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**Pictured left to right are the government class students who put on the event as well as the four school board candidates: Alexis Simon, Clare Davidson, Kylie Kassube, (Tigh Flihs, TJ Harder, Deb Gengerke, Clint Fjelstad), Emerald Sturdevant, Alexa Hickenbotham, Cassandra Townsend, Trenton Diegel, Sam Geffre, Jennie Doeden.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The GHS Government Class, being taught by Scott Thorson, put on a school board cracker barrel Monday evening at the GHS Arena. Each of the four school board candidates had a chance to answer seven questions presented by the government class and the audience.

The event was carried live on GDILIVE.COM and GDI Subscribers can see the archived video at 397news.com, it is filed under 2018-19, then Other Events.

This is the second time that a cracker barrel for school board candidates was held. Thorson said that the first one was about five years ago. There are four candidates running for the three open positions. The incumbents are Deb Gengerke and Clint Fjelstad. Incumbent Merle Harder did not take out a petition. The other two candidates are TJ Harder and Tigh Flihs.

Thorson said that this was a good exercise for the government class. "They can understand that they can make a difference and to be involved in real government," he said.

Each of the candidates was given an opportunity to explain why they were running for school board. Then the first question was about if the district can afford to do any major renovations to the high school building. Fjelstad said that the question should be more, "Can we afford not too?" He said the Groton Area district needs to be a model for the area. "The high school structure is not good. It is not heated right and the classrooms are too small." Gengerke said the outside envelope is in good shape, but that's because a lot of work has gone into keeping it up. "What you don't see is the electrical and plumbing issues." Flihs said the board members should be given a tour of the school to see the issues and said

that his wife has worked in the building for several years so he has an insight to some of the issues. Harder said the district needs a new building, but the timing is not good right now. He said he also realizes that the longer it takes, the more it will cost.

As far as major problems facing the district, Fjelstad said the state funding is a big issue. "The state is taking money away from our special income and giving it to other districts." He also said that getting and keeping good teachers is a challenge. Drugs, alcohol and vaping are issues that the district has to deal with. "We have to show that our school cares for the students." Harder said that he is not aware of any major issues facing the district. Flihs said that the district is constantly facing funding issues and the district needs to try and entice new teachers to apply in Groton. Gengerke said that it is tough to make long term plans when the legislature dictates the state aid. "The district gets less than \$40,000 a year in state aid. Other problems she said were that more students are enrolling with behavior issues and that getting a good pool of teachers is good at the elementary school, but not at the middle/high school level.

The next question dealt with how to fix any of the problems in the school. Flihs said he would like to see the school become even more efficient and that he would be supportive of the teachers who have new ideas. "I would let the teachers know that I have their back," he said. Harder said he did not have enough information to form an opinion at this point. Fjelstad said that he, along with other people, need to contact the legislators and get our voices and concerns heard. "We need to

increase our school pride. It is awesome, but we can do better," he said. Gengerke said that school funding done at the state level is hurting the Groton district. "Our superintendent has lobbied in Pierre in front of the legislature this year. We have to compete with those districts getting more money," she said. She went to say that the nurses in South Dakota have campaigned on getting more students to take up nursing. "What better way to promote your industry than with the professionals in the field."

The next question had to do with curriculum of what should be added or taken away. Basically everyone was in agreement that Groton has a good offering of classes and would hate to see any of them go. Fjelstad did add that more in-depth technology classes would be good.

The question was asked if the district should advertise more on TV and billboards to increase the enrollment. Everyone said that spending money on TV and billboards was not necessary. Fjelstad said, "We should be promoting our school. Promote the greatness we have and the rest will take care of itself." Gengerke said that things like Robotics, MathCounts, sporting events and more will promote the school. "All of you are walking advertisements," she said. "Flihs said the use of social media would be a good tool to use. Harder added that it is best to advertise by being great.

The next question was on what is the hardest area to facilitate a change. Harder said

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## School Board

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funding. Fjelstad said, "Our thinking. It's hard to change people's mind," he said. "Sometimes it's not what's best for the upcoming generation. We can always listed and come up with mediation that can compromise." Gengerke said that funding is a moving target and it is tough to change. It's a different issue to talk about money and to talk about children." Flihs said that parent involvement is necessary. "Getting involved in PAC, making a positive involvement is what we need," he said. "Let the teachers teach and the coaches coach."

The final question was, "Why should people vote for you?" Flihs said, he has the ability to put himself in other people's shoes, to work hard and see that the student's needs are a priority." Harder said that he has lived here all his life. "I have a lot vested in the community and I want to give back," he said. Fjelstad said that he has the ability to see both sides of an issue and to rational it out in his head. "I'm very hard working and I'm dedicated to improvement and advancement." Gengerke said it was all about commitment. "If I'm in, I'm in all the way," she said. "I like finding out the facts and bringing different ideas to the table. I have the experience as a board member for the past three years and as a college educator for several years."

- Paul Kosel

## Community Events

**Sunday, April 7**

Pops Concert at Groton Area High School

2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

**Monday, April 8**

7 p.m.: School Board Meeting

**Tuesday, April 9**

Track meet in Groton is cancelled

**Wed. April 10**

6 p.m.: FCCLA Banquet

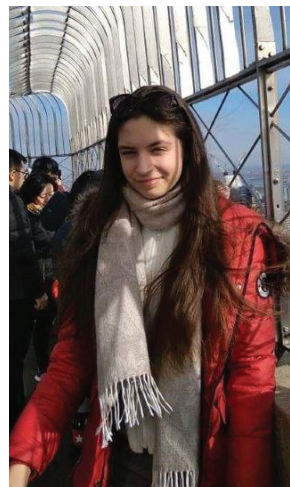
**Thurs., April 11**

4 p.m.: JH Track Meet at Sisseton

6 p.m.: NSU Indoor Track Meet

## Russian Foreign Exchange Student

Gordon and Dorene Nelson were weekend guests at the home of their son Corey and Brenda Nelson, Hope and Isaac. While in Rochester, the Nelsons helped Isaac celebrate his 13th birthday. They also met Alisa Zinchuk, an exchange student from Vyborg, Russia, who is staying with their son's family until June 1.



**Alisa Zinchuk's arrival in New York City.** (Courtesy photo)



**The Nelsons host Russian student L to R Brenda Nelson, Hope Nelson, Isaac Nelson with Chewie, Alisa Zinchuk, and Corey Nelson.** (Courtesy photo)

## Groton Senior Citizens

January 14: Groton Senior Citizens met January 14 and had a meeting. Fourteen members were present. President opened with the flag pledge. Officers were elected for 2019. president Ruby Donavon, vice president Ella Johnson, Secretary Elda Stange, treasure Eunice McColister meeting adjourned and cards were played.

January 21: Twelve members were present. Erichler hearing aid came and spoke and tested are hearing.

February 18: Twelve members were present. We celebrated January and February birthdays played Bridge, had cake and ice cream. Missed several meetings because of weather.

March 18: Twelve members were present. Played cards and had lunch.

March 25: Thirteen members attended. Had the pot luck dinner. Had the flag pledge after dinner played bingo. Sarge Likness won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes went to Don Darwin, Sarge Likness, and Beulah Hoops.

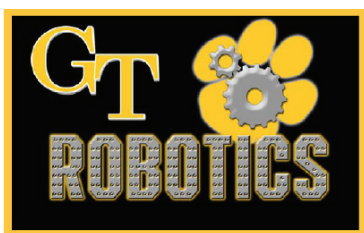
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Listings will be available on Groton, SD Lions Club Facebook Page and www.city.grotonsd.gov

## 2019 Groton Area Elementary Kindergarten Roundup (Screening) for children turning 5 on/or before Sept. 1, 2019

**Friday, April 12**

Parents of children who will be turning 5 on or before September 1, 2019, in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time or to confirm their screening time.

\*Students currently attending Junior Kindergarten will not be screened at this time.

Packets will be sent home this week with a scheduled time and additional paperwork that will need to be completed.

Kindergarten Roundup will take place at the Groton Area Elementary School. Please check in at the office.

# S.D. infants still dying at a high rate due to sleep issues

**By: Bart Pfankuch**

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South Dakota infants are dying in their sleep at a rate far higher than the national average and above neighboring states, but new efforts are underway to save babies from a cause of death that health experts say is mostly preventable.

From 2013 to 2017, more than 70 percent of infant deaths that occurred after hospital discharge in South Dakota were due to sleep-related causes, according to the state Department of Health.

The mortality rate for South Dakota infants from 2013 to 2015 due to a range of sleep-related causes was 157.3 deaths per 100,000 live births, 46th worst in the nation. Under a new, broader cause of death called Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, the South Dakota mortality rate is 43 percent higher than the national average of 89.2 and the highest among seven Great Plains states. SUID deaths all occur during sleep and include those from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, accidental suffocation and strangulation and causes that cannot be determined.

Infant mortality due to sleep-related causes remains problematic despite extensive public education and media campaigns to prevent it. The number of American infants dying during sleep dropped dramatically in the 1990s when parents were educated through the "Back to Sleep" health campaign to place babies on their backs at bedtime, opening their airways, reducing the chances of suffocation or choking and allowing a baby to cry and awaken a caregiver if in peril.

Since 1999, however, the SUID death rate has leveled off, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In response, national and state health officials – including in South Dakota — have recently energized efforts to reduce sleep-related infant deaths. Data collection and analysis have increased; education programs are expanding for parents; and programs provide government-funded cribs that are safer for infants. Updated health recommendations include not allowing babies to sleep with a parent, placing babies on firm sleep surfaces and removing loose clothing, blankets or toys that can block airways. A new method called co-sleeping, in which a baby sleeps separate from a parent but within earshot, is being promoted.

Meanwhile, a tribal health agency in South Dakota recently received a multi-million dollar, 5-year grant to reduce the high infant mortality rate among Native Americans, including promotion of safe sleeping practices.

"People need to be aware that the problem hasn't gone away," said Bonny Specker, an epidemiology professor and director of the E.A. Martin Nutrition Program at South Dakota State University.

"For a while, these deaths really decreased significantly, and then I think everyone said, 'OK, put them to sleep on their back and problem solved.' But it's obviously not solved because there's still infants dying."

## Sleep-related deaths a nagging concern

From 2013 to 2017 in South Dakota, 396 babies died within a year of being born, of which 95 died from sleep-related causes after being discharged from the hospital.

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**The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends safe steps - including removing soft objects and loose bedding from beds - to keep babies safe as they sleep.**

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In terms of hard numbers, the South Dakota Infant Death Review from 2013-2017 shows that 61,245 babies were born in South Dakota, of which 396 died. Of those, 151 died after leaving the hospital, a period known as post-neonatal and which generally excludes birth defects or premature birth weight.

More than 70 percent of the 151 deaths after hospital discharge, 95 in all, were classified as sleep-related with bed-sharing the most common cause. Records show that 44 of the sleep-related deaths occurred in an adult bed, 19 in a crib and 12 on a couch with 20 locations undetermined.

State data also shed light on other trends surrounding infant deaths.

The infant mortality rate for children of mothers who use tobacco is 11.35 per 1,000 births, more than double the rate for non-users. The disparity is even greater when it comes to post-neonatal deaths that occur after the baby has left the hospital.

Some data also suggest that income level plays a role in infant mortality rates in South Dakota. Babies born to mothers who receive benefits from the federal Women, Infants and Children nutrition supplement program have a 30 percent higher mortality rate than those born to mothers not on the program, with the greater disparity again coming after babies are released from the hospital.

State and national data also show that infant mortality rates are higher among non-whites. According to the CDC, the highest infant mortality rate nationally in 2016 was among non-Hispanic blacks at 11.4 deaths per 1,000 live births. American Indian/Alaska Natives were next at 9.4, followed by Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders at 7.4, Hispanics at 5.0, non-Hispanic whites at 4.9 and Asians at 3.6.

South Dakota data generally follow that trend line. The

## SLEEP-RELATED INFANT DEATHS REMAIN HIGH IN SD

This chart shows the rate of infant deaths per 100,000 live births at separate 3-year intervals over the past 25 years due to sleep-related causes including Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and accidental suffocation and strangulation. The rates across the country dropped dramatically from the early 1990s to the early 2000s due to an extensive safe sleeping public awareness campaign, but have not fallen as fast since then and have risen slightly in some states. The final category shows the change in the rate from 2002 to 2015, a period when public health campaigns tapered off. South Dakota's most recent mortality rate (157.3) is 43 percent higher than the national average (89.2) and remains the highest in the Great Plains region.

Location	1990-92	2000-02	2013-15	% chg 2002-15
U.S.	150.3	94.5	89.2	- 5.7
Iowa	168.6	97.8	81.2	-17.0
Minn.	151.0	72.3	63.7	-12.0
Mont.	254.3	151.6	136.4	-10.0
Neb.	178.3	102.9	86.7	-15.7
N.D.	152.1	130.1	114.2	-12.2
S.D.	248.8	164.9	157.3	-4.6
Wyo.	303.8	100.4	86.6	-13.8

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics

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American Indian infant mortality rate from 2013-17 (12.2) was about double that of white infants during that time frame (5.6).

## Public health efforts expanding

The focus on improving infant health in South Dakota sharpened in 2011 after a task force formed by former First Lady Linda Daugaard released a report citing three main problem areas: tobacco use by parents, particularly mothers; a lack of prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy, and continued unsafe sleep practices.

One immediate response was creation of the South Dakota Cribs for Kids program within the Department of Health that provides a safe portable crib, sleep wear and educational materials to low-income parents.

The program gave out about 1,400 safe-sleep cribs and kits last year, said Katelyn Strasser, maternal child health epidemiologist within the state health department.

Strasser said other state efforts focus both on education and improving behaviors prior to and after births, providing education and support for new parents both through home visits and at health department offices across the state. Health workers push healthy lifestyles that include avoiding smoking and drug and alcohol use before and after pregnancy.

She said the understanding of causes of sleep-related deaths is steadily improving and leading to new education initiatives and recommendations.

"What we're really finding throughout our data is that there are other safety factors beyond just putting infants being put on their backs," she said.

As a result of the Daugaard task force report, the state intensified collection and analysis of data surrounding parenting and also after an infant death occurs. The state, and now some

tribes, have implemented a Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, or PRAMS, that surveys parents about behaviors and practices. The state also created the South Dakota Infant Death Review, which compiles a wide range of data to help spot trends and identify ways to improve infant health.

Parenting, however, remains a personal process often driven by cultural norms or familial traditions, sometimes making it difficult to change behaviors and improve infant safety, Strasser said.

For instances, the data show that parents are still sleeping or nursing with their babies in their bed and allowing stuffed animals, toys, bumper pads or loose blankets in cribs despite the inherent risk.

"Those are behavior modifications that can take a little time to change," Strasser said. "In some cases, you're not only trying to change the behavior of the parents, but also other caregivers like grandparents."

## Native communities see higher death rates

While education and prevention programs seek to improve sleep safety for all infants in South Dakota, state and tribal officials are aware of unique challenges in the Native American community.

The main conclusion of the 2016 Infant Death Review prepared by the state health department states that, "South Dakota's infant mortality rate can be improved by preventing accidental deaths. Prevention activities should be directed to those at highest risk: American Indian infants and infants who sleep in unsafe settings."

While the overall infant mortality rate in the country is highest among African Americans, CDC data show that the rate of deaths due to sleep-related SUID causes is highest for American Indian/Alaska Natives among all racial and ethnic groups.

The national SUID rate for the American Indian population from 2013 to 2016 was 206 deaths per 100,000 live births, compared to 181 for black infants, 85 for whites, 52 for Hispanics and 34 for Asians.

A wide range of economic, social and environmental challenges facing Native communities in South Dakota all play a role in the high infant mortality rate, said Linda Littlefield, a social work and public health specialist with the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board who is program manager for the federal Northern Plains Healthy Start Program. Littlefield said the disparity between infant death rates among Native Americans compared to other populations is troubling to public health officials. She said research increasingly shows that the disparity in Native American health is due to "social determinants of health," which include widespread poverty and a lack of access to transportation, healthy food, affordable housing, education and familial and community support.

Littlefield and others also point to historical trauma – including the horrors of the boarding school era – and isolation suffered by Native peoples as weakening a culture that considers infants and children sacred and places a high value on self-protection within communities.

"We're seeing improvements in infant mortality, statewide and nationally, but the disparity is a bigger issue, a more troublesome issue," Littlefield said. "If you're living on a reservation in South Dakota, you are probably dealing with deficiencies in every single one of the social determinants of health."

Nurses and health officials within the tribal chairman's health board, which serves 18 tribes and Native groups in four Great Plains states, are aware that different approaches are needed to reach and teach Native men and women about

positive pre-natal habits and to prevent infant mortality, including through safe-sleep practices.

"We recognize that approaches that apply in white communities might not apply or work in Native communities," she said.

One example: Natives who have suffered historical trauma and displacement do not respond well to being told what to do or how to live, even regarding the dangers of sharing a bed with a baby, Littlefield said. A recent state report showed that only 22 percent of Native American infants are always placed in their own crib or bed compared to 42 percent of white infants.

"My program teaches every participant about the correct sleep behaviors because it's an important issue," she said. "But there can be resistance in the Native community, culturally, because Native women want to sleep with their babies and there is a want to be close to their babies."

Littlefield said she and her colleagues sometimes work with clients who are poor, have little access to transportation or may live with many family members in a confined area. She said her team takes a respectful, informative approach to providing education and intervention.

"It's a difficult challenge and we have to continue to work on that," she said.

Littlefield was notified this month that the tribal chairman's health agency has been awarded a 5-year federal Healthy Start grant that will provide about \$1.1 million a year to reduce infant mortality in its service area. The grant supports an evidence-based health model that will target both pre-natal and post-natal care. Services may include case management, health education, parental training, referrals to local services and home health visits for income-qualifying clients. The grant will also allow for provision of car seats, diapers and cribs designed to allow for safe sleeping by infants.

Littlefield said she is gratified to work in a field where education and intervention can help save lives.

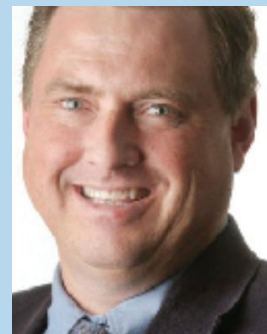
"Sleep deaths are some of the most preventable deaths," Littlefield said. "It's probably one of the most significant areas where our efforts can have an impact."

## TIPS TO IMPROVE INFANT SLEEP SAFETY

These are the Level 1, or most important, recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics for parents to create a safe sleep environment for infants up to one year old. The full list can be found online here.

- Place infant on his or her back for every sleep.
  - Use a firm sleep surface.
  - Breastfeeding is recommended.
  - Room-sharing with the infant on a separate sleep surface is recommended.
  - Keep soft objects and loose bedding away from the infant's sleep area.
  - Consider offering a pacifier at nap time and bedtime.
  - Avoid smoke exposure during pregnancy and after birth.
  - Avoid alcohol and illicit drug use during pregnancy and after birth.
  - Avoid overheating.
  - Pregnant women should seek and obtain regular prenatal care.
  - Infants should be immunized in accordance with AAP and CDC recommendations.
  - Do not use home cardiorespiratory monitors as a strategy to reduce the risk of SIDS.
  - Health care providers, staff in newborn nurseries and NICUs, and child care providers should endorse and model the SIDS risk-reduction recommendations from birth.
  - Media and manufacturers should follow safe sleep guidelines in their messaging and advertising.
  - Continue the "Safe to Sleep" campaign, focusing on ways to reduce the risk of all sleep-related infant deaths, including SIDS, suffocation, and other unintentional deaths.
  - Pediatricians and other primary care providers should actively participate in this campaign.
- Source: American Academy of Pediatrics

### ABOUT BART PFANKUCH



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## Brown County Weed & Pest

### Chemical Dealers

#### NOTICE TO CHEMICAL DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, Brown County Courthouse Annex at Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until 8:45 A.M. on April 9th, 2019, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing of chemical for the Brown County Weed and Pest Department for 2019.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at

time of bid opening.

Contract: 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 in accordance with the bid as accepted. Successful bidder shall furnish proper certificates of insurance as required by Brown County. Contract for the chemicals shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of eight months from April 1 to November 30, 2019.

Sealed envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota and be marked "Chemical Bid for Brown County Weed and Pest Board" and to be opened at 8:45 A.M. on April 9, 2019.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Specifications are on file and may be obtained at no charge at the office of the Brown County Auditor and the Brown County Weed and Pest Office.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor.

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## Frederick School Notice of Election

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

#### FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6-2

A School District Election will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in all the voting precincts in School District No. 6-2, Frederick, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central time on the day of the election.

School Board Member – Two Year Term

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Candidates:  
Heidi Marttila-Losure  
Rich Schlosser  
Richard Achen

The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows:  
Frederick Community Center – Precinct 22

Westport Town Hall – Precinct 14

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the school business manager at (605) 329-2355 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Janel Wagner  
Business Manager  
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## Groton School Notice of Election

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

#### GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

A School District Election will be held on April 9, 2019, in all the voting precincts in Groton Area School District No. 06-6. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central standard time on the day of the election.

At the election, the following offices will be voted upon:

Three, 3-year terms for school board member between:

Travis J. Harder  
Clint Fjelstad  
Tigh Fliehs  
Deborah Gengerke

The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows:  
Andover Area Precinct #1, (which includes Andover Town, Andover Township and Farmington Township) – Andover Senior Center.

Bristol Area Precinct #2, (which includes Bristol Town, Butler Town, Lily Town, Bristol Township, Butler Township, Kinder Township, Lynn Township, Oak Gulch Township, Scotland Township, Troy Township, Union Township, Valley Township and York Township as well as Clark County residents in Warren Township) – Bristol Community Center.

Columbia Area Precinct #3, (which includes the City of Columbia, Brainard Township #7, Shelby Township #8, Cambria Township #15, and Garland Township #46,) – Columbia Community Center

Groton Area Precinct #4, (which includes the City of Groton, Wards 1, 2, & 3, and Claremont Township #10, Riverside Township #16, Groton Township #17, Henry Township #18, Bath Township #19, Gem Township #24, East Hanson Township #25, Garden Prairie Township #26 East Rondell Township #27, Bates Township #44, Putney Township #48, and West Hanson Township #49 as well as Spink County residents in Beotia Township, Conde Township and Olean Township) – Groton Community Center.

Voters with disabilities may contact the business official for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Michael J. Weber, Business Official

Groton Area School District

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## Brown County March 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

### MARCH 26, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Kippley, Sutton, and Wiese. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the Brown County Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$201.70.

Professional Fees: Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$1,399.05; Kristi Brandt \$14.80; Cogley Law Office \$7,609.06; Ryan Dell \$5,555.56; Dohrer Law Office \$5,555.56; Faulk Co. Sheriff \$13,005.00; Haar Law Office \$8,506.92; Kuck Law Office \$7,180.36; Lewis & Clark BHS \$660.00; LSS \$517.32; Jerald McNeary \$7,265.30; Richardson, Wylly, Wise & Sauck \$3,299.44; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$6,814.31; Stoddard Law Office \$5,555.56; Taliaferro Law Firm \$5,555.56; US Bank \$9.42; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$50.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$434.40.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$654.63; Groton Independent \$91.39. Rentals: Pantorium Cleaner \$22.20. Repairs & Maintenance: 446-Praxair \$12.50; Aberdeen Clean-All \$155.00; Ace Refrigeration \$173.40; Ecolab Food Safety Specialties \$33.79; J & K Painting \$759.32; Lien Transportation \$720.00; MES \$122.59; Midwest Erosion Control & Seed \$1,973.00; Running's \$15.96; US Bank \$1,042.03; Woodman Refrigeration \$155.61. Supplies: 446-Praxair \$194.72; Aberdeen Fire & Rescue \$700.50; AgTegra \$7,521.50; Century Business Products \$5,967.97; DSG \$215.94; Faulkton Drug \$170.80; Don Ganje, Jr. \$225.00; GovConnection \$119.08; Heartland Paper \$166.48; Intoximeters \$2,500.00; Kessler's \$20.36; Knight Towing \$325.00; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$39.74; Marco \$12.00; Menards \$286.03; Midstates Printing \$147.20; Pantorium Cleaners \$21.00; Pitney Bowes \$126.00; Premier Biotech \$1,030.77; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$99.96; SD Dept. of Revenue \$440.00; US Bank \$11,609.21; Jeffrey Vilhauer \$408.16. Travel & Conference: Nick Juenger \$90.00; US Bank \$1,754.50. Utilities: CenturyLink \$2,288.86; Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; DT Pharmacy \$1,697.41; Montana-Dakota \$34.98; NWPSS \$33.90; US Bank \$592.58; Verizon \$3,177.28.

Other: Pizza Ranch \$46.47.

Machinery & Equip.: Beck Motors \$35,990.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve hiring Richard Burns as full-time seasonal Fairgrounds employee effective April 1, 2019, at a rate of \$11.92 per hour.

Acknowledge unacceptance of employment by Talese Aucoin as full-time dispatcher as approved on March 12, 2019. Authorize request to fill vacancy.

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during January 2019: Dirk Rogers – 646 @ \$352.07, Mike Scott – 180 @ \$98.10, Gary Vetter – 125 @ \$68.13 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOAD LIMITS: Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #08-19

WHEREAS: Enforce Annual Seasonal Load Restrictions on overweight limits, over width load limits, and speed limits on Brown County Roads. All Brown County oil Roads are posted at 6-ton per axle and truck speed of 40 MPH, with the exception of Brown County Road #10, from Brown County Road #13 (Prairiewood Road) north 2.00 miles is posted at 12-ton gross load limit with truck speed at 40 MPH year round. WHEREAS: The Brown County Board of Commissioners request that the South Dakota Highway Patrol assist and enforce load restrictions on the posted gross limit per axle and truck speed at 40 MPH as posted by the Brown County Board of Commissioners during the February/March/April spring thaw and breakup period that the roads are posted. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Brown County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent to work with the South Dakota Highway Patrol to reduce

weight maximums due to the thawing and excessive moisture and until the roads are free of frost and become stable. SDCL 32-22-25

Seconded by Commissioner Feickert. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following February 2019 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

STRIPING AGREEMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign agreement with the SD DOT for the striping of approximately 58.0 miles of county roads within Brown County at an estimated cost of \$62,535.6 (County share @ \$48,512.34, State share @ \$14,023.26). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERMIT TO LAND AIRCRAFT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to deny permit to land aircraft. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreements: Aberdeen Humane Society for lease of the Clubhouse April 27, 2019; Child Evangelism Fellowship for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp July 14th- July 26th, 2019; Nicole Sparling for lease of the Clubhouse June 15th- 16th, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT: Moved Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contracts for 2019 Fair: Linda Huettle (judge 4H) payment declined; Diane Steinheiser (judge 4H) @ \$40; Pat Dennert (judge 4H) payment declined; Renne Marzahan (judge 4H) @ \$300; Robert Kramer (judge 4H) @ 150; Marsha Braun (judge 4H) @ \$40, Karen Mikkelsen (judge 4H) @ \$40; Sherry Perrion (judge 4H) @ \$40; Angie's Clean All (sanitation services) @ \$6,200; Fire Safety First (fire protection) @ \$325; SDNA District 4 (First Aid Station) @ \$1,000; Celtic Faire & Games (gate control) @ \$1,000; Romeo Entertainment Group @ \$22,000; Nick Bailey (entertainment) @ \$7,000; Jared Sherlock (entertainment) @ \$5,000; Red Rising Sun (Entertainment) @ \$20,000; Romeo Entertainment @ \$50,000. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS: Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #09-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Kirchgesler Second Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Section 13, Township 124 North, Range 65 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof.

Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #10-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Bellikka First Richmond Lake Subdivision in the NE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 23-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof.

Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #11-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Track 1 of Breedlove's Conservation Easement Tract in the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 126 North, Range 62 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Brown County, South Dakota", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

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Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #12-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Tract 1 of Weismantel's Conservation Easement Tract in the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 126 North, Range 62 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Brown County, South Dakota", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

BRIDGE RE-INSPECTION: Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #13-19 BRIDGE RE-INSPECTION FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, Title 23, Section 151, United States Code and Title 23, Part 650, Subpart C, Code of Federal Regulations, requires initial inspection of all bridges and re-inspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are re-inspected at intervals not to exceed four years. THEREFORE, Brown County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program using Bridge Replacement funds. Brown County requests SD-DOT to hire Clark Engineering Corporation for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the county for 20% of the cost. Brown County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds. Dated this 26th day of March 2019, at Aberdeen, SD. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

HECLA TAX DEED PROPERTY: Discussion only. No action taken.

ORD 134- SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #134, an Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.17 Conservation District (CN) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3): W ½ SE ¼ of Sec 20-T128N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (37574 104th Street). Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

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DRAINAGE ORDINANCE: Discussion only. No action taken.

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**Brown County Ord. 134**

**Campbell Rezoning ORDINANCE #134**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Scott Campbell is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.17 Conservation District (CN) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3), said property described as follows:

W 1/2 SE 1/4 of Sec 20-T128N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (37574 104th Street)

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

Notice of Hearing: March 6 & 13, 2019

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Doug Fjeldheim, Chair

Brown County Commission

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County Ord. 135**

**Remitz Rezoning ORDINANCE #135**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Richard Remitz is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG), said property described as follows:

Anderson Outlot A in the SE 1/4 of Sec 14-T128N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (10255 393rd Ave)

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

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**Groton School March 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING March 25, 2019

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjeldstad, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve the agenda with one addition under New Business Item 6a – consider request from St. John's Lutheran

for use of school bus. Motion carried.

There were no potential conflicts of interest reported.

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

The board heard presentations from Food Service Director Brandon Clocksene, Transportation Supervisor Loren Bahr, Head Custodian Mike Nehls and School Nurse Beth Gustafson.

No committee reports were given.

The board discussed possible amendments to the 2018-19 school calendar related to make-up snow days. Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to hold the last day of school for students on Wednesday, May 22nd, with teacher in-service days scheduled for May 23rd and 24th. Motion carried.

The following issues were discussed in Administrative Reports: ASBSD Protective Trust meeting, Athletic Director's Conference, School District App/Website, smarter balanced testing, FCCLA banquet, Middle School Talent Show, driver's education enrollment, Dual Credit/E-learning registration, FFA CDE, school board candidate cracker barrel, Other Revenue collections, Workmen's Comp Audit and requisitions for 2019-20.

The board considered a proposal from Obermiller Nelson Engineering for replacement of the 1934 boiler. Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to accept the proposal. Motion carried 6-1 with Fjeldstad voting no.

The boards considered a proposal from JLG Architects for Elementary School tuck pointing services. Moved by Harder, second Fjeldstad to approve the proposal. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to adopt resolution authorizing membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried.

The board discussed policy IDGK Participation of Alternative Instruction Students. No action was taken.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to hire Lynn Miller as route bus driver retroactive to March 18, 2019. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of public school exemption #19-16.

Moved by Fjeldstad, second Gengerke to approve request from St. John's Lutheran Church to use a school bus for travel to the Watertown Zoo with the understanding that the church will be billed \$283.20 for round trip mileage from the activity trip expense chart. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Fjeldstad to go into executive session at 8:45 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:10 pm. 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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**Columbia City April 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

City of Columbia Council Meeting – April 2, 2019 7:00 pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Tyler Kampa, Corey Mitchell, Cole

Kampa, Ellen Har, Trevor Meints

Community – Jeremy Dosch

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

Warrant Vouchers: Productivity Plus – 1445.21; JVT – 118.03; Northwestern Energy – 760.26; Menards – 81.44; Menards – 103.39; Runnings – 124.89; Jeremy Dosch – 419.98; Kelsie Ehresmann – 209.99; Cara Dennert – 823.50, GDI – 26.74; Unemployment Insurance Div. of SD – 0.98; SD Governmental Finance Officers' Association – 75.00; US Treasury – 2513.28; City Hours: Corey Mitchell – 302.44; Trevor Meints – 321.99; Tyler Kampa – 321.99; Cole Kampa – 77.00; 1st Quarter Pay: Ellen Harr – 230.58; Trevor Meints – 131.76; Tyler Kampa – 197.64; Cole Kampa – 230.58; Corey Mitchell – 278.46

There was some discussion

to the Productivity Plus bill and whether or not something should still be under warranty. Tyler will check on that. We will hold the bill. Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented, minus the Productivity Plus bill. Tyler Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORESPONDENCE – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nuisances – Trevor discussed the guidelines given to us by our lawyer. They will be following through on his instructions.

Streets – Cole talked to B&B Construction about grading the roads. We are on the list, but we will wait a bit for things to firm up and for some holes that need to be filled with gravel get taken care of. We need to get in a culvert on the road going down to the dump. The council discussed the rates for the city using board members machines (bobcats/ranger) during snow removal & culvert work. After discussion the board set the

rates: \$40/hr for bobcats & \$20/hr for rangers.

Parks - There was talk of possible flooding issues – we may possibly pull out the refrigerator/freezers concession stand and store them off site. As a precaution, we might also put a sump in the tank outback to control level. There was also discussion about removing the dead deer from the park. We are going to hire someone to finish the septic project that was started last year.

Lagoon/sewer – Ellen checked the lagoon – lots of snow and ice – can't even get down to the gate area to check level, hopefully it won't need to be pumped.

Rubble Site – We need to burn the site – now would be a good time because of the snow/water. In the future, we are looking at changing the angle of the entrance gates.

NEW BUSINESS – Tyler brought up that we should be checking into snow/roof coverage for our buildings (for

hopefully next winter). He will talk to an insurance agent about that issue. He thought that we should also send Larsons a thank you and a gift certificate to the Lodge for getting us out of a few sticky situations this past winter.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bank balances were presented. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept as presented. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Cara will be meeting with Roger Schnabel concerning the annual report tomorrow.

March 31, 2019 balances: SF –\$146,653.35; GF - \$136,866.22

FIT - \$13,748.56

Cash on Hand – \$95.00

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

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 7, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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**SAMPLE BALLOT**  
**GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIST. #06-6**  
**Groton, South Dakota**  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:**

**I. TO MARK THE BALLOT**

To vote use a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square in front of the name.

DO NOT make any marks other than a cross (X) or check mark (✓).

DO NOT erase anything on your ballot.

DO NOT rip your ballot or make holes in it.

DO NOT write in a name.

**II. IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE**

If you make a mistake on your ballot or change your mind, give it back and get a new one.

**III. TO RETURN THE BALLOT(S) AFTER VOTING**

Fold each ballot so the ballot stamp shows and take it to the ballot box.

**School Board Member, 3-year term,**  
**you may vote for up to 3 or leave it blank.**

Travis J. Harder

Clint Fjeldstad

Tigh Flieds

Deborah Gengerke

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**OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION BALLOT**  
**FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6-2, SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**APRIL 9, 2019**

To vote use a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the square in front of the name. DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race.

For School Board Member two year term, you may vote for up to two or leave it blank

Heidi Marttila-Losure

Rich Schlosser

Richard Achen

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## February Students of the Month

The student council is sponsoring Student of the Month. Each month the faculty select students who show outstanding academic achievement. These students receive certificates and have an end of the year recognition with the principal.

The February Students of the Month are: 6th – Jeslyn Kosel, 7th – Anna Fjeldheim, 8th – Jackson Dinger, 9th – Pierce Kettering, 10th – Alexa Herr, 11th – Nicole Marzahn 12th – Cassandra Townsend



**Jeslyn Kosel**, sixth grade, is the daughter of Paul and Tina Kosel, Groton. Her sister is Julianna and they have a dog named Jake.

Jeslyn is involved in basketball, volleyball, Carnival of Silver Skates and Destination Imagination. She has been named to the honor roll and student of the month. She likes to help others and her favorite subject is Social Studies. Her future is to help other people out who need it. Brent Rivera is her role model.

**Anna Fjeldheim**, seventh grade, is the daughter of Ryan and Sue Fjeldheim, Groton. Her siblings are Abby, Drew and Max the dog.

Anna is involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, ice skating and baby-sitting. She has been named to the honor roll and student of the month. Her interests are sports, baby-sitting, baking and going to the lake. English is her favorite subject and she plans to be a photographer or upper elementary teacher. Her role model is her mom.



**Jackson Dinger**, eighth grade, is the son of Weston Dinger and Elizabeth Bahr with step-parents Emily Fischer and Brian Bahr. Siblings are Arianna, Gretchen, Nolan, Roman, Raven and Hunter.

Jackson is involved in Destination Imagination, Robotics and reading. His accomplishments include his team getting first place at multiple MathCounts events and his Robotics team earned the Judges Award. His interests are chemistry and civics and his favorite subject is English. He plans to be a chemical engineer. His role model is his dad, Weston.

**Pierce Kettering**, freshman, is the son of Kara Pharis and Scott Kettering. His activities include football, basketball, baseball and FFA. He has been named to the honor roll and his interests are hunting, football, basketball, baseball and snowmobiling. Study hall is his favorite time at school and his future plans are unknown at this time. His parents are his role model.

**Alexa Herr**, sophomore, is the daughter of LaRon and Jolene Herr, Bristol. Siblings are Sheldon and Ericka.

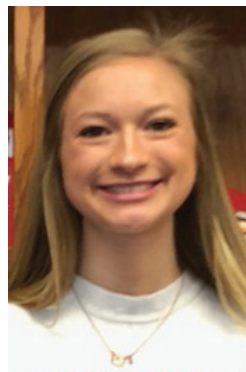
Her activities include cheer, FCCLA, volleyball and 4-H. She has won awards for piano and 4-H and being on the honor roll. Her interests are reading, nursing, baking, cooking and watching Netflix. History is her favorite subject and she plans to attend SDSU for nursing. Her mom, Jolene, is her role model.

**Nicole Marzahn**, junior, is the daughter of Wade and Renee Marzahn, Groton. Her siblings are Breanna, Landon and Andrew.

Her activities include volleyball, track, FCCLA, show choir tech crew, band, Friendly Fellows & Daisies 4-H Club, Matchbox Volleyball and Carnival of Silver Skates. She lettered in volleyball, has been on the National Honor Society, skated a solo for the Carnival of Silver Skates and received top record book award for 4-H. Her interests are volleyball, track, ice skating, watching Netflix, knitting and hanging out with friends. Biology II is her favorite subject and she is undecided for a college but plans to major in nursing. Chelsea Hanson is her role model.

**Cassandra Townsend**, senior, is the daughter of Dean and Kellie Townsend, Andover. Her brother is Travis Townsend.

Cassandra is involved in FFA, FCCLA, track, 4-H, National Reining Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association. Her accomplishments include being on the honor roll, named student of the month and 2019 Senior Snow Queen. She likes working with animals and drawing. Biology is her favorite subject and she plans to attend SDSU to major in human biology and pre-med with plans to become a doctor. Her dad, Dean, is her role model.



**Toby Rath**

## Rath gets Distinguished Service Award

Rapid Central High School band teacher Toby Rath has received the South Dakota High School Activities Association's Distinguished Service Award. He was presented with the award this past weekend at the All-State Band Concert. This award recognizes outstanding service to the youth of the state through various high school activities programs.

Toby is retiring this year after 39 years in education, the last 15 of which were at Central High School. The previous 24 years were at Groton Area. Rath said, "I taught at Groton 24 great years from 1980-2004."

Toby and his wife, Lois, live at Whitewood, S.D. Toby said that he plans to continue to sell real estate as he kept his license going over the years, first starting in Groton with Coldwell Bankers. He is now with Unlimited Realty in Sturgis. Lois has also retired from teaching.



## Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the Groton Rehab Center with Eunice McColister and Pam Rix hosting. Vice president, Marg Overacker opened the meeting leading the pledge. Nine members answered roll call. National Garden club will be held June 2-8. The state meeting will be held June 8 in Sioux Falls. Next meeting will be at Groton Rehab Center at 5:30 p.m. on April 15 with Pat Larson and Eunice McColister hosting and Linda Gengerke giving the program. Following the meeting Linda Gengerke gave the program on "New and Improved varieties of Old Favorite." She showed pictures of old toy trucks filled with succulents.

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## Third Annual Middle School Talent Show

The Third Annual Groton Area Middle School Talent Show as held Friday evening in the GHS Gym. The junior high band started off with, "The Greatest Show," which was their theme for the night. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Ellie Weismantel had a piano solo entitled, "Nocturne." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The sixth grade boys band performed, "High Adventure." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Carter Barse and Ava Kramer were the masters of ceremony for the event. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The sixth grade band performed to, "Counting Stars." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Candance Tullis, accompanied by Ellie Weismantel, sang, "You Are the Reason." (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Anna Bisbee had a vocal solo as she sang, "Shut Up and Fish." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Emily Clark had a piano solo entitled, "Spinning Song." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Ethan Clark had a solo entitled, "Megalovania." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kaden Kampa had a solo in the sixth grade band performance. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Carter Barse had a vocal solo entitled, "Birds." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The junior high girls show choir had the finale with their performance of, "I Will Survive/Survivor." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kamryn Fliehs had a vocal/instrument solo entitled, "Mad World." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The sixth grade girls band performed to, "Edelweiss." (Photo by Paul Kosel)

# THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

By Trudy Lieberman,  
Rural Health News Service

## Drug company payments to doctors may influence prescription choices

Recently Peggy, an Indiana woman and reader of this column, sent me a lengthy email about her 94-year-old mother who is rapidly spending down her minimal savings to pay for prescription drugs.

Peggy didn't hold out much hope that prices would come down before it was too late for her mom. But she succeeded in lowering her mom's drug costs and what she learned along the way can be helpful to others strapped by high pharmaceutical bills.

Her mother is typical of many women in old age who have only a tiny financial cushion to absorb the continual price hikes imposed by the drug makers. She was raised during the Depression, didn't work much outside the home, lived in a condo her son bought, and then moved to an assisted living facility almost two years ago.

The facility's \$3,100 monthly fee plus drug copays bit into her savings, which totaled about \$30,000 when she moved to assisted living. Government benefits earned by Peggy's father who served in the Korean War, a very small pension from a former employer, and Social Security benefits cover all but about \$600 of the assisted living fee. The rest comes from her savings, which now are about half of what they were in 2017.

While most of her mother's drug copays and other out-of-pocket pharmaceutical expenses have been manageable, Peggy explained it was the \$313 copay for a three-month supply of a well-known, heavily advertised blood thinner a cardiologist had ordered that was the biggest culprit causing her mother's savings to shrink.

That was the price her mom was paying when she hit Medicare's infamous donut hole last year.

Peggy said every time her mom visited the physician, the doctor told her she was lucky to take the expensive blood thinner instead of the other "stuff" which he called "rat poison" implying a cheaper drug was inferior, even dangerous. Peggy said at every visit he told her that she was fortunate to be taking something better.

Then a family member discovered [openpaymentsdata.cms.gov](http://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov), a database maintained by the Medicare program that reveals the amounts of money pharmaceutical companies pay to doctors in speaking and consulting fees, in research fees and for food and drink expenses. Her mom's cardiologist had received nearly \$80,000.

Peggy had a bad feeling about the doctor and switched her mom to another physician who kept her on the high-priced drug for a couple months. Then she was diagnosed with anemia, taken off blood thinners and prescribed low-dose aspirin.

In the meantime, Peggy's husband had a heart attack and developed a blood clot. His doctor prescribed a low-cost blood thinner that's been on the market for years. She said he's doing just fine on the "rat poison" disparaged by her mother's first doctor. His cost: a \$6 copay every 30 days.

For a long time impartial medical experts have thought that the choice of drugs and devices may be related to payments doctors receive from drug and device companies.

Since 2014 the Physician Payments Sunshine Act requires drug and device makers to report

to the government the payments they make to doctors. The Medicare database is a treasure trove of some 11 million payments to physicians.

The online publication ProPublica found that drug and device makers gave more than one billion to doctors and hospitals from August 2013 to the end of 2016. Some of them have received payments totaling millions of dollars.

However, the drug and device database may be one of health care's best-kept secrets.

A study published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) found that only about 3 percent of respondents said they knew if their own doctor had received payments from the medical industry. Unlike Peggy's family they had no idea that Medicare's Open Payments

database existed.

Most Americans don't readily switch doctors sometimes - even in the face of overwhelming evidence that the doctors performed badly. The Lown Institute, a Boston medical think tank, reporting on the BMJ study, concluded, "maybe we should be more open to switching doctors based on their relationship with industry."

Peggy had some advice of her own: "Do the research. Did the doctor receive money to push the drug? Ask questions? How much does the drug cost? Is it really a better alternative?"

Do you have an experience about health insurance you'd like to share or a question you'd like to ask? Write to Trudy at [trudy.lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:trudy.lieberman@gmail.com).

## Groton Airport Wins Award

Groton Airport was selected for the Best Maintained Basic Service General Aviation Airport in South Dakota for 2018. The award ceremony was held on March 27 during the South Dakota Airports Conference. The conference was held in Watertown and was attended by about 130 people. The award was presented by Tom Koch of the SD Department of the Transportation, Office of Air, Rail & Transit. The award recognizes the "team" effort in maintaining the airport including Finance Officer Hope Block, county officials, Airport Manager Terry Herron, and airport workers.

Tom Koch and Colton Stahl inspected all public airports in South Dakota in 2018 and evaluated them based on the criteria below. This award is the first time that Groton Airport has won the award.

The Best Maintained Small General Aviation Airport Award was present to Harding County Airport, Buffalo. The Best Maintained Medium General Aviation Airport Award was presented to Hot Springs Airport. The Best Maintained Large General Aviation Airport Award was presented to Chan Gurney Airport, Yankton.

Starting in 2004, the SD DOT Local Transportation Program - Air, Rail & Transit established an award program to recognize the "Best Maintained Airports" in the state. From 2004 through 2010 two categories of airports were recognized: Small GA and Large GA, with the air carrier airports excluded.

Starting in 2011, three categories of airports were eligible for the "Best Maintained Airport" awards based on the new categorization of airports in the SD State Aviation System Plan 2010-2030.

Starting in 2018, four categories of airports were eligible for the "Best Maintained Airport" awards.

The new categories and list of airports were as follows:

**Basic Service Airports:** Arlington, Clear Lake, Corsica, Custer State Park, Groton, Herreid, Howard, Isabel, Kadoka, Kimball, Lake Andes, Lake Preston, Presho, Timber Lake, White River. [Footnote: Harrold became private in 2010; Dupree closed in 2011; North Sioux City became private in 2011; McIntosh closed in 2013; Bowdle became private in 2015]

**Small General Aviation Airports:** Bison, Buffalo (Harding County), Canton, Clark, DeSmet, Eagle Butte, Edgemont, Eureka, Faith, Faulkton, Flandreau, Highmore, Hoven, Martin, McLaughlin, Murdo, Onida, Parkston, Pine Ridge, Platte, Rosebud, Sisseton, Springfield, Wall, Webster, Wessington Springs.

**Medium General Aviation Airports:** Belle Fourche, Britton, Chamberlain, Custer, Gettysburg, Gregory, Hot Springs, Lemmon, Milbank, Miller, Mobridge, Philip, Redfield, Sturgis, Vermillion, Wagner, Winner.

**Large General Aviation Airports:** Brookings, Madison, Mitchell, Spearfish, Tea (Lincoln County), Yankton.

**Air Carrier airports** -- excluded from consideration: Aberdeen, Huron, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown.

**The criteria for the annual SD Airport Awards are:**

Airport must have all lights working including PAPIs (precision approach path indicator) and beacon (if applicable). There can be no burnt out bulbs, damaged bases, missing lights, etc.

Airport needs to be mowed in all areas that are required to be mowed.

All fences need to be maintained well and all gates closed and locked.

The entrance road must be in good shape with no potholes or bumps.

Airports need to keep their pavements in workable condition -- meaning proper maintenance needs to be done like crack sealing, crack repair, and FOD (foreign object debris) removed.

There can be no obstructions that are in the approach slope areas. Obstructions are usually trees, but can be anything that penetrates the different approach slopes.

Pavement marking should be to FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) standards and in good shape.

All signs leading to the airport and on the airport (airside signs) should be readable, straight, not faded, and in proper place.

The airport should look neat, free from debris, and be kept up in a tidy fashion. In general it should look nice and be pleasing to the eye.

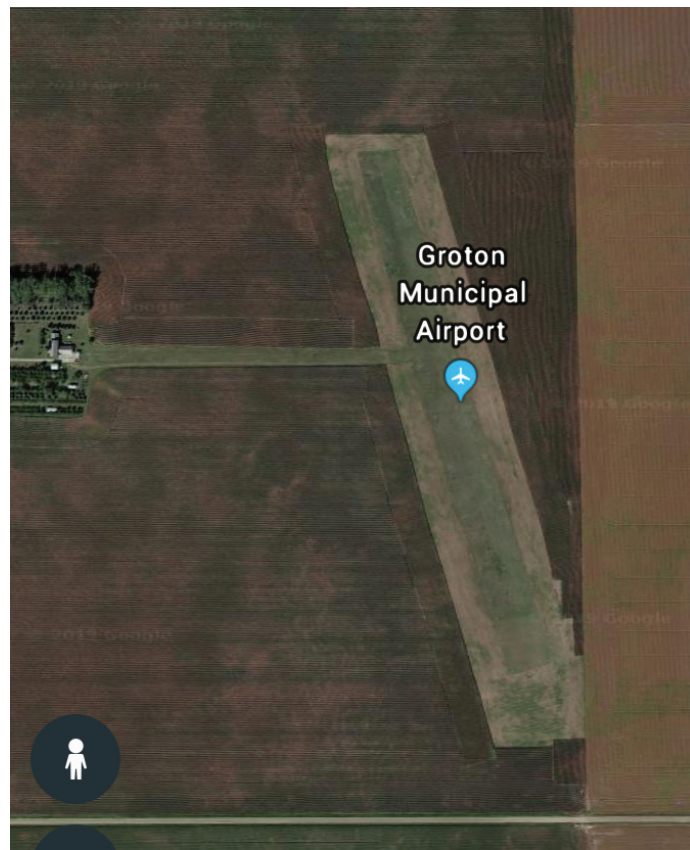


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## Awesomesauce Dumplings Placed Third at State DI

The Awesomesauce Dumplings placed third at the State Destination Imagination Tournament held Saturday in Pierre. Pictured left to right are Team Manager Tina Kosel, Axel Warrington, Corbin Weismantel, Rebecca Poor, Jeslyn Kosel, Team Manager Joni Groeblichhoff; in front, left to right, are Natalia Warrington, Nicolas Groeblichhoff and Jacob Tewksbury.

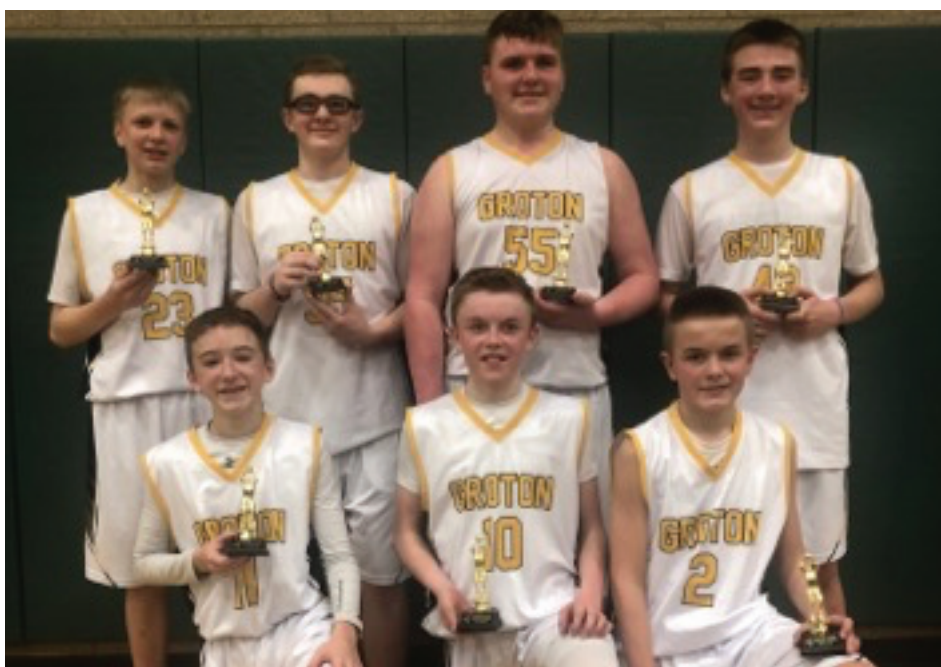
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



## Organized Chaos placed third at State DI

Organized Chaos placed third at the State Destination Imagination Tournament held Saturday in Pierre. Pictured in back are Sage Mortenson, Jackson Dinger, Carter Barse and Team Manager Lindsey Monson; in the middle are Rylee Rosenau and Alyssa Fordham; and in front are Team Manager Tina Fordham and Hailey Monson.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



## Seventh Graders take first at Aberdeen Y Tournament

Back row: Jacob Zak, Holden Sippel, Logan Ringgenberg, and Colby Dunker.

Front row: Braxton Imrie, Lane Tietz, and Dillon Abeln.

(Photo by Dawn Imrie)

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# Expect garbage rates to increase

Kent Mauck from Heartland Waste Management, Inc., Mobridge, was on hand for the bid opening of the three-year garbage bids. They submitted the only bid which was \$12.95, up from \$10.45 last time. The city charges its customers \$11 and Finance Officer Hope Block said the garbage rates will have to be adjusted accordingly. Mauch said that the garbage rates in this area are very reasonable. He said in other parts of the state, the fee is \$19 or more a month.

The question was asked about recycling which brought a number of interesting comments. Mauck said they serve 35 communities and only a couple do recycling. He said to be honest, much of the recycling goes to the landfill because there is no market for it. Councilman Karyn Babcock added that the United States is selling its plastic recycling to China and China is simply dumping the plastics into the ocean.

There was discussion on the flooding around Groton. There is a lot of ice buildup in the rushes south of town and until a path is carved through, it is backing up into the golf course. The water is receding in some areas, but there is a lot still of water to come from the north. Councilman Jay Peterson said that there are issues at the Pierpont Lake spillway where the water is undermining the the spillway. That could affect the water around Groton.

Clean-up week has been set for April 29 through May 3.

The water tower is back to two booster pumps as the second one was repaired on Tuesday.

The city received a notice that a loan recommendation of \$1,798,000 at 2.75 percent interest for 30 years. The loan would be for the new water tower. The total cost of the project, which includes some water main extensions, is \$2,078,000.

Waster Water Superintendent Dwight Zerr said that the city waste water is operating at full capacity. He said it's important that sump pumps are discharged outside.

Dan Sunne reported on the electrical department. He reported on a couple of areas where water has been an issue.

The second meeting in April was moved to Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m. due to the elementary concert on April 16.

Groton will be hosting the District 6 South Dakota Municipal League meeting in 2020. About 100 people attend the event.

The council hired Lucas Simon, Kannon Coats and Wyatt Locke as baseball grounds keepers and Brad Penning as U12 softball coach.

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**Service Notice: Otto "Pete" Schinkel**  
Services for Otto "Pete" Schinkel, 81. of Ferney will be 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 8th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial will follow at a later date in St. Paul's Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Pete passed away April 2, 2019 at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center.

## Service Notice: Ronald Bawek

Mass of Christian Burial for Ronald "Ron" Bawek, 71, of Conde will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 5th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Turton. Father Mike Kelly will officiate. Burial will take place in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Conde at a later date under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. with a wake service at 7:00. A rosary will be said at 6:45 p.m.

Ron passed away Monday, April 1, 2019 at his home.

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