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## Marian Procession bonds local Catholic parish despite COVID-19

The COVID-19 virus has plagued the world and it has led to churches not having services, especially during the Easter season.

In the Catholic tradition, May is the Month of Mary. Father Tom Hartman of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton and of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Turton implemented a new idea. Actually, the idea came from Renee Marzahn of Groton, who said, "This year during the Easter season, families in our parish were praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Each day a different parish family led this prayer live on the church's facebook page. This was such a wonderful experience for our families - that I suggested to Fr. Tom we continue a similar experience, praying the Rosary."

Father Hartman said, "We see her (Mary) as our heavenly queen. So many churches have processions with flowers and a crown and they place it on a statue of Our Lady. "Since the social distancing, I wanted something that would bond us as a parish family. So decided to do this 31 day procession."

According to the information posted on the SEAS Facebook page, Pope Francis encouraged families to discover or rediscover the rosary as a prayer said in the home. A popular devotion in May is a May Day crowning of our Lady. Usually a procession takes place to a statue of our Lady with song and flowers and a crown is placed on her head.

So two statues of Mary started at Father Hartman's house where he prayed the rosary in front of the statue and then he took one statue to another parishioner's house in Groton and one in Turton. And thus, the Marian Procession 2020 began.

The two statues of Mary traveled to 62 homes in the dual parish. According to Father Hartman, the Marian Procession also enhanced the parish's Facebook page. "Our parish Facebook page has been well received, but I want it to be about us and not me. So trying to come up with ways they become part of that group. This was one way," Father Hartman said.

Marcy Blackmun said, "I think it's a great idea with with so many of us staying home because of the corona virus and staying safe. It's a way to stay connected to not only to our catholic faith but to stay connected to the people of the church. Praying the rosary is a beautiful prayer that not everyone prays on a regular basis. It is a powerful prayer. It's nice to see Mary with all the families she has traveled to and smiles on their faces and the beautiful backgrounds on Facebook."



Mary was crowned at the May 17th church service. (Courtesy Photo)

Father Hartman said, "The families have love it. Many of the families have not prayed the rosary in a long time. The rosary is broken up into mysteries on the life of Christ, and it's been fun hearing how parents are explaining them to their kids. But the statues made it to young families, single members and lately some senior members."

Alexia Schuring said, "It was an honor to be blessed with Mother Mary's presence and I was excited to see who was blessed with Her presence each day. How special it was that many of our parish families were able to pray The Rosary with the same Mother Mary! The procession throughout our communities was a very special way to unite

our parish family during this social distancing time in our lives."

According to Father Hartman, "The Marian procession varies culture to culture. But this idea is more unique to us. As we had public mass late in May, we crowned Mary in our church."

When asked if this might be a tradition that will continue in the Groton-Turton parish, Father Hartman said, "I have a feeling if I don't start it again, someone else will. That would be beautiful to have someone else take the reins on this."

- Paul Kosel



Alexia Schuring is pictured with the Statue of Mary. (Courtesy Photo)



The statue of Mary was crowned at the David and Marcy Blackmun home. David, Marcy, Korbin and Rachel took part in the rosary. (Courtesy Photo)



There were lots of bicycles at the pool and the Groton Swimming pool has been busy during the recent warm days.

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## Brown County Naming of Roads Revision

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 4

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 beginning at 8:47 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, to consider an ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4 Zoning, by amending Chapter 4.33 Rural Addressing, as follows:

CHAPTER 4.33: RURAL ADDRESSING

4.3301 Naming of Roads in the unincorporated area of Brown County, South Dakota, (excluding areas of joint jurisdiction being: one (1) mile of Groton, one (1) mile of Hecla, one-half (1/2) mile of Frederick, and one and one-half (1 1/2) miles of Warner City limits; and also including the incorporated communities of Claremont, Columbia and Stratford:

The names of roads are hereby fixed and adopted in accordance with and as shown by the official road address maps of the county. The names on these maps shall supersede the road names found on the plats recorded in the office of County Register of Deeds. The County Planner is directed to submit the necessary documentation to attach changes to the plats to correspond with the names on the official road maps of the county.

The County Planner will name or approve the naming of all future roads in accordance with South Dakota Administrative Rules Chapter 50:02:03 except as specified below.

4.3302 Installation and Maintenance of Road Intersection Signs in the Unincorporated Area:

The County Highway Department shall maintain installed signs at designated county road intersections.

When new roads are platted, whether public or private, the owner or developer shall install or reimburse the County or Township Authority for all material and labor costs associated with the installation of intersection signs.

Sign material and location shall be specified by the Highway Superintendent.

All installation costs shall be determined by the Highway Superintendent.

Townships shall install and maintain intersection signs within their unincorporated towns.

4.3303 Designation of Addresses in the Unincorporated Area Brown County:

Addresses for buildings on along all public and private roads in Brown County shall be issued by the County Planner Addressing Administrator except for inside city limits of Aberdeen, in accordance with South Dakota Administrative Rules Chapter 50:02:03 except as specified below.

The County Planner Addressing Administrator shall keep a record of all numbers assigned according to this ordinance and forward a copy to the Register of Deeds, Assessor's Office, Treasurer's Office, GIS Office, E-911 Communications, Auditor's Office, and City of Aberdeen Fire Chief, Emergency Management (for rural fire departments), local utility companies, Townships (of the assigned area), USPS, and one letter sent by standard mail to the owner of the parcel.

Addressing both sides of the following roads and in an area around outside the City Limits of Aberdeen and bordered by but not to include the following roads may be an exception to Brown County rural addressing numbers using two (2), three (3), four (4) or five (5) digit address numbers corresponding with similar addressing conventions of the City of Aberdeen working outward from Main Street and Railroad Avenue from City Limits to:

North - 130 Street  
East - 392 Avenue  
South - 135 Street 136 Street  
West - 385 Avenue

Addressing inside the City Limits of Groton working outward from Broadway Street, Railroad Ave on the east side of Broadway Street and following the Railroad Line on the west side of Broadway Street.

Addressing both sides of the following roads and in an area outside the City Limits of Groton bordered by the following roads may be an exception to Brown

County rural addressing numbers using two (2), three (3), four (4) or five (5) digit address numbers corresponding with similar addressing conventions of the City of Groton working outward from Broadway Street, Railroad Ave on the east side of Broadway Street and following the Railroad Line on the west side of Broadway Street:

North - 132 Street  
East - 408 Avenue  
South - Willow Ave (W&E of South Broadway St)

West - 404 Avenue  
4.3304 Posting of Designated Addresses in the Unincorporated Areas:

The owner or occupant or person in charge of any house or building to which an address has been assigned will be notified by the County Planner Addressing Administrator of the address assigned to the same at any time after the adoption of this ordinance.

Within sixty (60) days after the receipt of such notification from the County Planner Addressing Administrator, the owner or occupant or person in charge of the structure to which an address has been assigned shall affix the address to the structure, if visible from the road, or to a sign or number post if not visible from the road, in such a way that the address can be clearly seen from the roadway.

It shall be the duty of such owner or occupant or person in charge thereof upon affixing the new number to remove any different number which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned to said structure by the County Planner Addressing Administrator.

Each principle building shall display the address assigned to the frontage on which the front entrance is located. In case a principle building is occupied by more than one business or family dwelling unit, each separate dwelling or unit must display a separate address.

Mobile homes located in an organized mobile home park must display their proper lot number on the mobile home lot visible from the driveway/access way.

Address characters shall be painted or applied, of contrasting color to the background, of not less than three inches (3") in height.

If a building or dwelling is situated in such a way that the address cannot be easily seen from the roadway in front of said structure, then a sign or address post must be used in front of the structure or at the entrance of the primary driveway and placed in such a way that it can easily be seen from the roadway.

4.3305 New Structures: Addresses will be assigned to each proposed lot or tract on the surveyor's copies of final subdivision plats by the County Planner.

No building permit shall be issued for any principle building until the owner or developer has procured from the County, City or Township Planner Addressing Administrator the official address of the premises. Final approval of a certificate of occupancy of any a principle building erected or repaired after the effective date of this ordinance shall be withheld until permanent and proper addresses have been displayed in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 4.3304 above.

4.3306 Penalties:

In the event that the owner or occupant or person in charge of any house or building refuses to comply with the terms of this ordinance by failing to affix the address assigned within sixty (60) days after notification, or by failing to remove any old addresses affixed to such structure or primary driveway or elsewhere which may be confused or in conflict with the address assigned thereto within said sixty (60) day period, shall be guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor. Each day of non-compliance shall be a separate offense.

4.3307 Conflicting Ordinances:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Title 4 Zoning, Chapter 4.33 Rural Addressing - At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Brown County Ordinance No. 167

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020

ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0603.0610)

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## Brown County June 2, 2020 General Meeting

JUNE 2, 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. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of May 26, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAMS: Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims and payroll:

Insurance: SDACC \$16,914.00. Professional Fees: Charlevoix Co. Sheriff \$30.00; Compass Counseling & Assessment \$3,600.00; Dependable Sanitation \$33,437.40; Fred Pryor Seminars \$199.00; Haar Law Firm \$5.80; Kuck Law Office \$23.80; Nat'l Sheriff Assoc. \$129.00; Sanford Health \$168.93; Schneider Geospatial \$2,475.00; SD DENR \$277.00; SD Dept. of Health \$2,065.00; SD Dept. of Revenue - Special Tax Division \$150.00; Tammy Stolle \$379.75; West Payment Center \$169.95; Yellow Robe Consulting \$3,000.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$256.52; Argus Leader \$34.36; Bennett Co. Booster \$24.84; Todd Co. Tribune \$22.43. Repairs & Maintenance: A & B Business Solutions \$272.07; Auto Glass Solutions \$40.00; B&B Contracting \$30,778.82; Dakota Pump \$7,633.69; Hoven Auto Repair \$36.00; Jensen Rock & Sand \$40,955.00; Keith Lunders Custom Fencing \$3,566.00; Lien Transportation \$24,638.02; Myers Tire Supply \$13.28; Pomp's Tire Service \$104.50; Running's \$10.00.

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HR REPORT:

Moved by Feickert seconded by Wiese to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge resignation of Mark Wendt, Brown County Highway Department, full-time, effective May 28, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer for April, 2020. Total Cash and Checks on Hand 7700 Total Checking Account Balances: 21132929 Total Savings Account Balances: 2205447.42 Total Certificates of Deposit: 5423127.01 Grand Total Cash and Balances: 28769203.43 General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund 7263114.05 Road & Bridge Fund 619211.7 Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423243.27 911 Service -34526.11 Emergency & Disaster -4742.02 Domestic Abuse 766 Teen Court 29792.63 Grant 189.61 JDAI -11480.71 Richmond Youth 21916.96 24/7 Sobriety 12187.3 ROD M&P 89277.16 Tif Debt Service 451636.59 Landfill + cash change 3217660.24 Landfill - restricted 1364284 Trust and Agency Funds 15326672.76 GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND

CASH AND INVESTMENTS 28769203.43 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID OPENING- INFIELD DRAINAGE:

Bid read, opened and considered as advertised. One bid received from Lien Transportation with modified bid specs in the amount of \$118,175. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to defer bids one week for review. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GROW SD PROGRAM UPDATE:

Maureen with Grow South Dakota met to give a program update and 2019 overview of services offered. No action taken.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve application for occupancy made by Michael Elsen for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 16, in section 16, township 128, range 62, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Application for occupancy submitted by Rick VanderVorst was discussed. Further review needed. No action taken.

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT RESOLUTION:

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: RESOLUTION 30-20

FEDERAL AID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY AND URBAN PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Brown County desires the replacement of the bridge hereinafter described:

Structure number and location: Str. No. 07-019-020 located 8.5 miles west and 5 miles north of Frederick. List of current landowners adjacent to the project (names and addresses): none listed

AND WHEREAS, Brown County is obligated and hereby agrees to provide proper maintenance as required by the Federal Highway Act as amended and supplemented thereto for project after construction is completed and to regulate or cause to be regulated the installation of utility facilities within the limits of the right-of-way of the proposed project in accordance with State and Federal requirements. AND WHEREAS, Brown County is obligated and hereby agrees to reimburse the State for all costs not reimbursable with Bridge Replacement Funds. AND WHEREAS, the bridge is in need of replacement for the following reasons: 1. The condition rating is 39.9 2. The bridge is not located on a County or Township designated No Maintenance or Minimum Maintenance Road. 3. The bridge is located on a county road. 4. The load carrying capacity of the existing bridge cannot be improved to carry legal loads by rehabilitation of the existing bridge. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is authorized and requested to program for construction, in accordance with the "Local Roads Plan" and the State's "Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges," the bridge replacement project at the above described location. Items to be handled by State forces with Federal Participation will include hydraulic study review, foundations investigation (if necessary), plan reviews, and construction administration. Estimated Cost of Project Including Engineering: \$848,70 Federal Share (81.95%): \$695,510 Local Share (18.05%): \$153,190

Dated at Aberdeen, SD this 2nd day of June, 2020. Seconded by Wiese, roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert - aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese- aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley- aye. Resolution adopted.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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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 DONAVAN 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.

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/s/ Rory King

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## Baseball games will starting this weekend in Groton

On Saturday, June 13, the Junior Legion Team will host Northville in a double header starting at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, June 14, the Junior Legion will host Lake Norden in one game at 3 p.m. which will be followed by the Legion team taking on Lake Norden.

On Monday, June 15, the Junior Teener team will host Frederick in a double header starting at 5:30 p.m. The Legion teams will travel to Claremont with the Junior Legion playing at 5 p.m. followed by the Legion Team.

On Wednesday, June 17, the Legion team will host Redfield in a double header starting at 6 p.m.

On Thursday, June 18, the Junior Legion Team will travel to Northville for a double header starting at 6 p.m.

## Brief Power Outages

Parts of Groton experienced a brief power outage early Saturday morning. A regulator in the south substation malfunctioned and was causing an issue with the sewer lift station at the park. The regulator had to be taken offline but in order to do that, the power to the substation had to be interrupted.

Another outage was Saturday evening when a big tree branch broke and leaned into the power line going north on 9th Avenue between Main Street and Third Street. The outage affected that block and the blocks directly north to US 12, affecting Dollar General and the pool.

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## Frederick School June 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2  
JUNE 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order on June 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Dan Nickelson, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Richard Achen. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Janel Wagner.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the public are allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Action 19-109 Motion by Achen, second by Nickelson to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 19-110 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held May 11, 2020 and June 3, 2020; May 2020 financial report, agency accounts and investments; District bills and May 2020 payroll. All aye, carried.

Ending May 31, 2020	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Food Service Fund	Driver's Ed Fund	Trust & Agency
Beginning checking Balance	\$149,045.40	\$346,937.09	\$163,955.96	\$4,069.70	\$2,469.82	\$48,322.06
Revenue:						
Taxes	\$228,896.18	\$217,542.57	\$104,315.75			
Local Sources	\$295.28	\$50.00				\$163.19
Intermediate Sources	\$537.70					
Interest	\$31.03					\$1.98
Federal & State	\$38,387.29		\$729.27			
Total Revenue	\$268,147.48	\$217,592.57	\$105,045.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$165.17
Disbursements						
Bills	\$38,847.26	\$30,277.17		\$206.41		\$373.35
Payroll	\$152,133.02		\$18,268.23	\$4,802.27	\$3,909.56	
Total Disbursements	\$190,980.28	\$30,277.17	\$18,268.23	\$5,008.68	\$3,909.56	\$373.35
Transfers						
Transfer-Gen Fund to Drivers Education	-\$2,500.00				\$2,500.00	
Transfer-from Cap Out to Gen Fund	\$225,985.00	-\$225,985.00				
Total Net Transfers	\$223,485.00	-\$225,985.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Total checking balance	\$449,697.60	\$308,267.49	\$250,732.75	-\$938.98	\$1,060.26	\$48,113.88
Beginning investment balance	\$257,312.77	\$1,783,634.20	\$1,246,175.05			
Interest	\$237.33					
Total investment balance	\$257,550.10	\$1,783,634.20	\$1,246,175.05			
Ending Balance	\$707,247.70	\$2,091,901.69	\$1,496,907.80	-\$938.98	\$1,060.26	

Claims approved: May 2020 Payroll - General Fund salaries 92,120.51; Special Education salaries 11,992.89; Food Service salaries 3,131.00; Drivers Ed salaries 2,704.34. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 30,407.09; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 917.74; American Funds, retirement 1,265.02; Delta Dental, insurance 1,693.50; Express Collections, garnishment 480.75; AMI, garnishment 989.22; The Standard, life insurance 265.55; Security Benefits, retirement 1,100.26; VSP, vision insurance 276.03; Wellmark, health insurance 16,135.00; SD Retirement 15,168.92; SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.26.

General Fund: Aberdeen Awards, awards 72.00; Agtegra, diesel/heating fuel 4,437.03; Amazon Capital Services, supplies 733.83; American Red Cross Training Services, training 36.00; Auto Value Aberdeen, repairs 5.49; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt & Burns LLP, legal fees 2,984.26; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 173.27; Complete Track and Field, coach training 97.00; eBoard Solutions Inc, policy software 300.00; Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs 10.75; Foreman Sales & Service Inc, repairs 194.20; Graves, Travis, database backup 300.00; Hub City Radio, advertising 500.00; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 17.91; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 228.56; Menards, supplies 76.91; Merchant Services, fees 7.00; Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 111.10; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electricity 2,125.79; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 133.90; Pomp's Tire Service Inc, tires 2,017.56; Running Supply Inc, repairs 183.35; South Dakota Medicaid, admin fee 60.39; Steven Lust Automotive, repairs 87.07; Titan Machinery, repairs 69.92; Trust & Agency Account, Imprest reimbursement 35.00; United States Flag Store, flag 149.25; United States Postal Service, PO Box fee/postage 141.00; USA Clean, supplies 70.50. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print 649.56; Amazon Capital Services, clocks 13.99; DRN, switches/UPS 13,078.41; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, whiteboard 236.81; Mohawk Factoring LLC, carpet/tile 3,180.34; Ross, Bob, snow bars 1,609.80; South Dakota Federal Property Agency, Ford Expedition 22,000.00; Trust & Agency Account, Imprest reimbursement 16.00; WebstrauntStore, carpet cleaner 532.17. Special Education Fund: Avera St Luke's, occupational therapy 403.76. Food Service Fund: Trust & Agency Account, Imprest reimbursement 16.00.

The following reports were presented:

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

B. Jessica Ringgenberg - K-8 Principal

C. Dan Nickelson-North Central Special Education Cooperative

Action 19-111 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to accept Open Enrollment application #21-1 for the 2020-2021 academic year. All aye, carried.

Action 19-112 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to accept the following 2020-2021 employment agreements with salaries to be published in July 2020: Don Nickelson, Junior High Boys Basketball coach and Bryson Thorpe, Junior High Boys Basketball coach. Four ayes, Nickelson abstain, carried.

Action 19-113 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to approve the North Central Special Education Cooperative District Membership Agreement. All aye, carried.

Action 19-114 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to approve the 2020-2021 membership with Associated School Boards of South Dakota. All aye, carried.

Action 19-115 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve the 2020-2021 Sports Coop Agreement as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 19-116 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to approve the 2020-2021 Titan Student Activity Handbook as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 19-117 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to begin process of request for bids on a used 59-passenger bus. All aye, carried.

Action 19-118 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to declare items listed as surplus and authorize the Business Manager to dispose of items, with the exception of the Suburban, which will be put out for sale with sealed bids. All aye, carried.

Action 19-119 Motion by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to schedule the Fiscal Year 2020 closeout meeting for June 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. All aye, carried.

Action 19-120 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to set the budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 on July 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. All aye, carried.

Action 19-121 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President

Janel Wagner, Business Manager

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FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2  
JUNE 3, 2020

The joint school board meeting was called to order on June 3, 2019, at 7:04 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Frederick Area school board members present were Dan Nickelson, Jon Ellwein and Alex Hart. Richard Achen was excused. Leola school board members present were ReEtta Sieh, Richard Westphal, Trevor Zantow, Kristi Spitzer and Arnie Wollman. Others present were Frederick Area Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters and Business Manager Janel Wagner; Leola Superintendent Bev Myer, Athletic Director Trevor Van-Tilburg and Business Manager Kayla Casey. Guests present were Marty Morlock and Jackie Bender.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 19-106 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.

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

Bev Myer and Trevor Van Tilburg presented a document with Back to Normal procedures. Both boards had discussion but

no action was taken.

Kayla Casey and Janel Wagner presented the 2019-2020 co-op reconciliation. No action taken.

Both boards reviewed and discussed the 2020-2021 Sports Coop Agreement. Changes will be made as discussed prior to approval by both boards. No action taken.

Action 19-107 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to allow prororation of activity ticket prices if any seasons are cancelled. All aye, carried.

Both boards reviewed and discussed the 2020-2021 Student Activity Handbook. Changes will be made as discussed prior to approval by both boards. No action taken.

The boards invited Marty Morlock and Jackie Bender, track coaches for each school, to join the discussion about a possible track and field co-op. After discussion, no action was taken.

Discussion was held regarding 4th and 5th grade basketball becoming a school-sponsored activity. No action taken.

Action 19-108 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Janel Wagner, Business Manager  
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## Stratford Town March 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of March 2020 Meeting  
Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 9, 2020, at 7:00 PM in

the Community Hall. Those in attendance were Bourassa, Prickett, Moen, L Jark and R. Stange. Prickett called the meeting to order.

Request to remove dead trees that are hanging over cropland near the dugout (East side). Request granted.

Accounts receivable reviewed. Motion to approve January/February minutes by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

FINANCE REPORT:  
Bills presented for the month: Department of Health \$15 (water testing), David Hoeft (snow removal) \$1,425, Ken's Superfair Foods (stamps) \$110, Menards (supplies) \$32.85, Runnings \$23.45, Water District Maintenance \$408.16;

Automatic Withdrawals: JVC \$42.05, NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$1,166.51, United Fire and Casualty \$328, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$2,539.12.

The current CD's will be allowed to auto-renew.

Motion to pay bills by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

Work on the office wall repair will resume when paneling has been received.

Motion to appoint Lloyd Jark to fulfill Allen Hoeft's term which expires at the 2021 election.

Prickett to call Scott regarding gravel and dumpsters.

Motion to adjourn; the next meeting will be April 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM (equalization) by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

No regular April meeting due to Covid-19; will plan to meet for May meeting.

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## Stratford Town February 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of February 2020 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 10, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the Community Hall. Those in attendance were Bourassa, Prickett, and Moen. Prickett called the meeting to order.

Accounts receivable reviewed. FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: Dakota Pump & Control \$560 (annual contract), Department of Health \$15 (water testing), SDPAA \$1591.59 (annual contract), Water District Maintenance \$408.16;

Automatic Withdrawals: JVC \$41.68, NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$1,241.92, United Fire and Casualty \$328, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$2,516.72.

Motion to pay bills by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

Motion to approve raffle request and special events liquor license for Stratford Community Theatre.

Clark Engineering reviewed options for water/drainage issues.

Motion to adjourn; the next regular meeting will be March 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

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## Brown County Barnett Zoning Notice

### NOTICE

Application has been made by Jimmy Barnett to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex,

Brown County, South Dakota on June 16, 2020 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential (R-3).

Lot 29, Dewald & Huffman's 2nd Richmond Lake Subdivision in the E1/2 of the Section 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

(126668 W Shore Dr)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 166

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0603.0610)  
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## Groton City June 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2020  
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Community Center for their first 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, Damian Bahr, Kristie Fliehs, and Officer Jerry Bjerke.

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

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

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

Moved by Gengerke, second Fliehs to approve 2020 ESY work agreements for Ann Gibbs, Anne Zoellner, Carrie Weisenburger, Todd Peterson, and Becky Erickson. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve NCSE Coop District Membership Agreement for 2020-21. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Fliehs to hire Ray Adams as High School Math Teacher for the 2020-21 school term with salary to be printed in July. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve open enrollment applications #21-02, #21-03 and #21-04. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

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The board reviewed first reading of changes to the elementary and MS/HS handbooks.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to reassign Kyle Gerlach from EL Paraprofessional to Special Education Paraprofessional and from 7 hours to 7-1/2 hours. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to approve 2020 Driver's Education work agreements for Shaun Wanner and Joel Guthmiller at \$25/hour. Motion carried.

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### GROTON AREA SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Precinct	Tuesday, June 2, 2020			Poll Book Count
	Jason Bickel	Steven R. Smith	Grant Rix	
Andover	18	38	14	41
Bristol	53	42	34	80
Columbia	20	40	37	66
Groton	95	239	192	318
Total Votes	186	359	277	505

Number of district registered voters on date registration closed: 2,488

Number of registered voters who voted in this election: 505

Percentage of registered voters who voted in this election: 20.3%

Number of ballots spoiled, rejected, or uncanted: 5

Number of provisional ballots cast: 1

Number of absentee ballots requested: 386

Number of absentee ballots returned and counted: 293

This election of June 2, 2020, was held in conjunction with a regular municipal election per SDCL 13-7-10.1 and a regular June Primary per SDCL 13-7-10.3.

State of South Dakota

County of Brown, Day, Clark, Marshall and Spink

We, the members of the Groton Area School Board, appointed as the Board of Canvassers because of our positions on the governing board for the Groton Area School Board election held on the 8th day of June, 2020, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the votes cast in the jurisdiction of Groton Area School District at the election as shown by the returns certified to the person in charge of the election.

/s/ Ty Fliehs

/s/ Grant Rix

/s/ Deborah Gengerke

/s/ Steven Smith

/s/ Kara Pharis

/s/ Martin Weismantel

Sworn before me on this day of 6-8-2020

/s/ MJ Weber, Business Manager

Person in charge of the election

Robin Jensen - refund, 190.00; John Deere - parts, 19.90; Paul Kosel - refund, 191.00; Rich Kroll - rent, 100.00; William Lamee - election, 154.05; Kami Lipp - refund, 522.80; Locke Electric - repairs, 1,666.16; Anita Lowary - election, 17.78; Renee Marzahn - refund, 610.80; Mathe-son Tri-Gas - supplies, 2.85; Menards - supplies, 239.94; Allan Merkel - refund, 440.00; Nick/Lycece Monson - refund, 190.00; Amanda Morehouse - election, 33.60; Julia Moreno - refund, 440.00; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 723.12; Andy Paulson - refund, 593.00; Alice Jean Peterson - election, 171.82; Kristi Peterson - refund, 417.60; Petty Cash - postage, 163.42; Plank Road - subscription, 116.95; Anissa/David Poor - refund, 30.00; Reporter & Farmer - legals, 121.29; Roy L. Hall American Legion - rent, 100.00; S&S Lumber - drill bits, 13.48; Eh Tha You Say - refund, 190.00; Deb Schuelke - refund, 190.00; Alexandra Schuring - conf fee, 65.00; Sarah Schuster - camp fee, 1,200.00; SDHSA - fees, 900.00; Mellissa Smith - refund, 50.00; Steve/Carol Smith - refund, 821.40; SW Education Services - training, 800.00; Cody Swanson - supplies, 40.44; Jesse/Nichole Tullis - refund, 250.00; Charlene Voss - election, 162.45; Shaun Wanner - refund, 514.00; Martin Weismantel - refund, 50.00; Lindie Wicks - election, 154.05. Total General Fund - \$365,322.88.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Agency Fund - advanced pays, 289.05; Allied Climate Professionals - actuator, 703.00; Amazon - tables, 1,094.20; Apple - 20 iPad and cases (20), 9,079.90; Dollar General - stool, 18.00; School Nurse Supply - probe covers, 1,196.00; Stan Houston - equipment, 3,449.81; US Bank - interest, 115,475.00. Total Capital Outlay - \$131,304.96.

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BOND REDEMPTION: US Bank - interest, 1,486.25.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS: Fund 51: Net Salary - 6,291.08; FIT - 392.35; Medicare - 221.60; FICA - 947.38; SDRS - 671.48; AFLAC - 256.51; Wellmark - 1,526.00; Standard Life - 3.84; Avesis Vision - 51.72; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 637.28; Dean Foods - milk, 521.86; Elizabeth Doeden - refund, 73.95; Earthgrains - food, 357.27; Burt Glover - refund, 40.70; Pernel Graf - refund, 56.15; Lance Hawkins - refund, 7.50; Randy Hjernstad - refund, 26.30; Cheri Johnson - refund, 46.45; Karen Johnson - refund, 1.25; Jeff Shelly Merkel - refund, 88.65; Michelle Muilenburg - refund, 541.23; Robin O'Neill - refund, 15.40; Susan Patton - refund, 19.50; Greg Pigors - refund, 57.70; Reinhart - food, 228.64; Dirk/Jennifer Rogers - refund, 3.85; Bill Rosenau - refund, 28.35; Vicci Stange - refund, 390.49; Shaun Wanner - refund, 93.00. Total Food Service -

\$13,397.48. Fund 53: Net Salary - 736.22; FIT - 69.96; Medicare - 28.14; FICA - 120.26; SDRS - 136.50; AFLAC - 163.93; Wellmark - 671.00; Reliastar Life - 23.28; Groton Ford - labor install, 284.72. Total Fund 53 - \$2,234.01. Enterprise Funds - \$15,631.49.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$24,516.46.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 1,693,461.01; Other Local Sources - 52,494.37; County Sources - 2,476.55; State Sources - 173,709.11; Federal Sources - 38,838.64. Total Receipts - \$1,960,979.68.

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

Superintendent Schwan discussed COVID-19 related issues. Topics included officially canceling Prom, Graduation set for Sunday July 12 at 2:00pm with options for public seating, summer sports season work-out parameters, Brown County infection rate trends, 2020-21 school calendar options, school term options including normal instruction, rolling school closures, virtual education and staggered schedules, developing local "Back to School" task force and CARES Act Federal Funding. No action was taken.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: 1003 SDNA grant, summer maintenance, new bus status, extended school year (ESY) student services, book study update, teacher evaluations, SD Licensed or Registered Child Care funding for OST, dual credit registrations, e-learning registrations, ACT testing in Groton and school board election issues.

Election results from the June 2, 2020 School Board Election were canvassed. Moved by Weismantel second Gengerke to declare the results official and publish the abstract as required. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 170,367.89; FIT - 15,709.19; Medicare - 6,426.82; FICA - 27,480.14; American Funds - 542.80; SDRS - 28,601.18; Health Savings Account - 100.00; Waddell & Reed - 1,440.00; Horace Mann - 1,177.61; Thrivent - 250.00; AFLAC - 3,373.49; Delta Dental - 3,880.46; SD Supplemental Retirement - 802.29; Wellmark - 58,729.00; Standard Life - 635.37; Avesis Vision - 262.23; Performant Recovery - 115.31; Aberdeen Awards - awards, 224.00; Advance Auto - parts, 66.28; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 18,862.50; ACP - repairs, 4,473.03; Amazon - supplies, 180.85; Chris/Pamela Barse - refund, 50.00; Bristol Community Center - rent, 100.00; Kathryn Bury - election, 192.19; Julaine Busch - election, 184.42; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt - legal, 349.98; City of Groton - rent, 100.00; Andy/Lucy Daly - refund, 140.00; Dependable Sanitation - garbage, 1,254.50; Chris Ehresmann - refund, 400.00; Meri Erickson - election, 31.22; Jarod Fliehs - refund, 196.20; Mike/Tina Fordham - refund, 1,877.60; Scott/Shelly Freeman - refund, 561.00; Burt Glover - refund, 1,093.20; Groton Area School - refund transfer, 250.00 - Medicaid fee, 106.96; Groton Daily Independent - legals, 56.41; Wanda Hamilton - election, 17.78; Sarah Hanten - refund, 502.80; Leeann Harrell - refund, 190.00; Janene Harry - supplies, 9.97; Hillyard - supplies, 1,144.34; JW Pepper - music, 156.97;

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Robinson - refund, 190.00; John Deere - parts, 19.90; Paul Kosel - refund, 191.00; Rich Kroll - rent, 100.00; William Lamee - election, 154.05; Kami Lipp - refund, 522.80; Locke Electric - repairs, 1,666.16; Anita Lowary - election, 17.78; Renee Marzahn - refund, 610.80; Mathe-son Tri-Gas - supplies, 2.85; Menards - supplies, 239.94; Allan Merkel - refund, 440.00; Nick/Lycece Monson - refund, 190.00; Amanda Morehouse - election, 33.60; Julia Moreno - refund, 440.00; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 723.12; Andy Paulson - refund, 593.00; Alice Jean Peterson - election, 171.82; Kristi Peterson - refund, 417.60; Petty Cash - postage, 163.42; Plank Road - subscription, 116.95; Anissa/David Poor - refund, 30.00; Reporter & Farmer - legals, 121.29; Roy L. Hall American Legion - rent, 100.00; S&S Lumber - drill bits, 13.48; Eh Tha You Say - refund, 190.00; Deb Schuelke - refund, 190.00; Alexandra Schuring - conf fee, 65.00; Sarah Schuster - camp fee, 1,200.00; SDHSA - fees, 900.00; Mellissa Smith - refund, 50.00; Steve/Carol Smith - refund, 821.40; SW Education Services - training, 800.00; Cody Swanson - supplies, 40.44; Jesse/Nichole Tullis - refund, 250.00; Charlene Voss - election, 162.45; Shaun Wanner - refund, 514.00; Martin Weismantel - refund, 50.00; Lindie Wicks - election, 154.05. Total General Fund - \$365,322.88.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Agency Fund - advanced pays, 289.05; Allied Climate Professionals - actuator, 703.00; Amazon - tables, 1,094.20; Apple - 20 iPad and cases (20), 9,079.90; Dollar General - stool, 18.00; School Nurse Supply - probe covers, 1,196.00; Stan Houston - equipment, 3,449.81; US Bank - interest, 115,475.00. Total Capital Outlay - \$131,304.96.

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# COVID-19 vs. Education at stalemate for now

The Groton Area School Board of Education grappled with the COVID-19 pandemic with a stalemate being the outcome.

Superintendent Joe Schwan presented a number of scenarios dealing with going back to school, the graduation ceremony scheduled for July 12th and extra curricular activities. Not knowing what the COVID-19 numbers are going to look like in August presents problems in planning.

The only thing that is definite is that prom is cancelled.

Graduation will go on and for now, there will be no restrictions or assignments of families. It will be come at your own risk or watch it live on GDILIVE.COM.

Extra curricular activities could be challenging. Schwan said there might be a school that may not want to play another school or what does Groton Area do if we have a student with COVID-19. There are so many questions, no answers, and only time will tell.

Schwan then asked the question about bus-ing students to and from school: "How do you safely transport students to school?" He also mentioned that extra curricular buses are full. About the only thing that is positive is that the district should receive their football helmets in time for the season, but some districts may not be so lucky. "So what then?" Schwan asked.

Schwan said that wearing masks has become

politically charged. The question was raised if the students should wear masks, the teaching staff, or not. Board member Deb Gengerke said it is one thing to have three elementary students home because of COVID-19. It's another to have three teachers home because of COVID-19.

More decisions will be forthcoming in July.

Teachers will be doing training for teaching on-line classes in July or August, which will be funded through the CARES Act.

Groton Area will be getting extra funds through the CARES Act. The district was originally suppose to get \$65,000 based on the Title I funding. The Department of Education will be using 9.5 percent of its 10 percent of CARES Act funding to provide more equitable federal funding on a per student basis. So for Groton, the district will receive \$95,155 based on \$162.02 per student.

ACT testing will be done in Groton on Saturday, June 13 with the doors closed at 8 a.m. Northern State is not hosting an ACT testing site, but Groton will be having theirs. There are 47 students registered for the Groton testing site.

For the school board election, there were 386 absentee ballots requested with 293 of them being returned and counted. Thirteen

absentee ballots were received after the elec-tion.

Kyle Gerlach was approved for reassignment from elementary Paraprofessional to MS/HS special education paraprofessional vacated by the retired Bill Duncan.

Drivers Education work agreements were approved for Shaun Wanner and Joel Guthmiller.

ESY agreements for the 2020 ESY services for Ann Gibbs, Anne Zoellner, Carrie Weisen-burger, Todd Peterson and Becky Erickson were approved.

Ray Adams was hired as a high school math teacher. Adams is moving from Charlotte, N.C., to Aberdeen and has 18 years of teach-ing experience. "He should be a good fit," Superintendent Joe Schwan said. "The kids will enjoy him."

The board approved the 2020-21 district membership agreement for North Central Special Education Cooperative.

- Paul Kosel

## Service Notice: Diane Johnson

Services for Diane Johnson, 74, of Groton will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 13th at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Burial will follow at a later date in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the chapel on Friday.

Diane passed away June 7, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family.

## Unwanted tree trimmer roars through the area

A storm system roared through the area Thursday night, leaving in its path destruction from power poles to trees on homes and twigs all over the place.



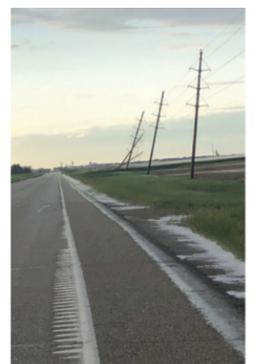
This tree was snapped off at the base south of the Groton Community Center. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Sheets of rain fell in a short period of time along with wind in excess of 60 mph. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Eleven transmission poles were snapped off at the base about another 10 were leaning from the strong wind that roared through the area Thursday night. Ice is seen piled up along the edge of the road from the hail that fell. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



This house at First Street and Second Avenue received substantial damage when this tree landed on the roof. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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