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South Dakota & Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017 & Established in 1889

GHS Marching Band gets Gold rating at Gypsy Day Parade



Desiree Yeigh and Austin Fordham hold the Gypsy Day Parade plaque earned by the GHS Marching Band. The band was ranked third highest and received a Gold Rating.





Elementary School projects gets more praise

The elementary school continues to get high praise. Board member Deb Gengerke reported that she had talked with a health professional who visits the Elementary School a couple of times a week. Gengerke said that the professional said that the staff and students are always so welcoming and now the physical aspect of the building is equally welcoming. She also said that the noise level has been drastically reduced.

Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that the official enrollment for the school is 569. That was based on membership on September 29th. There are 15 junior kindergartens students and 40 kindergarten students. The smallest class is the first grade class at 35 students. Last year the enrollment was 580.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held October 24th. It will be the only conferences for the year. The book fair will be held from 1:30 p.m. To 8:30 p.m. on that day. Proceeds from the book fair are used to purchase new books for the elementary library.

The board approved a temporary promissory note from general fund to special education fund in the amount of \$85,000. It will be repaid when when the tax dollars come in, no latter



Tristan Kampa was the closest person to guess the weight of this pumpkin at the Pumpkin Fest held Saturday in Groton. He guessed 848 pounds. The pumpkin weighed in at 850 pounds. He won the decorated pumpkin that was donated by Mayor Scott Hanlon. It was estimated that around 1,500 people attended the second Pumpkin Fest. (Photo

by Paul Kosel)

than December 1, 2017.

The board approved a \$135 contribution toward the strict attorney Rodney Freeman for his attendance at the National Education Law Association 2017 Annual Meeting.

Kelly Kjelden is moving out of the district and will have to vacate his position on the school board. The board members discussed if they want to appoint as soon as possible or wait until next year for people to take out petitions. The board decided to post the vacancy and take applications. The board will interview the candidates and make their appointment possibly at the November meeting.

Program overviews were presented for K-12 music, art and Health/PE, Athletics.



Middle School Music Festival

Groton Area musicians were among the many area students who took part in the middle school music festival held in Mellette Tuesday evening. Groton's Cody Swanson was the guest conductor for the choir and Reid Johnson was the guest band conductor.

Students spent the whole day at Mellette practicing for the evening performance. You can also watch the performances at GDILIVE.COM. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS

Tom Mahan introduced Joseph Schwan, GHS superintendent, who presented a very complete and informative report on our school. Joseph also fielded questions from the fourteen Kiwanians present.

Some of the highlights from his talk were:

- 1. The elementary school building project is ahead of schedule. but most importantly, the project is estimated to cost \$800,000 to A MILLION DOLLARS under budget.
 - 2. Graduation requirements have not changed for many years now.
 - 3. GHS has a wide selection of elective courses.
 - 4. There are now more than 20 kids in the robotics team, led by Jim Lane.
- 5. Total enrollment in our school is now 569, 17 less than last year. There are 40 kids in kindergarten, and 33 seniors. Next year is projected to be a higher total number again.
- 6. There are 14 new staff this year, including 6 teachers and one administrator.

This week's program leader is Sharon Simon, followed by Lee Schinkel and Larry Schelle..

JUNGLE DAY KIWANIS TAILGATE SUPPER

The Groton Kiwanis Club held their annual tailgate supper at the football field, for Jungle Day. Lori Giedt and Chuck Padfield were chairmen.

Other Kiwanis working were Roger Rix, Reed Litch, Lee Schinkel, Kathy Sundermeyer, Larry Schelle, Tom Mahan and Chuck Raap.

Northeast Conference Cross-Country Meet Thursday, Oct. 5 at Webster

Emily Thompson placed fourth at the Northeast Conference cross-country meet held Thursday, Oct. 5, in Webster, She ran the 5,000m course in a time of 21:19.23. Isaac Smith placed 17th for the boys with a time of 19:27.62.

17, Isaac Smith, 19:27.62; 33, Micah Poor, 21:13.72; 45, Noah Poor, 22:16.18

4, Emily Thompson, 21:19.23; 28, Hannah Lewandowski, 23:52.07; 38, AnneMarie Smith, 25:48.38; 39, Rylee Rosenau, 25:52.60.

Netters beat Hitchcock-Tulare

Groton Area's volleyball team defeated Hitchcock-Tulare Tuesday night in Tulare, 3-1. Game scores were 25-17, 25-19, 20-25 and 25-17.

Attacks: 153-183, 54 kills. Gia Gengerke 37-49, 22 kills; Jennie Doeden 40-47, 13 kills.

Setting: 171-171, 50 assists. Miranda Hanson 137-137, 46 assists.

Serving: 89-95, 9 aces. Eliza Wanner 20-21, 3 ace serves; Jessica Bjerke 17-18, 2 ace serves. Digs: 107. Payton maine 23, Eliza Wanner 22.

Blocks: Jessica Bjerke 1 solo block.

Groton won the JV match, 25-19, 20-25 and 15-11.

Groton Coffee Cup League

10-9-17 Team Standings: James Valley 12 1/2, Ten Pins 12, Kens 9 1/2, Jungle Lanes 6 High Games: Sandi Bistodeau 173, Vickie Kramp 172, Joyce Walter 171 High Series: Joyce Walter 504, Vickie Kramp 489, Mary Jane Jark 414

Conde National League

10-9-17 Team Standings: Giants 13, Cubs 12 1/2, Mets 11, Colts 9, Pirates 8 1/2, Braves 6 Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 224, 201; Troy Lindberg 221; Lance Frohling 213; Ryan Bethke 211

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 599, Ryan Bethke 555, Troy Lindberg 529, Lance Froh-

Women's High Games: Mary Larson 200, 180, 167; Joyce Walter 172; Renee Hanlon 157 Women's High Series: Mary Larson 547, Joyce Walter 445, Renee Hanlon 403

WEB Water Development Association, Inc Annual Members Meeting December 1, 2017

WEB Water will hold its Annual Members Meeting on FRIDAY, December 1, 2017 at the Dakota Event Center (DEC) in Aberdeen. The meeting is open to all members.

Three director positions are up for election, two rural and one bulk. Nominating petitions and instructions can be obtained from the WEB Water Office at 38456 W Highway 12, Aberdeen, SD 57401, by phone (605) 229-4749 or by email at dbohlander@webwater.org. The deadline for filing petitions is 4:30 p.m., Thursday, November 9, 2017.

The bulk director representing District #8 includes towns and bulk members in Brown County in South Dakota and Dickey County in North Dakota. The incumbent director, Les Hinds, Groton, SD, is seeking re-election to a second term.

The rural director representing District #1 includes rural Walworth and Potter Counties in South Dakota. There is no incumbent director.

The rural director representing District #6 includes rural Day, Clark and Marshall Counties in South Dakota. There is no incumbent director.

The nominating rules are available at the WEB Water office or with the nominating peti-

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tion. The WEB Water Board meets on the third Thursday of each month and provides review and oversight of the rural water system which covers 17 counties. WEB Water has been providing water service to customers since May 26, 1986 and currently has over 8,700 rural meters, 109 towns and bulk members, and 5 ethanol plants.

The benefits of Hometown Power Five distinct advantages offered by Groton's public power utility

GROTON, S.D. - Most of us don't give much thought to where our electricity comes from. We flip the switch and the lights come on. It's a service most of us take for granted.

Electricity is a complex business, and there are dedicated individuals right here in Groton making sure the power keeps flowing.

Groton owns and operates a public power utility, meaning it's locally owned, locally controlled and operates on a non-profit basis. Like public schools and libraries, public power utilities are owned by the community and run as a division of local government. Community citizens have a direct voice in utility decisions and policymaking.

Groton provides electricity to 766 commercial, industrial and residential customers. Most of the electricity comes from hydropower generated at the federal dams. Supplemental power is purchased from Heartland

Consumers Power District in Madison, SD. Groton also partners with Heartland to offer a number or programs to residents and businesses.

As Public Power Week is celebrated in October, it's a good time to remember all the unique advantages of being served by a local utility.

1. You have ownership.

In Groton, decisions about the utility including rates, system upgrades and infrastructure, are made at city council meetings by locally elected officials. Since 1921, Groton has been conducting business in open meetings where you as citizens have the opportunity to be heard.

2. Your utility is accessible.

If you have questions about your bill or your service, you can make a call or stop in to the local utility office. You may even see a utility employee working around town, who may also

be your friend or neighbor. You can also contact your locally elected officials with questions or concerns.

3. Your utility gives back.

On average, public power utilities pay 5.6 percent of electric operating revenues back to the community – through taxes, fees and special services. Groton's council and utility employees also work together to spur local economic development. By partnering with Heartland, Groton offers incentives, low-interest financing and other programs to entice business to set up shop or expand. Groton residents and business owners are also eligible for a variety of energy efficiency programs, which reward investment in energy efficiency lighting, heating and cooling systems, water heaters and more to help save money on electric bills.

4. Your utility creates jobs.

Groton's utility is headquartered here and creates local jobs for administrators, utility managers and line workers. The employees are dedicated and knowledgeable, with over 22 combined years of service. Additionally, each dollar of a public power employee's paycheck circulates through the local economy an estimated four to five times.

5. Your utility provides reliable, top-quality service.

When there's a problem, calls are answered locally. The city can respond to outages faster, and because it's hometown power, your utility is motivated to keep the electric system operating continuously and efficiently. In fact, Groton recently transitioned to LED street lighting, installed automated electric meters and is replacing transformers in order to maintain the highest quality service to customer owners—a number one priority for public power utilities like yours.

The city of Groton takes their job of providing reliable electric service seriously. For them, there is something special about providing hometown power. It means the city is actively working to improve the lives of residents, while making sure the lights always come on when you flip the switch.



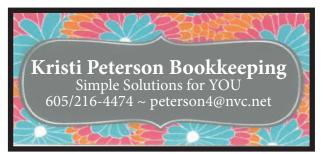


Groton Electric Light Superintendent Shawn Lambertz and Electric Lineman Dan Sunne. (Courtesy Photo)



Groton Metering Technician Paul Kosel displays an LED streetlight. The city recently converted all streetlights to **LED.** (Courtesy Photo)

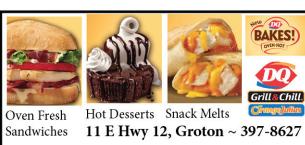
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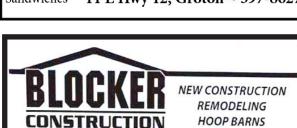












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Rix Family Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to all who attended the memorials for Jerry. Thank you also for the cards, gifts, beautiful plants and flowers, baked goods, casseroles, meat and cheese trays, fruits and pizzas.

Thank you to Pastor Thomas for his care and support and the UMW for the lunch served at the funeral.

Thank you to the doctors and nurses who took such wonderful care of Jerry. He also had exceptional care from Sis, Sylvia and Debra of Bethesda Adult Services and from Avera Home Health Care.

We can never thank enough the people that comforted us with kind words and hugs.

One never knows how much family, friends and church means to you until you need them.

Thanks to all!!
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South Dakotans Need to Be Proactive to Protect Their Personal Information after the Equifax Data Breach

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The Equifax data breach announced on September 7, 2017, affected thousands of South Dakotans.

To find out if your personal information was affected go to www.equifaxsecurity2017.com and click on 'Potential Impact.' Once you have entered the requested information, you will receive one of two messages:

1. Personal information was not impacted; or

2. Personal information may have been impacted.

Now that you know whether your information was impacted, what do you do?

You have a few options, explained Lorna Saboe-Wounded Head, SDSU Extension Family Resource Management Field Specialist including; credit monitoring, fraud alerts and a credit freeze.

"This data breach has reminded consumers that our personal information is not private. Consumers need to be diligent about monitoring and protecting personal information," said Saboe-Wounded Head.

"Equifax if offering free credit and identity theft monitoring for a year," said Saboe-Wounded Head. "Keep in mind the monitoring is for Equifax only, not for Experian or TransUnion, the other two credit reporting agencies. Also, the monitoring is for one year only. After the year is over, you will need to purchase the credit and identity theft monitoring in order to continue the service."

Free fraud alert

A free fraud alert can be placed on your credit report, which is good for 90 days.

"When you register for fraud alert with one credit report bureau, the other bureaus will be contacted to add the alert," said Saboe-Wounded Head. "Freezing your credit file is the most effective option."

She explained that this action will prevent anyone from using your credit, including you.

The downside to freezing your credit is if you need access to your credit you will need to unfreeze. There is a charge for setting up and removing the credit freeze. Also, you have to set up the credit freeze with each credit bureau separately.

More information

Saboe-Wounded Head has prepared resources to help consumers make better decisions about how to monitor their credit after the data breach.

The iGrow article "Equifax Breach: Was My Personal Information Impacted?" explains how to check if your information was impacted and provides information for monitoring your credit report and identifying signs of fraud.

The article "25 Ways to Be Vigilant after the Equifax Data Breach," written by Dr. Barbara O'Neill from Rutgers Cooperative Extension, also provides steps you can take to monitor your credit.

To view these articles, visit iGrow.org.

If you have never reviewed your credit report, read the article "Reading Your Credit Report" to learn about the information contained in the report.

"The information in your credit report affects your credit score," Saboe-Wounded Head explained.

To learn about how your score is calculated and how your credit score impacts your access to affordable credit, read "Understanding Your Credit Score."

Since a credit freeze is recommended as the best option, read Dr. Barbara O'Neill's article "Credit Freeze in the Wake of the Equifax Hack" to learn about the process.

All articles can be found on the SDSU Extension website www.iGrow.org.

Weekly Vikings Roundup By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings traveled to Chicago to take on the Bears for Monday Night Football. The big news leading up to the game was that quarterback Sam Bradford was finally healthy enough to play after sitting out the previous three games due to a knee injury. Unfortunately for Vikings fans, Bradford's return lasted less than a half. Bradford was clearly still hurt and uncomfortable in the pocket, as he was going down whenever a defensive player breathed on him. Bradford attempted 11 passes and



completed five of them for 36 yards. However, he finished the game with only one net passing yard, because he was sacked four times for a loss of 35 yards.

Bradford was finally benched in favor of Case Keenum, and the Vikings offense started to show signs of life. Keenum threw for 140 yards (17 completions on 21 attempts) and a touchdown after taking over at quarterback, and perhaps most importantly, he didn't take a sack. With Dalvin Cook injured, Jerick McKinnon and Latavius Murray split the carries. McKinnon thoroughly outplayed Murray in the game, rushing for 95 yards on 16 carries (5.9 yards per carry) – compared to Murray's 31 yards on 12 carries (2.6 ypc). McKinnon also had a beautiful 58-yard touchdown run that was set up by the Vikings no-huddle offense which had Chicago's defense back on its heels.

The Vikings defense had a solid game. Mitch Trubisky, Chicago's firstround pick who got his first start Monday night, only completed 11 of 24 passes for 122 yards, one touchdown and one interception. The Bears did a good job of calling plays that allowed Trubisky to roll out to his right, which negated Minnesota's fearsome pass rush. The Vikings defense really started playing well in the second half. They only gave up one touchdown (not counting the fake-punt trick play that Chicago converted). Everson Griffen had a particularly good game. He racked up two tackles and one for a loss to go along with his strip-sack of Mitch Trubisky that really helped turned the tides in the game.

At the end of the day, the Vikings should have been able to easily dominate this game, but for some reason the Vikings have a hard time winning at Soldier Field. This was only their 2nd win in their last 10 games in Chicago, but a win is a win and the Vikings are now 3-2

Next week, the Vikings will play the Green Bay Packers. The game will be on Sunday, October 15 at noon Central Time. The Packers are coming off an impressive come-from-behind win in Dallas against the Cowboys. The Packers have been decimated by injuries this season, but they still have the best quarterback in the NFL throwing the ball, so they remain one of the better teams in the league. After Bradford's performance against the Bears, it's clear that he isn't healthy enough to play and Keenum will likely get the start. A silver lining to this whole quarterback situation is that Teddy Bridgewater will be eligible to be activated after the Packers game, so it's only a matter of time until he reclaims his spot as the Vikings starting QB. Skol!

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me on Facebook (facebook.com/SkolJWright) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright).

State of S.D. **Estate of Donald Bartz**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD BARTZ,

06PRO.017-000077 NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is given that on the 15th day of August, 2017, Barbara Vermeersch, whose address is set forth below, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Donald Bartz.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative. Dated this 31st day of August,

/s/ Barbara Vermeersch

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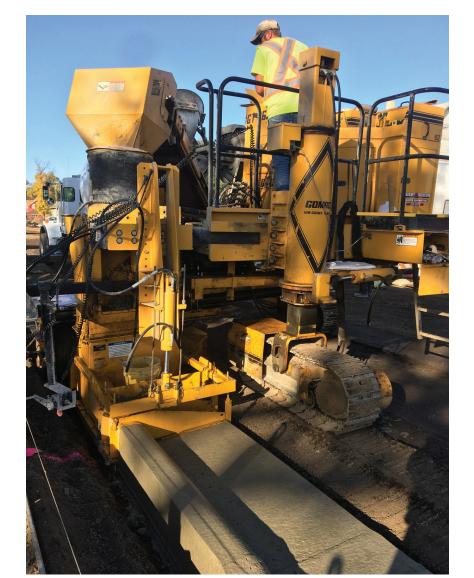
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Curb Work is Done!

It was a tight schedule, but Wright & Sudlow was true to their word as they finished the curb and gutter main line work late on Friday as part of the SD37 project. Putting down of asphalt is scheduled to begin again this week as the deadline looms for the completion of the project. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Marshall County, South Dakota PRIVATE LAND SALE - 155 +/- ACRES

Legal Description: The Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township One Hundred Twenty-six (126), Range Fifty-nine (59), West of the 5th P.M., except five acres of said land in the northeast corner of said land which is used for cemetery purposes, Marshall County, South Dakota.

155 acres with the total acres to be determined by survey or the acres used by Farm Service Agency in Marshall County, South Dakota.

SELLERS: Estate of Nancy L. Wright

Clark Wright & Elizabeth LaRocque Co- Personal Representatives

ATTORNEY FOR SELLERS: Rick A. Ribstein – Ribstein & Hogan Law Firm, 621 6th Street, Brookings, SD 57006. Phone: (605) 692-1818

REVISED SALE/AUCTION FORMAT: Preliminary written bids will be accepted by Rick A. Ribstein, Attorney for Sellers, until 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2017. Prospective purchasers will be notified by mail that they are invited to a private auction to be held in Amherst, South Dakota, on Friday, November 3, 2017. Sellers reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

PRELIMINARY WRITTEN BID FORMAT: Preliminary written bids may be submitted in the form of a letter mailed or delivered to Seller's Attorney at the address printed above. Preliminary bid letters should include bidder's name and mailing address, the preliminary bid amount, and should be accompanied by a check for a down payment equal to 5% of the preliminary bid amount. Down payment checks should be payable to Ribstein & Hogan Trust Account.

TERMS: 5% down with preliminary written bid. A 10% additional nonrefundable earnest money payment required on the day of sale and balance at closing. Possession will be subject to existing tenant's rights under their current lease and their rights to harvest the 2017 crops, with Fall tillage privileges for a new buyer(s) to be permitted with approval of the current tenants. Cost of owner's policy of title insurance and closing fees split 50/50. Sellers will pay the 2016 taxes due in 2017, and all prior taxes. 2017 taxes will be prorated until the day of closing.

INQUIRIES: Informal packages available upon request from Seller's Attorney. Questions about the real estate or auction format should be directed to Seller's Attorney by mail, or by calling (605) 692-1818. Ask for Rick A. Ribstein, Attorney or Sheila Maffett, Legal Secretary.

Brown County Oct. 3, 2017 **Meeting Minutes**

OCTOBER 3, 2017 – GENERAL

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 Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$7,970.06; Treasurer \$13,416.95; States Attorney \$22,142.21; SVAWA Grant \$1,282.08; Maintenance \$7,850.65; Assessor \$13,831.30; Register of Deeds \$9,277.36; Veterans Service Office \$4,143.49; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,685.16; Human Resources \$3,082.22; Sheriff Admin \$41,880.97; Jail \$48,285.16; JDC \$25,491.05; Welfare Office \$3.665.57; Museum \$8,218.10; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,670.39 Fairs & Fairgrounds \$5,670.39; Fair Board \$3,843.13; 4-H \$637.69; Weed \$6,259.55; Plan-ning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$54,262.60; Communi-cations \$24,030.81; Emergency Management \$3,960.14; Teen Court \$375.75; 24/7 \$3,247.66; Landfill \$11,302.44.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$21,158.74; Medicare \$4,948.45; SDRS \$61,671.89; HAS \$50.00.

Professional Fees: Aber deen Advanced Care Ambulance \$751.37; Avera St. Luke's \$6,480.77; Carrels & Bain Family Dental \$140.72; Christian Cox \$400.00; Dohrer Law Office \$441.80; Kuck Law Office \$2,674.60; LSS \$5,225.05; Muth Electric \$3,294.98; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$507.60; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$24,252.60; Christy Griffin Serr Law Office \$936.00; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$488.80; Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home \$1,556.65; Taliaferro Law Firm \$2,857.60; University of ND \$94.00; Jodi Sudweeks \$95.20.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$364.13; Groton Independent \$181.71.

Rentals: Pantorium \$59.20 Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Masonry \$163.20; Advance Stores \$203.66; Beadle Floral & Nursery \$209.99; Diamond Mowers \$49.06; Ecolab \$113.62; Gillund Enterprise \$6.00; Great Western Tire \$7.00; Hoven Auto Repair \$165.06 Ken's Alignment \$963.35; Lad ner Electric \$306.00; Lawson Products \$39.91; Vosika Fencing \$4,000.00.

Supplies: A & B Business \$8.80; Arby's \$195.25; Da-kota Mailing \$166.08; Diamond Mowers \$413.10; DT Pharmacy \$3,138.85; Gall's \$263.01; Gillund Enterprise \$198.00; Great Western Tire \$1,944.71; Heartland Paper \$2,566.24; Jebro \$40,223.25; Ken's Alignment \$2,064.12; Lawson Products \$537.11; Lien Transportation \$3,230.70; Mac's \$813.81; Mar-\$3,230.70; Mac's \$813.81; Marco \$49.80; Menards \$395.89; Muth Electric \$877.35; NADA User Guide \$115.00; NCFE-Warner \$27,827.73; Noble Supply Corp. \$653.63; Performance Oil \$260.00; Pitney Bowes \$126.00; RaceWest \$4,310.31; Running's \$522.15; Sherwin Williams \$103.22; Walth Safety Service \$64.71.

Fair Premiums: Brianna Luce \$226.54; Qres Showdowns \$313.77; Caden Shatto \$69.47; Letitia Smith \$26.72; Emily Thompson \$25.00; Meghan Torgerson \$58.86; Cassandra Townsend \$73.77; Travis Townsend \$47.60; Glenn Treftz \$580.00; Morris Van Lith \$73.71; Lydia Vanderlinde \$25.00; Katie Vanderwal \$140.84; Mitchell Vanderwal \$179.76; Sadie Vanderwal \$68.94; Doris Vilhauer \$15.00; Jocelyn Wagner \$31.51; Weston Wagner \$25.21; Luke Waltman \$10.00; Dawn Wanttie \$10.00; Kaleb Watson \$16.54; James Weber \$10.00; Kae Weigel \$15.00; Ron Wolff \$242.82; Tayler Wolff \$8.19; Janet Wright \$50.49; Madalyn Wright \$18.91; Linda Yates \$15.00; Garret Zeigler \$25.21; Treyson Zeigler \$25.21; Logan Zemlicka \$184.47; Christina Zoellner \$15.00; Darin Zoellner \$870.46; Walker Zoellner \$23.80.

Travel & Conference: Best Western Ramkota – Rapid City \$193.98; Sheila Enderson \$413.26; Kathy Fischer \$246.28; Doug Fjeldheim \$216.82; Grand-Stay Residential Suites \$873.00; Holiday Inn – Rapid City \$384.93; Gene Loeschke \$208.21; Duane Sutton \$418.77. Utilities: AT & T \$107.98;

Montana-Dakota Utilities \$23.21; North Star Energy \$182.95

NWPS \$14,458.45. All members present voting aye. Motion

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

Approve Request to Fill Vacancy for an additional Landfill Equipment Operator Grade 4 Employee, with same step range as Highway Labor Grade

4 (\$18.02 per hour). Approve hiring Carl Wright as part-time Landfill Equipment Operator, as needed during hiring transition phase, effective October 3, 2017 at \$15.11 per hour.

Approve Leave of Absence request from Tray Mercer, Highway employee effective October

 November 19, 2017.
 Approve hiring Joselyn Underberg as Part-time JDC Correctional Officer, effective October 4, 2017 at \$13.42 per hour.

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective October 8, 2017: Terrence Evans @ \$23.69 per hour, Mariann Malsom @ \$16.88 per hour, An-drea Merrell @ \$16.17 per hour, Nathan Smith @ \$23.39 per hour Glen Neumiller @ \$18.46 per hour, Ermelinda Marcuson @ \$17.53 per hour, Kristal Koens @ \$19.57 per hour, Brandon Mills @ \$17.53 per hour, Aaron Gasser @ \$17.13 per hour, Roxanne

Hilgenberg @ \$20.61 per hour. All members present voting

aye. Motion carried. ORD 17-10-02/470 - SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to set public hearing for consideration of Ordinance #17-10-02/470, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to consider petition filed by Andy and Cindy Meyers, to amend Ordinancne No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricul-tural District, Proposed Lot 1, Andy & Cindy Meyers Addition to Aberdeen in the N ½ SW ¼ of Sec 28-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12856 390th Ave), to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:45 a.m. on October 24, 2017. All members present voting aye. LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by

Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreement: Terry Goldade for lease of the Club House on October 7 & 8, 2017 (includes alcohol use permission form). All members present voting aye. Motion

FAIR CONTRACT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contract for the 2017 Brown County Fair: Jason Schaunaman (Rusty Rokit) @ \$100.00 (emceeing demo derby). All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. CAFO DISCUSSION: Attorney Rod Tobin distributed an information packet comparing set back guidelines contained in Brown County Ordinance Title 4, Chapter 4.32 with other guidelines from various eastern SD Counties, suggesting that Brown County should consider amending the setback distances for CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) from neighboring properties. No action was

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to declare various law books in the Law Library surplus for purpose of disposal. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PARTIAL PAYMENT OF TAXES CONTRACT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to declare the following contract in default and proceed with tax deed procedure: 1) Lt 2 Blk 9 Garden Park Addn to Aberdeen. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.
PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENTMENT: Derek Ricci, Fair Manager presented proposal for amendment of Brown County Ordinance Title 16 Brown County Fair Board. No action was taken

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to accept quote submitted by WOVO Identity Solutions in amount of \$6,394,00 for purchase of a portable fingerprint station for the Jail; rejecting quote in amount of \$7.423.24 submitted by Fulcrum Biometrics. All members present voting

aye. Motion carried. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and for contract discussion, 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

result of the discussion:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to accept the resignation of John McQuillen, Director of Communications/ Deputy Sheriff, effective December 22, 2017; and approve Request to Fill Vacancy for position. All members present voting

ve. Motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:20 a.m. All members present voting aye.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County

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Brown County Ord. 470

Meyers' Rezoning NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION

REGARDING A PETITION TO

REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 24th day of October 2017, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the petition filed by Andy and Cindy Meyers, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:

Proposed Lot 1, Andy & Cindy Meyers Addition to Aberdeen in the N ½ SW ¼ of Sec 28-..... T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12856 390th

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may adopt first reading of Ordinance #17-10-02/470 granting petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 2nd day of October

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

(1011.1018)

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Groton School Sept. 25, 2017 **Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING September 25, 2017

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Lower Pod Commons Room. Members present: Fjelstad, Gengerke, Harder, Kjelden, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke and Busi-

ness Manager Weber. Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the agenda with one amendment under New Business Item #11 – discuss future school board vacancy. Motion carried.

No new potential conflicts

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

agenda items. The board listened to program presentations from 2nd grade teachers Jane Kroll and Anne Zoellner and 3rd grade teachers Deb Winburn and Kristi Anderson. The board took a tour of both newly remodeled classrooms.

There were no board commit-

tee reports given. Superintendent Schwan gave an update on the elementary school remodel project. The following change orders to the elementary project were reviewed for consideration: a) CCO#017 with JDH Construction - add fire extinguishers and cabinets for an increase of \$3,175; b) CCO#018 with JDH Construction - provide access panel for building signage wiring for an increase of \$415 and c) CCO#003 with Lien Transportation – provide storm sewer drainage for an additional

Moved by Harder, second

the following action taken as a Weismantel to approve change orders a and b after Schwan visits with construction engineer about fire extinguisher cost. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve change order c after Schwan visits with construction engineer to lower cost of drainage. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: district report cards, student enrollment at 572, homecoming parade and school picnic, ideas to showcase new elementary school remodeling, parent/ teacher conferences, post high planning and student teachers.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to amend and approve the Groton Area School District 2017-18 budget, as published from the budget hearing on July 10, 2017, as follows and authorize the business manager to file the tax request with the county auditors: Revenue -General Fund from \$4,696.232 to \$4,690,523, Capital Outlay from \$1,277,251 to \$1,282,651 Special Education from \$870,750 to \$871,050, Enterprise Fund from \$268,500 to \$282,750 and Total Revenue from \$7,322,533 to \$7,336,774; Expenditures General Fund from \$5,319,644 to \$5,322,308, Capital Outlay from \$1,477,648 to \$1,486,180, Special Education from \$964,683 to \$928,526. Enterprise from \$342,481 to \$337,482 and Total Expenditures from \$14,273,139 to \$14,243,179. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged first reading of recommended policy amendments to KBA-E Application for Access to Public Records; BDDH Public Participation at Board Meetings; GCDB Criminal Background Checks; GCDB-E Criminal Background Checks Privacy Rights (New); GBCA Staff Conflict of Interest (Delete); BBFA Board Member Conflict of Interest (Delete); AH Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Authorization (New); EFC Meal Charge Policy (New)

Moved by Harder, second Fjelstad to hire Sarah Lewandowski as elementary special education para-professional at \$11.40 per hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to hire Matt Locke as 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for 2017-2018 at 5% of base salary and remove stipend from Becky Frickson. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to hire Shannon Wiedrick as student custodian at \$9.25 per hour for up to 20 hours per week. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Kielden to approve auxiliary staff assignment changes for Amanda Bisbee, Lena Cox, Joann Donley, Bill Duncan, Butch Farmen, Joel Guthmiller, Randy Hjermstad, Jill Krueger, Lois Krueger, Rebecca Lewandowski, Kami Lipp, Jamie Mitchell, Lisa Sippel, Deb Tollifson, Kim Weber, and Kandi Weismantel. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve work agreements for bus drivers Adam Franken and Chuck Padfield. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel second Fielstad to waive facility use fee for annual Groton Youth Rally on November 15. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged Notification for Public School xemption #18-09.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to approve Open Enrollment #18-18 for a student in grade 10 from the Aberdeen School District. Motion carried.

The board discussed options for filling the board position of Kelly Kjelden. Kjelden will be moving out of the school district soon. No action was taken.

Moved by Gengerke, second by Kjelden to adjourn at 9:20

pm. M. J. Weber, Business Manager Steven R. Smith, President

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

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Groton School Notice of **Board Vacancy**

The Groton Area School Board of Education is accepting applicants to fill the school board term held by Kelly Kjelden. Applications are available at the District Business Office and will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. (1011.1018)

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Frederick Town Oct. 2017 **Meeting Minutes**

Town of Frederick October Minutes

The Town of Frederick monthly meeting began at 7 PM Monday evening with R. Scott Campbell, Chairman, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending the meeting were Board Members Gary Schlosser and Troy Millard, Ütility Manager Richard Bakeberg, Fire Chief Kevin Barton, and Finance Officer Diane Bruns.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved with a motion by TM/GS. Motion

The Financial Report including the September Accounts Receivable and totals from all bank accounts were read and approved with a motion by TM/ GS. Motion Carried.

The Accounts Payable for October was accepted with the changing of the Web Water bill, the check will be rewritten as it was estimated. Motion was made by CS/GS to approve. Motion Carried.

A copy of September A/P 2nd page was re-distributed due to addition of Helms & Associates added bill for Sewer Study. Total A/P for September was \$45,243.15.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: A&B Bus Solutions, Inc sup

Gen'l \$126.85; Badger Meter meter fee Wtr \$115.70; C&C Farms debris removal/cleanup Gen'l \$5,500; Comm Store supplies FO/CC/Gen'l \$31.45; Dependable Sanitation 3rd Ortr Garb pick-up Garb \$4257; D. Bruns expenses/mileage Gen'l/ FO \$87.76; FDC econ dev Econ Dev \$1200; FU Oil Co propane EBL \$217.21; GameTime playaround equipment (to be reimbursed by FF) Gen'l \$10,856.52; Helms & Assoc balance of Sewer Study Swr \$500; JM Electric, Inc. Generator, parts, labor Gen'l \$5109.74; JVT phones, services, Internets Gen'I/FO/Wtr/EBL \$303.68; A. Kallas dep return Wtr \$50; MDU elect Sts/FO/CC/ EBL/B. Park/S.Park/Fire/Wtr/Swi \$1131.53; Menard's supplies CC/ FO/Wtr \$107.80; R. Bakeberg Veh Allow (1099) St/Wtr/ Swr \$75; Sam's Way Trucking haul gravel Sts \$200; SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb \$82.28; SD Dept of Rev labs Wtr \$346; Thorpe Excavating hydrant removal, curbstops Water \$2019.75; True Value supplies S.Park \$31.11; US Treasury 3rd Qrtr 941 CC FO/Gen'I/EBL/Cem/Wtr/Garb/ Swr/LF \$2642.11; USDA-RD AP Wtr Repair \$475; USPS stamps Wtr/Swr/Garb \$147; WEB Water Water \$2427.01.

Payroll: Sts/Wtr/Swr \$135.91 each; General \$452.10; Landfill \$258.58; Emma Burnham Library \$512.95; Finance Office \$1017.23; Community Center \$95.98. Total A/P \$40,758.07. Total A/P after FF repayment \$29,901.55

OLD BUSINESS:

Utility Report given by Ut. Mngr Rich Bakeberg – reported he will be sending samples in for permission to discharge cells at the Lagoon, all the levels at the Lagoon are good; he replaced the Yield sign on RR Ave and 4th St that was slid into last Winter: will be finishing up with erecting street signs soon; may be burning at the dump this weekend; and may also pull out the dock and close up the bathrooms at the park soon. He is also putting gravel on RR Ave and will discuss w/county about repairs.

Frederick Forward - No Porta-potty bill received yet, sent FF invoice from city to FF for payment of playground equipment. Historical Society - Auction/

Bake Sale in Community Center October 15; no representation to discuss bill, tabled.

Emma Burnham Library - 3rd Ortr Annual Report Review was presented and approved with a motion by SC/TM. Motion Carried. No representation.

Frederick Development Corporation - questioned if the city would ever run sewer/water lines up to the gas station? After discussion, the city may, in a future year, look into it.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

A bill for the removal of debris done earlier in the year was presented. A motion was made by TM/GS to accept, pay, and pass on to owners for repayment plan. Motion Carried. Chrmn Campbell is working with Sarah Swenson at the Equalization office about alleys and Right-of-Ways, still need some clarification on vacancies; BM Schlosser looked into the flashing signs and found they are owned by the city and expensive on the Internet - will be checking SD Surplus; after no response to current Nuisance letter - yard will be mowed and trees will cut down and charges will be attached to property taxes last vears non-responsiveness. was added to 2017 base taxes in Oct for same person; mentioned sign on hwy which is now between Krysti Mikkonen at FF and the interested party, with the city's approval. Discussed dogs on the loose and what will happen when any are caught.

NEW BUSINESS: Frederick Fire Area Protection District received a Temporary Liquor License Permit for their 3rd annual Fundraiser to be in the Frederick Community Center on October 21, 2017. A motion was made by GS/TM to approve the permit. Motion Carried.

An on-site Evaluation of the Public Water System by the EPA was looked at and discussed. It has recommendations for Frederick Public Water System. A motion was made by TM/GS to accept the report. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Mosquito Control & West Nile Conference on Oct 11 in Aberdeen was discussed. Will sign up later if anyone is going.

NECOG presented Chairman Campbell with an application to be signed for future grants pertaining to water, issued by the DENR. The application is necessary now to be qualified in the future. Chairman Campbell signed the app earlier and presented it to the board. It does not bind us into a project, it does make us eligible for membership. A motion was passed to accept the State Water Plan Application by TM/SC. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by TM/SC to adjourn at

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday evening at 7 PM on November 6, 2017, in the Frederick Community Center. Finance Office number is 605-329-2242. SDCL1-25-1

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Brown County Fire Alarm

Contractors NOTICE TO FIRE ALARM CON-

TRACTORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401; until the hour of 9:10 on October 17, 2017, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project - replacement of the existing smoke and heat detectors with bases, pull stations, and horn strobes for the Brown County Courthouse/ Annex Complex. Located at 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 in accordance with the specifications.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and be marked on the envelope: "Courthouse/Annex Fire Alarm Upgrade" to be opened on October 17, 2017. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered un-less accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check, or a bank draft in the amount of 5% of the total amount of bid that has been issued by a National or State Bank authorized to do business in South Dakota or a bid bond in the amount of 10% of the total amount of bid, payable without condition to Brown County as a guarantee of good faith in entering into a contract if so awarded.

PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance or payment bond in accordance with the bid as accepted.

Specifications are on file and may be obtained at no charge at the Brown County Maintenance, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401.

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer Brown County Auditor (1004.1011)Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$40.46.

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Volleyball team goes 3 for 4 at Redfield Tourney

Groton Area lost the first match at the Redfield Tourney, losing to Northwestern in the first match, but then came back to beat Beresford, Belle Fourche and Waverly/South Shore. Payton Maine and Gia Gengerke were both named to the All-Tournament Team.

Groton Area 2, Beresford 1

Game Scores were 25-20, 25-27 and 25-23 Serving: 73 of 78 with 3 ace serves. Jessie Bjerke was 20 of 20. Jennie Doeden was 12 of 13 with one ace serve. Payton Maine was 10 of 10. Miranda Hanson was 15 of 18 with one ace serve. Tadyn Glover was eight of eight with one ace serve and Payton Colestock was eight of 9.

Hitting: 132 of 140 with 30 kills. Gia Gengerke was 25 of 27 with seven kills. Jessie Bjerke was 22 of 26 with one kill. Jennie Doeden was 47 of 52 with 17 kills. Nicole Marzahn was 26 of 32 with four kills. Payton Colestock was 12 of 13 with one kill.

Setting: 138 of 139 with 29 assists. Miranda Hanson was 120 of 120 with 27 assists. Payton Maine was nine of nine with one assist. Jessie Bjerke was four of five with one assist.

Digs: 95. Eliza Wanner had 25 digs, Payton Maine 18, Jessie Bjerke 16, Tadyn Glover 11, Miranda Hanson 8, Jennie Doeden 6, Payton Colestock 6, Nicole Marzahn 3, Gia Gengerke 2.

Blocks: Gia Gengerke 8 solo and 4 assists. Jennie Doeden 2 assists. Payton Maine 1 solo and 1 assist. Nicole Marzahn 1 assist. Payton Coleston 3 assists.

Groton Area 2, Belle Fourche 1

Game Scores were 25-22, 20-25 and 25-17. Serving: 58 of 62 with 4 ace serves. Payton Colestock 16 of 18 with 3 ace serves. Jennie Doeden 11 of 11 with 1 ace. Jessie Bjerke was 10 of 11. Tadyn Glover and Payton Maine each were 9 of 9. Miranda Hanson was 14 of 16.

Hitting: 102 of 118 with 33 kills. Gia Gengerke 35 of 39 with 15 kills. Jennie Doeden 23 of 25 with 7 kills. Nicole Marzahn 18 of 23 with 5 kills. Payton Colestock 9 of 13 with 2 kills. Jessie Bjerke 8 of 9 with 3 kills. Payton Maine 5 of 5 with 1 kill. Miranda Hanson 4 of 4.

Sets: 95 with no errors. Miranda Hanson had 82 sets and 30 assists. Payton Maine had 4 attempts and 2 assists. Jennie Doeden had 4 attempts.

Digs: 59. Payton Maine 19, Miranda Hanson 11, Tadyn Glover 9, Jessie Bjerke 5, Jennie Doeden 4, Nicole Marzahn 4, Gia Gengerke 3, Eliza Wanner 2, Payton Colestock 2.

Blocks: Gia Gengerke 3 solo and 1 assist. Jennie Doeden 1 solo and Jessie Bjerke 1 assist.

Groton Area 2, Waverly/South Shore 1Game Scores: 25-20, 24-26, 25-10

Servings: 70 of 74 with 4 ace serves. Jennie Doeden was 23 of 24 with 3 ace serves. Payton Maine was 13 of 15. Miranda Hanson was 8 of 9. Eliza Wanner was 8 of 8. Payton Coleston was 7 of 7 with 1 ace. Tadyn Glover was 6 of 6. Jessie Bjerke was 5 of 5.

Hitting: 93 of 101 with 35 kills. Gia Gengerke was 32 of 34 with 15 kills. Jennie Doeden was 27 of 30 with 10 kills. Payton Colestock was 18 of 18 with 6 kills. Nicole Marzahn was 9 of 12 with 1 kill. Jessie Bjerke was 6 of 6 with 2 kills. Miranda Hanson was 1 of 1 with 1 kill.

Serving: 88 with no errors. Miranda Hanson had 76 with 26 assists. Payton Maine had 5 with 1 assist. Tadyn Glover had 3. Eliza Wanner and Jessie Bierke each had 2.

Digs: 48. Payton Maine 11, Miranda Hanson 8, Jessie Bjerke 7, Jennie Doeden 6, Tadyn Glover 5, Eliza Wanner 4, Payton Colestock 4, Gia Gengerke 2, Nicole Marzahn 1.

Blocks: Gia Gengerke 9 solo and 2 assist. Jennie Doeden 1 solo and 1 assist. Payton Colstock 2 assists and Nicole Marzahn 1 assist.

Netters beat Clark/Willow Lake

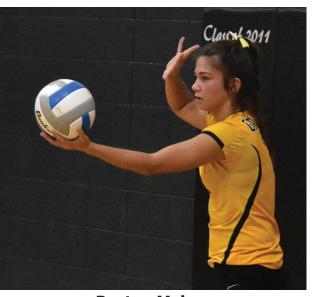
Groton's volleyball team posted a 3-0 win over Clark/Willow Lake Thursday night in Clark. Game scores were 25-23, 25-19 and 25-7.

Setting: 71-75, 12 aces. (Payton Colestock 11-11, 3 aces, Gia Gengerke 9-9, 3 aces). Setting: 100-101, 27 assists. (Miranda Hanson 62-63, 17 assists, Kaylin Kucker 24-24, 9 assists). Spiking: 83-102, 28 kills (Gia Gengerke 20-24, 9 kills, Jennie Doeden 20-25, 8 kills). Blocking: Gia Gengerke 1 solo and 1 assist, Nicole Marzahn 1 assist.

Digs: 65 (Payton Maine 24, Eliza wanner 10). Groton won the JV match, 2-0.



Payton Colestock



Payton Maine

Northwestern 2, Groton Area 0

Game Scores: 16-25, 12-25.

Serving: 29 of 32 with 1 ace serve. Jennie Doeden was 7 of 8. Miranda Hanson was 5 of 6 with 1 ace serve. Payton Colstock was 5 of 5. Jessie Bjerke was 3 of 3. Kaylin Kucker was 2 of 2. Payton Maine was 2 of 3. Eliza Wanner and Tadyn Glover were each 2 of 2.

Hitting: 63 of 70 with 6 kills. Eliza Wanner was 15 of 16. Jennie Doeden was 14 of 16 with 1 kill. Gia Gengerke was 13 of 13 with 2 kills. Jessie Bjerke was 9 of 11 with 1 kill. Nicole Marzahn was 6 of 7 with 2 kills. Payton Colestock was 6 of 7.

Sets: 62 of 64. Miranda Hanson was 38 of 40 with 2 assists. Kaylin Kucker was 14 of 14 with 4 assists. Payton Maine was 5 of 5 with 1 assist. Gia Gengerke, Jessica Bjerke and Nicole Marzahn each had 1.

Digs: 40. Payton Maine 9, Jennie Doeden 9, Eliza Wanner 5, Gia Gengerke, Jessie Bjerke and Miranda Hanson each had 4, Tadyn Glover and Payton Colstock each had 2 and Kaylin Kucker had 1.

Blocks: Jennie Doeden had 1 solo and Gia Gengerke and Jessie Bjerke each had 1 assist.



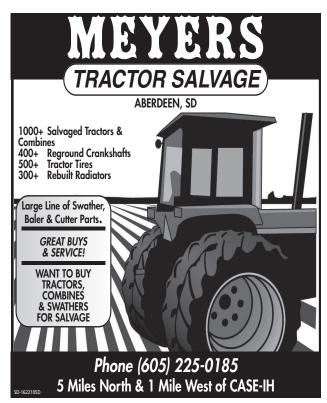


Jessica Bjerke



Miranda Hanson







Suzette Gengerke of Gypsy Signs donated the signs for the Pumpkin Fest. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Clint Fjelstad is ready to be the trainmaster at the Pumpkin Fest. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



April Abeln thanked everyone for coming to the **Pumpkin Fest. She** helped to organize the event. (Photo by Paul



The little train got a lot of riders throughout the day on

Travis Kurth and Adam Herman were busy putting up the inflatables at the Pumpkin Fest. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Sydney Leicht is busy painting her pumpkin at the Groton Pumpkin Fest.



Jay Peterson and Dwight Zerr were among some of the drivers for the hayrides to the Pumpkin Patch. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Mayor Scott Hanlon brought the Incredible Hulk to the Pumpkin Fest. Here he poses with the Hulk. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kami Lipp helped to serve beans at the **Pumpkin Fest. The beans were made by** Matt Wattier. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Weight" of the big pumpkin. (Photo by Paul



Josie Fischbach gets a face painting by Lori Westby. (Photo by Paul Kosel)





at the Great Pumpkin Patch. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



There were servers and cooks to help feed around 900 people who attended the Pumpkin Fest on Saturday.







Here are some of the Pumpkinneers that helped out and to help organize the Pumpkin Fest. Pictured in back are Scott Altoff - who grew one of the big pumpkins, David McGannon, Bruce Babcock, Larry Larry, Joel Bierman, and Bob Strausmier of Moscow Mills, Mo.; in front are Peggy Locke, Shallyn Foertsch, Joe Foertsch, April Abeln and Aspen Johnson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



A very large crowd turned out for the Second Pumpkin Fest held Saturday at the Groton City Park. It was such a huge success that even the high wind advisory was cancelled. It turned out to be a perfect day with temperatures in the 70s and a light southwest wind. It was hard to estimate how many people showed up, but it looked like the attendance was triple of what it was last year, perhaps around **1,500 people.** (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Department of Revenue now offering online use tax filing and payment

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Pierre, S.D. – South Dakotans may now enjoy the convenience of paying use tax online.

The South Dakota Department of Revenue's new online purchases. online use tax payment feature allows users to online option allows individuals to calculate the tax this instance, use tax is owed on the difference. owed then make a secure, one-time payment us-

"With an evolving economy, use tax is an important source of revenue for both the state and Secretary Andy Gerlach. "One of our primary goals is to make tax reporting and payment as easy as feature achieves that."

Use tax is due if:

· Sales tax was not paid when purchasing items. For individuals, this often occurs when making

Sales tax paid to another state was lower than quickly report and pay their personal use tax. The what would have been paid in South Dakota. In

Like sales tax, the revenues generated from the ing either an ACH debit or credit card transaction. state use tax go to the state's general fund, which supports South Dakota's K-12 schools, state universities, technical institutes and more. Municipal our municipalities," said Department of Revenue use tax revenues go to city governments, which help fund local needs.

To file and pay your use tax online, please visit possible for South Dakotans, and our new online http://dor.sd.gov then click the online use tax payment button under e-services. For a tutorial on how to use this feature, visit https://youtu.be/



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The Life of Phyllis C. Huber



Phyllis C. Huber, age 96, of Watertown, SD, formerly of Groton, SD, passed away on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at a local care center in Watertown. Funeral Mass was held Monday, October 9, 2017, at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton, SD. Father Mike Kelly officiated. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Garden in Aberdeen, SD. Active pallbearers are: Owen Bain, Ray Lapka, Tom Heckel, Dennis Rasmussen, Scott Schuring and Randy Schuring.

Phyllis Cecile Huber was born October 10, 1920, on a farm 10 miles west of Frederick, SD, to Henry and Cecile (Veatch) Bain. In March of 1932, the family moved to a farm east of Leola, SD where Phyllis attended country school through the 8th grade. In 1935, Phyllis went to live with her aunt, Ivy Thompson, in Conde, SD where she helped in the maternity home that Ivy managed. She graduated from Conde High School in 1939.

On October 28, 1939, Phyllis married Earnest R. Klapperich in Conde, SD. Together they made their home in the Groton, SD area. To this union, three daughters were born: Eunice Deneige, Elta Rachel, and Wava Marie.

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On September 8, 1962, Phyllis married Martin Huber in Aberdeen, SD. They lived on a farm one mile west of Andover, SD. In the fall of 1979, they moved to Groton, SD, where Phyllis resided until 1996. After living in Aberdeen for two years, Phyllis moved to Benet Place in Watertown, SD, where she resided until entering Jenkins Living Center in December, 2011.

She is survived by her two daughters, Elta Helgelien of Watertown, SD and Wava (Richard) Seurer of Groton, SD; one brother, Leland (Zelda) Bain of Mentone, CA; one sister-in-law, Treva Arlene Bain of Frederick, SD; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and five great-grandsons.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; her daughter, Eunice; five brothers: Clarence (Dutch), Ernest (Fat), Alan, Leslie and Glen; four sisters: Cleotice Crabtree, Maysie Rexinger, Esther Ellis and Henrietta Martilla; one son-in-law, Daryl Helgelien; and two sisters-in-law: Etta and Marie.

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The Life of Violet Muth



Safely in the arms of Jesus, receiving the hugs she so freely gave Violet Charlotte Muth, 98, passed on September 29, 2017. A long time resident and first grade teacher in Bremerton, WA, Vi mercifully succumbed to her long battle with dementia.

Born January 4, 1919 in Minneapolis, MN to Gust and Ruth Davidson, she and her brother, Philip Davidfarm near Huffton, SD. She attended Northern Sate Teacher's College, receiving a teacher's certificate and began her teaching career at a one room school house in Putney, SD. World War II found her migrating to San Diego, CA where she worked as quality assurance for aircraft components. Not "Rosie the Riveter" but Vi with white gloves and clipboard. She married Frank Anton Muth (deceased) in October of 1946 and moved to Bremerton where Frank was employed at PSNS. She continued working with children, volunteering at various preschools. In the early 1960's, due to Frank's illness, she graduated from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She resumed her teaching career at Haddon Elementary. During her career she was active in leadership roles of the BEA, WEA, NEA and local chapter of the

In retirement, Vi volunteered at the American Cancer Society Thrift Shop at Sheridan Village; spent numerous days enjoying her grand-daughter; traveled with friends and family in both the United States and other countries; enjoyed friendships; and was active in Esther's Circle at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

teacher's sorority, ADK. She retired from the

Bremerton School District in the 1981.

She is survived by her son and "Daughter" –in- law, Bill and Jackie of Covington; grand-daughters, Catherine and Karen of Seattle; great grandsons, Beckett and Kellan Altmaier; and niece, Barbara Davidson of Aberdeen, SD.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, October 14th at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel. Interment will be next to her husband in Groton Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please do as she would do---- Hug one another.

Riverside Township Weed Notice

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Riverside Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Riverside township on or before October 15, 2017 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$250 per mile.

Riverside Township Board of Supervisors



Groton Hosts the Annual Lake Region Marching Band Festival

On Friday, October 13th the Groton JH/HS Bands, fifteen area school bands, and the Northern State University Drumline will converge in Groton for the Lake Region Marching Band Festival. The parade of bands will travel from South to North on Groton's Main Street from Railroad Avenue to 9th Avenue, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Following the parade, the Northern State University Drumline will present a field show for all bands in attendance.

This festival originated in Milbank then moved to Waubay for 11 years. Since 2013 Groton has hosted the festival and it plans to remain there for the foreseeable future. Bands will be evaluated on their performance by a panel of three judges. The bands will be judged by NSU Music Faculty: Terry Beckler, Rolf Olson, and Jerry Letcher. Awards will be given to the top two bands in each of three categories: High School Bands, Middle School Bands, and Combined Bands. Other awards include Best Guard/Auxiliary, Best Winds, and Best Percussion. A "People's Choice" award will also be awarded by a separate, secret judging panel placed throughout the parade route.

The festival has become a premier marching event in Northeast South Dakota, attracting bands and spectators from towns across the region. The public is invited to watch the parade of bands on Main Street as well as the NSU field show and awards at the football field. Concessions will be available both on main street during the parade and at the football field. Proceeds will go to the GHS Band to raise money for their trip to Florida in February.

Attending the festival are bands from Aberdeen Roncalli, Warner, Leola, Langford, Milbank MS, Watertown MS, Ipswich, Britton-Hecla, Redfield, Wilmot, Great Plains Lutheran, Aberdeen Simmons and Holgate, Northwestern, Selby, and Frederick.

Primary sponsors of the festival are the Groton Dairy Queen and the Groton Chamber of Commerce.