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Father Mike Kelly from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton, had a moment of prayer and silence at the Roncalli basketball game Monday evening in Aberdeen. He said, "The communities of Groton Area and Aberdeen Roncalli join in yet another athletic event. They put this in perspective reverencing and respecting the life of Ava Tunheim and eighth grade Groton Area student who's fight for life ended Sunday morning - a life treasured and honored, especially by her dad, Nathan; and mom, Allison. We, here tonight, hold up the sanctity of life. "Let us Pray: Lord God of compassion, lovingly touch our hearts that we may prayerfully ask HOW to cope with hurt and sadness, HOW to receive strength from you, HOW to carry on. We ask this in quietness and silence . . . Amen. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



With the free will offering as well as the money from the gate receipts, a total of \$5,515.60 was raised Monday night at the Roncalli boys' basketball game that will be given in memory of Ava Tunheim. Ava passed away Sunday morning after a long battle with Leukemia. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



As Coach Justin Hanson said, "So much more than wins and losses! Groton and Roncalli, be proud of your boys. I sure am!!!" Both teams gathered on the floor after the game for prayer. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Eighth Graders Ashton Bahr, Gracie Traphagen, Shallyn Foertsch and Jacelynne Gleason hug each other after reading Nathan Tunheim's letter to the audience. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Eighth Graders Ashton Bahr, Gracie Traphagen, Shallyn Foertsch and Jacelynne Gleason each read part of a note from Ava's dad, Nathan Tunheim. They are flanked by Father Mike Kelly on the right and the Groton Area and Roncalli cheerleaders in the back. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Clark named to USF Dean's List

SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota—The University of Sioux Falls has released its Dean's List for fall semester 2018, and over 500 students made the list. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

The following local student(s) made the Fall Semester 2018 USF Dean's List:

Kennedy Clark, Senior, Elementary Education Groton, South Dakota

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Feb. 12 Team Standings: Kens Fairway 19, James Valley 18, Biker Chix 16, Ten Pins 11
High Games: Myrna Stange 164, Nancy Radke 164, LaVonne Raap 157, Mary Jane Jark 156, Vickie Kramp 156
High Series: Vickie Kramp 433, Sam Bahr 427, Vicki Walter 422

Conde National League

Feb. 11 Team Standings: Pirates 17½, Cubs 15, Tigers 15, Braves 13½, Mets 12, Giants 11.

Men's High Games: Ron Beldon 225, Troy Lindberg 189, Larry Frohling 188.

Men's High Series: Ron Beldon 523, Troy Lindberg 508, Larry Frohling 506.

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DeHoet makes buzzer beater shot to upset Warner in overtime

Brodyn DeHoet made a three-pointer from near center court at the buzzer to give Groton Area an 55-52 overtime upset win over the Warner Monarchs.

Warner came into the game with a 13-3 record, losing only to Corsica-Stickney which is currently 10-2, to Northwestern, which is currently 11-2, and to Aberdeen Christian which is 12-3.



Groton Area 55 Warner 52 OT

This will be Warner's fourth loss as Groton picks up its fifth win of the season, not at 5-10 overall.

It was nearly a repeat of last year's Groton shocking double overtime win over Warner in Warner.

The afternoon and evening was dedicated as Becky Diegel day as she is battling with cancer. Groton's final score of 55 points is also the same number as her son's jersey, Treyton Diegel.

The game went back and fourth. There were 10 lead changes and the



Cade Guthmiller towers above the Warner defense for the rebound. He led the Tigers with 14 rebounds. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)

game was tied four times. The Monarchs held a 13-11 lead after the first quarter and a 23-17 lead at halftime. Warner led, 36-35, at the end of the third quarter. The Tigers scored first in the fourth quarter to capture the lead and took a 44-38 lead. The Monarchs rallied and recaptured the lead at 45-44. DeHoet made a basket with 39 seconds left to make it 47-45. Warner up to this point only had one foul. They fouled in trying to get the ball back, which they did. Ben Fischbach was fouled and he made two free throws to tie the game at 47, sending the game into overtime.



Chelsea Hanson drops to her knees after DeHoet's shot at the buzzer. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

Warner scored first in the overtime with a three-pointer by Daylin Simon. Cade Guthmiller made a basket to make it a 50-49 Warner lead. DeHoet made a three-pointer to give the Tigers a 52-50 lead. Simon made a basket with eight seconds left to tie the game and was fouled, sending him to the free throw line. He missed the shot and Austin Jones grabbed the rebound. He handed off to Jonathan Doeden with time ticking. Doeden quickly brought the ball up court. He

handed the ball to DeHoet and he launched a long shot. All eyes in the Arena were on the ball as it arched up high. The buzzer sounded and the ball swished through the net and the place went wild. The players rushed to DeHoet for the congratulations and they even pushed him out the side door in the excitement. It was a perfect ending for Becky Diegel night as the whole double header was dedicated to her as she is fighting cancer.

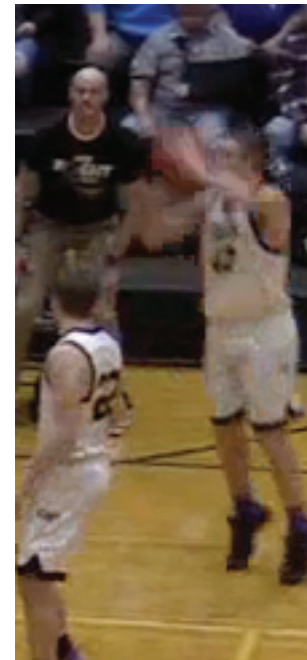
The exciting game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Allied Climate Professionals, Bahr Spray Foam, Blocker Construction, Doug Abeln Seed Company, James Valley Seed - Doug Jorgensen, John Sieh Agency, Locke Electric, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc., Northeast Chiropractic Clinic, Professional Management Services, Inc., Sanford Health, Tyson DeHoet Trucking and Weber Landscaping.

DeHoet led all scorers, making five three-pointers and finished with 27 points. Treyton Diegel, Groton's lone senior and Becky's son, made four three-pointers for a dozen points. Kaden Kurtz had seven points, Cade Guthmiller five and Jonathan Doeden and Austin Jones each had two points.

Daylin Simon led the Monarchs with 19 points followed by Ben Fischbach with 13, Landon Leidholt had 12 and Jackson O'Neill and Zack Jones each had four points.



There is the game winning shot as the ball swishes through the hoop at the buzzer. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



DeHoet launches one right at the buzzer in overtime. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Brodyn DeHoet forces his way inside for a basket. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



Brodyn DeHoet sets a screen for Treyton Diegel. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)

The Monarchs were six of seven from the free throw line 86 percent off of Groton Area's 13 team fouls. Groton Area was four of 11 for 36 percent off of Warner's 12 team fouls.

Groton Area made 20 of 55 field goals for 36 percent and Warner was 19 of 57 for 33 percent. In three-pointers, Groton Area was 11 of 25 for 44 percent and Warner was eight of 24 for 33 percent. The Tigers had 11 turnovers, four of which were steals. Warner had eight turnovers, seven of which were steals with DeHoet having three and Diegel and Guthmiller each having two. Groton Area had 11 assists with DeHoet, Jones and Kurtz each having two. Both teams had eight offensive rebounds while Groton had the edge on the defensive boards, 26-25. Guthmiller had 14 rebounds for the Tigers.

Warner won the junior varsity game, 35-28. Chandler Larson led the Tigers with eight points followed by Jayden Zak with six, Jackson Cogley five, Cole Simon three and Lane Tietz, Abdimalik Mohamed and Tristan Traphagen with two each.

- Paul Kosel

Warner girls beat Groton Area

Warner's girls defeated Groton Area as part of a double header Friday in Groton, 47-26. The Monarchs led at the quarterstops at 12-4, 28-8 and 42-17.

Miranda Hanson and Maddie Bjerke each had five points, Gracie Traphagen and Kaycie Hawkins each had four and adding two points apiece were Payton Maine, Allyssa Locke, Hannah Gustafson and Jennie Doeden.

Laurie Rogers led the Monarchs with 12 points followed by Sydney Leidholt and Keeley Fischbach with nine each, Ashley Fischbach and Savannah Green each had five, Jennifer Aman had three and Laura Ochsner and Peyton Fisher each had two points.

Groton Area made 11 of 49 field goals for 22 percent, missed two free throw opportunities, had 22 rebounds with Warner having six,



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six steals with Traphagen having two, nine assists with Doeden, Wanner and Brooke Gengerke each having two, 12 turnovers and eight team fouls.

Warner was 18 of 44 from the field for 41 percent, was seven of 10 from the line for 70 percent, had 36 rebounds with Rogers having 11, 12 turnovers, four team fouls, three steals and 13 assists.

Warner Area is now 16-2 on the season while Groton Area goes to 5-10.

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Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 30-18. Gracie Traphagen led the Tigers with nine points followed by Allyssa Locke with six, Brooke Gengerke five, Maddie Bjerke and Kenzie McInerney with four each and Trista Keith added two points.

- Paul Kosel



Allyssa Locke ties up Warner's Laurie Rogers for a jump ball call. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



Laurie Rogers lost her balance on the way to the basket and fell upon Eliza Wanner with Kaycie Hawkins standing her ground. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)

**Ava Tunheim Memorial Game
Roncalli holds off Groton rally to win**

In about 36 hours, the Groton Area and Aberdeen Roncalli schools put together a fundraiser and memorial event for Ava Tunheim, Groton's eighth grader that passed away on Sunday from her battle with Leukemia. Between the two schools, T-shirts were printed up and Roncalli made it possible for the gate receipts to given in memory of Ava, which amounted to \$5,515.60. Groton's Father Mike Kelly had a moment of prayer and a few words along with a time of silence. After the pre-game event, the two teams too the court for boys' basketball action.

Roncalli jumped out to a 12-0 lead and upped it to 28-9 early in the second quarter. Groton Area battled back in the second half and closed to within four, 56-52, with about three minutes left in the game. The Cavaliers rebounded and went on for the eight-point win, 61-53.

Treyton Diegel led the Tigers with 15 points followed by Brodyn DeHoet with 14, Kaden Kurtz scored of 11 of his points in the third quarter, Jonathan Doeden had nine points and Jayden Zak added four free throws.

The Cavaliers were led by Isaac VanOrman with 20 points followed by Max Reede with 14, Brady Morgan had 11, Salesi Mounnga had nine, Grayden Imbery and Harrison Reede each had three points and Brandon Fauth added two points.

Groton Area made 20 of 57 field goals for 35 percent while Roncalli was 23 of 52 for 44 percent. In three-pointers, the Tigers were four



**Groton Area 53
Roncalli 61**

of 16 for 25 percent with Diegel and Kurtz each making two. Roncalli was eight of 22 in three-pointers for 36 percent.

The Tigers were nine of 12 from the line for 75 percent off of Roncalli's 16 team fouls and Roncalli was eight of 11 for 73 percent off of Groton Area's 11 team fouls. Groton Area had 10 turnovers with nine of them being steals. Roncalli had six turnovers with three of them being steals - one each by DeHoet, Diegel and Doeden.

Groton Area had the edge in rebounds, 31-30, with DeHoet having 11 for Groton Area giving him a double-double on the night and Fauth having eight for Roncalli.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center. Games are then archived at 397news.com were GDI subscribers can get access to them for later viewing.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 43-21. Jayden Zak had 10 points, Chandler Larson six, Jackson Cogley and Tristan Traphagen each had two and Lane Tietz added one.

Roncalli won the C game, 37-19. Jackson Cogley had four points, Jackson Bahr and Wyatt Hearnen each had three, Kannon Coats, Pierce Kettering, Jace Kroll and Jayden Zak each had two points and Tate Larson had one point.

- Paul Kosel

**Groton Area Lady Tigers beat
Mobridge-Pollock**

Groton Area rallied from a 10-point deficit to beat Mobridge-Pollock in girls' basketball action played Saturday in Mobridge. Mobridge-Pollock led, 15-6, after the first quarter and 21-14 at half time. Mobridge-Pollock held a 21-11 lead late in the second quarter. Groton Area had a nine-point run in the third period to tie the game at 23 and then took the lead at the end of the third quarter, 27-25. Groton Area went on to win, 39-34.



**Groton Area 39
Mob-Pol 34**

Gracie Traphagen led all scores with 14 points while Payton Maine had 11, Jennie Doeden had four points, Miranda Hanson and Allyssa Locke each had three points and Eliza Wanner and Kaycie Hawkins each had two points.

Landyn Henderson led Mobridge-Pollock with nine points followed by Megan Zahn with eight, Tyrel Thompson six, Hannah Stroeder five, Hayley Borah four and Myia Feist added one point.

Groton Area shot 13 percent in the first quarter, 22 percent in the second quarter, 35 percent in the third quarter and 33 percent in the fourth quarter. The Tigers ended up making 13 of 48 from the field for 27 percent. Payton Maine made three three-pointers in the second half to help spark the Tiger rally.

Mobridge-Pollock shot 54 percent in the first quarter, 20 percent in the second quarter, 9 percent in the third quarter and 44 percent in the fourth quarter. For the game, Mobridge-Pollock was 14 of 43 in shooting for 33 percent.

Groton Area was 10 of 14 from the line for 71 percent off of Mobridge-Pollock's 16 team fouls while Mobridge-Pollock was four of 12 for 33 percent off of Groton Area's 16 team fouls. Doeden had 10 of Groton Area's 36 rebounds, Hanson had three of Groton Area's five steals, Doeden and Wanner each had three of Groton Area's 10 assists. Both teams had 11 turnovers.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center. The Lady Tigers will host Webster Area on Tuesday.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 33-30. Gracie Traphagen led Groton Area with eight points followed by Kenize McInerney with seven, Trista Keith had six, Maddie Bjerke and Brooke Gengerke each had five points and Allyssa Locke added three points.

- Paul Kosel

**Mobridge-Pollock keeps home
game streak alive with win**

The home-win streak continues between Mobridge-Pollock and Groton Area in boys' basketball and it now stands at 12. Mobridge-Pollock defeated Groton Area, 62-50.



**Groton Area 50
Mob-Pol 62**

The home town Tigers went on an 18-3 run in the first half to get a 37-18 lead right before half time. The half time score was 37-21. Groton Area rallied back in the third quarter and made it 47-38 at the break, but as quickly as Groton Area cut the lead down was a quickly as Mobridge-Pollock exploded offensively to claim a 60-44 lead. The teams subbed down to finish the game.

Treyton Diegel made five three-pointers and led all scorers with 17 points while Brodyn DeHoet had 14 points, Kaden Kurtz had eight, Chandler Larson four, Jonathan Doeden three and Cade Guthmiller and Austin Jones each had two points. Groton Area made 14 of 45 field goals for 31 percent while Mobridge-Pollock was 23 of 51 from the field for 45 percent.

Groton Area made 12 of 15 free throws off of Moberidge-Pollock's 15 team fouls while Moberidge-Pollock was nine of 14 off of Groton Area's 15 team fouls.

Moberidge-Pollock was led by Braden Goehring who came off the bench to score 16 points, Bryston Goehring had 14, Reese Cerney 12, Braxton Albers nine, Caden Halsey three and Noah Fried, Noah Feyeriesen and Jalen Hitland each had two points.

Moberidge-Pollock had the edge on rebounds, 25-22, with Feyeriesen having 11 for Moberidge-Pollock and Doeden having four for Groton Area. Groton Area had 18 turnovers, 12 of which were steals while Moberidge-Pollock had 11 turnovers, five of which were steals with DeHoet having four. DeHoet and Guthmiller each had three of the team's 11 assists.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center. Groton Area will travel to Aberdeen Roncalli on Monday.

Moberidge-Pollock won the junior varsity game, 47-27. Lane Tietz had six points, Chandler Larson and Lucas Simon each had five, Jace Kroll four, Wyatt Hearnen had three and Jayden Zak and Tristan Traphagen each had two points.

- Paul Kosel

Three grapplers place at Howard Tourney

Groton Area placed three wrestlers at the Howard Invitational held Saturday. Wyatt Locke placed first at 285 pounds, Grady O'Neill placed second at 195 pounds and Dragr Monson placed third at 113 pounds.

113: Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) received a bye - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Forfeit Forfeit (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney) (For.)

Semifinals - Lane Miller (Howard) over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) (Fall 3:11)

Cons. Semis - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Logan Buseman (Parker) (TF 17-2 3:00)

3rd Place Match - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Griffin Tobin (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney) (Fall 2:51)

152: Champ. Round 1 - Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) received a bye Quarterfinals - Daniel Cremer (Marion/Freeman) over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) (Fall 1:17)

Cons. Round 2 - Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) received a bye

Cons. Round 3 - Beau Williams (Canton) over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) (Fall 2:34)

160: Champ. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) received a bye Quarterfinals - Logan Schlim (Howard) over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) (Fall 3:43)

Cons. Round 2 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) received a bye

Cons. Round 3 - Reece Risseeuw (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney) over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) (MD 9-0)

160: Champ. Round 1 - Evin Nehls (Groton Area) received a bye Quarterfinals - Charlie Patten (Parker) over Evin Nehls (Groton Area) (Fall 0:31)

Cons. Round 2 - Evin Nehls (Groton Area) received a bye

Cons. Round 3 - Jayden Lemons (Marion/Freeman) over Evin Nehls (Groton Area) (Fall 4:11)

170: Champ. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) over Forfeit Forfeit (Canton) (For.)

Quarterfinals - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) over Gabriel Turpin (Howard) (Fall 2:30)

Semifinals - Gage Carter (Faulkton Area) over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) (Fall 1:22)

Cons. Semis - Cole Pranger (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney) over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) (Fall 3:22)

195: Champ. Round 1 - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) received a bye Quarterfinals - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) received a bye

Semifinals - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) over Levi Wieman (Parker) (Fall 0:32)

1st Place Match - Elijah Isais (Canton) over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) (MD 11-2)

285: Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) received a bye Quarterfinals - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) over Quinn Ashes (Andes Central/Dakota Christian) (Fall 0:29)

Semifinals - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) over Kellen Cassidy (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney) (Fall 1:02)

1st Place Match - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) over Dylan Endres (Stanley County) (Fall 1:56)

Brown County Feb. 5, 2019

Meeting Minutes FEBRUARY 5, 2019 - 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 Feickert, Sutton, Wiese and Kippley. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Payroll #3: Commission \$5,528.71; Auditor \$8,298.40; Treasurer \$13,869.98; States Attorney \$22,995.45; SVAWA Grant \$1,389.40; Maintenance \$7,725.29; Assessor \$13,617.02; Register of Deeds \$8,771.39; Veterans Service Office \$4,404.33; GIS \$2,367.50; Information Technology \$6,283.63; Human Resources \$2,302.35; Sheriff \$38,978.78; Jail \$54,257.43; Court Security \$6,092.36; JDC \$24,239.53; Welfare Office \$3,786.79; Museum \$8,482.39; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,885.76; Fair Board \$3,613.87; 4-H \$375.60; Weed \$468.72; Planning and Zoning \$2,165.70; Highway \$53,101.39; Communications \$28,600.06; Emergency Management \$4,079.58; Teen Court \$427.68; 24/7 \$3,244.58; Landfill \$13,824.82.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$20,663.41; Medicare \$4,832.59; HSA \$150.00.

Insurance: Alliant Insurance Services \$2,005.00.

Professional Fees: Cogley Law Office \$1,016.30; Compass Counseling & Assessment \$1,800.00; Dohrer Law Office \$922.10; Michelle Galkowski \$44.20; Haar Law Firm \$1,796.33; Kuck Law Office \$2,035.40; SD Attorney General's Office \$365.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$1,222.00; Stoddard Law Office \$340.61; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$294.75; Taliaferro Law Firm \$1,516.40; Joni Wileman \$150.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$305.50; Rapid City Journal \$23.99.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$1,318.48; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$2,811.79; Great Western Tire \$12.50; Lien Transportation \$2,265.00; Midstates Printing \$25.26; Midwest Erosion Control & Seed \$2,899.00; PowerPlan \$9,513.92; Schwann Welding \$1,187.00; Totally Tubular \$18.44; Woodman Refrigeration \$114.80; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$50.00.

Supplies: AgTegra \$1,806.00; American Business Forms \$831.48; Ameripride \$67.75; Kelli Aslesen \$105.40; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$4,264.87; DFP \$1,694.39; DSG \$20.63; GovConnection \$216.18; Great Western Tire \$2,103.50; Interstate Battery \$97.95; Leather Creations by Dan \$25.00; Mac's \$117.52; Menards \$222.43; Midstates Printing \$1,202.25; Pantorium Cleaners \$56.00; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$364.00; Pitney Bowes \$15,000.00; PowerPlan \$33.10; Running's \$713.95; TrueNorth Steel \$18,987.00; West Payment Center \$99.78; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$34.67.

Travel & Conference: Mark Milbrandt \$663.00.

Utilities: AT&T \$247.49; BDM Rural Water System \$36.00; CenturyLink \$501.19; Midcontinent Cable \$703.93; Northern Electric \$1,200.00; NWPS \$11,120.10.

Buildings: Great Plains Educational Foundation \$219,450.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve hiring Shawn Schnabel as full-time IT Technology Support Specialist, effective February 11, 2019 @ \$21.88 per hour.

Approve the following Employee Step Increase, effective February 10, 2019: Brian Koens @ \$26.46 per hour, Nicholas Juenger @ \$19.72 per hour, Brad Nehlich @ \$19.71 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - HAY CUTTING: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for hay cutting on County land, approximately 21 acres

at Richmond Youth Camp (Sec 24-T124N-R65W), to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD on February 26, 2019 at 8:50 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreement: Hub City Radio for lease of the Expo Building on March 23 - 24, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #19-02-01/481: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to set joint public hearing to be held in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers on February 25, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. for Ordinance #19-02-01/481, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described properties: Proposed Lot 2, Rohr Fourth Subdivision from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District and (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District to (A-1) Agricultural District and Proposed Lot 1, Rohr Fourth Subdivision from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, all located in the SW ¼ of Sec 36-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12989 and 12994 Rohr Drive). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton 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.

RENTAL AGREEMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign agreement with Darren and Michona Ghost for lease of the county owned house at 37909 Youth Camp Road at a monthly fee of \$800.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID DATES SET - HIGHWAY SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT RENTAL: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for the following items: Road Oil and Hot Mix at 8:55 a.m., Gravel Material at 9:00 a.m.; Rental Equipment at 9:05 a.m., to be held on February 26, 2019 (at stated times) in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR BC REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign Intergovernmental Agreement for the Brown County Regional Communications Center between Brown County and the City of Aberdeen, effective January 1, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SOUTH FIRST STREET PROPERTY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve amending the payment schedule for 124 S First Street to accommodate early payments when feasible. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR DISCUSSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising a position for human resource duties. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

24/7 SOBRIETY PROGRAM LOCATION: Tentative plans were presented for modifications to the building on Railroad Ave (north of the Courthouse) to accommodate the 24/7 Sobriety Program. After discussion the Commission toured the Railroad Ave property.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:51 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Gravel Production Bid Notice

NOTICE TO GRAVEL PRODUCTION CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota until the hour of 9:00 A.M. on February 26, 2019 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing and delivery of ONE (1) YEARS SUPPLY OF ROAD CON-

STRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GRAVEL MATERIALS.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of the bid opening.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in accordance with the bid as accepted or as required by the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON GRAVEL AGGREGATE MATERIALS" to be opened February 26, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. 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.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Contract for GRAVEL MATERIALS shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Hot Mix Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:55 A.M., February 26, 2019. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing all materials and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for road maintenance and construction on Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Contract Notice: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County.

SDCL 58-6-62: POLICY TO BE WRITTEN THROUGH LICENSED RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT AGENT-COUNTERSIGNATURE OF RESIDENT AGENT - VIOLATION AS MISDEMEANOR. No authorized insurer may make, write, issue or place any policy, contract or insurance, or general or floating policy upon persons or property, or covering a subject of insurance or bonding to be performed in South Dakota unless the policy is written through a licensed resident agent, or a non-resident agent when countersigned by a resident agent. If two or more insurers issue a single policy, it may be countersigned on behalf of all of them by one of the insurer's licensed resident agents in this state. Violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Contract for Asphalt Plant Mix Materials shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX MATERIALS" to be opened on February 26, 2019 at 8:55 A.M. 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.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Section 320.5 - Basis of Payment: "A" - Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for Maintenance and Construction. The accepted quantities of Asphalt Plant Mix will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Groton School Feb. 11, 2019

Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2019

President Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjellstad, Gengerke, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Harder. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported.

Moved by Pharis, second Weismantel to approve all consent agenda items as presented: North Central Special Ed Coop agenda items, District minutes of January 14, bills, financial reports, agency reports, transportation and lunch reports, public school exemption #19-13

and open enrollment #19-21. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 179,311.39; FIT – 16,535.90; Medicare – 6,739.88; FICA – 28,818.68; American Funds – 313.90; Washington National – 98.40; SDRS – 29,239.42; HAS Contribution – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 1,465.00; Horace Mann – 1,111.61; Thrivent – 228.90; AFLAC – 3,046.08; Delta Dental – 3,898.40; SD Supplemental Retirement – 981.19; Wellmark – 59,976.00; Reliastar – 742.68; Avesis – 240.41; Agency Fund – advanced pay, 30,189.68; Automatic Building Controls – battery, 68.95; Brookings School District – fee, 70.00; Cintas Corporation – rugs, 607.87; Cole Papers – supplies, 2,353.95; Dependable Sanitation – service, 1,238.00; Farm Tire Service – tires, 787.00; Farnams – supplies, 554.00; Full Circle Ag – diesel, 88.56; G-Sports – wall charts, 136.00; Governor's Inn – lodging, 380.00; GASD – supply refund, 349.03; GASD – check fees, 20.00; GDI – legal, 112.15; Interstate All Battery Center – battery, 85.60; J.W. Pepper – music, 221.93; Mid-American Chemical – supplies, 2,366.24; Northern SD

Debate – fee, 130.00; Northside Implement – parts, 1,487.29; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 46.96; Sombke, Kiersten – gift refund, 99.90; Swanson, Cody – costumes, 418.90; Taylor Music – repairs, 289.59; Samantha Weber – shirts, 272.00. Total General Fund – \$375,221.44.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – managed print agreement, 1,941.05; AgEdNET.com – subscription, 415.00; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 232.10; Donley, Don – project work, 1,125.00. Total Capital Outlay – \$3,713.15.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 28,527.01; FIT – 2,137.16; Medicare – 1,050.78; FICA – 4,493.04; SDRS – 4,598.70; Waddell & Reed – 200.00; AFLAC – 774.68; Delta Dental – 707.34; SD Supplemental Retirement – 100.00; Wellmark – 10,057.00; Reliastar – 192.37; Avesis – 53.45; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 6,244.75; Rebecca Erickson – supply refund, 99.54; Williamson, Judy or Gene – mileage, 493.92. Total Special Ed – \$59,729.74.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary – 5,548.15; FIT – 326.65; Medicare – 196.36; FICA – 839.68; SDRS – 582.78; AFLAC

– 239.06; Wellmark – 1,526.00; Reliastar – 3.84; Avesis – 53.70; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 73.71; Cintas Corporation – kitchen aprons/towels, 147.42; CWD-Aberdeen – food, 3,024.91; Dean foods – milk, 784.52; Earthgrains – food, 122.05; Reinhart – food, 4,867.52; US Foods – food, 3,900.33; Wordware – software, 1,814.00. Total Food Service – \$24,050.68. OST Net Salary – 1,856.52; FIT – 109.10; Medicare – 65.40; FICA – 279.68; SDRS – 205.08; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 671.00; Reliastar – 16.92; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 2,107.50. Total OST – \$5,475.13. Total Enterprise – \$29,525.81.

AGENCY FUND: Total – \$49,462.84.
RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 22,389.44; Other Local Sources – 98,184.64; County Sources – 3,118.17; State Sources – 2,559.00; Federal Sources – 5,618.12. Total Receipts – \$131,869.37.

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 heard program overview presentations from Destination Imagination Advisors Joann Donley and Julie Milbrandt and CTE Instructors, Adam Franken, Lindsey Tietz and Brooke Compton.

There were no school board committee reports given.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: Title School Improvement Grant, NCSEC governing structure, 2019 Legislative Session, snow days, NSU Teacher Job Fair rescheduled, District Policy IGDK – Participation of Alternative Instruction Students, NAEP testing, picture day, FFA/FCCLA week activities, OST update, Junior Kindergarten schedule, Math Family Game Night, inventory and requisitions for 2019-20.

Superintendent Schwan presented Certificates of Appreciation to School Board Members in honor of School Board Recognition Week.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to set the summer 2019 driver's education fee at \$250 for in-district students and \$300 for out-of-district students. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, sec-

ond Rix to approve resignation of Bonnie Schimmel, RTI/Title Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2018-19 contract with request for summer checks to be paid in June. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Fjellstad to approve resignation of Joe Schwan, Athletic Director, effective at the conclusion of the 2018-19 contract and dependent on finding a suitable replacement. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to go into executive session at 6:38 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) for a student issue and SDCL 1-25-2(1) for a personnel issue. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 6:58 pm.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to issue administrative contracts for school year 2019-20 with terms to be negotiated at a later date. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to adjourn. Motion carried.

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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MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6
For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2018, and ending January 31, 2018

	General Fund	Restricted Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Total for District
1. Beginning Balance	897,628.74	32,052.21	489,434.08	12,306.23	0.00	134,552.63	1,314,764.45	48,128.70	247,806.64	3,176,673.68
a. cash	897,628.74	32,052.21	489,434.08	12,306.23	0.00	134,552.63	1,314,764.45	48,128.70	247,806.64	3,176,673.68
b. petty cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in										
3. Revenue to date	2,724,876.40	0.00	821,307.31	498,902.12	579.36	121,270.83	0.00	171,840.21	524,387.28	4,863,163.51
4. Total accounted for	3,622,505.14	32,052.21	1,310,741.39	511,208.35	579.36	255,823.46	1,314,764.45	219,968.91	772,193.92	8,039,837.19
5. Transfers out										
6. Expenditures to date	2,463,693.29	0.00	1,171,001.11	358,738.19	0.00	210,266.25	295,932.50	174,040.54	593,705.84	5,267,377.72
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	2,463,693.29	0.00	1,171,001.11	358,738.19	0.00	210,266.25	295,932.50	174,040.54	593,705.84	5,267,377.72
7. Ending Balance	1,158,811.85	32,052.21	139,740.28	152,470.16	579.36	45,557.21	1,018,831.95	45,928.37	178,688.08	2,772,659.47
a. checking	1,158,811.85	32,052.21	139,740.28	152,470.16	579.36	45,557.21	1,018,831.95	45,928.37	178,688.08	2,772,459.47
b. petty cash	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
January Receipts	33,718.95	0.00	5,717.09	4,262.80	21.90	978.60	0.00	28,385.30	58,784.73	131,869.37
January Expenses	401,127.14	0.00	17,719.57	62,658.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,499.00	49,825.84	557,830.30
Agency Checking	178,488.08									
District Checking	2,593,971.39									
Certificate of Deposit	0.00									
Agency Cash on Hand	200.00									
Total all Funds	2,772,659.47									

Brown County Rental Equipment Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ROAD CONTRACTORS AND MACHINERY DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 9:05 A.M. on February 26, 2019. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2019. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces, Brown County Landfill Forces and the Brown County Fairground Forces to complete the projects.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance.

Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" to be opened February 26, 2019 at 9:05 A.M. 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.

Bids shall include all applicable

taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. (0213.0220)

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Road Oil Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ROAD OIL SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:55am, February 26, 2019. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing and delivery of Road Oil to the Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.

Item (A) Cutback Asphalt Road Oil – MC-70

Item (B) Cutback Asphalt Road Oil – MC-3000

Item (C) Emulsion Asphalt Road Oil- CSS1H

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0213.0220)

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Brown County Hay Cutting Bid Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HAY CUTTING ON COUNTY LAND RICHMOND YOUTH CAMP

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be opened for consideration at 8:50 a.m. on February 26, 2019 in the Brown County Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD for hay cutting on County land – approximately 21 acres at Richmond Youth Camp – Sec 24-T124N-R65W; with no minimum amount per acre. Two additional one-year options

(2020, 2021) may be exercised, provided the Brown County Commission is notified in writing by November 1 of the year preceding the option.

Envelopes containing proposals shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal for Hay Cutting at Richmond Youth Camp."

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0213.0220)

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Brown County Ord. 481

Rohr Rezoning

NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND 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 25th day of February, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 123 South Lincoln Street, First Floor of the Municipal Building, to consider the petition filed by Todd Rohr, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described properties:

Proposed Lot 2, Rohr Fourth Subdivision from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District and (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District to (A-1) Agricultural District and Proposed Lot 1, Rohr Fourth Subdivision from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, all located in the SW ¼ of Sec 36-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12989 and 12994 Rohr Drive)

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 #19-02-01/481 granting the petition to amend

Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 5th day of February 2019.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0213.0220)

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Frederick Town Feb. 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Town of Frederick
February 2019 Minutes

The Frederick Town Board meeting was held Wednesday evening, February 6, 2019, at 7PM in the Frederick Community Center. Chairman R. Scott Campbell, Board Members Gary Schlosser and Troy Millard, Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine, and Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg were present. Chairman Campbell led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were read and the following change made. There is one open Board Member vacancy and it is for a 3-year term. It will be republished in the GDI as such. The amended minutes were approved with a motion by TM/GS. The 2nd Reading of the Sewer Rate Ordinance Minutes were also approved in the same motion. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report for January was approved with a motion by GS/TM. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Accounts Payable was made with a motion by SC/TM. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Badger Meter meter fees Wtr \$115.70; Bower Tree Service remove trees S Park \$2250; Community Store sup Mun Bldg \$46.07; D. Bruns wage CC \$144.99; D. Bruns wage mtg mileage FO \$1337.63; D. Bruns supplies FO/Genl/Swr \$121.06; Dahme Constr. Co., Inc. water break Wtr \$3,055.89; Farmers Union Oil Co propane EBL/Mun Bldg \$1436.41; FDC Econ Dev \$1200; G. Schlosser, wage Genl \$92.35; GDI legals Genl \$153.24; Grote Roofing Co., Inc. re-roof back EBL \$10,204; Helms & Associates architects WW

Proj Wtr \$17,830; JVT phones, Internets, Services Genl/FO/EBL/Wtr+last mo \$608.77; J. Burkhardt wage EBL \$92.35; M. Cox wage EBL \$446.29; M. Heine wage+mtg FO \$876.32; MDU electricity BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/EBL/St Lgts/Swr \$1882.40; Menard's Hydrant Repair Wtr \$60.97; R. Bakeberg, wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$246.89; R. Bakeberg, vehicle allowance Sts/Wtr/Swr \$75; R.S. Campbell wage Genl \$303.28; SD Dept of Rev Coliform test Wtr \$15; SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb \$92.84; T. Millard wage Genl \$92.35; USDA-RD AP Water Repair Loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water 499,000 gallons Water \$2,565.99; R.S. Campbell jack hammer rental Wtr \$133.13. Total Accounts Payable \$47,330.92.

OLD BUSINESS included Utility Manager Bakeberg's mention of the waterline break on January 30.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS Requirements needed for the Community Development Block Grant given to the Town of Frederick were passed for the Water Improvement Project. An 'Equal Opportunity Policy Resolution' was passed as written with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried. The 'Resolution Assuring Fair Housing' was passed with a motion by GS/TM. Motion Carried. A motion to pass the 'Code of Conduct Resolution' as written was made by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

The agreement to cut down all of the Ash trees in Simmons Park is a 4-year contract between the Town of Frederick and Bower Tree Service of Frederick. A motion was made entering into this agreement due to the encroachment of Emerald Ash Disease. Motion was made by SC/TM. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS The base bid of \$27,904.50 was accepted from A-1 Sewer and Drain, Inc., of Rapid City, SD, for cleaning and televising the Sanitary Sewer Project. The bid was accepted through Helms and Associates with a motion made by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

Two CDBG Agreement letters signed by Governor Noem

were also signed by President Campbell and the signed copies returned to SD Governor's Office of Economic Development. They include the Assurances, and Terms and Conditions for Federal and State requirements.

Frederick Board Members will attend meetings of the Brown County Planning and Zoning Committee pertaining to the rezoning application on highway property belonging to Spring Creek Colony. Meetings are scheduled for February 19th and 26th.

The Consumer Price Index for 2019, payable 2020 is 2.4%.

A map of Frederick to show any changes made to roadways was received from NECOG. No changes were made.

The Notice of Vacancy for a 1-year and a 2-year term of Office was reissued as 1 vacancy for a 3-year term and will be republished.

The March meeting will be held on Thursday night, March 7, 2019, at 7 PM in the Frederick Community Center.

CORRESPONDENCE was a notice from SDML announcing their Annual District Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM with a motion made by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns, FO

Written from notes taken by Assist. FO Mariah Heine

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Lawmakers spar over potential reduction in state sales tax rate

By: Bart Pfankuch

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A debate is raging in Pierre this legislative session over how – and some say even if – taxpayers will see a reduction in the sales tax rate now that South Dakota has begun to collect new money from online retailers.

When it comes to legislative intrigue, the contentious wrangling over the sales tax rate has all the elements of great theater: millions of dollars at stake, intraparty division among the Republican majority, past promises made and fears of future promises broken.

Standing at the center of it all is state Sen. Jeff Partridge, a Rapid City Republican with an imposing physical presence, a deep booming voice and a professional background in finance.

Partridge, who sits on the powerful Joint Appropriations Committee, set the debate in motion in 2016, when he offered a measure now known as “The Partridge Amendment.” The amendment stated that the state sales tax would slowly be reduced if South Dakota won its U.S. Supreme Court case that sought to collect sales taxes from online retailers located outside the state who refused to pay up. For each \$20 million in new tax revenues collected from online retailers, the state sales tax – the main funding source of state operations – would be lowered by one-tenth of one percent a year a maximum of five times.

The amendment was put forth as a balm to fiscally conservative Republican lawmakers who at the time were on the fence about whether to raise the sales tax from 4.0 to 4.5 to get money to help boost the pay of teachers, whose average wage was lowest in the nation. The first vote to raise the sales tax to help teachers lost by one vote in the House of Representatives, and Partridge recalls that his amendment helped push a second vote on the sales tax hike through the House and eventually into law.

“I think there were legislators that were wanting to get us out of last place in teacher pay but had heartburn about raising taxes,” Partridge said in a recent interview. “This amendment was one way to say if we receive the money, we’ll lower the rate and so we’re not really growing government.”

Last summer, the state prevailed in the landmark Supreme Court case against Wayfair and other online sellers, and in November, new sales tax revenues started rolling in.

To follow up on his 2016 promise, Partridge

said he met with lawyers in the Legislative Research Council, the group that helps draft legislative language and protects the legality of actions taken by state government.

The result was this year’s Senate Bill 86, which strikes all the language in his 2016 amendment and clears up what Partridge describes as “ambiguities” in the process of determining how much new money is being collected from online retailers, what time frame is used to determine if the \$20 million threshold is met and how a sales tax reduction would take place. The measure passed through the Senate on Monday by a vote of 28-6.

The bill states that the \$20 million must be new money in one calendar year derived as a result of the high court ruling and that the sales tax would be reduced the following year. The bill names the Appropriations Committee as the entity to manage the process in the Legislature.

The sales tax could be reduced by .1 percent a year to no lower than 4.0 percent; sales tax rates charged by municipalities, capped at 2 percent, would not be affected.

In recent committee meetings and in an interview with News Watch, Partridge said his bill simply lays out a legal process for calculating the new revenue and then creating language to reduce the sales tax rate as promised in 2016.

“I am trying to present the very legal and rational approach to enacting my original intent,” Partridge said. “It’s my amendment and I fully intend to reduce the sales tax rate.”

But opponents of Senate Bill 86, including several lawmakers from within Partridge’s own party, note that as in all legal matters, the devil is in the details of the bill.

\$20 million.

The bill had a bumpy path through three meetings of the Senate Taxation Committee before it passed last week on a 4-2 vote. At one point, the bill was amended to use the new revenues to reduce the sales tax on food, though that amendment was stripped away two days later.

At the last minute, Russell tried to kill the bill but was rebuffed by the committee.

“This is nothing more than a glorified appeal with a lot of language in it that makes everything very unhelpful,” Russell said at one meeting. “So, we would have a bill that is nothing more than what I consider nothing.”

The political action group Americans for Prosperity South Dakota has taken a strong interest in Senate Bill 86, and opposes the measure at this time, said Don Haggar, a former Republican lawmaker from Sioux Falls who is now state director of the national lobbying group.

Haggar, who testified against the bill in the Senate committee, said the language in the bill, particularly the word “may,” provides too much leeway for future legislatures to find justification to not reduce the sales tax as promised in 2016.

“I don’t think that carries enough weight,” Haggar said. “Knowing legislators the way I do, they’re probably more likely not to do it than to honor it.”

Haggar also said the process for determining the new online revenues is vague in Senate Bill 86 and does not address complex situations where an online retailer could open a building in the state, or in which a business with a store in South Dakota sees its online sales become dominant. “How do you measure that growth when it’s a moving target?” he said.

Haggar said he is working with the Legislative Research Council on a separate measure that could use a so-called vehicle bill – one filed early in the session without language that has its intent language added later – to accomplish his group’s goal of upholding the pledge to reduce the sales tax rate. The prosperity group has hinted of bringing the sales tax reduction measure to a statewide referendum if it doesn’t believe actions taken by the 2019 Legislature go far enough to ensuring the rate gets reduced.

In an interview, Partridge said the Appropriations Committee is best equipped to make decisions on sales tax projections and any potential reductions in the rate. He noted that if the new revenues came close to \$20 million in one year but technically did not reach the threshold, the committee could still file a bill to reduce the rate.

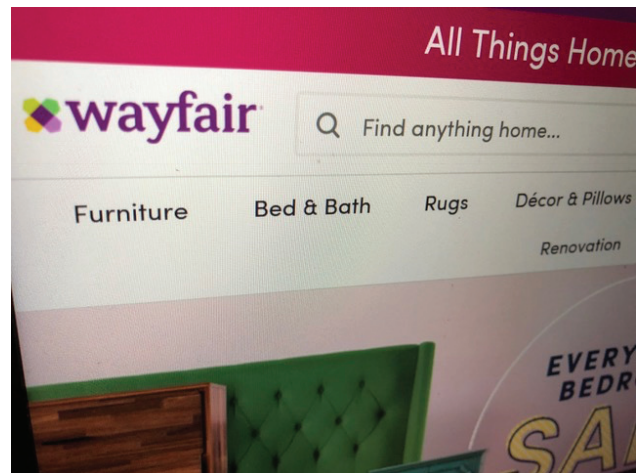
At one point in the interview, he acknowledged that “current events” could also play a role in the actions future appropriators would take.

“It’s integral for them to reduce the tax rate in conjunction with estimates of the revenues based on what else is going on, based on econometrics and potential current events,” Partridge said. “Even with the sales tax increase, we continue to have a very low burden on the citizens of south Dakota.”

That description doesn’t totally jibe with what Partridge, then a House member, said when introducing his initial amendment on the House floor in 2016.

In those remarks, he assured his colleagues the amendment would “bind” future legislators to reduce the sales tax rate.

“It’s a fiscally conservative movement to reduce the rate and give money back to the people and bind legislators of the future to



South Dakota lawmakers are debating whether to reduce the state's sales tax rate as collections from online retailers come in. Last year, the state won a U.S. Supreme Court case requiring online retailers to remit sales tax.

Vocal opposition arises

The opponents say the bill language is problematic in that it removes the “trigger” that would require future legislatures to reduce the sales tax. In fact, the measure states that the Appropriations Committee “may” file a bill to reduce the sales tax rate if online collections top \$20 million, rather than it “shall” file such a bill. That verbiage, opponents say, will allow future lawmakers to ignore the promise made in the original Partridge Amendment.

“It leaves it all discretionary into the future,” Sen. Lance Russell, a Hot Springs Republican who serves on the Taxation Committee, said at a recent cracker barrel event. “If you think these people have any intention of reducing the sales tax, think again.”

Furthermore, some lawmakers have argued that the \$20 million threshold should not be restricted to collections from a single calendar year, but instead should lead to a sales tax reduction anytime the new revenue exceeds

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Sen. Jeff Partridge, R-Rapid City.

give additional revenue back," Partridge said then.

The .5 percent sales tax rate increased implemented in 2016 raised roughly \$108 million a year, of which about \$68 million went to raise teacher pay and another \$40 million for property tax relief for residents.

Since the debate over Senate Bill 86 began, there has been no indication that the sales tax revenue provided to teachers or for property tax relief would be affected.

A call for flexibility

Sen. Susan Wismer of Britton, the lone Democrat on the Senate Taxation Committee, said in an interview that future legislatures should have some flexibility in determining whether to reduce the sales tax. She said there may come a time when the \$20 million threshold is met, but that the sales tax should not be reduced if money is needed to solve a social services or health care crisis, similar to what the state is now seeing with the closure of nursing homes.

She said the opposition to Senate Bill 86 is rooted among hardline fiscally conservative Republicans who refuse to raise taxes no matter what the consequences are to the residents of the state. "They don't want to acknowledge the cost to society and this state of their refusal to adequately fund education and health care," she said.

Wismer, who voted in favor of Senate Bill 86 in committee, said more moderate Republicans "see the data and understand our terrible rankings in umpteen categories and know that we want to do better, and are willing to take the hard votes to make that happen."

How a lawmaker votes on Senate Bill 86, and whether the sales tax rate ever gets reduced, could also serve as fodder in future election campaigns, not unlike how the vote to raise the sales tax for teacher pay in 2016 came up as an election issue in some 2018 races.

Wismer said lawmakers should put the needs of South Dakotans above any pledge or commitment they made to never raise taxes.

"It's important to our communities, because state government isn't just about a healthy state government, it's about the health of our citizens and we are ignoring the health of our citizens over bragging rights to have the number one business climate and lowest state tax ranking."

Estimates of how much new sales tax revenue will be generated by the remote online sellers vary wildly. Prior to the Supreme Court ruling, state officials said South Dakota was losing an estimated \$48 million to \$58 million a year in uncollected taxes from remote online retailers, though it is unlikely that full amount would ever be collected.

Partridge said he suspects the state will see right around the \$20 million mark per year, though the figure could rise as more retail purchases are made online over time. He added that reducing the sales tax by a tenth of a percent would probably cost the state about \$24 million in lost revenues based on current collections.

Gov. Kristi Noem, who has said she supports efforts to lower the sales tax rate if new collections are high enough, said in her recent budget address that online sales now make up nearly 10 percent of retail sales in the state and that online sales are growing by about 15 percent a year.

"If the state receives a windfall of new revenue due to our new remote seller law, we

should return that windfall to the taxpayers," Noem said. "I know there is interest in clarifying this language, and I want to be part of that conversation."

In November, the first month the taxes were collected from remote online sellers who did not voluntarily remit, the state saw only a \$300,000 bump in sales tax revenues, from about \$1.1 million to \$1.4 million. The December figures are due out next week.

However, most lawmakers and officials believe the new revenues will increase significantly starting March 1, when the state activates its Marketplace website that will make it easier for remote sellers to comply with the sales tax laws and enable more online sales activity to take place.

Senate Bill 86 now moves to the House for debate.

ABOUT BART PFANKUCH

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Brown County Ord #133-211 Spring Creek

NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING OF THE FREDERICK CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Frederick City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 19th day of February 2019, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the Petition filed by Spring Creek Hutterian Brethren, to amend Title 4, 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 4.14 (HC) Highway Commercial District, said property described as follows:

Lot 1, "SCHB Addition" in the W 1/2 N 1/2 SW 1/4 of Sec 2-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (10666 386th Ave, Frederick)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each Board may adopt first reading of Ord #133/211 granting the petition to amend Title 4 Second Revision Brown County Ordinances and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 29th day of January 2019.

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G-Force Seeded Number 1 going into Elimination at Patriots Last Chance Robotics Tournament

Groton Robotics' G-Force team (Travis Townsend, Tannor McGannon, Dan Feist) came back after losing their first match of the day to be in first place at the end of the qualifying matches at the Patriots Last Chance Meet, Saturday in Box Elder. Travis and his team came back by spending a lot of time at the practice field making adjustments to their robot and its programming. Their hard work is what made this happen.

"I should have not said anything about a Groton team being in the championship match of every tournament, because this time we failed, said Jim Lane, Groton's robotics coach. G-Force and their Geek Squad (Steven Paulson, Lee Iverson, Isaac Smith, Nick Morris) alliance were defeated in their quarter final match. The other teams also did not fare well in the first matches of the elimination rounds; all the Groton teams were defeated in the first matches of elimination.

"Speaking of working, G.A.T. Wrenches was missing their team captain, Noah Tullis, but I was proud to see the present team members (Corbin Reich, Adrian Knutson) working hard to repair the small mechanical problems that haunted them all day" said Jim Lane. "From our conversations after the tournament, I know each teams is already has plans for what they need to work on for the state tournament in Harrisburg February 23."

The trip home was a new adventure for GT Robotics. Lane said, "We often have snow or less than great driving conditions, but this trip brought a new challenge. We blew a tire on the bus. Fortunately, it was one of the duals and we were able to limp into Kadoka. There, thanks to the mutual aid agreement of the Associated School Boards and some great people of the Kadoka school district and Loren Bahr of Groton Area, we were able to make the rest of the trip home in a Kadoka bus. Thank you, Kadoka, and the Associated School Boards for the mutual aid program."

Results from the Groton competition for all five of GT Robotics' teams are below, along with results for this year's prior tournaments.

Rankings of GT Robotics teams at the end of qualifying rounds for the tournaments

Tournament	Location	Groton	Mitchell	Harrisburg	Rapid City	Canton	Groton	Box Elder
	Number of teams in							
	Tourney and date	Oct 20	Nov 3	Nov 17	Dec 8	Jan 5	Jan 19	Feb 9
9050A	G-Force	2	22	7	3	2	3	1
9050B	Gear Heads	10	19	6	9	16	4	12
9050C	G.A.T. Wrenches	11	16	2	n/a	3	1	22
9050D	Geek Squad	7	18	15	17	15	9	19
9050E	Galaxy	5	3	19	13	12	11	14

How far did GT Robotics team get in elimination rounds (playoffs)?

Tournament	Groton	Mitchell	Harrisburg	Rapid City	Canton	Groton	Box Elder
				City			
9050A	G-Force	Champion		Champion	Finals	Finals	Champion
9050B	Gear Heads		Quarter	Quarter	Semi	Semi	Finals
9050C	G.A.T. Wrenches	Finals	Semi	Finals	n/a	Finals	Champion
9050D	Geek Squad	Semi	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
9050E	Galaxy	Semi	Finals	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Semi

Groton Area Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 14, 2019

LifeTouch Pictures - Groton Area Elementary School, Groton Area High School

4:00pm: Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Redfield-Doland @ Redfield Jr-Sr High School (7th Grade @ 4pm; 8th Grade @ 5pm)

6:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Milbank @ Milbank High School

6:30pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity Game (Rescheduled from 01-29-19) vs. Langford @ Langford High School

Friday, February 15, 2019

Debate at Watertown High School (National Qualifier)

5:15pm: Basketball: Boys C Game vs. Milbank @ GHS Arena followed by JV and Varsity Games)

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Debate at Watertown High School (National Qualifier)

Show Choir at Aberdeen Central High School (Groton performs at 2 p.m. in the library and again at 6 p.m. with the awards ceremony at 8:25 p.m.)

9:00am: Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Tournament vs. Britton-Hecla JH @ Britton-Hecla High School

(Cancelled due to lack of entries.) Basketball: Boys C Tournament @ Hamlin High School

10:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Regions at Redfield-Doland

Sunday, February 17, 2019

11:00am: Youth Wrestling Tournament at Groton Area High School

Monday, February 18, 2019

No School at Groton Area School District (President's Day)

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

4:00pm: Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Leola-Frederick @ Groton Area High School (7th Grade @ 4pm; 8th grade @ 5pm)

6:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Game (Rescheduled from 01-31-19) vs. Tiospa Zina @ Groton Area High School

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

NAEP Testing at Groton Area School District

Thursday, February 21, 2019

4:00pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Deuel @ Groton Area High School (JV Girls game at 4pm, JV Boys game at 5pm, Varsity Girls game at 6:30pm, Varsity Boys game at 8pm)

Friday, February 22, 2019

Wrestling: Boys Varsity State @ Rapid City (Combined State Tourney (Class A & B))

6:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Game (Rescheduled from 02-12-19) vs. Webster Area High School @ Groton Area High School

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Robotics at Harrisburg High School

Show Choir at Vermillion

Wrestling: Boys Varsity State @ Rapid City (Combined State Tourney (Class A & B))

Sunday, February 24, 2019

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

Noem Levels Scholarship Playing Field for Homeschool Students

PIERRE, S.D. – Governor Kristi Noem signed a bill to make homeschool students eligible, on an equal basis, for the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship.

"Empowering families means supporting each family's decisions for education," said Noem. "This legislation levels the playing field for all South Dakota students by removing an unnecessary scholarship barrier imposed on homeschool families. I am pleased to sign this bill into law today."

HB1040 lowers the required ACT score for homeschool students to 24, the same score required for public and private school students applying for the Opportunity Scholarship. Currently, homeschool students must score a 28 to qualify for the scholarship.

The Opportunity Scholarship provides up to \$6,500 over four years to qualifying students who attend colleges, universities, or tech schools in South Dakota.

Rip 'n Ravel

Rip N'Ravel CFEL met on Feb. 4 2019 at the home of Ella Johnson with 9 members present. Maria Sternhagen called the business meeting to order with secretary and treasurer report, Reflections were read. The club voted to make Zasta baskets for Social Services Child Protection. Darlene Finnesand and Rose Waage will take the lesson "Resistance Training and chair yoga for corn stability and strength ." Valentines were signed to be sent to veterans in appreciation for their service. Spring council and Recognition tea were discussed. Marie plans

to attend the area III CFEL meeting in Onida April 9. Marolyn Hoops gave an information on recent Cracker barrel Sessions along with a quiz on U.S. government. All enjoyed a tasty lunch service by Ella.

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