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(L to R): Julianna Kosel, Steve Paulson, Maddy Schuelke, Carter Barse

Photo from Groton Area Web Page

(L to R): Ashley Flihs, Brad Freeman, Alexis Hanten, Noah Poor

Highway 37 Temporary Closed at North Dakota Border

HECLA, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the North Dakota Department of Transportation, has closed Highway 37 at the ND/SD border due to water and ice on the roadway making safe travel impossible.

Officials anticipate the closure to last two-three weeks until the James River recedes.

Motorists are advised to never drive around barricades and to plan an alternate route before traveling.

Groton FFA members headed to Indianapolis

by Adam Franken

The Groton FFA Chapter will be traveling to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN with six of the chapter officers: Caitlynn Barse, Tessa Erdmann, Tiara DeHoet, Samantha Pappas, Kansas Kroll, and Lane Krueger. The officers were given the first chance to fill the student spots to attend this trip. While at National FFA Convention, the students will be learning leadership and career skills while also working on personal growth to come back to GHS with ideas for growth in their chapter, school, and community. They will attend sessions with over 65,000 other FFA members and guests that feature top motivational speakers and National FFA Officers as well as hear from top government officials like the National Secretary of Agriculture. They will also attend leadership and career workshops put on by past National FFA Officers and top industry professionals. During the career fair they will get a chance to interact with hundreds of the top agriculture businesses in the nation, discovering career possibilities. This year we are also going to visit LG Seeds and receive a tour from one of their managers, taking an up close look at the seed industry.

Columbia Community's Blood Drive Brings in 11 Volunteers

Columbia, SD – Columbia community hosted a blood drive with Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services, on October 22 at American Legion which helped collect a total of 11 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 11 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 11 individuals were able to donate at the Vitalant blood drive on October 22. There were two people who volunteered for the first time.

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to Cara Dennert, who coordinated the drive.

Vitalant strives to keep a 5-day supply of every blood type on the shelf at all times to be able to meet the needs of patients across the region. Donations from O-negative donors, the universal blood type, are especially important this time of year due to increased accidents and trauma cases.

Two GHS Quartets represented GHS at All-State Chorus in Sioux Falls

by Joe Schwan

Two quartets from Groton Area High School represented GHS in the SDHSAA All-State Chorus. The students were in Sioux Falls for two days of rehearsal ahead of the performance which took place at 7:00 PM on Saturday, November 2 at the Premier Center in Sioux Falls. The 2019 All-State Chorus was conducted by Dr. Andrew Last, Associate Professor of Music at Luther College. The concert, which included a performance by the All-State Orchestra, was aired on South Dakota Public Broadcasting.



Junior Rural Economic Leadership and Development

by Kiersten Sombke

On October 30th, high school students from Groton Area spent the morning learning about kindness, leadership, fiscal responsibility, and community involvement through a program funded by the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation called Junior Rural Economic Leadership And Development (Jr. REAL). Speakers included: Charlotte Henley, Toby Kane, Malcom Chapman, and Gerri Eide.

Jr. REAL teaches students how to articulate techniques for civic responsibility, leadership development, and basic life budgeting skills. In a world that is all about apps that can help you send anonymous hurtful snap chats or texts, it is important to take a moment and focus on what makes each person special and the fact that we are all different is awesome! Groton Area Grades 9-12 spent the morning taking time to learn how kindness to self, others, and community is important.

The students also spent time thinking of community involvement projects and the opportunity an individual has throughout the day to impact others by a smile or saying hi (one second opportunities). When you have the ability to see the world from someone else's perspective, you not only open up opportunities for yourself, you gain the vision of how you can make an impact in your own hometown.

A special thanks to Groton High School for hosting the event and helping with organization.

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**Brown County
Oct. 29, 2019**

**Meeting Minutes
OCTOBER 29, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING**

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

MINUTES:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the General County Commission meeting minutes of October 22, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:
Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims and payroll:

Payroll: Commission \$4,906.90; Elections \$0.00; Auditor \$8,566.61; Treasurer \$13,656.47; SA \$21,161.05; SVAWA \$1,193.49; Maintenance \$7,856.80; Assessor \$12,514.13; Register of Deeds \$8,797.01; VSO \$2,356.72; GIS \$2,367.50; IT \$8,322.52; HR \$2,153.85; Sheriff \$39,820.72; Jail \$49,806.42; Coroner \$0.00; Court Security \$6,321.97; JDC \$24,656.49; Welfare \$2,057.70; Museum \$6,976.68; Parks/Fairgrounds \$5,841.49; Fair Board \$3,879.32; 4-H \$636.80; Weed \$5,140.95; Planning & Zoning \$4,410.71; Highway \$55,963.55; Dispatch \$29,653.48; Emergency \$4,079.58; Teen Court \$639.36; JDAI \$1,576.93; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,471.10; Landfill \$13,512.04; Matching Benefits: FICA \$21,001.83; Medicare \$4,911.75; Health Savings Account \$175.00.

Professional Fees: Avera Medical Group \$740.56; Avera St. Lukes \$2,278.21; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC \$1,511.52; Kristi Brandt \$60.15; Cogley Law Office \$7,142.86; Cox Communications \$50.00; Dohrer Law Office \$7,142.86; Christopher A. Haar \$7,250.26; Kuck Law Office \$7,173.46; Jerald McNeary \$7,142.86; NE Mental Health Center \$2,106.00; Northeast Council of Governments \$1,000.00; NESD Celtic Faire & Games \$1,000.00; Sanford Clinic \$54.94; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,142.86; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$445.55; Taliaferro Law Firm \$7,142.86; Katherine VonBrook \$20.00; West Publishing \$169.95.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$63.72; Argus Leader \$31.52.

Rentals: Les Frohling \$200.00; H&H Farms \$250.00; Ron Jacobson \$250.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean-All LLC \$1,447.62; Commtech Inc \$3,741.70; Eco-lab Pest Elimination \$114.75; Govconnection Inc \$1,181.60; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$2,788.00; Kone Inc \$3,662.52; Leidholt Electric LLC \$953.06; Lien Transportation Company \$567.50; Robert T. Hennrich \$502.00; Pierson Ford-Lincoln Mercury \$47.42; Service Signs & Sales \$2,776.74; Smart Choice Solutions LLC \$1,318.00; South Dakota Underground \$6,836.75; Traffic Solutions \$37,685.41.

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Travel & Conference: Jodi Brown \$54.00; Scott Madson \$319.44; Brittany O'Day \$204.40; SD Association of County Officials \$150.00; Travel Leaders \$868.80; Chris White \$39.48.

Utilities: Qwest Corporation \$2,241.57; Dependable Sanitation Inc \$402.00; Montana Dakota Utilities \$31.78; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$2,697.18; Verizon Wireless \$3,323.71.

Other: SD Association of County Commissioners \$10,703.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following:

Acknowledge resignation of Sarah Hartje, Office Assistant for Brown County Fair and 4-H, effective November 1, 2019.

Approve the following salary for appointed interim County Treasurer, Patty VanMeter @ \$55,520 per year prorated, effective at the start of the appointment November 17, 2019.

Approve the following employee step increases effective November 3, 2019: Michael Ernst @ \$20.00 per hour, Elise Westfall @ \$17.77 per hour, Bill Rohrbach @ \$16.12 per hour, Wes Graff @ \$25.27 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL AIR QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to authorize Vice-Chair sign Air Quality Permit Application Renewal with SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources Air Quality Program. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to assign claims against individuals to Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY VEHICLE DISCUSSION:

Discussion to reassign Ford Explorer from Commission department to Assessor's office. Ford Explorer 2007 is reassigned to the County Assessor's department for use. County-owned vehicles at the Assessor's office are available for checkout by any County Department as needed by scheduling use of vehicle with the County Assessor.

CLOSING AUDIT CONFERENCE:

Glenda Goens and Lorisa Rudolph, with Department of Legislative Audits, met with the Commission for closing conference for audit of fiscal year 2018. Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to authorize Vice-Chair sign management rep letter to SD Department of Legislative Audits. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

BCCHC REPORT:

DeAnna Harber presented the Brown County Community Health Center Report for July – September 2019.

HECLA REPEATER:
Dave Lunzman, Chief Deputy Sheriff, met to inform the board the repeater in Hecla is no longer functional, and they are researching solutions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Groton City
Severson**

**Variance Notice
NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on November 25, 2019 at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 209 N Main, Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 11, Section 11.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Leon and Alice Severson, 26 N 5th St, Groton, SD, for the reduction in side yard to be less than 15 feet to attach a deck on property legally described as 1st Addition, Block 39, Lot 1 and North 10' of Lot 2. A variance is required for the reduction in required

minimum side yard size in a Residential (R-3) District.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this variance may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Hope Block
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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
(1030.1106)

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**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.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Men's High Series: Lance Frohling 538, Ryan Frohling 498, Larry Frohling 486.

Women's High Games: Mary Larson 168, Sandy Hoops 166, Michelle Johnson 163.

Women's High Series: Mary Larson 466, Vickie Kramp 431, Michelle Johnson 413.

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- Coby Reetz Sr.
- Sterling Rausch Sr.
- Carter Fawcett Sr.
- Braden Holland Sr.
- Austin Moen Sr.
- Colby Torrence Jr.

Mobridge/Pollock: 4-1

- Reese Cerney Sr.
- Caden Halsey Sr.
- Kregen Norder Sr.
- Braden Goehring Jr.
- Trace Cerney Jr.

Sisseton: 3-2

- Anthony Tchida Jr.
- Elijah Kowalzek Jr.
- Mathew Moen Sr.
- Carter Schaunaman Jr.

Groton Area: 2-3

- Jonathan Doeden Sr.
- Alex Morris Jr.
- Kaden Kurtz Soph.

Redfield: 1-4

- Max Baloun Sr.
- Gannon Pudwill Sr.

Aberdeen Roncalli: 0-5

- Jared Pearson Sr.

2019 NEC Standings

*Webster NEC Champs	5-0
*Mobridge/Pollock	4-1
*Sisseton	3-2
*Groton Area	2-3
*Redfield	1-4
*Ab. Roncalli	0-5

Honorable Mention:

Kaden Lesnar	Webster	Sr.
Jared Schlotte	Webster	Sr.
Bryston Goehring	Mobridge/Pollock	Jr.
Hudson Filler	Mobridge/Pollock	Jr.
Ty Peterson	Sisseton	Sr.
Dusty Neilan	Sisseton	Sr.
Brody DeHoet	Groton Area	Sr.
Thomas Cranford	Groton Area	Sr.
Jacob O'Keefe	Ab. Roncalli	Sr.
Antony Martinez	Ab. Roncalli	Sr.
Dylan Whitley	Redfield	Jr.
Bradyn Robbins	Redfield	Jr.

Quality Rural Health Care with Less Burnout

The elderly patient came back to our rural hospital from a hospital in a nearby larger city after having had major surgery and feeding-tube placement. The care from the bigger hospital was superb except that the patient was getting too much nutrient and fluids and was a bit "overloaded." Also, the family was concerned that perhaps they had been too aggressive in getting stressful surgery for their elderly mom, whose memory had begun to slip. As her physician, I cut back on the feeding-tube supplements, stopped the intravenous fluids, provided a little diuretic and did labs and X-ray for dementia. I took plenty of time with family and patient learning about their wishes should our patient again deteriorate. All agreed to emphasize comfort from here on out, and if she started to fail, we would do our best in her home hospital and not transfer her care again.



By Richard P. Holm, MD ~ Prairie Doc® Perspectives

I had been that patient's primary care doc for years. Practicing outpatient and inpatient care in a smaller town gave me the experience to see what was happening. The patient and family knew me, trusted me and appreciated the time I spent listening to her. Quality care reviewers, government oversight people and insurance companies also know the value of a well-trained rural primary care provider who not only understands how to care for complex patients, but also, knows when and where to refer when specialized care is needed. In fact, experts believe an ideal system would define a primary care provider for every person.

Unfortunately, there are not enough rural primary care docs. Many speculate as to why this is; however, I believe the need has resulted from misinformed med students and residents who think the lifestyle in rural America is not satisfying enough. In the July 2019 issue of South Dakota Medicine, a survey of family physicians practicing in this state found much lower burnout rates in family docs practicing in rural areas (25 percent) compared with those practicing in larger metropolitan areas (51 percent). Evidently, some social aspects of rural practice seem to confer a protective effect against burnout. This new data should be helpful when young physicians are looking for the most satisfying places to practice.

My elderly patient went home in about a week, happy with our community hospital and the care she received. Her doctor was also pleased, as he had the reward of successful care, the honor of satisfied family and the joy of truly helping someone while practicing in a rural setting.

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Jones makes first team All-State soccer

Senior Austin Jones was selected to the first team All-State Soccer Team. It is a first time in several years that Groton Area has anyone named to the first team.

Austin is the son of Jim and Mendy Jones, Groton.



Tigers shake off stubborn Sisseton team



Nicole Marzahn returns the ball with a play at the net. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton Area's volleyball team had to overcome a stubborn Sisseton team in the first round of the Region 1A volleyball playoffs. The Tigers won, 3-0, but had to battle from behind in the first two matches to get the job done.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center, BaseKamp Lodge, Bierman Farm Service, Bk Custom T's 'n More, Blocker Construction, Dakota Risk

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The first game was tied three times in the early going before Sisseton doubled up on Groton Area, 12-6. The Tigers called time out. The Redmen scored another point to take a 13-6 lead and held a five point lead at 15-10. Groton Area rallied to tie the game at 21 and 22 before taking a 23-22 lead. Sisseton tied the game at 23 and again at 14. Groton Area would score the last two points for the 26-24 win. Nicole Marzahn had six kills while Indigo Rogers had three and Eliza Wanner, Kaylin Kucker, Madeline Flihs and Kenzie McInerney each had one kill. Wanner also had an ace serve. Taryn Yammerino led the Redmen with four kills and two ace serves while Lexus Redthunder had two kills and a block, Kierra Silk had two kills and Avery Despiegler had one kill.

The second game was tied at two and three and then the Redmen scored eight straight points to take a 15-5 lead. Groton Area would slowly come back and would tie the game at 19 and took a 20-19 lead after scoring seven straight points. The game was tied at 20 and the Tigers would score the last three points of the game for the 25-21 win. Marzahn, Wanner and Rogers each had three kills and Tady Glover had an ace serve and Marzahn had one block.

By the third game, it appeared at Groton Area had warmed up and went on to dominate the third and final set, winning 25-10. Marzahn had seven kills and an ace serve while Flihs had three kills, McInerney, Rogers and Wanner each had a kill and Wanner, Glover and Marzahn each had an ace serve.

Marzahn had 16 kills, two ace serves and a block. Rogers had seven kills. Wanner had five kills, an ace serve and 17 digs. Glover had 23 digs, two ace serves and an assist. Flihs had four kills, McInerney had two kills and Kucker had 31 assists and a kill.

Redthunder led the Redmen with eight kills and four blocks and Yammerino had five kills, three ace serves and two blocks.

Groton Area will host Milbank on Thursday at 7 p.m. for the next round of the playoffs. Milbank came from being down 2-0 to win the final three sets for the 3-2 win over Webster Area.

In the other match played in Groton, Redfield defeated Tiospa Zina 3-0. Game scores were 25-17, 25-17 and 15-12. Kailee Clausen led the Pheasants with 10 kills and an ace serve, Hannah Kuehn had seven kills and three ace serves, Georgia Kuehn had five kills, three ace serves and a block and Courtney Turck had seven kills and an ace serve. Amelia Garman led the Wambdi with nine kills.

- Paul Kosel

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Stolles presented with "Saved by the Belt" Award

On September 1, 2019 the Stolle's were traveling west of Webster on US 12 when they entered the median and rolled their vehicle multiple times. The trooper's investigation determined though they received serious injuries, their use of safety belts was a significant factor in surviving the crash

Trooper Holman presented the Saved by the Belt Award to William and Penny Stolle of Groton on November 4, 2019.

Bordewyk named executive director of South Dakota News Watch

David Bordewyk, a widely respected media leader for the past 25 years, is joining South Dakota News Watch as its executive director effective Nov. 1, 2019, the nonprofit organization announced.

Bordewyk, a Brookings, S.D., resident, is the longtime executive director of the South Dakota Newspaper Association. A 1984 journalism graduate of South Dakota State University, Bordewyk has been a strong voice for government transparency and a leader in efforts to strengthen citizen access to public information.

"With his deep knowledge of the state, its people and issues, Dave is exactly the right person to lead South Dakota News Watch into the future," said Randell Beck, board co-chair and, with Jack Marsh, co-founder of the independent journalism organization dedicated to producing in-depth stories about statewide topics. "Dave is a trusted leader committed to our mission to serve the public interest with first-rate reporting."

In a unique partnership with the oldest media organization in the state, Bordewyk also will continue in his role as executive director of the South Dakota Newspaper Association. SDNA, based in Brookings, has represented South Dakota newspapers for 137 years.

"Reliable investigative journalism on topics that impact our citizens on a broader state-wide scale is paramount to the success and growth of our state, but it was missing here until South Dakota News Watch launched in February 2018," said Letitia Lister, publisher and part-owner of the Black Hills Pioneer in Spearfish.

"It is with great hope for the future of journalism that our South Dakota Newspaper Association looks upon this new partnership with the professional journalists at South Dakota News Watch," said Lister, current board president of SDNA. "Information is power and America needs journalists."

Bordewyk will work with an existing two-member team of experienced journalists who have produced more than 100 in-depth articles in the past 20 months.

Bart Pfankuch, former editor of the Rapid City Journal, was promoted to content director in June after serving as the first full-time reporter for News Watch. Investigative reporter Nick Lowrey, former managing editor of the Capital Journal in Pierre, was hired as the second full-time journalist in May.

On Nov. 1, South Dakota News Watch also will begin its annual campaign to raise funds for staff and administrative expenses in 2020. To ensure its independence and credibility, South Dakota News Watch does not accept advertising and is financed exclusively by voluntary donations and grants. Year-end donors to South Dakota News Watch can double the impact of their contributions, thanks to a matching gift fund. Contributions from \$1 to \$5,000, made in November



David Bordewyk

and December 2019, will be matched 1:1 up to a total of \$50,000. The pool of matching funds is underwritten by NewsMatch (www.NewsMatch.org), a consortium of national foundations, and by South Dakota philanthropists Dan and Arlene Kirby.

Groton Senior Citizens

The Groton Senior Citizens met October 14 with 13 members present. President opened with the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played, "My Country Tis of Thee." Few of the members attended the fall festival at the Granary. Marilyn Thorson had back surgery. Meeting was adjourned. Cards and 50 with dice were played. The winners of the card games were Pinochle - Sarge Likness; Whist - Tony Goldade; 50- Pat Larson. Door Prizes - Kelly Miracle, Beulah Hoops and Sarge Likness. Lunch was served by Ruby Donovan, Balenda Nelson and Kelly Miracle.

On October 21, 13 members were present. A short meeting was held to have election of officers. They are: President - Ruby Donovan, Treasurer - Eunice McColister, Secretary - Elda Stange volunteered to serve another year, Vice-President - Sarge Likness. Meeting adjourned and cards were played. The winners were: Pinochle - Sarge Likness, Whist - Dick Donovan, Canasta - Pat Larson and Eunice McColister, Door Prizes - Ruby Donovan, Pat Larson and David Keinsassor.

Lunch was served by Darlene Fischer.

On October 28 the group met for a potluck dinner. Seventeen members were present. Bingo was played after dinner. Darlene Fischer won blackout. Cards were played after Bingo, Door prizes went to Tony Goldade, David Kleinsassor and Ella Johnson.

Co-ops Support Summer Study Recommendation

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota's electric co-operatives applaud an interim committee of the South Dakota Legislature for supporting a framework for a compromise which has the potential to bring long-needed improvements to electric service territory disputes.

An exception in current state law allows the 35 municipal electric systems in South Dakota to take territory in newly annexed areas from electric cooperatives and investor-owned utilities. That exception has been the focus of the nine-member Electric Services in an Annexed area legislative summer study committee for the past five months.

The framework of the compromise that was adopted on an 8-1 vote by the legislative committee on November 6 would require regular meetings and good faith negotiations between all utilities involved in electric service territory boundaries in newly annexed areas. The compromise framework further states that if the utilities cannot negotiate an agreement as to who will serve the newly annexed areas the Public Utilities Commission would settle the dispute.

"The framework of a compromise that was overwhelmingly adopted by the legislative summer study committee is a good start to bring long-needed improvements to the state law governing electric service territory," South Dakota Rural Electric Cooperative Association (SDREA) General Manager Ed Anderson said.

South Dakota electric cooperatives have been telling lawmakers for the past year that it is fundamentally unfair for municipal electric systems to have the option to take service territory from another utility. The proposal passed by the nine-member legislative committee provides a path forward to solve this problem.

"This legislative committee spent a lot of time and effort to adopt this plan and we would like to thank them for their work," Anderson said.

South Dakota's electric cooperatives would especially like to thank Sen. Alan Solano (R-Rapid City) for chairing the committee and Rep. Thomas Brunner (R-Nisland) for serving as vice-chair of the panel. Co-ops would also like to recognize Sen. Susan Wismer (D-Britton), Sen. Jordan Youngberg (R-Madison), Rep. Shawn Bordeaux (D-Mission), Rep. Kirk Chaffee (R-Whitewood), Rep. Spencer Gosch (R-Glenham), and Rep. Tim Reed (R-Brookings) for supporting the compromise.

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7th Grade Team Awards

First row from the left: Addisyn Heinrich, Jaxson Moore, Kyleigh Schopp, Anna Schwab; Warner; 1st place
 Second row from the left: Gretchen Dinger, Payton Mitchell, Blake Pauli, Axel Warrington; Groton; 2nd place
 Third row from the left: Marlee Baldwin, Reese Comstock, Sam Franks, Athena Johnson; Holgate; 3rd place

Dinger places second at Roncalli MathCounts
 The Roncalli Invitational MathCounts was held on October 30, 2019. Groton student, Gretchen Dinger, earned second place in the seventh grade individual division. Dillon Abeln earned fifth place in the eighth grade individual division. Gretchen Dinger, Axel Warrington, Payton Mitchell, and Blake Pauli earned second place in the seventh grade team division. MathCounts is a nationwide coaching and competition program for middle school students that promotes excellence in mathematics. The next junior high competition will be the Roncalli Elementary Countdown MathCounts Competition on Wednesday, December 4.



7th Grade Individual Awards

First row from the left: Annie Dvorak, Northwestern, 1st Place; Gretchen Dinger, Groton, 2nd Place; Athena Johnson, Holgate, 3rd Place. Second row from left: Kaden Larson, Roncalli, 4th Place; Reece Comstock, Holgate, 5th Place; Ben Goebel, Roncalli, 6th Place



8th Grade Individual Awards

First row from the left: Asi Temoka, Holgate, 1st place; Neva Mikkelsen, Gettysburg, 2nd place; Katelyn Ryan, Holgate, 3rd place
 Second row from left: Courtney Decker, Northwestern, 4th place, Dillon Abeln, Groton, 5th place; Ben Ricci, Holgate, 6th place

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Good Luck in Post-Season Play and Congratulations NEC Champions!



In back, left to right, are Assistant Coach Sarah Schuster, Stella Meier, Grace Wambach, Maddie Bjerke and Head Coach Chelsea Hanson; in the middle row, left to right, are Indigo Rogers, Brooklyn Gilbert, Kaylin Kucker, Tadyn Glover, Payton Colestock, Kenzie McInerney and Nicole Marzahn; in front, left to right, are Eliza Wanner, Madeline Flihs, Jasmine Gengerke, Assistant Coach Jenna Strom, Allyssa Locke, Megan Flihs and Trista Keith. (Courtesy Photo)

Groton Area Tigers

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Allyssa Locke	S	10
2	Trista Keith	DS	10
3	Kenzie McInerney	MH	11
4	Nicole Marzahn	OH	12
5	Tadyn Glover	DS	12
6	Stella Meier	MH	10
7	Indigo Rogers	MH/RH	12
8	Megan Flihs	MH	10
9	Payton Colestock	DS	12
10	Madeline Flihs	MH	10
11	Eliza Wanner	OH	12
12	Kaylin Kucker	S	12
13	Grace Wambach	RH	11
14	Brooklyn Gilbert	OH	11
15	Maddie Bjerke	RH	10
17	Jasmine Gengerke	MB/RH	11

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