



New life being breathed into Groton nursing home facility

by Dorene Nelson

Groton's nursing home and rehabilitation center received good news with Legacy Healthcare taking control of the facility and its day-to-day operation.

On July 1, Legacy Healthcare took over the operation of sixteen nursing homes in South Dakota that had previously been placed in receivership. The receivership had originally been established to help financially stabilize several nursing homes in the state.

Legacy Healthcare, headquartered in Skokie, Illinois, oversees more than 45 facilities in 4 states. The names of these nursing homes have been changed to Avantara.

Legacy Healthcare is addressing the most crucial needs first. For example, if the infrastructure such as new roofs, boilers, and other building improvements or updates are needed, those will be the first changes made. These items should be taken care of in the next six months.

The care of the residents in these nursing homes has not been a problem due to the great employees who kept doing their job throughout the whole process. The staffs have maintained constant vigilance and care of the patients.

Replacing roofs and installing new boilers are easy jobs. Getting dedicated hard workers is the most difficult part, and for the 16 nursing homes that had been in receivership, that has not been a problem.

Joshua Pete, the new administrator at Avantara Groton Nursing Home, is originally from Dallas, TX. He currently lives in Redfield where he worked prior to coming to Groton.

"I have a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Health Science and am a licensed nursing home administrator," Pete explained. "I am currently working on my Master's Degree in Business through online courses at the University of South Dakota."

"I decided to become a nursing home administrator for several reasons," he said. "My work as the Maintenance Director in the nursing home as well as being a supervisor for two years at South Dakota Developmental Center, both located in Redfield, helped me make the decision to pursue my advanced degrees." "I personally saw myself as a natural fit for this type of work," Pete stated. "My work experience helped me make this decision since I became aware of things that needed to change and improve. I want the residents here to have the best quality of life that is possible." "I'm really excited to be here in Groton," Pete admitted. "It is a good place to work with lots of good workers and a supportive community. Outside of my work, I enjoy spending time with my two elementary age children and am a fan of both football and hockey. Another change at Avantara Groton is the hiring of Mandy Livingston as the new activities director. She has many new and exciting plans for the residents.



Joshua Pete (right) is the new adminstrator of Avantara of Groton. Mandy Livingson (left) is the new activities director. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

activity to once a week," Livingston stated. "People of all ages prefer change in their daily routine so this was an easy fix."

"A new activity that started on August 6th was pet therapy," Livingston explained. "A lady with her Akita dogs visited here with these specially trained animals."

"Trained therapy dogs have been proven to cause positive changes in nursing home residents, hospitals, schools, etc." Livingston smiled. "These dogs work with people of all

having a gorgeous grandma contest, an adopt a grandparent day, and other unique things," Livingston listed.

"One new event is a guys' luncheon," she stated, "with only the male residents. They enjoy each other's company and love to tell stories about their younger days."

"It is fun to watch residents here perk up and take more interest in what is happening around them when something different is being offered," Livingston admitted. "I really enjoy

"I have already changed the bingo-every-day

ages to help them and improve their lives."

"In addition to pet therapy, I have also ideas and suggestions too. planned several other new activities such as

my job here and am willing to try other new ideas and suggestions too."

First reading give to 2020 \$6.1 million Budget

The Groton City Council gave first reading to the 2020 budget of \$6.14 million. That breaks down to \$462,954 for general government, \$411,504 for public safety, \$325,360 for public works, \$6,450 for health and welfare, \$212,410 for culture and recreation, \$14,470 for conservation and development, \$373,710 for debt service, \$1,710,269 for electric fund expenses and \$229,389 transfer out, \$2,327,280 in the water fund which includes a new water tower, \$196,145 in sewer fund expenses, \$98,100 in solid waste expenses and \$50 for liquor. The September meeting dates have been moved to September 10 and September 24.

Football Game Cancelled

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the McLaughlin Mustangs have had to forfeit the varsity football game scheduled for Friday, August 23 at Doney Field.

We are uncertain if there will be an opportunity to play against a different opponent later in the season to have an eighth game.

The Tigers will take on Ellendale/Edgeley-Kulm on Friday, August 30 at 7:00 PM in Ellendale.



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NOTICES

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Dolan begins his duties at Groton Area

Brian Dolan has switched from the green and gold to the black and gold and is now the new athletic director and head boys' basketball coach at Groton Area. Brian was AD and head boys' basketball coach at Aberdeen Roncalli for two years.

While Brian will be working at Groton, his wife, Kristen, will still be running the SonShine Patch at Aberdeen Roncalli. It is a preschool, after school and summer program at Roncalli.

Their son, Major (named after Major Applewhite who was coach at the University of Houston). Major will be a second grader and will be attending Roncalli Elementary School as his mom will be in the same building. But it took some time for Major to liking the idea of being a Groton Area Tiger fan. Brian said at first that Major had absolutely no intentions of wearing a Groton shirt. His parents had bought him one and put it in his room. "I'm not wearing it," Major had told his dad, Brian said. Major then found an orange shirt which he told his dad, "This is as close to Gold as I'm going to get." There was a Groton event that Major was at and again, they put the shirt so it was visible to Major. "This time he put it on," his dad recalls.



Brian Dolan

Brian said he is excited to start his role as the head

basketball coach in Groton Area. As athletic director, he has already made a big change at Groton Area by securing the athletic training services from Avera. The way it is set up this year is that if an athlete needs the services of the trainer, they can see the trainer at any of the home events.

Brian's daughter, Hannah Leonard, is a freshman at South Dakota State University in Brookings and is the manager for the men's basketball team; his son, Cole Leonard of Oklahoma will be attending law school.

Brian also has two children at Kirkward, Mo., High school: Pryor Dolan is a sophomore and Regan Dolan is a seventh grader.

He was the head basketball coach at Upper Iowa University for seven years, head basketball coach at Wayne State College for three years, assistant athletic director for one year at Northern State University, at at Roncalli, he was director of development, athletic director, head boys' basketball coach and Dean of Students for two years. He graduated from Bishop Kelley High School, Tulsa, Okla., and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication and General at William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo.





MS/HS adds Comfort Closet JODI SCHWAN From grotonarea.com

It can be hard for some students to show up at school ready to learn when they are pre-occupied with basic personal needs such as clean laundry, deodorant, food and basic nutrition, and soap and shampoo. We have established a new comfort closet to help provide our students with this kind of assistance.

To help, the Groton Area MS/HS will be accepting donations for the following items for both male and female students: Shampoo/ Conditioner, Soap, Body Spray, Hair Ties, Deodorant, Laundry Soap (Pods), Quarters for Laundromat, Winter weather gear such as hats, gloves, and coats, new socks, new under-wear, Snack-sized cracker packages, Single-serve peanut butter, Granola Bars, Toothbrushes/toothpaste.

Questions about this project should be directed to Opportunity Coordinator, Jodi Schwan at 605-397-8381 or Jodi.Schwan@ k12.sd.us



School board members Marty Wiesmantel, Tigh Fliehs, Deb Gengerke and Kara Pharis do the serving at the school open house held Tuesday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Service Notice: Julius Kolb

Julius Junior Kolb, age 94+, passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at the Bethesda Nursing Home in Webster.

Visitation will be at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel from 5-7 p.m. on Friday with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the chapel at 11:00 a,m. with visitation one hour prior. Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Private family burial will be at Sunset Menorial Gardens in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Board President Steve Smith was slaving over a hot grill with hamburgers while board member Grant Rix would take the burgers inside to be served. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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DAMAGING DEBT: College grads stung by broken promises of federal loan forgiveness program

By: Nick Lowrey

Hundreds of South Dakota residents are caught in financial limbo wondering if the tens of thousands of dollars they owe on student debt — and which they were promised would be forgiven if they entered public-service careers — will actually ever be eliminated.

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Those South Dakota residents include teachers, police officers, employees at charitable organizations and even members of the military who signed up to participate in the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. For many, their debts have grown to unmanageable levels over their years of work in relatively low-pay positions and due to entry into income-driven repayment plans.

Created in 2007 under the George W. Bush Administration, the PSLF program began as a way to encourage college graduates to pursue public service by working in government or charitable non-profits. The PSLF was supposed to forgive a person's remaining student loan balances after they made 120 qualifying monthly payments, a period spanning roughly 10 years. All 10 years had to be spent working in public service.

But the program's most compelling promise has, so far, gone largely unfulfilled. The latest data from the U.S. Department of Education, which runs the program, show that just 864 of the roughly 76,000 fully processed PSLF forgiveness applications had been approved as of March 31, 2019. That is an approval rate of less than 1.1%.

The loan forgiveness was intended to help offset lower wages typically paid to publicservice employees. As of March 2019, about 2.1 million borrowers nationwide had their loans and jobs certified as eligible for PSLF. Most borrowers chose to use income-driven repayment plans that reduce monthly payments but often result in loan principals growing over time.

The failure of the PSLF program is just one element of a growing national problem in which college graduates are increasingly carrying major debt loads that inhibit home ownership, entrepreneurship and the ability to plan for a stable financial future. Nearly three-quarters of college graduates in South Dakota carry some level of college debt, with an average of more than \$30,000 owed per person and well over a billion dollars owed overall. Debt levels have increased as tuition, fees and other costs have increased and, especially in South Dakota, as tuition assistance has become more difficult to obtain. Meanwhile, college debt among recent graduates has become more difficult to pay off because wages have not kept up with rising college costs. Experts, officials and borrowers all say confusion and miscommunication are rampant with the PSLF program. A 2017 report by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau called "Staying on Track While Giving Back," detailed numerous problems with PSLF even before any applicants applied for forgiveness. In October of that year, when the first group of PSLF eligible borrowers started applying for loan forgiveness, more than 99 percent of the applicants were denied. South Dakotans are among those suffering from the broken promise of the PSLF program, said Eric Olilla, executive director of the South Dakota State Employees Organization. "I know people have been denied," Olilla said.

Many state employees were relying on PSLF for their financial wellbeing and are worried they could be left to pay what has in many cases become much larger debts than were originally taken out, Ollila said.

Problems in PSLF have led to a lawsuit filed against the Department of Education in July 2019 on behalf of eight teachers from around the country and the American Federation of Teachers. U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has called for dismantling PSLF and included a measure to do so in the department's 2020 budget request.



U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, R-South Dakota

U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, R-South Dakota, has said he supports efforts to review PSLF but stopped short of calling for its destruction.

"I believe it's healthy to periodically review federal programs to make certain they still have merit, they're a good use of taxpayer dollars and they are working as Congress intended," Rounds said in an email response to questions posed by South Dakota News Watch. "The PSLF is no different, particularly given the program's widely reported issues approving loan forgiveness applications."

Rounds said that his office had helped at least one constituent secure loan forgiveness under PSLF in 2019 after they were wrongfully denied.

It is difficult to know how many South Dakotans are hoping to use PSLF or how many have applied and been denied loan forgiveness under the program. The Department of Education doesn't report PSLF statistics by state.

Gov. Kristi Noem told South Dakota News Watch that her staff has requested data from the federal education department about the PSLF program and how South Dakota borrowers have been affected.

The data request is an effort to "assist in the



Jerica Slocum and her husband, Robert Slocum, hold their daughter, Paisley. Jerica Slocum said she borrowed about \$62,000 to get her teaching degree and has been making payments. But she and others are concerned a troubled federal loan relief program may not deliver on its promises. Submitted photo

the Eagle Butte School District as a social studies teacher.

In 2013, Slocum discovered that she was eligible to participate in the PSLF program. The program seemed almost too good to be true, but she got her job certified as eligible for PSLF and consolidated her loans anyway.

"I probably would have been paying for the rest of my life. This program was kind of my saving grace," Slocum said.

Partially because South Dakota's teachers are among the lowest paid in the nation, there were a few years that Slocum didn't make enough money to be required to make any payments at all. Fedloan Servicing, which handles all PSLF approved loans, assured Slocum those zero-dollar payments counted as qualifying payments under PSLF. But none of Slocum's loan payments, so far, have counted toward her original balance.

Slocum borrowed about \$62,000 to get her teaching degree. She admits that graduating from college took a little longer than it should have, about six years including time off to work and make money along the way. Slocum also studied abroad in Mexico and Australia. Neither program was cheap, she said, but they did make her a better teacher.

Almost 10 years after graduating and making income-based loan payments since 2011, Slocum now owes more than \$84,000.

Income-based repayment plans reduce a borrower's monthly payments based on how much money they are making, and after 20 years of payments the remaining loan balance can be wiped clean. But borrowers often see their principal loan amounts remain or even rise during that time, and then must pay income taxes on any debt that is eventually forgiven. According to the 2017 consumer protection bureau report, the Department of Education estimates that because a typical borrower's monthly payments increase as their income increases, they will usually end up paying more than they borrowed before seeing their loan forgiven or paid off. But public employees don't typically see their incomes rise as fast as their private sector counterparts. Without PSLF, public employees would end up paying far more of their lifetime earnings toward interest on their student loans than private sector employees, the report said. Slocum said she feels stuck in her current job and financial situation. Her loan servicer has told her on multiple occasions that taking a new job, even one that also is eligible for

larger conversation of higher education affordability," Noem said in a statement.

"I want state employees to know that my administration is one that empowers families and takes care of its people," Noem said. Still, South Dakota public employees such as Jerica Slocum, who now owes the federal government \$20,000 more than she originally borrowed, are worried that they'll be stuck paying back a debt they would not have owed if not for the promise of PSLF.

"At first I really had faith in this program, but now I feel like criminal activity has been committed against me," Slocum said.

Twice the debt and one

way out

Slocum, 36, of Isabel, is using an incomedriven repayment plan to make loan payments and is hoping her debt will be forgiven under the PSLF program. She graduated from Minnesota State University at Mankato in 2010 with a teaching degree and went to work in PSLF, could derail her chances at forgiveness because it would further complicate the paperwork and the payment tracking process.

Slocum could leave teaching, take a private sector job and stay in an income-driven repayment plan, which is supposed to lead to loan forgiveness after 20 years of payments. But if her loan is forgiven after those 20 years, she'd be taxed on the amount forgiven as if it were income. She'd also be making a \$280 payment each month for 20 years. Provided her family income doesn't change, Slocum would pay an additional \$67,200 on her loans over that period of time.

"I don't know how I'm going to climb out of this mess," Slocum said.

Paying the loan back isn't what has Slocum angry, she knew that was part of the deal. What is galling to her, Slocum said, is that the federal government made a promise and, so far, hasn't followed through on it. In the process, she's seen what she owes more than double, a situation she wouldn't have allowed to happen if not for PSLF.

"I would have planned things differently, if I had not been accepted into the program and given that hope," Slocum said.

Sketchy guidelines for lenders, borrowers

Slocum has good reason to be worried. According to a September 2018 report on PSLF from the federal Government Accountability Office, the Department of Education never published a comprehensive guide for the nine federal loan service contractors to follow when borrowers asked about PSLF. As a consequence, loan servicers often dispensed incomplete information or even misinformation.

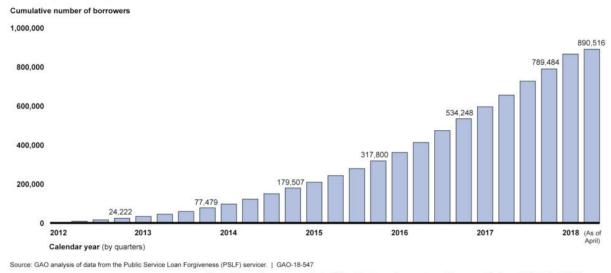
Some borrowers weren't told about all their paperwork requirements. Other borrowers were enrolled into the wrong type of payment plan. Some weren't told that consolidating their loans would restart the clock on the 10-year, 120-payment cycle of required payments.

One former soldier named John Scott, whose complaint was quoted in the 2017 consumer protection bureau report, said, "I was told that none of my active military service, including deployments to Afghanistan, would count for PSLF purposes." Scott added that, "My military service, in which my leg function was sacrificed, did not count for anything [toward PSLF]. This is contrary to the alleged policy for which the PSLF program was created and it is insulting."

Scott should have been able to make PSLF qualifying payments while serving, according to the CFPB report.

To be eligible for PSLF, student borrowers must have taken loans directly from the federal government. In 2007, when the program was created, borrowers were allowed to consolidate Federal Family Education Loans — a subsidized private loan guaranteed by the federal government — into federal direct loans. Now, most student loans are taken directly from the federal government. No new federal family loans have been made since 2010. Several types of payment plans could be used under PSLF, including the income-based, income-contingent and so-called "Pay As You Earn" plans. Several other types of payment plans, such as the graduated and extended term plans, can't be used for PSLF. The 2018 GAO report noted that because there wasn't a comprehensive guide to follow, customer service representatives routinely dispensed bad information to borrowers. Staying current with PSLF program changes and progress was difficult for borrowers, too. They are required to file multiple sets of paperwork annually. If one piece of information was missing on one set of paperwork in just one year, the borrower's loan forgiveness timeline could be thrown off. And unless the borrower was paying attention, they wouldn't catch the error until applying for forgiveness. Adding to the paperwork issue was the fact that the

Figure 4: Cumulative Number of Borrowers Who Had Their Employment and Loans Certified as Eligible for PSLF, January 2012 to April 2018, by Quarter



Note: These borrowers voluntarily had their employment and loans certified as eligible for PSLF as an initial step towards applying for loan forgiveness.

This chart shows that as college debt has skyrocketed, an increasing number of borrowers, almost 900,000, have been certified to received loan forgiveness under the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. But despite taking jobs in the public-service fields and making payments for a decade, very few borrowers have seen any relief.

Department of Education and loan servicers weren't giving borrowers clear information about their loans, the 2018 GAO report said.

Reynold Nesiba, a college professor and Democratic state senator from Sioux Falls, was one of the borrowers who missed his 10-year PSLF timeline. He started borrowing for college in 1984 and stopped in 1995 after earning a Ph.D. in economics from Notre Dame University. Back then, Nesiba said, he had about \$70,000 in student debt. He started working at what is now Augustana University as an economics professor in 1995 and began making payments.

"I was on an income-contingent repayment plan which allowed me to have a mortgage and get kids through elementary school and middle school, but I wasn't paying (my loans) down," Nesiba said.

When PSLF was created in 2007, Nesiba had been making payments for 12 years and still hadn't made much of a dent in what he owed. Augustana University, though, happened to be a qualified employer under PSLF, so Nesiba jumped at the opportunity to use the program.

Nesiba consolidated his federal family loans into a federal direct loan, and then, based on poor guidance from his loan-servicer, enrolled in the wrong payment plan. He made almost two year's worth of non-qualifying payments before catching the mistake. Instead of having his loans forgiven in 2018, Nesiba's forgiveness timeline was pushed back to 2020.

Nesiba was one of the lucky borrowers. Of the more than 53,000 individuals who applied for forgiveness by the end of 2018, a total of 318 were successful, according to the Department of Education. Around 53 percent of denials were due to non-qualifying payments, meaning the borrower had made some or all of their 120 PSLF payments under the wrong payment plan and had to start over. Often, this was because the borrower's loan-servicer gave them bad information or didn't know which plans actually qualified for PSLF, the GAO report said.

In March 2018, Congress passed a law creating the Temporary Expanded Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. That program included \$350 million to forgive loans for borrowers who had been on the wrong type of payment plan.

Early in 2019, Nesiba applied for forgiveness under TEPSLF and was approved to have more than \$60,000 in outstanding balances forgiven. He joined 442 people nationwide who had been approved for forgiveness under TEPSLF as of March 31, 2019, according to the Department of Education.

"I'd been paying for 23 years before my loans were forgiven and it's just made a huge difference in my life," Nesiba said.

Still, PSLF forgiveness approval rates haven't improved much. About 1% of individuals seeking loan forgiveness under either PSLF or TEPSLF had been successful by March 31, 2019.

South Dakota News Watch has filed a request with the Department of Education under the Freedom of Information Act for the number of South Dakota residents who have had their employment certified for PSLF, how many enrollees had been approved for forgiveness and how many had been denied forgiveness. The department had not fulfilled the request by the time this story was published.

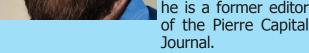


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South Dakota Sen. Reynold Nesiba, D-Sioux Falls



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Groton School Aug. 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING August 12, 2019

Vice-President Weismantel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix and Weismantel. Absent: Smith. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals Sombke and B. Schwan, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to approve the agenda with two amendments under New Business Item #6 – acknowledge public school exemption and under New Business Item #7 – approve open enrollment. Motion carried.

Weber read the Oath of Office to install Travis Harder for three-year term as school board member.

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

Moved by Rix, second Fliehs to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of July 8, 2019, bills, financial reports, agency reports and investments, Public School Exemptions #20-01, #20-02, #20-03, #20-04, #20-05 and #20-06, Open Enrollment Applications #20-05, #20-06, #20-08 and #20-10, Transportation Requests from Langford Area and Webster in accordance with SDCL 13-29-4. Motion carried. GENERAL FUND: Net Salary

· 72,125.99; FIT – 7,232.68; Medicare – 2,680.38; FICA 11,460.74; Washington National – 0.00; SD Retirement 8,815.48; Waddell & Reed 625.00; Horace Mann - 250.00; AFLAC - 792.24; Delta Dental - 1,000.04; SD Supplemental Retirement – 402.29; Wellmark – 15,278.00; Reliastar Life – 193.71; Avesis Vision - 79.70; Advance Auto Parts – parts, 313.61; AED Superstore - supplies, 70.39; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 122,552.47; Agtegra – cornerstone, 80.10; Amazon supplies, 312.23; Ámerican Solutions for Business – supplies, 213.64; Automatic Building Controls – fire alarm fees, 480.00; BE Publishing – workbooks, 568.81; Carson-Dellosa publishing – supplies, 176.78; Cengage Learning workbooks, 600.00; Coach & Athletic Director - subscription, 19.95; Cole Papers - paper, 5,605.32; Brooke Compton travel expense, 162.12; Dakota Brush – supplies, 36.00; Dakota Electronics - repairs, 167.50; Dakota Supply Group - supplies, 224.18; Decker Equipment – locker parts, 28.95; Dependable Sanitation – services, 1,238.00; Didax – supplies, 28.07; East River Plumbing – repairs, 557.00; Eric Armin – supplies, 105.80; Farnams Genuine Parts – repairs, 249.44; Flinn Scientific – supplies, 154.15; Groton Chiropractic Clinic – bus physical, 95.00; Groton Daily Independent - legals, 682.21; Hauff Mid-America Sports – supplies, 2,403.30; Hillyard – supplies, 14,205.89; House of Glass - keys, 33.98; Interstate – battery, 38.56; Jeff's District & Drain – repairs, 416.00; Maximum Promotions banner upgrades, 97.12; Mike-

N-Jos - body work, 861.00;

Nardini Fire Equipment – services, 269.50; Nasco – supplies, 232.35; Northside Implement – repairs, 1,850.89; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 16.07; OTC Brands – supplies, 271.16; Prorate Services – testing, 65.00; Ramada Inn – lodging, 315.18; Really Good Stuff – supplies, 62.93; Scholastic Inc – supplies, 3,803.41; Scholastic – supplies, 25.45; School Nurse Supply – supplies, 1,025.29; School Specialty – supplies, 2,443.48; SD Teacher Placement Center – fee, 435.00; SDSTE – dues, 30.00; Stamp Fulfillment Services

envelopes, 6,151.00; Supreme School Supply – supplies, 722.66; Swank Movie Licensing – service, 519.00; Teacher Created Resources – supplies, 121.35; Teacher Direct – supplies, 884.70; Training Room – supplies, 1,015.24. Total General Fund - \$293.973.48.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - lease, 925.73; Agency Funds - advanced pays, 29,235.01; Amazon – classroom equipment, 1,302.50; American Solutions for Business - equipment, 2,241.03; Amplify Educa-tion – software, 5,610.00; Apple iPads, equipment, 54,085.40; Brainpop – software, 2,550.00; Dakota Supply Group – equipment, 239.18; Eric Armin textbooks, 382.25; Gopher – equipment, 205.69; Goverlan service contract, 220.00; Hauff Mid-America Sports – equip-ment, jerseys, 4,722.30; Hillyard - scrubber part, 262.77; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – textbooks. 22,045.50; IXL Learning - site license, 1,800.00; JLG Architects services, 588.00; Kaplan Early Learning – equipment, 569.87; Lampo Group - textbooks, 1,237.01; My Binding – equip-

ment, 2,891.54; Mystery Science – subscription, 99.00; NAS-CO – equipment, 564.31; NCS Pearson – software, 3,050.00; Obermiller Nelson Engineering – services, 446.25; Palos Sports – equipment, 178.50; Pearson Education – books, 720.81; Really Good Stuff – equipment, 186.10; Renaissance – software, 11,458.80; Scholastic – readers, 184.19; Scholastic – books, 4,283.37; School Specialty – boombox, 33.71; Teacher Created Resources – textbooks, 48.96; Teacher Direct – equipment, 486.42; Toledo Physical Ed – equipment, 135.50; US

Toy – equipment, 316.10. Total Capital Outlay -\$153,305.80.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 1,469.97; FIT – 88.66; Medicare – 52.34; FICA – 223.84; SD Retirement – 216.62; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 309.88; Amazon – supplies, 128.01; Avera St Luke's – services, 5,208.00; Dollar General – supplies, 104.04; Rebecca Erickson – grant services, 940.00; Janelle Publications – supplies, 130.90; NCS – supplies, 137.50; OTC Brands – supplies, 137.50; OTC Brands – supplies, 53.12; School Health Corp – supplies, 17.36; School Specialty – gloves, 5.18; Super Duper Publications – supplies, 101.86; Teacher Created Resources – supplies, 62.94; Sydney Wilkinson – grant services, 840.00; Judy or Gene Williamson – mileage, 137.76. Total Special Ed - \$10,227.98. ENTERPRISE: Food Service:

Net Salary – 1,845.70; FIT – 235.70; Medicare – 70.10; FICA – 299.78; SD Retirement – 302.32; AFLAC – 82.81; Wellmark – 763.00; Reliastar Life – 1.92; Avesis Vision – 19.06; Ace Refrigeration – repairs,

781.32; American Solutions for Business – chair, 139.99; Reinhart Foodservice – food, 641.85. Total Fund 51 - \$5,183.55. OST: Net Salary – 8,055.94; FIT – 357.31; Medicare – 274.36; FICA – 1,173.20; SD Retirement – 648.52; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 680.64; Bahr's Jungle – pizza, 147.30; Groton Area – mileage refund, 2,392.74. Total Fund 53 - \$13,730.01.

Total Enterprise Funds -\$18,913.56.

AGENCY FUND: Total \$184,243.55.

RÉCEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 601,396.09; Other Local Sources – 12,482.00; County Sources – 2,709.02; State Sources – 0.00; Federal Sources – 8,394.08. Total Receipts – \$624,981.19.

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

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: back to school information, summer custodial work, boiler replacement, elementary tuckpointing, unpacked stan-dards workshop, South Dakota Comprehensive Needs Assessment grant, playground update, grade 6 orientation, comfort closet, graduation requirements, class change day August 19th, dual credit/E-Learning classes ICU program, first day of school August 22nd, annual report progress, Small Rural School Achievement award, utility valuations and tax levy.

Elementary Principal Brett Schwan presented a proposal for amended start time for Junior Kindergarten class from 12:30 to 12:15 pm. An extra 15 minutes of class time per day amounts to 14 additional half-days of student contact time over the course of the year. Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve the change as presented. Motion carried.

Superintendent Joe Schwan presented a proposal from Avera Performance Center for athletic training services for the 2019-20 school year. Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve the service increase as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with Gengerke abstaining.

Moved by Rix, second Fliehs to reassign Melissa Ulmer to MS/ HS Administrative Assistant for the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to hire Tasha Dunker as Elementary Librarian for the 2019-20 school year for \$11.85/ hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Fliehs to approve Craig Sternhagen as volunteer boys' soccer coach and Sarah Schuster as volunteer girls' volleyball coach. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of Notification of Public-School Exemption #20-07

Moved by Rix, second Harder to approve Open Enrollment #20-09. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to adjourn at 7:55 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, 2019, and ending July 31, 2019

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		he reporting perio	od beginning J	July 1, 2019	, and ending July	31, 2019				
General	Restricted	Capital	Special	Pension	Bond	Capital	Enterprise	Agency	Total for	
Fund	Gen Funds	Outlay	Education	Fund	Redemption	Projects	Fund	Fund	District	
1. Beginning Balance1,180,146.26	32,052.21	1,572,935.94	193,439.14	0.00	158,345.95	0.00	47,733.16	274,624.46	3,459,277.12	
a. cash1,180,146.26	32,052.21	1,572,935.94	193,439.14	0.00	158,345.95	0.00	47,733.16	274,624.46	3,459,277.12	
b. petty cash0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2. Transfers in										
3. Revenue to date597,303.25	0.00	13,337.19	3,510.13	0.00	266.20	0.00	10,392.85	171.57	624,981.19	
4. Total accounted for 1,777,449.51	32,052.21	1,586,273.13	196,949.27	0.00	158,612.15	0.00	58,126.01	274,796.03	4,084,258.31	
5. Transfers out			-				-			
6. Expenditures to date 168,084.60	0.00	139,402.74	10,011.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,814.86	184,243.55	518,556.80	
a. encumbrances 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
b. disbursements168,084.60	0.00	139,402.74	10,011.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,814.86	184,243.55	518,556.80	
7. Ending Balance1,609,364.91	32,052.21	1,446,870.39	186,938.22	0.00	158,612.15	0.00	41,311.15	90,752.48	3,565,901.51	
a. checking1,609,364.91	32,052.21	1,446,870.39	186,938.22	0.00	158,612.15	(0.00)	41,311.15	90,552.48	3,565,701.51	
b. petty cash (0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ò0.0 (0.00	200.00	200.00	
July Receipts	0.00	13,337.19	3,510.13	0.00	266.20	0.00	10,392.85	171.57	624,981.19	
July Expenses168,084.60	0.00	139,402.74	10,011.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,814.86	184,243.55	518,556.80	
Agency Checking		2	•					•	•	

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We need them physically strong. We need them mentally strong.

Northeastern Mental Health Center is now offering counseling services for farmers and their families-*at no cost*. With the current state of the industry, we understand that farm families can feel overwhelmed in times of stress, instability, and uncertainty. We're here to help.

Brown County Millim Building for Sale

NOTICE FOR SALE OF BROWN COUNTY MILLUM BUILDING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, SD will publicly open and read sealed bids for the sale of the County Millum Building and lot on September 10, 2019, 8:45A.M in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD.

Envelopes containing sealed bid shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aber-

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

Sealed Bids to: Brown County Auditor's Office 25 Market St., Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Telephone: (605) 626-7110 (0821.0828)

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Groton City Aug. 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2019 The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Community Center for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Blackmun, Peterson, Wells, McGannon, Glover via telephone and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Paul Kosel, Kathy Sundermeyer, and Officer Justin Cleveland. 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 Glover and seconded by Peterson. All members voted aye. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye Payroll, \$33,452.89, Employee salaries; Administra-tive, \$3,179.68, ; Public Safe-ty, \$8,466.29, ; Public Works, \$8,908.98, ; Culture & Recreation, \$12,897.94, ; First State Bank, \$9,630.80, SS and WH ; First State Bank, \$499.98, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$950.00, Employee savings; SD State Treasurer, \$9,135.24, Sales and excise 7/18; City of Groton, \$483.20, Utility deposit refunds

and transit utilities; Dennis Kinser, \$201.67, Utility deposit refund USPS, \$198.94, Utility billing postage; Jacobs & Son Construc tion, \$153,668.75, Payment #2 Street project: Lien Transportation, \$691.98, Hot mix; Michael Todd & Co, \$264.42, Bolt on sweeper broom; Farmers Union, \$1,646.24, Fuel; Dairy Queen, \$16.00, BB concession resale; James Valley, \$585.57, Phone and internet; Angerhofer Concrete, \$17.50, Pool brick engraving; Kens, \$1,581.73, Gas, BB concession resale; HydroKlean, \$27,513.00, 4 manhole reha-bilitation; SD Association of Rural Water, \$625.00, Smoke testing for sewers; Heartland Consum-WAPA, \$18,629.05, Power; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,425.35, Gas ; Nelson Sales & Service, \$507.74, Snapper mower repairs; Railroad Management Co, \$470.77, Water pipeline crossing rent. The July finance report was approved on a motion by Glover and seconded by Wells. All members voted ave. September meeting dates were moved to September 10th and 24th on a motion by Wells and seconded by Glover. All members voted ave. The first reading of the 2020 Appropriation Ordinance #728 vas approved on a motion by Peterson and seconded by Wells. All members voted ave. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Peterson to adjourn into executive session for ersonnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:30pm. All members voted ave. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:06pm. Moved by Wells and seconded y Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. All members voted aye. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Hope Block, Finance Officer Published once at the total aproximate cost of \$25.60. 17935

Call 605-225-1010 for more information.

Northeastern Mental Health Center services the counties of Brown, Campbell, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Marshall, McPherson, Potter, Spink and Walworth.



25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD, and shall be marked on the envelope "Charlene Millum Building Parcel Auction". Bids will be opened on September 10, 2019. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Terms and condition of sealed bids are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office and may be obtained at no charge or by contacting Gary Vetter Commission Assistant (605) 626-7115.

Open House for viewing the building will be Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:30 P.M to 8:30 P.M

BID DEPOSIT: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check for sale item in the amount of \$10,000 made payable to "Brown County Treasurer" payable without condition to Brown County as a guarantee of good faith in entering into a contract if so awarded.

CLaremont Town Aug. 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes The Board of trustees for the

town of Claremont met on 8-13-19 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustee

Rasmussen present. On a motion by Rasmussen and recorded by Johnson the minute of the July meeting were approved.

On a motion by Johnson recorded by Rasmussen the following warrants were approved: General: NWE, lights, 308.81;

Br.Co. Treasurer, mosquito, 703.76; GDI, publishing, 14.40;

Missi Smith, mowing 23.5 hrs., 217.02; James Valley, phone and internet, 89.37; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Shane Johnson, unloaded gas/mow, 165.77.

WSSW: NWE, water, 105.37; NWE, sewer, 150.80; Public Health lab, water sample, 15.00; BDM, water used, 1155.90; SD Asso. Of Rural Water Asso. Systems, annual dues,345.00; Helms and Asso., Claremont Wastewater Design Phase, 16,842.00; Rural Development, water loan, 576.00.

An a motion by Johnson and recorded by Rasmussen to adjourn. Motion carried. C Rye F.O.

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Brown County Notice of

Sale of Property NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described prop erty will be offered for sale by auction in the Brown County Auditor's Office, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on August 26th at 8:30 A.M. This property has been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale and a Quit Claim Deed will be issued to the successful bidder. Property offered for sale is as follows: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: MINI-MUM BID

ABERDEEN CITY N48.5' of W 8'of Lot 21, Block 39, West Aberdeen: \$ 100 Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$17.64

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Groton Garden Club The Groton Garden Club met at the home of Pam Rix with Linda Anderson assisting. Twelve members answered roll call and one guest with what they liked the most about Fall. Bev Som- Rosewood Court. bke gave a report on It was voted that the the District 1 meeting meeting time to 6:30 in Aberdeen. The 2020 p.m. on the 3rd Mon-State Convention will day and lunch will be be held in Webster one thing, not supper. hosted by Andover. Election was held and for the Homecoming Linda Witt was elected parade, Sept. 20, Arlys president, Eunice Mc- Kluess is in charge. Colister, vice president retary.

welcomed into the from the book Dakota group Toni Winther of Floral by David Odde.

A float will be made

Following the meetand Velma Witt, sec- ing Laurie Mitchell gave the program A new member was on Riverbank Grapes

2020 Brown County Provisional Budget Hearing Notice

PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD For the Year January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 Governmental Funds									
101 Road	201	207	226 Domestic	229 Teen	230		251 Debt Servoce	401 Landfill	504
General Fund	and Bridge Fund	E911 Fund	EM Fund	Abuse Fund	Court Fund	24/7 Sobriety Fund		BCT1 (Northern Beef)	Solid Waste Fund
100 General Government 111 Board of County Commissioners 283,941.15 112 Contingency 250,000.00 120 Elections 136,870.00 130 Judicial System 67,200.00 141 Auditor 372,299.15 142 Treasurer 572,685.56 151 States Attorney 956,991.00 153 Court Appointed Attorney 934,000.00 154 Abused and Neglected Child Defense 50,000.00									
159 Teen Court					29,265.00		30,000.00		
172 Human Resources					29,265.00		30,000.00		
211 Sheriff 1,989,755.51 212 County Jail 2,549,631.10 213 Coroner 41,780.00 214 Court Security 240,220.78 215 Juvenile Detention 976,776.35						109,827.08			
221 Fire Protection		1,287,790.64	244,170.41						
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	5,835,299.40	1,287,790.64	244,170.41			109,827.08			2 262 202 22
322 Solid Wastes TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS 400 Health & Welfare 411 Support of Poor241,057.00	5,835,299.40								2,363,292.23 2,363,292.23
421 County Nurse									
434 Domestic Abuse 441 Mentally Ill				14,000.00					
444 Mental Health Centers				14,000.00					
511 Public Library									
522 Parks									
526 Area IV Nutrition									
600 Conservation of Natural Resources 611 4-H Coordinator									
TOTAL CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES									
711 Planning & Zoning203,494.45 712 Urban & Rural Development									
750 Payments to other Governments 800 Debt Service								904,560.55	0.00
TOTAL OTHER USES 1,657,946.89 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 17,229,623.71 Cash Balance Applied 311 Current Property Tax Levy	0.00 5,835,299.40	1,287,790.64 52,290.64	244,170.41 18,000.00	14,000.00	29,265.00 10,265.00	109,827.08 3,000.00	30,000.00 10,000.00	904,560.55 904,560.55	0.00 2,363,292.23 59,152.23
Less 25% to Cities	800,000.00 800,000.00		-	0.100.00	-			904,560.55 904,560.55	7,000.00 7,000.00
320 Licenses & Permits	7,000.00 3,949,750.00 2,000.00	835,000.00	60,000.00	8,100.00 2,900.00 3,000.00	14,000.00	85,000.00	20,000.00		1,750,000.00
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	2,000.00 1,074,549.40 5,035,299.40	500.00 400,000.00 1,235,500.00	100.00 166,070.41 226,170.41	14,000.00	500.00 4,500.00 19,000.00	21,827.08 106,827.08			547,140.00 2,297,140.00
SUBTOTAL	5,835,299.40 5,835,299.40	1,287,790.64 1,287,790.64	244,170.41 244,170.41	14,000.00 14,000.00	29,265.00 29,265.00	109,827.08 109,827.08	30,000.00 30,000.00	904,560.55 904,560.55	2,363,292.23 2,363,292.23
Droprioton, Fund									

Proprietary Fund Landfill Fund

Net Assets, January 1	
Estimated Revenue	2,254,140.00
Less Expenses	4,528,673.74
Net Assets, December 31	

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, will meet in the Courthouse at Aberdeen, South Dakota on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2020 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 24th day of September, 2019. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all pur poses, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

s/ Cathy McNickle, Auditor

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Brown County Aug. 13, 2019 **Meeting Minutes**

AUGUST 13, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING Meeting called to order by

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

MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the General County Commission August 6, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. CLAIMS:

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

Professional Fees: Br. Co. 4H Leader's Assoc. \$5,350.00; Cass County Clerk of Courts \$22.00; Cogley Law Office \$720.40; Fox & Youngberg \$606.21; Andrea Heupel \$120.00; Jerald Buffalo Leader's Assoc. \$250.00; Kennedy, Pier, Loftus \$222.50; Language Line Services \$445.60; LexisNexis \$150.00; LSS \$6,097.56; Microfilm Im-aging Systems \$1,615.00; NE Mental Health Center \$1,638.00; PRCA \$16,900.00; Romeo En-PRCA \$16,900.00; Romeo En-tertainment \$4,005.00; Safe Harbor \$2,939.42; SD DENR \$4,891.03; Debra Stamm-Gart-ner \$100.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$60.80; Aleda Tollefson \$40.00; Total Music Systems \$2,599.35; Sara Zahn \$26.60. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$2,236.59; Big Stone Radio \$676 00; Dakota Stone Radio \$676.00; Dakota Broadcasting \$500.00; Dakota Press \$6,447.02; Hub City Radio \$3,000.00; KBMW Radio \$225.00; Dakota Communica-tions \$1,500.00; Lee Agri-Media \$600.00; Midstates Printing \$685.00.

Rental: Pantorium \$118.40. Repairs & Maintenance: Ace Refrigeration \$516.12; B & B Contracting \$4,128.21; Dakota Doors \$432.50; Dakota Electronics \$155.00; Dakota Pump & Control \$450.00; DMI \$5,800.00; Ecolab \$218.99; GCR Tires \$1,015.00; Groton Ford \$867.80; House of Glass \$105.10; J & K Painting \$1,165.43; J Gross Equip. \$119.18; Jensen Rock & Sand \$37,566.31; Lang's \$50.00; Leidholt Electric \$439.85; Pan-torium \$55.00; Pierson-Ford \$578.30; PowerPlan \$8,632.24; Pro Ag Supply \$295.48; Pro-ductivity Plus \$691.07; Tran-Source \$8,840.61; Wally's Skidsteer Service \$1,259.24; Walth Safety Service \$78.75. Supplies: Adapco \$4,125.00; AgTegra \$22,313.44; Ameripride \$354.62; Artz Equip. \$1,192.08; Cartney Bearing \$452.34; Dawn Breedlove \$59.66; Cash-Wa \$7,812.69; Century Business Products \$661.37; Dakota Mailing \$206.11; Dakota Oil \$447.49; DSG \$52.00; DMI \$222.68; Farnam's \$9.99; GCR Tires \$397.12; Geffdog \$640.15; Gov-Connection \$1,356.55; Green Iron Equip. \$79.40; Heartland Paper \$759.66; J Gross Equip. \$3,868.07; Jensen Rock & Sand \$8,851.97; Ken's Super-Fair Foods \$724.30; LG Everist \$1.009.40: LabSource \$358.88: Leidholdt Tool Sales \$129.61; McKesson Medical \$196.14; Menards \$453.78; Midstates Printing \$938.12; Cindy Mitchell \$31.90; Performance Oil \$46.00: Pizza Ranch \$88.44: Positive Promotions \$9.94; PowerPlan \$4,668.89; Pro Hydro Water \$77.16. Other: SDACO \$1,284.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. HR REPORT:

Moved by Kippley seconded by Feickert to approve the following amended HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge resignation of Miranda Graves, full-time dispatcher for Brown County Communications effective August 8, 2019, and approve request to fill vacancy. Acknowledge denial of job offer by Sasha Bunke for Museum Office Clerk. Request to fill vacancy denied. Acknowledge denial of job offer by Brianna Holzer for fair ticket sales. Approve the following fair workers: Gate Attendants @ \$12/hr Doug Dobbins, Seth Weiszhaar, Tygen Mohr, Bryson Fuehrer; Ticket Scanner @ \$12/ hour Kelly Johnson; Security @ \$30/hr David Hunter and Brady Woehl.

Roll call vote: Feickert- Aye, Sutton – Nay, Wiese – Nay, Kippley – Aye, Fjeldheim – Aye. Amended motion carried. Objection was over the denied request to fill vacancy at the museum. FAIR CONTRACTS:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following fair contracts: Brown County 4-H Leaders Association (premium awards) @ \$5,350; Special Olympics (Staff services) gate attendants @ \$100 per day shirt and \$60 per evening shift, sanitation crew @ \$55 per afternoon shift and \$75 per evening shift, ticket sellers @ \$50 per afternoon shift and \$60 per evening shift, Scanners/Gate attendants @ \$50 per shift. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS:

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

LOTTERY PERMITS:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve the following lottery permit: Aspire Foun-dation INc for raffle at Brown County Fairgrounds August 18, 2019. Roll call vote: Feickert-Aye, Sutton - Abstain, Wiese Aye, Kippley – Aye, Fjeldheim

Aye. Motion carried. SDPAA CONTRACT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize chair sign general endorsement governmental liability deductible endorsements with the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. LEGAL ASSIGNMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded

by Wiese to approve and authorize chair sign document to assign claim against an individual to the Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting ave. Motion carried. PEDDLER LICENSE:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve peddlers license submitted by Joosep Kalbus, Southwestern Advantage for door to door book and software sales. All members present voting ave. Motion carried. ORD 140- FIRST READING

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve First Reading of Ordinance #140, an Ordinance to amend Title 4-Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designa-tion of Chapter 4.06 Agricultural an Ordinance to amend Title 4-Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG):): Lots 1&2, "Fliehs-Koehler Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 1-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (40546 131st St). All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. ORD 143- FIRST READING

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve First Reading of Ordinance #143, an Ordinance to amend Title 4- Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3): Lot 19 & west 60' of Lot 18, "Lutgen's South Shore Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (379252 South Shore Dr.) All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

ORD 144- FIRST READING

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve First Reading of Ordinance #144, an Ordi-nance to amend Title 4- Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG):): Lots 1-3, "Prairie Hill Farm's Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 11-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, SD (39816 126th St)All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. WOOD WASTE GRINDING

QUOTES: Moved by Wiese, seconded by

Sutton to award low quote, submitted Mid-Minnesota Grinding and Mulch at \$333.33 per hour, rejecting quote from Dakota Wood- Grinding INc at \$580.00 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by Northern Electric Coop for occupancy of Brown County Highway 100 st in section 6, township 128, range 61, Brown County, SD to provide electric service. Roll call vote: Feickert- Aye, Sutton – Aye, Wiese – Aye, Kip-pley – Abstain, Fjeldheim – Aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by Midco for occupancy of Brown County Highway 13 in section 6, township 123N, Range 63W, Brown County, SD to provide telecommunications service. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

Boys win, girls lose on soccer

opener Garretson girls defeated Groton Area, 4-0, with all of the

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY:

Moved by Kippley seconded by Wiese to authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway 13 in section 1/36, township 123/124, range 64, Brown County, SD to provide telecommunications service. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway 13 in section 6/31, township 123/124, range 63, Brown County, SD to provide telecommunications service. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

PROVISIONAL BUDGET - SET HEARING DATES:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to set hearing dates and authorize publication of the provisional 2020 budget. Public hearing is scheduled for September 3rd, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of considering the provisional budget. Public hearings will be held as necessary until the adoption scheduled for September 24, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PROVISIONAL BUDGET:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the provisional budget for 2020. Roll call vote: Feickert- Aye, Sutton – Aye, Wiese – Aye, Kippley – Aye, Fjeldheim – Aye. Motion carried. SURPLUS SALE –MILLUM BUILDING

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to declare Millum Building (1019 1st Ave SE) surplus and authorize advertising for sale by sealed bid. Sealed bids scheduled for review September 10, 2019, at 8:45 a.m., County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. Open house for viewing is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2019, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to go into executive ession to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

JUVENILE DETENTION CEN-TER UPDATE:

Sheriff Mark Milbrandt met to discuss cost-effective measures to operate the JDC center. No action

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Cathy McNickle, Brown County

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Trista Keith Kenzie McInerney in background

Testing \$212.00; Productivity Plus \$1,884.88; Sherri Rawstern \$211.37; RDO Equipment \$255.20; Running's \$93.91; Satellite Tracking of People \$503.75: Sherwin Williams \$93.20; Specialty Mfg. \$145.35; Thatzza Pizza \$173.62; Tractor Supply \$19.99; TranSource \$12,494.11; Web Water Bottling Co. \$19.50.

Travel & Conference: Duane Jark \$121.73; Troy Knecht \$142.88; Sherri Rawstern \$124.08; Debra Stamm-Gartner \$145.70; Dennis Wiedebush \$67.68.Utilities: Aberdeen City Fire Dept. \$87,010.76; Aberdeen City Treasurer \$362.66; Aberdeen Rural Fire Dept. \$16,069.61; AT&T Mobility \$149.72; Cen-tury Link \$511.58; City of Hecla \$101.35; Claremont Fire Dept. \$3,394.98; Columbia Fire Dept. \$8,118.06; Conde Fire Dept. \$837.87; Exec. Mgmt. \$88.37; Frederick Fire Dept. \$7,483.87; Groton Fire Dept. \$15,351.16; Hecla Fire Dept. \$5,875.38; Midcontinent \$260.00; Northern Electric \$972.22; NWPS \$851.73; Stratford Fire Dept. \$5,990.23; Town of Frederick \$61.00; Warner Fire Dept. \$6,466.30; Web

Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG):): Lot 1, "BCPRL Addition" in the NW1/4 of Sec-tion 29-T123N-R64W of the 5th, P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38349 134th St). All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

ORD 141- FIRST READING Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve First Reading of Ordinance #141, an Ordi-nance to amend Title 4- Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG):): Lot 1, "T&J Investments Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 30-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12845 389th Ave) Roll call vote: Feickert- Aye, Sutton – Aye, Wiese – Aye, Kippley – Abstain, Fjeldheim – Aye. Motion carried. ORD 142- FIRST READING Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve First Reading of Ordinance #142,

goals scored in the first half of the first half.

Groton boys soccer won their opening game 2-0 against Freeman Academy on Saturday. Austin Jones scored the first goal with an assist from Isaac Smith and the second goal was scored by Jackson Cogley with an assist from Pete Solling. The Tigers dominated the game with 25 shots on goal to Freemans 3. Strong defense allowed the Tigers to keep the ball up the field. The boys will play Belle Fourche on Friday at home at 3 p.m. followed by the

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Cade Guthmiller



Isaac Smith





Avera Athletic Trainer Services used at first game The Avera Athletic Trainer Services were being utilized at the season opener of the girls soccer game on Saturday. Lindsey Swenson is the temporary trainer in Groton with a more permanent one being assigned in September. Swenson is the campus minister at Presentation College and works part-time at Avera St. Luke's. Groton Area Athletic Director Brian Dolan said that he was happy that the school

Groton Area Athletic Director Brian Dolan said that he was happy that the school board approved the contract with Avera. "It's good for the students," he said. "It also saves the parents money as the trainer can determine if a rescue squad or ambulance is needed."

Riley Leicht suffered an arm injury with just three minutes left in the game. Swenson (right) is tending to her. On the left is Riley's mom, Sadie. (Photo by Paul Kosel)





Brooklyn Gilbert



Kaylin Kucker



Jackson Cogley



Piet Solling

Austin Jones



Sydney Leicht

Photos by Paul Kosel

The Life of Leonard Broman



Services for Leonard Broman, 97, of Groton will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 22, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Charlie Bunk will officiate. Burial in Groton Union Cemetery will follow a luncheon at the Church under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Leonard passed away August 18, 2019 at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Leonard and his twin brother, Glen, were born on the family farm near Andover, SD February 22, 1922. The doctor braved a blizzard by horse and buggy to attend to the twins' birth.

Leonard attended both country and Groton schools. He farmed near Groton, raised livestock, and owned Broman Truck Service. In October 1950, he married Gwendolyn O'Connor in Sioux Falls. They made their home in Groton where Gwen was a teacher for many

years. He was a great lover of all animals, large or small, and carefully tended to them. He was a man of great faith. He was confirmed at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton where he remained a member. He was a member of the James Valley Threshers Association and a former member of the John Deere Two Cylinder Club. He was proud of his Swedish heritage and proud to be the child of a Swedish immigrant.

His greatest joy was his grandsons, Andrew and Kevin.

Preceding him in death was his beloved wife Gwendolyn, his parents Leonard and Lillian, his twin brother Glen who passed away August 9, 2019, and his twin brothers Burton and Harold.

He was a kind and loving father to daughter Stacy and son-in-law Bob Sauvageau and a beloved Pop-Pop to Andrew and Kevin Sauvageau. Also grateful for having shared in his life are sister-in-law Eileen O'Connor; nephews David DeBelser and Bob O'Connor; nieces Brenda Broman Wilson, Kate Schnack, Kim Metzgar, Kay Bryant, Karol Eckel; several great nieces and nephews; and special friends Dennis Larson and J.J. Jenkins.

The family wishes to sincerely thank all those who provided special care for Leonard in his final week, especially Dennis Larson, Monte Sippel, Eileen O'Connor, Kim Metzgar, Dr. Fatima Kidwai at Avera Aberdeen and the wonderful doctors, medical students, and nurses at Avera McKennan, Sioux Falls, especially Dr. Dima Nimri, Dr. Teja Vasamsetty, and Dr. Jessica Pieroban.

In memory of Leonard, the family encourages those who are able to please consider the life-saving gift of blood or platelet donation.



Guthmiller wins Sioux Valley Golf Meet

Cade Guthmiller had a two-shoot lead in the first nine holes and it was enough to keep him in first place at the Sioux Valley Boys Golf Tournament held Monday in Volga. He shot a 38 in the first nine holes and a 42 in the second round to finish with an 80. He won the meet one shot over Blake Nielsen of Sisseton. Also participating from Groton were Tristan Traphagen, shooting a 47 and a 49 for a total score of 96, and Hunter Kassube with a 53 and a 44 for a total score of 97.

Sioux Valley won the tournament with 357 points followed by Roncalli with 358, Dell Rapids 359, Sisseton 366, Groton Area 380, Redfield 397, Brookings JV 416, Flandreau 417 and Milbank 448. The boys next meet will be Monday, Aug. 26 at Moccasin Creek in Aberdeen for the Aberdeen Roncalli Invitational that will start at 10 a.m.

Oil bailouts force POET to lower production FAMILY FARMERS AND RURAL **COMMUNITIES SUFFER**

CLOVERDALE, IN (August 20, 2019) – POET announced today it will idle production at its bioprocessing facility in Cloverdale, IN due to recent decisions by the Administration regarding SREs. The process to idle the plant will take several weeks, after which the plant will cease processing of over 30 million bushels of corn annually and hundreds of local jobs will be impacted.

POET has reduced production at half of its biorefineries, with the largest drops taking place in Iowa and Ohio. As a result, numerous jobs will be consolidated across POET's 28 biorefineries and corn processing will drop by an additional 100 million bushels across Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Missouri.

"The Renewable Fuel Standard was designed to increase the use of clean, renewable biofuels and generate grain demand for farmers. Our industry invested billions of dollars based on the belief that oil could not restrict access to the market and EPA would stand behind the intent of the Renewable Fuel Standard. Unfortunately, the oil industry is manipulating the EPA and is now using the RFS to destroy demand for biofuels, reducing the price of commodities and gutting rural economies in the process," said POET Chairman and CEO, Jeff Broin.

The RFS authorizes small refinery exemptions for refiners that (1) process less than 75,000 barrels of petroleum a day and (2) demonstrate "disproportionate economic hardship." Over the past two years, the EPA has issued waivers to refineries owned by ExxonMobil, Chevron, and other large oil companies-none of which are small and none of which have economic hardship.

EPA's mismanagement of SREs has created an artificial cap on domestic demand for ethanol and driven RIN values to near-zero, which weakens the incentive for retailers to offer higher blends. Oil is making billions of dollars, yet still using EPA to stop biofuels growth by handing out hardship waivers to some of the wealthiest companies in the world, in contradiction with President Trump's public comments. So far, the EPA has cut biofuels demand by 4 billion gallons and reduced demand for corn by 1.4 billion bushels, causing severe damage in rural America.

"POET made strategic decisions to support President Trump's goal of boosting the farm economy. However, these goals are contradicted by bailouts to oil companies. The result is pain for Midwest farmers and the reduction of hundreds of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars of economic activity across Indiana." said POET President and COO, Jeff Lautt

The recent announcement of 31 new waivers comes in steep contrast to the President's roll out of year-round E15 earlier this summer. The SREs are wiping out any near-term growth potential for year-round E15 and challenging the President's promises made to family farmers and rural communities. The President now has the opportunity to show his leadership on this issue and turnaround the rural economy. "My long term fear isn't for the biofuels industry, it's for rural America. POET can continue to produce ethanol with cheap grain, but we don't want to lose our family farmers. The EPA has robbed rural America, and it's time for farmers across the Heartland to fight for their future" said POET Chairman and CEO Jeff Broin.

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