

Enving Families & Opportunities

Dairy Queen donates to GT Robotics

Dale Grenz, owner of the Groton Dairy Queen, is pictured above presenting the River Pardick with a check for \$500 for the Groton Robtics Club.

Jim Lane, who oversees the Groton Robotics Club, said that having a robot serve Blizzards has been an idea for three years. This year, one of the teams, the Geek Squad, did not qualify for state. "I wanted them to have some project and I thought the robot would be a good project for them. The robot served Blizzards upside down at the Groton Dairy Queen. It was a win-win situation for all parties involved. Grenz said he was happy to have the fundraiser opportunity.

Members of the Geek Squad that built the robot were Isaac Smith, Steven Paulson, Nick Morris and Lee Iverson. Nick Morris and Axel Warrington are pictured on the right.



Jeff Thaler named CEO of Full Circle Ag

September 1 is the beginning of a new chapter for Full Circle Ag. Following the retirement of David Andresen, Jeff Thaler has been hired to fill the CEO position. Jeff comes to Full Circle Ag with a wealth of knowledge and 24 years of experience in the retail and wholesale ag marketplace. He and his family cur-



rently reside in Groton, South Dakota, and are extremely excited to be a part of the Full Circle Ag family. "I am looking forward to being part of a team that is focused on exceeding the needs of the member-owners, while delivering results with a focus on the future."

In addition to joining the Full Circle Ag family and the Groton community, Jeff is looking forward to the fishing and hunting opportunities that the area provides. In his spare time, Jeff is in the process of restoring his grandfather's 1949 Chevy pickup. Being an SDSU alumni and a Philadelphia Eagles fan, he is looking forward to the upcoming football season.

Full Circle Ag is thankful to have had David Andresen for 24 years and wish him the best in his retirement. They warmly welcome Jeff Thaler and look forward to what the future holds for the member-owned cooperative.

Guthmiller takes second at NEC Golf Tourney Cade Guthmiller finished three strokes behind

Cade Guthmiller finished three strokes behind the leader at the Northeast Conference Golf Tournament held Monday in Moccasin Creek Country Club in Aberdeen. Mason Carrels of Aberdeen Roncalli won the meet with a score of 77 while Guthmiller finished with an 80. Guthmiller shot a 40 in both sets of nine holes.

Also participating were Brevin Fliehs who shot a 101, Tristan Traphagen shot a 102, Brody DeHoet a 111 and Hunter Kassube a 111. Roncalli won the team title with a 332 followed by Sisseton with a 366 and Groton with a 394.



Welcome Back A select group of business people were invited to the Groton Area Elementary School where they welcomed the students with high fives on the first day of school. (Photo by Tina Kosel)



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Erickson has Yard of the Week The Seth and Megan Erickson yard at 902 N. 3rd Street was chosen as the August 12th Yard of the Week by the members of the Groton Garden Club. Also pictured are their children, Max and Haley. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Senior Hippology took first at State **4-H Horse Show** The 4-H Senior Hippology team got first place at State **Horse in Huron Teams members are** Dylan Krueger, Cassandra Townsend, Jazmine Hart Crissman, and Hanna Miller. Cassandra also placed first in individuals. (Courtesy Photo)



Senior Quiz Bowl Judging Team took second at **State 4-H Horse Show** The 4-H Senior Quiz Bowl Judging team got second place at State Horse in Huron Team members are Gabi Siefkes, Jazmine Hart Crissman, Hanna Miller, and Dylan Krueger As individuals Gabi got third, Hanna got sixth and Dylan got eighth. (Courtesy Photo)





Waage has Yard of the Week The Brenda and Brad Waage yard at 201 E. 9th Ave. was chosen as the August 19th Yard of the Week by the members of the Groton Garden Club. This photo was taken in their back vard. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kluess has Yard of the Week The Rod and Arlys Kluess yard at 401 N. 5th St. was chosen as the August 26th Yard of the Week by the members of the Groton Garden Club. The Kluess' are celebrating their 48th **Anniversary!** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The Life of Dennis Kurtz



Dennis Kurtz was born December 19, 1950 and was raised on a farm near Groton. He attended Joan of Arc Country School and graduated from Groton High.

He and his wife, Sue, lived in Oklahoma where he was employed by American Airlines. He retired in the spring of 2019.

They then moved to Texas after his retirement and was buildng a new home there.

A couple of years ago, he was diagnosed with bladder cancer.

He passed away in Texas on August 16, 2019 and leaves his wife, Sue, a daughter, Tessa, of Colorado; a son, Jurrarl of New Mexico; two step-children four sisters, one brother and several nieces and nephews. He was the youngest of eight children.

He was proceded in death by his parents, Darrel and Cora Kurtz, one sister and one brother.

His funeral was held in Ft. Worth, Texas, on August 21, 2019.



Junior Hippology took first at State **4-H Horse Show** The 4-H Junior Hippology Judging Team received first place at State Horse in Huron. Team members are Alicia Davis, Mallory Miller, and Blake Pauli. As individuals Mallory placed fourth and Alicia placed seventh. (Courtesy Photo)













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S.D. among worst for 'Brain Drain' as best and brightest continue to flee the state

By: Nick Lowrey

Despite years of effort to reverse the trend, South Dakota remains among the worst states in the nation in terms of losing its most highly educated citizens to other areas of the country, according to a new report from Congress.

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The loss of skilled, educated residents can slow the state's economic growth as well as cause further political polarization in the state and nation, the new study shows. Brain drain has also been shown to weaken the ability of communities to support basic institutions such as churches and little leagues.

The affects of brain drain are especially acute in rural states like South Dakota. Recruiting of doctors and nurses to work at rural hospitals has become more difficult, which in turn has made accessing healthcare services tougher. Finding high-quality teachers to work in rural schools has become more difficult too, causing some districts to increase class sizes. Some employers in high-paying fields such as medicine and technology must recruit foreign workers through visa programs to fill open jobs.

According to the study, called "Losing our Minds: Brain Drain Across Across the United States," South Dakota's most highly educated citizens are moving away at a higher rate than in nearly every other state. The report also contradicts the commonly held conception that highly educated people leave the state in their 20s and return in their 30s to raise families.

A combination of factors likely is driving younger, more highly educated people away from South Dakota. Jeremy Rud, a Madison, S.D. native who earned a bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University in 2014 and went on to earn a master's in linguistics from the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo., just finished three years of teaching at SDSU. He said his reason for leaving South Dakota, now for the second time, was about a search for more cultural diversity.

"I don't have any specific vendetta against South Dakota, it's just that my specific cultural tastes lie elsewhere," Rud said. "I also want a greater diversity of ideas, languages and access to the rest of the world."

Rud was getting ready to move to California — the number two destination for highly educated South Dakotans who migrate — to pursue a Ph.D in linguistics when he spoke with South Dakota News Watch. Another part of his decision to move was a lack of opportunity to advance in his career field. He said he's not alone in his desire for better opportunities. "I have so many friends that have a master's degree that now live in Minnesota," Rud said. Published in April 2019 by the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, the new study



found that highly educated South Dakotans who leave the state tend to end up in Minnesota, California or Colorado by the time they reach 40. California and Colorado both tend to be hubs for the migration of highly educated people from all over the country. The fact that such hubs exist points to much bigger problems for the country as a whole, the study said.

Increasingly, people are congregating themselves geographically and along educational lines, said Rachel Sheffield, a senior policy adviser for the committee. Highly educated people, who tend to hold more liberal viewpoints, are concentrating themselves in cities in California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Texas, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Washington, D.C, she said. Conservatives, meanwhile, are tending to stay in more rural areas. The two groups are interacting less, Sheffield said, which is exacerbating political divisions.

"If you're not interacting with people with different political viewpoints, then you are less likely to have a face to go with differing viewpoints; that could lead to seeing different political viewpoints as connected to this unrelatable group that you never talk to and it's easier to demonize people you don't actually know," Sheffield said.

Another problem identified in the study is that as certain areas have attracted more of the country's highly educated people, they also have attracted a greater share of the nation's venture capital and wealth. Entrepreneurs, particularly those in high-tech fields, face heightened pressure to move to areas such as Boston or Silicon Valley. That, in turn, has led to yet more highly educated people concentrating in those areas as more jobs that required their skills are created. The economies of those select portions of the country have boomed, while the economic fortunes of other areas grew far more modestly or in some cases actually shrank. South Dakota is on the low end of the spectrum in economic growth. The state's growth in annual Gross Domestic Product is generally smaller than national GDP growth. Since 2012, South Dakota's GDP growth has averaged just shy of 1 percent every year, which is less than half of the 2.3 percent average national GDP growth. Despite continued growth in the state's population between 2010 and 2017, the share of South Dakota's population that is between the ages of 18 and 64 shrank by 1.8 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. State officials and universities, meanwhile, are trying to find ways to keep educated people in the state. Start-up incubators at SDSU,

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and the University of South Dakota are helping highly educated South Dakota residents get their research or business ideas off the ground.

Dakota State University in Madison is planning to open a new computer technology research and development laboratory in October to lure top technology talent. The state Legislature passed a .5% sales tax increase in 2016 to generate new revenues to boost teacher pay to keep top educators from leaving after graduation.

Communities such as Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Aberdeen are making efforts to deepen the scope and breadth of their entertainment and cultural events to help keep young people in the state, said South Dakota Board of Regents Executive Director Paul Beran, who made keeping graduates from leaving one of his top three priorities when hired in 2018.

"I think you'd be putting your head in the sand if you didn't think (brain drain) was a problem," Beran said.

Low pay, fewer opportunities

LeighAnn Dunn, a special education teacher who earned her bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology from USD with financial help from the federal G.I. Bill, said school districts in South Dakota aren't capable of paying her or others a truly livable wage. Dunn has also earned a master's degree in Board of Regents multi-categorical special education from USD and is about a year away from earning a doctorate in education.

Dunn, 35, teaches in a state that borders South Dakota and commutes to work from her home in Vermillion (she did not want to name which state.) She said the



South Dakota **Executive Direc**tor Paul Beran said the state's brain drain problem is exacerbated by the high cost of college attendance. Beran has made keeping S.D. graduates in the state after their schooling a top priority. Photo: Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch



Jeremy Rud, a Madison, S.D. native is preparing to leave the state and head to California where he hopes to land a good iob. Rud said his reasons for leaving South Dakota, now for the second time, include a search for more cultural diversity and better job opportunities. Photo: Submitted

higher pay, incentives for continuing education and good job security offered in her current position are more than worth the extra commute and even paying income tax in a state where she does not reside.

"My pay, with my education, is almost double what I'd get in South Dakota and it increases yearly ... If I worked in South Dakota, I could not afford even to get a home loan," Dunn said. "The cost of living might be low but we are really behind the times in our wages around the state."

In 2017, average teacher salaries in states surrounding South Dakota ranged between \$5,300 and \$11,200 more per year than in the Rushmore State. Dunn said many of her classmates have left the state in pursuit of higher pay.

"I can't imagine myself coming back to teach in South Dakota, which is bad because I've got a lot of training and a lot of expertise, Dunn said.

The congressional study looked at data from

each U.S. Census taken between 1940 and 2000 as well as data from the Census Bureau's 2010 and 2017 American Community Surveys. The study specifically targeted people between the ages of 31 and 40 who were considered to be in the top onethird of educational attainment for the U.S. In 2017 — essentially those who had obtained a bachelor's degree or higher.

The study looked at two measures of brain drain. "Gross brain drain" is the number of highly educated people born in the state who choose to leave. "Net brain



a doctorate in edu-

cation. Photo: Submitted

drain" is the gap between the number of highly educated people who were born in a state and choose to leave and the number of highly educated people who move into the state from somewhere else.

In every census since 1960, South Dakota was shown to have experienced a net loss of people in the top third of educational attainment. In 2017, the most recent year for which data is available, South Dakota had the second-highest rate of gross brain drain in the country. None of South Dakota's neighbors, meanwhile, made the top 10 list for gross brain drain, meaning they retained more of their highly educated children into their 40s. Vermont had the nation's highest rate of gross brain drain.

South Dakota also had the third-highest rate of net brain drain in 2017, meaning the state was third worst in the country at replacing its losses of highly educated people with highly educated people from somewhere else. North Dakota topped the net brain drain list and Delaware was number two. Iowa came in at number four on the net brain drain list.

The loss of native-born residents is another of the problems for states with high rates of gross brain drain identified in the congressional study. Highly educated people who live and work in the state they grew up in often have a better picture of a state's needs than highly educated people who move in from somewhere else, the study said.

Nick Kelly, 28, who holds a master's degree in engineering management from SDSM&T, said the decision to leave South Dakota mainly had to do with a lack of job options, the absence of a large airport and lack of cultural opportunities. He now lives in Bloomington, Minn., just outside of Minneapolis with his wife who holds a master's degree in biomedical engineering from SDSM&T — and their child. Both Kelly and his wife were able to find good paying jobs in engineering there, he said. Kelly said that while he was in school and looking for jobs at engineering career fairs, he was disappointed to see that most instate jobs dealt with chemical engineering in the ethanol industry. He wasn't interested in those. Most of the other employers at the job fairs weren't recruiting for positions in South Dakota, Kelly said. "There just weren't very many opportunities," he said. A Mitchell-based company did offer him a job after he graduated, Kelly said. The offer wasn't good enough to keep him in the state in part because his wife wouldn't have been able to pursue her own career goals there. Kelly now works for an electronics company that designs equipment which makes shipping packages more efficient, a job he said he wouldn't have found in South Dakota.

pen graduated from SDSM&T in 2009 with a degree in mining engineering. He said he loved Rapid City and the Black Hills and had a goal to get a job at a Rapid City cement plant so he could stay. The plant was about the only employer in the Black Hills at that time that scholarships and grants that require them to needed mining engineers. Unfortunately, there weren't any openings.

Hespen spent four years touring around the country and chasing job opportunities. He started his career in Tulsa, Okla., then moved to California, then to Chicago, then went to Baltimore and finally landed in Colorado in 2013. That year, Hespen and his friend, David Kingman, founded Property Meld, a company based around a software program that automates parts of the property management offices," Griffiths said. business as a way to save money and improve customer service.

"I moved to Denver as kind of a hedge. If my company didn't work out, I figured I could find something there," Hespen said.

As Property Meld gained traction and started growing, Hespen said, he was able to move back to the Black Hills after nearly a decade of looking for a job there.

"What's crazy is, I had to start a business to come back," Hespen said.

Slowing the drain

Property Meld's first official headquarters was an office at Ascent Innovation, a business incubator created by the Rapid City Development Corporation on the SDSM&T campus. Business incubators provide space for new businesses as well as free or low-cost business services. They also aim to allow entrepreneurs such as Hespen collaborate with fellow business owners.

Ascent Innovation is one of several business incubators that have been built on or near university campuses around the state. The idea is to allow university students and researchers to take their ideas from the lab to the open market and, ultimately, to create the types of job opportunities that will prevent highly educated people from leaving the state in the first place, said Joseph Wright, associate vice president for research and economic development at SDSM&T.

"There are plenty of students who would want to stay in the state if we had the kind of jobs that attract that kind of talent," Wright said.

One such success story in Rapid City is VRC



Metal Systems, which recently moved to a new facility outside of Ellsworth Air Force Base. The company makes machines that spray metals onto other surfaces at such a high speed that they permanently bond to the surface. The process can be used to repair everything from Dakota State University in Madison is hoping to capitalize on the trend with its new cyber security research facility called Madison Cyber Labs.

"Many (computer technology) students get work for government agencies after they graduate. Those students have nowhere in South Dakota to go to fulfill those requirements,' DSU President José-Marie Griffiths said.

Madison Cyber Labs is intended to function both as a research and development hub and as a potential satellite office for private companies and federal agencies engaged in cyber security.

"Many agencies are looking to open satellite

Sometimes, just giving graduates a better picture of what jobs are available in South Dakota can help keep them in the state or lure them back, Griffiths said.

The state Department of Labor and Regulation has been working to do that for the better part of a decade through its Dakota Roots program, which is aimed at bringing talented people back to South Dakota. Around 4,100 people have been placed across a wide array of jobs through Dakota Roots, said Dawn Dovre, who manages the program.

Dakota Roots doesn't target people based on education and is open to everyone but there are some highly educated people who have been placed in jobs through the pro-



Part of Dawn Dovre's job is managing the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation Dakota Roots program, which has helped bring about 4,100 people who left South Dakota return to live in thew state. Photo: Nick Lowery, South Dakota News Watch

gram, Dovre said. "We've seen a little bit of everything," she said.

Still, she added, it's easier to keep workers in South Dakota than to try to recruit them back later.

Reducing the cost of college could go a long way to keeping graduates in the state, said Beran, CEO of the Board of Regents. The state's public universities have some of the highest net costs of attendance in the nation, according to BOR data, and federal data show that many graduates in South Dakota carry high levels of college debt.

Where we are failing right now is making sure everyone who is capable of getting into the next level of education is getting there," Beran said.

South Dakota's brain drain isn't going to be slowed by a single program or initiative, Beran said. Cities across the state will need to support entrepreneurs, push for the expansion of broadband internet service, look for ways to deepen their sense of community and broaden their cultural horizons. "There are going to be many small solu-tions," Beran said. "That, ultimately, is going to be what makes the state strong."



Many South Dakota college graduates say they don't want to leave the state. Ray Hes-

Ray Hespen saw few opportunities to land a good job as a mining engineer in the Black Hills after graduating from the South **Dakota School of** Mines & Technology in 2009. He traveled the country to find a good job before eventually diving into entrepreneurship with his company, Property Meld. Hespen said being his own boss was the only way he would return to the Black Hills. Photo: Submitted

aircraft to bridges.

Hespen's company, though, isn't hiring too many engineers or software developers in South Dakota. He said most of his local employees do have bachelor's degrees but are working in sales, tech support and marketing. The company's software developers, including company co-founder David Kingman, work remotely from areas outside the state.

Thanks to the internet, a growing number of workers in the technology sector are able to work remotely.

ABOUT **NICK LOWREY**

Nick Lowrey, based in Pierre, S.D., is an investigative staff reporter for South Dakota News Watch. A South Dakotan for more than 20 years, he is a former editor of the Pierre Capital Journal.

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Brown County Ord. 140 Talese Aucoin ORDINANCE #140

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-

ES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-SCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Talese Aucoin is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG), said property described as follows: Lot 1, "BCPRL Addition" in the

NW1/4 of Section 29-T123N-R64W of the 5th, P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38349 134th St)

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

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ATTEST Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ord. 141 T&J Investments ORDINANCE #141

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-

ES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-

SCRIBED PROPERTY BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Todd Muldoon (T&J Investments, LLC) is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances

is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG), said property described as follows:

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)

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

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Brown County Ord. 142 Richard Fliehs ORDINANCE #142

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION **BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-**

ES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-SCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Richard Fliehs is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG), said property described as follows:

Lots 1&2, "Fliehs-Koehler Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section -T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (40546 131st St).

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Randy Bacon ORDINANCE #143 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-ES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-SCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Randy Bacon is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3), said property described as follows:

Lot 19 & west 60' of Lot 18, "Lutgen's South Shore Addiin the NW1/4 of Section tion" 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

(379252 South Shore Dr.) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Da-kota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to

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Prairie Hill Farms

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SCRIBED PROPERTY BE IT ORDAINED by the

Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Prairie Hill Farms is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3), said

property described as follows: 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)

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

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Brown County Aug. 20, 2019 **Meeting Minutes** AUGUST 20, 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 Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the General County Commission August 13, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Feickert seconded by Sutton to approve the follow-

ing claims: Payroll: Commission \$5,528.71; Elections \$0.00; Auditor \$8,566.59; Treasurer \$13,730.86; SA \$22,339.14; SVAWA \$1,193.49; Maintenance \$8,117.49; Assessor \$13,947.73; Register of Deeds \$8,756.00; VSO \$4,440.23; GIS \$2,367.50; IT \$8,260.49; HR \$3,397.45; Sheriff \$38,407.16; Jail \$51,031.92; Coroner \$600.00; Court Security \$6,821.18; JDC \$21,970.12; Welfare \$1,884.62; Museum \$6,901.34; Parks/Fairgrounds \$9,157.17; Fair Board \$6,187.26; 4-H \$1,980.92; Weed .175.13: Planning & Zonina \$2,475.22; Highway \$54,362.43; Dispatch \$25,634.79; Emergency \$4,079.58; Teen Court \$531.36; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,227.14; Landfill \$13,649.72; FICA \$21,282.12, Medicare \$4,977.34, Health Savings Account \$150.00. Professional Fees: A to Z World Languages \$60.00; Brick's TV & Appliance \$1,786.25; Certified Languages \$1,381.05; Dependable Sanitation \$28,027.60; Michelle Gaikowski \$30.40 Haar Law Firm \$66.00; ISI \$65.00; Mark Katterhagen \$66.00; Kuck Law Office \$7.40; Lucy Lewno \$475.00; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$384.50; Darcy Lockwood \$66.00; Mikelson Law Office \$75.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$129.00; SD Dept. of Health \$520.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$839,194.06; Kristi Spitzer \$600.00; Jodi Sudweeks \$171.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff Office \$150.00.Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$601.67. Rental: 446-Praxair \$24.95. Repairs & Maintenance: B&B Contracting \$1,157.58; Butler Machinery \$58.00; Cintas \$156.27; Custom Glass & Repair \$200.00; GCR Tires & Service \$382.73; HF Jacobs & Son Con-

struction \$1,832.00; J&K Painting \$2,378.90; Pressure Washer Central \$180.00. Supplies: 446-Praxair \$601.65; Advance Auto \$461.87; American Business Forms \$527.58; AmeriPride \$71.04; Century Business Products \$1,167.94; Convenient Payments \$526.00; Custom Glass & Repair \$65.00; Farm Power Mfg. \$1,772.14; Geo-Comm \$10,313.00; GovConnection \$369.77; Brenda Hammrich \$24.88; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$637.94; Lucy Lewno \$19.50; Menards \$99.98; Millstone Restaurant \$110.80; NVC \$27.41; PharmChem \$142.75; Pressure Washer Central \$1,419.46; West Payment Center \$1,750.67; Sherwin Williams \$21.31. Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$5,049.35; CenturyLink \$2,526.43; Dependable Sanitation \$402.00; James Valley Telecommunication \$236.30; North-ern Electric \$1,240.52; NWPS \$3,429.32; NVC \$3,812.70; Verizon \$3,512.93. Other: JRWD \$1,267.20. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. HR REPORT:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the following amended HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Approve hiring Sara Bohling as on-call for Brown County Jail and JDC Nurse Approve the following employee step increases, effective August 25, 2019: Tray Mercer @ \$19.08 per hour and Tanner Podoll @ \$17.45 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

ORD 140- Second Reading ADOPTION:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to adopt ordinance 140, 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):): Lot 1 "BCPRL Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 29-T123N-R64W of the 5th, P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38349 134th St). Roll Call Vote: Feickert- Aye, Sutton- Aye, Wiese- Aye, Kippley-Aye, Fjeldheim- Aye. Órdinance Adopted.

ORD 141- Second Reading -ADOPTION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #141, 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):): 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. Ordinance Adopted.

ORD 142- Second Reading ADOPTION:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to adopt Ordinance #142, 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-ÀgricuÍtural District (M-AG):): Lots 1&2, "Fliehs-Koehler Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section -T123N-R61W of the 5th PM Brown County, South Dakota (40546 131st St). Roll Call Vote: Feickert- Aye, Sutton- Aye, Wiese- Aye, Kippley- Aye, Fjeldheim- Aye. Ordinance Adopted. ORD 143- Second Reading – ADOPTION: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to adopt 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 Addiin the NW1/4 of Section tion" 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (379252 South Shore Dr.) Roll Call Vote: Feickert- Aye, Sútton-Aye, Wiese- Aye, Kippley- Aye, Fjeldheim- Aye. Ordinance Adopted. ORD 144- Second Reading -ADOPTION: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to adopt Ordinance #144, 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 1-3, "Prairie Hill Farm's Sub-division" in the SW1/4 of Section 11-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, SD (39816 126th St) Roll Call Vote: Feickert- Aye, Sutton- Aye, Wiese- Aye, Kippley- Aye, Fjeldheim- Ave. Ordinance Adopted. RACE TRACK BIDS:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton, to defer bids for review with a possible award on August 27, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. Bids received from Nick Guthmiller Promotions (Nick Guthmiller) and Motor Sports, LLC (Alan Neitzel). All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

WEI FARE OFFICE SECURITY: Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent, and Roxy Hilgenberg, Interim Welfare Director, met to discuss security glass for the welfare department. No action taken.

JUVENILE DETENTION CEN-TER UPDATE:

Sheriff Mark Milbrandt and Chief Deputy Sheriff Dave Lunzman met to cost alternatives to housing JDC youth and discussed staffing during military deployments. No action taken. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Feickert seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:57 a.m. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

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Brown County Millim Building for Sale

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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,

bid shall be addressed to the

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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

bids are on file in the Brown

County Auditor's Office and may

be obtained at no charge or by

contacting Gary Vetter Commis-

building will be Thursday, August

9, 2019 5:30 P.M to 8:30 P.M

will be considered unless ac-

companied by a certified check

or cashier's check for sale item

in the amount of \$10,000 made

payable to "Brown County Trea-

surer" payable without condition

to Brown County as a guarantee

of good faith in entering into a

Open House for viewing the

BID DEPOSIT: No proposal

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Keeping Score Superintendnet Joe Schwan runs the scoreboard at the soccer dames on Friday in Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)





Lots of Toads! and a salamander

The toads have been plentiful this year as they can been seen jumping all over. This bucket of toads was removed from the backwash pit at the pool. They were safely removed and relocated to the edge of town near water where they will live happily ever after!

The nets come down

The nets at the ball field have been taken down for the winter. In addition, the dugouts on Locke-Karst Field have also been removed as new ones will be installed. Dan Sunne is pictured here cutting cutting the zip ties that hold the net up. Sunne and Landon Johnson folded up the nets as they were taken down and put away.







It's a smelly job! It's a . . . well, you can see what kind of a job this is! Branden Abeln is dumping the sewer lift station basket at the park last week. It requires the use of a bucket truck which Landon Johnson was operating, lifting the basket from the wet well and into the payloader bucket where it is emptied. It should be noted that there were a lot of "disposal" towels in the basket which then slows up the flow of sewage. Because of these "disposal" towels, the basket at the park lift station has to be emptied often.



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Frederick School Aug. 12, 2019 **Meeting Minutes** OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEED-INGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

AUGUST 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order on August 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Jon Ellwein, Richard Achen and Alex Hart. Dan Nickelson was excused. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg, Business Manager Janel Wagner and Brad Miedema.

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.

Action 19-015 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve the agenda as amended: remove 6c. NCSEC meeting; 7. Public School Exemption Certificate add #20-3. All aye, carried. Action 19-016 Motion by

Achen, second by Hart to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meetings held July 8, 2019 with corrections and July 25, 2019; July 2019 financial report, agency accounts and investments; July 2019 District bills and July 2019 payroll. Corrections to July 8, 2019 minutes are as follows:

delete Richard Achen as having Oath of office administered; and Action 19-002 after first sentence insert It was moved by Ellwein, second by Hart to cease nominations and cast an unanimous vote for Dan Nickelson as Vice President. All aye, carried.

Claims approved: July 2019 Payroll - General Fund salaries 66,764.18; Special Education salaries 5,661.94; Food Ser-vice salaries 580.52. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 19,910.58; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 837.01; American Funds, retirement 1,095.02; Delta Dental, insurance 1,612.74; Reliastar Life, insurance 261.78; Security Benefits, retirement 417.25; VSP, vision insurance 270.28; Wellmark, health insurance 17,949.00, SD Retirement 11,312.51; SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.26. General Fund: Aberdeen American News, subscription 186.53; Agtegra, gasoline 35.00; Amazon, classroom supplies 524.06; Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Supt conference 113.95; Auto Value Aberdeen, bus repairs 145.98; Barondeau, Janelle, coach training 35.00; Bledsoe Chiropractic, DOT physical 80.00; Casey's, gasoline 91.50; Cengage Learn-ing Inc, workbooks 765.60; Cole Papers Inc, copier paper/supplies 1,794.09; Comfort Inn and Suites, CTE conference 266.98; Crawford Trucks & Equipment Inc, bus repairs 210.32; Dakota Broadcasting LLC, radio advertising 500.00; Dakota Outdoors, fitness center equipment repairs 580.00; Decker Equipment, locker hooks 38.95; Edgenuity, soft-ware license 1,200.00; Farnam's

\$838,003.34 \$1,776,908.55 \$1,294,229.66 Ending Balance publishing 264.44; Gopher Sport, PE equipment 117.94; Hub City Radio, radio advertising 500.00; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supply room supplies 207.00; Johnson Controls, HVAC repairs 2,819.73; Jostens Inc, yearbooks 1,110.65; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, check blanks 179.57; Menards, building repairs 503.72; Merchant Services, online lunch payment fees 40.80 M-F Athletics, track equipment 364.44; Mid-American Research Chemical, gym floor mainte-nance 3,030.96; Midwest Pest Control, maintenance 47.00; Genuine Parts Inc, bus repairs Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, 10.98; GDI News, subscription/ electric 2,148.25; Pantorium

Ending July 31, 2019

Beginning checking

Local Sources

Intermediate Sources

Balance

Revenue:

Taxes

Interest Federal & State

Total Revenue

Disbursements

Bills

balance

Interest

Payrol

Total Disbursements

Total checking balance

Beginning investment

Total investment balance

Cleaners Inc, supplies 111.15; Scholastic Inc, Scholastic News 215.35; Scholastic Inc, paperback books 17.88: School Specialty, classroom supplies 477.80; SD High School Golf Coaches Association, membership dues 10.00; SDASBO, Bus Mgr conference 75.00; SDFBCA membership dues 20.00; South Dakota Retirement System, early retirement payment 25,045.00; Sumption, Sarah, coach training 70.00; Teachers Pay Teachers, gift cards 505.00; Town of Frederick, utilities 279.99; Training Room Inc, training supplies 217.41; Trust & Agency Account, Imprest reimbursement 197.27; United States Postal Service, postage 13.50; WalMart, classroom supplies 43.73; West Interactive Service Corp, School Messenger 1,440.00; Arthurs, Crystal, CTE conference travel 58.07; Auto Value Aberdeen, bus repairs 150.97; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 10.10; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 240.87; Menards, bus repairs 23.14; Pomp's Tire Service Inc, tires 456.82. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, printer contract 1,224.23; Amazon, textbooks 524.71; Edmentum, Exact Path license 4,000.00; Houghton Mifflin, textbooks 935.68;

CAPITAL

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FUND

\$328,045.91

\$4,975.68

\$3,436.40

\$8,412.08

\$53,183.64

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\$283,274.35

\$1,493,634.20

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GENERAL

FUND

\$536,627.73

\$40,193.31

\$375.00

\$581.94

\$51.72

\$35,823.00

\$77.024.97

\$66,204.77

\$116,265.69

\$182,470.46

\$431,182.24

\$404,848.64

\$1,972,46

\$406,821.10

SPECIAL

EDUCATION

FUND

\$345,264.71

\$3,323.41

\$199.09

\$3,522.50

\$1,604.99

\$9,127.61

\$10,732.60

\$338,054.61

\$956,175.05

\$956,175.05

FOOD

SERVICE

\$5,145.17

\$575.24

\$575.24

\$1,436.00

\$1,164.36

\$2,600.36

\$3,120.05

\$3,120.05

DRIVERS

ED FUND

\$490.82

\$200.00

\$200.00

\$21.00

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\$669.82

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TRUST &

AGENCY

\$38,908.42

\$440.00

\$1.81

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\$37,458.69

PENSION

FUND

\$7,798.67

\$0.00

\$7,798.67

\$17,189.23

\$17,189.23

\$24,987.90

Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, fire panel 2,322.16; Midwest Wall Systems, building repairs 5,936.40; Pearson Education Inc, textbooks 1,694.30; Ruckus Networks, wireless license 451.30; School Specialty, whiteboards 674.02; JM Electric Inc, fire alarm/dishwasher install 1,088.96. Special Education Fund: Amazon, chair 62.99; Avera St Lukes, occupational therapy 616.00; parent, ESY mileage 75.60; Innovative Of-fice Solutions LLC, classroom supplies 22.82; parent, ESY mileage 123.48; McGraw-Hill School Education Holdings, LLC, curriculum 265.22; NCS Pearson Inc, assessments...... 161.50; School Specialty, table/classroom supplies 469.74; Teachers Pay Teachers, gift cards 50.00; parent, ESY mileage 100.80. Food Service Fund: Gunther, Ashley, SNA conference travel 54.00; Gunther, Faye, SNA conference travel 127.70 The following reports were presented: Jeff Kosters - Superinten-

dent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director

Jessica Ringgenberg - K-8 Principal Business Manager

Action 19-017 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to recognize receipt of Public School

Cox wage EBL \$673.26; M. Heine wage FO \$854.24; M. Morlock mowing wage Gen'l \$217.02; MDU electric Sts/Mun Bldg/ EBL/BP/SP/Wtr/Swr \$1,351.19; R. Bakeberg wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$416.50; R. Bakeberg veh allow. Wtr/Sts/Swr \$75; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$46.17; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Garb \$68.86; SD Dept of Rev lab Wtr \$15; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$23.09; True Value supplies S Park \$34.22; USDA-RD water loan Wtr Rpr \$475; USPS stamps/box rent Wtr/Swr/Garb/Gen'l \$285; Visa supplies FO/Gen'l \$256.76; WEB Water Wtr \$3,160.08.

OLD BUSINESS Utility report given by utility manager Rich Bakeberg. The board discussed a change in zoning ordinance for accessory buildings in town. Motion to amend section 702.5 of the zoning ordinance addressing accessory buildings was made by Millard/Campbell. Motion Car-

ried. 1st Reading passed. Camp-

Exemption Certificates #20-1, #20-2, and #20-3. All aye, carried.

Action 19-018 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve Open Enrollment applications #20-6, #20-7, #20-8, and #20-9. All aye, carried. Action 19-019 Motion by Hart,

second by Achen to declare item listed as surplus and authorize the Business Manager to dispose of the item. Value of \$300.00 as appraised by Ellwein, Achen and Hart. All aye, carried. Action 19-020 Motion by

Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the following policies: CM School District Annual Report, DJC – Bidding Requirements, DJD – Local Purchasing, DJF – Purchasing Procedures, DJG Vendor Relations, DK - Payment Procedures, DLA – Payday Schedules, and DN – School Properties Disposal Procedure. All aye, carried.

The board would like to welcome Mr. Bradley Miedema as he K-12 Music teacher.

Action 19-021 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. All aye, carried. Rich Schlosser, Presiden

Janel Wagner, Business Managei

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Frederick Town Aug. 12, 2019

Meeting Minutes Town of Frederick

August 12, 2019 Minutes Frederick's town board meeting was held Monday evening August 12, 2019 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman R. Scott Campbell, board members Troy Millard and Gary Schlosser, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer Diane Bruns and Mariah Heine, and utility manager Richard Bakeberg. Chairman Campbell opened

the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The July minutes were read and approved with the following correction: the tax break will not be for new homes, but specifically for the one new spec home being built by the Frederick Development Corporation. Motion to approve minutes with correcNEW BUSINESS

Web Water is raising its rates v 9% on the minimum and \$0.20 per 1,000 gallons. Therefore, the city must raise its rates but will leave the minimum for now and increase usage rates. Motion to raise water usage rates \$0.20 from \$3.50 to \$3.70 per 1,000 over first 2000 gallons to keep in step with WEB Water's increase made by Millard/ Schlosser. The renewed Surface Water Discharge Permit from DENR was reviewed. No action taken. A large donation was received by the Wayside Cemetery aka Alpha Circle. Five percent of the funds will come through the city which will be forwarded on to the Alpha Circle. No action taken

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussed was a letter from the Surface Water Quality Program Resource engineer, Raul Vasquez from DENR; 86th Annual SDML Conference, "A Night at the Races" October 9-11, berdeen, SD; and information from Van Diest Supply Company. The next town board meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 2019, in the Community Center at 7 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Schlosser/Millard at 8:07 PM. Motion carried.

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tion made by Millard/Schlosser. Motion carried.

The financial statements were reviewed. Motion to move an expense from February to Helm's and Associates in the amount of \$17,830 from the sewer fund to the wastewater project fund made by Millard/Schlosser. Motion carried.

The August accounts payable was approved with a motion by Schlosser/Millard. Motion carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Badger Meter, meter fees Wtr \$115.70; Century Business Products, printer lease Gen'l \$75.22; Community Store supplies S Park/Mun Blg \$61.98; D. Bruns wage CC \$119.45; D. Bruns wage FO \$1.351.85; Dahme Const. Co, Inc. waterline repair Wtr \$27,959.50; Dakota Elec. siren repair Mun Bldg \$2,035; Expetec laptop battery FO \$43.67; Fred Dev Corp Aug Econ Dev. \$1,200; FU Oil Co propane Mun Bldg/EBL \$486.73; G. Schlosser wage Gen'l \$23.09; Gary's Engine Repair, LLC repair trimmer Gen'l \$52.41; GDI legals Gen'l \$80.55; Green Iron Equipment mower repair Gen'l \$53.43; JM Electric Inc. siren repair Mun Bldg \$350; JVT phone/internet Gen/FO/Wtr/EBL \$336.89; M.

bell: Aye, Millard: Aye, Schlosser: Aye. Ordinance w/Amendment "An accessory building reads, may be built within a required rear yard when located at least ten (10) feet from the rear lot line, when occupying not more than thirty percent (30%) of the area of such required rear yard, and when located five (5) feet from the side lot line; shall have an exterior that is aesthetically similar in texture and appear-ance to and that is compatible with the exterior of the dwelling and shall be located in the rear yard of the property. Specifically, shipping containers are not a permitted accessory building." 2nd Reading September 9, 2019, 7 PM, Frederick Community Center.

The board discussed how to go about draining the tower in prep for the upcoming cleaning. No action was taken. The board discussed issues with water lines including that several are unable to be shut off due to poor access to valves. They discussed possible changing of the valves in the future. No action was taken. Some citizens will be warned about poor yard care this month as it has been a recurring issue and the board has received complaints.

M. Heine

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Cavaliers hand Tigers first loss

Groton boys lost 2-1 to St. Thomas More. Austin Jones scored the lone goal with an assist from Piet Solling. The Tigers are 2-1 on the season and will travel to Vermillion on Saturday.



Jace Kroll (Photo by Dawn Imrie)



Tucker Carda (Photo by Marjae Schinkel)



Jackson Cogley (Photo by Dawn Imrie)



Jayden Zak (Photo by Dawn Imrie)



Garrett Schroeder (Photo by Dawn Imrie)



The Winning Score!

It almost looks like Piet Solling is pointing for the ball to go in the net. It was the play in the right photo that led to a penalty and Solling had the shot for the penalty kick. He made the shot and it was the the only goal scored in the game as Groton defeated Belle Fourche, 1-0. The penalty kick happened with about 15 minutes left in the game. The Tigers played an aggressive hard fought game with great defense and teamwork! Grady O'Neill had some great saves at Goal. The win propels Groton to a 2-0 record. (Photos by Paul Kosel)









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(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Coach Chris Kucker Carly Guthmiller (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Belle Fourche wins girls

game Belle Fourche won the girls soccer game Friday in Groton, 2-1. Carly Guthmiller drew a penalty in the box which resulted in Kenzie McInerney scoring Groton's lone goal on a penalty kick. The Tigers had about 16 opportunities to score.

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Get to Know 2019 Rural Dakota Pride Honoree, Jim Lane, Groton

Jim was selected as one of five volunteers by the South Dakota Farmers Union for the 2019 Rural Dakota Pride Honor, for his robotics leadership. Jim will be honored along with the other four selected volunteers Saturday, Aug. 31 during Farmers Union Day at the South Dakota State Fair. The letter Jim received said the event will be held on the Freedom Stage on the fairgrounds beginning at 10:30 a.m. It will include the Rural Dakota Pride Award presentation followed by a Farmer's Share Lunch.

When Jim Lane hears his peers make negative comments about "kids these days." He is quick to disagree.

"I get to work with kids who put an incredible amount of work into their projects. Their work ethic, fortitude and personal drive are why I like volunteering as the robotics coach," Jim explains, about the Groton High School students who make up the robotics team he has coached since 2011.

Robotics is a unique extra-curricular activity where teens are given the rules of a game, and then expected to build and program a robot to play that game, competing against another robot built by an opposing team. Governed by an international organization, Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, the youth compete on the state level to qualify for regional, national and international competitions.

As the coach, Jim sees his role as practice organizer, supply provider, provider of transportation and teaching youth problem solving skills. "I don't tell them anything. Robotics is not like basketball or football where the coach tells kids how to play the game," he says, explaining that when the teens ask him questions, he asks them more questions. "Robotics teaches them how to problem solve by helping them think through issues. All their lives, they will have to solve problems. No matter what they do or where they go, there will be a problem. Whether it is a mechanical problem or a people problem."

To emphasize his point further, Jim shares a story about a time when the Groton team qualified for a nation competition with more than 350 teams. "Our team was doing very well and close to the top at the end of the first day of matches. Then, their robot broke in last seconds of competition."

The teens painstakingly took their robot apart, spending hours testing the parts to locate the problem. By 10 p.m. when the facility closed for the night, they were forced to leave their robot, which they still needed to finish putting back together. The next morning, they arrived early to finish putting the robot back together.

The Groton team ended up placing third overall in their division. "They won because they spent the time working on their robot, finding the problem and fixing it."

Problem solving is something Jim enjoys. It's a skill that comes in handy. He is a small business owner of a handyman business, Jim of All Trades. "I enjoy projects and I have a curi-



Jim Lane

ous mind. The things I read for pleasure are Discovery Magazine and National Geographic."

Jim first got involved in coaching robotics when his son, Logan, was in high school. Logan had been taking a robotics unit and the teacher learned of a competition in Sioux Falls. Logan and some of his friends were interested in participating, but they needed a parent to provide transportation. When the teacher asked Jim, he said, "yes."

Then, Jim organized some practices...he was hooked. Even after Logan graduated, Jim is still involved.

"I like watching kids take ownership of their robot and the work it takes," Jim says.



who they were and where they belonged. If they got into trouble, people know where to come."

Jim has five grown children, Jamie Forrest, CJ, Lincoln, Logan and Marshall. In addition to robotics, Jim and his wife, Melodee, volunteer their time in other areas of the community as well. A few years ago, couple dedicated two years to organizing efforts to fundraise and build a warming house for the community ice rink.

To learn more about the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, visit https://www.roboticseducation.org/.

More about Rural Dakota Pride

Jim is one of five volunteers recognized for their selfless contributions to South Dakota rural communities by South Dakota Farmers Union (SDFU) with the 2019 Rural Dakota Pride Honor August 31, during the 2019 South Dakota State Fair.

"Community is created and maintained through the efforts of volunteers," explains Karla Hofhenke, SDFU Executive Director.

The other 2019 Rural Dakota Pride honorees include: Angie Mueller, Ethan; Jeannie Hofer, Huron; Rich Bakeberg, Frederick and Franklin Olson, Pierpont.

As an organization which serves South Dakota's family farmers and



ranchers, Doug Sombke, SDFU President, says Farmers Union recognizes the important role strong rural communities play in supporting agriculture producers and their families.



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"South Dakota's agriculture producers and their communities are closely connected. In good economic times they both prosper. When the economy is down, like today with the trade war, low commodity prices and extreme weather conditions, they both feel the pain," Sombke said. "The Rural Dakota Pride honor is one of many ways SDFU works to show our support for both."