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Happy Thanksgiving from the Groton Area Jr. Kindergartners



Anniston Harry – Daughter of Kris and Alison Harry. I am thankful for my toy piggy, because he keeps me brave at night.



Aryanna Cutler – Daughter Greyson Cutler and Gabriella Cutler. I am thankful for ice cream, because I love it a lot.



Chase Cleveland – Son of Justin and Gretchan Cleveland. I am thankful for my babies (Harper and Cruz), because I get hugs.



Emery Blackwood – Daughter of Katie Kester-son. I am thankful for our car, because we need to stay warm when it is cold outside.



Finley Gauer – Son of Alicia Gauer and Colin Burr-er. I am thankful for my clothes, because I need to stay warm.



Haley Erickson – Daughter of Seth and Megan Erickson. I am thankful for food, because they fill our tummy.



Henry Pharis – Son of Kevin and Kara Pharis. I am thankful for the police, because they take care of the bad guys.



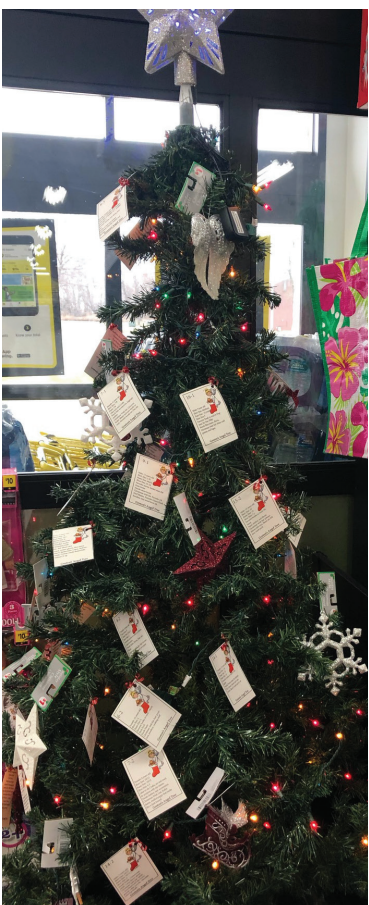
Jase Bahr – Son of Dion and Sam Bahr. I am thankful for my house, because if we don't have a blanket it keeps us warm in our beds.



Jozie Lord – Daughter of Randy and Alyssa Lord. I am thankful for my church, because I like to read books there.



Keenan Moody – Son of Eric and Darcie Moody. I am thankful for wrestling, because it is fun.



Maci Dunbar – Daughter of Michael and Kassie Dunbar. I am thankful for my family, because I love them.



Rae Flihs – Son of Tigh and Adrienne Flihs. I am thankful for dinosaurs, because they are my favorite.



Reagen Harry – Daughter of Jeff and Betsy Harry. I am thankful for my blankets, because they make me not scared in the night.

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Thank You
 This special thank you goes to all the people and organizations, who were a part of the Groton Area School District Veteran's Day celebration. A special thanks to Karen Wolter for the beautiful quilt. I will treasure it and use it to keep me warm. Also, thank you to Emma Kutter for the note with words I will cherish always.
 Richard E. Helmer
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Claremont Town Resolution 209 Sewer Rates

Resolution NO 209
A RESOLUTION SEGREGATING THE Surcharge for Improvements to The Town of Claremont Wastewater System, for payment of A revenue Borrower bond and yearly review of rate
Surcharge for Borrower Bond. There shall be charged a monthly surcharge for the services provided by the improvement financed by the CW-01 Conservancy District Loan. The surcharge for each loan shall be segregated from other revenues of the Town and shall be used for the payment of the Borrower Bond CW-01 (the "Borrower Bond"). Provided that such surcharge shall create net income, remaining from time to time after first paying all reasonable and current expenses of maintenance, repairs, replacements and operation, sufficient to fund interest, reserve and debt service fund annual requirements.

Rates and collection. The Town of Claremont (the "Town") has established a charge or surcharge payable by each customer of its system who receives or benefits from the services of the project financed with the Borrower Bond. Such charge or surcharge shall be set at a level which, assuming a 10% delinquency rate, will produce income at the times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Borrower Bond and the administrative expense surcharge and all other payments as may be required under the loan agreement and Borrower Bond.

Borrower Bond. The following sewer debt service surcharge shall be applicable to all customers served:

Borrower Bond CW-01 Surcharge of \$32.85 per user. The surcharge will be added to the base charge of \$14.15 to cover operating and maintenance of the system bringing overall rates to \$47.00 per user, per month.

The surcharge is effective April 9, 2019. This surcharge shall remain in effect until such time as the revenue bond is paid in full. The initial surcharge shall be collected at the same time as other charges of the system. The surcharge is found to be equitable for the services provided by the improvements.

Segregation. The debt service surcharge shall be segregated from other income of the system in a separate book keeping account and is pledged to the South Dakota Conservancy District for the payment of the loan payments on the Borrower Bond.

Yearly review. The amount of the surcharge shall be reviewed from year to year and may be modified in order to provide such funds as are set forth herein. The charges shall be reviewed yearly by Town personal and administratively adjusted, upwards or downwards, to such amounts as may be necessary to pay principal, interest, administrative surcharge and other charges as may become due and owing under the loan agreement or Borrower Bond.

Billing and Accounting. The surcharges shall be included in the monthly user bill. Nothing contained herein requires the surcharge be indicated on the billing, however, the surcharge segregation shall be indicated on the books of the Town.

Automatic Repeal. The surcharge for the Borrower Bond shall be automatically repealed when the Borrower Bond is paid in full.

Partial Invalidity. If any one or more of the provisions of the shall be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, by final decree of any court of lawful jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof.

Shane Johnson
President
ATTEST:
Charla Rye
Finance Officer
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Brown County New Renewal Application

NOTICE OF HEARING
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
COUNTY OF BROWN
Before the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota
IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO MAINTAIN AND ERECT ELECTRIC LINES ON AND ALONG THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA by NorthWestern Corporation, a Delaware Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern).

To all persons, firms or entities owning or operating electric, telephone or telegraph lines:

You will please take notice that NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, a Delaware Corporation, having a business office in the City of Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota, has filed with the County Auditor of Brown County, South Dakota its Application for a grant and renewal of any former grants from said County for a period of twenty (20) years and for as long and extended period as the Legislature may provide, granting to NorthWestern the right to erect and maintain poles, wires and necessary appurtenances and bury cable for the purpose of conducting electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, in and along any public highway in Brown County, South Dakota as provided by Chapter 31-26 of South Dakota Codified Law;

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on the 10th day of December, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. at Brown County Commission Chambers, Brown County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex in the City of Aberdeen, County of Brown, State of South Dakota, will be the time and place when and where said Application will be heard and considered by the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, when and where all persons, firms, or corporations owing or operating electric, telephone, or telegraph lines on any part of the highway or highways which the proposed lines may occupy may appear, file objections and show cause why said Application should not be granted.

The said Application now on file with the County Auditor of Brown County, South Dakota is hereby referred to for further particulars.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2019 at Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (1120.1204)

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Brown County Nov. 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES:
Moved by Kippley seconded by Wiese to approve the General County Commission meeting minutes of November 12, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:
Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$200.31.

Professional Fees: A to Z Languages \$100.00; Avera St. Luke's \$349.00; Cogley Law Firm \$793.80; Compass Counseling & Assessment \$1,800.00; Victor Fischbach \$400.00; William Gerdes \$8,239.50; Haar Law Firm \$75.20; Kuck Law Firm \$17.80; Sanford Health \$22.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$258.00; SD Dept. of Health \$1,530.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$13,649.62; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$87.60; US Bank \$804.97; West Payment Center \$169.95; Luke Yellow Robe \$5,000.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$857.20.

Rental: Brick's Roto-Rooter \$995.50.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$1,928.79; Cintas Corp. \$157.75; Ecolab \$105.45; Eilers Water Conditioning \$125.00; GCR Tires & Service \$225.00; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$42.50; Holway Construction \$240,444.64; House of Glass \$937.78; Jason's Electric \$14,285.74; Quality Welding \$86.00; Ringgenberg Electric \$2,349.13; Smart Choice Solutions \$709.00; US Bank \$505.81.

Supplies: 446-Praxair \$586.70; A & B Business \$45.15; Advance Auto \$1,075.51; Ag-Tegra \$627.06; Breanne Bjerke \$39.38; CommTech \$112.50; Crawford Trucks &

Equip. \$681.60; Crescent Electric \$36.43; DSG \$19.68; DT Pharmacy \$1,689.56; Farm & Home Publishers \$1,050.00; GCR Tires & Service \$167.12; Geffdog \$32.24; GovConnection \$405.86; Government Forms & Supplies \$154.25; Heartland Paper \$163.56; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$797.94; Jebro \$25,706.97; Lang's TV \$150.00; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$19.71; Menards \$146.94; Russell Metz \$5.35; Midstates Printing \$30.55; NVC \$26.26; Pantorium Cleaners \$21.00; Pepsi \$360.52; PharmChem \$57.10; Quality Welding \$19.00; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$19.99; Lora Schaudaman \$146.19; SD Discovery Center \$1,070.80; US Bank \$11,568.79; West Payment Center \$1,750.67.

Travel & Conference: C. Scott Bader \$1,854.36; Cathy McNickle \$223.81; Ramkota - Pierre \$462.00; Kelsi Thilmony \$694.74; Ernest Thompson \$399.00; US Bank \$3,405.39.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$307.41; Century-Link \$2,988.84; City of Hecla \$226.10; Dependable Sanitation \$348.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$219.50; Northern Electric \$736.09; NWPS \$1,880.87; NVC \$3,450.61; Kelsi Thilmony \$50.00; Verizon Wireless \$3,458.40; US Bank \$465.25.

Other: JRWD \$80,562.35; Safe Harbor \$829.50.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

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

Approve hiring Ronald Kellar as full-time Brown County Planning and Zoning Technician effective November 20, 2019, at \$20.19 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPERATING TRANSFER:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the following operating transfers from the General Fund #101.5.911.191 in the total amount of \$2,504,582.86 to the following: Road and Bridge Fund #201-371 @ \$2,504,582.86 as adopted in the 2019 budget. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

BUILDING PAYMENTS 124 S. 1st St.:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to authorize additional payment to pay off 124 S. 1st St. Remaining balance of \$420,000 plus interest and escrow fees will come from surplus cash. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ELECTION E POLLBOOK CONTRACT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with B-Pro Inc. for license to install and use BPro Software (ePollbook Software) for the 2020 Election Cycle in the amount of \$300.00 per ePollbook per election. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EASEMENT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to acknowledge correction of Easement for access to impound and weed shop. The following is dedicated to the public as a permanent and perpetual easement for public access: A strip of land immediately east of the west border of Lot 2 of Brown County Commissioner's Third Subdivision to the City of Aberdeen in the Southwest ¼ of Section 18-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota which is 13 feet on the south, gradually increasing to 22 feet on the north. Easement is recorded at the Register of Deeds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following applications for renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: PACKAGE (OFF-SALE) LIQUOR: Marge Frohling DBA The Connection (Lots 13, 14, & 15, Block 2, Houghton, 31-127-61). Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lots 4 & 5, Block 5, Ferney, 31-122-60). RETAIL (ON-SALE) AND SUNDAY LIQUOR: Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lots 4 & 5, Block 5, Ferney, 31-122-60). Moccasin Creek Country Club Inc (Prairiewood Village OL 7, 33-124-63). Travis Swenson DBA Elm Lake Resort (Lot 1 Elm Lake Subdivision in the SE ¼ of 8-128-65). Stacy Gossman DBA Big Fella's (Lot 1B Gossman 1st Addn S ½ of 15-123-63). Dennis O Jones DBA Dakota River Ranch/Tacoma Park Place (5 acres in NE corner of NW ¼ of 23-124N-62W). PZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort

(Palmer's Richmond Resort Subd Lt 1, Subd OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2). Ron Wagner DBA Highway 12 Liquors (Outlot A SE 15-123-63). RETAIL (ON-OFF-SALE) WINE: ARR LCC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge (Russo's OL 1 NW ¼ 1-127-62). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION:

Moved by Feickert seconded by Wiese to authorize the Chair sign Court Security Grant Application Letter for submission to the State of South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the report of accounts for October, 2019: Total Cash and Checks on Hand 7700 Total Checking Account Balances: 22678105.81 Total Savings Account Balances: 1205447.42 Total Certificates of Deposit: 5488180.7 Grand Total Cash and Balances: 29379433.93 General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund 7029836.82 Road & Bridge Fund 466524.59 Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423243.27 911 Service 332462.19 Emergency & Disaster 31532.24 Domestic Abuse 889.5 Teen Court 39282.16 Grant 2490.15 JDAI -11466.27 Richmond Youth 21916.96 24/7 Sobriety 19587.36 ROD M&P 123495.95 Tif Debt Service 461213.93 Landfill + cash change 255225.38 Landfill - restricted 1364284 Trust and Agency Funds 16521885.7 GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS 29379433.93. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 150- SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to adopt Ordinance #150, an Ordinance to amend Title 4- Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG), said property described as follows: "Pence Addition: in the SE1/4 of Section 2-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. Roll call vote: Commissioner Fjeldheim aye; Commissioner Feickert - Aye; Commissioner Kippley - Aye; Commissioner Wiese - Aye; Commissioner Sutton - Aye; Ordinance Adopted.

ORD 151- SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adopt Ordinance #151, an Ordinance to amend Title 4- Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG), said property described as follows: East half of Lot 1, "Keatts 3rd Subdivision" in the NW1/4 of Section 22-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. Roll call vote: Commissioner Fjeldheim aye; Commissioner Feickert - Aye; Commissioner Kippley - Aye; Commissioner Wiese - Aye; Ordinance Adopted.

DRAINAGE CONTACT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to appoint Planning and Zoning Department as drainage contact. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to authorize chair sign joint powers force agreement between Brown County and the State of South Dakota Department of Transportation. The following emergency relief projects are included ER6124(01), ER6426(07), ER6467(06). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Kippley 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 Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Feickert seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:45 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ord. 151 Passed Reich Rezoning

ORDINANCE #151
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, 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 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Shane Reich is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG), said property described as follows:

East half of Lot 1, "Keatts 3rd Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 22-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

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

Notice of Hearing: October 30 and November 6, 2019

Passed First Reading: November 12, 2019

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Doug Fjeldheim, Chair Brown County Commission

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Notice of Audit

Notice of Audit of the Fiscal Affairs of Brown County

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of Brown County, South Dakota, have been audited by the Department of Legislative Audit for the year ended December 31, 2018, and that a detailed report thereon, containing additional information, is filed with the county auditor of Brown County and the Department of Legislative Audit in Pierre, South Dakota for public inspection. This notice is published in compliance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12.

Martin L. Guindon, CPA Auditor General

Department of Legislative Audit

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Brown County Ord. 150 Passed Morlock Rezoning

ORDINANCE #150
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, 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 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Mike Morlock is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG), said property described as follows:

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

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

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ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Frederick Town Nov. 22, 2019 Special Meeting

Town of Frederick Special Meeting 'Authorization to Advertise'

The Frederick Town Board held a Special meeting Friday evening, November 22, 2019, 7:10 PM, in the Frederick Community Center. All board members were present. Chairman Scott Campbell led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made to give Helms and Associates 'Authorization to Advertise' to open bids on the Frederick Wastewater Project. Motion was made by Troy Millard/Jeff Kosters. Motion Carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:15 PM by TM/JK. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns, Finance Officer

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Noise Induced Hearing Loss...What's That?

Of the 40 million people with hearing loss in the U.S., 25 percent of those, or 10 million, have lost their hearing as a result of exposure to excessive noise. But how much noise is too much?

Measured as decibels (dB), the acceptable manufacturing noise standard is to allow a daily exposure up to but not over 85 dB in an eight-hour period. More than that can cause permanent injury to our hearing. This is likely due to wear and tear on the tiny hairs that vibrate when sound is introduced. It's like a line of kids walking across one path on the grass day after day. A little is good, too much kills the grass.

The average conversation, for example, is usually around 50-60 dB, street noises at 70-80, and an operating lawnmower at about 90. Noise levels above 90 come from surprising places like screaming babies, convertibles driving at 60 mph, marching bands, leaf blowers, hand and hair driers, and those noisy electronically amplified concerts. Single loud sounds like gunfire at about 150 dB can also be damaging, but the time exposed to lower volumes are the most significant and unrecognized danger we face daily.

A recent social trend has created a new threat. Tuning out the world with ear buds, while turning up the tunes for hours, can be like riding on the two-cylinder John Deere tractor with no cab all day while cultivating corn. Those old two-cylinders were loud, and so it can be with ear buds! Ear bud volumes at 100 dB for as short as 15 minutes can damage hearing. Again, it's the volume multiplied by time that makes it so bad. One study showed that 97 percent of third graders had documented exposure to hazardous sound levels. Another showed that 12.5 percent of 6 to 19-year-olds in the U.S. already had hearing loss directly attributed to noise exposure.

What's more, if the volume is too loud, ear buds can be even more dangerous as they may prevent us from hearing the noises that help us avoid danger. For example, walkers, runners, and bicyclists need their ears to hear when a truck might be coming from behind.

Of course, it isn't just noise that can reduce our hearing. Infections, trauma, and even medications like antibiotics, chemotherapy drugs, or pain medications can do it too. Seek medical help if you notice your hearing is changing.

The bottom line: Protect your ears by avoiding exposure to too much noise, get help if your hearing changes and beware of ear bud risks.

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Groton City Nov. 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

November 19, 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, McGannon, Cutler, Babcock via telephone and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Paul Kosel 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 Glover. All members voted aye.

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

Payroll, \$18,814.75, Employee salaries, Executive, \$161.60, Administrative, \$3,179.69, Public Safety, \$7,479.13, Public Works, \$7,994.33; First State Bank, \$6,386.29, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$499.98, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$1,000.00, Employee savings; MN Child Support Payment Center, \$283.20, Employee child support payroll deduction; SD State Treasurer, \$8,842.82, 10/19 Sales and excise tax; Jackson

Cogley, \$190.00, Lifeguard certification reimbursement; City of Groton, \$54.19, Utility deposit refunds; Rick Wahlen, \$357.59, Utility deposit refunds; Justin Kluesner, \$205.81, Utility deposit refunds; Web Water, \$13,362.18, Water 10/19; BB/SB Foundation, \$11,437.57, Half 2019 gate fees; Mj's Sinclair, \$953.64, Gas, mower tire repair, car wash; Dakota Pump & Control, \$3,193.88, New impeller at Aspen, check Olson and Hanlon pumps; Core & Main, \$199.95, Pipes and adapters; Tanae Lipp, \$240.00, WSI certification reimbursement; Dakota Supply Group, \$282.94, Blower motors for Aspen lift station; Kens Food Fair, \$753.50, Gas, paper products, air freshener; S&S Lumber, \$351.83, Light bulbs, Batteries, cement, Oil; Dollar General, \$174.75, Paper products, candy, coffee, soap, air fresheners, water, batteries; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$570.00, Employee retirement; Auto Zone, \$403.16, Oil, filters, brakes, battery; Terex, \$50.46, Spring for the digger truck; HydroKlean, \$1,100.00, Jet/vac plugged 8" line 8/20, \$1,124.00, Jet/vac line 11/5; Border States, \$85.59, Sockets for the dual fuel meters, \$102.72, CTs for dual fuel meters; Western Area Power, \$19,405.92, Power 10/19; Heartland Power, \$49,854.74, Power 10/19; Stan Houston, \$34.00, Soil probe; RDO, \$105.60, Oil filter for sweeper, sensor for loader, \$45.56, Wiper blades; Harry Implement, \$177.50, Oil

and filter; Jensen Feed & Grain, \$2,066.25, Road salt; BNSF Railway, \$1,600.00, 2 Application fees for pipe line crossing for water tower project,

The October finance report was approved on a motion by Glover and seconded by Blackmun. All members voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Wells to approve the proclamation declaring November 18th - 22nd as Groton Tiger Week to honor the Groton Area Volleyball Team earning an invitation to the State A Volleyball Tournament. All members voted aye.

Officer Garcia entered the meeting at 7:10pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon to approve the first reading of Ordinance #731 - 2019 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. All members voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Cutler to adjourn into

executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:12pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:56pm.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Glover to renew the group health insurance with Allied at the presented decreased rates, along with an added benefit of a contribution to a medical flex account at a 2 to 1 city/employee match, with a maximum City contribution of \$400. All members voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by McGannon to table hiring the skating rink employees. All members voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Glover to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
 Hope Block, Finance Officer
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Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at Avantara with Elda Stange and Eunice McColister hosting. The meeting was opened with the pledges reacted in unison. Eleven members answered roll call with what we were thankful for. Smokey Bear information was taken to the Elementary School.

Christmas party was planned It will be potluck

at Marg Overacker's December 16, at 5:30 p.m. Money will be collected for "stop the Bleeding kits" for the Elementary school. Each member should bring a reading with a holiday theme.

Following the meeting, Eunice McColister gave the program "How to Grow a Christmas Cactus."

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Reforms and new programs bring hope for improvement in education of Native American students in S.D.

By: Nick Lowrey

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of three articles that make up Part 2 of a two-week special report in which South Dakota News Watch is examining the failure of the state's public school system to adequately educate Native American students. Last week, News Watch examined the problem and its causes; this week's material focuses on new and ongoing reform efforts and hopes for invigorating Native education in South Dakota.

New efforts to better align school curricula and classroom teaching with the unique needs of Native American students are among the reasons for new hope that South Dakota may be turning a corner toward improving educational achievement for the state's largest minority group.

Reforms are badly needed due to the state's long-term failure to provide its Native American children with an education that leads to academic achievement. Test scores and graduation rates for South Dakota's indigenous population — which makes up about 10% of students in the state — has lagged far behind other groups for generations. Lower educational attainment has been linked to dire later-in-life consequences such as generational poverty, high unemployment and higher rates of substance abuse and incarceration.

State Sen. Troy Heinert, D-Mission, is a former elementary school teacher who now serves as the Minority Leader in the Senate. Heinert, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, said some progress has been made in improving Native education in South Dakota and he believes the stage is set for more significant reform.

But Heinert said it will require more focus on understanding the unique ways that Native children learn and implementation of teaching methods specifically aimed at better reaching and connecting with Native students. Bolstering student self-esteem and strengthening identity through language and cultural education are key to academic success, he said.

"For years, it's been, 'Well, we're going to roll a cart in here for 30 minutes a week and that's when we'll do language and cultural education,' but the rest of the time we're doing to do what we've always done," Heinert said. "And that is not conducive to change."

Beyond curricula changes, other initiatives are planned or underway to improve Native education in South Dakota, including efforts to hire more indigenous teachers, to heighten parental and community involvement in education, to expand higher-education and employment opportunities and to possibly create Native-focused charter schools.

State education officials began the process of incorporating Native American language and culture into everyday lessons when the state Board of Education Standards officially made the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings part of the state's social studies standards in 2015. The OSEUs are a set of education standards that incorporate Lakota language and culture and which were designed by tribal elders and educators.

Schools across the state have begun implementing pieces of the OSEUs into their curricula but have been slowed down by a lack of ready-made materials to aid in lesson planning, said Juliana White Bull-Taken Alive, director of the state Office of Indian Education.

"I see this as a problem, but I also see it as an opportunity for schools and organizations to create them," White Bull-Taken Alive said.

Heinert also said Native-dominated schools

and those on reservations should be granted "educational sovereignty," which would allow for far more flexibility in recruitment and hiring of Native teachers and also give schools the ability to adjust curricula or teaching methods to find things that work for Native children.

"Our kids have a different style of learning, and I think once we can get that educational sovereignty, that's when we'll start to see some real gains and changing of the trends that have been around for 60-plus years," he said.

In recent years, Heinert has served on two special legislative panels focused on education. The first effort provided nearly \$2 million in grants called Native American Achievement School grants to three Native-dominated schools to improve teaching and learning. Two of the schools that received grants, Todd County Middle School and He Dog Elementary in Todd County, used those grants to improve their curriculums and develop a teacher training program for paraprofessionals.

The program devised by schools in Todd County will be the basis for more projects in Native American-dominated school districts as part of a partnership between the South Dakota Department of Education and McRel International, a non-profit education consulting firm working on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, said Ben Jones, South Dakota education secretary.

Heinert also served on the Blue Ribbon Task Force that in 2015 proposed a half-percent sales tax increase that now generates millions of dollars each year to raise teacher pay. Officials say higher teacher salaries may be bringing more Native American college graduates back to the state to teach.

Recruiting more Native American teachers to work in schools serving tribal communities has been a point of focus for the national non-profit Teach for America and its South Dakota office. Some of the state's highest-need schools are in Native American communities, and those communities were asking for more Native teachers, said Teach for America South Dakota Executive Director Jim Curran.

"For so long there were just so few Native American teachers," Curran said.

The organization announced recently that its 2019 corps of teachers was its most diverse; nearly half of the new teachers were Native American, Curran said.

Heinert said he is trying to change the vernacular around Native education in South Dakota, adding that the focus on consistently low standardized test scores creates a false narrative that Native students are unable or unwilling to learn.

Native students should not be measured solely by test scores or graduation rates, but whether they are finding success as well-rounded people who can marry an understanding of their history and culture with the ability to function well in the modern world, Heinert said.

"One of the problems we have in Native schools or in predominantly Native schools is that the definition of success is coming from a non-Native perspective, and we have our own definition of success, of what does a good student look like," Heinert said.

Expanding Native perspectives in schools

The lack of Native American representation in educational materials drove South Dakota education officials to begin work in 2018 on what became the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings. The idea was to create a



St. Joseph's Indian School eighth-graders Elron Walking Bull (left) from Sisseton and Everardo Skunk (right) from Lower Brule learn to say "hello" and "goodbye" in Lakota with help from their teacher LaRayne Woster. More South Dakota schools have begun offering Lakota language classes over the past decade to provide a more culturally responsive learning environment for Native American students. Photo: Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch

comprehensive set of educational materials and standards based on Lakota, Dakota and Nakota perspectives on history, land use and language that could be used in all state classrooms. The term Oceti Sakowin translates to "seven council fires" and is the Lakota phrase used to describe the Sioux Nation.

"For me, it's a really helpful guide," said Lydia Yellow Hawk, a new teacher at the He Dog Community School outside Parmelee on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in south-central South Dakota.

Yellow Hawk, a social studies and science teacher for 36 students in grades six through eight, has been finding ways to incorporate Lakota cultural lessons rooted in the OSEU in her lessons.

State science standards require middle-schoolers to be able to give a basic description of how gravity affects the movements of planets and galaxies through space. As it happens, many Lakota stories and beliefs involve the moon and stars. So, with a little help from Sinte Gleska University in nearby Mission, S.D., Yellow Hawk said she was able to incorporate some traditional Lakota understandings into her science lesson.

"We really do focus and put an emphasis on incorporating Lakota or indigenous worldviews and values," Yellow Hawk said. "I'm teaching science and astronomy and learning about the solar system and the stars, alongside that ... I'm teaching Lakota ideas of how those came to be and our worldview to my students."

Incorporating Lakota culture into everyday lessons is a fairly new concept, even in public schools serving tribal communities. When Yellow Hawk was attending high school in 2014, Lakota language, philosophy and history all were taught as their own classes and students were only required to take one Lakota class to graduate, she said.

From the beginning, the OSEUs were intended to be incorporated into lessons in all state schools. But while the state Board of Education Standards has adopted the OSEUs, schools are largely on their own when it comes to designing the curricula that teachers use to actually teach to the standards. As a result,

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The nonprofit Teach for America, which recruits teachers to work in high-need schools, has put a greater focus on hiring Native American teachers to work in South Dakota. One of those teachers, Lydia Yellow Hawk, who works at the He Dog Community School in Parmelee on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, said she is able to connect with her students and teach about Lakota culture thanks to her family connections in the area.

Photo: Submitted

schools are adding the OSEUs to their teaching practices at varying rates.

At He Dog Community School, Yellow Hawk and her colleagues are building their own lesson plans. It isn't easy, but they get help from Sinte Gleska University, Yellow Hawk said.

"So, not only am I writing lesson plans just for the kind of the school-required curriculum, but I'm also writing lesson plans for our own indigenous curriculum," Yellow Hawk said.

A growing body of lesson plans and educational materials connected to the OSEUs are available online through the WoLakota project at wolakotaproject.org. The website has videos of interviews with tribal elders and groups of lesson plans designed by teachers in the Todd County and Rapid City school districts. Links to more resources are also expanding.

Yellow Hawk has a distinct advantage over most of her colleagues because she was born and raised near the He Dog school. She has drawn on friends and family for help, sometimes even asking her grandmother to visit school and help explain a topic.

The fact that she grew up in the same community as her students is one of the reasons Yellow Hawk became a teacher in the first place.

"It can be difficult, but it's kind of helpful when, if I don't know something, I can always feel like I have support if I run into challenges," Yellow Hawk said.

Enter Jim Curran, executive director of Teach for America in South Dakota. Yellow Hawk had a few TFA teachers in high school, so she was familiar with the organization when Curran first made contact. She met with a few TFA recruiters in Ohio and in 2017 was invited to the organization's Native Alliance Initiative summit.

Teach for America is a national organization that recruits and trains teachers to work in disadvantaged communities for two years. In South Dakota, the organization focuses much of its efforts in tribal communities. One of the organization's biggest shortcomings when it began operating in South Dakota, Curran said, was its lack of attention to recruiting Native American teachers. From 2004 — when the TFA began operations in the state — to 2011, only five Native Americans were hired as teachers.

"Kids and families in the communities where we work have been demanding an education that is more responsive and reflective of who they are," Curran said.

The organization responded to that demand

by creating the Native Alliance Initiative, which is focused on recruiting Native American college graduates to become teachers. From 2011 to 2019, TFA has brought in 33 teachers who are Native American. In early November 2019, the organization announced that 42% of its 2019 of new teachers were Native American. Next year, Curran said, TFA wants its teacher corps to be 50% Native American.

"We've just gotten less willing to accept the line that, 'Oh there's just not enough Native American college graduates,'" Curran said.

Hiring teachers who look like their students and have similar backgrounds has tremendous value, Curran said. For one thing, students see that people like them can be leaders and can accomplish great things, he said.

"There's power in that," Curran said.

Teachers from low-income or Native backgrounds also bring a different approach to the job, Curran said. In Yellow Hawk's case, that means making sure her students, even as early as middle school, know that they can go to college.

"At the middle-school level, a lot of (students) don't really know what their goals are for after high school, so I like being able to work with them to help them get through those ideas and think about education," Yellow Hawk said.

Teach for America isn't the only organization in the state putting more effort into recruiting Native American teachers. The Sioux Falls School District has set up what it calls a teacher pipeline aimed at encouraging some of its students to become teachers, said Dr. James Nold, an assistant superintendent. The district has been trying to identify and recruit Native American students into its Teacher Pathway Program, created two years ago as part of a larger effort to improve outcomes for its indigenous students.

"We have a handful of students right now that I'm very excited to have back in four years when they complete their college degree," Nold said. "They can be teachers for this school district so that other students can see success and say, 'That's an avenue that I could also achieve.'"

Connecting Native students to the classroom

One of the biggest challenges facing Native American students is maintaining regular attendance, Nold said. State data show that indigenous students have the lowest attendance rate at 72% and the highest rate of chronic absenteeism at 37%. In the Sioux Falls district, the Native American student attendance rate is 65% and the chronic absenteeism rate is 51%. For all students in the district, attendance is at 91% and chronic absenteeism is 18%.

Relationships between students and their school, specifically any adults in the school, are one of the biggest factors in whether a student attends regularly, Nold said.

"We know that as we meet with our attendance committees, when students start to build relationships, when they start to bond, to build some type of relationship, their chances of attendance improving or being strong increase," Nold said. "That definitely benefits the child and the [academic] success rate increases dramatically as attendance increases."

As part of its efforts to encourage Native students to build relationships at school, the Sioux district started integrating the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings into classrooms as early as 2012. The district has also created high school Lakota language courses that count toward graduation requirements. Lakota Connections classes are offered at two of the district's three high schools and at middle schools with high concentrations of Native students, Nold said.

The connections class has become an important piece of district efforts to improve Native American student outcomes, Nold said. The teachers in those classes spend part of their time acting as case managers for their students by providing individual support for such



Wagner High School Principal Neil Goter said programs like his school's Jobs for America's Graduates class are essential tools for helping at-risk students, whether Native American or not, graduate from high school and find success later in life. Photo: Submitted

things as connecting to local cultural organizations. The district has also worked on creating clubs that celebrate Lakota culture, Nold said. Club members take trips to sacred sites and compete in the Lakota Language bowl at the annual Lakota Nation Invitational basketball tournament in Rapid City.

Sioux Falls district begins efforts to boost attendance rates as early as elementary school, with counselors called liaisons that work individually with families to ensure they have everything needed to get their children to school.

"They'll target attendance as a predominant factor of what they go out and do. But they really, really try to work to build that relationship so that families feel very comfortable coming and asking when they have problems or needs," Nold said.

Another improvement in Sioux Falls was the creation of a Native American parent advisory committee, which meets regularly to give the district feedback and suggest ideas. Increasing parental involvement in education is seen as a critical element of improving student engagement and academic success.

Sioux Falls is not alone in its efforts. The Wagner School District on the Yankton Sioux Reservation in south-central South Dakota brought the Jobs for America's Graduates Program to the state in 2009.

In Wagner, the program seeks to help middle- and high-school students — Native and non-Native — who live in poverty or face other issues likely to reduce attendance and increase the chance of dropping out. Each class consists of about 12 students chosen by a committee. The idea is to create an extra layer of support for those students, said Neil Goter, Wagner High School principal.

Students in the program get individualized help and support from JAG teachers and develop close relationships with fellow students, who often share similar life experiences. In middle school, JAG classes work mainly on improving social skills and providing experiential learning such as working as a member of a team, Goter said.

"Some kids are going to come to JAG class and not have all those skills, and that's why these kids have some barriers and they need some assistance with some of those areas," Goter said.

In high school, the JAG program changes focus toward academics and preparing students for life after high school. Students can get help with homework and filling out federal financial aid forms for college and are exposed to careers. The goal is to achieve a 90% graduation or degree equivalency rate and an 80% job, college or military placement rate.

The program has proven successful, Goter said. Graduates from Wagner's JAG program

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have gone on to college or tech school, joined the military or gone straight into a job, Goter said. One student who found success was Alexander "Zane" Zaphier who graduated high school in 2013 and went on to serve in student government at the University of South Dakota. Zaphier graduated with his bachelor's degree in 2017 and now works for USD's Upward Bound program, which offers counseling and help for high school students whose parents didn't go to college.

"He's really paying it forward," Goter said of Zaphier.

Another solution to the attendance issue is creating a deep relationship between the school building itself within the community it serves. In the Oglala Lakota County School District, for example, administrators have tried to keep their schools as open as possible to students and the public, said Dr. Anthony Fairbanks, district superintendent. The schools on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwester South Dakota hold events such as basketball tournaments and provide free meals when possible, he said.

The idea is to make the schools a big a part of the community. "The more you open your doors, the more you connect to the community," Fairbanks said.

The philosophy appears to be working. The district, whose population is almost entirely Native American, had a 97% attendance rate last year, according to the state school report card. Fairbanks said the district plans to create an even deeper connection between the people of Pine Ridge and the Oglala Lakota County School District through the biggest educational project in decades — a new high school.

New school, new focus in under-served area

Lakota Tech High School, the first career and technical high school on a South Dakota Indian reservation, is planned to open before the 2020-21 school year on a site near the Wolf Creek Elementary School a few miles outside of Pine Ridge. The school is central to an ambitious \$25 million project aimed at providing sorely needed job training within the Pine Ridge community, while at the same time aligning the school's core curriculum to the history and culture of the Oglala Lakota people, Fairbanks said.

"That means involving not just the teachers, but also the elders and community members and teachers who've been here for a really long time. We have a lot of great knowledge here within the community and we need to be finding ways to access that and leverage that to make sure that our students are really gaining a holistic education," said Stephanie Eisenmenger, principal of the future high school.

Pine Ridge hasn't had a public high school in decades. High school students must transfer to a new district, attend a virtual high school online or go to one of the private or Bureau of Indian Education schools on the reservation. That situation is far from ideal, Fairbanks said. With help from state government in securing low-interest loans, the district was able to bring the high school to fruition.

The plan is to create several academies within the school that will specialize in areas the Pine Ridge community has said are needed, Eisenmenger said. All students will start in the freshman academy, which will be designed to ease students' transition into high school, develop study skills, and provide a chance to experience a few different career paths. The school will also include a business and entrepreneurship academy, a health and public service academy as well as a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Academy. An agriculture academy is possible too, Eisenmenger said.

"Our goal for all of these pathways is that students will graduate not only with a diploma

but with some form of industry based certification so that they can actually jump right into the workforce or they get a leg up going into either a four-year college or vocational school," Eisenmenger said. "Whatever pathway they want to go down for their life, they will be able to have a competitive advantage when they graduate."

As of October 2019 there were 115 teaching and staff positions yet to fill at Lakota Tech High School, Fairbanks said. But the school has a few things working in its favor, when it comes to hiring a new staff.

"One advantage that we have is that we're doing something really different and we're doing something that means a lot to this community. And I think that a lot of people go into teaching to make a difference and to have an impact," Eisenmenger said.

"Working at Lakota Tech, we can really change people's lives, and we can boost this economy and do something really great for not just the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, but for South Dakota in general."

A separate group, led by members of the non-profit NDN Collective is working on legislation that would allow for the creation of a series of charter schools focused on Native American education.

Heinert, the state senator, said he supports an effort to propose legislation in 2020 and said he may sponsor the legislation. If the legislation were to become law any schools created would be first charter schools in South Dakota. They would be funded with state and local tax dollars but operate independently and therefore have greater flexibility to innovate and adapt quickly.

Whether that legislation moves forward or not, Heinert said he will continue to push his legislative colleagues and the Department of Education to gain a greater understanding of the challenges and opportunities that exist in how Native children are taught in South Dakota, and to push Native leaders and families to also become more involved in the process.

"I'm extremely hopeful," he said. "We've started to become part of the system of change, of how do you change a school or a state and how do we go through that process. If we can teach in a culturally relevant manner, our scores will come up. But we can't go into this just trying to im-

prove scores; we need to go into this to help these kids know who they are and where they came from and to teach them accordingly."

— South Dakota News Watch reporter Bart Pfankuch contributed to this report.

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Lazy Farmers 4-H October Meeting

The Lazy Farmer's 4-H club meeting was held Sunday, October 13, 2019 at Northern Electric Company in Bath, South Dakota. The meeting was called to order by Jameson Stange. U.S. flag pledge was led by Alicia Davis, 4-H flag pledge was led by Faith Flihs. Roll call was took by Travis Townsend. 12 members and one guest answered the question "Did you promote 4-H last week? If not, how will you promote 4-H this week?" Travis Townsend read the secretary's report. Alicia Davis read the treasurer report. Elections were held for the 2019-2020 4-H officers. Next years president is Jameson Stange. Vice President is Tessa Erdmann. Secretary is Lane Krueger. Treasurer is Jayla Jones. Reporter is Lexi Osterman. Photographer is Faith Flihs. November meeting will be held November 3, 2019, at 12:30 at the K. O Lee Library . Tessa Erdmann gave a talk on 4-H Ambassador and Jameson Stange gave a talk on Ag Land. The October meeting was adjourned by Jameson Stange.

- Lazy Farmers Club Reporter- Lexi Osterman



State qualifiers and the alternates Samantha Pappas, KaSandra Pappas, Allyssa Fordham, Hailey Monson, Camryn Kurtz. (Courtesy Photo)

Kurtz, Pappas advance to State Oral Interp

The GHS Oral Interpretation Team competed at the Region IV A contest on November 19, 2019 at the NSU Campus. Competing for GHS were the following:

Readers Theater- Kayla Jensen, KaSandra Pappas, Hailey Monson, Sage Mortenson, Riley Rosenau, Allyssa Fordham; Duet Interpretation- Monson and Mortenson; Dramatic Interp- Camryn Kurtz; Humorous Interp- Hannah Monson;



State qualifiers Samantha Pappas and Camryn Kurtz. (Courtesy Photo)

Storytelling K Pappas; Poetry and Non-original Oratory- Samantha Pappas

Advancing to the State Oral Interpretation Festival to be held in Yankton on December 6th and 7th are Kurtz in Dramatic Interp and S Pappas in Non-original Oratory. Alternates from GHS are Monson and Fordham in Duet and K Pappas in Storytelling.



GHS Region Team- left to right Riley Rosenau, KaSandra Pappas, Allyssa Fordham, Kayla Jensen, Samantha Pappas, Hailey Monson, Camryn Kurtz, Sage Mortenson, Hannah Monson. (Courtesy Photo)

G-Force wins Skills Challenge at Douglas Tournament



G-Force team won the Skills Challenge. This is like a free throw contest; the team competes against the clock to score the most points. This was at the Douglas Robotics Tournament held November 16. G-Force was Skills Challenge Champion, (L-R) Dan Feist, Tannor McGannon, Travis Townsend, Garrett Schultz. (Courtesy Photo)



90th Birthday

Ilse Cameron will celebrate her 90th birthday on December 5, 2019.

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