



## Closing off Main Street for Halloween was good

Councilman Karyn Babcock talked about the Halloween on Main this year. Babcock said, "Closing off Main Street for Trick or Treats was super. The kids could go up and down Main Street without worrying about traffic." There were close to 300 trick and treaters that night.

During the department report, City Supervisor Terry Herron said that he did not order salt sand this year as there was a lot left over from last year. He also said they will be blading the alleys and gravel roads once again when the rain quits to get rid of the pot holes. If you have a white X on an ash tree in your boulevard, Herron said those are slated to be removed this winter. "A lot of towns are starting to get rid of ash trees that are half dead."

Waste Water Superintendent Dwight Zerr reported that two cells at the lagoon have been discharged and the lagoon should be ready for the winter. He is also doing street sweeping and should get through the whole city in the upcoming days. Zerr also reported on some issues with the controls at the Aspen Lift Station that they have been working on.

There was discussion on the inspection of the digger truck. Councilman Jay Peterson said, "I see there are four things marked as an "R" and unless they are fixed, it's out of service. Is this the way you see it?" Peterson asked Shawn Lembertz. Lambertz said no. The digger truck is operational. Peterson said he was concerned about the report and that those items should be taken care of. "It's probably worse than it looks," he said. Councilman David Blackmun said there are a lot of things on the report that the linemen can do as they are small items.

The new police car already has a water pump that is going out, but it is covered under warranty, according to Police Chief Stacy Mayou. He said the car should be back in service in a day or two. He also added that it will take 11-12 hours to replace the water pump on these new vehicles.

The council, at its October 15 meeting, determined that stop signs at the intersection of 5th Street and Washington Street will now stop North and South bound traffic instead of East and West bound traffic. It was asked when it would go into effect. The minutes had not been published as expected (they were submitted on time to the Dakota Press) so the effective date has been affected and is now Nov. 13. It was unknown when those minutes were published. The resolution becomes effective 20 days after publication.

In other action:

- \* Declared a humidifier as surplus with a value of \$175.
- \* Approved a utility easement with Northwestern Energy.
- \* Tabled the pool and baseball reports
- \* Approved taking applications for skating rink employees.
- \* Approved a \$100 donation for Santa Day at Professional Management Services
- \* Approved to open gravel bids December 17.
- \* Discussed health insurance rates. The current company would

increase rates by 18 percent. The South Dakota Retailers Association has an insurance plan that would save the city upwards of \$50,000 a year. Peterson said he was concerned about the coverage if it was about the same as the current plan.

- Paul Kosel



**The Little Drummer Boy**  
Perhaps the most entertaining Halloween costume was this one worn by Kroy Khali. Kroy was having a blast marching up and down Main Street with his drummer outfit. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



**Karyn Babcock took these photos. The Base Kamp Lodge was one of many downtown businesses taking part in Trick or Treaters**



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# Townsend named Miss Groton Snow Queen



Miss Congeniality was Portia Kettering, daughter of Kara and Kevin Pharis and Scott Kettering. Alexis Simon was first runner-up, daughter of Jamie and Nick Simon. Sr. Snow Queen was Cassandra Townsend, daughter of Kellie and Dean Townsend. (Kellie Townsend Facebook Page photo)



The pages were Micah Poor and Korbin Blackmun. They are standing beside a stuffed Frosty. There was no Frosty contest this year. The clues were Grew up on a farm, two children, enjoyed music and singing, hunting enthusiast, proud grandparent, sports athlete, Groton Tiger supporter, 4-Hers, dedicated Groton Baseball Supporter and Devoted Duke Blue Devil Fan. The frosty represented the late Steve Giedt. Giedt, for many years, was the Frosty guard and the Groton Kiwanis Club saw fit to have a memorial in Steve's honor this year as Frosty. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jordan Kjellsen was the master of ceremony. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Tom Mahan gave the welcome for the Groton Kiwanis Club. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kinton Tracy, son of Ryan and Carla Tracy was chosen as the Snow Prince. The Snow Princesses was Amara Freeland, daughter of Sara Freeland. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The junior Snow Queen is featured above. In back, left to right, are Allyssa Locke, daughter of Tammy and Matt Locke, first runner-up; Trista Keith, daughter of Tricia and Bary Keith; Madison Bjerke, daughter of Kathy and Jerry Bjerke; Riley Leiht, daughter of Sadie and Nick Leight; and Trinity Smith, daughter of Missi and Jeremy Smith, second runner-up; in front is Junior Snow Queen Stella Meier, daughter of Anna and Brett Schwan and Nicholas Meier. (Missi Smith Facebook Page photo)



Nicole Marzahn  
First Place  
Senior Division  
Talent Contest



Kyrie Yeigh  
Second Place  
Junior Division  
Talent Contest



Alexis Hanten  
First Place  
Junior Division  
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Craig Muilenberg was trying to fix some lights as Jeslyn Kosel was holding the light for him. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Anna Bisbee  
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**Brown County  
Oct. 30, 2018  
Meeting Minutes**

OCTOBER 30, 2018 – GENERAL MEETING  
Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Sutton, Fischbach and Kippley. Commissioner Hansen was absent. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the Joint City/County Meeting Minutes and the General Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: Dohrer Law Office \$629.80; Michelle Gaikowski \$23.80; Kuck Law Office \$269.40; Jerald McNeary \$620.40; NEMHC \$1,664.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$1,409.90; Andrea Schwan \$1,081.25; Siebrecht Agency \$2,000.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$1,903.50; Tschetter & Adams Law Office \$312.42.

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Travel & Conference: Erin Ackerman \$225.40; City of Groton \$260.82; Logan Flack \$319.09; James Ingram \$162.11; Scott Madsen \$391.08; Cody Martens \$150.40; Margarita Okusanya \$240.40.

Utilities: CenturyLink \$264.35; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$29.77; NWPS \$2,635.89. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve hiring Dave Lunzman

as full-time Sheriff Chief Deputy, effective November 26, 2018 at an annual pro-rated salary of \$67,642.97.

Approve hiring Scott Willis as full-time employee in the Equalization Office, effective November 5, 2018 at \$17.67 per hour.

Approve hiring Cindy Beard as full-time employee in the Register of Deeds Office, effective November 5, 2018 at \$15.14 per hour.

Acknowledge resignation of Morgan Black Court Security Deputy, effective November 1, 2018.

Approve Employee classification change for Terrance Evans from Sheriff Deputy to Court Security Deputy, effective November 5, 2018 at current wage; and approve request to fill deputy slot.

Authorize Chair sign the Tanya Torgeson Appeal Finding of Facts.

Approve training and travel voucher for Michael Carlsen, Coroner in amount of \$375.00.

Acknowledge elimination of Pet Insurance plan previously offered to employees.

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective November 4, 2018: Michael Ernst @ \$19.70 per hour; Wes Graff @ \$22.68 per hour; Elise Westfall @ \$17.20 per hour; Bill Rohrbach @ \$15.67 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DISINTERMENT PERMIT:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to acknowledge and accept Notice of Disinterment Permit (Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery to Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery) affecting Brown County from the SD Department of Health Vital Records. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENT:**  
Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ABERDEEN CENTRAL INTERN:**  
The Commission acknowledged the Auditor's Office and Register of Deeds Office sharing an intern from Aberdeen Central (Sydni Rux), effective October 25, 2018 to December 21, 2018.

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to acknowledge purchase of sound panels for the Jail in amount of \$4,358.20. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MEAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to authorize the meal reimbursement regulations be reinstated in the Employee Policy Manual. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
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**SIONS DURING FAIR:**

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize Derek Ricci, Fair Manager advertise for Request For Proposals for operation of Grandstand Concessions at the Brown County Fair in 2019, 2020, and 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway #10 in Sec 35-T126N-R64W, Brown County, SD to provide electrical power. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by North-Western Energy for occupancy of Brown County Highway #23 (142nd Street) in Sec 3,4 & 5-T123N-R63W, Brown County, SD to provide an underground cable to replace existing overhead electrical power line. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**APPEAL HEARING – BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DECISION:**

Time and place set for public hearing on appeal of decision of the Brown County Board of Adjustment. The following action was taken after all testimony and comments had been presented: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to uphold the decision of the Brown County Board of Adjustment on the appeal of the variance requests for building setbacks (Dennis Voeller). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:18 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Use District and (A-2) Green Belt District: Lot 2, South Dakota Department of Transportation First Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Sec 22-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2609 Hwy 12 West). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

The City Council adjourned and the County Commission continued in regular session.

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**Brown County  
Gross Rezoning  
Hearing Notice**

**NOTICE**  
Application has been made by Joe Gross to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 13, 2018 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): JGE Second Addition in the NE ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (37989 130th Street and 13001 382nd Avenue)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 127.

**ATTEST:**  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
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**Brown County  
Oct. 30, 2018  
Joint Minutes**

OCTOBER 30, 2018 - JOINT ABERDEEN CITY/BROWN COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 8:45 A.M. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Remily, Ronayne, Rux and Mayor Levensen. Council Members Johnson, Lunzman, Olson and Slaughter-Hansen were absent. Present from County were Commissioners Fjeldheim, Sutton, Fischbach and Kippley. Commissioner Hansen was absent.

**ORDINANCE #18-10-02 /480:**  
On motion by Ronayne and seconded by Bunsness, the City unanimously approved Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #18-10-02 /480. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #18-10-02/480, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (M) Municipal, State, and County Use District, (A-1) Agricultural District, and (A-2) Green Belt District to (M) Municipal, State, and County

**Brown County  
Ord. 480  
SD DOT Rezone**

**ORDINANCE #18-10-02/480 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1164 TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property filed by Mark Peterson, SD DOT Region Operations Engineer is hereby granted and Ordinance No. 1164 is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from its present zoning designation of (M) Municipal, State, and County Use District, (A-1) Agricultural District, and (A-2) Green Belt District, said property is described as follows:  
Lot 2, South Dakota Department of Transportation First Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Sec 22-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2609 Hwy 12 West).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota, that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map

for the County of Brown to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: October 10 & 17, 2018

Passed First Reading: October 23, 2018

Passed Second Reading: October 31, 2018

Adopted: October 31, 2018

Published: November 7, 2018

Effective Date: November 27, 2018

Doug Fjeldheim, Chair  
Brown County Commission

**ATTEST:**  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**State of S.D.  
Estate of**

**Jean A. Hanson**  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEAN A. HANSON, DECEASED  
06PRO.018-000102  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on the 17th day of October, 2018, Sandra K. Deis, whose address is 2925 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Jean A. Hanson.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the appointment of the personal representative on the 17th day of October, 2018, or 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 17th day of October, 2018.

/s/ Sandra K. Deis  
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**State of S.D.  
Estate of**

**Steven Giedt**  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN GIEDT, DECEASED  
06PRO.018-000101  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on the 17th day of October, 2018, Lori L. Giedt, whose address is 508 N. Main St., Groton, SD 57445, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Steven Giedt.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the appointment of the personal representative on the 17th day of October, 2018, or 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 17th day of October, 2018.

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**State of S.D.  
Estate of**

**Jacky D. McKiver**  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACKY D. MCKIVER, DECEASED  
06PRO.018-000087  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on the 28th day of August, 2018, Debra McKiver, whose address is 1310 N. 6th St., Groton, SD 57445, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Jacky McKiver.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the appointment of the personal representative on the 28th day of August, 2018, or 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 28th day of August, 2018.

/s/ Debra McKiver  
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## Groton Coffee Cup League

**Oct. 20 Team Standings:** James Valley 22 1/2, Biker Chix 18 1/2, Ten Pins 17, Kens 14.

**High Games:** Joyce Walter 178, Vickie Kramp 177, Nancy Radke 166.

**High Series:** Joyce Walter 490, Vickie Kramp 475, LaVonne Raap 421, Sam Bahr 421

## Conde National League

**Oct. 29 Team Standings:** Tigers 21, Braves 20, Pirates 17, Cubs 15, Mets 14, Giants 9.

**Men's High Games:** Collin Cady 205, 188; Troy Lindberg 188; Russ Bethke 188; Ryan Bethke 179.

**Men's High Series:** Collin Cady 543, Ryan Bethke 530, Russ Bethke 527.

**Women's High Games:** Nancy Radke 170, Vickie Kramp 168, Deb Fredrickson 158.

**Women's High Series:** Vickie Kramp 463, Nancy Radke 447, Michelle Johnson 420.

## Lazy Farmer's 4-H Meeting

The Lazy Farmers 4-H Club met on November 5th at 5:30pm at the Northern Electric Meeting Room at Bath. Journey Zieroth led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lane Krueger led the 4-H Pledge. Journey Zieroth and Faith Flihs were hostesses. The Club discussed the Recognition banquet that was held on Nov. 4th. The Club will also be in charge of decorating the 4-H Christmas tree at the Brown County Court House this year. All monetary donations for that will be directed to "The Journey Home" and Northeast Mental Health in Aberdeen. Members are encouraged to collect monies to donate, and a box will be set up at the court house for always needed paper products, paper, envelopes as well as infant diapers. Anyone wanting to donate may contact any 4-H member. No talks or demonstrations were given. The next meeting will be a Christmas party hosted by Kade Stange at 4:00 on December 9th.

Respectfully, Faith Flihs reporter

## Chicken hitches a ride to Groton from Conde



**The Tuesday Bible Study ladies at the Groton Dairy Queen were having a chuckle about this chicken on the loose at the Dairy Queen. They were thinking that Dale was having fresh chicken on Tuesday and that one chicken wanted nothing to do with that idea!**

(Photo by Valerie Baker)



## Sombke talks at Zonta Club's meeting

Kiersten Sombke, Groton's middle school / high school principal, was the guest speaker at the Aberdeen Zonta Club's October 23rd meeting. Sombke shared a little of her background as the basis for her belief in the necessity of a good support system for children as they grow and mature. She had been raised to believe that there were no barriers to what she could accomplish, as long as she worked hard! She has been the principal in Groton for the past two years. Before accepting that position, she had been the teacher / counselor for the opportunity classroom, helping to provide that necessary support system for many students. Sombke also reminded the club members that there are many other individuals in a school system, such as janitors, cooks, bus drivers, office personnel, etc., who also help and support our young people as they go through school. She concluded by reminding her listeners that you don't get where you are today without the help of others.

- Dorene Nelson

**Work Wanted: Looking to harvest corn and soybeans. Call Kenny at 320-292-1105.**

And now, the rest of the story. Julie Bruckner reported on her Facebook Page the following: Apparently, not all of our chickens are satisfied to stay at home.. This one took a 20-mile semi ride to Groton (truck belonging to a friend who is purchasing grain from us with the hen riding under the trailer in an area above the hitch). When the driver stopped at the Sinclair station for diesel fuel, the chicken hopped out. Thankfully this stowaway is relatively tame and stayed in the area behind the gas station and the Dairy Queen next door. (She was even spotted on DQ's camera!) Anyway, we got a call about this, Cary went up to find her, and when he got there, a worker at the Sinclair station had caught her and kept her confined until someone came for her. (A Groton police officer was even there. Why, we aren't sure.


Bud says that now all the other chickens are going to be mad because they didn't get to go to DQ.

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# The following is a day by day glance at the work done at the historic Trinity Church as printed in the Groton Daily Independent.

## Roof work begins on Historic Trinity Church

From the Oct. 30th edition

Work began Monday on re-roofing the Historic Trinity Church in downtown Groton. The project is being funded by an "Outside of Deadwood Grant" awarded by the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission based on the statewide historical significance of the church. The church is the lone survivor of 153 similar churches, all built to plans by a world famous architect, that existed in South Dakota in 1890.

Thanks to the generous support of local residents, businesses and civic groups, the Groton Community Historical Society ("GCHS"), new owner of the church, was able to raise sufficient funds to match a grant of \$17,500 for the project.

The project consists of removing the current asphalt shingles, replacing rotted roof and ceiling boards, adding an overall layer of 1/2 inch plywood for strength, and installing gutters and light brown stone-coated steel shingles which look like the original wooden shingles put on the church when it was built in 1884, but which will be stronger and require less maintenance. S&S Lumber of Groton recommended these shingles and special ordered them for the project.

Prior to beginning the re-roofing, the gigantic old maple tree 15 feet in circumference north of the church was severely trimmed by Sperry's Treeline Tree Services of Groton to prevent future damage to the new roof. The decision to trim the tree rather than remove it completely was based on the recommendation of Aberdeen Forester Aaron Keis, a Certified Arborist knowledgeable about tree risk assessment, who concluded after careful study that "it's a good tree".

Blocker Construction of Bath was selected as the contractor for the job based on competitive bidding and their willingness and ability to tackle and complete challenging roofing jobs.

Other Groton businesses participating in the project include Shirlee Briggs' Final Finish, which is staining the new ceiling boards to match the original ones which have rotted out due to holes in the existing asphalt roof. The plan is to remove and replace the rotted ceiling and roofing boards back to solid wood, which will require a hole about 10 feet high and 18 feet wide in the north side of the roof.

Topper Tastad, GCHS President, anticipates that the project will be completed by the end of this week "if everything goes as planned and the weather holds".

- Betty Breck

From the NOV. 1st edition



By mid-morning Wednesday, the crew re-roofing Historic Trinity Church had installed the new rafters and ceiling boards, covering the huge hole where rotted ceiling boards and two rafters were removed the day before.

The original ceiling was not insulated because the church was built to the plans of a world-famous, socially conscious New York architect who in 1852 published a book of plans for churches to be built by poor rural congregations using local materials and volunteer labor. Leaving rafters and ceiling boards exposed saved money and labor. (Photo by Betty Breck)



The three layers of old shingles on the South roof, including the original 1884 wooden ones, were removed except for the lower SE corner, which had rotted out so much that light coming through the roof is visible from the inside. The roofing and ceiling boards will be torn off and replaced like the North roof ones were, except in a much smaller area. (Photo by Betty Breck)

(Photo by Betty Breck)

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Blocker Construction started tearing off the old roof of Groton's Historic Trinity Church on Monday, and discovered a big hole under the old asphalt shingles on the North side. The new steel shingles will closely resemble the original 1884 wooden shingles. (Photo by Betty Breck)

From the Oct. 31st edition



Ceiling boards and rafters are being stained in the Final Finish workshop of Shirlee Briggs to match the original boards in the interior of the church. (Photo by Betty Breck)



Workers from Blocker Construction began tearing off shingles from the South roof of Trinity Church Tuesday. Two layers of asphalt shingles covered the original wooden shingles put on in 1884 when the church was built. The South roof is in much better condition than the North roof. (Photo by Betty Breck)



The large hole on the North roof of Trinity Church acts like a skylight, letting daylight stream into the normally darkened sanctuary of the church. (Photo by Betty Breck)



Rotted roofing and ceiling boards were removed back to solid wood on the North roof of Trinity Church Tuesday, leaving an open hole about 12 x 20 feet. Two rotted rafters also had to be removed and will be replaced. (Photo by Betty Breck)

## Groton Police Report

October 1-7

City miles driven 465, county miles driven 86. 2 assist other law enforcement agencies, 1 business security, 3 citizen assistance, 2 dog complaints, 1 funeral traffic, 2 locked vehicle assistance, 2 motorist assistance, 1 911 mis-dial/Hangup, 1 committal, 1 gas drive off, 1 request for family crisis, 1 suspicious activity, 1 county vehicle accident, 6 traffic warnings issued, 1 summons issued, 4 speeding tickets issued, 1 illegal U-Turn, 1 equipment failure.



After installing the new ceiling boards and rafters, the crew covered them with a layer of half-inch plywood to provide a sturdy base for the new steel shingles. The blue layer on the top of everything is a moisture barrier underlayment. New white soffitt boards were also installed. (Photo by Betty Breck)

New white soffitt boards were also installed. (Photo by Betty Breck)



By the end of the work day Wednesday, the Blocker Construction crew had removed the three layers of old shingles from the North entry roof, laid down the moisture barrier underlayment, and installed enough steel shingles to show how well the finished roof will resemble the original wooden roof.

The stone-coated, wooden-look steel shingles are more expensive than asphalt shingles, but a generous grant from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Deadwood, matched by generous donations from supporters of this historic preservation project, made it possible to protect the entire structure for years to come by installing them. (Photo by Betty Breck)

From the Nov. 2nd edition



Near quitting time Thursday, most of the North roof had been shingled, and may have been finished after this photo was taken. The resulting effect very closely resembles the original wooden shingles. The light brown color choice (called "Timberwood") imitates the varying shades of weathered wooden shingles. A random, offset pattern imitates the uneven manner in which wooden shingles age. The shingles come in four-foot sections, which can be cut to fit. Despite being steel, they are lightweight, weighing only 1.4 pounds per square foot. The steel shingles are coated with very small stones, increasing their durability and performance. They have a Class A Fire Rating, a Class 4 Hail Impact Resistance, and a 50-year limited Warranty, although GCHS President Topper Tastad thinks they will last a hundred years. (Photo by Betty Breck)



The rotted ceiling and roofing boards on the SE corner of the South roof were completely removed. New freshly stained ceiling boards were nailed in place, then covered with half-inch plywood and moisture-proof underlayment. They are awaiting the placement of steel shingles. (Photo by Betty Breck)

The grant from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Deadwood which makes this project possible requires that the grantee (the Groton Community Historical Society - "GCHS") keep and submit a detailed report on the progress of the project. GCHS is compiling a list of its members, supporters, visitors and others who would like to receive these reports and other news of the church. Anyone who would like to be on this list is invited to email grotoncommunityhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com and ask to be placed on the list.



A crew member on a lift paints the newly-installed soffitt boards on the West side of the church. The vertical board-and-batten siding seen here became the hallmark of Architect Richard Upjohn's Episcopal Churches, differentiating them from the similar form of other churches. Upjohn, who immigrated to the US from England in 1829, adapted the board-and-batten style of the fashionable English cottage to church architecture. In 1890, 153 of these little white jewels dotted the South Dakota landscape. Trinity is the lone survivor of these 153 churches. (Photo by Betty Breck)



Around noon Thursday, four lifts were in use as work continued on the Trinity Church roof. On the left, one worker was flashing the chimney from the North entry roof. Two lifts supported two workers installing shingles on the North roof. A fourth lift is barely visible on the right, holding a crew member working on the West end of the church. (Photo by Betty Breck)



From the Nov. 3rd Edition:

Groton's Historic Trinity Church has a new roof, and with it, a new lease on life. The 134-year-old church could have gone the way of the other 152 similar Episcopal Churches that existed in South Dakota in 1890. But with funding from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Deadwood, plus the generous financial support of the Groton community, the church will now stand as a testament to the spirituality of our pioneer ancestors for many generations to come.

The Blocker Construction crew finished shingling the North roof of the church late Thursday afternoon, then shingled the entire South roof and the South entry roof Friday, working hard to finish the project before the rainstorms predicted for Saturday morning.

To thank everyone who contributed to the preservation of this unique historical monument, the Groton Community Historical Society will hold an open house at the church on Thanksgiving Day from 12 noon to 2 pm. The public is invited to come by to admire the new roof and tour the inside of the church.

The church is located at the intersection of 3rd Street and 3rd Avenue, one block North of the Community Center where the big community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held. (Photo by Betty Breck)

## Lady Tigers beat Milbank to advance to the SoDak 16

Groton Area's volleyball team dominated Milbank in the Region 1A game held Thursday evening in Groton. Groton won in three sets, 25-15, 25-14 and 25-21. In the last game, it was tied nine times and the lead changed hands five times before the Tigers scored three straight for the win. Groton Area had three serving errors in the final game while Milbank had seven serving errors in the first two games.

Jennie Doeden led the Tigers with 12 kills, three ace serves and two blocks while Nicole Marzahn had nine kills and a block, Eliza Warner had four kills and two ace serves, Indigo Rogers added four kills and had one block. Payton Maine and Portia Kettering each had one kill. Miranda Hanson had two ace serves while Kaylin Kucker and Todyn Glover each had one.

Makayla Johnson led Milbank with five kills and an ace serve while Jaden Hoeke and Jaecy Engebretson each had four kills, Tracy Pillatzki had a kill and two ace serves, Anna Mathews had a kill and a block and Katie Wollschlager had an ace.

Overall, Groton Area had 31 kills, four blocks and nine ace serves while Milbank had just 16 kills, four ace serves and one block.

In the other half of the region, Aberdeen Roncalli needed four sets to fend off Redfield/Doland.

In the SoDak 16, Aberdeen Roncalli defeated Groton in three sets.

## Groton Police Report

October 8-15

City miles driven 568, county miles driven 40

1 assist other law enforcement agencies, 2 bad driving complaints, 1 business security, 3 citizen assistance, 1 dog complaint, 1 funeral traffic, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 lost/found item, 3 medical/rescue/ambulance, 1 911 misdial/hangup, 1 finger print a person, 3 traffic warnings issued, 2 speeding tickets, 1 stop sign violation, 1 warrant arrest.

# Groton Area Schedule of Events

## Thursday, November 8, 2018

5:30pm: Financial Aid Information Night at Groton Area High School

## Monday, November 12, 2018

2:00pm: Veteran's Day Program, Groton Area School District

4:15pm: Basketball: Girls 7th/8th Game vs. Webster MS @ GHS Arena (7th Grade 4:15pm 8th Grade 5:30pm)

7:00pm- 9:00pm: School Board Meeting, Groton Area High School

## Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Debate at Watertown High School  
Region Oral Interp at Aberdeen Central High School

## Wednesday, November 14, 2018

8:30am- 11:35am: 6th Grade MathCounts at Aberdeen Holgate Middle School

## Friday, November 16, 2018

Debate & Oral Interp, McGovern at Mitchell High School

LifeTouch Retake Pictures at Groton Area Schools

## Saturday, November 17, 2018

Debate & Oral Interp, McGovern at Mitchell High School

Robotics at Harrisburg High School

## Monday, November 19, 2018

5:00pm- 7:00pm: Family Night at GHS Gymnasium

7:00pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center



## Anhydrous tanks roll into ditch

Thursday night BCEM, BCSO, and Groton Fire Dept. responded to an anhydrous ammonia tank rollover. A farmer was trying to move over to allow other vehicles pass and the nurse tanks caught the edge of the ditch causing the tanks to roll over. Thankfully the safety devices on the tanks worked and there was no leak of product. Special thanks to Agtegra and Schmidt Construction for helping in the recovery.

There are still a lot of farm machinery on the roadway. Please slow down and move over to allow safe passing. (Photos and information from BCEM Facebook Page)



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It was a beautiful evening for trick and treaters as the wind had subsided and the temperature hovered in the 50s. The Groton Daily Independent office was all decked out for Halloween. Linda Dobbins is handing out candy to the guests. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

## Groton Police Report

### October 15-21

City miles driven 502, county miles driven 38

1 assist other law enforcement agencies, 4 citizen assistance, 1 dog complaint, 1 domestic disturbance, 3 locked vehicle assistance, 1 medical/rescue/ambulance, 1 request for special watch, 2 suspicious activities, 11 traffic warnings issued, 1 summons issued, 10 speeding tickets issued, 1 stop sign violation, 1 equipment failure.

### October 22-28

City miles driven 546, county miles driven 21

1 assist other departments, 1 assist other law enforcement agencies, 1 bad driving complaint, 1 welfare check on person, 8 citizen assistance, 2 dog complaints, 5 locked vehicle assistance, 2 medical/rescue/ambulance, 2 motorist assistance, 1 911 misdial/hangup, 3 suspicious activities, 1 theft/burglary/shoplifting, 6 traffic warnings issued, 1 summons issued, 5 speeding tickets issued, 1 stop sign violation, 1 tobacco violation.