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In back, left to right, are Coach Aaron Severson, Ryan Groeblichhoff, Cade Larson, Jordan Bjerke, Colby Dunker, Bradin Altoff, Tate Larson, Andrew Marzahn, Coach Spencer Locke; in front, left to right, are Kaleb Antonson, Jacob Lewandowski, Lane Tietz, Caleb Hanten, Cole Simon, Caleb Hoover. (Photo by Joni Groeblichhoff)

Groton Jr. Teeners are off to state!

The Groton Junior Teener baseball team won two games on Thursday to advance to the State Junior Teener Tournament set for July 19-21 in Elkton. In region play in Faulkton, Groton defeated Selby, 30-0, then lost to Redfield, 7-4. The top two teams advance to the state tournament and Redfield remained undefeated, leaving the rest of the field battling it out for the rite to advance. On Wednesday, Groton defeated Onida, 7-3. Groton had to win two games on Thursday. In the first game, Groton jumped out to a 10-2 lead over Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, but Mt. Vernon/Plankinton battled back to tie the game at 10. Groton went on to win, 11-10. Then in the night cap, Groton took on the host team, Faulkton Hitmen. Groton exploded for a 13-2 lead after scoring 11 runs in the bottom of the second inning. Faulkton scored nine runs in the top of the fourth to make it 15-11. Groton led, 17-11, and in the bottom of the fifth inning, Jordan Bjerke drove in two runs to end the game and Groton got a 22-11 win. (Thanks to Joni Groeblichhoff of the updates of the games and for providing the photo after the game).

Budget is reviewed, some prices adjusted

The budget was the big ticket item at the Groton Area School Board meeting held Monday evening. Business Manager Mike Weber talked about lowering the request for the bond payment as the Arena will be paid for in December 2020. He said that he would not need to ask for the full amount to cover the remaining payments. The board still has time to mull over the budget before it has to be approved.

Meanwhile the board also learned that Groton Area will not receive any state aid next year. The district received about \$50,000 this past school year. The district will also save some money on wages as two full time positions will not be filled. Jodi Sternhagen's school counselor position will be absorbed by Jodi Schwan and Ashley Seeklander.

None of the admission charges or breakfast and lunch tickets will be increased; however, the second serving will increase by 25 cents. Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that a little over 10,000 second servings were served this past year. In a report filed with the state, the current fee for the second serving barely covers the cost so the increase was necessary. Also going up is the OST rate by 25 cents an hour.

The board accepted the resignation/retirement of Kathy Harry as administrative assistant and hired Trent Traphagen as the assistant girls basketball coach and Dalton Locke as the volunteer assistant football coach.

Steve Smith was re-elected as board president and Marty Weismantel was re-elected as board vice-president. Grant Rix will serve as the voting member of the North Central Special Education Cooperative Governing Board. Tigh Flihs was sworn in as the new board member and Deb Gengerke took her oath of office as the incumbent. New board member TJ Harder was not present. Board members leaving were Merle Harder and Clint Fjelstad.

The salaries for the board members will remain at \$50 per meeting with the board chairman getting \$75 per meeting, the rate for the substitute teachers will remain at \$100 per day and the substitute bus driver rate will remain at \$65 per day.

Middle/High School Principal Kiersten Sombke reminded the board that the sixth grade orientation will be held August 16th and that the Groton PAC will be giving out book covers in the school library after the tour.

The Groton Area School District is hiring for the 2019-2020 School Year.

MS/HS Administrative Assistant/Study Hall Supervisor
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Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Applications are available at www.grotonrea.com under the employment tab. Contact Joe Schwan, Superintendent with questions at 605-397-2351.

Applications should be sent to Groton Area School District
Joe Schwan, Superintendent
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We're looking forward to sharing this exciting event with the children and parents in our neighborhoods. We hope they all will join us at Kingdom of the Son.

Kingdom of the Son begins Sunday, July 21st and continues through Thursday, July 25th from 6:15 pm to 8:30 pm each evening at the church located at 706 N. Main Street, Groton. Children ages 3 years through 6th grade are welcome.

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 Dated this 12th day of June, 2019.
 /s/ Kaili A. Aberle
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**Groton School
July 8, 2019**

Meeting Minutes

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

REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 2019

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjelstad, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Board Member-elect Tigh Flihs was also present. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke and Business Manager Weber.

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

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

Moved by Harder, second Fjelstad to approve the District minutes of June 10, 2019 and June 24, 2019 and late June 2019 bills. Motion carried.

LATE JUNE GENERAL FUND: Allied Climate Professionals – repairs, 3,575.52; Dependable Sanitation – garbage, 1,238.00; Brian Dolan – fees, 650.89; East River Plumbing – repairs, 1,184.81; Groton Chiropractic – DOT physicals (3), 285.00; Jill Helvig – meal, 15.00; Hillyard/Sioux Falls – hose drain, 32.00; Linda McInerney – background check, 43.25; MJ's Sinclair – gas, 6,260.12; Northeast Conference – dues, 150.00; NSU Boys Basketball – camp fee, 650.00; NSU WBB Camp – camp fee, 200.00; Petty Cash – postage, 198.90; SDSU Boys Basketball – camp fee, 500.00; Aberdeen TruGreen – lawn care, 314.48; Wells Fargo – credit card charges, 422.40. Total Late June General Fund – \$15,720.37.

LATE JUNE CAPITAL OUTLAY: Acme Tools – shop tools, 228.98; Dakota Supply – plumbing projects, 1,391.37. Total Late June Capital Outlay – \$1,620.35.

LATE JUNE SPECIAL ED: Avera St. Luke's – OT/PT, 6,328.00.

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.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to approve June 2019

financials, agency accounts and investments. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve June 2019 School Lunch Report. Motion carried.

Moved by Fjelstad, second Pharis to approve June 2019 Transportation. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports given.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: fall sports meeting, back-to-school picnic, summer custodial work, parent letter regarding home-schooled student extra-curricular participation, website/app going live in August, search the app at "Groton Area Tigers, SD".

The board thanked departing board members Merle Harder and Clint Fjelstad for their years of service to the school district.

With no further old or continuing business remaining it was moved by Rix, second Weismantel to adjourn the final 2018-19 school board meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

At 7:46 pm, Weber convened the first meeting of school year 2019-20 and read the Oath of Office to install Tigh Flihs and Deborah Gengerke for three-year terms as school board members.

Weber took nominations for 2019-20 School Board President. Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to nominate Smith, cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

President Smith opened the floor for vice-president nominations. Moved by Rix, second Flihs to nominate Weismantel, cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Smith appointed committee assignments for next year as follows: Building, Grounds and Transportation – Flihs and Harder, Personnel, Policy & Curriculum – Gengerke and Pharis, and Negotiations – Rix, Smith and Weismantel.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve the agenda with the following changes: under New Business Item #11 – approve Dalton Locke as volunteer and under New Business Item #12 – approve open enrollment. Motion carried.

President Smith read a potential conflict disclosure statement from Superintendent Joe Schwan pursuant to SDCL 23-3. Mr. Schwan's wife serves as the Opportunity Room Counselor for the school district. Moved by

Gengerke, second Pharis to authorize the waiver as the terms of the contract are fair, reasonable and not contrary to the public interest. Motion carried.

President Smith read a potential conflict disclosure statement from Business Manager Mike Weber pursuant to SDCL 23-3. Mr. Weber also serves as the Business Manager for the North Central Special Ed Coop and he and his wife are occasionally employed to work school ballgame and music events. Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to authorize the waiver as the terms of the contract are fair, reasonable and not contrary to the public interest. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to approve the following consent agenda items: July 2019 District bills; Rodney Freeman, Jr. and his associates of Huron as official school attorney; designate Groton Independent as official newspaper; designate Weber as custodian of all district accounts; approve engagement letter for Eide Bailly to conduct FY2019 school district audit, authorize Weber to continue existing funds, establish new accounts and continue to invest and reinvest in local institutions which serve the greatest advantage to the District; authorize Weber to publish staff salaries; designate First State Bank-Groton as official bank depository; adopt Groton Area School District Policy Manual with such revisions as previously approved; adopt Special Education Comprehensive Plan; authorize office personnel to administer Agency funds and National School Lunch Program funds with oversight by Weber; authorize J. Schwan to administer or direct federal programs with Consolidated Applications for Title Programs and related ESSA compliance issues assigned to the building principals; appoint J. Schwan to act as Asbestos Compliance Officer; authorize J. Schwan or his designee to close school in emergency situations or inclement weather; authorize J. Schwan or designee to institute NSLP and School Breakfast Agreement; Adopt Food Safety Plan, HACCP-Based Standard Operating Procedures; authorize J. Schwan or designee to institute ASBSD school bus mutual assistance pact; authorize Weber to transfer petty cash and incident payment funds in accordance with SDCL 13-18-16 & 17; approve price quotes

from Bimbo Bakery for 2019-20 bakery products; approve price quotes from Dean Foods for 2019-20 dairy products; and approve peripheral sports and other volunteer school workers such as chain gang, line judges, Booster Club/PAC workers, assistant coaches, volunteer coaches, volunteer drivers, school board members etc., to be included in the school's worker's compensation insurance coverage. Motion carried 5-0 with Weismantel abstaining.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 426,711.67; FIT – 41,124.83; Medicare – 16,540.66; FICA – 70,725.22; American Funds Service Co. – 1,628.40; Washington National – 98.40; SD Retirement – 72,595.12; HSA Contribution – 300.00; Waddell & Reed – 3,070.00; Horace Mann – 2,534.83; Thrivent – 750.00; AFLAC – 7,724.28; Delta Dental – 9,419.36; SD Supplemental Retirement – 14,018.85; Breit Law Office Garnishment – 626.45; Groton School Lunch – 369.40; Wellmark – 143,304.00; Reliastar Life – 1,836.78; Avesis Vision – 670.24; Advance Auto Parts – supplies, 89.70; Amazon – file folders, 27.63; ASBSD – work comp insurance, 24,501.92; ASBSD – dues, 1,360.32; Black – art supplies, 1,773.06; Cole Papers – repairs, 121.00; Crawford Trucks – supplies, 61.67; Dakota Brush – janitor supply, 59.00; Dakota Supply – supplies, 185.04; Follett – library renewal – 1,489.66; GDI – legal printing, 286.75; Hillyard/SF – janitor supply, 437.46; JW Pepper – music, 89.01; Jeff's District & Drain – repairs, 133.00; Locke Electric – repairs, 5,283.57; Mid-American – janitor supplies, 540.28; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 292.26; Riddell – equipment reconditioning, 1,804.46; S&S Lumber – supplies, 37.95; Roger Sannes – sewing machine repairs, 571.00; SASD – SASD Membership, 1,736.00; School Specialty – supplies, 3,420.61; SDACTE – conference fees, 629.00; Sewer Duck – line cleaning, 316.50; Teacher's Discovery – supplies, 163.50; TIE – dues, 1,530.00; US Postal Service – box rental, 208.00. Total General Fund – \$861,196.84.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Aberdeen American News – subscription, 190.32; Amazon – books & shelf, 623.51; Apptegy – mobile app, 13,755.00; AVI Systems – smart learning suite, 738.56; Choice Financial Group – computer leases, 62,889.44; CommTech

– mobile app, 1,095.00; High Plains Technology – LanSchool license, 489.00; JLG Architects – tuck pointing, 5,672.60; Junior Library Guild – books, 1,689.30; Pearson Education – textbooks, 43,834.00; S&S Lumber – sump pump, 131.59; School Specialty – sharpeners & calculators, 1,869.42; Software Unlimited – software, 5,850.00; Typing Agent – software, 575.00. Total Capital Outlay – \$139,402.74.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 78,258.05; FIT – 6,479.42; Medicare – 2,914.92; FICA – 12,463.78; SD Retirement – 13,186.06; Waddell & Reed – 600.00; AFLAC – 2,324.04; Delta Dental – 2,122.02; SD Supplemental Retirement – 300.00; Wellmark – 30,285.00; Reliastar Life – 577.11; Avesis Vision – 201.93; ASBSD – work comp insurance, 5,705.94; Rebecca Erickson – Summer Grant service, 840.00; School Specialty – supplies, 291.44; Sydney Wilkinson – Summer Grant service, 840.00; Judy or Gene Williamson – mileage, 282.24. Total Special Ed – \$157,671.95.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary – 6,302.09; FIT – 327.50; Medicare – 222.56; FICA – 951.50; SD Retirement – 856.02; AFLAC – 317.60; Wellmark – 3,052.00; Reliastar Life – 7.68; Avesis Vision – 63.61; ASBSD – work comp insurance, 2,349.50. Total Food Service – \$14,450.06. OST Net Salary – 8,253.70; FIT – 665.66; Medicare – 296.84; FICA – 1,269.50; SD Retirement – 981.34; AFLAC – 491.79; Wellmark – 2,013.00; Reliastar Life – 50.76; ASBSD – work comp insurance, 335.64. Total OST – \$14,358.23. Total Enterprise Funds – \$28,808.29.

AGENCY FUND: Total – \$48,960.25.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 873,357.99; Other Local Sources – 113,789.88; County Sources – 3,417.73; State Sources – 4,185.40; Federal Sources – 65,809.85; Other Sources – 1,394,626.59. Total Receipts – \$2,455,187.44.

Weber presented the 2019-20 District Budget. The board acknowledged review. No action was taken.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to set time and date for regular school board meetings on the second Monday of each month and additionally on fourth Monday for the months of September, March, April and June only, except second Monday of April which will be held on Tues-

day the 14th, to be held in GHS Conference Room at 7:00 pm, with consideration to reschedule other meeting dates, times and places when deemed necessary or appropriate. Motion carried.

Smith appointed Rix to serve as voting member of the North Central Special Education Governing Board for the 2019-20 school year.

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to set board member salaries at \$50 per meeting and board president salary at \$75 per meeting, with mileage if applicable. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to set substitute teacher pay at \$100/day. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to set substitute bus drivers rate at \$65/day. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve admission & lunch prices for 2019-20: Admission – Adults \$5, \$6 for doubleheader, \$45 for 10-punch ticket, \$75 for all-season pass, Grades 1 through 12, \$4; Activity Tickets – Grades 6 through 12, \$30, Grades 1 through 5, \$25; Breakfast – Adults, \$3.25, Grades 6 through 12, \$3.00, Grades JrK through 5, \$2.50; Lunch – Adults, \$4.50, Grades 6 through 12, \$3.75, Grades Jr. K through 5, \$3.25, 2nds – Grades 6 through 12, \$1.25, Grades JrK through 5, \$1.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to set OST rates at \$2.75/hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to hire Trent Traphagen as 2019-20 Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve resignation from Kathy Harry, administrative assistant. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to approve Dalton Locke as volunteer assistant football coach. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to approve open enrollment #20-07. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to adjourn at 9:10 pm. 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 June 30, 2019

	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	5,229,727.13	0.00	2,779,826.68	1,002,975.62	794.64	237,595.82	0.00	310,679.84	916,737.30	10,478,337.03
4. Total accounted for	6,127,355.87	32,052.21	3,269,260.76	1,015,281.85	794.64	372,148.45	1,314,764.45	358,808.54	1,164,543.94	13,655,010.71
5. Transfers out										
6. Expenditures to date	4,947,209.61	0.00	1,696,324.82	822,885.84	794.64	213,802.50	1,314,764.45	311,075.38	889,919.48	10,196,776.72
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	4,947,209.61	0.00	1,696,324.82	822,885.84	794.64	213,802.50	1,314,764.45	311,075.38	889,919.48	10,196,776.72
7. Ending Balance	1,180,146.26	32,052.21	1,572,935.94	192,396.01	0.00	158,345.95	0.00	47,733.16	274,624.46	3,458,233.99
a. checking	1,180,146.26	32,052.21	1,572,935.94	192,396.01	0.00	158,345.95	(0.00)	47,733.16	274,624.46	3,458,233.99
b. petty cash	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
June Receipts	935,487.67	0.00	1,239,041.25	116,893.45	41.89	33,964.43	0.00	40,996.98	89,085.95	2,455,511.62
June Expenses	917,221.75	0.00	495,037.31	203,632.96	794.64	3,536.25	1,018,831.95	32,245.63	48,960.25	2,720,260.74
Agency Checking	274,624.46									
District Checking	3,183,609.53									
Certificate of Deposit	0.00									
Agency Cash on Hand	0.00									
Total all Funds	3,458,233.99									

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Groton City

July 2, 2019

Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2019

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Community Center for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Blackmun, McGannon, Peterson, Glover via telephone, Babcock via telephone, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Hope Block, Paul Kosel, and Kathy Sundermeyer.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun. All members voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Babcock to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.

Payroll, \$45,717.54, Employee salaries; Executive, \$577.19; Administrative, \$3,179.69; Public Safety, \$15,571.05; Public Works, \$9,029.55; Culture & Recreation, \$17,360.06; First State Bank, \$6,168.77, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$499.98, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$1,900.00, Employee savings; Allied Benefits, \$10,180.20, Employee insurance; SD Retirement System, \$7,870.82, Employee retirement; Colonial Life, \$299.88, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$237.36, Employee insurance; Aflac, \$250.28, Employee insurance; DENR, \$100.00, Street project storm water construction annual fee; SD State Treasurer, \$10,117.54, Sales tax 5/19; Milbank Baseball, \$200.00, Tournament fee; Drew Johnson, \$1,300.00, Legal fees 6/19; CocaCola, \$4,349.00, Soda for resale; Creative Product Sourcing, \$474.76, DARE shirts; Irby, \$76.20, Glove testing; Midstates, \$125.00, PD tickets; Grand Slam, \$329.63, Laptop for timecard module and ethernet bridge for load management; Aaron Severson, \$44.91, Umpire protector; Dakota Brush, \$185.32, Garbage bags; Runnings, \$476.11, Weed trimmer, adaptor, torque set, sparkplug, labor, ratchet set, hose reel, antifreeze, Blade adapter kit, turf builder; Locators & Supplies, \$50.82, Marking paint for sewer; Pressure Washer Central, \$119.95, Sewer tip; Mac's, \$27.98, Zip ties; Harry Implement, \$463.69, Elbow, hose, ends, element, cub cadet parts, labor; Dept of Transportation, \$26.42, Windsock; NW Energy, \$1,039.77, Natural gas; Cody Swanson, \$31.82, Laminate paper for pool; Core & Main, \$256.38, Adj risers; Dairy Queen, \$168.00, Concession resale; Employers Mutual, \$85.20, Employee insurance; Verizon Wireless, \$42.61, Dump camera internet; Bruce Kleinsasser, \$1,700.00, Pool employee recertifications; Stop Stick, \$473.00, Stop stick; SD Dept of Health, \$75.00, Water testing; SD Dept of Revenue, \$112.75, License plates; SD Supp Retirement, \$670.00, Employee retirement; Cash-Wa Distributing, \$630.22, Concession resale.

Damian Bahr, Kami Lipp, Cody Swanson, and Kelli Hanson entered the meeting at 7:04pm. Resolution 2019-5 regarding stop signs North and South bound on Washington Street and 5th Avenue was discussed and the item was tabled on a motion by Glover and seconded by Peterson. All members voted aye.

The swimming pool will be having a moonlight swim from 9 to 11pm July 11, 25 and August 8. Concessions will be sold,

and the entry fee will be \$5 per person. Hanson offered to volunteer her time for moonlight swims. Swim Fest consisting of water relays will be held July 14 from 1-3pm. Donations will be taken for admission. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to approve the new pool events. All members voted aye.

Lipp, Swanson and Hanson left the meeting, and Terry Heron and Dwight Zerr entered the meeting at 7:20pm.

Herron reported that construction has begun on State Street, and that the rain has hindered the timeline of the street project. Flooding issues will be resolved in the cemetery by installing a drain system. Funding for emergency street repairs at the intersection of 7th Avenue and 1st Street will be discussed at the next meeting. Herron left the meeting at 7:41pm, and Stacy Mayou entered.

Zerr reported that the sweeper is still running well, the lift stations are running at three times what they should be, and the lagoon was emptied for the second time. He has been trying to keep levels down and water pumping. He left the meeting at 7:46pm.

Mayou reported that stop sticks were used in a pursuit, so they have been replaced. He would also like to see a new patrol vehicle in the 2020 budget.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to grant City employees eight hours of leave on July 5th to align with Governor Noem's declared state holiday. All members voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Peterson to pay lodging costs of \$440 per person for Hanlon and Babcock to attend the Leadership Institute event in Chicago in October 2019. All members voted aye.

Spring flooding has been declared a presidential disaster, and funding will be discussed at the July 8th meeting in Aberdeen.

Quotes from newspapers were read aloud. Groton Dakota Press quoted legal line rate of .28, classified rate of \$3 minimum (.10 per word over 20 words), open display rate \$3 per column inch and 212 subscribers in city limits. Groton Independent quoted legal line rate of .304, classified rate of \$3 per week, open display rate \$3.50 per column inch and 273 subscribers.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to designate SD FIT and 1st State Bank of Groton as official banks, and to designate Groton Dakota Press and Groton Independent at their quoted rates as official newspapers. All members voted aye. Peterson added that newspapers must present receipts, billings and notifications in a timely fashion.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:07pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:37pm.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Hope Block, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$53.81. 17666

Brown County

July 2, 2019

Meeting Minutes

JULY 2, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Vice Chair Kippley at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were

Commissioners Feickert, Sutton, and Wiese. Commissioner Fjeldheim was absent. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the General County Commission meeting minutes from June 25, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Moved by Feickert seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims:

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$377.15. Professional Fees: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$345.00; Avera Queen of Peace \$63.55; Kristi Brandt \$197.10; Cogley Law Office \$1,335.80; Dohrer Law Office \$405.60; Haar Law Office \$398.65; Mark Katterhagen \$30.00; Kuck Law Office \$984.30; Lewis & Clark BHS \$534.00; Lucy Lewno \$320.00; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$199.88; Darcy Lockwood \$30.00; Jerold McNeary \$663.20; NEMHC \$2,412.00; NEAA \$4,200.00; PRAIA \$60.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$1,738.50; Sanford Health \$2,445.00; SD Attorney General's Office \$321.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$2,422.50; Kristi Spitzer \$1200.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$50.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$350.50; Sara Zahn \$152.80. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$654.05; Groton Independent \$242.13. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$816.03; Clark Engineering \$5,318.60; CommTech \$48.00; GCR Tires \$99.49; Gillund Enterprises \$6.00; Great Western Tire \$10.00; I-State Truck \$11.00; Interstate Power-systems \$753.00; Jensen Rock & Sand \$3,203.05; Lawson Products \$56.41; Leidholt Electric \$528.72; Newman Signs \$20.77; Otis Elevator \$2,443.50; Running's \$504.98; Walth Safety Service \$95.00; Woodman Refrigeration \$3,705.76. Supplies: A-1 Locksmithing \$538.50; American Solutions for Business \$1,061.30; Beadle Floral & Landscaping \$960.48; Behnke Pit \$5,356.80; Fadia Champlain \$21.00; City Lights Bar \$200.00; Cole Papers \$2,007.10; CommTech \$1,007.97; Violet Dinger Estate \$29,515.59; Fastenal \$615.33; Faulkton Drug \$24.85; Ferguson Enterprises \$123.96; Gillund Enterprises \$412.32; Great Western Tire \$5,359.50; House of Glass \$101.80; I-State Truck \$8.98; Jebro \$54,576.97; Lawson Products \$1,043.31; Leidholt Tool Sales \$47.89; Leidholt Electric \$907.00; Lucy Lewno \$11.50; Mac's \$109.21; Matheson Tri-Gas \$408.66; Menards \$1,513.19; Midstates Printing \$581.00; Nelson Sales & Service \$10.17; Newman Signs \$407.04; Pan-torium Cleaners \$49.00; Pitney Bowes \$15,000.00; Running's \$2,052.78; Texas Refinery Corp. \$435.00; TrueNorth Steel \$40,367.44; Wallwork Truck Center \$600.89; Walth Safety Service \$4.75. Travel & Conference: Stan Beckler \$18.33; Darwin Bettman \$15.24; Brown Co. Treasurer \$111.65; Doug Fjeldheim \$281.72; Patrick Keatts \$34.11; Rachel Kippley \$555.19; Dale Kurth \$112.53; Cathy McNickle \$162.34; Mark Milbrandt \$423.00; My Place Hotel - Aberdeen \$250.00; David North \$105.48; Jerome Streckfuss \$34.98; Duane Sutton \$156.04; Aaron Walberg \$163.28; Mike Wiese \$98.85. Utilities: CenturyLink \$244.81; Midcontinent \$260.00; NWPS \$10,391.76; Verizon \$3,292.26. Jurors: Janet Abu-Sirriya \$21.68; Steven Ackerman \$41.84; Larry Akerman \$132.68; Travis Al-lam \$10.84; Jesse Babcock \$23.36; Beverly Bahr \$51.92; Diane Becker \$14.20; Jennifer Bender \$25.96; Patricia Black-Tracy \$18.40; Mitchell Boesl \$21.76; Susan Brick \$23.36; Candace Briscoe \$10.84; Connie Bruemmer \$103.36; Joel Carda \$14.20; Chaska Carrico \$21.68; Jessica Carroll \$30.08; Jody Cihak \$18.40; Virginia Collett \$10.84; Kathie Courtney \$11.68; Randall Crawford \$101.68; Calvin Davidson \$30.08; Kevin Dockter \$40.16; Evan Erickson \$51.92; Bonnie Ernst \$11.68; Cathy Feickert \$12.52; Debra Fickett \$63.36; Gregory Fred \$11.68; Deborah Fredrickson \$26.80; Donald Ganje \$21.68; Grant Gappa \$50.24; Tammy Gardner \$101.68; Christopher Getty \$11.68; Jennifer Gray \$10.84; Jessica Green \$21.68; Angela Grieb \$25.96; Matt Groeblichhoff \$46.88; Sarah Haessig \$61.68; Tamera Hagen \$39.40; Karen Hamilton \$12.52; Cheryl Hammer \$113.44; Rebekah Harty \$10.84; Irene Hauck \$21.68; Russell Hehn \$13.36; Gail Heintzman \$11.68; Jeannie Heitmann \$12.52; Corey Helms \$23.36; R Herseth \$41.92; Larry Hettich \$21.68; Diane Hickenbotham \$21.68; Thomas Hilsendeger \$19.24; Curt Hoeltzner \$15.04; Michael Hoffman \$23.36; Clarke Holmes \$16.72; Randy Holsing \$21.68; Zachary Hoon \$10.84; Kimberly Hoose \$11.68; Kerry Howell \$40.16; Robert Ivey \$10.84; Jo Jacobson \$27.64; Lynn Jensen \$233.16; Cecily Joosten \$11.68; Frank Joseph \$12.52; Myndi Kampa \$51.92; Jodie Kannas \$117.56; Mabel Keefe \$26.72; Lorri Kingzett \$43.60; Spen-

cer Knecht \$73.76; Beth Kolb \$11.68; Rebecca Kotzer \$93.60; Darin Kucker \$10.84; Elisha Kuhfeld \$11.68; Eddie Kvasnicka \$21.68; Julie Leibel \$26.72; ShawnMarie Lewis \$61.68; Darin Lowe \$13.36; Michael Luijtiens \$12.52; Caroline Lundell-Scott \$17.56; Trena Lundquist \$11.68; Peggy Lunzmann \$25.04; Edward Malsam \$103.36; Debra McKiver \$160.40; Chris Mehlhaff \$21.76; Nadine Menning \$12.52; Shelley Merkel \$12.52; Amanda Mikkelson \$101.68; Brandon Murray \$10.84; Linda Musch \$26.80; Beverly Myer \$32.68; Ryan Neal \$10.84; Nancy Nelson \$112.52; Rose Newell \$23.36; Gregory Nielson \$65.04; Carey Nilsson \$22.60; David Nilsson \$19.24; Harvey Oliver \$11.68; Candida Olson \$25.04; Marion Peltier \$21.68; Andrea Perez \$10.84; Benjamin Peterson \$51.92; Zachary Peterson \$23.36; Matthew Ragels \$11.68; Joanne Reitz-Soucier \$101.68; Jenelle Remily \$11.68; Curtis Reuer \$26.72; Marvin Ristau \$25.12; Duncan Robertson \$11.68; Randall Robinson \$25.04; Duane Roettele \$98.64; Dawn Rux \$10.84; Thomas Rux \$21.68; Garroll Salmons \$61.68; Angela Sanderson \$25.04; Karen Schanzbach \$10.84; Teresa Schnell \$21.68; Derek Schoenfelder \$22.60; Molly Senst \$11.68; Angela Shimitz \$23.36; Ryan Simmons \$21.68; Sally Sisk \$10.84; Aaron Smith \$11.68; Steve Stickelmeyer \$23.36; Laura Stoebner \$63.36; Lisa Streckfuss \$25.12; Timothy Theunissen \$10.84; Rachel Uhrich \$52.52; Donald Vetch \$13.36; Brad Vining \$15.04; James Vontesmar \$63.36; Ronald Wager \$10.84; Dean Wasem \$50.84; Betty Weber \$23.36; Loren Weers \$11.68; Matthew Weidner \$11.68; Sienna Wessel \$10.84; Betty Wolter \$80.48; Suzanne Zirbel \$10.84.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Wiese seconded by Sutton to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Approve retirement award for Sue Gates for \$150.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FREE SCHEDULE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adopt the following fee schedule for non-statutory fees at the Assessor's Office: Copies \$0.25 per page, Transfer of mass information to outside entity \$500, Beacon subscriptions tiered based on users (1-5 persons \$319.5, 6-10 persons \$511.20, 11+ persons \$766.80, temporary user 1 month \$106.5 with \$26.63 set up fee each time.), Pro-rated tax estimates \$10 per transfer and \$20 per transfer for expedited request. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

GRANT AGREEMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Grant Agreement with the SD Department of Health for the purpose of enhancing Brown County's mosquito control efforts, effective July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 in amount of \$15,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign application for a Special Malt Beverage License, submitted by Celtic Faire Inc for special event to be held at the Richmond Lake Youth Camp September 14th-15th, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT -COMPACTOR PAY REQUEST:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize signing pay request #1 to SD DENR in amount of \$135,789.80. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2019 FAIR PROMO TICKET LIST:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the fair promo ticket list with any changes being submitted for approval 2 weeks before the fair. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:

Moved by Wiese seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign documentation to assign claims against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following lease agreements: Celtic Faire(Bart Walker) for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp September 13th - 15th, 2019; Dawn Hall for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp August 9th-11th, 2019 with alcohol use permission form; Yelduz Shrine for use of Fairgrounds campgrounds, two horse barns and clubhouse July 31st-August 3rd, 2019 with alcohol use permission form. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT REINVESTMENT PAYMENT PROGRAM:

Scott Amundson and Kyle Peters with SD Governor's Office

of Economic Development met to discuss Livestock development project reinvestment payment program. Discussion only. No action taken.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Scott Bader, Planning and Zoning Director, met to give a department update. Discussion only. No action taken.

ORD 139 - SET HEARING DATE:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton, to set public hearing for consideration of an emergency temporary zoning ordinance, map and subdivision regulations amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4 and Title 5. Hearing and possible adoption to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:55a.m. July 16, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel, contracts, and legal per SDCL 1-25-2(1,3,4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Feickert seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:57 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County

Fairgrounds

Hay Cutting Bids

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HAY CUTTING ON COUNTY LAND

BROWN COUNTY FAIR- GROUNDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be opened for consideration at 8:50 a.m. on July 16, 2019 in the Brown County Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD for hay cutting on County land - approximately 24 acres located at the Brown County Fairgrounds-Lot 1 First Replat of Dahme Northview Addn, located in the SE ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD; with a minimum bid of \$60.00 per acre. Two additional one-year options (2020, 2021) may be exercised at the discretion of the Brown County Commission, provided notification in writing is received in the Brown County Auditor's Office by November 1st of the year preceding the option. All hay bales are to be removed no later than two weeks prior to the Brown County Fair. Envelopes containing proposals shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal for Hay Cutting at Brown County Fairgrounds."

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Frederick School

June 24, 2019

Meeting Minutes

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
JUNE 24, 2019

The joint school board meeting was called to order on June 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Frederick Area school board members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein and Alex Hart. Dan Nickelson was excused. Leola school board members present were ReEtta Sieh, Wes Westphal, Trevor Zantor, Kristi Spitzer and Arnie Wollman. Others present were Frederick Area Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Koters and Business Manager Janel Wagner; Leola Superintendent Bev Myer, Athletic Director Trevor Van-Tilberg and Business Manager Kayla Casey.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 18-174 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the agenda as amended: add #7 Transgender Policy; move Adjourn to #8. All aye, carried.

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

Action 18-175 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to make no changes to the policy regarding training rules in the Leola/Frederick Titans Student Activity Handbook. All aye, carried.

Discussion was held regarding the 2019-2020 Leola/Frederick Titans Student Activity Handbook. Changes were discussed and action will be taken at July school board meeting at each district. No action taken.

Ms. Myer presented information from the state on its Transgender Policy. No action taken. Action 18-176 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Janel Wagner, Business Manager

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Brown County

Ord. #138

Patten Rezoning

NOTICE

Application has been made by Doris Patten to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on July 16, 2019 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG):

Lot 1, "D Patten Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 28-T126N-R63W of the 5th P.M.,

Brown County, South Dakota (39044 117th St)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 138.

ATTEST: -

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Frederick School

June 26, 2019

Meeting Minutes

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
JUNE 26, 2019

The telephone meeting was called to order on June 26, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Jon Ellwein and Alex Hart. Dan Nickelson and Richard Achen were excused. Also present was Business Manager Janel Wagner.

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

Action 18-177 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as amended: add Contingency Transfer to #5. All aye, carried.

Action 18-178 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to close the following dormant Trust & Agency accounts: Frederick FYI and Gate Admissions. Both accounts have \$0 balance and are no longer used. All aye, carried.

Action 18-179 be it hereby resolved that the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District 6-2 does approve the transfer of \$10,000 Contingency Funds to functions 2122, 2317, 2545, 6100, 6200 and 6900 within the General Fund and adopt the supplemental budget for 2018-2019:

GENERAL FUND
MEANS OF FINANCE:
Cash On Hand: \$8,041
Title II Grant: \$324
\$8,365

EXPENDITURES:..... 2213 Professional & Technical Services (curriculum training)..... \$324
2311 Board of Ed Services: \$5,800

2314 Election Services: \$906
2542 Home taxes: \$1,335
\$8,365

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
MEANS OF FINANCE:
CASH ON HAND: \$57,630
EXPENDITURES:

1111 Elementary Textbooks: \$23,800

1121 Jr High Textbooks: \$7,400

1131 High School Textbooks: \$13,030

2569 Food Services: \$13,400
.....\$57,630

Ellwein-yes, Hart, yes, Schlosser-yes. Carried.

Action 18-180 Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District does authorize the transfer of \$5,658 from General Fund to Food Service Fund; \$2,719 from General Fund to Drivers Education Fund; \$28,000 from Pension Fund to General Fund; and \$183,108 from Capital Outlay Fund to General Fund. Ellwein-yes, Hart, yes, Schlosser-yes. Carried.

Action 18-181 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to adjourn at 3:06 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Janel Wagner, Business Manager

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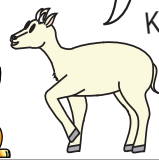
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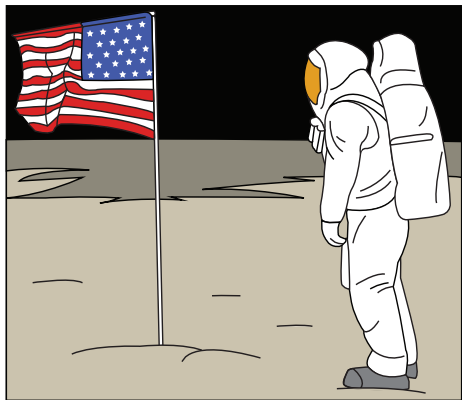
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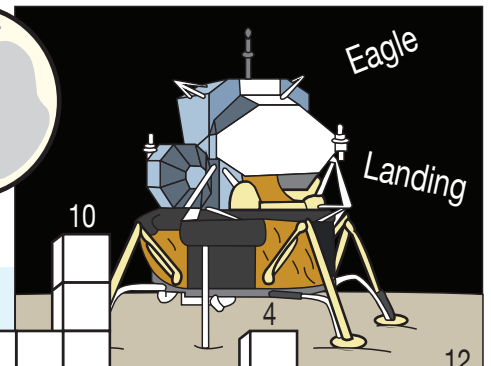
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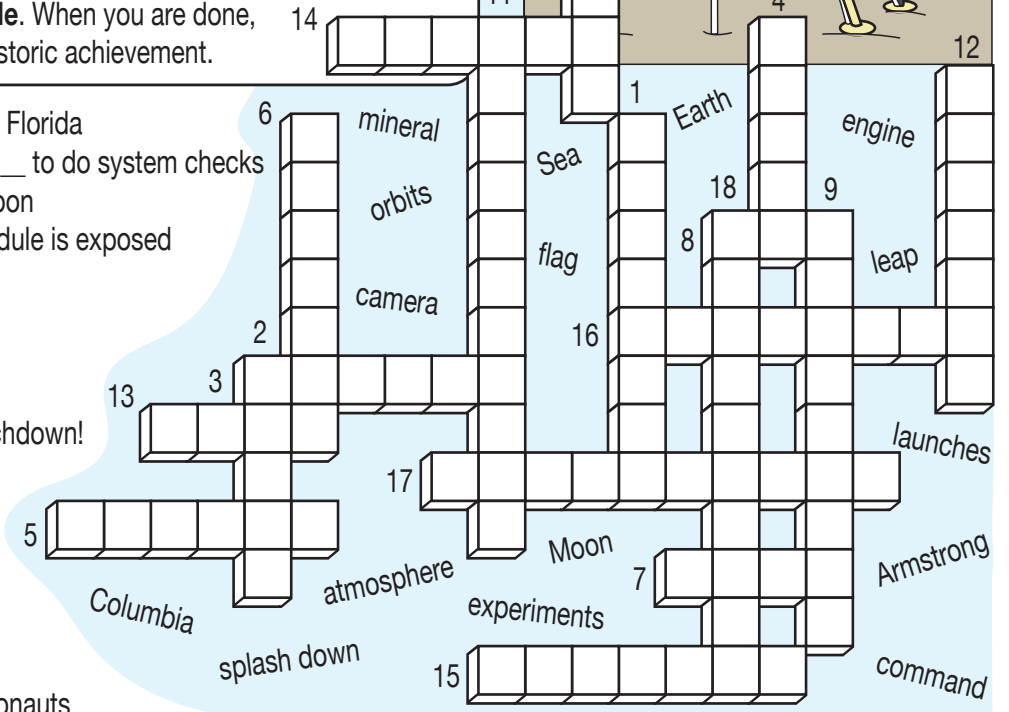


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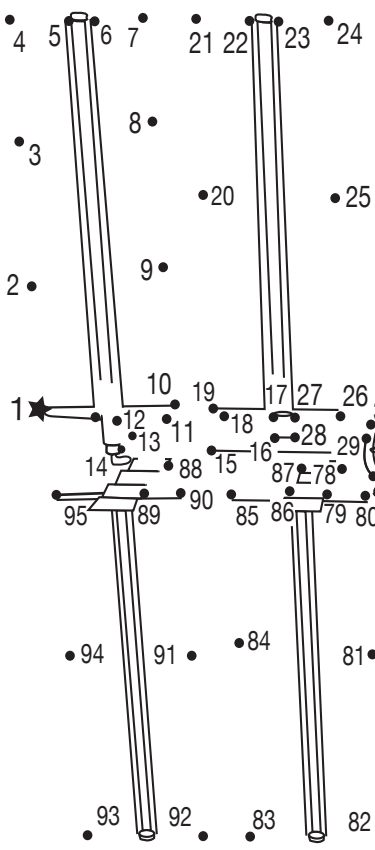
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1. Apollo 11 Saturn V rocket _____ from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida
2. crew (Neil Armstrong, "Buzz" Aldrin, and Michael Collins) orbits _____ to do system checks
3. stage 3 _____ ignites and the craft begins its journey toward the Moon
4. spacecraft shoots off its side panels – the _____ Lunar Landing Module is exposed
5. spacecraft _____ around the Moon and slows down
6. Eagle Lunar _____ Module deploys its docking gear
7. with Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on board, the Lunar Lander begins a 'powered descent' toward the surface of the _____
8. Eagle lands on the Moon's surface at the _____ of Tranquility – touchdown!
9. Commander Neil _____ steps off the ladder, becoming the first human to set foot on the Moon
10. Armstrong says the famous words, "That's one small step for a man, one giant _____ for mankind."
11. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the Moon for three hours, taking rock samples and doing _____
12. they discover a new _____ later called *Armalcolite* after the 3 astronauts
13. before leaving, the astronauts plant an American _____ on the Moon
14. the astronauts set up a television _____ and share the event with 550 million people back on Earth
15. back on board the Eagle, the astronauts lift off and return to the _____



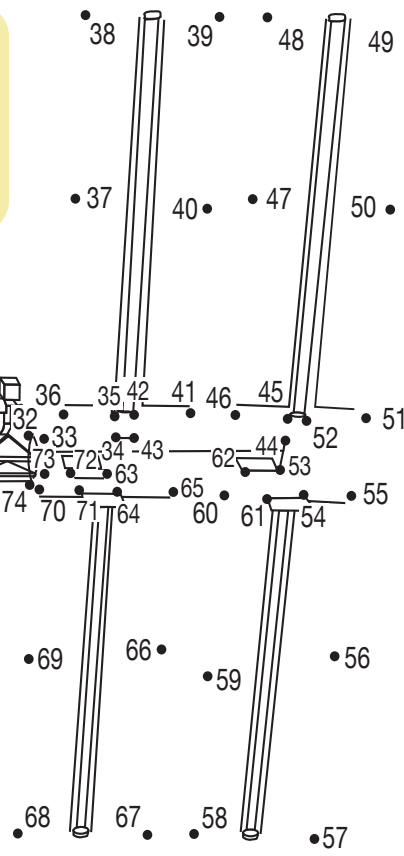
16. the _____ Command Module begins its return trip to Earth
17. the spacecraft detaches its final thrusters and enters Earth's _____
18. parachutes are deployed; the astronauts _____ in the Pacific Ocean



International Space Station

(Today's ongoing achievement)

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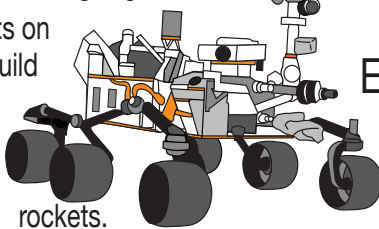
Have you heard about the *International Space Station (ISS)*? It is an amazing science laboratory orbiting 254 miles above the Earth. It was built with the cooperation of Japanese, Russian, Canadian, European and U.S. space agencies. Pieces of the ISS were rocketed into space over 40 different missions, and put together while in orbit.

The ISS is about as long as a football field and is usually home to six astronauts at a time. The astronauts live in the ISS for about six months!

While aboard the ISS, astronauts study everything from deep space mysteries to the human body. It is a special laboratory, because experiments can be done in microgravity (very weak gravity).

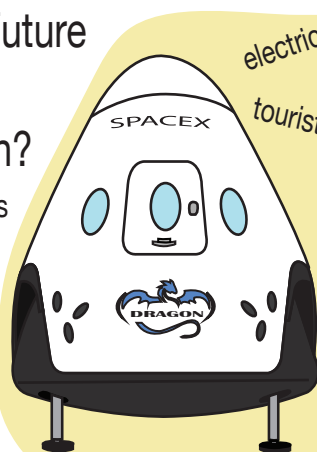
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2. NASA's *Artemis Program* will put astronauts on the Moon again – including women – and build a *Gateway* station to prepare for missions to _____ and even deeper into space.
3. *SpaceX* is a company making deliveries to the International Space Station using _____ rockets.
4. *SpaceX* borrows a launch pad from NASA (same one used to launch Apollo 11). On a test flight, SpaceX launched an _____ car into space!
5. *Virgin Galactic* is a company that wants to make a Spaceline – an airline, but in space! They want to be able to _____ around the whole world super fast.
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A new Rover will be going to Mars.

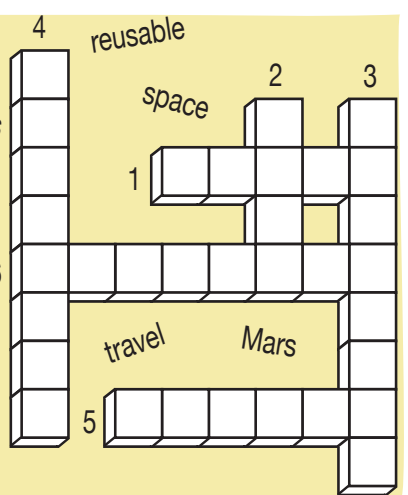


What is the Future of Space Exploration?

(Achievements now and in the future)



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Juvenile drug arrests rise in S.D. despite reform efforts

By: Nick Lowrey

Over the past decade, South Dakota saw a significant increase in the number of juveniles arrested for drug crimes, and officials see few signs that the arrests will fall anytime soon despite recent reforms of the state juvenile justice system.

According to state crime data, the number of youths arrested on drug charges such as possession, use and distribution nearly doubled from 579 in 2008 to 1,043 in 2012. Since 2012, the number of juvenile arrests for drug crimes hasn't fallen below 948. The number peaked at 1,062 in 2015, the same year a set of sweeping new juvenile justice reforms went into effect.

State officials are uncertain whether the upward trend in arrests means that more young people are actually using drugs, if more are being caught due to increased enforcement, or whether the juvenile justice system reforms of 2015 that sought to keep juveniles out of jail has inadvertently led to a higher re-offense rate by some juvenile drug users. The number of juveniles arrested for all other crimes not related to drugs has fallen across the state in recent years.

The rise in juvenile drug arrests comes as the state is already grappling with increased arrest rates of adults on drug charges. The number of adults arrested for drug crimes in South Dakota climbed from 2,778 in 2008 to 9,080 in 2018, an increase of nearly 227%.

Law enforcement and judicial officials have in the past blamed much of the rise in adult arrests on the methamphetamine epidemic and also the proliferation of opioid addiction in South Dakota. While the reasons for the climbing juvenile drug arrests are less clear, the arrest numbers for juveniles and adults are causing concern among state officials that the drug problem in South Dakota needs constant focus.



Greg Sattizahn, chair of the South Dakota Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, provides an overview of what the oversight committee has focused on over the past four years and gives a quick look at the committee's plans for the future.

"Drug crime is something that's growing in South Dakota, and it's something we need to pay attention to," said Tim Bormann, chief of staff to South Dakota Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg.

The high juvenile drug arrest rate gave the state some unflattering national attention earlier this year. In March, 2019, a study conducted by the Greenhouse Treatment Facility in Grand Prairie, Texas, showed that South Dakota had the highest juvenile drug arrest rate in the nation in 2017. According to the study, 1,056 juvenile drug arrests were made that year, a rate of more than 45 juveniles

per 10,000 South Dakotans under the age of 18. The Greenhouse study was based on data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's 2017 Uniform Crime Report.

By comparison, Wyoming, the state with the second-highest rate of juvenile drug arrests in the study, had 579 such arrests and a rate of about 35 drug arrests per 10,000 juveniles. North Dakota was third in the ranking, with 479 juvenile drug arrests for about 17 arrests per 10,000 juveniles in 2017.

Minnesota, population 5.6 million, reported 1,893 total juvenile drug arrests in 2017 for a rate of about 14 arrests per 10,000 youths. Montana, Iowa and Nebraska all reported fewer juvenile drug arrests than South Dakota and much lower arrest rates.

South Dakota officials, however, say the rate in the Greenhouse study doesn't tell the whole story.

Greg Sattizahn, chairman of the South Dakota Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, which monitors the state's juvenile justice reform efforts, said the Uniform Crime Report isn't supposed to be used to rank states. Sattizahn said there are too many factors unaccounted for in the data, including that not every jurisdiction in every state reports their statistics to the FBI.

In 2018, 17 South Dakota jurisdictions failed to report a full year's worth of data, said Bormann.

Despite concerns over the rankings, state data shows that the number of juveniles arrested for drug offenses has increased dramatically since 2008 and has remained at an elevated level since.

Prior to 2015, South Dakota had one of the highest rates of juvenile incarceration in the country. The statistics was one driving force behind efforts by then-Gov. Dennis Daugaard to sign what was known as the Juvenile Justice Public Safety Improvement Act in March of that year.

The law created or boosted funding for a suite of new services and diversion programs designed to fight addiction and alter behavior instead of locking juveniles up, Sattizahn said. The goal behind many of the reforms is to keep youths out of the justice system altogether, he said.

"If we have too heavy a hand ... you can push them further into the criminal justice system," Sattizahn said.

So far, the reform effort has had some success. The number of youths placed into the custody of the Department of Corrections for the first time fell by 63% between 2014 and 2018, according to the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee 2018 annual report.

"At least some of the increase in juvenile drug arrests might be related to what's going on with adults, who are being arrested on drug crimes at an alarming rate in South Dakota. "It sure makes sense to me that if you have more drug use at home, you'll have more kids exposed to it." -- Greg Sattizahn

In another sign of success, the number of youths arrested for crimes not related to drugs has declined. In 2012, the state reported 6,617 arrests of juveniles for all crimes other than drug use, possession or distribution. In 2018, South Dakota reported 5,026 non-drug juvenile arrests, a 24% decline over that period.

The state's law enforcement community is pegging the rise in juvenile drug arrests at least partially on the Juvenile Justice Public Safety Improvement Act, Bormann said. The argument is that because youths who were arrested used to be placed in treatment or a



One of the major goals of the 2015 juvenile justice reform efforts in South Dakota was to reduce the number of youths sent to facilities such as the Western South Dakota Juvenile Services Center in Rapid City, shown here. Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

detention center, but are now released into the community, that they have more opportunities to reoffend.

"One of the things you will hear from prosecutors and law enforcement is, it tends to create a lot of repeat offenders," Bormann said.

Local law enforcement agencies, however, aren't required to report how many times they arrest the same person for the same crime. As a result, there isn't a good way for state officials to track the number of repeat arrests.

The sharp rise in South Dakota's juvenile drug arrest numbers also predates the juvenile justice reforms by more than five years. Bormann said the creation of regional law enforcement task forces, made up of state, federal and local officers, might account for part of the increase in arrests. The first such task force, known as the Northern Plains Safe Trails Task Force, was created by federal officials in 1999.

At least some of the increase in juvenile drug arrests might be related to what's going on with adults, Sattizahn said, citing the rapid climb in adult drug arrests.

"It sure makes sense to me that if you have more drug use at home, you'll have more kids exposed to it," Sattizahn said.

Bormann said there are probably more youths doing drugs, too. But it's hard to know whether that's true or not. The biennial anonymous Youth Risk Behavior Survey, one of the nation's most important tools for tracking substance abuse in teens, did not reach statistical validity in South Dakota in 2017. States administer the voluntary survey on behalf of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The YRBS collects information such as how many youths are doing drugs and what kinds of drugs they are taking. The last YRBS was administered in 2017 but not enough youths and schools participated, so the data gathered wasn't considered representative of the state population.

Results from the 2007 to 2015 surveys showed the number of youths using marijuana was declining. The number of youths who were using meth fluctuated between about 3% to 5%.

Trends surrounding youths and prescription medication abuse haven't been studied or reported. Questions about the issue weren't added to the YRBS until 2011, so officials say there is not enough data to identify trends. But, in 2015, the YRBS estimated that about 13 percent of South Dakota teens had misused prescription drugs.

Nationally, according to the 2017 YRBS, the number of youths doing drugs was falling. Survey results from South Dakota and some other states were included in the CDC 2017



Tim Bormann of the South Dakota Attorney General's Office said high juvenile arrest rates may be driven by the fact that some youths may be repeat offenders. Photo: Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch

national report, but the percentage of youths who reported taking illegal drugs had fallen from 22.5% in 2007 to about 14% in 2017.

Finding good data on what youths are doing, what treatment programs seem to be working and which programs aren't working has been a challenge for Sattizahn and the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council.

"We feel like we need that data," Sattizahn said.

Bormann, who served as Faulk County state's attorney before he became Ravensborg's chief of staff, said he has seen firsthand the challenges the legal system faces when trying to keep youths away from drugs. Reducing drug use in rural areas, in particular, has been a struggle, he said. Treatment centers, counselors, court services and judges tend to be concentrated in population centers, nsaid. For Faulk County, the nearest city with everything needed to run a successful treatment program was 60 miles away in Aberdeen.

"There are some great programs that are being used to great effect," Bormann said. "But in a location like where I was, it didn't always work."

For all the challenges that exist in trying to reform the juvenile justice system and reduce the number of youths being arrested for drugs, there's been a lot of success, Sattizahn said.

The number of youths sent to an out-of-home detention or treatment facility has dropped by more than half from 220 in 2014 to 82 in 2018. More youths and their families are completing diversion or treatment programs too, Sattizahn said. In 2018, 353 families completed Functional Family Therapy, for example.

"Before (the juvenile reforms) we couldn't even identify what diversion programs there were in the state," Sattizahn said.

One effort to improve access to diversion allows probation officers to set up and run their own diversion programs on a case-by-case basis, Sattizahn said.

"It's kind of different because you have a court officer doing work outside the court system," Sattizahn said.

One of South Dakota's more well-known diversion programs is Teen Court. There are 12 Teen Court programs spread around the state. Usually, they are run by local non-profits. Essentially, Teen Courts function as sentencing courts for youths by youths. To be eligible for Teen Court, a juvenile arrestee has to plead guilty to the crime they were arrested for and be referred to the program by the local state's attorney.

Aside from a judge, which usually is a local lawyer, the local coordinators, and a few parent volunteers, Teen Courts are run by youths. Teen volunteers from nearby high schools and middle schools act as attorneys for defendants, prosecutors and the jury. The defense attorneys and prosecutors question defendants and the jury ultimately decides on a fitting punishment.

The Central South Dakota Teen Court is based in the Stanley County Courthouse in Fort Pierre. The program saw 44 cases between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. A total of 29 of those cases were marijuana- or alcohol-related, said Emily Steffen, who coordinates the program for Capital Area Counseling Services. Six of the cases were repeat offenders, she said.

Steffen said Teen Court is based on the principles of restorative justice, an idea that seeks to repair damage done by crime. Sentences range from community service and job shadows with police to writing essays and making apologies. Once a defendant's punishment is complete, Steffen sends a letter to the state's attorney recommending that the case be dropped.

"I think overall it's really successful," Steffen said.

There are limitations to what Teen Court can do, and youths who are sent to teen court for the first time have to pay a \$60 fee. If they wind up in the program again, the fee jumps

to \$155. Teen Court also doesn't see cases where defendants are accused of possessing or using hard drugs such as methamphetamines.

The state has also increased efforts to drill in on the root causes of drug use by youths, which often means examining home and family situations. Tiffany Wolfgang, division director for behavioral health at the state Department of Social Services, said one of the most important programs the department oversees when it comes to youths and drugs is functional family therapy. The idea, Wolfgang said, is to get a handle on some of the issues in a child's home that might be pushing them toward substance abuse.

"It may be the kid who gets arrested but we need to look at the family," Wolfgang said.

Functional Family Therapy, as the name suggests, works by treating the whole family. In all, 61 of South Dakota's 67 counties had access to the program in 2018. Wolfgang said DSS also has been working to put systems of care

coordinators in place to work within schools to help identify and work with youths who are struggling with mental health or substance abuse disorders before they wind up in trouble with the law.

Challenges in providing such services are made more difficult due to the rural nature and sparse population of South Dakota, she said. Just because programs exist doesn't mean they can be delivered everywhere or to everyone in the same way, Wolfgang said.

"It's hard to develop intensive care programs," she said.


The work is made harder by the nature of addiction, which often can be part of a deeper mental health issue, Wolfgang said.

"I think it can be hard at times for the justice system to understand behavioral health issues," Wolfgang said.

South Dakota's court system has been getting better at working with youths who have an addiction or have a mental illness, Wolfgang said, but progress takes time and patience.

"I think the challenge is that these aren't quick fixes ... these are complex issues that require collaboration," Wolfgang said.

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Groton School 2019-20 Salaries

2019-20 Administrator Salaries

Schwan, Brett ^ *	71,000.00
Schwan, Joseph ^	104,000.00
Sombke, Kiersten ^	67,500.00
Weber, Michael ^	75,466.00

2019-20 Certified Teacher Salaries

Anderson, Kristi	53,330.75
Berner, Whitney	41,000.00
Compton, Brooke *	43,132.00
DeHoet, Lindsey	43,921.25
Donley, Don	62,145.75
Eichler, Emily	48,513.25
Erdmann, Julie	51,895.75
Erickson, Rebecca *	54,230.41
Fischer, Emily	48,841.25
Fjeldheim, Susan	44,772.00
Fordham, Austin *	47,150.00
Franken, Adam ^ *	57,582.22
Gibbs, Ann ^	50,255.65
Gonsoir, Kristen *	62,863.25
Grieve, Lynette *	58,045.75
Guthmiller, Joel *	53,074.50
Hanten, Sarah	47,283.25
Harry, Janene	54,571.00
Hawkins, Lance *	56,098.25
Helvig, Aaron ^ *	57,595.89
Helvig, Jill	45,540.75
Hendrickson, Shelby	41,389.50
Hill, Melissa	45,766.25
Johnson, Darlyne	48,410.75
Kjellsen, Jordan *	43,050.00
Kurth, Travis *	55,278.25
Kurtz, Diane	54,355.75
Lone, Janel	51,588.25
Milbrandt, Julie ^ *	50,511.80
Peterson, Todd ^	46,415.33
Schuring, Alexa *	43,050.00
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Wanner, Shaun *	56,533.88
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Winburn, Debra	54,817.00
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Zoellner, Anne	48,513.25
Open - assistant boys bb...	3,280.00
Open - assistant girls bb ...	3,280.00
Open - yearbook	3,280.00

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 ^ Indicates additional contract days
 * Indicates additional extra-curricular
 Auxiliary Staff - 171 days, unless noted
 ^ Indicates additional contract days
 * Indicates additional extra-curricular

2019-20 Auxiliary Staff Salaries

Bahr, Loren ^	38,329.88
Bartell, Karin	17,172.68
Bisbee, Amanda	14,747.04
Clocksene, Brandon ^	34,595.58
Dennert, Sarah	14,507.64
Donley, Don (bus driving)	12,915.00
Donley, Joann ^ *	22,181.50
Duncan, William	17,172.68
Farmen, Clayton Jr. ^ (.5 bus)	41,331.50
Flihs, Duane ^	12,883.52
Foertsch, Teri	14,567.49
Franken, Adam (.5 bus driving)	6,187.50
Groeblichhoff, Joni ^	14,747.04
Gustafson, Beth ^	32,912.55
Guthmiller, Joel (bus driving)	12,010.00
Hjermstad, Randy	22,978.44
Hoffman, Jan	18,529.56
Johnson, Karen	6,735.69
Kampa, Rita	17,316.45
Krueger, Heidi ^	22,058.00
Krueger, Jill ^	16,276.89
Krueger, Lois ^	22,052.23
Lewandowski, Rebecca	15,608.88
Lipp, Kami	16,677.63
Madsen, Brenda ^ *	17,718.65
McInerney, Linda	11,610.00
Mitchell, Jamie	14,747.04
Morehouse, Amanda ^	25,625.60
Morton, Darlene	6,740.82
Nehls, Mike ^	45,376.75
Padfield, Chuck	6,331.20
Peterson, Kristi ^ .6	20,812.63
Pigors, Tom ^	34,944.00
Raap, LaVonne	7,858.31
Riggenberg, Molly	14,747.04
Sargent, Jacob	25,209.60
Sippel, Lisa	14,507.64
Tietz, Deb	23,325.69
Ulmer, Melissa	16,565.70
Wattier, Sue ^	25,989.60
Weber, Kim ^	23,853.15
Wimmer, Bertha ^	26,686.40
Open Bus Position	13,094.50
Open Office Asst Position	16,210.80

2019-20 Off Staff Salaries

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Auxiliary Adult Subs	11.85/hr
Auxiliary Student Subs	9.50/hr
Bus Driver Subs	65.00/day
Certified Teacher Subs	100.00/day
Dolan, Brian	14,145.00
Erickson, Seth	2,870.00
Hanson, Chelsea *	4,510.00
Harry, Aubray *	1,383.75
Kucker, Chris*	2,870.00
Locke, Matt*	4,920.00
Miller, Joellen *	1,383.75
Scepaniak, Ryan *	5,330.00
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THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Caregiving Costs Are Not Just for the Elderly

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Is the U.S. ready for a discussion about paying for caregiving, an increasingly vexing and costly problem for a growing number of Americans?

The answer may be "yes." It has become obvious that long-term-care insurance is not the answer to paying for nursing home and other kinds of care for the elderly. Sales for this product have been declining, the result of sky-high premiums, rate increases, and the difficulty of qualifying for a policy if you're sick.

But the elderly are not the only Americans needing care. At the other end of the age spectrum, paying for childcare is becoming harder and harder except for families with the fattest salaries.

In between are middle-aged women, many of whom have left the workforce to become caregivers for elderly parents. Not only do they not get paid for the care they give, but they jeopardize their own income security and health care when they reach retirement age because they have quit paying into Social Security.

The need for financial help is clear and growing. Among those turning 65 today, 70 percent will eventually need help with one activity of daily living such as eating and bathing. Fifty-two percent will need significant long-term services and supports for two activities of daily living. Among those needing such supports now, 40 percent are working-age adults, many of whom need lifetime care, according to the National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI), a non-profit, nonpartisan Washington-based organization, which fosters the understanding of America's social insurance programs: Social Security and Medicare.

But what if there were a program where Americans paid a little bit each month through their entire working life just as they do now to qualify for Social Security and Medicare benefits? Over a lifetime, a

person would be entitled to a benefit just as paying into Social Security entitles them to receive disability benefits and their surviving spouse or children to receive survivors' benefits should the person die.

In the last 20 or 30 years policy proposals in this area didn't match the magnitude of the problem, says Marc Cohen, a co-director of the LeadingAge LTSS Center at UMass, Boston. But now a more far-reaching proposal has surfaced.

An advocacy group, Caring Across Generations, has just released a document outlining options for a long-term care benefit for states to consider. The work is the result of panel convened by the National Academy of Social Insurance.

For too long, policy makers and the media have avoided discussing the reality of the caregiving problem, although it has surfaced in the presidential campaign with a nod to the challenges of paying for childcare.

"Universal family care is a more comprehensive approach to the care crisis," says Dr. Benjamin Veghte, research director at Caring Across Generations who led the NASI study panel. "This is very feasible. We know how to do this."

The study panel lays out a number of options for the states to consider. For example, should there be only modest benefits, or should there be more generous benefits that would cost more? Should a program cover just workers, or should it be more universal?

Another decision, Veghte says, might be deciding to finance the benefits exclusively through worker contributions or include some general revenues. Medicare Part B, and Part D, which provides the drug benefit, are heavily funded with general tax revenues.

This spring Washington state passed a law, the first of its kind in the country, that establishes a social insurance program for long-term care. All residents will pay 58 cents on every \$100 of income into a state trust fund. That's estimated to cost the average worker about \$18 per month. When they become eligible for services, they can receive benefits of \$100 a day up to a lifetime cap of \$36,500.

Those receiving care can choose what kind of services they want or need. They can even use it for financial support for family caregivers.

You might be thinking the plan is not very generous considering that the average price of a semi-private room in a nursing home is about \$7,400 per month, but it's a start.

It's more than just a start, though. It's a huge step forward to solve what has become a growing and seemingly intractable problem for Americans. Washington state is thinking outside the box. Time will tell if others do, too.

What problems have you had paying for long-term care? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.



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Flihs has Yard of the Week

The Duane and Rhonda Flihs yard at 229 E. 4th Ave. has been chosen as last week's Yard of the Week. The Yard of the Week is chosen by members of the Groton Garden Club.

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