



Vol. 137 No. 10 ♦ Groton, South Dakota ♦ Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019 ♦ Established in 1889

# **Groton Area Netters wins NEC** Title outright The Groton Area volleyball team scored

a perfect 10-0 record to win outright the Northeast Conference Title for 2019. The final conference standings are listed below. The numbers in parenthesis is the set won-loss record in the matches. The Tigers won the NEC in 2017 in a three-way tie.

Groton Area (30-4)	.10-0
Aberdeen Roncalli (27-7)	8-2
Webster Area (26-11)	8-2
Redfield (24-11)	7-3
Hamlin (23-12)	7-3
Deuel (9-23)	
Milbank (15-22)	3-7
Clark/Willow Lake (13-23).	3-7
Sisseton (12-21)	3-7
Tiospa Zina (10-22)	3-7
Britton-Hecla (0-30)	

# Roncalli passes Groton Area in seed points

Aberdeen Roncalli got more help from its opponents than Groton Tuesday night and as a result, Roncalli will have the first round bye of the regional volleyball tournament.

On Tuesday, Groton Area will host Sisseton and Webster Area will host Milbank with the winners of those two matches advancing to the next round on Thursday at the highest seed location. In the other side of the bracket, Redfield will host Tiospa Zina with the winner playing Roncalli on Thursday. The two Thursday winners will then advance to the SoDak16.

# GHS Open House & Family Night



Karsten Jeschke portrayed Bill Gates at the Living Wax Museum held a the GHS Open House on Tuesday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Several colleges set up booths at the GHS Open House held Tuesday. Here, Deb Schuelke from Presentation College talks with Payton Colestock and her mom, Michelle Muilenberg. Students had to have signatures from teachers and college or National Guard representatives in order to receive bonus points. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Ashley Johnson portrayed Carol Burnett at** the Living Wax Museum held a the GHS Open **House on Tuesday.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jeslyn Kosel portrayed Rosa Parks at the Living Wax Museum held a the GHS Open House on Tuesday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Darren Shelton, lead admissions representative from Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, talks with the Schinkel family. Pictured are Piet Solling, Anthony Schinkel, Marjae Schinkel and Emma Schinkel. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Bullying and Suicide Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Bullying and Suicide" on Nov. 6th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Brian Machtemes, Huron, will share his experience with teen suicide and the loss of their youngest son, Isaac, a year ago . The light supper will begin at 5:45pm and the Seminar begins at 6:30pm. Please call 605-377-0709 for a reservation for the supper if you have a large group.

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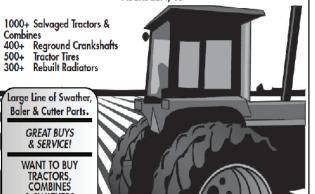
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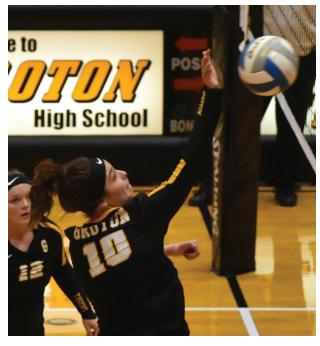
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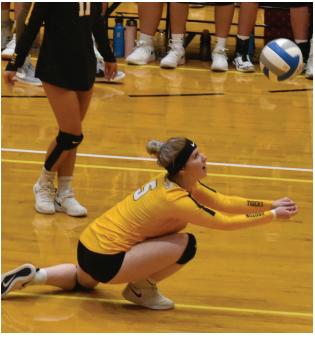
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# Tigers go undefeated in NEC with win over Deuel







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



Kenzie McInerney termination attempt is greeted by Langford Area's Ashley Gustafson and Ady Dwight. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



October Students of the Month

In back, left to right, are Jacob Lewandowski, freshman; Carly Gilbert, sixth grade; Gretchen Dinger, seventh grade; and Lydia Meier, eighth grade; in front, left to right, are Allyssa Locke, sophomore; Samantha Pappas, junior; and Nicole Marzahn, senior. (Courtesy photo)

Groton Area MS/HS School works to ensure that all levels of academic instruction also include the necessary life skills teaching, practicing, and modeling that encourages essential personal life habits that are universally understood to facilitate helping our students become good human beings and citizens.

It is learning with our heads, hearts and hands to be caring and civil, to make healthy decisions, to effectively problem solve, to be respectful and responsible, to be good citizens, and to be empathetic and ethical individuals.

Students are selected based on individual student growth in the areas of: positive behavior, citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards.

Groton Area got a perfect record to win the Northeast Conference Title with a 3-0 win over Deuel. The Tigers win the conference with an undefeated 10-0 record. It was the final regular game of the season with regional action beginning next week.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE. COM, sponsored by Hanlon Brothers, Bahr Spray Foam, DeHoet Trucking, Allied Climate Professionals, Milbrandt Enterprieses, Professional Management Services, BaseKamp Lodge, John Sieh Agency, Groton Auto Works and Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Groton Area won the first game, 25-20. The first game was tied three times early in the game before the Tigers scored five straight points. Groton Area had a 19-12 lead, but Deuel rallied to close to within three, 22-19. Groton Area went on to win, 25-20. The Tigers had three serving errors in the first game while Deuel had one. Groton Area earned 18 of its 25 points while Deuel earned eight of its 20 points. Eliza Wanner led the Tigers with eight kills while Nicole Marzahn had three kills and three ace serves, Kaylin Kucker had two ace serves, Kenzie McInerney had one kill and Stella Meier had one block. Twyla Rossow led the Cardinals with four kills and two blocks, but she would not score for the rest of the match.

The second game was tied at one but Groton Area took a 7-1 lead en route to a 25-11 win. Groton Area scored the last six points of the game. Groton ARea had two serving errors and Deuel had none. The Tigers earned 14 of their 25 points and Deuel earned seven of its 11 points. Marzahn led the Tigers with five kills while Indigo Rogers had two kills and an ace serve, Wanner had two kills, McInerney had a kill and a block, Meier had a kill and Tadyn Glover had an ace serve. Harley Hennings led Deuel with two kills and a block.

The third game was tied twice in the early part before Groton Area scored eight unanswered points for a 25-8 third game win. Deuel had one serving error and Groton Area had two serving errors. The Tigers earned 14 of its 25 points and Deuel earned two of its eight points. Marzahn and Wanner each had three kills, Rogers had two kills and an ace serve, Madeline Fliehs had three kills, Payton Colestock had an ace serve and Meier had one kill.

For the match, Kaylin Kucker had 29 assists and two ace serves. Nicole Marzahn had nine kills and one assist. Tadyn Glover had 12 digs. Eliza Wanner had 10 digs and 13 kills. Indigo Rogers had five kills. Having one block each were Stella Meier, Madeline Fliehs and Kenzie McInerney.

- Paul Kosel

# Groton Coffee Cup League

Oct. 29 Team Standings: Biker Chix 21, James Valley 18, Kens 14, Ten Pins 11.

**High Games:** Nancy Radke 176, Angie Carlson 161, Sam Bahr 152.

**High Series:** Nancy Radke 440, Sam Bahr 433, Sandi Bistedeau 404.

# Conde National League

**Oct. 28 Team Standings:** Mets 24, Pirates 17½, Braves 16½, Cubs 15, Giants 13, Tigers 10.

**Men's High Games:** Larry Frohling 236, Lance Frohling 183, Austin Schuelke 180.

**Men's High Series:** Larry Frohling 534, Lance Frohling 489, Austin Schuelke 471.

**Women's High Games:** Mary Larson 177, Joyce Walter 165, Sandy Hoops 160.

**Women's High Series:** Mary Larson 476, Joyce Walter 449, Michelle Johnson 431.

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In order to get Brian Schuring's signature, students had to putt the ball twice. Then he would sign their sheet. Here Cade Larson is giving it a try. (Photo by Paul Kosel)





The seventh grade class lined up in the hall ways for the Living Wax Museum presentations. Pictured in back, left to right, are Axel Warrington, Easton Ekern, Turner Thompson, Teylor Diegel, Payton Mitchell, Kaden Kampa, Blake Dennert, Faith Traphagen, Karsten Jeschke, Rebecca Poor, Logan Pearson, Caden McInerney, Gretchen Dinger, Jeslyn Kosel, Emma Bahr, Jeager Kampa, Kiara Senlouangnat. and Emily Overacker; in the middle row, left to right, are Jacob Craig, Carter Simon, Levi



Parrow, Christen Ehresmann, **Drew Thurston, Ashlyn Feser,** Elizabeth Fliehs, Ashley Johnson, Kayleigh McGannon, Karlie McKane; in front, left to right, are Nicholas Morris, Aiden Heathcote, Blake Pauli, Kellen Antonsen, Laila Roberts, Carson Harreck, **Brevan Fliehs, Korbin Kucker** and Diego Marco.

Each of these students had a research an individual and then come up with short presentation that they had to recite. (Courtesy Photo)

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### **Brown County** Oct. 22, 2019

Meeting Minutes
OCTOBER 22, 2019 – GEN-**ERAL MEETING** 

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

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the General County Commission meeting minutes of October 15, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLATMS:

Moved by Feickert seconded by Sutton to approve the follow-

ing claims: Professional Fees: Bantz Gosch & Cremer \$3,473.83; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$555.00; Dependable Sanitation \$24,396.08; Gellhaus & Gellhaus \$80.00; Mark Katterhagen \$45.00; Kuck Law Office \$23. Lewis & Clark BHS \$1,068.00; Lucy Lewno \$480.00; Liberty Tire \$15,878.52; Darcy Lockwood \$45.00; United Way of North-eastern SD \$2,000.00; US Bank \$7.96; Yankton Co. Sheriff Office \$100.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$590.50.

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Travel & Conference: SD Fairs & Celebrations \$1,635.00; US Bank \$2,504.62. Utilities: Aberdeen City Trea-

surer \$407.61; AT&T Mobility \$71.24; Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$216.70; Northern Electric \$603.72; NWPS \$1,209.16; NVC \$4,210.24; US Bank \$348.72; Verizon Wireless \$200.05

Other: JRWD \$4,328.72; Pizza

Ranch \$74.95. Machinery & Equip: Van Diest Supply \$13,210.00.

All members present voting Motion carried.

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the fol-lowing HR Office Report, which includes the following

 Acknowledge retirement of Sheila Enderson, Brown County Treasurer, effective November

15, 2019. • Acknowledge request to appoint Patty VanMeter as interim Treasurer, effective November 16, 2019, and approve request to fill Chief Deputy Treasurer position internally & fill Deputy Treasurer position.

 Acknowledge retirement of Larry Hardy, Full Time Highway Worker for Brown County Highway Department, effective

October 17, 2019.

• Approve Hiring Joshua Albright as part-time correctional officer for Brown County JDC, effective October 17, 2019 @ \$13.95/hr.

• Approve hiring Monty Forsting as part-time Maintenance for Brown County, tentatively effective October 23, 2019, @ \$10.62/hr.

All members present voting

aye. Motion Carried. SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Moved by Kippley, Seconded by Wiese to declare office supplies and furniture as surplus property to be sold. All Members Present voting aye. Motion car-

AUDITORS REPORT OF AC-COUNT:

Moved by Sutton, Seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Account for September 2019. Total Cash and Checks on Hand 7700 Total Checking Account Balances: 4756464.93 Total Savings Account Balances: 1105447.42 Total Certificates of Deposit: 5588181.66 Grand Total Cash and Balances: 11457794.01 General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund 3381181.84 Road & Bridge Fund -1064341.19 Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423243 27 911 Service 30189.98 Emergency & Disaster -138359.73 Domestic Abuse 1281 Teen Court 36638.19 Grant 2602.05 JDAI Richmond Youth 21916.96 24/7 Sobriety 3072.64 ROD M&P 123250.4 Tif Debt Service 4336.8 Landfill + cash change 4366199.83 Landfill - restricted 1364284 Trust and Agency Funds 2907936.34 GRAND TOTAL GEN-ERAL FUND CASH AND INVEST-MENTS 11457794.01

All Members Present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Feickert, Seconded by Kippley to approve lease of the Richmond Youth Camp to The Boys Scouts on October 19, 2019. All Members Present voting aye. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICE AGREE-

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve signing Library Service Agreement to provide a unified public library service for the residents of Brown County. All Members Present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 148 SECOND READING/ADOPTION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adopt Ordinance #148, an Ordinance to amend Title 4- Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zonng designation of 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.). Roll call vote: Commissioner Fjeldheim aye; Commissioner Feickert - Aye; Commissioner - Aye; Commissioner Wiese - Aye; Commissioner Sutton - Aye; Ordinance Adopted.

ORDINANCE 149 SECOND READING/ADOPTION:

Mover by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to adopt Ordinance #149, 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) 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). Roll call vote: Commissioner Fjeldheim aye; Commissioner Feickert - Aye; Commissioner Kippley - Aye; Commissioner Wiese -Commissioner Sutton - Aye;

Ordinance Adopted.
ORDINANCE 150 – 151 SET
HEARING DATE - ORDINANCES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to set hearing dates for the following ordinance rezones:

• Ordinance 150 — November 12, 2019 at 8:45 AM - applicant Mike Morlock to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): "Pence Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 2-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M.,

Brown County, South Dakota. Ordinance 151 – November
 12, 2019 at 8:45 AM – applicant Shane Reich to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): East half of Lot 1, "Keatts 3rd Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 22-t124M-R65W of the 5th P.M. Brown County South Dakota.

Commissioner Feickert offered the following resolution: RESO-LUTION 52-19: Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing, J. Voeller Addition, in the NW1/4 of Section 28, Township 125 North, Range 62 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 Feickertaye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Feickert offered the following resolution: RESO-LUTION 53-19: Be it resolved by the Board of County Commis sioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Berbos Subdivision in the S1/2 SW1/4 of Section 35-T124N-R64W 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 Feickert offered the following resolution: RESO-LUTION 54-19: Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Dalager Second Addition to Bath, in the NW1/4 of Section 17-T123N-R62W 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, Wieseaye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

SURPLUS TASERS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve clarification on transfer of ownership for surplus tasers. Surplus tasers will be given not sold to government entities, due to the fact they are not in working condition. All Members Present voting aye. otion carried.

RIGHT OF WAY:

Moved by Kippley, Seconded y Wiese to approve Right of Way for Northern Electric for Occupancy of Larson Road, in section NE30, Township 125N, Range 61W, Brown County South Dakota for electrical line. All members present voting aye. lotion carried.

Moved by Kippley, Seconded y Wiese to approve Right of Way for Northern Electric for Occupancy of Larson Road, in section SE30, Township 125N, Range R61W, Brown County outh Dakota for electrical line. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to go into executive ession to discuss legal, personnel, and contracts per SDCL 1-25-2(1,3,4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with no

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:12 a.m. All members present voting aye. otion carried.

David Engraf, Brown County

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### Groton City Oct. 22, 2019 **Meeting Minutes**

October 22, 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, Wells, Glover via telephone, Cutler and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Stacy Mayou, and Kathy Sundermeyer.

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

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

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

Payroll: \$21,965.87, Employee salaries; Executive, \$1,315.97; Administrative, \$3,179.69; Public Safety, \$8,560.35; Public Works, \$8,839.50; Culture & Recreation,

First State Bank, \$7,069.29, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$499.98, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$1,000.00, Employee savings; City of Groton, \$757.44, Postage, microwave, Transit utilities, Wheeting inconvenience rebate, utility deposit refund; Cory Barber, \$198.30, Utility deposit refund; Shawn Lambertz, \$428.85, Utility deposit refund; Pheasant Ridge Apts, \$435.00, Utility deposit and overpayment refund; Seth Erickson, \$820.69, Legion game mileage; Western Area Power Admin., \$18,588.60, Power 9/19; James Valley, \$508.92, Phone, internet; Employers Mutual Ins, \$85.20, Employee insurance; Schwan Welding, \$34.65, Tubing for ballfield; SD Public Assurance Alliance, \$52,579.95, City liability insurance 2019-2020; SD State Treasurer, \$9,668.44, Sales and excise tax; Chief Supply, \$125.00, Holster; Dan Sunne, \$111.00, Personal phone use (7/19-11/19), travel lunch; Branden Abeln, \$100.00, Personal phone use (7/19-11/19); Paul Kosel, \$128.97, Personal phone use (7/19-11/19), reimburse for postage and gas; Landon Johnson, \$11.00, Travel lunch; April Abeln, \$504.20, Dep flex and mileage to Nefog in Aberdeen; Hope Block, \$68.48, Mileage to Nefog and Annual conference in

Aberdeen; SD Supp Retirement System, \$285.00, Supplemental retirement; S&S Lumber, \$314.46, Bits, basketball nets, dust masks, extension cords, rubber gloves, bug spray, funnel, hoses, clamps, sockets, floor dry, water shut off valve; Runnings, \$96.44, Caution tape, battery charger, flashlight; Clark Engineering, \$5,630.36, Street project staking, inspection and admin; \$13,120.00, Water tower project 30% complete; Terex, \$1,198.45, Annual inspection of the bucket truck and repairs; HF Jacobs & Son Construction, \$362.25, Locate the sewer main for water project; Dakota Doors, \$887.75, Baseball garage door repairs; Sperry Stump Removal, \$1,085.00, Sump removal; Axon Enterprise, \$677.00, Taser recert battery packs and cartridges; Colonial Research, \$143.60, Cleaners; SD One Call, \$77.70, July-Sept fees; Dakota Pump & Control, \$4,671.76, Aspen pump repair and service call; Nelson Sales and Service, \$95.09, Fuel filter for water pump; Groton Chamber of Commerce, \$250.00, 2020 Dues; A&B Business Solutions, \$176.71, Copier rent; Groton Independent, \$64.26,

Ferguson, \$209.60, Water adaptor and valve box; Schwan Welding, \$490.00, Electric tubing; T&R Electric, \$20,500.00, 4-3 phase transformers; Border States, \$35.16, Pvc; SD Dept of Health, \$508.00, Water testing, Moved by Blackmun and sec onded by Wells to approve H.F. Jacobs & Son Construction's Payment Request No. 3 for

Publishing; NESDCAP, \$880.00,

Community leadership registration for KB, SH; Safety Benefits,

\$130.00, Registration fees for

annual safety conference; SD

Municipal Léague, \$115.00,

Annual conference registration

DJ; Foerster Testing Limited,

\$410.00, Street density tests:

street project. All members Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to approve the

\$260,074.78 & Certification of

Substantial Completion for the

September finance report. All members voted ave.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to approve the first reading of Ordinance #730 Revised definition of "Structure' in the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. All members voted ave.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Wells to forgive utility late fees of \$12,091.75 accrued by Skyline. All members voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Blackmun to accept Governor Kristi Noem's holiday declaration for City employees. All members

Dan Sunne entered the meeting at 7:21pm, and Brenda Waage entered at 7:31pm.

Hanlon and Waage discussed their recent Groton Leadership Institute trip to Chicago. They have teamed with several other community members to create an action plan for a project or an event to be held in Groton. The action plan must be submitted by December 6th. Disc golf, corn hole, irrigation, and playground equipment at the park are some of the ideas the team has come up with. Anyone interested in being a part of the team is encouraged to reach out.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:32pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:51pm.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Cutler to raise the Electric Lineman Apprentice wage \$2.00 November 7th at the end of his six-month probation period, and to raise the wage 5% every January and June thereafter as long as the employee is working on the 8000-hour or four-year journeyman certification process. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Hope Block, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$50.67, 18212

Ord. 149

**Brown County** 

Bacon Rezoning ORDINANCE #149

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-ES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED 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 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:

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)

BE IT FURTHER ORDÁINED 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.

Notice of Hearing: October 2 and 9, 2019

Passed First Reading: October 15, 2019

Passed Second Reading: October 22, 2019 Adopted: October 22, 2019

Published: October 30, 2019 Effective Date: November 19, 2019 Doug Fjeldheim, Chair

Brown County Commission Cathy McNickle, Brown County

Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$18.94. 18217

# This Science-Based Guy Believes in Spirits

I am a physician who believes in evidence-based science. I am also old, approaching my own

"last chapter" from pancreatic cancer. I share this, not to engender pity . . . none. Rather, I share this in order to give you a sense of my potential bias as By Richard P. Holm, MD ~ Prairie Doc® Pers I write about the question; do

that will go away at death?

Prairie Doc

we have a spirit or soul that is more than a brain-chemical reaction

Of course, the ultimate answer to that question is, nobody knows. Some archeologists believe that religion first began when someone wondered what happened to the life force or spirit of a young boy after he died. Where did it go? Archeologists speculate that "job one" for the early church (and, for that matter, churches of today) was to reassure and comfort the family after the death of a dear one. However, just because it reassures us, doesn't prove the soul exists, but there are other experiences that do.

I remember my mother explaining to me one night before prayers that there is so much more going on than we know, so much that cannot be explained by physics and chemistry. She described waking up in the middle of the night in Minneapolis during WWII, filled with dread at the same moment that my dad was landing on some Pacific Island in full combat. That was something about which she could not have known due to radio and mail silence. How DID she know? Do we have spiritual connections we simply don't understand?

During my career, at least three patients described a near-deathexperience with all it's typical raiment including an out-of-body experience, a warm and comforting light, a life-review (like a movie) and reassurance that there is nothing to fear about dying. A recent meta-survey indicated that this happens in 17 percent of people who are resuscitated and in equal percentages throughout all cultures and religions. It is also amazing to learn that the warm light is seen even by people blind from birth.

Even as a stubborn science-based guy, together with years of experience as a geriatric internist and hospice director, I truly find a community faith with a loving and inclusionary church very reassuring. I have reason to believe that there is a spirit within us that connects us all and that doesn't die with our bodies.

I have been at the bedsides of many dying people, while their spirits lift from the body and pass through the porthole of eternity. Being there has brought me to believe that the soul is more than a brainchemical reaction that goes away after death.

Richard P. Holm, MD is founder of The Prairie Doc® and author of "Life's Final Season, A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace" available on Amazon. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit www.prairiedoc.org and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPTV most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

# Reform of agricultural land taxation could help farmers but shift burden to homeowners and businesses

By: Nick Lowrey

As the property tax takes a larger share of their incomes — and at a time when many are hurting financially — South Dakota farmers and ranchers are pushing for reform of the state's system of valuing and taxing their lands.

But as a decade-long process of updating the system nears an end, it has become increasingly clear that any reform effort that aids agriculture producers will lead to higher taxes for residential and commercial property owners who will assume a larger burden of paying for education and county services.

When legislators overhauled the state's system for assessing the taxable value of farm and ranch land in 2008, the idea was to make the system more fair and ensure tax rates better reflect just how valuable ag land is in a given year. The reform led to sharp increases in ag land values and property tax bills rose accordingly. But as commodity prices have tumbled in recent years, profits have shrunk and taxes are taking up an increasing portion of farm and ranch incomes. Now, as the number of farm bankruptcies and the suicides rate among ag producers continue to rise, many are calling for new reforms in the state's property tax system.

"That gets to the urgency here. We need a fix," said Gary Deering, president of the South Dakota Stock Growers Association.

Ranchers have been hit hard by the state's property tax system which assigns taxable value based on an acre of land's highest and best use, not its actual use. That has led to claims that some rural landowners are paying unfairly high taxes on land that isn't producing revenues at a time they can afford it least.

"You could have some areas in South Dakota that are virgin sod but because of the soil type, they're being taxed as if it were tillable ground and most tillable ground, at least in my area, is being taxed at two-and-a-half times the rate of pasture ground," said Jim Peterson, a former legislator and current East River farmer who has worked on the property tax issue for 14

Critics say the current tax system adds to the pressure on farmers and ranchers to plow up grasslands which perform essential environmental functions, such as preventing erosion. Grasslands also provide habitat for game animals such as pheasants, which are a



expert with the South Dakota Department of Revenue, told the state legislative Ag Land Assessment Task Force that an update to the soil tables used to calculate property tax rates on farm and ranch land is badly needed. Hanson testified at a recent task force meeting as Minnehaha County Director of Equalization Kyle Helseth, center, and state Sen. Craig Kennedy, D-Yankton, look on.

big driver of the state's second largest industry — tourism.

'It's almost totally the opposite of the way we should be doing it for non-cropland," said Angela Ehlers, executive director of the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts.

The state legislative Ag Land Assessment Task Force, created about 10 years ago to oversee changes to the property-tax system, is trying to find the solution Deering and his fellow ranchers say they need. On Oct. 24, the task force held its first meeting of 2019 at the Capitol in Pierre. The centerpiece of the meeting was a presentation from the state Department of Revenue about a pilot study that looked at what impact two entirely new property tax systems — one that would use computer software to determine what the most probable uses for farm and ranch lands is each year, and one that would look at what the land is actually being used for each year would have on 11 counties spread throughout

Under both systems, the study found, total valuation for farm and ranch land in the 11 counties would decrease by more than \$1 million. Under the actual use model, valuation fell by more than \$2 million in the 11 counties that were studied. If used statewide, the loss in property valuation could result in a shift of the tax burden away from agriculture and toward homeowners and commercial property owners, said Wendy Semmler of the DOR property tax office.

She said the pain likely would be felt most in school districts that have taken out loans to pay for new buildings or necessary renovations. Those districts may have to raise tax rates on residences and businesses to make up for reduced ag land values, she said.

"If we are going to see extreme value decreases in any particular school district, that is going to cause the levies to increase," Semmler said.

The tax burden, though, has already shifted Russ Hanson, at left, a property tax toward farmers and ranchers, said Peterson, a member of the Ag Land Assessment Task Force said. While residential and commercial property values have risen by about 20% statewide, he said, the values on ag land have risen up to 200% in some areas over the past decade.

> "We've taken a lot of skin and put it into the game from agriculture," Peterson said.

## Seeking a more equitable system

Historically, ag land property tax rates in South Dakota were determined using data on recent, comparable land sales. Usually, that system worked out in favor of farmers and ranchers, who despite owning the lion's share of property in the state have historically paid less in property taxes than commercial property owners and homeowners.

In the mid-2000s, high crop prices, strong hunting tourism and increased development on city edges caused land sale prices to skyrocket. At the time, any land sale that wound up being 150% or more of the historical average couldn't be used to assess taxable value. The problem was, Peterson said, just about every time land was sold in the waning years of the past decade, the price wound up being more than 150% of the historical average. Agriculture lands would either be undervalued or would see their value rise exponentially from one year to the next. Neither situation was tenable.

During the summer of 2007 and in the 2008 legislative session, state lawmakers hammered out the details of a new system for assessing ag land valuation. It went into effect in 2010 and 2011 was the first year in which taxes calculated using the new system were paid. It has remained in place relatively unchanged

Under the current system, ag land property taxes are calculated using what is known as 'production valuation." Essentially, the state Department of Revenue works with economists at South Dakota State University to determine the highest revenue potential each year for both cropland and non-cropland, and then provides that number to county equalizers. The equalizers use state-approved soil tables to calculate the taxable value of each acre on a given property. Once the taxable value is calculated, equalizers can adjust the value based on such things as how difficult a parcel might be for farm equipment to access or its potential for crop growth before assessing the actual tax bill.

The system has led to farmers and ranchers taking on a larger share of the state's property tax burden.

According to the DOR, farmers and ranchers saw their share of the state property tax burden rise from just under 25% to about 28% between 2008 and 2018. In real dollars, the state's farmers and ranchers saw their collective property tax bill rise from \$219.7 million in 2008 to about \$354.6 million in 2017. Commercial properties meanwhile have seen their share of the state property tax burden fall from about 31% in 2008 to about 29% in 2018. Homeowners' share of the burden has remained essentially flat at about 39%.

The problem for farmers and ranchers right now is that their taxes are being calculated using average crop prices from years that saw historically high prices, while the current prices for such things as corn, soybeans and beef are relatively low. Eventually, those high-price years will be worked out of the system. But in the meantime, taxes are taking up a much larger portion of farm and ranch incomes, said state Sen. Gary Cammack, R-Union Center, a rancher and business owner who chairs the Ag Land Assessment Task Force.

"We certainly expect to pay our fair share," said Cammack. "But we also don't want it to be such a heavy load that it starts to create some hardships."

Photo: Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch



State Sen. Gary Cammack, R-Union Center, who chairs the 2019 Ag Land Assessment Task Force, at left, said he will push the group to recommend tweaks in the state ag land property tax assessment system. Cammack said he'd like to see legislation that would allow farmers and ranchers to have property taxes reduced on a limited number of grassland acres that are currently taxed as if they were cropland. Brown County Commissioner Mike Wiese is shown in the foreground. Photo: Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch

## Not great for grass

Ranchers have been particularly hard hit by the current property tax system. It relies almost entirely on soil tables to determine whether a piece of land is cropland or noncropland in order to make value determinations a bit more objective. But the system doesn't account for value that goes beyond dollars and cents.

Many acres of crop-rated soils currently are covered in unbroken, mostly native prairie grasses, Cammack said. Those native prairie remnants support a diverse range of birds, bugs, plants and animals, all of which have non-monetary value, he said. Native prairies also happen to be one of North America's most endangered ecosystems.

"We don't want to lose that," Cammack said. Cattle can and do co-exist with most prairie species while providing an income to the landowner — it's just lower on a per-acre basis than growing corn or soybeans. But crop-rated soil, whether it is growing prairie grass or a cash crop, often is taxed as if it were growing corn.

Deering, who ranches in Meade County about 35 miles east of Sturgis, said most West River ranchers simply cannot afford to buy the equipment necessary to plant the relatively few acres of their land that are home to croprated soils. For the better part of a decade, he and many other ranchers have been forced to eat the cost of higher tax rates without the benefit of growing any high-dollar cash crops.

"There's not much else you can do," Deering said. "I'd probably go broke if I had to buy tables were updated.

farm equipment." that big an issue early on. In 2014 and into

since 2016, cattle prices have fallen and it is getting harder to make ends meet, Deering said.

grazing guys are carrying some of the burden of the corn and bean guys," Deering said.

system even when crop prices are low. If a farmer has non-crop rated soil on their land but plants and harvests a marketable crop from systems isn't likely to happen any time soon, it, not only does that farmer pay a lower rate Cammack said. More likely are some tweaks on the land, they can collect that much more profit from it, too.

system ends up creating an unintentional incentive for landowners to till up grassland that previously had not been touched by the plow.

Ehlers, with the Association of Conservation districts, said wayward topsoil carried out of tilled farm fields by wind and rain is one of the leading causes of pollution of lakes and streams. Keeping grass on the landscape helps reduce erosion, provides habitat for wildlife and can help keep pollution out of waterways.

land-management decisions, especially those decisions that deal with conservation of our natural resources," she said. "We don't want short-term tax policy to affect long-term decisions."

# Possible paths forward

As early as 2016, legislators wanted to know if there was a more equitable way to determine the taxable value of farm and ranch land. That year, the Legislature funded an SDSU study on the topic.

Economists at SDSU analyzed two different methods for assessing taxable value of farm and ranch land. One method was based on the actual use of land and the other used a computer program to predict a piece of land's most probable use. The idea was to account for individual management decisions and avoid forcing landowners to plow up grasslands just to pay lower taxes. The study also attempted to update the soil tables used for the current property tax assessment system. The SDSU researchers turned their findings over to the ize, Coyle said. DOR.

In 2019, the Legislature ordered the DOR to do its own analysis of the SDSU study and take a look at what the impact on county and school budgets could be if either of the two models would be implemented. The DOR also took the chance to look at what would happen if the state soil

Semmler and DOR property tax expert Russ Covering the higher property tax rate wasn't Hanson presented the DOR's findings during the Oct. 24 Ag Land Assessment Task Force 2015, cattle prices were relatively high. But meeting. In addition to showing that both changes would likely result in millions of dollars worth of lost property tax revenue for counties and school districts, the DOR analysis found "The consequence of this system is that the that seven counties haven't adopted the Geographic Information Systems technology. GIS mapping would be essential tools for making Farmers, though, can benefit from the tax assessments under either the actual use system or the most probable use system.

Adopting completely new tax assessment to the options county equalizers have to make adjustments to property valuations and cre-Deering said the state's current property tax ating a process to allow landowners to have property taxes reduced on a limited number of parcels that have been non-production grasslands for decades.

> "That would provide some incentives to keep that land in prairie grass," Cammack said.

> Those ideas will get more discussion during the Ag Land Assessment Task Force's next meeting, which is set for Nov. 15 in Pierre, Cammack said..

Still, the DOR would like to begin implement-"Tax policy should not have an impact on ing more modern soil tables, said DOR Property Tax Division Director Lesley Coyle. Until the 2019 Legislature required DOR to perform its analysis, no one had taken an accurate look at what updating the soil tables could mean for the state.

> Simply updating the soil tables to reflect the more accurate, modern data found in the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey resulted in an increase of about \$170,000 in county and school district tax revenues across the 11 counties DOR analyzed. The new tables would better reflect effects of recent flooding in the northeast and of salty soils and better farming practices, which would help to better distribute the property tax burden, Hanson said

> "There are some areas that are helped tremendously," he said.

> Adopting new soil tables would only consist of an update of the state's current property tax assessment system, so it could be done without legislation, Cammack said. Still, the DOR was considering a phased roll out to give counties without GIS mapping time to modern-

# **Groton Post No. 39 American Legion**



Turkey, Ham and Bacon to be given away



Nearly a decade after implementation of a new system for assessing agricultural land values, South Dakota farmers and ranchers are paying property taxes on the full value of their land, often regardless of its use. But controversy is brewing over the way some pasture and grasslands are valued under the system and producers say they are carrying more than their fair share of the statewide tax burden. Photo: Nick Lowrey, South



Lunch served by Auxiliary



# Big plays hand Webster Area win over Groton Area

Groton Area had more first downs and more total yards on offense, but Webster Area pulled out the big plays for the 24-6 win in the first round of the 11B Football Playoffs.

The game was played in Webster on Thursday and was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Bahr Spray Foam, BDM Rural Water, BaseKamp Lodge, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, DeHoet Trucking, Doug Abeln Seed Company, Groton Dairy Queen, Groton American Legion Post #39, Northeast Chiropractic Clinic, Jark Real Estate, John Sieh Agency, Groton Chiropractic Clinic, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Lori's Pharmacy, Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc., McGannon Plumbing Heating & Cooling, Olde Bank Cafe, Olson Development, Professional Management Services and S & S Lumber & Hardware Hank.

Groton Area two more first downs than Webster Area, 14-12, and more yards of total offense, 243-222.

Webster Area's first offensive drive featured a big pass play of 35 yards that put the Bearcats on the Tiger 21 yard line. Webster Area had two first downs and scored with 8:56 left in the first quarter on a Braden Holland four yard run. Jacob Pereboom kicked the PAT and it was 7-0.

Groton Area took its first possession into the end zone as well, gathering up two first downs before Brodyn DeHoet scored on a 24-yard pass from Kaden Kurtz. The two-point pass attempt failed and it was 7-6, Webster Area.

On the following kickoff, Webster Area would return the ball all the way down to the Groton Area 10-yard line. The Bearcats got a first down on fourth and goal from the four yard

line. On the next play, Braden Holland would score on a 1 yard run. Pereboom kicked the PAT and it was 14-7.

Groton Area would end up punting on fourth and 11 which set the Bearcats up on their own 45 yard line. On the next play, Webster Area would score on a 55-yard pass from Holland to Austin Moen. Pereboom kicked the PAT and it was 21-6 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was a stalemate. Groton punted on fourth and one. Web- (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Jonathan Doeden** looks for an opening in the Webster Area defensive line.



The Tigers dog pile one of the Webster ball carriers on this play. Pictured are Grady O'Neill (54), Kaden Kurtz (20), Pierce Kettering (5) and one other Groton Area player. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

ster punted on fourth and 14. Groton's drive time ran out. inside the Webster 30 vard line ended on an interception. Webster punted on fourth and 12. Groton Area punted on fourth and six. Webster had the ball last in the first half and ended on its own 42 yard line. It was 21-6 at half time.

In the third quarter, Groton Area punted on fourth and four. Webster took its opening drive of the second half down to the Groton Area 13 yard line after getting three first downs and Pereboom finished the drive with a 30 yard field goal.

Groton's next drive was stopped by an interception, but Webster ended up punting on fourth and three. The third quarter ended,

In the fourth quarter, Groton Area gave up the ball on downs after being sacked on fourth and eight. Webster Area had a first down before punting on fourth and 16. Groton Area had the ball last, getting five first downs before



**Brodyn DeHoet makes a touchdown** catch for the Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Jonathan Doeden had 127 yards rushing, 17 yards receiving and four yards passing. Kaden Kurtz had 19 yards rushing, 94 yards passing and six tackles. Brodyn DeHoet had 48 yards receiving and seven tackles. Peyton Johnson had 33 yards receiving and one sack. Darien Shabazz had three yards rushing. Grady O'Neill led the defense with nine tackles and one sack. Thomas Cranford also had a sack.

Colby Reetz led Webster with 44 yards rushing while Austin Moen had 70 yards catching. Sterling Rausch led the defense with 12 tackles and Cade Shoemaker had 10.

Groton Area finishes the season with a 4-5 record.

- Paul Kosel



Peyton Johnson makes a tough catch as he was double teamed by Webster Area's Braden Holland (4) and Matthew **Block (88).** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

### **GROTON AREA**

### **WEBSTER AREA**

First Downs	14		12
Rushing	36-149		30-88
Jonathan Doeden	27-127	Coby Reetz	11-44
Kaden Kurtz	8-19	Sterling Rausch	8-19
Darien Shabazz	1-3	Braden Holland	11-30
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Passing			
Kaden Kurtz 7-1	8-94, 1 TD, 2 Int.	Braden Holland	3-8-134
Jonathan Doeden	1-2-4	Sterling Rausch	1-2-8
Receivers			
Jonathan Doeden	3-17	Austin Moen	2-70, 1 TD
Brodyn DeHoet	4-48	Jaydon Keller	1-45
Peyton Johnson	1-33	Matthew Block	1-9
		Braden Holland	1-8
Fumbles	Had 0 lost 0		Had 0 lost 0

## **Penalties**

### Defense

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Grady O'Neill 9	tackles, 1 sack	Sterling Rausch	12 tackles
Brodyn DeHoet	7 tackles	Cade Shoemaker	·10 tackles
Kaden Kurtz	6 tackles	Braden Holland	9 tackles
Thomas Cranford	1 sack	Jared Schlotte	8 tackles
Peyton Johnson	1 sack	Carter Fawcett	8 tackles
Record	4-5		9-0
<b>Next Game</b>	Season Over	Host Mt. Vernon,	'Plankinton

### **Scoring**

First Quarter

8:56: Webster - Holland 4 yard run. (PAT Jacob Pereboom kick is good)

4:51: Groton - DeHoet 24 yard pass from Kurtz. (PAT pass no good)

2:01: Webster - Holland 1 yard run. (PAT Pereboom kick is good)

0:06: Webster - Moen 55 yard pass from Holland (PAT Pereboom kick is good) Third Quarter

6:34: Webster - Jacob Pereboom 30 yard field goal

# Frederick School Oct. 14, 2019

Meeting Minutes
OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEED-**INGS** 

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

OCTOBER 14, 2019 The meeting was called to order on October 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Dan Nickelson, Jon Ellwein, Richard Achen and Alex Hart. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg, and Business Manager Janel Wagner. Visitor present was Assistant Custodian Thersia Cox.

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. Thersia Cox, Assistant Custodian, asked the school board if there was an issue with two churches renting the school's floor cleaning equipment as they have done in the past. All board members agreed this was OK. Exit Thersia Cox at 7:02 p.m.

Action 19-029 Motion by Achen, second by Nickelson to approve the agenda as amended: change #13 to Intent to Return to Resident District Notification; renumber Executive Session to #15 and Adjournment to #16. All aye, carried.

Action 19-030 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held September 9, 2019; September 2019 financial report, agency accounts and investments; District bills and September 2019 payroll. All aye, carried.

Claims approved: September 2019 Payroll – General Fund salaries 76,135.23; Special Education salaries 10,841.64; Food Service salaries 2,393.06 EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 23,848.43; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 837.01; American Funds, retirement 1,265.02; Delta Dental, insurance 1,693.50; Express Collections, garnishment 526.40; Reliastar Life, insurance 261.78; Security Benefits, retirement 1,075.26; VSP, vision insurance 278.88; Wellmark, health insurance 17,914.00, SD Retirement 13,843.04; SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.26

General Fund: Aberdeen School District 6-1, tuition 1,828.80; Auto Value Áberdeen, repairs 17.54; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt & Burns LLP, fees 140.00; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 1,099.89; Community Store, supplies 10.97; CWD, FFVP 732.88; Dakota Electronics, maintenance 60.00; Dakota Outdoors, repairs

Beginning checking Balance ...\$358,665.08

Taxes......\$2,671.45

Local Sources \$4,875.20 Intermediate Sources \$630.77

Bills.....\$42,933.69

Total Revenue ......\$44,037.60

Total checking balance......\$229,497.82

Beginning investment balance \$408,697.52

Interest .....\$10,874.62 Total investment balance.....\$419,572.14

Ending Balance.....\$649,069.96

Revenue:

Disbursements .....

668.43; Do-All Insulation, repairs 675.00; Eide Bailly LLP, audit 9,000.00; Farmers Union Oil, repairs 18.94; Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc. repairs 723.28; Foreman Sales & Service, inspection/ repairs 3,427.47; GDI News, publishing 247.69; Green Iron Equipment, repairs 100.44; Grote Roofing Co Inc, repairs 1,866.50; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 259.46; Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, repairs 2,667.14; JW Pepper & Son Inc, supplies 20.00; Ken's Alignment, repairs 313.76; Kessler's, supplies 8.38; Ketterling Photography, photos 97.50; Leola School District 44-2, field painting 429.80; Mac's Inc, repairs 85.94; Main Street Station, repairs 510.00; Menards, repairs 98.23: Merchant Services, fees 30.90; Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 1,063.89; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electric 3,321.88; My Place Hotel, travel; 154.00; Northwestern Area School District. supplies 75.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts, repairs 45.54; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 284.80; Ending September 30, 2019 .......General

Capital Outlay

\$271,773.55

\$2,699.40

\$2,699.40

\$83,579.96

\$83,579.96

\$190,892.99

\$1,493,634.20

\$1,493,634,20

\$1,684,527.19

....Fund

Ringgenberg, Jessica, travel 73.60; Running Supply Inc, supplies 6.47; SASD, dues 30.00; School Specialty, supplies 5.50; Schwan Welding & Boiler Repair, repairs 143.25; Sumption, Sarah, education reimbursement 40.00; Taylor Music Inc, repairs 246.97; Town of Frederick, utilities 373.32; Trust & Agency Account, Imprest reimbursement 2,361.88; Tschosik, Paula, travel 20.00; .... Wagner, Janel, travel 54.00; Amazon, supplies 27.98; Corner Station, gasoline 19.47; Governors Inn, travel 82.00; United States Postal Service, postage 11.00. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print 649.56; CommTech, security lock upgrades 5,972.24; Amazon, supplies 648.91; DRN, server equipment 509.00; JM Electric Inc, dishwasher/camera install 1,308.66. Special Education Fund: Anliker, Jennifer, mileage 63.00; Kosters, Christine, travel 74.00; Trust & Agency Account, Imprest reimbursement 100.00. Food Service Fund: Child & Adult Nutrition, food 57.26; Community Store,

Special

\$330,671.24

\$1,803.78

\$1,853.78

\$10,050.18

\$16,612.29

\$26,662.47

\$305,862.55

\$956,175.05

\$956,175.05 \$17,189.23

\$1,262,037.60 \$24,987.90

\$50.00

Fund Education Fund

food 57.25; CWD, food/supplies 5,277.14; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 80.34; WalMart, supplies 12.99

The following reports were presented:

A. Jeff Kosters - Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director

B. Jessica Ringgenberg – K-8

Principal C. North Central Special Education Cooperative – no report given

Action 19-031 Motion by Achen, second by Nickelson to change regular meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the months of November 2019 through March 2020. All aye, carried

Ms. Wagner reported upcoming changes that will be occurring for the current Trust and Agency accounts due to new governmental accounting standards. No action taken.

Action 19-032 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to close the Earl and Marvel Gelling Trust accounts at First National Bank as the accounts now have been

Trust &

Agency

\$35,624.16

\$3,961.11

\$3,962.52

\$5,993.66

\$5,993.66

\$33,593.02

\$1.41

Driver's

Ed Fund

\$669.82

\$0.00

\$0.00

\$669.82

Pension Food Service

Fund

\$7,627.69

\$3,677.30

\$1,798.28

\$5,475.58

\$5,914.65

\$4,495.05

\$2,693.57

\$2,693.57 \$669.82

\$10,409.70

Fund

\$0.00

\$0.00

\$7,798.67

\$17,189.23

\$7,798.67

depleted and no other funds are available. All aye, carried.

Action 19-033 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve the quote from Cyberschool to begin creating a new school website with a July 1, 2020 launch date. All aye, carried.

Action 19-034 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to approve the District Improvement Plan as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 19-035 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve the following policies: BA – Board Operational Goals; BB - School Board Legal Status; BBA - School Board Powers and Duties; BBB School Board Elections; BBBA Board Member Qualifications; BBBB - Board Member Oath of Office; BBC - Board Member Resignation/Removal From Office; DLB - Salary Deductions; DLC – Expense Reimbursements and GBC - Staff Ethics. All aye, carried.

Action 19-036 Motion by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to approve the Intent to Return to Resident District Notification. All aye, carried.

No formal recognitions of appreciation and accomplishments were noted.

Action 19-037 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to enter Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Employee Matter at 8:41 p.m. All aye, carried.

Exit Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

Action 19-038 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. All aye,

Rich Schlosser, President Janel Wagner, Business Man-

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**Brown County** 

Ord. 148

**Gray Rezoning** 

ORDINANCE #148
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION

**BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-**

BE IT ORDAINED by the

ES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE

CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Brown County Commission,

Brown County, South Dakota,

that the Petition to Amend Title

4, Second Revision Brown Coun-

ty Ordinances, as amended, to

rezone the following described

property filed by Roger Gray

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

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

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

South Shore Dr.)

Ordinance.

property described as follows:

### **Groton School** Oct. 14, 2019 **Meeting Minutes**

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

REGULAR MEETING October 14, 2019

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

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve the agenda with one amendment under New Business Item #7 - approve resignation. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rix, second Fliehs to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes from September 9 and 23, 2019 and district bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary 183,486.54; FIT - 16,280.68; Medicare – 6,863.06; FICA 29,344.88; American Funds – 542.80; SD Retirement – 28,837.52; HSA Contributions 100.00; Waddell & Reed 1,440.00; Horace Mann -1,211.61; Thrivent – 250.00; AFLAC – 3,338.24; Delta Dental – 3,984.34; SD Supplemental Retirement – 702.29; GASD Lunch Donation – 230.87; Wellmark - 57,618.00; Reliastar - 608.64; Avesis - 292.85; Aberdeen Awards - awards, 206.40; Advance Auto Parts – supplies, 56.98; Agency Fund – advance pays, 42,849.53; Allied Climate Professionals – repairs, 3.626.53; Amazon - supplies, 197.89; Boston Fern – flowers, 161.00; Brown County Treasurer - mosquito control, 167.52; Dakota Supply – supplies, 150.95; Decker Equip – supplies, 95.95; Dependable Sanitation - gar-

District Checking......1,154,056.55 Certificate of Deposit......1,500,000.00 Agency Cash on Hand ......200.00
Total all Funds .......2,841,054.19

bage, 1,254.50; Downie's Piano tuning, 150.00; Full Circle Ag - oil, 549.45; Groton Area School food items, 204.00; Groton Chiropractic - physicals, 190.00; Groton Daily Independent – printing, 322.59; Joel Guthmiller meals, 49.79; Hillyard - supplies, 357.94; Innovations Associates - subscriptions, 155.00; JW Pepper – music, 435.46; John Deere – parts, 300.57; Matheson – supplies, 207.94; Mid-American Research - supplies, 928.97; MJ's Sinclair – bulbs, 10.26; National Geographic - subscription, 130.63; Northside Implement repairs, 5,207.87; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 661.96; Otis Elevator - repairs, 735.50; Prorate Services – testing, 105.00; Runnings – bulbs, 14.99; School Specialty – planners, 373.96; SDHSAA – fee, 50.00; Cody Swanson - supplies, 186.14; Taylor Music - repairs, 516.91; Universal Athletic - warm ups, 438.00. Total General Fund -\$396,182,50.

CÁPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - print agreement, 1,921.61; Agency Fund - advance pays, 12,797.00; American Solutions – table, 295.00; Connecting Point – computer batteries/drives, 678.00; Da-kota Supply – flush valves, 329.52; Daktronics - parts, 2,455.00; Michael Frederick book, 24.00; Grazzini Brothers tile work, 3,458.45; Groton Area - yearbooks, 150.00; Midwest Masonry - tuck pointing, 27,000.00; Óbermiller Nelson Engineering – boiler, 1,487.50; School Specialty – table, 404.21; School Outlet – chairs, 286.66; Sweetwater - band equipment,

Total Capital Outlay -

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 28,043.77; FIT - 2,283.09; Medicare - 1,040.24; FICA - 4,448.12; SD Retirement -4,615.54; Waddell & Reed -200.00; AFLAC – 907.33; Delta Dental – 707.34; SD Supple-mental Retirement – 100.00; Wellmark - 10,095.00; Reliastar

Life - 192.37; Avesis Vision -74.24; Agency Fund – advance pays, 721.02; North Central Special Ed Coop – protocols, 434.48; Judy or Gene Williamson – mileage, 564.48. Total Special Ed - \$54,427.02.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary - 4,805.18; FIT -311.31; Medicare - 170.30; FICA - 728.28: SD Retirement 575.90; AFLAC - 285.00; Wellmark – 1,526.00; Reliastar – 3.84; Avesis - 53.76; Ace Refrigeration - repairs, 863.94; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 2,111.25 Cintas – aprons/towels, 61.34; CWD – food, 3,490.87; Dean Foods – milk, 1,301.83; Earth-grains – food, 359.55; Reinhart – food, 5,089.29; US Foods – food, 4,627.17 Total Food Service \$26,364.81.

OST Net Salary – 3,252.13; FIT – 219.07; Medicare – 115.06; FICA – 491.80; SD Retirement – 353.64; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 671.00; Reliastar – 16.92; Agency Fund – advance pays, 2,388.01. Total OST – \$7,671.56. Total Enterprise Funds - \$34,036.37.

AGENCY FUND: Total \$77,352,78.

**RECEIPTS: Local Sources** Taxes - 17.337.33; Other Local Sources - 116,758.35; County Sources - 2,723.01; Other ources - 4,170.00. Total Receipts - \$140,988.69.

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

The board heard program presentations from Junior Kindergarten teacher Alexa Schuring, Kindergarten teachers Ann Gibbs and Lindsey DeHoet and 1st grade teachers Emily Eichler and Julie Milbrandt.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve September Financials, Agency Accounts, Investments. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to approve the trans-

portation report. Motion carried. Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to approve the school lunch report. Motion carried.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: elementary tuck pointing, MS/HS boiler, enrollment, DOE Accreditation 2019 Special Education Review, paraprofessional certification, school crisis response team, Needs Assessment progress, OST update, teacher in-service, PSAT, book drive, parent/teacher conferences, scholarships, flu shot clinic, annual report progress, and profit/ loss statement. Music teachers Cody Swan-

son, Desiree Yeigh and Austin Fordham reported on their Spring 2020 music trip to Bronson, MO. A tentative agenda for their April 16-19, 2020 trip was presented. With approval from the board, teachers will be getting information out to parents with the goal of sending 70 to 84 paying passengers, including students and adults.

Superintendent Schwan presented an overview of the 2019 School, District and State Report Cards.

Moved by Rix, second Genger-ke to hire Kyle Gerlach as elementary paraprofessional at \$13.85/hour and assistant boys basketball coach at 8% of base salary. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve request from School District Attorney, Rodney Freeman, for contribution of \$140 toward his attendance at the national Education Law Association 2019 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schwan reported on the Health Food Service Inspections conducted on 10/01/19.

Smith read a letter from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church for use of a school bus to attend a youth rally in Brookings on November 9, 2009. Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve. Motion carried.

Smith read a letter of resigna-

tion from elementary paraprofessional, Molly Ringgenberg, effective on 10/25/19. by Gengerke, second Fliehs to approve. Motion carried. Moved by Gengerke, second

Weismantel to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Motion carried. M. J. Weber, Business Man-

Steven R. Smith, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes

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### **Brown County** Morlock **Rezoning Notice** NOTICE

Application has been made by Mike Morlock 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 November 12, 2019 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Pence Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 2-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

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. 150.

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Notice of Hearing: October 2 and 9, 2019 Passed First Reading: October

Passed Second Reading: October 22, 2019 Adopted: October 22, 2019

Published: October 30. Effective Date: November 19, 2019 Doug Fjeldheim, Chair

**Brown County Commission** ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County

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MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2019

General	Restricted	Capital	Special	Pension	Bond	Capital	Enterprise	Agency	Total for
Fund	Gen Funds	Outlay	Education	Fund	Redemption	Projects	Fund	Fund	District
1. Beginning Balance 1,180,146.26	32,052.21	1,572,935.94	193,439.14	0.00	158,345.95	0.00	47,733.16	274,624.46	3,459,277.12
a. cash1,180,146.26	32,052.21	1,572,935.94	193,439.14	0.00	158,345.95	0.00	47,733.16	274,624.46	3,459,277.12
b. petty cash0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in									
3. Revenue to date825,858.34	0.00	21,842.43	12,675.81	0.00	1,403.61	0.00	64,571.77	228,429.61	1,154,781.57
4. Total accounted for 2,006,004.60	32,052.21	1,594,778.37	206,114.95	0.00	159,749.56	0.00	112,304.93	503,054.07	4,614,058.69
5. Transfers out									
6. Expenditures to date 888,244.97	0.00	389,077.73	120,119.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	59,175.57	316,256.43	1,772,874.00
a. encumbrances 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements888,244.97	0.00	389,077.73	120,119.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	59,175.57	316,256.43	1,772,874.00
7. Ending Balance1,117,759.63	32,052.21	1,205,700.64	85,995.65	0.00	159,749.56	0.00	53,129.36	186,997.64	2,841,384.69
a. checking1,117,429.13	32,052.21	1,205,700.64	85,995.65	0.00	159,749.56	(0.00)	53,129.36	186,797.64	2,840,854.19
b. petty cash330.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	530.50
September Receipts 39,959.89	0.00	5,282.90	3,043.21	0.00	587.49	0.00	19,719.28	72,395.92	140,988.69
September Expenses440,752.09	0.00	96,369.19	98,113.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,403.86	77,229.78	736,868.58
Agency Checking									

# The Life of G. Edward Karel



G. Edward Karel, 83, of Walhalla, ND passed away Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Pembina County Memorial Hospital, Cavalier, ND. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Boniface Catholic Church, Walhalla, ND. Burial will be held in the St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery.

George Edward Karel was born November 6, 1935 at Grafton, ND to John J. and Mary (O'Toole) Karel. He grew up in Walhalla and graduated from Walhalla High School. Edward then attended St. Thomas Academy and the University of North Dakota. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corp, he returned to U.N. D. where he received his Master Degree. Ed then returned to Walhalla where he worked in the family business. He owned and operated Karel's Sales and Service.

Edward's military background promoted him to lead, serving as an Alderman and Mayor of Walhalla. He served on the board of directors for the Pembilier Nursing Center. Ed also served on numerous telephone boards at both regional and

national levels. Many knew Edward for his passion of collecting guns and interest in hunting. On August 4, 1958, he married Rose Neldon at Groton, SD. He is survived by his wife, Rose; children: Stacie (Jim) Metelmann, Walhalla, ND, Terrie (Daniel) Johnson, Cooperstown, ND, Michael (Susan) Karel, Walhalla, ND; grandchildren: Ashley Crosby and Brittaney Metelmann; Shannon (Andy) Tvrdik and Darren Johnson; Reed, Rhett, and Dane Karel; great-grandson, Asher Crosby; and brother, Jack (Connie) Karel.

Preceding him in death were his parents; infant daughter, Stephanie; twin granddaughters, Heidi and Holli Johnson; and sister-in-law, Lou Ann Karel.

Online guestbook at www.askewfuneralhome.com



### Brown County Reich Rezoning Notice NOTICE

Application has been made by Shane Reich 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 November 12, 2019 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

East half of Lot 1, "Keatts 3rd Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 22-T124M-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

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. 151.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (1030.1106)

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Pictured are Joni Groeblinghof, Tara Fjelstad, Vicci Stange, Carol Smith

(Courtesy Photo)

### PAC MS/HS Teacher of the Week parking spot by Kiersten Sombke

MS/HS Groton Area PAC is so proud to announce that the MS/HS Teacher of the Week will now also receive the use of a Personalized Parking Spot! Each week a different MS/HS Groton Area Teacher is honored by receiving the "Teacher of the Week" black executive chair embroidered with "GT Teacher of the Week". PAC is so excited to now be able to honor the "Teacher of the Week" both inside the school, and outside the school!

Plans are also underway to add some painted upgrades to the parking spot itself, so be sure to stop in sometime to get a peek at the completed "MS/HS Teacher of the Week" parking spot.

MS/HS PAC works hard to support our teachers, staff, students, and the families of our community in so many ways, including: providing school supplies to students and teachers, providing meals to teachers during parent/teacher conferences, providing donations many times throughout the year to families, groups, or individuals in need, annual donation to the junior class to cover prom expenses, organizing and funding the Post Prom event each year, and giving of their individual time and talents throughout the year to serve the Groton Area Community.



Pictured left to right are Sam Pappas, Sage Mortenson, Camryn Kurtz, Kayla Jensen, Allyssa Fordham, Riley Rosenau, Hailey Monson, KaSandra Pappas. (Courtesy Photo)

Oral Interp Team earns all superior ratings

The GHS Oral Interp team had an excellent meet at the Brookings Fall Festival with everyone on the team earning a superior rating! Competitors and their events were as follows: Camryn Kurtz- Superior in Serious Reading; Sam Pappas Superior in Non-Original Oratory; and the Readers Theater team of Riley Rosenau, Allyssa Fordham, KaSandra Pappas, Hailey Monson, Sage Mortenson and Kayla Jensen earning a superior.