



About 10 years of concrete accumulation is being ground up at the Groton rubble site. Webster Scale has been working at the site for the past week and work is expected to be completed by the end of this week. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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The Groton City Council pledged \$280,000 at its meeting Monday evening towards a payment on a new water tower. The city would have to take out a loan for the water tower as it does not qualify for a grant. An addition option is to implement a \$10 or \$15 fee to each water hookup in Groton to help raise funds for the water tower. In addition to the water tower, a new building, pumps and controls and a water main loop on the south end of Groton are also being considered. The total cost of the project is \$2.1 million. The city also took out a \$100,000 CD with SD Fit for this year's contribution to the water tower fund. The interest rate was 2.46 percent with SD Fit compared to 1.5 percent at the First State Bank.

The first 25 minutes of the city council meeting was devoted to Cody Lindgren and his request to have a house torn down with the rubble to be hauled to the Groton rubble site instead of being hauled to Aberdeen. Lindgren said it would save him money to have it done locally and he said that he had talked with Jeff Steen and Steen had said Ipswich allows houses to be buried at its landfill. City supervisor Terry Herron said that Groton does not have the space to bury houses and the state permit does not allow painted or stained wood or shingles to be admitted to the city rubble site. Councilman Karyn Babcock said if the city would allow Lindgren a special permit, then the city would be obligated to help everyone and there is no room at the current facility to accommodate houses. Mayor Scott Hanlon suggested that Lindgren talk with some contractors about removing house and that some may be willing to allow payments for the demolition and hauling. Hanlon also said that the city has turned down requests from other people to haul material to the rubble site. In fact, he said that when someone violates the rules, the person is called and asked to go back to the rubble site to remove the material that is not allowed. The council denied Lindgren's request.

The council authorized the repair of the digger truck. The estimate for repairs was a little over \$10,000.

Terry Herron reported during the department reports that the concrete at the rubble site is being grinded by Webster Scale. He also reported that 27 Ash trees will be removed this winter.

After an executive session, the council hired Hollie and Kelsie Frost as warming house attendants and gave first reading to the 2019 Salary Ordinance which reflected a 25 cent per hour raise across the board.

There was discussion on people leaving their vehicles, campers, trailers, boats, etc. out in the street. The council is asking city residents to please remove them from the street or they will get a ticket. Mayor Scott Hanlon said, "People need to be considerate of the city crew when they are doing snow removal."

City switches insurance companies at emergency meeting

The Groton City Council held an emergency meeting Tuesday in regard to the insurance coverage for the employees. The council had approved an insurance plan submitted by Insurance Plus of Aberdeen. The quote for the stop-loss program was first given to the finance office Monday afternoon, so not a lot of time was available for review.

Through the day on Tuesday, city employees were reviewing the plan submitted by Insurance Plus with the plan through National General. Questions were raised which then brought about an emergency city council meeting Tuesday night. The meeting was necessary as the quote with Hahn Financial Group was good only through December 5. Finance Officer Hope Block said she attempted to contact the insurance representative of Insurance Plus to get clarifications, but her call was not returned.

Earlier in November, city employees were given options through Hahn Financial Group with different deductibles. The employees had settled in with the 1,500 deductible through National General. Welmark/Blue Cross and Blue Shield was seeing an 18 percent in premiums which prompted the city to look for other options. The Hahn proposal would save the city around \$40,000 for a year and would also save the em-



Members of the Groton Area Show Choir took a moment for prayer for Hunter Schaller at a recent show choir practice. (Facebook photo by Kayla Jensen)

ployees money as well.

The council decided to go with the \$1,500 deductible through Hahn Financial Group with National General as the insured company and the \$3,000 HSA deductible.

Jay Peterson said he had checked with the BBB and National General had an Arating which is considered an excellent rating. Hahn Financial Group also represents the South Dakota Retailers Association.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Honor Band Members

Eight Groton Area High School musicians took part in the Honor Band presentation held this past weekend in Aberdeen. Students are Braden Freeman (Tuba), Rease Jandel (1st chair Bass Clarinet), Rylee Rosenau (Trombone), Stella Meier (Alto Sax), Kylie Kassube (3 year 1st chair clarinet and 4 year Honor Band Member), Samantha Pappas (Bari Sax), Emily Thompson (4 year 1st chair percussion leader AND 4 year Honor Band Member), Ashley Garduno (French Horn). Their directors are Austin Fordham and Dez Yeigh. (Photo from Yeigh's Facebook)

THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

The Government Tries Yet Again to Regulate Tobacco Products

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

The Food and Drug Administration just announced it would once again try to regulate tobacco products.

This time the target of the agency's regulatory hand is what it believes is the growing menace of flavored e-cigarettes and other tobacco products used by young people who've turned to vaping and smoking. The FDA said about 3.6 million kids under age 18 now admit they use e-cigarettes.

That's an alarming number and is worrisome because FDA commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb has noted that almost all current smokers started when they were kids. At their core, the FDA's proposals are aimed at keeping kids from smoking today so they don't become smokers tomorrow.

The FDA has taken two actions to curtail young customers' appetites for the market's new tobacco products. It did not issue an outright ban on e-cigarettes that had been widely expected and that some anti-tobacco advocates hoped for. Instead, the agency said stores could continue to sell e-cigarettes but only from closed-off areas that would not be accessible to teenagers. Whether this will keep teens from getting their hands on the e-cigarettes is anyone's guess.

Can a store, for instance, comply with the new rule if it simply hides its e-cigarettes under the counter, out of sight of the teens wanting to buy them? The answer is not clear. FDA Commissioner Gottlieb says such a strategy would not be sufficient. He told the New York Times, "What we are envisioning is a separate room or a walled-off area. It needs to be a separate structure. A curtain won't cut it."

The FDA also proposed a ban on menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, two traditional products that, according to the Times, disproportionately harm African Americans. Black leaders have accused the industry of targeting African Americans with their marketing campaigns. While these are laudable goals from a public health standpoint, it's a long tough fight to make them a reality if past efforts to curb smok-

ing are any guide.

Industry lawyers quickly weighed in on both proposals, challenging the FDA's authority to impose restrictions on where e-cigarettes could be sold and to ban menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars. A lawyer representing the National Association of Convenience Stores, a trade group, told the Times the agency can't discriminate against one specific type of retail outlet, "and that's what they're trying to do here."

Murray Garnick, the general counsel for Altria Group, which sells vaping products, said there would be a lengthy debate over the proposed prohibition on menthol cigarettes. "We continue to believe that a total ban on menthol cigarettes or flavored cigars would be an extreme measure not supported by the science and evidence," he told the Times.

With menthol cigarettes accounting for about one-third of cigarette sales in the U.S., you can be sure the debate will be drawn-out and full of misrepresentations if the past public debates on tobacco regulation are any guide.

It's instructive to look back a couple of decades at another wellpublicized effort to curb smoking. The FDA commissioner at the time, Dr. David Kessler, said that taking on the tobacco industry was the most challenging part of his job.

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In the 1990s, Kessler and a team of FDA investigators worked with informants who revealed that tobacco companies had purposely manipulated the nicotine levels in their cigarettes.

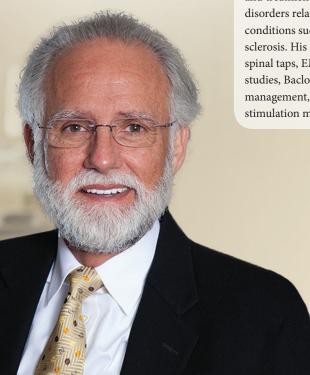
Kessler said at the time, "We asked the question of whether nicotine is a drug. So it's a question of intent: What did the tobacco companies know? No one had ever gone to ask that question."

Kessler and the FDA had a few victories: the big settlement state attorneys general won that has funded many public health projects in the states and eliminating Joe Camel from billboards. But they did not win the ultimate battle. The Supreme Court, by one vote, ruled that the FDA could not regulate tobacco as a drug.

Kessler said years later: "I underestimated the power of this industry. They have their tentacles in government, in media, and the scientific and medical communities. They had a former FDA commissioner on retainer. They got the Congress to hold hearings to investigate us."

It's unlikely the power of the tobacco industry has diminished since Kessler left office in 1997. And therein lies a cautionary tale for current FDA regulators who are tiptoeing ever so carefully through the regulatory mine field surrounding big tobacco.

How do you think tobacco should be regulated? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.



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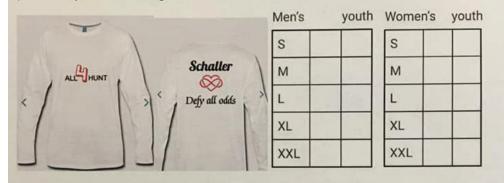
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Fund set up at First State Bank

An account has been set up at First State Bank in Groton for Hunter Schaller. Anyone wanting to donate can make checks to "Hunter Schaller Benefit" and mail or drop off at the First State Bank in Groton. Hunter was involved in a motor vehicle accident on November 21st and is in ICU in Sioux Falls. Schaller is a junior at GHS and is the son of Steve Schaller and Julie Schaller.

Camouflage t-shirt

This camouflage t-shirt is a Fundraiser for Hunter Schaller and his family organized by Peyton Johnson and family. Designed by Peyton Johnson (see design and tshirts to the right). Orders are due by December 19th and will be ready the week of January 7th. **To place an order for these shirts:**

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GoFundMe Account

A GoFundMe page has been established for the Schaller family, started by Peyton Johnson. Thus far, in nine days, \$11,880 has been raised of the \$15,000 goal. To donate, go to www.gofundme.com, the on the upper left hand corner, click on search, type in Schaller and it should be the first one that shows up.







Friday, December 14 starting @5:30pm - Ferney Bar Includes steak chislic & multiple types of shrimp for just \$30 per person **100% of proceeds to benefit the Schaller Family!**

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Columbia City Dec. 4, 2018 **Meeting Minutes**

City of Columbia Council Meet-ing – December 4, 2018 7pm CALL MEETING TO ORDER –

7:00 p.m. ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Tyler Kampa, Trevor Meints, Corev Mitchell

Community - Jeremy Dosch, Marv Kimball

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the November meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Tyler Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

WARRANT VOUCHERS: JVT – 118.04; Northwestern Energy – 710.26; Menards – 28.49; Great Western Bank – 26.52; Allen's Electric – 246.01; Cara Dennert - 823.50; Jeremy Dosch – 419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann – 140.00; Corey Mitchell – 302.44; GDI – 37.03; Runnings – 3.99; Petty Cash - 150.00; Full Circle 441.32 Ag –

Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Tyler Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORESPONDENCE - letter from Donegal Insurance Group - handling Web leak situation with Wolf Construction, patronage check from JVT for \$44.20

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nuisances - Certified letters not signed for will be picked up at the post office and delivered to county sheriff. Mary Kimball was present to address licensing properties - he has licenses and will work on taking care of those items and we will revisit the situation again at the June meeting. Streets –There will be no

more grading of the streets until spring.

Parks – Tyler will call TJ about some tree work that needs to be done. The doors are in and House of Glass is still working on concession stand window.

Lagoon/sewer - Ellen Harr was not present - no report. Rubble Site - Corey Mitchell

has the application for the site and will turn that in this month. NEW BUSINESS

The banners are up for the holiday season. The lights are still in the works. We are looking into American flags for display.

FINANCIAL REPORT –Bank balances were presented. Tyler Kampa made a motion to accept as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

November 30, 2018 balances: SF - \$136,229.65; GF \$152,618.97; FIT - \$ 13,637.26 Cash on Hand – \$0.00

Tyler Kampa made a motion to adjourn. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting January 8, 2018 7pm Submitted by Cara Dennert,

Finance Officer Published once at the total ap-

proximate cost of \$26.45. 16937

Frederick Town Nov. 5, 2018 **Meeting Minutes**

Town of Frederick November Minutes Frederick's Town Board meet-

ing was held Monday evening, November 5, 2018, 7 PM, in the Frederick Community Center. The meeting was opened by Chairman R. Scott Campbell and he began by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those following his lead were Board Member Gary Schlosser, Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine, Utility Manager Richard Bakeberg, EBL Board Member Father Don Glover, Citizen Dan Nickelson, and Finance Officer Diane Bruns. Minutes of the October board meeting were approved with a motion by GS/SC. Motion Carried.

Financial Report for October was approved with a motion by SC/GS. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Accounts Payable, which includes a bill presented later in the meeting by Dan Nickelson, were approved with a motion by GS/SC. Motion Carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Aberdeen Asphalt Sealing Sts \$4650; City of Ellendale Fogging Sts 2185; Community Store supplies CC/FO \$42.07; D. Bruns wage CC \$124.45; D. Bruns wage FO \$1179.90; Dahme Construction Co., Inc. Valve, Water-line Wtr \$34,063.58; FDC econ dev Econ Dev \$1200; G. Schlosser wage Gen'l \$23.09; JVT phones, services Gen'l/ FO/EBL/Wtr \$278.86; M. Cox wage EBL \$607.60; GDI legals Gen'l \$75.81; M. Heine wage FO \$784.97; MDU electricity Swr/Sts/EBL/SP/Mun Bldg/BP/ Wtr \$1245.79; Menard's sup CC \$7.98; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$46.17; R. Bakeberg wage Sts/ Wtr/Swr \$692.67; R. Bakeberg Veh Allow Sts/Wtr/Swr \$75; SD Dept of Health lab Wtr \$196; SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb \$84.70; SDML WC Ins \$696; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$23.09: USDA-RD AP Water Loan \$475; WEB Water 507500 gallons Wtr \$2592.77; Dan Nickelson reimburse Sewer \$483.54. Total A/P November \$51,834.04.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Utility Report given by Bakeberg included the new water line put in on 5th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues; the dock on Maple River is out for the Winter and the bathrooms will be closed-up this week for the Winter also.

Father Don presented a quote from Grote Roofing which was accepted with the understanding that they will get the Emma Burnham Library roof done yet this year and will accept payment in 2019. A quote for \$10,000 to do the back apartment roof was approved with a motion by SC/ GS. Motion Carried.

Frederick Forward, Historical Society and Frederick Development Corporation not represented

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer Project CDBG is on temporary hold and future Waterline projects. The bathroom in the Community Center will be temporarily closed for a new seal, shut-off valve and floor. Flushing by Bakeberg's done but not billed. Gratitude card later. NEW BUSINESS:

Nickelson presented a bill which included work done by Sewer Duck on public property along with his private property. The city will pay 2/3 of the cost. Motion was made by SC/GS to accept the cost and add to Accounts Payable. Motion Carried.

Liquor Licenses were approved for Titan Bar and Grill, Inc., and the Frederick Community Store with the cost of licenses staying the same. Motion made by SC/GS. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Annual Report Workshop

is January 23, 2019, in Aberdeen.

The SD Leg Audit has changed the Annual Report due date from March 1 to May 31. There being no further busi-

ness, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by GS/SC. Motion Carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2018, at 7 PM, in the Community Center.

Finance Office number is 605-329-2242, 24-7. SDCL 1-25-1 Diane Bruns, Finance Officer Published once at the total ap-

Claremont Town Wastewater **Hearing Notice**

Notice of Public Hearing for the Town of Claremont Wastewater Improvement Project

The Town of Claremont is proposing to replace several blocks of wastewater lines in town, repairing the existing lift stations and repairing the lagoon. The Town of Claremont will be submitting a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application in an amount up to \$1,832,000 to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The funding may be awarded in the form of a grant, loan, or a principal forgiveness loan; any portion of the loan that is not forgiven will have a term of up to 30 years at a rate of up to 2.75%. The amount and source of funds will be determined by the Board of Water and Natural Resources when the application is presented at a scheduled board meeting. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed project, the proposed financing, and the source of repayment for the loan. The public is invited to attend and comment on the project.

The public hearing will be held at the Claremont City Hall @ 7:00pm on December 11, 2018. Published once at the total approximate cost of \$12.73. 16939.

Frederick School 2018

Audit Report Notice of Audit of the Fiscal

Affairs of Frederick Area School District No. 6-2

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 of Brown County, South Dakota have been audited by Eide Bailly LLP for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and that a detailed report thereon is filed with the governing board, the Business Manager, and the Department of Legislative Audit, 427 South Chapelle, Pierre, South Dakota, for public inspection.

The following findings and recommendations referred to in the report are hereby published in compliance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12

Current Audit Findings and Recommendations

Finding 2018-A - Lack of Segregation of Duties Criteria: A good system of in-

ternal controls contémplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to its completion.

Condition: Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 has a limited number of office personnel and, accordingly, does not have adequate internal accounting controls in revenue, expenditures, and payroll functions due to a lack of segregation of duties.

Cause: The School District has an insufficient number of staff members to adequately separate duties.

Effect: This condition increases the risk that fraud or errors might occur and not be detected in the financial reporting process

Recommendation: Although it is recognized that the number of office staff may not be large enough to permit an adequate segregation of duties in all respects, it is important that management and those charged with governance be aware of this condition. We recommend that the School Board exercise adequate oversight of the ac-

School District No. 6-2 does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited, including required footnotes and disclosures and all necessary material audit adjustments, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Cause: The School District does not have adequate staff trained to prepare the financial statements and footnotes. Effect: This condition may af-

fect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation: This circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations. Views of Responsible Officials:

Management agrees with the finding (1128.1205) Published twice at the total

approximate cost of \$68.76. 16756 **Brown County**

Nov. 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes NOVEMBER 27, 2018 – GEN-ERAL 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 Hansen, Sutton, Fischbach and Kippley. Commissioner Fischbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the General Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve

the following claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$170.00; Dependable Sanitation \$32,566.92; Michelle Gaikowski \$37.40; Kuck Law Office \$2,100.00; Mikelson Law Office \$453.40; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$285.55; West Payment Center \$165.00; Luther

Yellow Robe \$1,500.00. Publishing: Aberdeen Ameri-can News \$25.62.

Rentals: Pantorium Cleaners \$59.20.

Repairs & Maintenance: Ecolab \$110.87.

Supplies: Dakota Mailing \$189.11; Marco \$30.38; Men-ards \$125.84; Midstates Printing \$79.00; PharmChem \$111.70;

Running's \$450.45. Travel & Conference: Ramkota Hotel - Pierre \$407.96.

Utilities: CenturyLink \$2,358.07; Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$217.50 Montana Dakota \$28.04; NWPS \$442.81; Verizon \$3,536.55. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effec-tive December 2, 2018: Lora Schaunaman @ \$17.57 per hour; Miranda Graves @ \$17.12 per hour; Barry Braaten @ \$18.48 per hour. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. ORD 128, ORD 129, ORD 130 ING

to amend Title 4 - Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Claéys Outlot A in the SE 1/4 of Sec 20-T128N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (38954 104th Street); Josh Larson for Ordinance #130, An Ordinance to amend Title - Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zon-ing designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Lot 1 Larson-Johnson Addition in the SW 1/4 of Sec 26-T125N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12284 & 12290 398th Ave) to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:45 a.m. on December 18, 2018. All mem-

carried. PLATS: Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution:

bers present voting aye. Motion

RESOLUTION #68-18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of

Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "GTL Company First Subdivi-sion in the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec

16-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Han-

sen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbachaye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Kippley offered Kippley, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County

the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #69-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Dun-lavy Addition in the N 1/2 of Sec 7-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Suttonaye, Fischbach-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #70-18 BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Schlosser-Dennert Addition in the SW 1/4 of Sec 12-T125N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3 and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Suttonaye, Fischbach-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Kippley offered

the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #71-18**

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Bath Sanitary Addition in the NE ¹/₄ of Sec 17-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commis-sioner Fischbach. Roll call vote:

Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Kipeldheim-aye ′-aye, ⊦je carried. Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #72-18 BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Le-onhardt Addition in the NW 1/4 Sec 14-T123N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commis-sioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #73-18

call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbachaye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

ABERDEEN HOCKEY AS-SOCIATION: Michael Schmit, President of Aberdeen Hockey Association met to discuss selling malt beverages out of the Odde Building at the Aberdeen Curling Club events being held in the Holum Expo Building using their current Malt Beverage License. Aberdeen Hockey Association must contact the SD Special Tax Division for clarification in regards to their license and an Alcohol Permission form must be filled out specifying the exact dates

TAX DEDUCTION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to authorize the Chair to sign 179D commercial building energy efficiency tax deduction. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreement: Target Stores for lease of stock panels (on trailer) on November 21-23, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to consult with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Chris White in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

RESCHEDULE DECEMBER 4TH MEETING: The Commission meeting for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 will be moved to Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 8:45 a.m ADJOURNMENT: Moved by

Commission at 9:10 a.m. All

members present voting aye.

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Brown County

Eidahl

Rezoning Notice

by Doug Eidahl 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 December 18, 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): Lot 1, Schuring Addition in the SW 1/4 of Sec 32-T123N-R60W of

the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (40706 136th Street)

tend the hearing and to pres-ent comments and testimony

regarding the amendment to

Second Revision Brown County

Ordinances pertaining to rezon-

ing the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may

adopt first reading of Ordinance

Maxine Fischer, Brown County

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Brown County

Larson

No. 128. ATTEST:

(1205.1212)

Auditor

The public is invited to at-

Application has been made

Sara Swisher, Brown County

Motion carried.

Deputy Auditor

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counting function. Views of Responsible Officials:

Management agrees with the

finding. Finding 2018-B - Preparation of Financial Statements and Footnotes and Material Proposed Adjustments to the Financial Statements

Criteria: An organization's internal control structure should provide for the recording of all necessary material adjustments and the preparation of financial statements and footnotes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: Frederick Area

by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to set public hearing for consideration of the following applica-

tions: Doug Eidahl for Ordinance #128. An Ordinance to amend Title 4 - Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zon-ing designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Lot 1, Schuring Addition in the SW 1/4 of Sec 32-1123N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (40706 136th Street); Lisa Gebhart for Ordinance #129, An Ordinance

July, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "J and J Gross Addition in the NE 1/4 of Sec 33-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll

Rezoning Notice NOTICE

Application has been made by Josh Larson 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 December 18, 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): Lots 1 Larson-Johnson Addition in the SW ¼ of Sec 26-T125N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (12284 & 12290 398th Ave)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to pres-ent 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. 130. ATTEST:

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

(1205.1212)

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Groton Area Schedule of Events

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Big Question Debate at Watertown High School 7:00pm: MS/HS Christmas Concert at GHS Gymnasium

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Ringneck LD and PF Debate at Aberdeen Central High School Robotics at Rapid City Stevens High School

10:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. LaMoure/Litchville-Marion @ LaMoure High School

2:00pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Double Header vs. Leola-Frederick @ Frederick High School (JV Girls game at 2pm JV Boys game at 3pm Varsity Girls game at 4:30pm Varsity Boys game at 6pm)

Sunday, December 9, 2018

(2:00pm- 6:00pm: Open Gym, GHS Arena Grades JK-8 2pm - 4pm; Grades 6-12 4pm - 6pm)

S JK-8 Zpm - 4pm; Grades 6-12 4pm - 6pm

Monday, December 10, 2018

4:30pm: Wrestling: Boys JH Tournament vs. Webster Area High School @ Webster High School

6:00pm: Basketball: Girls 7th/8th Game vs. Warner @ Warner High School (7th Grade 6pm 8th Grade 7pm)

7:00pm: School Board Meeting at Groton Area High School

Friday, December 14, 2018

Debate at Brookings High School (Brookings Bell)

5:15pm: Basketball: Boys C Game vs. Redfield-Doland @ Redfield Jr-Sr High School followed by JV and varsity games.

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Debate at Brookings High School (Brookings Bell)

8:00am: Basketball: Boys C Tournament vs. Aberdeen Roncalli, Hamlin, Ipswich, Leola-Frederick, Redfield-Doland, Sioux Valley, Sisseton @ Groton Area High School Arena

9:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament TBA vs. Madison @ Madison High School

3:00pm: Basketball: Girls 7th/8th Game vs. Redfield-Doland @ Groton Area High School (7th Grade 3pm 8th Grade 4pm)

6:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Redfield-Doland @ Groton Area High School



6 ◊ 397news.com **◊** Wed., Dec. 5, 2018

Groton Coffee Cup League

Dec. 4 Team Standings: Kens 4, James Valley 3, Ten Pins 1, Biker Chix 0.

High Games: Vickie Kramp 171; Joyce Walter 162, 145; Sandi Bistedeau 138.

High Series: Joyce Walter 435, Vickie Kramp 434, Angie Carlson 371

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Coyotes 45, Cheetas 44, Foxes 41 ¹/₂ Chipmunks 41 ¹/₂ Jackelopes 37, Shih Tzus 31

Men's High Games: Brad Larson 225, Brad Waage 216, 211, Tony Madsen 201

Women's High Games: Brenda Waage 189, Karen Spanier 177, Dar Larson 172

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 582, Brad Larson 577, Roger Colestock 527

Women's High Series: Vicki Jorgensen 465, Brenda Waage 440, Vicki Walter 439

News Briefs

2018-2019 Student Council Representatives:

Grade 12: Tylan Glover and Alexis Simon

Grade 11: Anthony Schinkel and Payton Colestock

Grade 10: Erin Unzen and Tanae Lipp

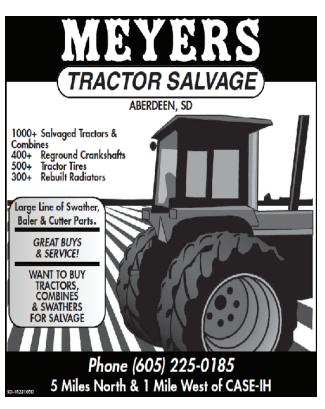
Grade 9: Stella Meier and Alyssa Locke

Tessa Erdmann was selected as the 2019 Hugh O Brian Youth Leadership representative from Groton.

Emily Thompson was named as the school winner for the 2018 Wendy's High School Heisman.

Bingo Winner!

Finally, after weeks and weeks of Bingo, Shelly Lerew was the winner of over \$12,000 at Bingo Wednesday evening in Groton.



Brown County Gebhart Rezoning Notice NOTICE

Application has been made by Lisa Gebhart 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 December 18, 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): Claeys Outlot A in the SE ¼ of Sec 20-T128N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (38954 104th Street)

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. 129.

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County uditor

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Kevin Gildner, MD

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