

Sewer Resident Payments - (\$1,507.50).

Water Resident Payments - (\$3,046.62).

NEW BUSINESS: The budget for 2018 was presented and approved.

Discussion on playground equipment was held. The board would like it to be economical and would like it to be covered by insurance.

Discussion held on removal of cement in front of town hall and replacement of doors and cement. The board will call around to see who is available.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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2017-2018 Groton Area School District Back to School Information

Groton Area School District 06-6 – “Mission Statement”

Each school will foster a school climate conducive to learning by encouraging good behavior and citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards. Teachers will employ strategies and approaches to instruction to meet the needs of all children assigned to them. With proper motivation and instruction, all children can learn!

Teacher Qualifications

All teachers of core academic subjects must hold at least a bachelor's degree, have full state certification, and demonstrate knowledge in the core academic subject they teach. For information regarding the qualifications of your child's teachers, you may contact the superintendent's office at 397-2351.

Certified Staff Changes

Certified staff new to the District include: Kiersten Sombke, MS/HS Principal; Tara Arnstsen, HS Mathematics; Carrie Weisenberger, Elementary Special Education; Dustin Vogel, Elementary Special Education; Jodi Schwan, HS Opportunities Counselor

Registration

Anyone new to the District should contact the respective building principal(s) as soon as possible. Most kindergarten children were registered at pre-school screening in April; therefore, only those who did not register in April need to report for registration. Middle School and High School Schedule changes can be made on Monday, August 22nd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

School Supply Lists

Students' school supply lists for the elementary school (preschool – grade 5) are posted on the District's web site at www.grotonarea.com under the District Info tab. Students in the middle school (grades 6-8) will be required to have the same color notebook, folder, and book cover for each class. Math will be green; English, blue; reading, red; science, purple; and social studies, black. The students can choose their own colors for PE, art, health, and computer classes.

Welcome Back Picnic & Open House – Thurs., September 7

All students enrolled in the district for the 2017-2018 school year, their parents, and all staff are invited to a “Welcome Back” picnic and Open House on Thursday, September 7. The picnic will run from 5:00PM – 6:30PM. A free meal will be served and door prizes will be given away.

Open House will run from 6:30PM – 8:00 PM at the elementary school. There will be no open house activities at the middle/high school building following the picnic. In lieu of the fall open house event for middle/high School students, we'd ask you to mark your calendars for a Fall Family Night from 4:00PM to 7:00PM on Monday, November 7.

6th Grade Orientation – Thursday, September 7

Orientation for all 6th grade students and their parents will take place at 6:30PM in the GHS Arena following the “Welcome Back” picnic. This will be an opportunity for the 6th grade students and their parents to become familiar with the building and ask questions about their transition to Middle School.

Tablet PCs Issued to Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Prior to being issued their tablet PC, students and their parents must sign and return the following documents: Laptop Computer Protection Agreement, the Student Pledge, E-mail Acceptable Use Agreement, the Groton Area School District Network/Internet agreement, and the Parental Consent to Publish Student Photos/Work. Required forms can be picked

up in the High School Office or will be sent home with students on the first day of classes.

First Day of School – Tuesday, September 5

The first day of school is on Tuesday, September 5th. Students participating in band should bring their instruments. Buses will run and school lunch will be served. Each route driver will contact parents to confirm bus arrival times. Other bus route questions may be referred to transportation supervisor, Loren Bahr, at (605) 397-8117. The GRASP (OST) program at the elementary school will be available on the first day of school.

Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade

The District offers all-day, every day kindergarten classes. Children may enter kindergarten if they are 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the year in which they are to enter school. The District offers a junior kindergarten program each day from 12:30PM – 3:23PM for students that are eligible to attend kindergarten, but are not quite ready for kindergarten. Students enrolling in first grade must be 6 years of age on or before September 1 of that school year.

Non-Resident Enrollment

For out-of-district students, applications to open enroll may be accepted throughout the school year. Applications are available from any school district administrative office. All open enrollment requests and related questions should be referred to school superintendent, Joe Schwan, at (605) 397-2351.

2017-2018 School Hours

Groton Area Elementary 8:15AM
Arrival Time (Supervision)
8:25AM – 3:23PM Classes in Session
Groton Area MS/HS 8:25 AM
First Bell
8:30AM – 3:30PM Classes in Session

GRASP (OST) Program

The GRASP program services children in junior kindergarten through grade five with before and after-school homework help, supervised learning activities, and snacks. The GRASP program will be held in the Groton Area Elementary School from 7:00AM - 8:00AM and 3:25PM – 6:00PM each day that school is in session. Rates are \$2.50 per hour, per child. Any OST questions or registrations may be directed to elementary principal, Mr. Brett Schwan, at (605) 397-2317.

K-12 Breakfast and Lunch Program

The school provides breakfast and lunch for all students each day school is in session. All meals are on a cash basis (i.e. pay as you go), while recognizing the provisions for free and reduced price meals. Guidelines for 2016-2017 applications for free and reduced priced meals were mailed out the week of August 1st. Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced priced meals if there is a possibility they may qualify. Prices are as follows:

Groton Area Elementary:

Daily Breakfast \$2.15
Daily Lunch \$2.90
Prices for second servings at the elementary are \$0.50.

Groton Area Middle School/High School:

Daily Breakfast \$2.65
Daily Lunch \$3.40
Prices for second servings at the middle/high school are \$0.75.

Activity Tickets

Activity tickets are intended to admit all students to regularly scheduled home activities or events, with about the only exceptions being tournaments and the Pops Concert. Students in grades 1-5 may purchase an activity ticket, if they wish. All students who participate in activities for which an activity stipend is paid are required to purchase an activity ticket as a condition of participation since they are the primary beneficiaries of the activity programs. For example, staff activity stipends include: all sports, marching band, forensics, cheerleading, drama, oral interp, DI, FFA, FCCLA, FBLA etc.

Activity Ticket prices for 2017-2018 are as follows:

Grades 1-5 \$25.00
Grades 6-12 \$30.00
Adults \$45 (10 events)
Adults – All Events \$75.00

Admission Prices:

Adults = \$5.00; \$6.00 for double headers
Students, Grades 1-12 = \$4.00

Church Night

Wednesday nights during the school year are set aside for activities in the community's churches. No locally sponsored school activities or conflicting practices are to be held after 6:00PM on Wednesday.

School Cancellations

All school cancellations or early dismissals due to inclement weather or emergencies will be sent out via the School Messenger System. Within minutes, School Messenger automatically sends a pre-recorded message to every recipient on a selected list. Parents will be asked to provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses (when available) to the school so that a selected calling list can be created. Emergency cancellations will be broadcast over TV stations KSFY, KDLT, and KELO, on the Groton Daily Website at www.397news.com, theGDI facebook page as well as the District Facebook page and website, www.grotonarea.com.

Immunization Requirements (SDCL 13-28-7.1)

State law requires that any pupil entering school or an early childhood program in the state shall, prior to admission, be required to present the appropriate school authorities certification from a licensed physician that the new child has received or is in the process of receiving adequate immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola, rubella, mumps, tetanus, and varicella, according to recommendations provided by the Department of Health. The Department of Health may modify or delete any of the required immunizations. As an alternative to the requirement for a physician's certification, the pupil may present:

- 1) Certificate from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child would be such that immunization would endanger the child's life or health; or
- 2) A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunization; or
- 3) A written statement signed by one parent or guardian requesting that the local health department give the immunization because the parents or guardians lack the means to pay for such immunization.

Students enrolling in 6th grade are required to get one dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine on or after their 11th birthday.

Harassment and Bullying Policies

The district has harassment & bullying policies in place in both buildings. Bullying among students can be defined as intentional, repeated hurtful acts, words or other behavior, such as name-calling, threatening and/or shunning committed by one or more students against another. This definition also includes “cyber-bullying” which is the sending or posting of cruel or harmful texts or images using the Internet or other digital media such as cell phones, etc. For a complete copy of the district's harassment or bullying policy, please contact the building principal.

Grievance Procedure

In an effort to maintain effective communications, if you have a particular concern about your child's progress or about what is happening on the bus, at school, in a class or activity, first discuss it with the driver, teacher, or director of the activity. If your concern or grievance remains unresolved at that level, or if

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there is a need to share your concern, contact the principal in charge of the school in which your child attends. If the concern/grievance remains unresolved at that level, contact the superintendent. If school policy is at issue or if the concern grievance remains unresolved, you may request that the superintendent include the subject on the school board meeting agenda. To maintain confidentiality, student matters may be confined to an "executive session" with the Board and administration.

Complaint Policy for Federal Programs and Homelessness Policy

A parent, student, employee, or district stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal funds and is unable to solve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the district's superintendent. Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation, and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. For a copy of the complete policy, contact the school superintendent or refer to the District web site.

Child Find

Parents or guardians are to be informed that the Groton Area School District 06-6 continuously conducts a "Child Find" search to identify and evaluate District children ages 0-21, with special education needs. Persons who know of a child with un-served educa-

tion needs may refer the child, by name, to the appropriate building principal. With the parent or guardian's consent, an evaluation will be made. After the evaluation has been completed, a placement committee will meet with the parent or guardian to determine if special assistance is needed.

Title I

The federal government provides funding to states each year for Title I services. The goal of Title I is to provide extra help in math and reading for eligible students. Students are selected for the program based on information provided by classroom teachers, parents, and achievement test results. Title I services in our district are provided to students in grades K-5, with a strong emphasis on students in grades K-3.

Federal Compliance Notice

Students, their parents, and employees of the Groton Area School District #06-6 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, color, age, disability or religion in employment practices and educational activities. To ensure compliance with Section 427 of GEPA, effective steps shall be taken to remove potential barriers so as to ensure equity of access and participation in grant programs and to achieve high standards. Any person having inquiries concerning compliance or application of Title VI, Affirmative Action, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact Federal Program compliance coordinator, Joe Schwan,

students who wish to ask the Groton Area School District to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Groton Area School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, and all professional organizations holding negotiated agreements or professional agreements with the school district are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, disability, national origin, or ancestry in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

Section 504

Section 504 is the part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that applies to persons with disabilities. Section 504 is a civil rights act that protects the civil and constitutional rights of persons with disabilities. It states that no person with a disability can be excluded from or denied benefits of any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 and special education are two separate services.

Notification of Asbestos in School Building(s)

In compliance with the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, the Groton Area School District had its school buildings inspected on 04/18/16 by an asbestos inspector, accredited by the state of South Dakota. During that inspection, areas of suspected asbestos (ACBM) were identified and inspected. The Groton Area School District has an Asbestos Management Plan which provides information on the periodic monitoring of the condition of asbestos (ACBM) remaining in the school buildings. Anyone that would like to see the Asbestos Management Plan can contact a building principal or superintendent.

Superintendent, Groton Area School District 06-6, Phone 397-2351 or, Department of Education, Civil Rights Office, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; Phone: (816) 268-0550; TTD (800) 4370-0833; FAX: (816) 823-1404; Web link: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=mr>

FERPA Notification of Rights

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Groton Area School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible

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