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# Groton holds Memorial Day Program

Groton was one of few places where a full Memorial Day program was held. The event, as usual, was held at the Groton Union Cemetery. The roll call of 313 Veterans buried at the cemetery was read by Tami Zimney and Deb Fredrickson. The Groton American Legion Post #39 had the 21-gun salute and Legion Commander Robert Wegner raised the flag to full mast after the event.

The event was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM and also some of those in attendance stayed in their vehicle and listened to the speakers on their FM radio.



**Lyle G. Bien, vice admiral, United States Navy, was the guest speaker.**  
 (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Pictured are Legion Commander Robert Wegner, Legion Auxiliary Members who read the role call Tami Zimney and Deb Frederickson, and guest speaker, Lyle G. Bein.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



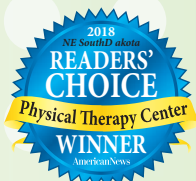
**The 21-gun salute was presented by the Groton American Legion Post #39.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Groton Legion Commander Robert Wegner raises the flag to full mast after the Memorial Day program.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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**Groton City Meeting Minutes**  
 May 19, 2020

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: Wells, Cutler, McGannon, Babcock, Blackmun and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Paul Kosel, Kami Lipp, Karla Pasteur, Tricia Keith, Matt Locke, Terry Herron, Lars Hanson, Kathy Sundermeyer, and Doug Hamilton. Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, and Locke presented proposed guidelines that could be followed for the baseball program. He requested that the City would remove the postponement of the baseball program. Hamilton explained the Legion baseball program.

Ken Hier entered the meeting at 7:07pm.

Lipp presented CDC guidelines that would be followed if the City opened the swimming pool.

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

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

Payroll, \$18,797.40, Employee salaries (Administrative, \$3,366.25, Public Safety, \$6,501.63, Public Works, \$8,929.52); First State Bank, \$6,389.45, SS and WH; Hauge Associates, \$360.00, Payroll garnishment; Dakotaland FCU, \$466.66, HSA contributions; First State Bank, \$1,050.00, Employee savings; James Valley, \$548.35, Phone and internet; Web Water, \$15,030.66, Water 4/20; Mjs Sinclair, \$550.30, Gas; McLeod's Printing, \$43.30, Absentee ballots; Ken's Food Fair, \$490.90, Gas, paper products; Totally Tubular, \$322.30, 24 square tubes (Funded by Foundation donation); Heartland Waste, \$8,005.69, Garbage hauling 4/20; EcoLab, \$106.00, Pest control; WAPA, \$17,468.94, Power 4/20; Groton Ford, \$21.55, Flat tire repair blue Tahoe; Famers Union, \$212.80, Fuel; JGE, \$38.33, Skid loader bolt, top lock; Menards, \$99.98, Fans; RDO, \$208.75, Mower battery replacement; Bierschbach,

\$2,972.00, Trash pump, hose, strainer, adaptor; Michael Todd, \$714.97, Sweeper deflector, shoe runner, strip, bolt on gutter broom; The Electric Company of SD, \$3,673.48, Install conduit near RR Ave, hydro vac and excavating and boring; Dakota Pump & Control, \$1,064.75, Abeln hydromatic pump repair; Dakota Pump & Control, \$545.92, Aspen lift pump repair service; Dakota Pump & Control, \$2,517.49, Aspen pump, bearings, seals, orings, seal probes, terminal board; Dakota Pump & Control, \$596.94, Hanlon service call, replace lower seal on west pump; Weber Landscaping, \$211.05, 3 boulevard trees; Hansmeier & Son, \$58.75, Lawn mix; Harry Implement, \$14.30, Cemetery mower fuel filters; Heartland Power, \$54,951.72, Power 4/20; .

Hier explained that bids for the water tower project were opened May 12th, 2020 and came in higher than estimated. Clark Engineering recommended to award Schedule B and C of the project. The board was concerned with being in compliance with the loan agreement by not awarding all three schedules. The decision to award contracts was tabled on a motion by Cutler and seconded by McGannon. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Wells to approve the April finance report. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:01pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:43pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to start the baseball season June 1st. All members voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Wells to open the swimming pool June 1st. Wells, Cutler, McGannon, Blackmun voted aye. Babcock voted nay.

Moved to renew the previous motion to hire seasonal employees for the summer of 2020 by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun. All members voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to approve the second reading of Ordinance #734 Amending 4-4-1 Removing Fowl Restrictions. Wells, Cutler, McGannon, Babcock voted aye. Blackmun voted nay.

Moved by Wells and seconded

by Babcock to hold June Council meetings on the 3rd and 16th. All members voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Cutler to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
 Hope Block, Finance Officer  
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**Groton City Ordinance 734 Chickens Allowed**  
 ORDINANCE NO. 734

An Ordinance entitled "Removing Fowl Restrictions", an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4-4 Miscellaneous Nuisances.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Groton, South Dakota, that Ordinance No. 734 amend Groton City Title 4 Health Code 4-4-1 Section I to read as follows:

Farm and Other Live Animals.

The keeping of live farm animals which are deemed to include horses, cattle, swine, sheep, and other animals that are normally raised or kept on farms, the keeping of live wild animals, and the keeping of any live animal in a manner so as to cause a public nuisance within the city limits, except this shall not apply to property which is within the municipal boundaries of the City of Groton and zoned "Ag" as defined by the Groton zoning map unless such keeping of animals within rural property is deemed to constitute a public nuisance.

1. Chickens may only be kept within areas of the city zoned to permit single family dwellings as outlined below. NO ROOSTERS ARE ALLOWED.

5 HENS ALLOWED

ROOSTERS NOT ALLOWED

2. Up to 5 hens will be allowed on a residential lot. Residents may possess the same number of brooding chicks (not more than 6 weeks old) for the cyclical replacement of hens, but not for the purpose of sale or resale.

3. Roosters are prohibited.

4. Chicken breeding is prohibited. Cockerels (a young male chicken) must be culled from broods when identified.

5. A separate coop is required to house the chickens. The coop must have an exercise yard, run, or yard fencing sufficient to confine the chickens at all times.

6. Minimum Standards for Chicken Facilities:

a. Chicken facilities must be located in the rear or side yard. CHICKENS MAY NOT BE LOCATED IN THE FRONT YARD.

b. Any chicken-related structures (i.e., coop, cage, pen, etc.) must be setback from the property lines as required by the zoning district for structures on the real property. Such structures will still require a building permit as specified by Part 18 of the Planning and Zoning Ordinances.

c. Coop construction and materials must be adequate to prevent access by rodents.

d. Coops must be maintained in good repair.

e. Coops or cages housing chickens must be at least twenty (20) feet from the door or window of a neighbor's occupied structure.

f. Coops and manure storage must be at least twenty (20)

feet from streams, tributaries, ditches, storm water management facilities, drop inlets, or other storm drainage areas that would allow fecal matter to enter any city storm drainage system or stream. Dumping chicken manure into the city's storm drainage system is prohibited.

g. Chickens must not be housed in a residential house or an attached or detached garage. Only chicks not more than 6 weeks old can be kept in the house or garage.

h. All chicken areas must be kept clean from filth, garbage, and any substances which attract rodents.

i. The coop and its surrounding area must be cleaned frequently enough to control odor. Manure and coop waste cannot accumulate in a way that causes an unsanitary condition or causes odors detectable on another property.

j. Manure and coop waste that is not composted or immediately spread as fertilizer must be disposed of properly.

k. Chickens cannot become a nuisance to the occupants of adjacent property.

l. Slaughtering of chickens must be done inside or in a way that it is not visible to the public or neighbors. Dead chickens must be disposed of within 24 hours after death. Legal forms of chicken carcass disposal include burial and off-site incineration or rendering.

m. All grain and food stored for the chickens must be kept in a rodent proof container.

n. Visibility of chickens by the public or surrounding neighbors must be substantially obstructed by a fence, hedge, shrub, or other obstruction at a height of 5 feet above ground level.

7. City Impoundment:

Due to the risk of disease, the Groton Police Department cannot receive and hold (i.e., impound) chickens that come into the possession of the Police Officer. Therefore, the Police Officer is authorized to euthanize and properly dispose of any chickens found running at large or that come into the officer's possession.

8. Violations:

a. Any person violating the chicken ordinance may have his or her right to have chickens revoked and be found guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. The punishment for a Class 2 misdemeanor is a sentence of up to 30 days in the Brown County Jail, a fine of \$500, or both.

b. Any person violating the chicken ordinance may be required to reimburse the City for its costs to enforce the ordinance.

c. All chickens of any person violating the chicken ordinance may be forfeited to the City where they would be euthanized by the Police Officer.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
 Hope Block, Finance Officer  
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 Passed Second Reading: 5/19/20

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## Groton School

### Notice of Election

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

A School District Election will be held on June 2, 2020, in all the voting precincts in Groton Area School District No. 06-6. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central standard time on the day of the election.

At the election, the following offices will be voted upon:  
Two, 3-year terms for school board member between:

Jason Bickel  
Steven R. Smith  
Grant Rix

The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows:  
Andover Area Precinct #1, (which includes Andover Town, Andover Township and Farmington Township) – Andover Other Place.

Bristol Area Precinct #2, (which includes Bristol Town, Butler Town, Lily Town, Bristol Township, Butler Township, Kidder Township, Lynn Township, Oak Gulch Township, Scotland Township, Troy Township, Union Township, Valley Township and York Township as well as Clark County residents in Warren Township) – Bristol Community Center.

Columbia Area Precinct #3, (which includes the City of Columbia, Brainard Township #7, Shelby Township #8, Cambria Township #15, and Garland Township #46,) – Columbia Legion.

Groton Area Precinct #4, (which includes the City of Groton, Wards 1, 2, & 3, and Claremont Township #10, Riverside Township #16, Groton Township #17, Henry Township #18, Bath Township #19, Gem Township #24, East Hanson Township #25, Garden Prairie Township #26 East Rondell Township #27, Bates Township #44, Putney Township #48, and West Hanson Township #49 as well as Spink County residents in Beotia Township, Conde Township and Olean Township) – Groton Community Center.

Voters with disabilities may contact the business official for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Michael J. Weber, Business Official

Groton Area School District  
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## Groton City Notice of Election

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON  
A Municipal Election will be held on June 2, 2020 in Groton South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central time on the day of the election.

At the election, the following questions will be voted upon or offices will be filled:

Alderman Ward 2  
Troy Lindberg  
Damian Bahr

The polling place in each precinct of this municipality is as follows:

Groton Community Center,  
109 N 3rd Street, Groton, SD

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the municipal finance officer at (insert phone number) before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Block, Groton City Finance Officer

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## Brown County Notice of Election

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, in all the voting precincts in Brown County.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven

p.m. central time on the day of the election.

The polling place in each precinct of this county is as follows:

1-1 Aberdeen Mall, 3315 6th Ave SE Aberdeen, SD 57401

1-2 Best Western Ramkota, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401

1-3 Brown County Community Courthouse, 25 Market St Aberdeen, SD 57401

1-4 Columbia Legion, 102 N Broadway St, Columbia, SD 57433

1-5 Westport Town Hall, 13 W Main St, Westport 57481

1-6 Warner Community Center, 11 W Main St, Warner 57479

1-7 Stratford Community Center, 293 E Rondell Ave, Stratford 57474

1-8 Groton Community Center, 109 N 3rd St, Groton 57445

1-9 Claremont City Hall, 606 6th Ave, Claremont 57432

1-10 Hecla Community Center, 206 Main St, Hecla 57446

1-11 Frederick Community Center, 2nd Ave, Frederick 57441

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor at 605-626-7110 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Cathy McNickle, County Auditor

Brown County

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## Brown County Farigronds Drainage Bid

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown

County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market

Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:45 A.M on June 2nd, 2020, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project – Infield Drainage at the Brown County Fairgrounds Grandstands. Project to consist of install inlets and drain pipe (HDPE located on grounds), remove material (if needed), load and drop (from fill pile located on grounds) fill, provide, deliver and install base-course (crushed concrete is preferred), and grade for drainage back to inlets.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market

Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope.

"Fairgrounds Grandstand Infield Drainage" to be opened on June 2, 2020.

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

Performance Bond: 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 and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Fair, 400 24th Ave NW, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and obtained at no charge. Phone: 605-626-7116. Walkthroughs can be set up on request.

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle

Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County May 19, 2020 General Meeting

MAY 19, 2020 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippley at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Sutton, Wiese, and Fjeldheim. Commis-

sioner Feickert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of May 12, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAMS:

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

Professional Fees: AMG – Emergency \$1,185.70; Avera St Luke's Radiology \$494.33; Avera St. Luke's Clinic Division \$147.36; Carlsen Funeral Home \$162.23; Carrels & Bain Family Dental \$280.63; Certified Languages \$562.65; Dohrer Law Office \$962.30; GBR Interpreting \$120.00; Tiffany Hanson \$100.00; Haar Law Office \$62.40; Independent Viking Glass \$803.57; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$534.00; Lucy Lewno \$160.00; Darcy Lockwood \$15.00; Marco \$2,399.76; Pipestone County Court Administrator \$42.00; Sanford Clinic \$264.43; Sanford Health \$100.20; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$212.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$10,493.71; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$782.25; US Bank 228.44. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$2,634.81; Groton Independent \$307.30. Rentals: 446-Praxair \$26.71. Repairs & Maintenance: Cintas \$155.90; Do-All Insulation \$4,100.00; Double A Plumbing \$687.54; Double D Body Shop \$3,751.56; Fordham Signs & Design \$345.25; Hoven Auto Repair \$48.00; Lang's TV & Appliance \$160.00; Leidholt Electric \$63.39; Nelson Sales & Service \$24.09; Pump's Tire Service \$1,021.85; Schwan Welding \$514.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$54.46; US Bank \$6,069.64. Supplies: 446-Praxair \$954.43; American Alliance of Museums \$275.00; Carlsen Funeral Home \$375.00; CBP \$17.01; Chris & Dan's Tarp & Canvas Repair \$448.44; CNA Surety \$50.00; Dooley Enterprises \$669.00; Geffdog \$668.54; GovConnection \$694.75; Harvest Gardens \$133.38; HF Jacobs & Son \$24,988.50; LG Everist \$1,627.69; Lucy Lewno \$6.50; McKesson Medical \$20.95; Menards \$77.69; Midstates Printing \$14.56; NVC \$26.76; Pharmchem \$727.50; Pheasantland Industries \$1,990.05; Pump's Tire Service \$61.00; Running's \$146.54; US Bank \$18,779.91; Van Diest Supply \$4,298.25; West Payment Center \$1,768.18. Travel & Conf.: US Bank \$115.00. Utilities: A-1 Sanitation \$147.92; Aberdeen City Treasurer \$931.49; Century Link \$1,237.19; Dependable Sanitation \$348.00; James Valley Telecommunication \$218.70; Northern Electric \$2,044.96; NWPS \$1,749.07; NVC \$4,155.61; Kelsi Thilmony-Vinger \$20.00; US Bank \$548.99; Verizon Wireless \$3,464.02. Other: JRWD \$74,279.37; Safe Harbor \$766.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Wiese to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge resignation of Breanne Bjerke, Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; effective May 28, 2020 and approve request to fill vacancy. Acknowledge retirement of Dana Breske, Brown County Highway Department, full-time, effective May 28, 2020. Approve hiring of Jennie Hubert as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer; full-time, starting wage \$16.65 per hour, effective May 18, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following fair contracts for the 2020 Brown County Fair: Alicia Krueger (4H Judge) @ \$50.00; Russ Maier (judging battle of the times) @ \$200; Katie Saterbak (4H Judge) \$150; Randy and Phyllis Woehl (4H judge) @ \$100; John Ellertson (4H Judge) @ \$150. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SET HEARING DATE- WASTE TIRE BID:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date to consider sealed bids for landfill waste tire cleanup. Hearing set for June 9th at 8:45 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GRANT REQUEST AMENDMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize chair sign letter to SD DENR request a funding increase for the 2020 tire recycling grant application. Requesting increase of \$40,000 due to increase in waste tires to

be recycled. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following April 2020 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JDAI PROGRAM UPDATE:

Kelsi Vinger, JDAI Coordinator met to give an update on juvenile diversion rates and JDAI coordination efforts.

GRANT SUPPORT LETTER- JDAI:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to authorize chair sign support letter for continued grant funding of JDAI program in Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GRANT AGREEMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize chair sign grant agreement DR-4440 with SD Department of Public Safety for federal funds related to area flooding. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Scott Meints, emergency manager, met to discuss COVID-19 and leasing county buildings for events during COVID-19 Pandemic. Discussion only, no action taken.

COUNTY ROAD 5:

Commissioner Feickert commented on the condition of County Road 5 and impact of high truck traffic from Beef Plant. Discussion only, no action taken.

DRAINAGE ISSUE:

Commissioner Kippley commented on a drainage issue from a landowner along County Road 13. Right of Way access request will be presented by landowner at a later meeting. Discussion only, no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to go into executive session to discuss legal per SDCL 1-25-2(3). 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 10:03a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Waste Tire Contractor Bid

NOTICE TO WASTE TIRE CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, until 8:45 A.M. on June 9, 2020, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for the 2020 BROWN COUNTY WASTE TIRE CLEANUP.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "2020 BROWN COUNTY WASTE TIRE CLEANUP", to be opened on June 9, 2020 at 8:45 A.M.

PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: The proposal guarantee required and must accompany each bid is a certified check, cashier's check or bank draft. This guarantee must be certified or issued by a national or state bank and payable at sight to Brown County, South Dakota in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. In lieu thereof, bidder may furnish a bid bond of ten percent (10%) of the bid, such bond is to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County, South Dakota.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Auditor's Office and the Brown County Solid Waste Department Office and may be obtained at no charge.

Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0527.0603)

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## Frederick Town May 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Frederick  
May 13, 2020 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday May 13, 2020 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman R. Scott Campbell, Board members Troy Millard and Jeff Kosters, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer Diane Bruns and Mariah Heine, Taylor Sumption, and joined mid-meeting was Craig Larson.

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. The May accounts payable was approved with the exception to move the expense of a new mower from the Board Fund to Cemetery Fund with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,470.68; Aberdeen Asphalt snow removal Sts \$1,187.50; Badger Meter meter fees Wtr \$115.70; Bev Wright deposit refund Wtr Dep \$40; Century Bus Products printer lease & copies Gen'l \$83.63; Community Store supplies Mun Bldg \$20.36; D. Bruns CC \$134.99; D. Bruns exp Gen'l \$26.22; D. Bruns wage FO \$1,259.25; Dale Geffre repair Firehall door Mun Bldg \$45; EFP's Fed. Taxes Gen'l/FO/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr \$694.14; FDC Econ Dev \$1,200; FU Oil Co fuel Mun Bldg \$667.20; Frohling Law Office letter WWVP \$371.25; GDI minutes Gen'l \$40.26; J. Kosters wage Gen'l \$46.17; JC Campbell, Inc insurance Gen'l \$7,330; John Deere mower Cem \$5,662.20; JVT phone/svc/int FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l \$338.46; M. Cox wage EBL \$356.63; M. Heine wage FO \$922.50; R. Bakeberg exp Mun Bldg \$16.25; R. Bakeberg wage St/Wtr/Swr \$292.21; R. Bakeberg veh. Allow St/Wtr/Swr \$75; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Dept of Health wastewater test Swr \$102; SD Dept of Rev Sale Tax Grbg \$79.64; SDARWS annual dues Wtr \$345; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$425; Visa stamps Gbg/Wtr/Swr \$220; WEB Waste Wtr \$2,863.72

OLD BUSINESS

Diane Bruns provided a utility report drawn from notes provided by Rich Bakeberg. The lock for the bathrooms at Simmons Park were broken. The locks have been replaced and signs for the bathrooms to mark them as closed will be put up. In the past, Frederick Forward has put on a clean-up day. As Frederick Forward is currently inactive, the city provided dumpsters for the town in April. No report from the Historical Society. The Emma Burnham library will remain closed until further notice. The Frederick Development Corporation is looking into a possible tax break for those wanting to build the upcoming senior living facilities, and they are moving forward with their project. The Board discussed moving some city funds into an account that would generate more interest. They decided to move \$200,000 of city funds into a money market savings account with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. There was a noise complaint, and the city will be sending a letter to the resident. A new bill for the wastewater project will be discussed with Val Jensen at USDA to be paid next month with loan funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections were held for open Board member seats. The meeting was run by Diane Bruns, Finance Officer. Scott Campbell renewed his seat on the board for a three-year term; he read and signed his Oath of Office. Jeff Kosters secured a seat on the board after serving the remainder of Gary Schlosser's term. He will serve a two-year term; Kosters read and signed his Oath of Office. The nominations for Chairman were opened followed by a nomination of Campbell by Kosters. Millard motioned to stop nominations, seconded by Kosters. After a

vote, Campbell remains Chairman. The meeting was turned back over to be led by Campbell at this time. The official depository is to remain First National Bank of Frederick with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried with Campbell abstaining. The official newspaper is to remain the Groton Independent with a motion by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. The official attorney is to remain Dana Frohling with a motion by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Taylor Sumption was present to discuss a new building on the hilltop between the gas station and seed buildings. He attended the meeting to ask the Board about subdividing the lots. The Board was okay with it, and Sumption will go ahead with getting it plat and bring it back for official approval. The Board viewed the first quarter Wayside Cemetery Fund report. They also noted the 2020 tax levy from Brown County Equalization. Northern Valley Communications asked the city about putting a propane tank outside of the fenced area under the water tower. They are putting a generator inside the fence for their cell tower, but there is not room for a propane tank. The Board told NVC this was fine. Craig Larson reported that he tore down the small building on his lot.

Motion to adjourn made by Kosters/Millard at 7:29 PM.

M. Heine  
Assistant Finance Officer  
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## Claremont Town May 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020

The board of trustees for the Town of Claremont met in regular session on 5-12-20 at city hall 1 pm. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Rasmussen present. Spencer absent. The minutes of the April meeting were presented and on a motion by Johnson were approved. On a motion by Johnson seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed: General: First State Bank, Loan payment, 573.55; Jack Klungr, road grading, 56.00; Titan Machinery, swivel parking jack, 135.98; GDI, publishing, 18.80; NWE, lights, 407.33; James Valley, Phone and internet, 92.49; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Charla Rye, paper trimmer 31.05; WSSW: Helms and Asso. Wastewater design prase, 6015.00; Rural Development, water loan, 576.00; DPC parts for sewer loft, 16.32; BDM, water purchased, 937.00; CD J, fix underground wire to loft 333.59; Mosquito grant applies for (West Nile Funding) Aron a motion by Johnson to adjourn and seconded by Rasmussen motion carried.

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## State of S.D. Sealey Name Change

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BROWN  
IN CIRCUIT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
NAME CHANGE OF DONOVAN  
GEORGE SEALEY, a minor child.

06 CIV. 20-00216  
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

THE STATE OF South Dakota SENDS GREETINGS TO ALL:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hope D. Block has filed in this Court a Petition requesting an order changing the name of her minor child, Donovan George Sealey to Donovan George Block, and that the 30th day of June, 2020, at 8:55 o'clock a.m., in the third floor west courtroom of the Brown County Courthouse in the City of Aberdeen, South Dakota, has been set as the time and place when and where said Petition will be heard. You are referred to the Petition on the file with the Clerk of Courts for further particulars.

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 27th day of May, 2020.  
BANTZ, GOSCH & CREMER,  
L.L.C.

/s/ Rory King  
Attorneys for the Petitioner  
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**Corona virus changing summer workouts for high school athletes**

By Dana Hess  
**S.D. Newspaper Assoc.**  
**BROOKINGS** — Summer workouts for high school athletes won't be business as usual in the age of the corona virus. Thursday the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors approved a detailed recommendation for a three-phase plan to offer guidance for summer workouts.

The five-page plan can be seen in its entirety on the board agenda at [www.sdhsaa.com](http://www.sdhsaa.com). The guidance for summer workouts, in effect from June 1 to July 31, lists the safety of students as its highest priority.

As an organization, SDHSAA strives for equity in activities for all schools. In the case of trying to schedule workouts during a virus outbreak, the organization acknowledges that inequities will take place due to geography.

"It is unlikely that ALL students will be able to return to and sustain athletic activity in all schools/communities at the same time," according to the recommendation. "While the SDHSAA would typically have reservations about this inequity, our goal for this summer is to allow students to return to school-based athletics and activities in any and all situations where it can be done safely."

Social distancing and the use of face coverings are guiding principles for the summer workouts.

"We note on there that cloth face coverings should be acceptable in all phases of this document," said SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos.

SDHSAA recommends summer workouts be approached in three phases of 14 days each. If one phase is accomplished with a downward or flat trajectory of cases, then the school could move on to the next phase.

Athletics and activities fall into three categories: lower risk, moderate risk and higher risk. Lower risk activities, which can be done with social distancing and no sharing of equipment include golf; weight training; sideline cheer; individual running events; cross-country running, with staggered starts; throwing events like shot put, discus and javelin; debate; and oral interp.

Moderate risk sports which involve close, sustained contact with equipment that can't be cleaned as it is used by the participants include basketball, volleyball, soccer, gymnastics, tennis, high jump, long jump, pole vault, seven-on-seven football and one-act play. With the appropriate cleaning of equipment and the use of masks by participants, tennis, volleyball, gymnastics and track events could be considered in the lower risk category.

There were some questions about including basketball in the moderate risk category rather than labeling it as higher risk.

Swartos explained that the National Federation of State High School Associations and the Olympic Committee both rank basketball as a moderate risk.

"There would be nothing stopping you as a school district from considering it as high risk," Swartos said.

Higher risk events which have sustained contact between participants with a high likelihood that the respiratory particles that carry the virus could be transmitted between participants include football, wrestling and competitive cheer and dance.

The recommendation notes that the NFHS is still studying the spread of respiratory droplets during singing and the playing of wind instruments. Until that is determined, activities like chorus, orchestra and music should be considered higher risk with practice on an individual basis.

All three phases include guidance for pre-workout screenings, limitations on gatherings, facilities cleaning, physical activity and athletic equipment and hydration.

**Pre-workout screenings**

In the first two phases pre-workout/contact screening calls for all coaches and students to be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to a workout including a temperature check. Screenings should be recorded for the purposes of contact tracing and those who are screened with a positive response should be referred to a doctor and receive medical clearance before returning.

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**SAMPLE**

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**WARD 2**  
**GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**June 2, 2020**

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For Alderman 2 year-term, you may vote for one or leave it blank.

Troy Lindberg

Damian Bahr

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**SAMPLE BALLOT**  
**GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIST. #06-6**  
**Groton, South Dakota**  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

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**School Board Member, 3-year term,**  
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Steven R. Smith

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## Claremont Town Wastewater Improvements

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WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Claremont Wastewater System Improvements will be received by the Finance Officer, at the office of the Town Hall 606 6th Ave, Claremont, South Dakota 57432, until 2:00 p.m. local time on June 17, 2020, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Base Bid consists of 19 Each Remove and Dispose of Existing Manholes, 718 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 0-8' depth, 2,941 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 8.1-10' depth, 2,645 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 10.1-12' depth, 1,375 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 12.1-14' depth, 7,679 Feet of Post Install Sanitary Sewer Televising and Report, 100 Feet of 12" Steel Casing Pipe, Bore & Jack 12" Steel Casing Pipe beneath Railroad, 100 Feet of Carrier 8" Sewer Pipe Through Steel Casing, 23 Sanitary Sewer Manholes 0-8' Depth, 46.4 Vertical Feet of Extra Depth Manholes, 23 Manhole Exfiltration/Vacuum Testing, 101 Connect to Existing Sewer Service, 84 - 8" x 4" Inline Sanitary Sewer Wyes, 14 - 8" x 4" Sanitary Sewer Saddle Wyes, 1,865 Feet of Sanitary Sewer Service Pipe, 101 - 4" Sewer Cleanout, 4,020 Feet of Dewatering for Pipe >10' Depth, 1,255.0 Tons of Pipe Bedding, 2,428.0 Tons of Rock Bedding, Sewer Bypass Pumping, 500.0 Tons of Asphalt Surfacing Repair

(3"), 1,051.0 Tons of Gravel Road Repair, 4,492.0 Tons of Base Course, 1,220 Square Feet of 4" Concrete Sidewalk Remove and Replace, 994 Feet of 4" PVC Forcemain Cleaning (Pigging), 1,285 Feet of 6" PVC Forcemain Cleaning (Pigging), Trash Basket Assembly in Existing Lift Station, Remove and Dispose of Sludge from Lagoon, 11,375 Cubic Yards of Contractor Furnished Borrow, 4,630 Square Yards Scarify and Recompact Cell Floors, 22,000 Square Yards of HDPE Geomembrane Liner, 833.0 Tons of Gravel Surfacing, 195 Feet of High Flow Silt Fence, Railroad Protective Insurance, and other items of related construction.

The Alternate Bid consists of Removal and Dispose of 2 Existing Lift Stations, Remove and Dispose of 7 Existing Manholes, 496 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 8.1-10' depth, 268 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 10.1-12' depth, 919 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 12.1-14' depth, 1,683 Feet of Post Install Sanitary Sewer Televising and Report, 5 Sanitary Sewer Manholes 0-8' Depth, 15.1 Vertical Feet of Extra Depth Manholes, 5 Manhole Exfiltration/Vacuum Testing, 12 - 8" x 4" Inline Sanitary Sewer Wyes, 1,187 Feet of Dewatering for Pipe >10' Depth, 230.0 Tons of Pipe Bedding, 542.0 Tons of Rock Bedding, Sewer Bypass Pumping, 105 Tons of Asphalt Surfacing Repair (3"), 197 Tons of Gravel Road Repair, 906 Tons of Base Course, 6' x 6' Wet Well, Duplex Lift Station and Control Valve Pit Complete, New Control Panel w/Concrete Base, Electrical, Lift Station Bypass Pumping, 76 Feet of 6' Chain Link Fence, 4'x6' Walk Through Gate, 12' Cantilever Roll Gate, and other items of related construction.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Helms and Associates, 221 Brown County Highway 19, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 (605) 225-1212 operations@helmsengineering.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the Town of Claremont, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by contacting the Finance Officer at 605-294-7272. Bidding Documents may be retrieved by registering with the Issuing Office at <http://www.helmsengineering.com/biddocs.html>. Following registration, complete sets of Bidding Documents may be downloaded as portable document format (PDF) files. Users who have downloaded the Bidding Documents will be mailed an invoice of \$20.00. The 11"x17" paper drawings and Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office upon payment to Helms and Associates in the amount of \$100.00 for shipping and handling. Cost of Bidding Documents and shipping is non-refundable, unless documents are returned to the Issuing Office. Additionally, upon request, in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law 5-18B-1, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished,

without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of the Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. local time on June 9 at the City Hall at 606 6th Ave., Claremont, South Dakota 57432. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

COVID-19 Precautions  
Claremont will not restrict access to this project's bid opening or pre-bid conference; however, they do respectfully ask that only one representative per bidder be present for the public opening and reading of the bids in an effort to follow the recommendations of the Governor of South Dakota and the guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In addition, Claremont shall enforce the "social distancing" rule and, therefore, anyone attending the meeting will be required to comply with said rule.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the Presidents Executive Order Nos. 11246 as amended, 11518, and 11625 as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under these orders are explained in the specifications.

The low responsive bidder will be required to certify to compliance with the American Iron and Steel provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. This certification form may be found on page AIS-21 of

the State Revolving Fund (SRF) General Conditions and must be included in the bid proposal.

Please be advised that waivers or exemptions from the American Iron and Steel provision that cite International Trade Agreements DO NOT comply with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 as it applies to the SRF programs. Claims from suppliers that the American Iron and Steel provision does not apply to certain products based on the International Trade Agreement exemptions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 will not be accepted.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title 40 CFR 33 and Executive Order 12138. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this regulation which concerns utilization of Disadvantaged/Minority Business Enterprises (DBE/MBE) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBE) are explained in the specifications. The goals for DBE/MBE participation are 1% and WBE participation are 4%.

Bidders are also reminded that not less than the minimum wages as determined by the Davis Bacon Act and set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the contractor and/or subcontractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

In addition to all of the above listed Federal requirements for work on this project, compliance with the contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, Executive Order 11375, Copeland Act, the Clean Air Act, and Water Pollution Control Act, and subsequent amendments to all of the

above will be required of contractors and/or subcontractors performing work on this project.

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## Fliehs celebrates 92nd birthday

Janice Fliehs recently celebrated her 92nd birthday. Her family went together to get lawn decorations for her big day. (Courtesy photo by Bridget Fliehs)

### SDHSAA

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In phases one and two, no individual deemed to be vulnerable to the virus should participate. Vulnerable individuals include people 65 and older, those with high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma or those with compromised immune systems such as receiving chemotherapy for cancer.

In phase three, vulnerable individuals can resume public interactions but should practice physical distancing.

SDHSAA Assistant Director John Krogstrand emphasized that students aren't the only ones who need to be screened, noting that coaches and anyone

present for the workout also needs to be screened.

"If coach has a temperature, workouts are cancelled for that day," Krogstrand said.

#### Limitations on gatherings

In phase one, the limit on gatherings calls for no more than 10 people either inside or outside to include participants and coaches. Locker rooms won't be used in phase one with athletes coming to practice in the proper attire and returning home to shower after a workout. Workouts should always be conducted with the same "pod" of five to 10 people including coaches. Smaller pods can be used for weight training. Social distancing should be strictly enforced to the point of having some people leave the room if there is not

enough space to provide six feet of space between individuals.

In phase two, gatherings can be up to 10 inside and up to 50 outside. A minimum of six feet must be kept between individuals if locker rooms are used. The same rules for pods and social distancing apply with the suggestion that tape or field paint be used to guide students and coaches.

In phase three, gatherings of up to 50 are allowed inside and outside. Those not taking part in a practice or workout should do their best to maintain social distancing.

#### Facilities cleaning

These recommendations are similar for all three phases. They include creating and implementing cleaning schedules for facilities, sanitizing hard surfaces

prior to workouts, hand washing, plentiful hand sanitizer, wiping down weight equipment after each use, shirts and shoes to be worn at all times and students encouraged to shower and wash their workout clothes immediately upon returning home.

#### Physical activity and athletic equipment

In phase one, low risk activities may begin practices with distancing measures in place. Moderate and higher risk activities should focus on individual drills and weight training. In phase two, modified practices can begin for moderate risk activities and modified practices can begin for higher risk activities in phase three.

In all three phases there should be no sharing of athletic equipment—towels, clothing, shoes or sports-specific equipment—between students. All athletic equipment, including balls, should be cleaned after each use. In phase three, equipment like wrestling ear guards and football helmets should be worn by only one individual and not shared.

#### Hydration

In phases one and two, students should bring their own water bottles and they should not be shared. Water fountains should not be used. In phase three, water fountains may be used but must be cleaned intermittently and after every practice or workout.

#### Activities for each phase

SDHSAA offers guidance about the kinds of activities that can take place in each of the phases. Low risk activities—running events, throwing events, golf, sideline cheer, cross-country, debate and oral interp—can conduct full practices in each phase with the proper social distancing.

Moderate risk activities—basketball, volleyball, soccer, gymnastics, tennis, pole vault, high jump, long jump, seven-on-seven football and one-act play—are allowed individual drills in phase one. They may practice with the equipment/balls but no passing or exchanging of the equipment is allowed. Team runs will have staggered starts. Phase two includes modified drills with distancing in effect, use of equipment with intermittent cleaning and non-competitive drills. Full practices are allowed in phase three.

Higher risk activities—football, wrestling, competitive dance and competitive cheer—are allowed phase one activities the same as those used by the moderate risk sports. Phase two includes more individual drills, the use of equipment with intermittent cleaning and team runs with staggered starts. In phase three, modified drills with distancing in effect, use of equipment with intermittent cleaning and non-competitive drills.

Swartos stressed that the guidelines offered by the association are not binding and that school districts may wish to implement greater safety measures based on the level of infection in their community.

"There's no way for us as an association to be able to track and put an overall blanket guidance out for 180 different schools," Swartos said. "The schools are going to have to look at what's going on in their own communities."

Swartos told the board he will form a task force of school officials and medical professionals to offer guidance and recommendations about the start of school activities in the fall.



Tricia Keith and Kami Lipp signed up several pool memberships on the first day, including Mel Sombke pictured above. The Groton pool should be open next week. There will be no lounge chairs so you need to bring your own chair and towel. The drinking fountain is off limits so you need to bring your own water. There is no concession stand. There will be no daily passes. Every swimmer will need to have a signed waiver. The big slide will not be operational. The diving board will be available; however, each person using it will need to dip their hands in a bucket of treated water prior to getting on the board. Anyone with any questions should contact pool managers Kami Lipp, Karla Pasteur or Trista Keith.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jasmine Schinkel makes an X on the sidewalk as Tricia Keith marks out 6' for proper social distancing at the pool. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

### Rehms Bridal Shower

Open House Bridal Shower for Megan Rehms bride to be of Tanner Waage. Sunday, May 31st from 12:30 – 2:30 pm at the home of Brad and Brenda Waage – 201 E 9th Ave. Groton, SD 57445.

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines, this is a Come ~ Stop ~ Drop ~n- Go shower. Drop a Card or gift pick up a cupcake to go! The couple is registered at AMAZON.com under wedding registry.

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