

COVID-19

It is not business as usual

In just one week, the Corona Virus, AKA COVID-19, has changed the lifestyle of virtually every United State Citizen. South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem called off school this week across South Dakota and then extended it into next week. The state basketball tournaments are postponed. Spring activities are being postponed. The Student Council Convention, all Region music contests, and All-State Band scheduled for later this month are cancelled.

President Donald Trump is urging no more than 10 people in a gathering. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) are working around the clock, monitoring the spread of the virus across the United States and throughout the world. The stock market has plunged with trading halted twice because of steep declines. People are panicking and have bought up all the supply of toilet paper, hand sanitizer and most of the wipes, and food items are disappearing rapidly as well.

They are talking about a recession and unemployment rising to 20 percent. The Federal Reserve has lowered the lending rate from 1.25 down to .25. There is talk in Congress about giving every American earning less than \$80,000 a year a \$1,000 check. Businesses are closing their offices to the public. James Valley Telecommunications has closed its doors to the public. Many banks are closing their lobby and allowing customers to use only the drive-through, mobile App or phone. Even WalMart has curtailed its hours. Dollar General is allowing the first hour of business devoted to the elderly first and will be closing earlier, now at 8 p.m. Assisted Living Centers and nursing homes are barring anyone, except employees, from entering the facilities.



Groton Area School Business Manager Mike Weber talked about the possible upcoming changes in finishing the school year. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

The Shrine Circus scheduled for Aberdeen has been cancelled. The State Destination Imagination Tournament is cancelled as is the Globals Finals with the option of creating a virtual tournament. The annual meeting of the Carnival of Silver Skates has been postponed to April 19th at 1 p.m. at the warming house.

According to the South Dakota Department of Health, there are 11 positive cases in South Dakota with 551 negative, 35 pending, and one death. Minnehaha County is leading the state with five cases while Beadle, Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Davison, McCook and Pennington county each having one positive case. All cases in South Dakota had travel history outside South Dakota prior to illness onset. There is no community transmission at this time. And that is what the state is trying to prevent from happening.

COVID-19 has a bigger impact on people age 60 and older and on those who have respiratory issues.

There are those stating do not give into fear. Do not panic and don't hoard food and supplies. This, too, will pass.

Doug Hamilton, along with other business owners, came before the Groton City Council Tuesday night to talk about COVID-19. "Let's not get so shook about this whole thing," he said. "We have a population of 1453 people. - We're pretty cautious, pretty careful," he said. "We (Legion) have done away with our three biggest nights." They are Bingo, Friday Night Drawing and Corn Hole. "Let's use common sense."

He also mentioned that the Softball/Baseball Foundation will take a big hit. "We had to cancel our basketball tournament for last weekend and will probably have to cancel the fundraiser for April 4th. That's a \$20,000 to \$25,000 hit for improvements for the ball park."

Owners for the Red Horse and the Jungle were also on hand concerned about what the COVID-19 will have an impact on local businesses. "Live life as normal," Mayor Scott Hanlon said.

But Katie Kesterson, an RN with Avera St. Luke's, said that it is not business as usual.



Several members of the public were on hand to talk about their concerns for action relating to the COVID-19 virus. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



Katie Kesterson, an RN at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen, talked about taking precautions and protecting the people in Groton from the spread of COVID-19. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

"The main thing is that COVID-19 isn't so much the deadliest thing that we're going to come across, it's that we, as humans, are transmitting it quickly," Kesterson said. "It would be nice to say 'Carry on as usual,' but that's not what we should be doing. I'm not saying shut down, but we need to make adjustments and be prepared." She used a local pilot as an example. "He flies in and out of other countries or parts of the states. He comes back to Groton. His symptoms don't show up for 10-14 days. In the mean time he's transmitting the virus. When the symptoms arise, it's too late to dial back at who he exposed. Let's say there are 1,200 people in Groton and there are 100 ventilators between Avera and Sanford, then we have to choose who lives and who dies, and that's the struggle in Italy right now. It is coming. It could already be here and we don't know it."



Groton Mayor Scott Hanlon, said the community needs to work together to get through this COVID-19 crisis. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

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BIDS

NOTICE OF LETTING- REROOFING PROJECT at Elk Point-Jefferson School District, Elk Point, South Dakota. Sealed bids will be received by the Superintendent of Schools, 402 S. Douglas Street, Elk Point, South Dakota, 57025 until 10:00 a.m. CDT April 7, 2020. Bidding documents are on file at the Architect's offices, FEH DESIGN, Architects/Engineers, 1201 4th Street, Suite 201, Sioux City, Iowa 51101. Interested Bidders, Subcontractors and Suppliers may obtain ONE FULL SET of Bidding Documents from the Architect. No deposit is required. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Full Bid Notice can be accessed at SDPublicNotices.com

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Groton School Workers Comp Bid Notice

Advertisement for Bids
The Board of Education for Groton Area School District No. 6-6 of Brown County, State of South Dakota, requests sealed bids for worker's compensation insurance to be written annually throughout a 3-year bid award beginning July 1, 2020.

For further information contact Mike Weber, Business Manager, at (605) 397-2351.

Bids are due and will be opened at a pre-bid meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020, at 2:00 pm in the office of the Superintendent located at 406 North 2nd Street, Groton, SD 57445.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Address bids to Business Manager, Groton Area School District No. 6-6, P.O. Box 410, Groton, SD 57445. Mark envelopes: Worker's Compensation Insurance Bid. (2t. March 16 & 23)

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Frederick Town March 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Frederick, March 11, Monthly Board Meeting

The Frederick Board meeting was held Wednesday, March 11, 2020, in the Frederick Community Center. Chairman R. Scott Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending the meeting with Campbell were Board members Troy Millard and Jeff Kosters, Utility Manager Richard Bakeberg, Frederick Fire Department Chief Kevin Barton, Frederick Development Corporation Board member Richard Achen and Finance Officer Diane Bruns.

Minutes of the February meeting were read along with minutes from the Special Pre-Construction meeting. Motion was made by JK/TM. Motion Carried.

The Financial Statement was accepted and approved for financials with a motion by TM/JK. Motion Carried.

Approval of the March Accounts Payable was made with a motion by TM/SC. Motion Carried. At the bottom of the AP page is the list of the checks for the Waste-Water Project which will be included in New Business and not with city's AP.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; A Gunther wage EBL \$139.50; Badger Meter fees Wtr \$115.70; Century Bus Products lease, copies Gen'l \$93.96; D Bruns wage CC \$155.46; D Bruns wage+trips+mtg FO \$1373.80; FDC econ dev Econ Dev \$1200; FU Oil Co propane EBL/Mun Bldg \$1036.37; GDI legals Gen'l \$19.39; J Kosters wage+mtg Gen'l \$69.26; JVT services FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l \$338.25; M Cox wage EBL \$356.63; M Heine wage FO \$922.50; MDU elect BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1510.77; Metering & Tech Solutions supplies Wtr \$206.42; R Bakeberg UT Mgr wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$182.85; R Bakeberg Veh Allow Sts/Wtr/Swr \$75; RS Campbell wage+mtg Gen'l \$92.35; SD Dept of Health labs Wtr \$15; SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb \$78.98; T Millard wage+mtg Gen'l \$69.26; USDA-RD Water Repair loan Wtr Rpr AP \$475; USPS stamps Wtr/Garb/Swr \$165; WEB Water 545,600 gallons Wtr \$2910.62. Total AP \$11,591.40.

Old Business included Manager Bakeberg's Utility report; St Urho Day by Frederick Forward in the Community Center March 16th has been cancelled due to the rumored spread of the COVID 19; nothing for Historical Society; Emma Burnham Library held their OH today, 3/11/20, but cancelled their BINGO Fundraiser for next Sunday in the CC for the same reason; Frederick Dev Corporation is holding an Open House Sunday afternoon, March 15th, in the new 4-bedroom spec home on 2nd Street in Frederick in 1-3 PM.

Other Old Business included WWP copies of the Contractor's App getting signed for the Waste-Water Project, the Change Order #1 along with the Disclosure Update for the project all signed by Board Members; Accounts Payable approval for the WWP is in New Bus; WWP Disclosure Update was signed by Campbell for 1st Nat'l Bank and Val Jensen Loan Specialist at USDA-RD; Past-due UT bills will receive Certified shut-off letters; letters from DENR in Pierre concerning Manganese in Drinking Water were sent out with Utility bills last month;

Brown County election board will be using the Community Center in June and in November for elections; other misc. business is new address numbers for some buildings in and around Frederick by the Brown County Planning and Zoning Dept done for 911; Debris pile in NW Frederick has been burned with the FFD's watchful eye.

New Business: Equalization Week is March 16-20, 2020. The Frederick Equalization Board will meet at 7 PM in the CC to hear tax grievances and again Friday evening at 7 PM to close Equalization Week.

CC lighting proposal was awarded to JM Electric Inc., to replace the blinking fluorescent lights in CC with LEDs lights. Motion made by SC/JK. Campbell Aye, Kosters Aye, Millard abstained. Motion Carried.

NECOG map for changes will be in the Equalization packet.

After previous preview of the Annual Report, approval was tabled to next month when Assistant Finance Officer may be back.

The EBL Public Library Annual Survey for the SD State Library Association was on the table for review. The annual survey was completed by EBL Board President Theresia Cox and Librarian Mavis Cox.

The Interim loan from USDA-RD for Frederick's Waste-Water Project has been deposited into 1st National Bank, Frederick, to begin payments. Both board members signed the Signatory slip to sign checks along with Finance Officer. Chrm Campbell will be signing for 1st National Bank. Both Millard and Kosters signed Line of Credit documents. The first 2 payments were also approved. A motion to accept the loan and paperwork was made by JK/TM. Motion Carried.

Correspondence showed a notice to SD Wastewater Operator's from DENR in Pierre about discharging lagoons during flooding.

Notice of a coronavirus conference call for municipal leaders previously sent by email to each one was noted.

The 2019 Drinking Water Report from Mitch Williams, DENR Water Program, Pierre, is available in the Finance Office for public viewing.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM with a motion by TM/SC. Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be April 8, 2020, 7 PM, in FCC. FO#329-2242.

SDCL 1-25-1
Diane Bruns, Frederick Finance Officer

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Claremont Town March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The board of trustees for the town of Clermont met on 3-10-2020 at 7:00 p.m. in city hall at 606 6th Ave. Claremont, SD. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the minutes of February meeting were approved. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed: general: James valley, phone and internet, 44.89; First State Bank, building payment, 573.55; Doug Schantz, remove and replace front door, 538.99; S75 Lumber, city hall door, 456.08; SD PAA, insurance/shop and city hall, 274.59; Holland Auto parts, 5 gal. Solvent, 56.95; SD towns and townships, annual dues, 196.75; NWE, lights, and city hall, 431.15; Groton Daily Independent, publishing (Feb), 12.34; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Full Circle Ag, propane for city hall, 409.48; Post office, postage, 55.00; Office Max, ink for printer. WSSW: MeirHenry-Sargent (grant), services as bond counsel, 18,320.00; Helms and Asso. (grant), wastewater improvement (design Phase), 24,060.00 BDM, water purchased, 863.00; NWE, water power, 203.21; NWE, sewer lifts, 112.59; SD Public Health, testing, 15.00; Rural Development, water loan, 576.00; With only one petition filed for the three year term for trustees by the incumbent Jason Spencer. There will be no election in the town of Claremont. Board of Equalization will be held the third week of March the 1st Equalization meeting will be held on March 18, 2020 at 6pm in city hall. All other dates are available with contacting one of the trustees

or city Hal at 294-5220. With no further business before the board a motion was made by Spencer to adjourn and seconded by Rasmussen Motion carried. CRye, F.O.

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Groton School Prop./Liability Insurance Bid

Advertisement for Bids
The Board of Education for Groton Area School District No. 6-6 of Brown County, State of South Dakota, requests sealed bids for property/liability insurance to be written annually throughout a 3-year bid award beginning July 1, 2020.

To arrange for on on-site inspection and further bid information contact Mike Weber, Business Manager, at (605) 397-2351.

Bids are due and will be opened at a pre-bid meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020, at 2:00 pm in the office of the Superintendent located at 406 North 2nd Street, Groton, SD 57445.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Address bids to Business Manager, Groton Area School District No. 6-6, P.O. Box 410, Groton, SD 57445. Mark envelopes: Property/Liability Insurance Bid. (2t. March 16 & 23)

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Groton City Boehmer Variance Notice

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on March 30, 2020 at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 209 N Main St, Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 11, Section 11.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Rodney Boehmer, 303 W 2nd Ave, Groton, SD, for the reduction in front yard to be less than 20 feet on property legally described as WB Hayes Addition, Block 45, Lots 9-12. A variance is required for the reduction in required minimum front 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
Zoning Administrator
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Brown County March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES:
Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes from March 3rd, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$125.35. Professional Fees: Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$787.50; Borns Group \$2,664.72; Carlsen Funeral Home \$325.00; Certified Languages \$1,013.10; Clark Engineering \$1,400.23; Cogley Law Office \$1,002.00; GBR Interpreting \$120.00; Helms & Assoc. \$3,467.40; Mark Katterhagen \$12.00; Kuck Law Office \$6,187.30; Language Line Services \$404.90; Lucy Lewno \$220.00; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$45.00; Darcy Lockwood \$12.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems \$1,615.00; SD Attorney General's Office \$390.00; SDENR \$3,520.77; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$608,492.66; SD-DOT \$27.18; Jodi Sudweeks \$30.60; Yankton Co. Sheriff Office \$50.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$1,422.29; Friends of SD Public Broadcasting \$1,500.00; Hub City Radio \$300.00. Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$745.40. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$90.00; Aberdeen

Transmission \$98.95; Big Scoop Snow Removal \$50.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$829.03; Custom Glass & Repair \$459.78; Dakota Electronics \$80.00; DFP \$55.61; DMI \$20,500.00; Great Western Tire \$20.00; Heartland Heating \$599.82; Hoven Auto Repair \$388.87; J Gross Equip. \$115.00; Lawson Products \$15.58; Midwest Pump & Tank \$175.35; PowerPlan \$62,149.36; RDO Equip. \$5,988.25; Sander's Sew 'n Vac \$470.82; Sewer Duck \$600.00; Sioux Falls Crane & Hoist \$467.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$54.46; TranSource \$37,092.16; Walth Safety Service \$919.80; Woodman Refrigeration \$290.12. Supplies: Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Behnke Pit \$23,978.89; Benchmark Blueprinting \$104.27; Bob Barker \$1,041.65; Borns Group \$6,437.76; Cash-Wa \$5,614.38; Charity Tracker \$162.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$1,850.00; DFP \$2,941.04; Dakota Oil \$593.45; Dean Foods \$684.55; DMI \$8,295.84; Earthgrains \$597.11; Fastenal \$1,321.90; FedEx \$29.15; Full Circle Ag \$1,770.30; Great Western State Supply \$1,182.00; Great Western Tire \$8,999.80; Heartland Heating \$141.59; Heartland Paper \$376.71; Hedahl's \$90.72; J Gross Equip. \$58.13; Jason's Electric \$413.27; Lawson Products \$209.72; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$59.00; Lucy Lewno \$6.50; Menards \$266.55; Midstates Printing \$437.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$292.02; Pantorium Cleaners \$77.00; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale \$1,091.50; PowerPlan \$4,840.89; Productivity Plus \$62.63; RDO Equip. \$4,637.64; Regalia \$42.04; SD Law Review \$35.00; Sewing Shoppe \$8.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$28.51; Thee Glass Doktor \$50.00; TranSource \$1,066.67; Web Water Bottling Co. \$39.00. Travel & Conf.: McKenzie Bierman \$39.95; City of Groton \$82.08; John Florey \$28.00; Mark Milbrandt \$302.00; SDSU Extension – State 4-H Office \$60.00; Rachel Wilson \$184.40; Dean Zumbaum \$28.00. Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,202.01; BDM Rural Water \$36.00; Economy Propane \$1,227.40; Midcontinent \$115.00; NWPS \$6,309.44; Town of Frederick \$172.84; Web Water Development \$79.07. Other: SDACo \$726.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge the retirement of Monte Podoll, full-time custodian for Brown County Maintenance, effective March 31, 2020, and approve request to fill vacancy. Acknowledge the retirement of John Weig, full-time Maintenance for Brown County Fairgrounds, effective April 10, 2020, and approve request to fill vacancy. Acknowledge retirement of Joseph Embury, full-time Correctional Officer for Brown County Jail, effective April 18, 2020, and approve request to fill vacancy. Approve Tonya Mitchener, Brown County Sheriff's Department Nurse, salary increase to \$62,420.00, effective March 22, 2020. Approve hiring two additional Brown County Jail Sergeants. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following fair contracts: Audrey Rider (4-H judge) and Showclix credit card processing with weekly advance payment application. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following lottery permit: Farm Rescue Foundation for raffle drawing August 15, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID WEED CHEMICAL – SET DATE:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising and set date to open, read and consider bids for furnishing of chemical for Brown County Weed and Pest Department. Hearing date set for March 31, 2020, at 8:45 a.m. Bids specs are available through the Brown County Auditor or Weed and Pest Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ALCOHOL LICENSE TRANSFER – SET HEARING DATE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date for transfer of Retail (on-sale) Liquor License, Stacy Gossman DBA Mansfield Bar and Grill, Main St. Mansfield, SE32-121-64, Brown County, SD to transfer to Stacy Gossman DBA Flying Pig, 5635 US Hwy 12, Aberdeen, SD Lot 2 Gossman Second Addition, SE ¼ of sec 15-T123N-T65W of the 5th p.m., Brown County, SD. Hearing set for March

31, 2020, at 8:50 a.m., Brown County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NOXIOUS WEED AND DECLARED PEST NOTICE:

Moved by Wiese seconded by Sutton to authorize advertising the Noxious Weed and Declared Pest Notice for 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SWAWA GRANT APPLICATION:
Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign the STOP/SWAWA Grant Program Application for 6/1/2020 – 5/31/2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following lease agreement: Aberdeen American News for lease of expo May 8-9, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSE – SET HEARING DATE:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date for Temporary Malt Beverage and Wine License, Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce (Business After Hours) Outlot 2 of Lieberg Outlots 1&2, SW1/4, sec15-T123N-R64W, Brown County, SD (5325 US-12 E Aberdeen, SD). Hearing set for March 31, 2020, at 8:52 a.m. Brown County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID – SOLID & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE:

Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids on the Solid & Yard Waste Collection Service for the Brown County container sites. One bid received from Dependable Sanitation. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to award bid to Dependable Sanitation Inc, in the amount of \$366,927.20. Contract is for five years unless written notification of termination is submitted by either party, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the written specifications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL STAFFING:

Mike Scott (landfill manager) met to discuss the need for one full-time employee at the landfill with primary job function of container site maintenance. No action taken.

COUNTY IT ASSESSMENT:

Loffler Companies gave a presentation on services offered, including network assessment and professional services. No action taken.

BROWN COUNTY FAIR QUIET HOURS:

Derek Ricci (Fair Manager) and Dave Lunzman (Chief Deputy Sheriff) met to propose quiet hours starting at midnight with service till 1 a.m. No action taken.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

Scott Meints (Emergency Manager) and Dave Lunzman (Chief Deputy Sheriff) met to discuss an opportunity for Homeland Security Grant funds.

2020 PRIMARY ELECTION:

Cathy McNickle, County Auditor met to give an update on staffing and polling locations for the 2020 primary election. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:00 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Aberdeen Chamber Malt Beverage

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following Malt Beverage and Wine application is set for 8:52 AM on the 31st day of March, 2020, in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register complaint on their approval may appear:

Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce (Business After Hours) Outlot 2 of Lieberg Outlots 1&2, SW1/4, sec15-T123N-R64W, Brown County, SD (5325 US-12 E Aberdeen, SD)

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Gossman Transfer Liquor License

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR TRANSFER OF RETAIL ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the transfer of Retail (on-sale) Liquor License is set for 8:50 A.M. on the 31st day of March, 2020, in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, Brown County, South Dakota at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on their approval may appear:

TRANSFER - RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR:

Stacy Gossman DBA Mansfield Bar and Grill, Main St Mansfield, SD, Lt 11-14 BK 4 Mansfield, SE 32-121-64, Brown County, SD to Stacy Gossman DBA Flying Pig, 5635 US Hwy 12, Aberdeen, SD, Lot 2 Gossman Second Addition, SE ¼ of Sec 15-T123N-R65W of the 5th p.m., Brown County, SD.

ATTEST

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Chemical Bid Notice

NOTICE TO CHEMICAL DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, Brown County Courthouse Annex at Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until 8:45 A.M. on March 31, 2020, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing of chemical for the Brown County Weed and Pest Department for 2020.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Contract: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County in accordance with the bid as accepted. Successful bidder shall furnish proper certificates of insurance as required by Brown County. Contract for the chemicals shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of eight months from April 1 to November 30, 2020.

Sealed envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota and be marked "Chemical Bid for Brown County Weed and Pest Board" and to be opened at 8:45 A.M. on March 31, 2020.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Specifications are on file and may be obtained at no charge at the office of the Brown County Auditor and the Brown County Weed and Pest Office.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor.

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Brown County Noxious Weeds & Declared Pests

NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DECLARED PESTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 10th day of March, 2020 pursuant to SDCL 38-22 as amended to all owners, occupants, agents and public officials in charge of lands in Brown County, South Dakota, that they are responsible for the suppression, control, and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations that my exist on such lands. Chemical, biological and/or cultural control methods used for the suppression, control and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations shall be those approved for such purposes by the Brown County Weed and Pest Supervisor, Regional Extension Educator or the South Dakota Department of Ag. Upon failure to observe this notice, the county weed and pest board is required to proceed pursuant to the law and have the noxious weeds

or declared pests destroyed by such methods as they may find necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means as provided by law. Plants and animals designated as being noxious weeds and declared pests in the state of South Dakota are Leafy Spurge, Salt Cedar, Perennial Sow Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Hoary Cress, Canada Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, and Gypsy Moth. In addition, Absinth Wormwood, Musk and Plumeless Thistle, Yellow Toadflax and Bull Thistle have been approved by the South Dakota Weed and Pest Control Commission and are subject to the same suppression, control and eradication requirements as the before mentioned plants and animals. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that upon establishing probable cause to believe a noxious weed or declared pest infestation exists upon any property in Brown County a representative of the Brown County Weed and Pest Board will enter upon said property for the purpose of

inspecting and confirming that such infestation actually exists.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Groton City Notice of Voter Registration

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION CITY OF GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Voter registration for the City of Groton, South Dakota Election to be held on April 14, 2020 will close on March 30, 2020. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the Brown County Auditor at (605) 626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office and those locations which provide

driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact your county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov.

Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration, absentee voting, or polling place accessibility.

Hope Block, Groton City Finance Officer

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(2t. Mar. 9 & Mar. 16, 2020)

Groton School Notice of Voter Registration

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

Voter registration for the Groton Area School District School Board Election to be held on April 14, 2020 will close on March 30, 2020. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the Brown County Auditor at (605) 626-7110, the Clark County Auditor at (605) 532-5921, Day County Auditor at (605) 345-9500, Marshall County Auditor at (605) 448-2401, or Spink County Auditor at (605) 472-4580.

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Michael J. Weber, Business Official

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Savo Township Equalization

The Savo Township Board of Equalization will meet at 10326 390th Ave. on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7 pm. All appeals shall be filed in writing with the clerk no later than Saturday, March 21, 2020.

(0311.0319)

Judy Bretsch - Clerk

10326 390th Ave.

Frederick, SD 57441

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SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING/ OPEN HOUSE

P-PH 0010(124)296, Brown & Marshall County, PCN 05F4 SD10 - From 400th Ave near Houghton to 422nd Ave near Britton Structure # 46-065-100

Shoulder Widening; Replace Structure (RCBC); Approach Grading; Intersection Improvements; Pipe Work

Date: March 23, 2020
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Central Time
Place: Britton Event Center
1203 3rd Street
Britton, SD 57430

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) will hold an open house style public meeting to discuss and receive public input on the above project. The open house will be informal, with one on one discussion with SDDOT design staff.

A presentation will take place shortly after 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, SDDOT staff will be available with displays to discuss the proposed project and answer your questions. During this time, you will also have the opportunity to present written comments.

Information will be available on the acquisition of right-of-way and relocation assistance. This project is being developed in compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than **2 business days prior to the meeting** in order to ensure accommodations are available.

All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting to share your views and concerns any time between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

For further information regarding this project, contact Mark Malone, Road Design Engineering Supervisor at (605) 773-7191.

Public Meeting Information @ <https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/projects/public-meetings>



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Brown County Land Auction 30 Acres Prime Cropland---Columbia Twp.

We will offer the following **On Site at Public Auction** from **Columbia, South Dakota go 4 and one half miles East on Larson Road then turn South through the field and go one half mile South which puts you at the Northwest Corner of the Property. If weather prevents access to the land on sale day the auction will be held along Larson Road one half mile to the North.**

Tuesday – April 14th. ---1:00 P.M.

This is just an amazing opportunity to buy **high quality farmland** on the west bank and adjacent to **Putney Slough**. The land is mostly all tillable and consists generally of **Great Bend and Beotia Silt Loams with Productivity Indexes of between 88 and 95**. Soils don't get much better than this in this highly sought after area. Access to this land is through the field on the North at the half mile line. Taxes are just \$420.45.

Legal: The NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31-125-61 Brown County, So. Dak.

Terms: A **15%** nonrefundable down payment due the day of sale with the balance due in full at closing on or before **May 12th, 2020**. Title insurance and title company closing fee split equally. Buyer to pay all 2020 tax due 2021. Buyers are required to do their own due diligence in every respect as the property is sold as is with no guarantees of any kind other than clear and marketable title. **Hansen Land & Auction** is the agent of and represents the seller in this transaction. **See you at the auction---Thanks!!**

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**Groton School
March 9, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

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

REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2020

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve the agenda with two amendments as follows: under New Business Item 1a - hear presentation to purchase water bottle fillers and New Business Item #7a - hire student custodian. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pharis, second Harder to approve all consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of February 10, 2020 and February 19, 2020, bills, financial reports, agency accounts and investments, transportation and lunch reports. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 182,366.99; FIT - 15,839.08; Medicare - 6,809.22; FICA - 29,115.40; American Funds - 542.80; SDRS - 28,758.58; HSA Contribution - 100.00; Waddell & Reed - 1,440.00; Horace Mann - 1,177.61; Thrivent - 250.00; AFLAC - 3,375.04; Delta Dental - 3,880.46; SD Supplemental Retirement - 802.29; Wellmark - 58,449.00;

Standard Life - 635.82; Avesis Vision - 262.34; Advance Auto Parts - supplies, 127.41; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 26,889.49; Amazon Capital - supplies, 52.06; AmericInn Pierre - lodging, 141.99; AmericInn SF North - lodging, 3,168.00; Chester Area Schools - fee, 250.00; Cintas - rug service, 531.40; Cole Papers - supplies, 5,230.20; CWD - supplies, 105.25; Dakota Electronics - repair, 157.00; Dependable Sanitation - service, 1,238.00; East River Plumbing - repairs, 271.58; Eide Bailly - audit fee, 3,505.60; Austin Fordham - meals, 57.97; Adam Franken - supplies, 68.95; Geffdog - clothing, 1,605.63; Kristen Gonsoir - meals, 48.59; Governor's Inn - lodging, 246.00; Grandstay Hotel - lodging, 146.00; Groton Area Food Service - refunds, 196.58; Groton Area District - Medicaid fee, 132.05; Groton Autoworks - repairs, 662.68; Groton Chiropractic - physical, 95.00; Groton Daily Ind. - printing, 123.82; Hanlon Brothers - gravel, 750.00; Chelsea Hanson - supplies, 256.50; Hillyard - supplies, 455.58; Interstate Battery - batteries, 38.56; JW Pepper & Sons - music, 6.94; Ken's - fuel, 6,272.86; Matheson Tri-Gas - supplies, 633.03; Mid-American Research Chemical - supplies, 943.87; Mike-N-Jo's - repairs, 716.25; MJ's Sinclair - fuel, 126.33; North Central Special Ed - assessment, 5,500.00; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 3,807.22; Todd Peterson - services, 25.00; Prorate Services - testing, 375.00; S&S Lumber - supplies, 79.95; Saddleback Education - books, 306.77; Jodi Schwan - services, 25.00; Joseph Schwan - gas, 29.77; Stan Houston Equip - sup-

plies, 268.04; Cody Swanson - refunds, 829.32; Taylor Music - supplies, 30.89; TIE - workshop, 150.00; Lindsey Tietz - refund, 46.52; Desiree Yeigh - meals, 30.75. Total General Fund - \$400,560.03.
CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - copy fee, 1,937.08; Agency Fund - advance pays, 3,456.38; Amazon - books, 326.42; Connecting Point - service, 300.00; Rebecca Erickson - refund, 10.88; House of Glass - doors, 4,540.00; Scholastic - books, 112.50. Total Capital Outlay - \$10,683.26.
SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 28,535.20; FIT - 2,274.64; Medicare - 1,055.50; FICA - 4,513.20; SDRS - 4,596.24; Waddell & Reed - 200.00; AFLAC - 907.33; Delta Dental - 707.34; SD Supplemental Retirement - 100.00; Wellmark - 10,729.00; Standard Life - 205.23; Avesis Vision - 74.24; Avera St Luke's - PT/OT, 10,901.52; NCSE Coop - assessment, 32,195.17; Judy or Gene Williamson - mileage, 529.20; Nikki Wright - mileage, 252.00. Total Special Ed - \$97,775.81.
ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary - 6,194.85; FIT - 393.82; Medicare - 218.44; FICA - 933.86; SDRS - 662.10; AFLAC - 254.96; Wellmark - 1,526.00; Standard Life - 3.84; Avesis Vision - 51.61; Agency Fund - advance pays, 1,590.60; Cintas - kitchen aprons/towels, 61.34; CWD - food, 1,709.37; Dean Foods - milk, 940.26; Earthgrains - food, 277.32; Reinhart - food, 3,449.22; US Foods - food, 2,907.32; Wordware - software, 1,814.00. Total Food Service - \$22,988.91. OST Net Salary - 1,901.49; FIT - 126.18; Medicare - 67.98; FICA - 290.62; SDRS - 231.34; AFLAC - 163.93; Wellmark -

671.00; Standard Life - 23.28; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 203.88. Total OST - \$3,679.70. Total Enterprise Funds - \$26,668.61.
AGENCY FUND: Total - \$52,130.79.
RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 159,044.29; Other Local Sources - 156,433.97; County Sources - 2,081.84; State Sources - 110,444.00; Federal Sources - 34,433.76; Total Receipts - \$462,437.86.
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.
Superintendent Schwan presented an updated 2020-21 school calendar. Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to approve said calendar with the following changes: move school start date to August 25, 2020 with teacher in-service on August 19 and 20, school picnic on August 20, last day for students on May 17, 2021 and last day for teachers on May 18, 2021. Motion carried.
Superintendent Schwan discussed possible amendments to the 2019-20 school calendar related to make-up days. Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to amend said with last day for students on May 21, 2020 and last day for teachers on May 22, 2020. Motion carried.
The following topics were addressed in administrative reports: HS Mathematic open position, Coronavirus issues, legislative session update, SDNA progress, Dual Credit update, ACT testing, Beyond Zero Tolerance training and election update.
Sara Schuster addressed

the board about adding water bottle fillers in the Arena and concession lobby area. She has obtained a quote for all costs and has secured community fundraising, exceeding the expense of the project. Some donors have requested a company logo be placed near the fillers. Moved by Pharis, second Weismantel to approve the project with donor advertising. Motion carried.
Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve resignation/retirement of Darlene Johnson, High School Teacher, upon completion of the 2019-20 contract, with request for summer checks to be paid in June. Motion carried.
Head Custodian Mike Nehls requested permission to campaign for office of Brown County Commissioner. Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve his campaigning. Motion carried.
The following bids from the 2:15 pm school bus bid opening was read as follows: Harlow's Bus Sales - \$82,156.13, North Central Bus & Equipment - \$84,395.00 and IState Truck Center - \$85,250.00. Motion by Weismantel, second Harder to approve the low bid from Harlow's. Motion carried.
The following bids from the 2:00 pm mower tractor bid opening was read as follows: Green Iron Equipment - \$20,018.62 less trade-in of \$10,000 and RDO Equipment - \$20,497.72 with no trade value listed. Motion by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the low bid from Green Iron Implement. Motion carried 5-1 with Fliehs abstaining.
Weber reported on District property/liability and workmen's compensation insurance policies

and the need to make coverage changes. Moved by Harder, second Pharis to advertise for bids and schedule a bid opening for April 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Motion carried.
The board reviewed SD Department of Health Food Service Inspections of February 25, 2020, for Groton Area Elementary and Groton Area High School. The elementary received a rating of 100 and the high school scored 99.
Moved by Gengerke, second Fliehs to approve lane change for Carrie Weisenburger from MS to MS+15, effective on the 2020-21 teaching contract. Motion carried.
Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to hire Hannah Gustafson as student custodian for \$9.45/hour. Motion carried.
Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve signed administrative contracts for 2020-21. Motion carried.
The board took a short recess at 8:28 pm and returned at 8:32 pm.
Moved by Rix, second Harder to go into executive session at 8:32 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issue (Superintendent Evaluation) and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.
President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:58 pm.
Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to adjourn. Motion carried.
M. J. Weber, Business Manager
Steven R. Smith, President
The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.
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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 February 29, 2019

	General Fund	Restricted Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Total for 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. cash	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
b. petty cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. Revenue to date	2,832,082.70	0.00	862,598.32	462,820.97	0.00	103,595.69	0.00	208,576.58	608,597.62	5,078,271.88
4. Total accounted for	4,012,228.96	32,052.21	2,435,534.26	656,260.11	0.00	261,941.64	0.00	256,309.74	883,222.08	8,537,549.00
5. Transfers out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. Expenditures to date ..	2,897,610.82	0.00	1,345,309.68	439,356.94	0.00	209,136.25	0.00	196,745.47	638,652.83	5,726,811.99
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	2,897,610.82	0.00	1,345,309.68	439,356.94	0.00	209,136.25	0.00	196,745.47	638,652.83	5,726,811.99
7. Ending Balance	1,114,618.14	32,052.21	1,090,224.58	216,903.17	0.00	52,805.39	0.00	59,564.27	244,769.25	2,810,937.01
a. checking	1,114,618.14	32,052.21	1,090,224.58	216,903.17	0.00	52,805.39	(0.00)	59,564.27	244,569.25	2,810,737.01
b. petty cash	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
February Receipts	244,589.97	0.00	52,346.89	27,751.19	0.00	5,080.50	0.00	23,778.59	109,890.72	463,437.86
February Expenses	431,282.43	0.00	5,423.43	64,147.98	0.00	600.00	0.00	24,985.71	52,130.79	578,570.34
Agency Checking	244,569.25									
District Checking	2,566,167.76									
Certificate of Deposit	0.00									
Agency Cash on Hand	200.00									
Total all Funds	2,810,937.01									

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

by **JOE SCHWAN**

The South Dakota Department of Health is providing guidance and leadership to all South Dakota residents including public school districts regarding the nationwide concerns over the spread of COVID-19 also known as the Coronavirus.

- Precautions recommended by the Department of Health to help in avoiding illness include Follow CDC's Travel Health Notices if you are traveling internationally.
- Contact your medical provider if you become ill after international travel.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze (with a tissue or into your sleeve).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or alcohol-based hand gel with at least 60% alcohol).
- Stay home if you are sick.

These recommendations are drawing new and increased attention with the widespread concern over the Coronavirus but are good advice any time and would be effective against many kinds of illness. We will continue to encourage good hand washing techniques by our students and staff members and ask that students stay home when they're sick. We currently have a good supply of appropriate disinfecting surface cleaners used by the custodial staff in cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces. We continue to have hand sanitizer available throughout each building for general use.

We will continue to follow the guidance of the CDC and state and local health officials about preparedness and responsiveness to this public health risk. We appreciate your understanding and support of these guidelines as we all work together to protect our kids and our communities.

**2020 APPRECIATION DAYS
DISCOUNTS HONORED**

Due to the COVID-19 concerns we WILL NOT be celebrating our 85th ANNIVERSARY gathering/lunch from March 23rd thru the 27th this year. The health and welfare of our customers and employees is our top priority.

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40th Annual Meeting



BDM RURAL WATER SYSTEM, INC.

The Annual Meeting planned for Monday, March 30, 2020 at the BDM Building in Britton, SD has been

POSTPONED.

If anyone has any concerns, please call the BDM Office at 605-448-5417.

We will post a notification when a future meeting date has been determined.

Sioux Falls biotech firm rushing to develop coronavirus treatment

By: Bart Pfankuch

A Sioux Falls company — with its team of scientists and a herd of genetically engineered cows — is working feverishly to develop an effective treatment for people infected with the coronavirus.

SAb Biotherapeutics has emerged as a major player in the effort to isolate and generate a viable antidote to the fast-moving virus that is sweeping across the world and the United States, so far sickening more than 140,000 and killing several thousand.

Eddie Sullivan, CEO of SAb, said the company is working on producing a polyclonal antibody therapeutic to coronavirus that it expects will be ready for the pre-clinical and clinical-trial evaluations by the end of the summer, paving the way for a potential treatment shortly thereafter, depending on the pace of regulatory approval.

“The important thing to know is that our capacity and technology allow us to produce a candidate therapeutic more rapidly than any other technology available,” Sullivan said.

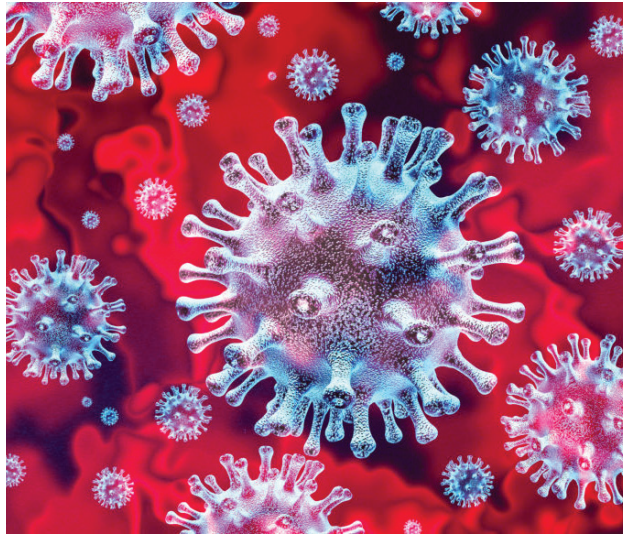
If successful, Sullivan said, SAb’s coronavirus treatment has the potential to be extremely effective because it may not only kill the virus but also help to reduce symptoms of the disease. These include fever, dry cough and shortness of breath, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure. Some patients with the disease, especially the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions, can die.

“Our therapeutic will neutralize the virus, because it’s a polyclonal antibody,” Sullivan said. “But it also works in conjunction with the rest of the immune system to not only eliminate the virus, but to help the patient with inflammation and all the other things associated with activation of the immune system.”

For nearly 20 years, SAb has been developing and perfecting a unique method of using genetically engineered cows as the source from which to harvest antibodies that can fight human diseases such as influenza, diabetes and cancer. The company originated at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and moved its headquarters to Sioux Falls in 2002, Sullivan said. The company now operates from a site on 60th Street North in Sioux Falls, just southwest of the intersection of Interstates 90 and 229.

SAb is focused on producing antibodies targeted at the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes the COVID-19 disease, commonly referred to as the coronavirus that is causing illnesses and deaths.

The virus has infected about 140,000 people and killed more than 4,700 worldwide; South Dakota had eight known cases with one death as of March 12, though Gov. Kristi Noem said she expects more cases will become known



This image shows a microscopic view of the COVID-19 virus.

as the virus takes hold.

Polyclonal antibodies are the proteins created by the body to fight invading diseases by creating an immune response that attacks and ideally kills the invading pathogen.

The first big breakthrough by SAb was developing a way to genetically engineer the cows so that rather than producing bovine antibodies, the cows produce human antibodies that effectively fight diseases in people.

Furthermore, the company has developed an immuno-therapy platform in which the antibodies created by the cows are targeted at specific diseases, making them far more effective and faster than other treatments at fighting specific diseases within a human being.

“What it allows us to do is to vaccinate these animals, or immunize them, in the same way we would to immunize ourselves against influenza or any other type of disease where we’re creating these antibodies inside our own bodies,” Sullivan said. “We’re doing that inside these animals, producing larger quantities of highly targeted antibodies against a disease of interest, and then we’re harvesting those antibodies from the animals.”

The antibodies are harvested from the cows’ plasma within their blood. In a harmless procedure, the plasma is removed from the cows two or three times per month.

Sullivan said the company does not work directly with the actual virus, but rather subunits of the virus that are not infectious, so the animals are not harmed and there is no chance of the process spreading the virus to humans.

SAb had previously developed antibodies it believes will be effective in fighting other diseases related to the coronavirus, including the common flu. None of SAb’s therapeutics has yet to make it to market, though its flu treatment and others are in clinical development, including a treatment for the Middle East

Respiratory Coronavirus, a disease very similar to COVID-19.

“You have to know that regardless of whether there is what you might consider an emerging disease, like coronavirus or any other, there are very specific requirements that any company with any candidate product has to go through in order to be able to move it into the clinic,” Sullivan said. “That requires development of the product, testing of the product, evaluation of the safety of the product, and all that must be done prior to initiating a clinical trial and putting it into humans.”

To speed up development of a COVID-19 treatment, the staff and scientists at SAb are working through the complicated processes associated with bringing a treatment to the public by completing as many steps as possible at the same time.

The company recently started producing antibodies targeted specifically at treating COVID-19, Sullivan said. The company is now partnering with federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration and university researchers to simultaneously go through the process of testing and approval rather than taking those steps in a linear fashion, Sullivan said.

“We have essentially lit up our entire network of universities and other government agencies and partners we have worked [with] in the past in order to not only develop the product, but move it into testing and eventually into the clinic as quickly as possible,” he said. “The speed at which we can move depends upon a lot of these various groups and how fast they can move as well.”

Meanwhile, other companies and scientists are working to develop a vaccine for COVID-19 that would be given to healthy people in order to prevent them from contracting the disease. Both points of attack — preventive vaccines and therapies that treat the sick — are needed to successfully slow or stop a virus from spreading, Sullivan said.

A separate segment of the biotherapy industry is looking for ways to alter or repurpose existing products to see whether they are effective at treating COVID-19, Sullivan said. SAb is hopeful that any product it develops will be more effective than repurposed medications because its antibodies will be targeted specifically at COVID-19.

SAb, which has about 50 employees, has found South Dakota to be a great place to perform its research and development of therapeutic treatments, Sullivan said. The environment is welcoming to the cows that produce the antibodies, and the region has provided a stable pool of competent researchers and employees, he said.

“Great science happens in South Dakota, and we have the opportunity to do something that can be helpful all over the world,” Sullivan said.

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COVID-19

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That's the struggle behind the health care aspect of it. Yes, we don't want to get up in arms and yes, we don't want to be reactive, but we need to be proactive, or we are going to have a problem that we can't fix. Speaking from an Avera employee, we don't have the resources. We are the largest hospital treating how many counties and if everyone gets it at one time, a choice has to be made who dies. It could be you, it could be a family member, it could be someone close to you. I know this affects businesses. It's scary. If we get ahead of this and we don't have such a huge impact, I think that's a better plan."

Mike Weber talked about the school's aspect on COVID-19. "They are making plans for tele-education in case we don't go back to school, which I would say right now is a 50:50 chance that we're done for the year. They are planning to use the Public Broadcasting System to offer classes that kids can tune into during the day and get a lesson plan. I assume it will be taught by the educators in Pierre and then our local teachers will follow up daily or weekly to see if the kids are tuning in to get the lesson plan. The state is making plans right now to finish the education process for this year at home."

Mike went on to say that whatever the state is passing on, it's important to relay that information locally. "If the state is recommending not to close businesses, that needs to be relayed locally so people will frequent the businesses. Get that out to the public. Whatever guidance they are giving you, get it out to the public right away."

"My son is a physical therapy doctor in Omaha and they had a session last week. He told me that the time frame for the Midwest is going to be between April and June when it gets here. It will probably go into the summer, so be prepared."

While there was an emphasis of doing more home deliveries. Samantha Bahr from the Jungle said, "I can tell you right now that we're not going to make it with deliveries and take-out orders." Dion Bahr said, "Until the governor says something, I don't see why we have to change. If Aberdeen is not going to stop, then why should we?" Kesterson did not mince words. "If you keep doing what you're doing, you're going to kill people." Dion said there is a bowling alley still open in Aberdeen and there are places for kid's to go in Aberdeen that are still open." Kesterson said, "That's because there is a lack of education." Samantha said that she is doing more cleaning than ever. Kesterson replied, "Cleaning doesn't mean anything. You need to limit contact with people."

Hamilton then added there are a number of snowbirds coming back to South Dakota. "The governor is hanging her hat on the virus coming in from the outside. What do you do with the snowbirds? Do you have those people self quarantine for 14 days? That decision needs to be made. Those are the carriers that could feasibly bring this into Groton. So what do you do about that? Locke said, "I think they are using their heads, especially the elderly people."

Mayor Scott Hanlon said, "We'll keep everyone informed. We need to try and do the best we can and support each other. Try to limit the human touch as much as possible. Pull together as a community to make this work."

In other city council business:

A special event retail liquor license was approved for the Groton Firemen's event April 25.

Nicole Marzahn gave a skating rink report. "It was a really good season," she said. The season ran from December through the end of February. She said that people donated hot chocolate and that went over good.

Those hired for this summer are: Matt Locke, baseball and softball coordinator and Legion Coach; Seth Erickson, assistant Legion coach; Dalton Locke, junior Legion coach; Spencer Locke, junior teenager coach; Aaron Severson,

public works and junior teenager coach; Sue Fjeldheim, U14 softball coach; Kayla Krause, U12 softball coach; Alyssa Thaler, softball coach (age unspecified); Rebecca Padfield, concessions; Tashayla Featherman and Bradin Althoff, ticket takers; Wyatt Locke, 12, 10 and 8U day coach; Jordan Bjerke, Steven Paulson, Lee Iverson and Tristan Traphagen, groundskeepers; Brian Gravatt, cemetery maintenance; Kami Lipp, Karla Pasteur and Tricia Keith, pool manager; and lifeguards are Brenda Madsen, Alexis Hanten, Allyssa Locke, Eliza Wanner, Grace Wambach, Jackson Cogley, Jasmine Schinkel, Kaden Kurtz, Kayce Hawkins, Madeline Flihs, Nicole Marzahn, Tadyn Glover, Tanae Lipp, Tessa Erdmann, Trista Keith, Cody Swanson, Kellie Hanson, Shallyn Foertsch, Aspen Johnson, Andrew Marzahn, Marlee Tollifson, Jacob Lewandowski, Gracie Traphagen and Jacelynn Gleason.

Election workers hired were Joyce Grenz, Julie Hinds, Wanda Hamilton and Linda Locken at \$11 an hour. So far, the election is planned for April 14th, but that is subject to change.

- Paul Kosel



Coronavirus School Closure - Meal Availability

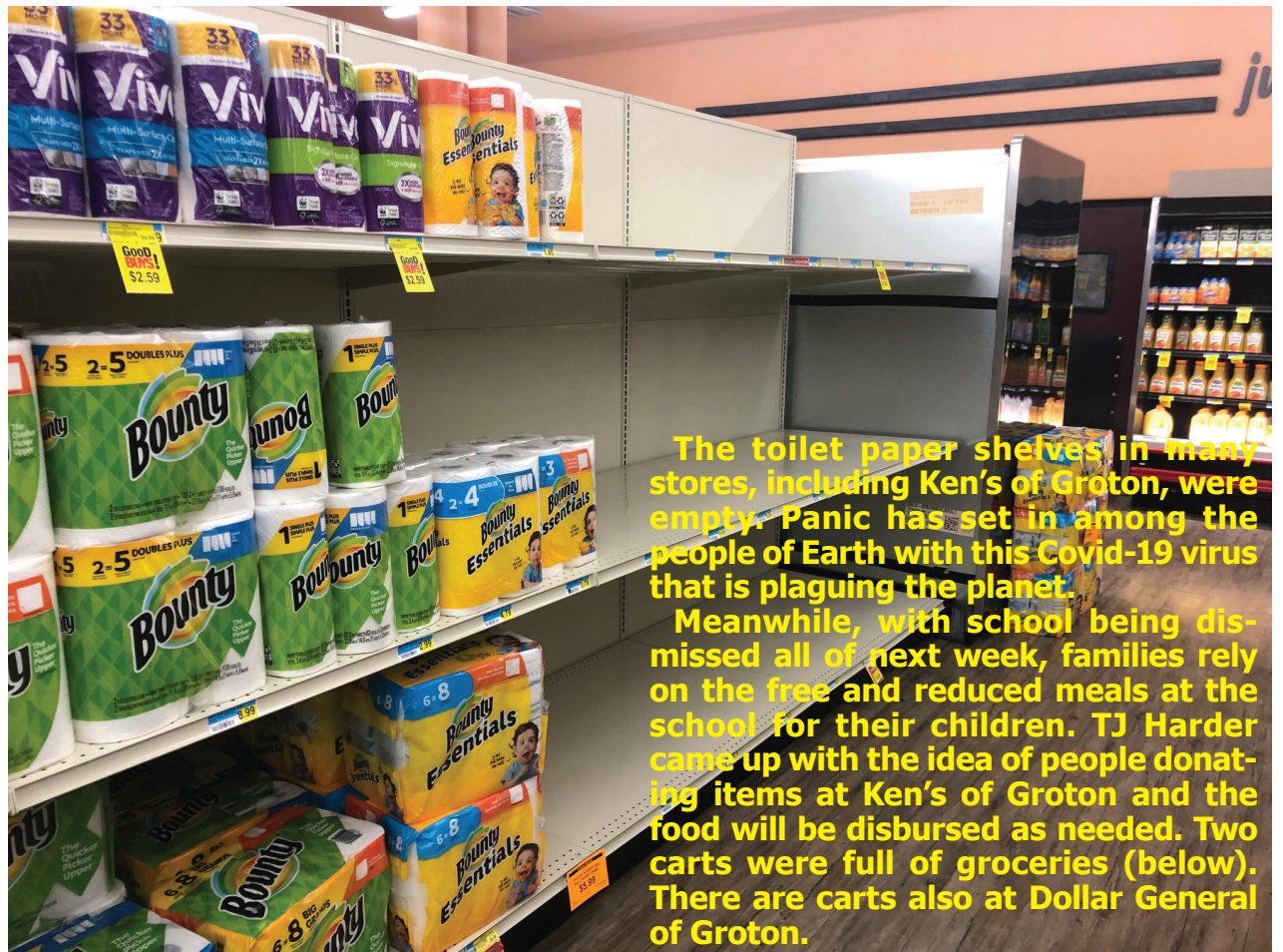
The Groton Area School District, through the contributions of generous community members, will be offering free lunches to children aged 1 through grade 12 regardless of whether a family meets income criteria for free or reduced priced meals. Sack lunch meals will be served from the Groton Area Elementary school main entrance from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM daily from Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, March 20. Lunches will be "grab and go" and provided at no cost. It is critically important for all community members that all individuals follow CDC guidelines for staying home if you are sick.

To help assist those members of our school community that live outside of the town of Groton and wish to receive meals, we want to assist in getting those meals to you. Please contact Joe Schwan at Joe.Schwan@k12.sd.us or 605-397-2351 (leave a message if no answer) for assistance in getting this service established for your family.

As the week progresses, we will be evaluating the effectiveness of this program and making modifications as necessary as well as developing contingencies in the event this service is required for a longer period of time.

If you wish to help financially support this important work, please contact Amanda Morehouse at the school business office at Amanda.Morehouse@k12.sd.us or 605-397-2351.

In addition, there is currently food available for families at Ken's Food Fair in Groton. Carts of donated food are available at the front of the store to help families with their nutritional needs. If you or someone you know is in need of support, stop at Ken's and take what you need.



The Life of Sandra June Clocksene



The funeral service for Sandra 'Sandy' June Clocksene, 76, of Aberdeen, SD, will be 11:00am, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney, with Pastor Lloyd Redhage officiating. Burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen. Sandra died Friday, March 13, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

Visitation will be 3:00-7:00pm, Monday, with family present from 5:00-7:00pm, followed by a prayer service at 7:00pm, at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 South Main Street.

Sandra June Olson was born June 8, 1943, to Engval 'Inky' and Agnes (Zimmerman) Olson in Aberdeen. Her family lived in Houghton, Columbia and Westport when she was growing up. In 1949, they moved to Aberdeen. In high school Sandra was active in a musical group. She graduated from Central High School in 1961. After high school she worked at Foster Adjustment.

On September 5, 1965, Sandra was united in marriage to Carroll Clocksene at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. Together they made their home on a farm near Groton, SD. Sandra and Carroll worked together on the farm for many years. Sandra was a substitute teacher at the Groton High School for many years. After Carroll died on March 2, 2011, Sandra moved to Aberdeen and has lived there since with her sister, Rita, in the house that they were raised in.

Sandra was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney. She was a past member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Groton. She enjoyed the outdoors, keeping up her yard, gardening, and always decorated her house for holidays. Sandra was known for her baking and taught her granddaughters to bake. When they were younger, Sandra and Carroll played on bowling leagues. They liked to camp and travel. Some of Sandra's favorite trips were to Disney World and taking cruises. She was an avid Northern State University basketball fan. Having coffee with her friends and classmates was a favorite pastime of hers. Sandra was totally devoted to her family. There is nothing that she would not do for her daughters and grandchildren.

Grateful for having shared Sandra's life are her daughters: Michelle (Roger) Clemensen, Conde, SD, and Tricia (Todd) Vander Linden, Webster, SD; her grandchildren: Logan (Megan) Clemensen, Shay Clemensen, Abby Vander Linden, and Kelsey Vander Linden; one great-grandchild: Adalynn Clemensen and her sibling who is expected in May; her sister: Rita Olson, Aberdeen; sister-in-law: Marilyn Clocksene, Groton; and her cousins: Tom (Jill) Olson and Bob (Cheri) Olson.

Preceding Sandra in death are her husband: Carroll Clocksene; her parents: Engval 'Inky' and Agnes Olson; her brother: Bruce Olson; a nephew: Roger Olson; and her father-in-law Lyle Clocksene and special mother-in-law: Louise Clocksene.

www.spitzerfuneralhome.com

Death Notice: Madelin Daly

Madelin Daly, 95 of Jamestown and formerly of Groton passed away March 14, 2020 at Eventide in Jamestown, ND. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Pappas is First Alternate to National Debate Contest

The GHS Debate Team wrapped up the 2019-20 season at the National Speech and Debate Congressional Debate National Qualifying tournament in Aberdeen on March 12, 2020. Representing Groton was senior KaSandra Pappas and juniors Sam Pappas, Hailey Monson, and Sage Mortenson. At this contest S Pappas was placed as first alternate to the 2020 National Debate Contest.



Sam Pappas was placed as first alternate to the 2020 National Debate Contest. (Courtesy Photo)



KaSandra Pappas, Sam Pappas, Hailey Monson and Sage Mortenson. (Courtesy Photo)

Groton Coffee cup League

March 17 Team Standings: Biker Chix 29, Ten Pins 28, James Valley 23, Kens 16.

High Games: Vickie Kramp 172, Joyce Walter 171, Mary Jane Jark 167, Mayme Baker 167.

High Series: Sam Bahr 472, Mary Jane Jark 464, Vickie Kramp 461

Conde National League

March 17 Team Standings: Cubs 33 winners of second half, Giants 28, Mets 26, Tigers 25, Braves 24, Pirates 20.

Men's High Games: Ryan Bethke 217, Butch Farmen 215, Lance Frohling 200

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 565, Troy Lindberg 514, Russ Bethke 491

Mud Creek Annual Meeting Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BROWN COUNTY MUD CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT AND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF MANAGERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Annual Meeting of the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District, will be held in the Roger Rix Shop, located at 12960 406th Avenue, Groton, South Dakota on April 23, 2020 at 8:00 p.m., during which annual meeting the eligible voters in the district shall elect, by ballot, under

the direction of the secretary of the district, managers to replace those whose terms have expired. Any party interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Managers for the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District shall file their written application with Grant Rix, Secretary of the Board of Managers, at 12960 406th Avenue, Groton, South Dakota 57445 at least thirty (30) days prior to elections pursuant to SDCL 46A-14-38. All managers and candidates shall be eligible voters of the district or designees of eligible voters of the district as provided in SDCL 46A-14-15.1. Upon the election of the managers of the district, officers of the district shall be elected by the managers, except the secretary/

treasurer shall be appointed by the managers; and any other personnel of the district may be appointed or hired by the managers. Additionally, at such annual meeting any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and any other matters relevant to the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District. Grant Rix, Secretary, Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District. (0318.0325) Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$36.43. 18785

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