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Pictured left to right are Bethany Gutierrez, Caryn Sue Bort, Katherine Bort, Instructor Lindsey Tietz, Karen Wolter, Collette Baker, Coralea Wolter and Mayme Baker. (Photo by Tina Kosel)

## FACS Dept. receives gift from Ruth Clopine Family

The Groton High School and Middle School FACS classes received a Janome Magnolia sewing machine to its program. The donation comes in honor of Wolter's mother, Ruth, an avid seamstress and quilter.

According to Lindsey Tietz, FACS instructor, "For many years, Karen has worked in close contact with the FACS department, doing the quilting portion of the FACS IV (senior class) quilting projects, as well as offering her expertise on the subject. Her generosity has been kindly noted by all students as she donates her time to quilting their projects. Sewing and quilting are very special, time-honored skills that the Wolters' family has so generously helped to pass on to the students of GHS in the form of a sewing machine. Currently in some classes, students have to share sewing machines, so by the addition of even just one machine, this can help the teaching and learning process to be a more efficient and productive one. Students in FACS classes learn basic to advance sewing skills, how to mend and make repairs, how to quilt, and acquire skills that transfer to being a better consumer and possibly a entrepreneur."

## Groton boys to Host First Round Soccer Playoff

Fourth Seeded Groton Area will host fifth seeded Vermillion in the first round of the soccer playoffs on Tuesday. The winner of that game will play at Sioux Falls Christian on Saturday, Oct. 12. Earlier in the season, Groton Area defeated Vermillion, 2-0.

### Class A

Top 6 (based on seed points) qualify for playoffs

School	Seed Points	W-L-D
1 SF Christian	43.417	10-2-0
2 Tea Area	42.273	5-4-2
3 St. Thomas More	40.214	5-7-2
4 Groton Area	39.350	5-4-1
5 Vermillion	39.111	3-4-2
6 James Valley Christian	38.375	2-5-5



**Kucker surpasses 1000 assists**  
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What does this mean for you, our wonderful passengers? Will things change for you? Will prices be different? Will your ride schedules change and will you still be able to call our Groton office to schedule rides? Things here at the Groton Community Transit will remain EXACTLY as they are now and we will offer all services that we currently offer now. Absolutely NOTHING will change for our valued passengers. The only things that will change are that the administrative duties that go along with GCT will now be done by people in Sisseton and Watertown.

At this time, the only thing we ask is that if you have any outstanding balances on your account that you become current as soon as possible. You will be notified if you have an outstanding balance for rides or if it looks like you will be running out very soon. You can mail a check/cash to the GCT (PO BOX 693), send payment with your child or stop at the office located at 205 East 2nd Ave. We are open Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We look for this to be a smooth transition, with no disruptions to riding services.

Thank you for continuing to use and support the Groton Community Transit and we look forward to serving you in the future.

Groton Community Transit  
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## City of Groton Sept. 24 Meeting Minutes

September 24, 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, Babcock, Glover via telephone and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Kathy Sundermeyer, and Officer Tony Garcia.

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

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

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

Payroll, \$20,061.96, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$3,179.69; Public Safety, \$7,192.66; Public Works, \$8,267.01; Culture & Recreation, \$1,422.60; First State Bank, \$6,558.10, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$499.98, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$1,000.00, Employee savings; April Abeln, \$19.26, Mileage to SDRS Training; SDML, \$100.00, Annual conference registration HB; SD State Treasurer, \$10,189.42, Sales and excise tax 8/19; City of Aberdeen, \$20.00, Two Nefog registrations; Heartland Power, \$47,036.44, Power 8/19; Dollar General, \$517.00, Light, fan, bug spray, cleaners, paper products, batteries, water, coffee, air fresheners; Chase Visa, \$2,462.80, Library books, paper products, pens, water sample postage, push mower blade, field clay, lodging for FO school, receiver for transmitters, loading for jr teener tournament, string winder, field chalk; Allied, \$11,333.50, Employee Insurance; JGE, \$84.02, Hydraulic oil filter; Geffdog, \$910.91, Fire resistant uniforms- DS & LJ; Ditch Witch, \$490.84, Clamp for the pipe locator; Gary's Engine & Repair, \$4.45, Spring for sewer pumps; RDO, \$422.76, Locator oil filter and oil, loader testing; Darrel's Sinclair, \$699.40, Sewer pickup tires, tires for mower; CWD, \$552.26, BB Concession resale; Heartland, \$8,067.85, Garbage hauling 8/19; Wesco, \$88.20, Hubs; Clark Engineering, \$9,840.00, 22% Complete Water Tower & Improvement Project; \$17,990.61, Street project services July14-August17; Bierschbach, \$92.23, Pool float switch; \$541.45, Sewer pump and float switch; Aed Market, \$100.30, Control Lifepak and AED battery & pads; Grand Slam, \$94.00, Nordic backup subscription; \$250.00, Used Windows 10 Dell Laptop for timeclock module; Mac's, \$304.61, Sewer hoses, fittings; SD Dept of Health, \$621.00, Water testing; Farmers Union, \$648.29, Fuel; Terex, \$2,223.90, Annual inspection on bucket truck, torqued rotation bearing bolts, dielectric test, furnish and install seal kit, holding valves, new swivel.; Kay Olson, \$107.46, Curb and gutter overpayment; Verizon, \$42.61, Dump camera internet; Fire Safety First, \$50.00, First aid kit supplies; NW Energy, \$922.00, Natural gas; Colonial Research, \$118.92, Shop cleaners; SD Retirement, \$285.00, Employee retirement; Soil Technologies, \$9,485.00, Soil testing for water tower; Groton Independent, \$225.45, Publishing; ; October meeting dates were changed to the 8th and 22nd on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon. All members voted aye.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Babcock to approve the August finance report. All members voted aye.

Second reading of Ordinance #729 Water Rates was approved on a motion by Peterson and seconded by Glover. This ordinance will pass on the rate increase Web Water has implemented. All members voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Babcock to close Main Street from Railroad Avenue to just after 2nd Avenue along with Railroad Avenue from 6th Street to Highway 37 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Halloween for Trick or Treat on Main Street. All members voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Glover to close the streets on the parade route for the Festival of Bands on October 11th at 10:00am, and to add a roadblock on 2nd Street before

Highway 12. All members voted aye.

Change Order No. 3 from H.F. Jacobs was tabled on a motion by Peterson and seconded by Wells. All members voted aye.

Heartland's 2020 Budget meeting will be held at the Groton American Legion Lounge October 23rd at 11:00am.

Applications are being accepted for a skating rink manager and assistants. Applications can be found online or at City Hall.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:31pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:00pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to accept (Ward 1 Board member), Jay Peterson's resignation. All members voted aye. Mayor Hanlon thanked Peterson for his years of dedication to the City.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Babcock to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Hope Block, Finance Officer  
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## City of Groton Water Rate Ordinance No. 729

ORDINANCE NO. 729  
An Ordinance entitled "Amending Rates for Municipal Utility Customers"

Be it ordained by the City of Groton, South Dakota that Section 4 of Ordinance No. 8-1-4 be amended to read as follows:

8-1-4 Rates

Section 4. Water Rates:  
The schedule of rates governing Residential or General Service Consumers of water in the City of Groton which follows is to be used for billing on a monthly basis throughout each year. Each water service is figured independently from any other water service at each customer's location.

a. Residential and General Service Water Customers  
Meter Charge: \$9.62 plus  
Minimum charge: \$19.85 per month which includes 0-2,000 gallons  
Next 18,000 gallons at \$5.16 per 1,000 gallons  
Over 20,000 gallons per month at \$4.58 per 1,000 gallons.

Plus, Water Surcharge: \$11.50 per customer who receives or benefits from the new water tower (this surcharge is to be implemented whether or not the water is capped, to be removed in July of 2049)

b. Bulk water rate: \$6.00 per 1000 gallons

c. Residential Low Income Discount

An \$9.62 per month discount will be allowed on the meter charge of residential consumers for a period of 12 months (from January to December) if the consumer provides proof that the family is eligible to receive low income fuel assistance (LIEAP).

d. Residential or General Service consumers found to be using unmetered water furnished by the City of Groton water system shall be disconnected until a meter is installed by the property owner.

Passed First Reading: 9/10/19  
Passed Second Reading: 9/24/19

Published: 10/02/2019  
Effective: 10/22/2019  
Passed First Reading: 9/10/19  
Passed Second Reading: 9/24/19

Attest:  
Hope Block, Finance Officer  
Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
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## Riverside Township Mowing Notice

Riverside Township  
Weed Notice

Riverside Township Owners and Tenants of Riverside Township are hereby notified and required according to law, to cut all weeds in road ditches tenanted by them within said township on or before Oct. 15, 2019 will be fined \$250 a mile charged to the abutting property.

By order of the township board

Bruce Sippel  
Township Clerk  
(0926.1003)

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## City of Columbia October 1 Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting - October 1, 2019 7:00 pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Tyler Kampa, Cole Kampa, Corey Mitchell, Trevor Meints, Ellen Harr

Community -Jeremy Dosch  
Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the September 3rd meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried. Minutes were passed out from the September 10th meeting. Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried. Minutes were passed out from the September 22nd meeting. Cole Kampamade a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried. Minutes were passed out from the September 29th meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Web Water - 38.85; Agtegra - 367.52; Northwestern Energy - 409.27 & 6.51; JVT - 118.37; Aberdeen News Co. - 98.70; B&B Contracting - 2130.00; Great Western Bank - 23.76;

SD Unemployment Insurance - 1.11; Drew Johnson - 1250.00; Jeremy Dosch - 419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann - 293.98; Cara Dennert - 823.50; Cole Kampa - 345.87; Trevor Meints - 345.87; Ellen Harr - 279.99;

Tyler Kampa - 312.93; Corey Mitchell - 379.01; Ken Frohling Trucking - 334.00; GDI - 46.72; US Treasury - 1964.50

Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE - correspondence from Drew Johnson; NPO Litigation - about a class action law suit. We will stay with the suit. The board received a commitment letter from Brown County - a 5 year pre-disaster mitigation plan from Scott Meints. The contract was signed and sent back to Scott. Loss Control Survey - scheduled for the 8th - 10:00 a.m. Cara and Jeremy will meet with them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Nuisances - Corey will call the lawyer and update him on the situations. There will be a couple letters going out to residents about other items that need to be taken care of soon.

Streets - look good, Jeremy filled in some corners. The culverts need some attention before the snow flies.

Parks - Tyler is going to take out the pump soon.

Lagoon/sewer - Ellen called Pierre. They said we can do a discharge, after which - Ellen will send them samples.

Rubble Site - no report

NEW BUSINESS - the board considered a purchase of a '92 diesel pump that only has 52 hours on it. Since the pump that we have is working, we are probably not interested in it.

FINANCIAL REPORT -Bank balances were presented. Tyler Kampa made a motion to accept as presented. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried. Cara will be in contact with the bank to start online banking for checking state deposits & balances.

September 30, 2019 balances: SF -\$136,137.24; GF -133,758.45; FIT - \$13,883.56; Cash on hand - \$40.00

Cole Kampa made a motion

to adjourn. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - meeting adjourned.

Notice of Date Change - Next City Meeting - Tuesday, November 12, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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## City of Columbia Sept. 22 Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting - September 22, 2019 3pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Corey Mitchell, Cara Dennert, Tyler Kampa, Trevor Meints, Cole Kampa

New Business - 2020 City Budget

The board worked on the 2020 budget for the city. There was much discussion. The board will meet again Sunday, Sept. 29th at 5:30 p.m. for a final review.

Next Meeting - September 29, 2019 5:30 p.m.

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## City of Columbia Sept. 29 Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting - September 29, 2019 5:30pm

ROLL CALL - Ellen Harr, Cara Dennert, Trevor Meints, Cole Kampa, Corey Mitchell

Unfinished Business - 2020 Budget finalization. Trevor Meints moved to approve the final revision of the 2020 Columbia City Budget Ordinance 2019-1. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Ellen Harr made a motion to adjourn. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting October 1, 2018 7:00 pm

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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## Brown County Comprehensive Plan Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given that the Brown County Commission will hold a public hearing, to receive public input concerning the County's proposed adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan. The hearing will be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, at 8:45a.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Copies of the proposed Comprehensive Plan are available for public review during normal business hours at the Brown County Auditor's Office and available for review through the County website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.brown.sd.us"](http://www.brown.sd.us) www.brown.sd.us At the Public Hearing, all persons will be given a full, fair, and complete hearing and are encouraged to attend and make their views known.

Those not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments to Brown County Auditor, Cathy McNickle, at 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

Attest: Cathy McNickle, County Auditor

(1002.1009)

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## Bates Township Weed Notice

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2019 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner. Landowner is responsible for spraying all noxious weeds.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors  
Betty Geist  
Township Clerk  
(0918.0925)

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## Brown County Bacon Rezoning Hearing Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Randy Bacon to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on October 15, 2019 at 8:50 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3).

Lots 1&2, "BNB Richmond Lake Subdivision" in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (379224 & 379252 South Shore Dr)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 149.

ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(1002.1009)

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## Brown County Gray Rezoning Hearing Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Roger Gray to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on October 15, 2019 at 8:50 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3).

Lots 16-18 except the west 60' of 18, all in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (379268 & 379290 South Shore Dr.)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 148.

ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(1002.1009)

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## Columbia City 2020 Appropriation Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01

2020 CITY OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Municipality of Columbia that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

411.1	Mayor and Council:	11,100.00
411.5	Contingency	4,000.00
414.2	Finance Officer	13,900.00
414.1	Attorney	2,000.00
419.2	General Government Buildings:	37,200.00
431	Highways and Streets:	19,736.00
441.3	West Nile	3,000.00
452	Parks	2,000.00
470	Debt Service	13,608.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	106,544.00

MEANS OF FINANCE:

310.0	Taxes	102,444.00
320.0	License and Permits	300.00
330.0	Intergovernmental Revenue	3,000.00
360.0	Miscellaneous Revenue	800.00
	TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE	106,544.00

PROPRIETARY FUNDS:

Beginning Unrestricted Cash	178,790.01
Estimated Revenue	20,000.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE	198,790.01
Less Appropriations (Expenses)	10,000.00
ESTIMATED SURPLUS	188,790.01

Transfers - In (Out)	0.00
ESTIMATED SURPLUS RETAINED	188,790.01

The auditor/finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the County Auditor. \$62,000.00

(Signed and Dated by Mayor or President of the City Council).

(Signed and Dated by the Finance Officer)

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## Frederick City 2020 Appropriation Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 212

Be it ordained by the City of Frederick that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

Section 1.  
General Fund

General Administration	14,221.30
Finance Office	26,993.00
Insurance	7,500.00
Gov't Buildings	10,321.00
Fire & Ambulance Department	500.00
Parks	3,300.00
Cemetery	7,250.00
Sanitation & Landfill	18,000.00
Economic Development	19,400.00
Frederick Dev. Corp.	14,400.00
Mis. Community Devl.	5,000.00

Streets	32,741.25
Library	14,535.50
Community Center	7,037.70
Baseball Field	1,000.00
Contingency	15,000.00
TOTAL	187,799.75

Self-Supporting Funds:

Water Fund	110,547.25
Sewer Fund	11,264.20
TOTAL	121,811.45

Wastewater Project Fund ..... 3,484,000.00  
Total Appropriations (year 2020) ..... 3,793,611.20

Section 2  
Means of Finance for the above expenditures

Water Fund Receipt	60,150.00
Sewer Fund Receipt	57,000.00
Garbage Fund Receipts	18,335.00
1% Sales Tax Receipts	27,000.00
Other Revenue	34,412.20
(License & permits, state shared revenue, county shared revenue, cemetery and miscellaneous revenue)	
Demand Deposit	
Wastewater Project	
Grant Funds	2,064,000.00
Loan Funds	1,420,000.00
TOTAL	3,680,897.20

General Tax Levy	112,714.00
Total Means of Finance (year 2020)	3,793,611.20

Section 3: That the funds raised by taxation pursuant to the preceding section shall be credited to the respective funds set forth.

Section 4: The finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the Brown County Auditor: \$112,714.00.

Passed first reading: Sept. 9, 2019  
Passed Second Reading: Sept. 23, 2019

Adopted: September 23, 2019  
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/s/ R. Scott Campbell  
President - Board of Trustees  
ATTEST: /s/ Diane Bruns  
Finance Officer  
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# Daschle, Sombke Call Pending SAFE Rule the Path to Higher Ethanol Volumes

HURON, S.D. - Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle joined with South Dakota Farmers Union President Doug Sombke in calling for the Trump Administration to use the pending fuel economy rule as a solution to the current ethanol and agriculture crisis.

In a wide-ranging interview on a popular South Dakota Business Radio program, Sombke and Daschle stressed that moving to high octane gasoline is a way to build on the success of the Renewable Fuel Standard. The path to get there is through the Safe Affordable Fuel Efficiency (SAFE) rule currently being finalized by the Trump Administration.

Daschle characterized the oxygen standard in the Clean Air Act as the launch vehicle, and the RFS as the booster rocket for the tremendous growth of the ethanol industry. The question now, he said, is how do we stay in orbit, and the answer is to recognize the high octane value of ethanol.

Moving to a 98-100 RON (research octane number) and using 30% ethanol blends would provide a range of benefits, he said, by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, providing new markets for agriculture, and improving our energy security.

"If we got to that point, my guess is we wouldn't have to talk about this in the future, it would create the kind of benefits and advantages we have been talking about for years."

Daschle went on to say there was almost no chance to revisit the RFS in such a divided Congress but there is no need to do so, the goal should be to build on it.

"If EPA was doing its job we would not even be talking today, the SAFE rule gives us a vehicle to use the law as it currently exists to allow for the regulatory changes needed to create the demand for the higher octane we know is needed."

Sombke echoed Senator Daschle's comments, noting the President could direct EPA to enforce toxics controls while increasing octane with the stroke of a pen. What is frustrating he said is the lack of vision by the ethanol industry, and whether the RFS is on solid ground or not, the fact is that corn ethanol is capped at current levels of 15 billion gallons when the industry could do so much more.

"Why would we be satisfied with that?" Said Sombke. "Why aren't the ethanol producers and corn growers joining us at SDFU to capture more of the world's largest gasoline market," he said.

Sombke explained the SAFE Rule requested comments on how octane could be increased consistent with the toxics controls in the Clean Air Act. SDFU and several supporting organizations provided significant data to EPA showing how, if coupled with the required toxics controls, ethanol could provide the lowest cost, lowest carbon octane legally allowed. "But we need the President to step up and provide leadership by enforcing the law."

"Auto makers need and want high octane fuels. American agriculture can provide those fuels and solve several problems. We need to be talking about what we can do, not what we can't."



Courtesy of SDFU

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Russell Olson, CEO

Heartland Consumers Power District

# Brown County Sept. 24 Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 - GENERAL MEETING

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

### MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the General County Commission September 10, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

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

**Payroll:** Commission \$5,528.71; Elections \$0.00; Auditor \$8,566.59; Treasurer \$13,617.33; SA \$21,221.83; SVAWA \$1,193.49; Maintenance \$8,135.48; Assessor \$13,208.52; Register of Deeds \$7,561.80; VSO \$3,552.72; GIS \$2,367.50; IT \$8,226.29; HR \$3,397.45; Sheriff \$37,978.11; Jail \$55,820.71; Coroner \$0.00; Court Security \$6,279.48; JDC \$22,265.37; Welfare \$1,884.62; Museum \$6,653.92; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,773.27; Fair Board \$3,943.52; 4-H \$645.76; Weed \$4,935.74; Planning & Zoning \$2,583.26; Highway \$54,480.69; Dispatch \$26,286.99; Emergency \$4,079.58; Teen Court \$768.96; JDAI \$1,576.93; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,335.18; Landfill \$14,823.30; Matching Benefits: FICA \$41,970.90; Medicare \$9,518.72; Health Savings Account \$175.00. **Claims: Professional Fees:** A to Z World Languages \$1,214.35; AMG - Emergency \$747.52; Avera St. Luke's \$4,139.74; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$5,848.71; Kristi Brandt \$1,305.40; Cassandra Bundy \$300.00; Clark Engineering \$15,000.00; Cogley Law Office \$7,142.86; Dakota Counseling Group \$1,800.00; Digi Security Systems \$1,275.00; Dohrer Law Office \$7,142.86; Kelsy Garber \$300.00; Gellhaus & Gellhaus \$80.00; Haar Law Firm \$7,154.66; Cayley Hammond \$40.00; Horn Law Office \$213.00; Alexis Huettl \$300.00; Jennifer Huettl \$300.00; Mark Katterhagen \$45.00; KCH Law \$150.00; Kennedy Pier Loftus \$596.00; Koletzky Law Office \$234.00; Kuck Law Office \$7,157.06; Language Line \$1,035.63; Dana Larson \$50.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$1,068.00; Lucy Lewno \$330.00; LTR \$3,054.84; Darcy Lockwood \$45.00; LSS \$3,228.12; Lesley Matthys \$300.00; Jerald McNeary \$7,142.86; NE Mental Health Center \$2,028.00; Gayle Nelson \$1,050.00; Romeo Entertainment \$1,349.59; Sanford Clinic \$1,045.90; Sanford Health \$845.03; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$103.00; Sanford Pathology Clinic \$400.00; SD Dept. of Health \$2,225.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$800,119.96; SD Secretary of State \$7.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,142.86; Kristi Spitzer \$1,800.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$120.00; Hayley Swenson \$200.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$7,142.86; US Bank \$1,429.58; Mitch Vilhauer \$1,595.40; West Payment Center \$169.95; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$200.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$619.00; Sara Zahn \$119.60; Jurors: Jacqueline Anderson \$10.84; Jeanette Anglin \$101.68; J Arlt \$17.56; Karen Armstrong \$101.68; Kelly Banik \$10.84; Todd Bitz \$106.72; Crawford Brixey \$31.84; Ashley Cahoy \$11.68; Scott Christenson \$47.80; Sharon Clark \$10.84; Susan Clark \$12.52; Jon Damaska \$11.68; Kathryn Darling \$11.68; Peggy Davis \$111.76; Curtis DeWalt \$10.84; Ronald Dobberpuhl \$31.00; Rick Donis \$101.68; Douglas Farrand \$13.36; Douglas Frohing \$170.56; Christopher Frost \$133.60; Tyler Gauer \$10.84; Lisa Gerety \$101.68; Lorelei Gilchrist \$25.96; Richard Gross \$10.84; Brandi Hanson \$10.84; Derrick Hanson \$11.68; Megan Hardie \$11.68; Craig Harms \$128.56; Samuel Herauf \$11.68; Barbara Himes \$10.84; Brandi Holt \$10.84; Melissa Hundstad \$11.68; Jared Hunstad \$103.36; John Jave \$34.36; Brianna Jensen \$10.84; Randall Jensen \$11.68; Donald Laverdure \$11.68; Noel Lerew \$25.96; Alex Lyren \$56.20; Joel Mann \$12.52; Timothy Mathern \$10.84; Jodie May \$11.68; Amanda McCullough \$10.84; Patrick McGarry \$10.84; DJ Mouna \$10.84; Jody Sandvig \$11.68; Lybecca Schaanaman \$101.68; Jerry Schley \$29.32; Nancy Sersen \$11.68; Sabrina

Shirley \$10.84; Jessica Slettedahl \$11.68; Edna Stoebner \$11.68; Dwight Strom \$26.80; Sally Swanson \$20.08; Billy Taylor \$101.68; Jeri Tieszen \$11.68; Robert Tople \$32.68; Georgiann Toupal \$103.36; Nicole Tveit \$15.04; Cole Vig \$12.52; Kristine Wollman \$10.84; Joann Zweber \$10.84.

**Publishing:** Aberdeen American News \$2,547.79; Bennett Co. Booster \$28.64; Big Stone Radio \$1,180.00; Dakota Broadcasting \$1,400.00; Dakota Radio Group \$1,966.00; Groton Independent \$310.31; Hub City Radio \$750.00; Ingstad Family Media \$3,344.00; KDLO-FM \$4,200.00; KSFY-TV \$2,940.00; Rapid City Journal \$41.70; US Bank \$53.34. **Rentals:** 446-Praxair \$25.40; Communications Direct \$3,533.00; Dakota Electronics \$80.00; Pantorium \$148.00; T&K Rentals \$500.00; Three Seasons Tent Rental \$1,528.00; US Bank \$655.85. **Repairs & Maintenance:** Aberdeen City Treasurer \$8,285.00; Cintas \$126.20; Clubhouse Hotel \$414.00; Commtech \$2,672.50; Dakota Electronics \$5,210.20; DSG \$1,574.92; DataSpec \$449.00; Diamond Mowers \$52.27; Double D Body Shop \$23,805.06; Ecolab \$147.16; GCR Tires \$886.98; Grote Roofing \$2,365.04; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$1,871.00; Hoven Auto Repair \$176.39; J&K Painting \$4,050.38; Kone \$2,692.49; Ladner Electric \$734.08; Pierson-Ford \$51.45; PowerPlan \$360.63; RDO Equip. \$2,372.53; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$31.50; Sherwin Williams \$174.68; Smart Choice Solutions \$900.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$102.50; Total Drywall Finishing \$166.33; Tru Green Chem-lawn \$90.00; TrueNorth Steel \$52,158.36; US Bank \$145.75; Walth Safety Service \$810.89. **Supplies:** 446-Praxair \$1,353.47; A-1 Locksmith \$5.86; Aberdeen American News \$227.00; Adapco \$2,750.00; Advance Auto \$1,503.86; AgTegra \$3,542.29; Alex Air Apparatus \$1,155.00; Allegiant Emergency Services \$386.65; American Solutions for Business \$1,104.73; Ameripride \$71.04; Keith Baker \$171.39; Bonnie Bitz \$192.00; Cash-Wa \$7,758.12; Dakota Electronics \$2,501.00; Dakota Oil \$1,096.15; DSG \$1,151.39; Diamond Mowers \$706.32; DMI \$42.75; Digital Ally \$125.00; Dooley Enterprises \$274.00; DT Pharmacy \$2,017.01; ES&S \$538.73; FedEx \$103.54; Gardner Locksmith \$157.00; GCR Tires \$585.28; Geffdog \$117.00; GovConnection \$9,395.60; Great Western States Supply Co. \$929.80; Heartland Paper \$3,175.26; Elizabeth Jaragoske \$15.00; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$2,012.90; Kessler's \$2,608.40; Brian Koens \$64.71; LabSource \$358.72; Lucy Lewno \$18.00; Mac's \$652.77; McKesson Medical \$647.48; Menards \$190.09; Midstates Printing \$46.20; NADA Appraisal Guide \$355.00; NADA Used Car Guide \$137.00; Trinity Nell \$15.00; Network Services \$164.60; NVC \$26.11; PharmChem \$85.65; PowerPlan \$1,938.56; Premier Biotech \$767.27; Professional Mgmt. Service \$180.00; RDO \$255.20; Romeo Entertainment \$130.43; The Sewing Shoppe \$28.00; Sherwin Williams \$138.28; US Bank \$16,360.77; Veteran's Information Service \$60.00; Vosika Fencing \$3,020.00; Web Water Bottling Co. \$26.00; West Payment Center \$1,750.67.

**Travel & Conference:** Robert Baumgartner \$64.00; Barry Braaten \$64.00; City of Groton \$131.76; Cathy McNickle \$177.81; Roberta Nichols \$200.16; Safety Benefits \$130.00; Kathy Schlecht \$285.34; Mick Scott \$64.00; SDSU Extension \$90.00; Jennifer Stoddard \$467.35; Tyler Technologies \$500.00; US Bank \$2,726.08; Patti Woods \$314.63. **Utilities:** Aberdeen City Treasurer \$312.54; AT&T \$71.24; Century Business Products \$699.53; CenturyLink \$3,474.94; Dependable Sanitation \$567.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$236.30; Northern Electric \$4,006.99; NWPS \$2,077.60; NVC \$3,639.37; US Bank \$847.61; Verizon \$3,375.78; Web Water \$79.99.

**Other:** JRWD \$1,100.11; Safe Harbor \$1,528.50; SD Attorney General's Office \$624.00; Wyatt Wolter \$62.16. **Machinery & Equip.:** TransSource \$117,500.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:**  
Moved by Kippley seconded by Wiese to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Approve hiring of Claudia Rosales as full-time Correctional Officer in the Brown County Jail effective September 23, 2019, at

\$16.40 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### SET HEARING DATE- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize advertising for Planning and Zoning Comprehensive Plan. Hearing set for October 15, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### SET HEARING DATE - ORDINANCES:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to set hearing dates for the following ordinance rezones: Ordinance 148 - October 15 8:50 AM - applicant Roger Gray to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3), Lots 16-18 except the west 60' of 18, all in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (379268 & 379290 South Shore Dr.) Ordinance 149 - October 15 8:50 AM - applicant Randy Bacon to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3), Lots 18&2, "BNB Richmond Lake Subdivision" in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (379224 & 379252 South Shore Dr)

### SPECIAL REVENUE FUND PUBLIC HEARING:

Time and place as advertised for public input on the creation of special revenue for JDAI accounting. No public input. Motion previously made to amend provisional budget to include JDAI special revenue fund. Fund approved with adoption of 2020 Budget.

### 2020 PROVISIONAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Below is accumulation of provisional budget amendments approved September 10, 2019, and September 3, 2019. **Governmental Funds:** General Fund #101 Total Appropriations of \$17,229,623.70 to 17,247,149.30; Total Means of Finance: 311 Current Property Tax Levy from 14,936,642. To 14,955,090. Total Appropriations: Board of County Commission 111 From 283941.15 To 292448.88, Auditor 141 From 372299.15 To 366221.07, Treasurer 142 From 572685.56 To 570234.8, States Attorney 151 From 956991 To 947936, Maintenance 161 From 1260215 To 1256844, Dir of Equalization 162 From 614746.03 To 613265.86, Register of Deeds 163 From 378924.73 To 368516.34, Veterans Service 165 From 164692.68 To 163460.52, Information Technologies 171 From 531000 To 528305.7, Human Resources 172 From 89197.12 To 88515.04, Sheriff 211 From 1989755.51 To 1928695.07, Jail 212 From 2549631.1 To 2481155.18, Courthouse Security 214 From 240220.78 To 237155.86, JDC 215 From 976776.35 To 949055.14, Support of Poor 411 From 241057 To 239306.9, Museum/Granary 512 From 352084.11 To 363247.3, Parks 522 From 105606.28 To 109463.9, Fairgrounds 523 From 360167.6 To 362141.7, 4-H Program 611 From 75466.11 To 73406.55, Weed & Pest Program 615 From 215853.17 To 214054.8, County Fair 524 From 1125369 To 1134768.83

**General Fund Operating Transfers to Special Revenue Funds** From 1,662,946.89 To 1,848,952.47 **Special Revenue Funds:** Road & Bridge Fund 201 Total Appropriations and Means of Finance from 5,840,299.40 to 6,037,505.75, means of finance other finance sources from 1,074,549.4 to 1,276,755.75.; **Emergency Management Fund 226** Total Appropriations and Means of Finance from 224,170.41 to 236,538.81, means of finance other finance sources from 166,070.41 to 158,438.81; **24/7 Sobriety Fund 248** Total Appropriations and Means of Finance from 109,827.08 to 106,257.91, means of finance other finance sources from 21,827.08 to 18,257.91; **Addition of JDAI Fund 238** Appropriations and Means of Finance 61,919.00, means of finance federal grant 61,919.00. All other line items remaining, as stated in the provisional budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET:

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: ANNUAL BUDGET FOR

### BROWN COUNTY, SD

For the Year January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020

### RESOLUTION #45-19 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA and all its institutions and agencies for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, this 24th day of September 2019. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor, Brown County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Brown County for the year January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

### COUNTY TAX LEVIES WITHIN LIMITED LEVY

Dollars \$/S/1,000  
\*General County Purposes (10-12-9) \$14,955,090.  
3.594

### TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY

\$14,955,090.  
3.594

\*These amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

### ORD 145- FIRST READING

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve First Reading of Ordinance #145, 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 4, Block 1, "Richmond Heights Subdivision" in the E1/2 of Section 32-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38377 Richmond Heights Dr). All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### ORD 146- FIRST READING

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve First Reading of Ordinance #146, 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 4.08 Residential District (R-1): 137' South of North 548' of East 318' NE1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 20-T123N-R63W of 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (1424 S Melgaard Rd) All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### ORD 147- FIRST READING

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve First Reading of Ordinance #147, 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, "Klootwyk Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 5-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39595 130th St). All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### PLATS:

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESOLUTION 46-19: Be it resolved by the board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing, Paepke Farm Subdivision, in

the SW1/4 of Section 27-T122N-R61W of the 5th., P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESOLUTION 47-19: Be it resolved by the board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing, Dobberpuhl Second Addition in the NW1/4 of Section 15, township 121 North, Range 60 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESOLUTION 48-19: Be it resolved by the board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing, Travis and Danielle Olson Subdivision in the SW1/4 of Section 10-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESOLUTION 49-19: Be it resolved by the board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing BNB Richmond Lake Subdivision in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT OF AC-COUNT:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve August 2019 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in the total amount of \$11,138,868.20 (total amount of actual cash @ \$5,000.00. US Bank @ \$18,024.73, Dacotah Bank @ \$4,419614.39, Petty Cash/Change Funds @ \$2,600, Fund Investments @ \$6,693,629.08). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### LEASES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following leases: Kasia Kramer for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp October 12-13, 2019 with alcohol use permission form; Breanna Hauge for the lease of Club House October 12-13, 2019 with alcohol use permission form. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### MILLIM BUILDING SEALED BIDS:

Sealed bids received for sale of Millim building 1019 1st Ave SE. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to award bid to MBC, LLC in the amount of \$200,000. Rejecting bid from Todd Zens in the amount of \$177,777. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### BROWN COUNTY RACE TRACK CONTRACT: Discussion Only. No action.

### FLU SHOTS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve covering the cost of part-time employees for the Flu Shot, as the shot is covered through insurance for the full-time employees. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### WATER AT WEED AND PEST BUILDING:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve a change in quote from Dakota Underground to increase \$1,300 for the additional request of moving the water to a heated portion of the weed shop. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to authorize chair sign application, submitted by Midco for occupancy of Brown County Highway 12W, in section 21, township 123N, Range 64W, Brown County, South Dakota to provide telecommunications service. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese, to authorize chair sign application, submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway 9, in section 11,14, township 125, range 64, Brown County, South Dakota for telecommunications service. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese, to authorize chair sign application, submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway 16/17, in section 10,11,12,7,8, township 123, range 63,62, Brown County, South Dakota for telecommunications service. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert, to authorize chair sign application, submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway 19, in section 22,28, township 123, range 63,64, Brown County, South Dakota for telecommunications service. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts per SDCL 1-25-2(1,4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with the following action taken. MOVED by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to deny claim assignment and pull account from Credit Collections Bureau related to collection on county lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SDACC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** Commissioner Sutton recognized the accomplishment of Commissioner Kippley for being elected as second vice president for the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Kippley seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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# Tigers post big win over Redfield



**Brodyn DeHoet reaches for the football to score a touchdown.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area scored on all but one possession of the football to post at 46-6 Northeast Conference win over Redfield. The game was played at Redfield's homecoming.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Abeln Seed, Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Allied Climate Professionals, Bahr Spray Foam, BaseKamp Lodge, DeHoet Trucking, Groton Auto Works, Hanlon Brothers, John Sieh Agency, Milbrandt Enterprises, Mike-N-Jo's, Olson Development, Professional Management Services and the Touchdown Sponsor - Patios Plus.

Redfield went for it on fourth and eight at its own 39 yard line on the first possession and the Tiger defense held the Pheasants. That set up a good field position for the Tigers. Three first downs later, Kaden Kurtz would score on a one-yard run. Jonathan Doeden would run in the PAT and it was 8-0.

Redfield was held to four plays and the Tigers got the ball on the Pheasant 40 yard line. Two first downs later, Brodyn DeHoet would make a 12-yard catch from Kaden Kurtz early in the second quarter. Doeden would run in the PAT and it was 16-0.

Redfield got a first down, only with a Groton Area penalty, and ended up punting on fourth and 15. The Tigers would take over on their own 38 yard line, but three plays later, the Tigers would fumble and lose the ball.

Redfield, would again, have only four plays and ended up punting on fourth and four. On the punt, Doeden would dash to the endzone for a 70 punt return. Kurtz would run in the PAT and it was 24-0.

Redfield would have four plays before punting on fourth and 13. The Tigers would have the ball at the Redfield 38 yard line with 1:25 left in the first half. The Tigers would get the ball down to the one-yard line, but ended up fourth and 15 with one second on the clock. "I called time-out and told them to pass to Thomas Cranford in the corner," said Coach Shaun Wanner. And on the final play of the half, Kurtz would connect with Cranford for the 15 yard touchdown pass. Kurtz would run in the PAT and it was 32-0 at half time.

Groton would receive the kickoff to start to the third quarter and the Tigers would score

on a 58 yard pass play from Kurtz to Doeden. The PAT pass was good from Kurtz to Andrew Marzahn and it was 40-0 with 11:02 left in the third quarter.

Redfield would get an offensive drive going with the help of two Groton Area penalties. In fact, 20 yards of penalties in two plays amounted to nearly half of Groton Area's penalties for the whole game (45 yards). The Pheasants would score on a 41 yard run by Bradyn Robbins. The PAT attempt failed and it was 40-6.

Groton Area would score on its next drive. Getting three first downs, Kurtz would follow up with a 27 yard touchdown run. The PAT pass was no good and it was 46-6.

Groton Area would have one more opportunity, but it was fourth and 36. Kurtz did have an 18-yard run, but it was way short of a first down and Redfield took over with 4:33 left in the game. The continuous clock left Redfield little time to score and the Tigers won the game, 46-6.

"I thought we executed well in the red zone,"

Wanner said. "We moved Jamison Stange to center and Trey Gengerke to tackle. Their coaches (Redfield) said we were the most physical team they had played this year."

Jonathan Doeden had 118 yards rushing, completed two passes for 19 yards, had one catch for 52 yards. Kaden Kurtz had 79 yards rushing, completed four of five passes for 101 yards and had six tackles. Austin Jones had nine tackles and Payton Johnson had seven while Alex Morris and Garret Schroeder each had one sack.

Overall, the Tigers had more yards on offense, 290-109.

"I was proud of how well we played," Wanner said "We need to get some concentration and focus in the red zone. We did a good of mixing it up - passing and rushing. It was an all around team effort. If we play like that the best of the year, we'll be right in the thick of things when it comes to the playoffs."

Groton Area, now 3-3, will host Aberdeen Roncalli on Friday while Redfield will travel to Sisseton.

- Paul Kosel

	<b>GROTON AREA</b>		<b>REDFIELD</b>
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Rushing</b>	<b>33-189</b>		<b>30-114</b>
Jonathan Doeden	19-118	Bradyn Robbins	12-76
Kaden Kurtz	12-79	Paul Juarez	4-11
Thomas Cranford	1-(-5)	Sean Louder	4-9
Andrew Marzahn	1-(-3)	Gannon Pudwill	7-27
		Mason Fey	3-(-9)
<b>Passing</b>		Mason Fey	1-2-(-6)
Kaden Kurtz	4-5-101		
Jonathan Doeden	1-2-10		
<b>Receivers</b>		Bradyn Robbins	1-(-6)
Jonathan Doeden	1-52		
Brodyn DeHoet	2-22		
Thomas Cranford	1-15		
Payton Johnson	1-12		
<b>Fumbles</b>	<b>Had 3 lost 1</b>		<b>Had 1 lost 0</b>
<b>Penalties</b>	<b>5-45</b>		<b>5-40</b>
<b>Defense</b>		Bradyn Robbins	10 tackles
Austin Jones	9 tackles	Corbin Schwartz	8 tackles
Payton Johnson	7 tackles		
Kaden Kurtz	6 tackles		
Andrew Marzahn	6 tackles		
Alex Morris	1 sack		
Garret Schroeder	1 sack		
<b>Record</b>	<b>3-3</b>		<b>2-3</b>
<b>Next Game</b>	<b>Friday host Roncalli</b>		<b>Friday, at Sisseton</b>

<b>Scoring</b>	
<b>First Quarter</b>	
6:07 Groton - Kaden Kurtz 1 yard run (PAT: Jonathan Doeden Run)	
10:31 Groton - Brodyn DeHoet 12 yard pass from Kaden Kurtz (PAT: Jonathan Doeden Run)	
3:09 Groton - 70 yard punt return by Jonathan Doeden (PAT: Kaden Kurtz run)	
0:01 Groton - Thomas Cranford 15 yard pass from Kaden Kurtz (PAT: Kaden Kurtz run)	
<b>Third Quarter</b>	
11:01 Groton - Jonathon Doeden 58 yard pass from Kurtz (PAT: Kurtz to Andrew Marzahn)	
6:31 Redfield - Bradyn Robbins 41 yard run (PAT run no good)	
0:28 Groton - Kaden Kurtz 27 yard run (PAT pass no good)	

## Three Groton Area Golfers qualify for state

The Region 1A Golf Tournament was held Monday at Volga with the top 60 percent qualifying for the state tournament and that is equal to 28 golfers plus ties. That means Groton will send three to state.

Cade Guthmiller placed third, shooting a 43 and a 42 for a total score of 85. Hunter Kassube shot a 51 and a 45 for a total score of 96 to place 22nd. Tristan Traphagen placed 28th with scores of 51 and 48 for a total of 99.

Also golfing was Brevin Flihs, shooting a 57 and a 54 for a total score of 111.

Madison won the team title with 348 points followed by Sioux Valley with 351, Sisseton had 363, Roncalli 369, Dell Rapids 383, Groton Area 391, Tri-Valley 410, Flandreau 426 and Milbank 448.

The state tournament will be Monday and Tuesday in Vermillion.

## Netters take down Clark/Willow Lake; remain undefeated in NEC

Groton Area's volleyball team posted a 3-0 win over Clark-Willow Lake in action played Thursday in Clark.

The Cyclones took an early 3-0 lead and lead by as many as five, 8-3, in the first game. The Tigers rallied to score six straight points to take the lead, 9-8. The game was tied six times with the last tie at 17 and then rolled to a 25-19 win. In the first game, Eliza Wanner had four kills while Kaylin Kucker had two kills and two ace serves, Indigo Rogers had two kills, Nicole Marzahn had a kill and an ace serve and Madeline Fliehs had a kill.

Groton Area had the early lead in the second game, but the Cyclones rallied and tied the match at 12, but never took the lead. Groton Area won the second game, 25-20. Nicole Marzahn and Madeline Fliehs each had four kills, Eliza Wanner, Indigo Rogers and Stella Meier each had a kill and Payton Colestock had an ace serve.

Clark/Willow Lake had a 3-1 lead in the third game and Groton Area came back to tie it at four and then took the lead for good. The Tigers won the third game, 25-14. Nicole Marzahn and Eliza Wanner each had five kills, Indigo Rogers had two kills, Payton Colestock had two ace serves and Kaylin Kucker had a kill.

Colestock had three ace serves, Kucker had two and Marzahn had one. Kucker had 34 of the 35 assists with Glover having one. Wanner finishes officially with 15 ace serves while Marzahn had nine. Unofficially Fliehs had six kills, Rogers five, Kucker three and Meier one. Wanner had 23 digs and Kucker had 13. Fliehs had one block.

Olivia Sass led the Cyclones with seven kills and four blocks.

Groton Area, now 9-3 on the season, will play in the Redfield Tournament on Saturday.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-13 and 25-21, and also the C match, 26-24 and 25-21. Both junior high teams also won their matches.

Games on Saturday will have Groton Area playing Warner at 9 a.m., Potter County at 10:40 a.m.; Redfield at 1:10 p.m. and Belle Fourche at 2 p.m. Depending on the pool play, there could be a match at 2:50 p.m.

## Tigers post 3-0 win over Florence/Henry

Groton Area's volleyball team went to 11-3 on the season with a 3-0 win over Florence/Henry. The match was played in Florence and was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Dakota Risk Management and C&B Operations.

The first game was tied three times before the Tigers scored 11 straight points to post a 25-12 win. Indigo Rogers had five kills while Nicole Marzahn had two, Kaylin Kucker had an ace serve and a kill while Stella Meier, Madeline Fliehs and Eliza Wanner each had a kill. Fliehs had the game winning kill. Groton Area earned 12 of the 25 points for 48 percent while Florence/Henry earned four of its 12 points for 33 percent.

The second game was tied just once at one before the Tigers took control of the game and posted a 25-9 win with Marzahn having the game winning block. Marzahn had four kills and a block in the second game while Eliza Wanner had an ace serve and a kill, Meier and Kucker each had a kill, Payton Colestock had two ace serves and Rogers had a kill and an ace serve. Groton Area earned 13 of its 25 points for 52 percent while Florence/Henry made two of nine for 22 percent.

Groton Area jumped out to a 12-0 lead in the third set to post a 25-11 win. Wanner had three ace serves, Kucker and Grace Wambach each had an ace serve, Meier had a kill, Alyssa Locke had a kill, Fliehs had a kill and two

blocks, Rogers had two kills and Marzahn had five kills and a block. Groton Area made 18 of its 25 points for 72 percent and the Falcons made four of its 11 points for 36 percent.

In serving, Wanner had four ace serves while Kucker and Colestock each had two and Rogers and Wambach each had one. In setting, Kucker had 24 assists. Marzahn finished with 14 kills while Rogers had eight kills, Fliehs and Meier each had three, Wanner and Kucker each had two and Locke had one kill. Marzahn and Fliehs each had two blocks. Rogers had 16 of the team's 62 digs with Wanner and Marzahn each having 11.

Haley Hlavacek led the Falcons with two kills and an ace serve.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-15, 22-15 and 15-12. The Tigers won the C match, 11-25, 25-21 and 15-9, and the seventh graders lost their match, 2-1.

The Tigers will travel to Clark on Thursday to take on the Clark/Willow Lake Cyclones in a Northeast Conference contest.

- Paul Kosel

## Groton Area netters beat Roncalli, 3-1

Groton Area had to go extra points in the fourth game to beat Aberdeen Roncalli in volleyball action. The Tigers won the match, 3-1. The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Dakota Risk Management.

The first game was tied four times at the very beginning before the Cavaliers took control. Roncalli led by as many as five five points through the rest of the game and went on to win by five, 25-20. In the first game, Nicole Marzahn had four kills and an ace serve, Indigo Rogers had two kills, Madeline Fliehs had two kills and Eliza Wanner had three kills. The Tigers earned 12 of their 20 points and gave up 13 points. Madelyn Bragg led Roncalli with four kills.

Roncalli had the early lead in the second set, 3-1. The Tigers tied the game and took the lead with the game being tied at four and five before the Tigers scored four straight points to take a 9-5 lead. The Tigers led by as many as five points, 14-9, but Roncalli would come back to the game at 17 and took a 19-18 lead. Groton Area scored three straight to reclaim the lead, 21-19. Nicole Marzahn would have the game winning kill as the Tigers won the second game, 25-22. Marzahn would lead the Tigers in the second set with five kills while Eliza Wanner had two kills and an ace serve, Indigo Rogers had two kills, Payton Colestock had two ace serves and Todyn Glover had an ace serve. Groton Area earned 14 of its 25 points and gave up 13 points. Mariah Winegar led Roncalli with three kills and a block in the second set.

Groton Area jumped out to a 7-0 third game lead and Roncalli never threatened as the Tigers went on to win, 25-16. Wanner had the game winning kill. Eliza Wanner had two kills and three ace serves, Madeline Fliehs added three kills and a block, Nicole Marzahn had three kills, Indigo Rogers had two kills

and Stella Meier had a kill. Groton Area earned 15 of its 25 points and gave up just five points. Madelyn Bragg led the Cavaliers with four kills and block.

Groton Area started off with a 5-0 lead. Roncalli would battle back to tie the fourth game at 16 and again at 22. The Cavaliers took their first lead of the game, 23-22. Groton Area would tie the game at 23 and 24 before taking a 25-24 lead. The Cavaliers would tie the game at 25, sending the game into extra points. The Tigers would get the last two points for the 27-25 win. Nicole Marzahn and Eliza Wanner teamed for five kills apiece while Indigo Rogers had two kills, Kaylin Kucker had one kill and Payton Colestock had an ace serve. Groton Area would earn 14 of their 25 points and gave up 13 points. Madelyn Bragg led the Cavaliers with five kills and a block.

Nicole Marzahn would finish the night with 17 kills, a blocks and an ace serve, Indigo Rogers had eight kills and 30 digs, Eliza Wanner had eight kills, 27 digs and four ace serves, Payton Colestock had three ace serves, Kaylin Kucker had 37 assists and a kill, and Madeline Fliehs had six kills and two blocks.

Madelyn Bragg led the Cavaliers with 15 kills and two blocks while Mariah Winegar had eight kills and three blocks and Elissa Hammerich had five kills, two blocks and an ace serve. Groton Area is now 8-1 on the season while the Cavaliers go to 8-3.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 2-1. Game scores were 6-25, 25-23 and 15-7. Scoring for the Tigers: Alyssa Thaler 1 kill; Brooke Gengerke 2 kills, 1 ace; Jasmine Gengerke 3 kills; Megan Fliehs 2 kills, 1 ace; Grace Wambach 2 kills, 3 aces; Brooklyn Gilbert 4 kills, Gracie Traphagen 2 kills, 1 ace; and Maddy Bjerke 6 kills.

Groton Area won the C match, 26-24 and 25-18. The eighth graders won their match, 3-1, with game scores of 25-18, 17-25 and 15-13. The seventh graders lost their match, 2-1, with game scores of 25-19, 20-25 and 14-16.

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## Soccer teams drop games to Tea Area

The Groton Area soccer teams went to Tea Area on Saturday. The boys lost their game, 1-0, and the girls lost their game, 8-0.



**Pictured is Garrett Schroeder.** (Photo by Dawn Imrie)



**Groton's goalie, Emma Schinkel, got a save in the photo below and kicks it away in the photo above.** (Photos by Marjae Schinkel)



**Pictured are Ani Davidson and Allyssa Locke.** (Photo by Marjae Schinkel)



**Pictured is Allyssa Locke.** (Photo by Marjae Schinkel)



**Pictured are Tucker Carda, Cade Guthmiller, Jacob Zak and Garret Schroeder.** (Photo by Dawn Imrie)



**Pictured are Jace Kroll and Piet Solling.** (Photo by Dawn Imrie)



**Pictured are Tucker Carda and Cade Guthmiller.** (Photo by Dawn Imrie)



**Pictured is Austin Jones.** (Photo by Dawn Imrie)

**Pictured is Tucker Carda.** (Photo by Dawn Imrie)





# Lady Netters take fifth at the Pentagon



**Tadyn Glover**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

It was a grueling day for the Lady Tigers as the volleyball team played in the Sioux Falls Pentagon on Saturday. The Tigers ended up playing four matches, virtually back to back, with little to no rest between matches. Groton Area finished in fifth place and the matches were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Dakota Risk Management and C&B Operations.

The Tigers won the first match, beating Elkton-Lake Benton, 2-0. The Tigers had several short runs in the first game en route to a 25-12 win. Nicole Marzahn had five kills and a block, Payton Colestock had three ace serves, Stella Meier had two kills and Tadyn Glover, Indigo Rogers and Kaylin Kucker each had one kill.

The second game was tied four times with the Elks having the lead for most of the game, until it was tied at 15. Groton Area scored two sets of four straight points to secure a 25-19 win. Marzahn had five kills, Eliza Wanner had four kills, Rogers had three, Kucker had two ace serves and a kill and Glover had two ace serves.

In the same arena, the Tigers then faced Mt. Vernon-Plankinton in a three-game set with the Titans pulls out the win, 2-1.

The first game was tied 10 times, including at 24 before the Tigers got the last two points for the win. Marzahn had six kills, Rogers and Wanner each had four kills and Kucker had an ace serve. The second game was tied four



**Nicole Marzahn**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Payton Colestock**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

times, but this time, the Titans had the upper edge on the score at the beginning, the Tigers in the middle and the Titans at the end. It was 21-20, with Mt. Vernon-Plankinton leading, and the Titans would score the last four points for the 25-20 win. Marzahn had five kills, Wanner had two, Rogers and Kucker each had one kill and Glover had two ace serves. That set up a third game. That set was tied five times at the beginning before the Titans would outscore Groton Area, 7-1, to take a 14-9 lead. The Tigers closed to within two, 19-17, but was unable to close the game as the Titans went on to win, 25-18. Marzahn had five kills, Wanner had three kills, Meier, Rogers and Madeline Fliehs each had a kill and Colestock had a kill and an ace serve.

Then the Tigers had to change courts and even before Coach Chelsea Hanson could get everything moved over, they had the team taking the court for the next match, which was against Aberdeen Roncalli. The Tigers seemed out of rhythm with the rush of changing courts and it showed on the court as Roncalli took the early lead and the Tigers were never able to get a rally going in the first game. The Cavaliers won the first game, 25-19. Marzahn had four kills and two ace serves, Wanner had six kills and Meier had a kill.

The Tigers got things going in the second game, taking a 4-0 lead, but the Cavaliers battled back and the game was tied eight times including at 22. But the score got stuck at 22 for the Tigers



**Stella Meier**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

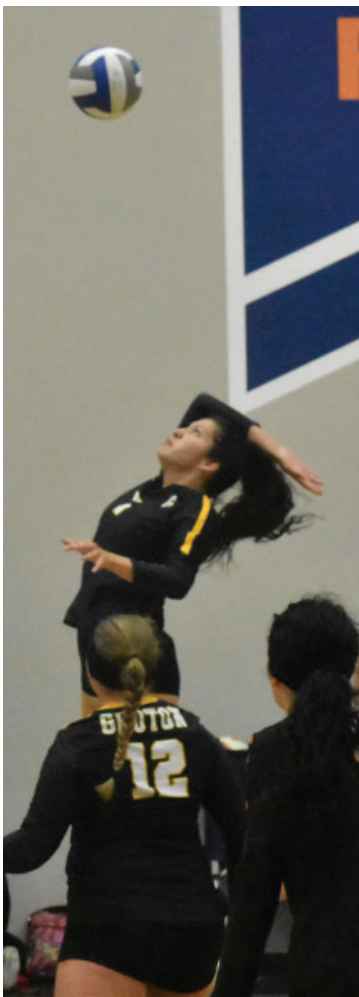
and the Cavaliers won the second game, 25-22. Marzahn had four kills, Kucker had two ace serves and a kill, Rogers had two kills, Colestock had two ace serves and Meier and Wanner each had one kill.

Then it was on the move again for the Tigers, moving to a different court. They had a little resting time, perhaps about 10 minutes while their opponent, Sioux Valley, had warm-up time. The Tigers just rested during that time for the match-up with the Cossacks. Sioux Valley jumped out to a 5-2 lead before Groton Area came back and tied the game at five, six and eight before Sioux Valley would rally to take a 15-9 lead. The Tigers closed to within two at 22-20, 23-21 and 24-22, but Sioux Valley scored the last point for the win, 25-22. Rogers led the Tigers with four kills while Marzahn had three, Wanner and Fliehs each had two, Glover had two ace serves and a kill, Meier had a kill and Colestock had an ace serve.

Groton Area jumped out to a 10-5 lead in the second set and led for most of it until the Cossacks tied the game at 23 and 24, sending the game into extra points. The Tigers would get the last two points for the 26-24 win. Marzahn had six kills, Wanner had four kills and an ace serve, Meier had two kills, Rogers had a kill, Glover and Colestock each had an ace serve and Fliehs had a block. That set up the third game where Groton Area had a four point rally late in the game to pull



**Eliza Wanner**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Indigo Rogers**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

away for the 25-14 win. Marzahn had a day high eight kills and an ace serve, Meier had four kills and a block, Rogers and Wanner each had two kills and Colestock and Kucker each had an ace serve.

Groton Area, now 10-3 on the season, will travel to Florence on Tuesday to take on the Florence-Henry Falcons. There will be a seventh grade match at 4:30 followed by the junior varsity match at 6 p.m. and then the varsity match.



**Madeline Fliehs**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Kaylin Kucker**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

- Paul Kosel

**Only half of S.D. students proficient in English; less than half in math and science**

**By: Nick Lowrey**

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem said she is disappointed in recent statewide standardized test scores indicating that just over half of students were proficient in English language and fewer than half showed proficiency in math and science.

The results of the South Dakota Department of Education 2019 Report Card, based on standardized tests, showed that about 54% of students tested in grades three through eight and in 11th grade showed proficiency in reading and writing. Only about 47% of those same students were proficient in math for their respective grade levels, and roughly 40% of students were proficient in science.

Gov. Noem told South Dakota News Watch that she was unimpressed with the results during an interview two days after the statewide report card was released to the public on Sept. 17.

"I'm not happy with those numbers and we are having that conversation as we speak," Noem said. "We just got those numbers and we will be having conversations about how to improve those numbers for our students."

Despite a half-cent sales tax increase passed in 2016 that generated new revenue to boost pay for South Dakota's roughly 9,700 teachers, student test scores have not increased since then. Over the last three academic years, statewide proficiency scores for math, reading and writing have remained essentially flat. The scores for science proficiency actually fell from the 2017-18 school year, when the science test was first administered, to the 2018-19 school year.

At least part of the reason scores haven't increased is that South Dakota started using a newer, more difficult assessment test during the 2016-17 school year. Comparing results from the old test to the new test isn't fair, state Education Secretary Ben Jones said. The biennially administered National Assessment of Educational Progress, which has used, essentially the same testing methods since 2003, shows flat scores for reading between 2015 and 2017, while math scores rose slightly between 2015 and 2017.

A deeper look at the student test data



show that South Dakota's education system — which includes about 135,000 students at 681 schools in 149 districts — is falling short in some specific population groups.

One of the most persistent and pervasive struggles has been in the area of Native American student achievement. Statewide, just 23% of Native American students tested as proficient in reading and writing. The numbers were worse for math at 14% proficient and science at 13% proficient.

The on-time graduation rate for Native American students was 30 percentage points lower than the state average, at around 54% statewide. Native American students' rate of high school completion by the age of 21 was 66%, 24 percentage points below the state's total student population.

Another area of concern has been the achievement gap among economically disadvantaged students, Jones said. South Dakota defines economically disadvantaged students as those who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches and the state report card shows such students finish high school at lower rates and tend to score lower on assessment tests than those without financial disadvantages. Statewide, 36% of economically disadvantaged students tested as proficient in reading and writing, 28% were deemed proficient in math and 25% were shown to be proficient in science.

There is some correlation between an individual district's performance and the number

of economically disadvantaged students enrolled there.

In Brandon Valley, one of the state's best performing districts as measured by test scores, there were 442 economically disadvantaged students who took the state assessment tests last year, comprising about 20% of the district's test-takers. Overall, 72% of the district's students were deemed to be proficient in reading and writing, 66% were proficient in math and 57% were proficient in science. Meanwhile, about 54% of the district's economically disadvantaged students were deemed proficient in reading and writing, 46% were proficient in math and 40% were proficient in science.

Roughly 55% of the students who took the state assessment tests in the Huron school district, meanwhile, were considered economically disadvantaged. Overall, 47% of the district's students tested as proficient in reading and writing, 39% were considered proficient in math and 32% were deemed proficient in science. Economically disadvantaged students in the district tested as 36% proficient in reading and writing, 29% were proficient in math and 19% were proficient in science.

"It's challenging to teach reading, writing and arithmetic when a child is

hungry, when a child is upset because of something not in that child's control," said Mary McCorkle, president of the South Dakota Education Association that represents teachers.

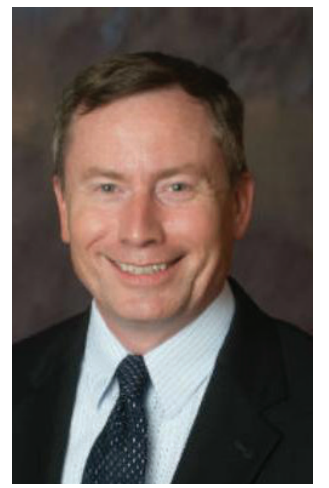
At least part of the state's struggle to address the Native American and economically disadvantaged student achievement gap is that the state's data collection practices have been fairly inconsistent, Jones said. Standardized as-

essment tests didn't get too much weight in the state's education system until about 2001, when the federal No Child Left Behind Act became law. The act forced states to begin evaluating schools using standard metrics and then report the results to the federal Department of Education as a condition of receiving federal aid dollars.

South Dakota's assessment regime has undergone several major changes over the years between legislative battles over the Common Core national education standards and efforts to devise a better testing system, Jones said. The current version of the state's science assessment, for example, has only been in place for two full academic years, meaning there isn't enough data yet to draw strong conclusions. Inconsistent data has made identifying trends more difficult which, in turn, has made figuring out what to do about problem areas more challenging, Jones said.

For the last four years, though, South Dakota has been using the same assessments for math as well as reading and writing for four years, Jones said. There's enough information now to begin finding solutions. At Noem's direction, Jones said he has assembled a committee of education officials and state leaders in order to address the state's achievement gaps.

"We're on the verge of those decisions," Jones said. "I think we'll have some recommendations in a fairly timely manner."



**Ben Jones**  
**South Dakota**  
**Secretary**  
**of Education**

**STUDENT TEST SCORES BY DISTRICT**

Here is a look at how students fared in terms of proficiency in three subject areas, based on standardized tests, from the 2019 South Dakota Report Card for several school districts across the state.

District	English	Math	Science
Aberdeen	60%	51%	38%
Britton-Hecla	59%	44%	52%
Brookings	59%	46%	48%
Brandon Valley	72%	66%	57%
Douglas (Box Elder)	55%	48%	39%
Frederick Area	65%	61%	41%
Groton	77%	62%	62%
Huron	47%	39%	32%
Harrisburg	62%	56%	47%
Langford Area	43%	45%	27%
Meade (Sturgis)	59%	51%	51%
Mitchell	58%	56%	37%
Pierre	60%	54%	54%
Rapid City	51%	43%	37%
Redfield	40%	25%	36%
Sioux Falls	51%	44%	42%
Spearfish	55%	49%	42%
Warner	75%	76%	58%
Watertown	65%	56%	51%
Webster Area	73%	65%	57%
Yankton	62%	53%	47%



**Mary McCorkle, president of the South Dakota Education Association, said standardized test scores are only one measure of student achievement and should not be looked upon as the most important measure of learning.** Photo: Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch



**Sara Klaahsen coordinates the Sioux Falls School District English Language Learners summer school program. She said the program has helped hundreds of students improve their grasp of the English language and improve their performance in school.** Photo: Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch

## Standardized tests a snapshot of achievement

Standardized tests have taken on greater importance in the U.S. education system in recent years as national education officials and policymakers have sought ways to compare and grade student achievement between states, districts and population groups.

Yet despite the recent poor results in South Dakota, some education officials say the test scores are only a single snapshot of student performance and cannot paint a full picture of student knowledge or achievement. They note that some national statistics and rankings show South Dakota students are actually performing better than some of their peers.

McCorkle said there are many factors at play when it comes to education quality that cannot be accounted for in a single test.

"It's easy to look at a report card and assign a positive or a negative to a number without going below the surface," McCorkle said. "I think students are more than a four-hour test score."

About 84% of South Dakota's class of 2019 passed required math, English and science courses on top of other requirements and also graduated on time, state data show. Another 6% were projected to graduate before they turn 21, according to the state report card. Overall, the state high school completion rate was projected to be 90%.

The state report card also said that nearly two-thirds of state high school students passed at least one course that could result in earning a college or tech school credit or toward certification in a skilled trade. Meanwhile, 56% of students were deemed assessment ready, meaning they were proficient on at least one state assessment test. About 48% of state students both tested as proficient and passed a dual credit, Advanced Placement or trade-preparation class to earn the distinction of being college or career ready.

About 67% of state high school graduates are going on to higher education of some type. Roughly half of the state's high school diploma holders go on to seek a four-year degree. Another 16% pursue two-year degrees. To enroll at a public university in South Dakota, a student needs a composite ACT score of 18 or to be in the top 60% of their class or to maintain at least a 2.6 grade point average throughout high school.

The state's six public universities had an average freshman retention rate of 72% for the 2018-19 school year. Roughly 63% of students who started college finished within six years, according to the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Looking beyond South Dakota's borders provides some positive context for the state's statistical picture, at least when it comes to college-bound students. South Dakotans who take the ACT score slightly higher, on average, than other states that see similar numbers of students take that test. South Dakota students

averaged a score of 21.9 in 2018, very close to scores in Iowa, where students' average score was 21.8, and in Kansas where students averaged 21.6.

The federal Department of Education's National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP, which evaluates fourth, eighth and 12th grade students' skills in reading, math, and science also shows that South Dakota's students, on average, are faring pretty well when compared to their peers.

In 2017, the latest year for which NAEP data is available, 69% of South Dakota fourth-graders showed at least a basic level of reading comprehension, two percent more than fourth graders at the national level. In math, 83% of South Dakota fourth-graders showed a basic or better understanding of math, which was four percentage points higher than the national number.

South Dakota eighth-graders also outperformed their peers. In math, 76% of eighth-graders showed a basic or better understanding of the subject, which was seven percentage points higher than the national number. Meanwhile, 80% of South Dakota's eighth-graders showed at least a basic level of reading comprehension, while 75% of eighth-graders nationally showed the same level of reading comprehension.

The latest science scores for both eighth- and fourth-graders are from 2015. South Dakotans at both grade levels outperformed the nation as a whole. About 77% of the state's eighth-graders showed basic or better understanding of science, while 81% of fourth-graders showed a basic or better level of understanding, both levels slightly higher than the national average.

## Some Improvements being made

The Huron school district's troubles cannot be explained solely due to economic disparity, as the district also has one of the state's most diverse student populations. More than 50% of the district's students are non-white. Meanwhile, roughly 34% of the district's students are considered English Language Learners, a designation that can encompass children of refugees to Hutterite children who grew up speaking German dialects. Many ELL students struggle with assessment tests simply due to the language barrier.

English Language Learners are one of the fastest-growing demographics in the state's schools, Jones said. Not having a good grasp of English slows a student's progress across all school subjects. In recognition of that fact, many schools across the state have made a point of improving ELL students' progress.

The Sioux Falls school district has been offering up to six classes specifically for ELL students in high school during the district's summer term in June, in addition to the ELL classes offered during the school year. Three summer classes were for language skills development, one was speech, another was personal finance and the final class teaches algebra skills. The classes themselves are free to students and were paid for by federal grants, said Sara Klaahsen, who coordinates the program for the district.

The district's summer English language development classes used field trips with local officials, such as Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken and local business owners, to help reinforce the language skills the students were learning, Klaahsen said.

"If we can offer four days per week where these students get to practice these language skills over the summer, that's less they'll have to make up during the school year," Klaahsen said.

That and similar programs were a big part of the 12% jump in the number of English language learners who were on track to master the language during the last school year, Jones said.

Still, one of the biggest things that South Dakotans need to do if they want to see stu-


dent performance improve is to get involved with their local schools, both Jones and McCorkle said.

One way South Dakota schools are working to get Native American parents more involved in schools is by expanding the native language curricula, Jones said. There have been great improvements in how the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota languages can be taught, he said.

Parental involvement in education has long been one of the biggest predictors of student success, McCorkle said, and if the wider community gets involved, outcomes can improve even more.

"If you really want to find out how your schools are doing, the best approach is to have conversations with the educators who work with students every day," McCorkle said.

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**Third place, Trey Tietz; second place, Drew Fjeldheim; first place, Ryder Schwan.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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**Third place, Libby Johnson; second place, Andi Iverson; first place, Libby Johnson.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Boys Munchkin Run - Grades 3-4-5**  
**Third place, T C Schuster; second place, Alex Abeln; first place, Jace Johnson.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Girls Munchkin Run - Grades 3-4-5**  
**Third place, Abby Fjeldheim; second place, McKenna Tietz; first place, Kella Tracy.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

# Steve Grode Invitational Cross Country Meet

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**Olive Grove Golf Course, Groton, SD**

**Boys Varsity 5K Run:** Team Points: Tri-State 18, Ellendale 19, Sargent Central/Lidgerwood/Oakes 38, Florence/Henry 45, Frederick Area 47, Aberdeen Roncalli 52, Groton Area 63.

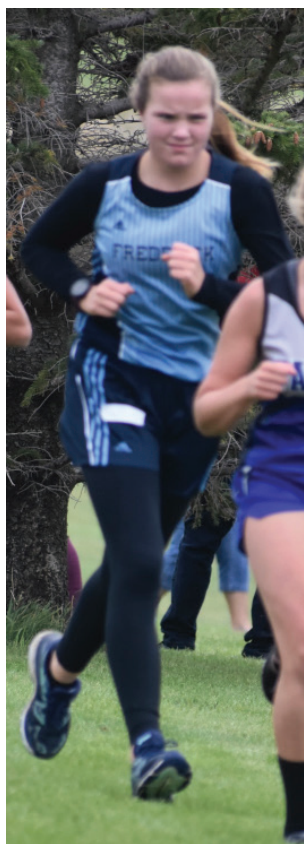
**Girls Varsity 5K Run:** Team Points: Dakota Hills 17, Aberdeen Roncalli 18, Sargent Central/Lidgerwood/Oakes 21, Florence/Henry 42, Ellendale 46, Frederick Area 49, Tri-State 64



30, Dillon Abeln, Groton Area, 22:57.58  
 34, Jackson Garstecki, Groton Area, 24:23.61



9, Morgan Sumption, Frederick Area, 22:36.51



14, Laura Sumption, Frederick Area, 24:01.13



26, Chloe Arneson, Frederick Area, 27:03.41



29, Marissa Sumption, Frederick Area, 27:39.32  
 28, Sofia Losure, Frederick Area, 27:30.74



10, John Bretsch, Frederick Area, 20:03.57



25, Sierra Ehresmann, Groton Area, 26:32.67  
 24, Riley Rosenau, Groton Area, 26:30.13



2, Isaac Smith, Groton Area, 18:31.69



22, Stephen Achen, Frederick Area, 21:24.35  
 17, Jericho King, Frederick Area, 20:47.24



20, Levi Little, Frederick Area, 21:11.93



31, Noah Poor, Groton Area, 23:07.42



38, Cyruss DeHoet, Groton Area, 25:41.21  
37, Kannon Coats, Groton Area, 25:23.88



20, James Brooks, Groton Area, 19:48.42

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44, Braden Freeman, Groton Area, 31:26.68  
42, Steven Paulson, Groton Area, 30:44.43



JV: 5, Nolan Jensen, Frederick Area, 13:15.55



25, Kash Cutler, Frederick Area, 22:22.86



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## The Life of Robert D. Wuertz

Aberdeen, SD-Funeral service for Robert D. Wuertz, 84, of Aberdeen will be 10:00 am, Saturday, October 5, 2019 at First United Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. John Hisel will officiate.

Burial will be in Riverside Memorial Park.

Robert died October 1, 2019 at Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center.

Robert D. Wuertz, son of Harry and Ruby Margaret (Heller) Wuertz was born October 19, 1934 at Sioux Falls, SD. He began his education in Davis, SD, graduating from Hurley High School with the class of 1952. He furthered his education at University of South Dakota, graduating in 1956 with a bachelor's in business. While in college, he was in Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), serving in the Army Reserve as a Second Lieutenant. After graduation, Robert became employed with National Bank of South Dakota in Sioux Falls.

Robert was united in marriage to Carol Krueger on October 1, 1960 in United Methodist Church in White, SD. They moved to Aberdeen where he began as a Tax Examiner for Internal Revenue Service where he worked for 35 years, retiring in 1995. After he retired, Bob drove many miles for United Blood Services.

Robert was a member of First United Methodist Church, Anglers Sunday School, active as an usher, and Table of 8 member. He was a charter member of Driftbusters Snowmobile Club and had served as treasurer, charter member of Exchange Club, and member of National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE). He also was an Aberdeen Jaycee, serving in several positions, including President, member of Delta Sigma Pi and had the honor of being inducted into the SD Snowmobile Hall of Fame in 2005.

Grateful for having shared Robert's life are his wife, Carol; daughter, Katherine Paggett of Groton and great-granddaughter, Ingrid Verwey of Aberdeen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, granddaughter, Amanda Paggett and sister, Janet Hill.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Robert's friends that are still alive. Casketbearers will be Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club Members, Duane Sutton, Jim Weaver, Kelly Weaver, Dennis Gelling, Dennis Beckler and Sharmie Jensen.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to Aberdeen Driftbusters charities.

Bob will be remembered for his quick wit, devotion to friends and family, and his generosity. He had an especial affinity for the internal combustion engine, on the farm, racetrack or roadway.

Carlsen Funeral Home and Crematory of Aberdeen has been entrusted with arrangements. [www.carlsenf.com](http://www.carlsenf.com)

