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Grass clogs storm sewer inlets

A city ordinance prohibits people from blowing grass out in the street, but they still do it any way and it can cause serious flooding issues. A storm sewer inlet pictured above is clogged with grass that was blown out in the street and the rain washed it to the gutter and down to the storm sewer inlet. When storm sewer inlets are plugged, it can result in water backing up in the streets and even over the curb and into people's yards and basements.

Fliehs has Yard of the Week

The Janice Fliehs yard at 1312 N. Sixth Street was chosen as last week's Yard of the Week by the members of the Groton Garden Club. At age 91, Fliehs keeps busy in her yard, tending her flowers and elevated garden. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Local teachers attend Teacher Swap Event in Sioux Falls

The following and photo above were on Kristi Anderson's Facebook Page: Some would say we've been at this too long...we are in a rut... step aside for a younger teacher....combined teaching years= 69.... still excites us to find books for our students to read...Sioux Falls Teacher Swap...where a large roomful of people happily fork over their own money to enrich learning for their students. Back to school 2019 ...here we come!

Featured above are Deb Winburn and Kristi Anderson.

Recycling Trailer is returning!

After a long absence, the recycling trailer at the City Shop will be returning this week. In a misunderstanding of the contract, the recycling trailer was removed this past spring. In talking with Kent from Heartland Sanitation of Mobridge, the misunderstanding was cleared up and he said the trailer will be coming back.



Larson crowned Miss Olive Grove

A Miss Olive Grove event was held Saturday evening at the Olive Grove Golf Course. The event celebrated the 30th anniversary of the golf course.

Pictured are Brad Larson. Drake Patterson. Nick Simon. Brock Sandness. Craig Jondahl. Ian Rose. Brad Waage. Chris Kassube. Dale Ringgenberg. Brad Larson was crowned Queen! (Photo by Carla Sperry)

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EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED: PUBLIC WORKS. The City of Onida is seeking a public works employee. Full Time, with benefits. Salary is DOQ. City of Onida 605-258-2441.

SEEKING HS ENGLISH teacher, MS/HS Art teacher and MS/HS Instrumental Music teacher for the Mobridge-Pollock School District 62-6 for the 2019-2020 school year. Signing bonus offered. Contact Tim Frederick at 605-845-9204 for more information. Certified Application and Resume can be mailed to: Mobridge-Pollock School District 62-6; Attn: Tim Frederick; 1107 1st Avenue East; Mobridge SD 57601. Open until filled. EOE.

CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT and non-certified security wanted for SD State Fair, Aug. 29-Sept. 2. To apply or for more information, call 605.353.7340.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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REAL ESTATE:

FEATURED PROPERTIES: LAKE ALBERT, SD: Lake-front residential lots for sale. LAKE PRESTON, SD: Nice 1915 two-story, 4+ bedroom home with original woodwork. Lake Area Realty Inc. 109-3rd St NE, Lake Preston, SD 605-847-4801. See all of our listings: www.lakethompson.com/lakearea

Brown County July 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes

JULY 2, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the General County Commission meeting minutes from July 2, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:
Moved by Feickert seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Commission \$5,528.71; Elections \$0.00; Auditor \$8,556.75; Treasurer \$13,517.41; SA \$21,411.01; SWAVA \$1,193.49; Maintenance \$7,747.07; Assessor \$13,705.80; Register of Deeds \$8,771.40; VSO \$4,536.85; GIS \$2,367.50; IT \$8,090.47; HR \$3,397.45; Sheriff \$37,434.45; Jail \$50,548.04; Coroner \$0.00; Court Security \$6,219.96; JDC \$23,581.51; Welfare \$1,884.62; Museum \$25,498.45; Parks/Fairgrounds \$7,589.48; Fair Board \$4,432.62; 4-H \$1,365.39; Weed \$6,379.50; Planning & Zoning \$3,163.10; Highway \$49,861.24; Dispatch \$27,222.31; Emergency \$4,079.58; Teen Court \$596.16; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,349.11; Landfill \$11,791.21; Matching Benefits: Fica \$20,526.61, Medicare \$4,800.61, Health Savings Account \$150.00. Professional Fees: Haar Law Office \$18.00; Helms & Assoc. \$1,272.80; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kuck Law Office \$9.80; Dana Larson \$50.00; Lucy Lewno \$110.00; Darcy Lockwood \$15.00; SD DENR \$4,597.71; Kristi Spitzer \$600.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$50.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$859.63; Aberdeen Magazine \$1,100.00; Groton Independent \$172.26. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean-All \$185.00; Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$2,051.98; Ace Refrigeration \$132.60; Dakota Electronics \$240.00; DFP \$686.57; Ecolab \$114.75; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$465.00; Huff Construction \$1,185.13; Nelson Sales & Service \$40.00; Olson's Pest \$225.00; PowerPlan \$1,328.93; Ringgenberg Electric \$310.79. Supplies: Ameripride Services \$579.61; DT Pharmacy \$2,917.06; Ferguson Enterprises \$820.00; Geffdog \$1,835.72; GovConnection \$100.99; Heartland Paper \$1,990.80; Kustom Signals \$101.00; Lucy Lewno \$6.50; Menards \$235.71; Midstates Printing \$10.50. Travel & Conference: Mary Baird \$82.72; McKenzie Bierman \$28.20; Brandon Black \$302.68; City of Groton \$138.24; Jill Crosby \$512.61; Patricia Kendall \$78.02; Marianne Marttila-Klipfel \$82.72. Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$2,925.20; AT & T Mobility \$247.01; BDM Rural Water \$36.00; CenturyLink \$54.43; Midcontinent \$369.43; Northwestern Energy \$3,924.73. Other: Web Water Development \$100.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:
Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Approve hiring Joshua Ulmer as full-time Highway, labor grade 3 effective July 24, 2019 @ \$18.5/hr. Approve hiring Matt Heupel as full-time Highway, labor grade 3 effective July 22, 2019, @ \$18.5/hr Approve hiring Damian Bahr as full-time Highway, labor grade 3 effective July 22, 2019, @ \$18.5/hr Approve hiring Spencer Heupel as Highway summer help effective July 8, 2019, @ \$12.29/hr and acknowledge denial of offer of Jacob Howard from June 11th, 2019 minutes. Approve hiring Abby Jung as part-time Brown County 24/7 effective June 27, 2019, @ \$13.94/hr. Approve the following employee step increases effective July 14, 2019: Tonya Walth @ \$20.24 per hour, Teresa Mann @ \$18.99 per hour, Mike Janes @ \$16.26 per hour, Alexis Storm @ \$16.74 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT:
Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve the following fair contract: Tayler Wolff (4-H judge) @ \$40. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

UNCOLLECTABLE TAX LIST:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to acknowledge uncollectible tax list (4 parcels), as submitted by Sheila Anderson, Brown County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. QUARTERLY INTEREST:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to accept for filing the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 interest statements in the following amounts: Quarter 1 \$20,491.81 and Quarter 2 \$23,247.14, as submitted by County Treasurer Sheila Anderson. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

ABATEMENTS:
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following abatements: Parcel Key # 15258 @ \$183.59; Parcel Key 4461 @ \$674.69; Parcel Key 22634 @ \$233.03; Parcel Key #28606 @ \$5.17. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

LEASES:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following lease agreements: Sonja Hauck for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp September 6-8, 2019; Anchors Away for lease of stage July 5-6, 2019, Gate House Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc DBA The American News for lease of the Expo Building September 20-21, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STATE AND LOCAL AGREEMENT:
Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign the Emergency Management State and Local agreement, quarter three report. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY ACCESS GRANT:
Commissioner Feickert offered the following resolution: RESOLUTION # 33-19
Resolution for Financial Commitment, Responsibility for Road Maintenance, and Support for Project

WHEREAS, Brown County is applying for a Community Access Grant through the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) from Brown County, and WHEREAS, the SDDOT requires a 20 percent local match for the construction costs of a project up to a specified amount; and WHEREAS, the SDDOT required the local government agency to be responsible for the maintenance of improved road; and WHEREAS, Brown County is in full support of this project and grant application; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brown County expresses their full support and cooperation to the road improvement project and the SDDOT Community Access Grant Application. Approved this 9th day of July 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-absent, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

2020 BUDGET - MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:
Judy Dosch, building superintendent, met to discuss maintenance department 2020 budget and courthouse repair needs.

ADJOURNMENT:
Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:20 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Mofle Estate Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DECEASED SETTLOR

Notice is given that on June 15, 2019, D. Gloria Mofle also known as Darlene Gloria Mofle, died.

Sandra Kay Ullrich, whose address is 1318 N. State St., Aberdeen, SD 57401, is the named Personal Representative under the Last Will of D. Gloria Mofle, dated January 6, 2005.

Creditors of the deceased Settlor must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or any claim or collection efforts which otherwise could have been asserted or enforced against the trust or assets thereof may be barred.

Claims may be submitted to Sandra Kay Ullrich by mailing a written statement of the claim to her at the address above.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2019.

/s/ Sandra Kay Ulrich
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Brown County Bid Notice

Cold Asphalt (CIR) COLD IN-PLACE ASPHALT RECYCLING (CIR)

BROWN COUNTY, SD
Sealed Bids will be received by the Brown County Commission, Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market St., Aberdeen, South Dakota until 8:00 AM local time on the 2nd day of August, 2019 for the above referenced project. Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Document. Brown County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

At or shortly after the time named above and within the meeting of the County Commission, such Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project includes approximately 56,000 SY of cold in-place asphalt recycling and approximately 4,000 SF of stabilized full depth reclamation on Brown County Hwy. 13 between Brown Co. Hwy. 6 and US Hwy. 281.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the locations listed: Brown County Highway Dept. 3133 8th Ave. NE Aberdeen, SD 57401 Ph: 605-626-7118
Clark Engineering Corporation 3314 Milwaukee Ave. NE, Suite 2 Aberdeen, SD 57401 Ph:605-225-3494
Clark Engineering Corporation 1410 W. Russell St. Sioux Falls, SD 57104 Ph: 605-331-2505

The Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations: Aberdeen, SD Builders Exchange; Rapid City, SD Builders Exchange; Sioux Falls, SD Builders Exchange; Plains Builders Exchange, Sioux Falls, SD; Dodge Data & Analytics, Hot Springs, AR; Construction Plans Exchange of Bismarck-Mandan, Bismarck, ND; or Construction Plans Exchange of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, ND.

An electronic copy of the Bidding Documents on a compact disc may be obtained from the Aberdeen office of Clark Engineering Corporation upon payment of \$40.00 to Clark Engineering for shipping and handling or Plans and Specifications may be downloaded from the HYPERLINK "http://www.clark-docs.com" http://www.clark-docs.com web site upon a payment of \$20.00. All payments are non-refundable. Upon request, one copy of the Bidding Documents shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Lease of Car Racing

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEASE OF CAR RACING FACILITIES AT BROWN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, SD will publicly open, read and consider proposals for Lease of the Brown County Car Racing Facilities for the 2020 Racing Season on August 6, 2019 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposals to be submitted to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, SD in a sealed envelope marked

Frederick School 2019-20 Salaries

Frederick Area School District 06-2
2019-2020 Salaries

Non-Certified Staff (per hour)	
Brooks, Renee	16.33
Cox, Thersia	12.79
Dumire, James	12.72
Elsen, Janet	20.90
Gunther, Ashley	12.23
Gunther, Faye	18.45
Hoffman, Donna	14.16
Kosters, Zachary	15.84
Morlock, Marty	12.72
Sumption, Michelle	13.51

Certified Staff-164 days

Anliker, Jennifer	42,350.00
Arthurs, Crystal	39,600.00
Barondeau, Janelle	50,160.00
Bergan, Janel	52,755.00
Dallman, Jennifer	41,800.00
Hoyle, Jennifer	39,900.00
Kosters, Christine	46,700.00
Larsen, Ashley	43,900.00
Little, Jennifer	39,300.00
Meidinger, Melissa	41,200.00
Miedema, Bradley	53,500.00
Morlock, Marty	46,160.00
Pashen, Brock	41,675.00
Podoll, Caitlin	41,500.00
Sumption, Sarah	46,560.00
Tschosik, Paula	45,160.00
Ulmer, Maggie	41,525.00
Zinter, Tonya	54,753.00

Co-curricular Salaries

Sumption, Sarah-JH GBB	2,414.09
Kosters, Jeff-Drivers Education	2,000.00
Kosters, Jeff-Athletic Director	4,326.84
Miedema, Bradley-per event	50.00
Pashen, Brock-Yearbook	2,510.82
Podoll, Caitlin-Oral Interp	1,046.69
Ringgenberg, Jessica-Drama Club	1,265.90
Sumption, Sarah-Science Fair	697.11

Coaching Salaries

Barondeau, Janelle-Head CC	5,481.61
Kosters, Jeff-Head Golf	5,064.16
Kosters, Jeff-JH Football	3,249.04
Kosters, Jeff-Head GBB	5,374.13
Morlock, Marty-Asst Football	3,090.60
Morlock, Marty-Head Track	5,268.75
Nickelson, Don-JH BBB	2,060.40
Pashen, Brock-Head BBB	4,408.66

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Frederick School July 25, 2019

Meeting Minutes UNOFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
JULY 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order on July 25, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Richard Achen, Dan Nickelson, and Jon Ellwein. Alex Hart was excused. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters and Business Manager Janel Wagner.

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

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.

Oath of office was administered by Janel Wagner, Business Manager, to board member Richard Achen.

Action 19-012 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 19-013 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to accept 2019-2020 contract for Bradley Miedema, certified teacher. Salary to be published in July 2019. All aye, carried.

Discussion was held regarding options for disposing of an old fuel tank and bus 10-6. The surplus of the items will be addressed at the August meeting.

Action 19-014 Motion by Achen, second by Nickelson to adjourn at 8:13 a.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Janel Wagner, Business Manager
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Graham praises South Dakota

The Rev. Franklin Graham recently tweeted and posted on the Billy Graham Facebook Page about South Dakota requiring the nation's motto to be displayed in all public schools. He posted the following:

Way to go South Dakota! "In God We Trust" will now be displayed in every public school in South Dakota, following a new state law that took effect this month. Of course, the atheists at Freedom From Religion Foundation are already urging people to object. When you think about it, this simple four-word historic motto is so profound. The only hope for the future of our nation is in Almighty God. They knew it back in the 1800's when this motto was first used during the Civil War, and it is still true today. This should not only be the motto on our country's currency, but the motto of our families, lived out every day. Maybe we should take a lesson from South Dakota schools and stencil it in our homes—and in our hearts.

Purple Heart Recognition Day

PIERRE, S.D. – At the request of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, Gov. Kristi Noem has proclaimed Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019, as "Purple Heart Recognition Day," calling on all South Dakotans to honor those men and women who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

The Purple Heart, our nation's oldest military medal, is awarded to those service men and women who have borne the battle, sacrificing life and limb.

"August 7th is a day to honor those brave men and women who have earned the Purple Heart," said Greg Whitlock, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "It unites our country in recognizing the sacrifices of those who have risked everything in serving our great nation."

The Governor encourages all South Dakotans to set aside time on Aug. 7 to honor our heroes who have been honored with the Purple Heart. "It is important for all Americans to learn the history of this important military award and the sacrifices made by the recipients," said Gov. Noem,

"Our military remains as strong as it has ever been. America's veterans have been defined by the virtues of selfless service, sacrifice and

devotion to duty," said Whitlock. "These men and women, who serve and have served, are the flesh and blood of American exceptionalism."

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Truck crash sends potentially carcinogenic herbicides into Big Sioux River

About 900 gallons of Roundup weed-killer and other chemicals flowed into the river near Estelline in late June; officials predict no lingering impacts.

Bart Pfankuch

South Dakota News Watch

As much as 900 gallons of agricultural chemicals – including the primary component of the weed-killer Roundup – flowed into the Big Sioux River after a truck rolled over and spilled its load near Estelline in eastern South Dakota in late June, South Dakota News Watch has confirmed.

The liquid herbicides that spilled on June 26 included glyphosate, used in Roundup, as well as dicamba and acetochlor, also chemicals used to control weeds on farms, according to Katherine Jenkins, a community-involvement coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Acetochlor is the only one of the three chemicals defined by the federal government as a “probable carcinogen,” though glyphosate has recently been linked to one form of cancer.

Jenkins said the agency had run tests both upriver and downriver from the accident site and believed that high water flows in the Big Sioux River allowed the chemicals to fully dissipate in the water. No humans, animals or fish were known to have been hurt by the chemical release, she said.

“The chemicals have dispersed and are no longer a threat to the area,” Jenkins said. “The analytical results show that the traces of those chemicals are no longer in the river.”

Jenkins said a diesel tank on the truck also ruptured and spilled fuel and oil into a ditch next to the Big Sioux River. A dirt berm was created to block those materials from entering the river, and a vacuum machine was used to remove them from the site, Jenkins said. The dirt berm will eventually be removed and trucked to an approved toxic-waste dump, she said.

While no public drinking water systems pull water directly from the Big Sioux River near the spill site, several regional water systems, including the city of Sioux Falls, get drinking water from the underground aquifer supplied by Big Sioux River water.

The day after the accident, the city of Sioux Falls shut down its drinking-water wells located closest to the river and began testing river



A semi truck carrying a flatbed loaded with agricultural herbicides rolled off a road in Hamlin County near Estelline on June 26, sending up to 900 gallons of chemicals into the adjacent Big Sioux River. The driver was not injured in the wreck. Photo: Courtesy South Dakota Department of Highway Safety

water and its treated water from the aquifer to check for any residual chemicals related to the spill, said Tim Stefanich, environmental engineer and lab supervisor for the city. No traces of chemicals from the spill were found, he said.

“Everything came back clean,” Stefanich said. “We haven’t seen anything above the background of what’s normal in the river; that is, what’s normal for a watershed that has agriculture and typical runoff.”

Glyphosate has been in the news recently after a federal jury ruled in May that a California couple should receive about \$2 billion in damages after claiming they contracted non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, a type of cancer, after using the chemical on their farm for 35 years.

Since the ruling, attempts have arisen to file class-action lawsuits on behalf of people who claim they got cancer from Roundup. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

published a research review in April noting that although “most studies found no association between exposure to glyphosate-based products and risk of cancer,” testing showed there is “a possible association between exposure to glyphosate and risk of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.” The CDC also noted that exposure to glyphosate can affect the development of infants and can damage the urinary tracts of adults.

Dicamba, also known commercially as Banvel and Oracle, is an herbicide that has been criticized by some farmers in South Dakota and elsewhere

who say the chemical has drifted from neighboring properties onto their land, where it has led to crop losses. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture has a page on its website devoted to helping farmers document and report any damage caused by dicamba. Dicamba exposure is known to cause reduced weight during maternity and also fetal toxicity, according to the CDC.

Acetochlor is also an herbicide that can have significant negative impacts on human health, including damage to the nervous, reproductive, hepatic, urinary and hematological systems within humans. Exposure to the chemical can also hinder the proper development of a fetus, the CDC said. The chemical is also listed as “moderately toxic” to fish and honeybees, the CDC said.

According to the South Dakota Highway Patrol, the accident occurred at 4:55 p.m. on June 26 about two miles south of Estelline. The patrol said a 2005 Kenworth T800 semi pulling a flatbed trailer loaded with chemicals was southbound on 465th Avenue near 196th Street and tipped over into the ditch, pulling the truck’s cab onto its side. The driver was not injured, the patrol said. Charges are pending against the driver in the crash that happened on a left-hand curve in the road, the patrol said.

Once the spill occurred, police and emergency management officials from Watertown and Hamlin County were dispatched and began immediate assessments and attempts to prevent chemicals from flowing into the river.

The day of the spill, the EPA was notified through a national spill-alert system and by the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, according to an EPA timeline. Two EPA employees flew in and spent about three days in South Dakota to help coordinate the response, which included construction of an earthen berm, deployment of absorbent materials and use of a containment boom.

Jenkins said the river was flowing too fast to prevent the chemicals from entering the river. Some of the spilled materials may have also



The day after the June 26 crash, a bulldozer built an earthen berm around the area in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent spilled chemicals from entering the Big Sioux River, visible at upper left. Photo: Courtesy EPA



Officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sample water in the containment pool that was created in an attempt to keep spilled chemicals out of the Big Sioux River. Absorbent flotation materials can be seen in the water. Photo: Courtesy EPA

entered the river on July 2 after flooding in the Big Sioux River washed out the containment berm, which then had to be rebuilt, the EPA said.

"With the chemicals, they tried to contain it in that area but with the flood and rising flood waters, it went downstream," she said.

Dana Loseke, chair of the nonprofit group Friends of the Big Sioux River, said it was fortunate the accident happened at a time the river is flowing much higher and faster than normal.

"I'd say we dodged a major bullet, and it could have been a lot worse," Loseke said. "You have to look at it simply as a bad break for the river, not like it's a chronic thing that could happen every few months."

About Bart Pfankuch

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At home with dementia

In the U.S., there are almost five million people with mild to moderate dementia, and studies show that about 70 percent are at home, either alone or with a caregiver, often a spouse. If people with mild to moderate dementia can stay home safely, this would save Medicare and Medicaid a great deal of taxpayer money. More importantly, this would provide those people affected with dementia their preferred environment. Indeed, it is important to allow all people the chance to stay at home whenever possible.

A 2013 Johns Hopkins report studied more than 250 people with dementia living at home and found that 99 percent of the demented and 97 percent of their caregivers had at least one unmet need. The foremost unmet need was defined by safety issues such as poor lighting in walkways which increased the risk of falling. Other needs that were not being met in this study included not performing regular exercise, poor follow-up with health care providers, not having prepared legal and estate planning and not receiving help with medications and some activities of daily living. Researchers found that those with lower income, with depression and with borderline rather than severe dysfunction had significantly more unmet needs.

When there were at-home caregivers for these folks with early dementia, the caregivers were often not aware of these deficiencies. In addition, the needs of the caregivers were often ignored or unrecognized. Remarkably, at-home caregiver stress and depression were some of the strongest predictors for an earlier move of the person with dementia to the nursing home.

Methods to enhance a person's chance of staying at home are not difficult. Preparation for legal issues and estate planning should be done early and BEFORE the loss of memory. Other methods include providing raised toilet seats, grab bars in the bath and bedroom, properly tacked down carpets, good nighttime lighting in walkways and proper day and nighttime footwear. Researchers also advise providing enhanced support for caregivers with education about community support available such as social services, occupational therapy and caregiver support groups. In addition, screening and treatment of any caregivers' depression, should be provided. This would go a long way in helping people stay at home as they age.

Bottom line: Most of us, and our families, are not prepared for the possibility of dementia as we age. If we prepare, we greatly improve our chances for staying at home.

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Groton Senior Citizens News

July 8 Groton Seniors met for a meeting. Twenty members were present. President opened with pledge allegiance to the flag. A short meeting was held, sec and treasures minutes were read and approved. A get well card was signed by all for Marilyn Thorson. Meeting adjourned. Cards were played, the winners of games. Pinochle- Sarge Likness, Canasta- Balinda Nelson, Whist- Darlene Fischer. Door prizes, Pat Larson, Dick Donovan, and Eunice McColister. Lunch was served by Sarge Likness and David Kliensassor.

July 15 Fourteen members were present. Cards were played. The winners of Pinochle_ Ruby Donavon, Canasta -Pat Larson and Balinda Nelson. Whist- Sarge Likness, Elda Stange. Door prizes- Grace Albrecht, Pat Larson, Sarge Likness. Lunch was served by Beulah Hoops and Elda Stange .

July 22 Seniors had their pot luck dinner eighteen members and one visitor Balinda Nelson. We had pledgience to the flag. after dinner bingo was played. Pat Larson won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes went to Beulah Hoops Bev Sombke and Sarge Likness.

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Football	Girls Golf	Boys Golf	Track	Wrestling	Robotics	Soccer
Fri., Aug. 23 at McLaughlin 7:00	Mon., Apr. 20 at Milbank 10:00	Mon., Aug. 19 at Sioux Valley 10:00	Tues. Apr. 7 at Ipswich 12:30	Sat., Dec. 7 at Clark 10:00	Sat., Oct. 19 Groton Invite	Sat., Aug. 17 Garretson 3:00
Fri., Aug. 30 at Ell./Edgeley-Kulm 7:00	Thurs., Apr. 30 at Redfield 10:00	Mon., Aug. 26 at Roncalli (MocCrk) 10:00	Tues., Apr. 14 Groton Luecke Invite 11:30	Sat., Dec. 14 at LaMoure 10:00	Sat., Nov. 9 Mitchell Invite	Fri., Aug. 17 Freeman Academy 3:00
Fri., Sept. 6 at Webster 7:00	Thurs., May 7 at Roncalli (Lee) 10:00	Tues., Sept. 3 at Central (Lee) 10:00	Fri., Apr. 17 at Milbank 3:00	Sat., Dec. 21 at Madison 9:00	Sat., Nov. 16 Box Elder at Douglas Invite	Fri., Aug. 23 Belle Fourche 3:00
Fri., Sept. 13 Sisseton 7:00	Mon., May 11 Groton Invite 10:00	Thurs., Sept. 12 Groton 10:00	Tues., Apr. 21 at Deuel 3:00	Sat., Jan. 4 at Webster 9:30	Sat., Dec. 14 Rapid City Invite	Sat., Aug. 24 St. Thomas More 1:00
Fri., Sept. 20 Milbank (HC) 7:00	Thurs., May 14 at Sisseton 10:00	Tues., Sept. 17 at Redfield 10:00	Tues., Apr. 28 Groton Invite 11:30	Tues., Jan. 7 B-H/Oakes at Oakes 6:00	Sat., Jan. 11 Canton Invite	Sat., Aug. 31 at Vermillion 3:00
Fri., Sept. 27 at Redfield 7:00	Mon., May 18 NEC at Milbank 10:00	Thurs., Sept. 26 at Sisseton 10:00	Fri., May 1 at Webster 1:30	Thurs., Jan. 9 Webster/Redfield@Red 6:00	Sat., Jan. 11 Groton Invite	Thurs., Sept. 7 JV Christian 4:00
Fri., Oct. 4 Roncalli 7:00	Thurs., May 21 at Sisseton 10:00	Mon., Sept. 30 Region at Volga 10:00	Tues., May 5 at Milbank 1:00	Sat., Jan. 18 at Gettysburg 10:00	Sat., Feb. 1 Groton Invite 10:00	Fri., Sept. 13 West Central 4:00
Fri., Oct. 18 at Mobridge-Pollock 7:00	June 1-2 State at Vermillion	Oct. 7-8 State at Spearfish	Fri., May 8 at Sisseton 3:00	Thurs., Jan. 23 at Clark Triangular 5:00	Sat., Feb. 8 at Stanley County 10:00	Sat., Sept. 21 at Garretson 3:00
Thurs., Oct. 24 1st Rnd. Playoffs			Tues., May 14 NEC at Groton 11:00	Sat., Jan. 25 at Arlington 10:00	Sat., Feb. 22 Region at Sisseton 10:00	Thurs., Sept. 26 at JV Christian 4:00
Thurs., Oct. 31 2nd Rnd. Playoffs			Fri., May 21 Region at Sisseton 12:00	Thurs., Jan. 30 NEC at Britton 4:00	Feb. 28-29 State at Sioux Falls	Sat., Sept. 28 at Tea Area 3:00
Fri., Nov. 8 Semifinals			Sat., May 29 State at Tea Area	Sat., Feb. 1 Groton Invite 10:00		Tues., Oct. 8 1st Round Playoffs
Fri., Nov. 15 11B at Brookings (3:30)			Sat., May 30 State at Sioux Falls	Sat., Feb. 8 Groton Invite 10:00		Sat., Oct. 12 Semi-Final Playoffs
				Sat., Feb. 22 Region at Sisseton 10:00		Sat., Oct. 19 State at Harrisburg
				Feb. 28-29 State at Sioux Falls		



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