

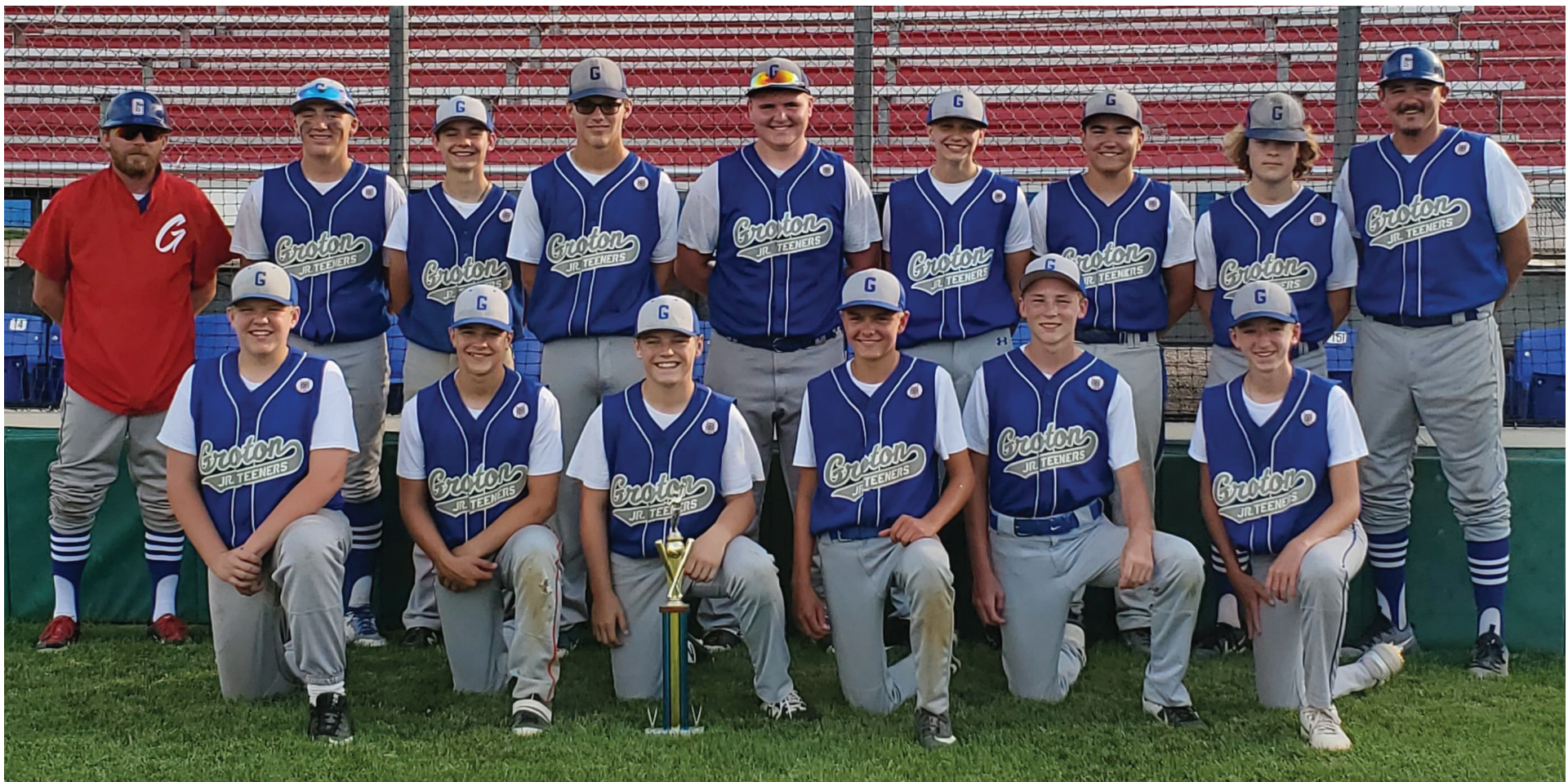
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Groton Jr. Teeners win regions; advance to state

U14 (Junior Teener) Region 6B Champs: Back row L to R: Coach Spencer Locke, Colby Dunker, Kaleb Hoover, Bradin Althoff, Logan Ringgenberg, Jacob Zak, Kaleb Antonsen, Ryan Groeblichhoff and Coach Aaron Severson. Front row L to R: Caden McInerney, Brevin Flihs, Korbin Kucker, Dillon Ablen, Teylor Diegel, and Braxton Imrie. They beat Clark in the championship game 12-2. The State Tournament will be held in Webster July 17-19. (Photo by Kristie Flihs)



Yard of the Week

The Clark yard at 506 West Third Ave. has been chosen as this week's Yard of the Week by members of the Groton Garden Club. Pictured are Emily, Ethan, Laura and Shane Clark. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Penning hired as softball coach

The Groton City Council had a short meeting Tuesday evening at the Groton Community Center.

Janel Penning was hired as a softball coach.

A plat was approved for L and S Frohling Addition. The Frohlings want to build a garage adjacent to their house.

Kristie Flihs will attend the 2020 elected officials workshop.

Dacotah Bank and South Dakota FIT were approved as official banks and The Groton Independent was approved as the official newspaper.

Ken Hier of Clark Engineering came before the council to discuss the contracts for the new water tower and to introduce one of his new bosses from the Sioux Falls office.

South Dakota Economy Second Least Impacted by COVID-19 in First Quarter in the United States

PIERRE, S.D. – Yesterday, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) announced state gross domestic product (GDP) decreases for all 50 states. The South Dakota economy contracted by 2.2%, the second smallest amount in the country, for the first quarter of 2020, which covers January to March.

"The credit here goes to the people of South Dakota," said Governor Kristi Noem. "Obviously, our low taxes and reasonable regulatory environment put us in a really good position to bounce back from this pandemic. We have trusted our people to do the right things for themselves, their loved ones, and – in turn – their communities, and we will continue to do so."

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 Alvin and Donna Bahr.(pd)

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One weekly closed, another sold
 Another weekly newspaper is closing its doors this week and weekly in the north-central part of the state is sold.
 This week was the last issue for The Chamberlain/Oacoma Sun. "After months of discussion, deliberation, and failed attempts to sell the newspaper, publishers Lucy and Kim Halverson have decided to cease operation of the newspaper effective this week," the front-page story said.

"Like other businesses, the Sun has been hit by the economic effects of several years of reduced revenues, while fixed expenses like payroll, printing, postage and other operating costs continue to increase. The number of businesses and advertisers turning away from print advertising has contributed greatly to a decrease in revenues. The economic situation escalated this year with the outbreak of the COVID pandemic," the story continued.

Lucy said the decision also was partially a personal one since she and Kim have retired from operating their farm near Kennebec and are looking forward to have more time to travel and spend with family and friends.

The Halversons also publish the Lyman County Herald at Presho and they are looking for a buyer for that newspaper.

This spring the De Smet News and the Lake Preston Times were closed. The Kingsbury Journal was started a few weeks later to serve those communities.

Meanwhile, Allan and Leah Burke have sold the Prairie Pioneer at Pollock to J. Louis Mullen, who also owns the Mobridge Tribune, Potter County News and West River Eagle.

"We plan to stay in Linton (N.D.) and focus on The Braddock News Letterpress Museum, gardening and, after COVID-19, doing some traveling to see family and friends," Leah said. "We are pleased that Louie Mullen has purchased the newspapers. Louie is a young, smart man with a passion for newspapers, and we see good things coming in the future." The sale also included the Emmons County Record at Linton, N.D.

The Burkes purchased the Prairie Pioneer in 1987 and the Emmons County Record in 1993.

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Child-care options in S.D. dwindling at a time more parents are returning to work

Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch

South Dakota parents trying to return to work after pandemic-caused layoffs, furloughs or job changes may have a hard time finding child care as state day-care providers struggle to survive amid decreased business and increased costs.

Day-care centers, preschools and state registered in-home day-care providers were struggling against high costs, slim profit margins and a shortage of workers even before the COVID-19 pandemic.

With more parents now working from home, and fewer jobs available due to a slowed economy, many child-care providers find themselves paying for enhanced cleaning measures and extra staff at a time they are serving fewer children and bringing in less revenue.

Industry leaders have begun to worry that without a fully reopened economy and more state and federal support, child-care providers will be forced to close permanently, which could reduce the ability of people to go back to work and prolong the COVID-19 economic recession.

"I have heard from other agency directors and CEOs that they are getting to their breaking point," said Rebecca Wimmer, CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Sioux Falls, which operates after-school and child-care programs for working parents. "There's not a whole lot further that these organizations can stretch. And then at that point, I do believe we will be in a serious predicament in terms of not having the available care for our children."

South Dakota was struggling to build its workforce well before the pandemic hit and a shortage of child care was part of the problem. Between 2015 and 2019, the number of in-home, family day-care providers registered with the Department of Social Services dropped from 689 to 445, a loss of 244 providers and space for up to 2,928 children, according to data gathered by the Kids Count program at the University of South Dakota. In the same time period, just 19 new out-of-home day care centers were added to the market.

As South Dakota tries to claw out of the economic crisis caused by the pandemic, the economic consequences of a lack of child-care options could be significant, said Rob Grunewald, an economist with the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank. If a state becomes too short on child care, its entire economy can be slowed by people staying out of the workforce to care for their children, which can increase reliance on public assistance and decrease economic productivity.

"Without child care, there's a sizable portion of the workforce that won't be able to go back to their jobs," Grunewald said. "If there is a business looking to expand but the workforce doesn't have enough child care, it can be harder to find workers."

While unemployment in South Dakota remained much higher than normal in May at 9.4%, businesses are recalling workers. So far, there have been spaces open in child-care programs for the children of returning workers because so many parents were out of work. But those openings will likely be filled quickly, Wimmer said.

In March 2020, Dawn Wall closed her 24-hour, in-home child care operation in Rapid City and took an early retirement after 27 years due to COVID-19. Both she and her husband, who is also retired, are over 60 and are considered to be at higher risk from the potentially



Day-care centers in South Dakota were facing financial challenges before the COVID-19 pandemic, which has created new hurdles to financial stability. Photo: Stock image

deadly disease.

"I didn't feel that it was worth the risk to stay open," Wall said. "It's not fair to families to open up for a short time and then say, 'Oh by the way, I'm retiring.'"

Many of the children who needed overnight care were the children of single parents who were nurses, certified nursing assistants, nursing home employees and overnight workers in the hospitality industry. Her decision to retire was a blow to some clients who were forced to scramble to find alternate arrangements for their children.

"One client flew a relative into Rapid City to live with them" and help care for the children, Wall said. "Others had to get help from family or work from home."

Child care is especially important in South Dakota, a state that is near the top in the nation for the number of households in which both parents work one or more jobs.

Exactly what the child-care industry in South Dakota will look like once the thousands of out-of-work parents go back to their jobs is unknown, said Janessa Bixel, president of the South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children.

The costs of providing quality early childhood education or child care include providing staff, supplies, food, diapers, baby formula and utilities. But there is only so much a day-care provider can charge their clients, who include many young, low-paid workers, Grunewald said.

"Before the pandemic, the business model for child care was one of thin margins and it was a challenging business model to make a profit with," Grunewald said. "The extra costs, now, to address COVID-19 have created more pressure."

Child care is one of the biggest items on most family balance sheets. Many parents pay more than \$6,000 a year for child care, according to the national nonprofit Committee for Economic Development. For day-care providers, setting rates attractive to clients while covering the actual cost of care is difficult, Bixel said.

High costs combined with low rates have made keeping the doors open at many child-care centers a challenging prospect. For example, Bixel said, a child-care center must have one adult staff member for every five children under the age of three. Even at the highest DSS market rate of \$4.20 per hour, a center would only be bringing in about \$33.60 per day on each toddler or infant.



Rob Grunewald



Rebecca Wimmer

In South Dakota, the average child-care worker makes about \$10.55 an hour, \$1.45 more than minimum wage. Subtracting the cost of diapers, formula and food for each of those five kids leaves little left over to pay administrators, invest in new programming or to turn a profit, Bixel said.


Low pay has helped make finding workers difficult, she said, which also was a major problem facing the child-care industry prior to the pandemic.

Several day-care centers around the state have closed temporarily after employees or children tested positive for COVID-19. In early July, the Leap 2 Learn Educational Childcare in Rapid City closed for two weeks after two employees and a child tested positive for the disease.

So far, most of South Dakota's child care centers and registered in-home day-care providers have been able to stave off permanent closure owing to government financial assistance. Many providers have stayed afloat through financial support from the federal government through the CARES Act.

There also is an entire class of low-cost child-care providers, known as unregistered family day cares, that are unregulated and also ineligible for assistance.

South Dakota doesn't require in-home child care services to be licensed, so virtually anyone with a clean criminal record can start an in-home day care and care for up to 12 children at a time.

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Kaleb Antonsen tried to steal third, but was caught out on the play. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Jr. Teeners advance to title game with win over Clark

SDVFW 14U Clark had trouble keeping up with SDVFW 14U Groton in an 18-1 loss on Tuesday. SDVFW 14U Groton got things moving in the first inning. Logan Ringgenberg drew a walk, scoring one run.

In the bottom of the first inning, SDVFW 14U Clark tied things up at one when Jack Helkenn grounded out, scoring one run.

SDVFW 14U Groton pulled away for good with one run in the second inning. In the second Bradin Althoff singled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run.

SDVFW 14U Groton scored nine runs in the third inning. SDVFW 14U Groton batters contributing to the big inning included Kaleb Hoover, Ringgenberg, and Hoover, all driving in runs in the inning.

Althoff got the start for SDVFW 14U Groton. He lasted five innings, allowing one hit and one run while striking out ten.

Mason Mcelhone was on the mound for SDVFW 14U Clark. He allowed seven hits and 11 runs over three innings, striking out two. Waylon Olson threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Collin Gaikowski went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead SDVFW 14U Clark in hits.

SDVFW 14U Groton collected 14 hits. Althoff, Teylor Diegel, Ryan Groeblichhoff, and Colby Dunker each racked up multiple hits for SDVFW 14U Groton. Althoff led SDVFW 14U Groton with five hits in five at bats. SDVFW 14U Groton stole nine bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Althoff led the way with two.



Bradin Althoff was the winning pitcher for Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Brevin Flihs was walked as the ball was thrown high. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Groton Claims Blow Out Win Over Clark Thanks To Sixth Inning Boost

An eight-run sixth inning led SDVFW 14U Groton to a 12-2 victory on Wednesday. SDVFW 14U Groton offense in the inning was led by Bradin Althoff, Ryan Groeblichhoff, Kaleb Antonsen, Brevin Flihs, Jacob Zak, and Dillon Abeln, all driving in runs in the frame.

SDVFW 14U Groton opened up scoring in the first inning. Kaleb Hoover grounded out, scoring one run.

SDVFW 14U Groton scored eight runs in the sixth inning. SDVFW 14U Groton big bats were led by Althoff, Groeblichhoff, Antonsen, Flihs, Zak, and Abeln, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Hoover was on the pitcher's mound for SDVFW 14U Groton. He lasted six innings, allowing three hits and two runs while striking out eight and walking one.

Jack Helkenn toed the rubber for SDVFW 14U Clark. He lasted four and a third innings, allowing three hits and four runs while striking out two. Cooper Pommer and Emmerson Larson entered the game as relief, throwing one inning and one-third of an inning respectively.

Althoff went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead SDVFW 14U Groton in hits. SDVFW 14U Groton stole 17 bases during the game as five players stole more than one. Hoover led the way with four.

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SDVFW 14U Groton tops Webster in 5 innings

SDVFW 14U Webster fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 15-2 loss to SDVFW 14U Groton on Monday. SDVFW 14U Groton scored on a single by Colby Dunker, a wild pitch during Kaleb Antonsen's at bat, a walk by Teylor Diegel, an error during Jacob Zak's at bat, and a single by Bradin Althoff in the first inning.

The SDVFW 14U Webster struggled to contain the high-powered offense of SDVFW 14U Groton, giving up 15 runs.

SDVFW 14U Groton got things started in the first inning. Dunker singled on a 0-2 count, scoring one run.

SDVFW 14U Groton scored seven runs in the fourth inning. The big inning for SDVFW 14U Groton came thanks to singles by Althoff and Dunker, a walk by Ryan Groeblichhoff, and an error on a ball put in play by Antonsen.

Dillon Abeln toed the rubber for SDVFW 14U Groton. He went four innings, allowing one run on zero hits and striking out eight.

BRENT SNAZA was on the mound for SDVFW 14U Webster. He surrendered seven runs on three hits over two-thirds of an inning, striking out one. BRENT BEARMAN and BLAIZE AMDAHL entered the game as relief, throwing two and two-thirds innings and one and two-thirds innings respectively.

TREY DUNSE and BEARMAN each collected one hit to lead SDVFW 14U Webster.

SDVFW 14U Groton tallied eight hits on the day. Althoff and Dunker all collected multiple hits for SDVFW 14U Groton. Althoff went 5-for-5 at the plate to lead SDVFW 14U Groton in hits. SDVFW 14U Groton tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Althoff led the way with four.

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Groton City July 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

July 7, 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, Blackmun, Flihs, Babcock and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Paul Kosel, Kathy Sundermeyer, Ken Hier, Tony Garcia and Shane Waterman.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, and Clark Engineering representative, Ken Hier, introduced Shane Waterman, manager of municipal engineering for Clark Engineering.

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

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

Payroll, \$34,727.31, Employee salaries, Executive, \$738.79, Administrative, \$3,227.47, Public Safety, \$8,096.45, Public Works, \$10,377.13, Culture & Recreation, \$12,287.47; First State Bank, \$10,116.83, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$466.66, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$1,050.00, Employee savings; Allied Benefits, \$10,410.74, Employee insurance; Hauge Associates, \$360.00, Payroll garnishment; SD Retirement System, \$8,002.46, Employee retirement; Colonial Life, \$340.78, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$140.52, Employee insurance; Aflac, \$338.26, Employee insurance; Dollar General, \$269.10, Cleaners, paper products, hand sanitizer, batteries; SD State Treasurer, \$9,839.25, Sales tax 5/19; City of Groton, \$720.00, Camping fee refund, BB concession bags; Sue Fjeldheim, \$240.00, Softball umpire pay; Matt Locke, \$780.00, Jr Teener region umpire pay; Web Water, \$20,925.91, Water 6/20; Barry Smith, \$700.00, HWH and cooling rebates; Michael Gruenstein, \$500.00, HWH rebates; Tom Cutler, \$910.00, HWH rebates; Harry Implement, \$1,119.21, Mower blades, belts, bearings; Menards, \$10.98, Tow rope with hooks; Runnings, \$170.44, Hose, gauge, wheel and tire, adaptor kit w/charger, batteries; USPS, \$120.00, PO Box fee; USA Blue Books, \$83.79, Test strips, chemicals; NW Energy, \$349.34, Natural gas; S&S Lumber, \$587.31, Cable ties, fuses, hose clamps, bolts, tape, nuts, concrete, bug spray, sprinklers, sprayer, gloves, screws, belt, rain gauge, grass seed, garden hose, weed and feed, hitch; Clark Engineering, \$16,780.00, Water tower project coordination, legal documents, contracts, plans for all schedules, prep for advertising and bidding, pre bid teleconference, contractor inquiries, issue addendums, bid tabulations; Brown County Auditor, \$250.00, Election worker cost share with county and school; Locke Electric, \$1,574.29, Heater in west shop, underground break by RR tracks, locate break, street light power on west side of town, replace receiver, trench primary at trailer court, find underground break; Paul Kosel, \$83.00, Med flex; Eide Bailly, \$15,687.50, Audit 2018&2019; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$570.00, Employee retirement; Employers Mutual Insurance, \$170.40, Employee insurance; Colonial Research, \$231.58, Cleaners, air freshener; Farmers Union Association, \$1,345.48, Fuel; Irby, \$91.68, Glove and sleeve testing; BK Custom T's & More, \$1,252.00, BB hats, shirts; Banyon, \$595.00, Timecard support; Lien Transportation, \$9,052.55, Hot mix; Geffdog, \$250.00, Baseball signs; Share Corp, \$16.33, Cleaners; SD Dept of Health, \$608.00, Water testing; Diesel Machinery Inc, \$2,565.00, 4 weeks roller rental; Border States, \$370.00, Crimping tool repair; Bruce Kleinsasser, \$1,560.00, Lifeguard training; Hope Block, \$109.68, Med flex, mileage for equalization and election; Cole Papers, \$232.40, Trash bags, paper towels; Drew Johnson, \$750.00, Legal fees 6/20; Groton Ford, \$1,597.28, 17 Ford replace fuel pump, O2 sensor, belt, cooling fan, air filter, fuel pressure testing, fuel sample, '12 Tahoe ac charge; Lori's Pharmacy, \$69.90, Batteries; Auto Zone, \$472.85, Filter, mud flap, oil, transmission line; Kens Food Fair, \$742.99, Fuel, paper products, water; Midwest Masonry, \$7,834.16, Dugout

masonry work; House of Glass, \$150.00, Dugout bar tops; Farm Power Mfg, \$2,186.43, Dugout railings; Michael's Fence, \$426.27, Dugout wire, paint, fabric; (supplemented by the foundation),

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock to delegate Groton Independent as the City's official newspaper with a rate of 90% of \$32.65/line, and official banks as Dacotah Bank and SD Fit. All members voted aye.

The SD Municipal League is hosting a workshop for elected officials September 2nd in Pierre, and all members were invited to attend.

The Resolution to approve the Plat "L and S Frohling Addition to the City of Groton in the SE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 123 North, Range 61 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota" was approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Flihs. All members voted aye.

The Resolution 2020-1 Authorizing the Execution of Contractual Documents with the State of South Dakota for the Receipt of Cares Act Funds to Address the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis was approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Babcock. All members voted aye.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, div. A, Title V (Mar. 27, 2020) (the "CARES Act"), the State of South Dakota has received federal funds that may only be used to cover costs that: (a) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (b) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, for the State of South Dakota; and (c) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton acknowledges that the State of South Dakota, in its sole discretion, may retain full use of these funds for the purposes delineated in the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton acknowledges that in order to provide financial assistance to counties and municipalities in South Dakota, the State of South Dakota, in its sole discretion, may allocate CARES Act Funds Act on a statewide basis to reimburse counties and municipalities as delineated herein; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton seeks funding to reimburse eligible expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton acknowledges that any request for reimbursement of expenditures will only be for expenditures that were not accounted for in the budget for the City of Groton most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton acknowledges that it will only seek reimbursement for costs incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Groton that the mayor of Groton may execute any and all documents as required by the State in order to receive CARES Act funds.

It is further RESOLVED that any request for reimbursement will be only for those costs authorized by the State that: (1) Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; (2) Were not accounted for in the City budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and (3) Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

It is further RESOLVED that the City will not request reimbursement from the State under the CARES Act for costs for which the City previously received reimbursement, or for which the City has a reimbursement request pending before another source. Approved and adopted this 7th day of July, 2020.

The community was reminded that the Lions Club is sponsoring the 4th Annual Summer Fest from 9am - 4pm on July 12th at the Groton City Park. The event is a combination of a car show, music, food, drink and a variety of vendors. All were invited to attend.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Flihs to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:27pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:42pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Wells to hire Janel Penning as a softball coach. All members voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
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Groton School June 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING June 29, 2020

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Flihs, Harder, Gengerke, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principal Sombke and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Flihs, second Harder to approve the following consent agenda items: year-end District bills and second reading of recommended handbook changes for Elementary and MS/HS Student Handbooks. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Aberdeen American News - election printing, 24.75; Advance Auto Parts - brake pads, 38.06; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 7,357.21; Brown County - election workers, 625.00; Shane Clark - refund, 207.00; Decker Equipment - supplies, 150.20; Dependable Sanitation - service, 1,238.00; Emily Dinger - refund, 163.60; Green Iron Equipment - repairs, 825.78; Groton Area - supplies, 4.50; Groton Chiropractic - physical, 95.00; Groton Daily Independent - legals, 285.04; Deborah Jacobs - refund, 449.80; Cole Jandel - refund, 100.00; Ken's - fuel, 5,243.47; Mid-American - supplies, 4,822.53; Mike-N-Jo's - repairs, 840.40; MJ's - repairs, 129.90; Northwestern Energy - natural gas, 680.25; Petty Cash, Amanda Morehouse - postage, 33.25; Warren Pigors - refund, 324.80; QQP/Midstates - sign, 24.00; Bill Rosenau - refund, 198.20; Shawn Schultz - refund, 250.00; Cody Swanson - supplies, 26.57; Jeff Thaler - refund, 587.00; TruGreen - chemical, 734.00; Wells Fargo - supplies, 292.31; Bill Zoellner - refund, 50.00. Total General Fund - \$25,800.62

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - print services, 985.79; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 352.71; Amazon - books/air conditioner, 571.06; Don Donley - project labor, 200.00; Lien Transportation - services, 4,725.00; QQP/Midstates - sign, 45.00; School Nurse Supply - thermoscans/probe covers, 566.00; Stan Houston - equipment, 299.00; Subscription Services - library renewals, 239.80; Wells Fargo - subscription, 111.99. Total Capital Outlay - \$8,096.35. SPECIAL ED: Groton Area School - supplies, 241.98. Total Special Ed - \$241.98.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service - Groton Area School - lunch transfer, 27.00; Palmer Hamilton - casserole kit, 45.40. Total Food Service - \$72.40. OST - Groton Area School - supplies, 88.10. Total OST - \$88.10. Total Enterprise - \$160.50.

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 presented information on the District's response to COVID-19. There is currently an inter-agency work group meeting to develop specific guidance for K-12 schools. This includes representatives from the Department of Health, Department of Social Services, Board of Regents and Board of Technical Education. The group will offer guidance on what to do when a student/parent/staff member tests positive, what the process for a positive test will entail including communication with appropriate parties, contact tracing and communication to school families, and appropriate use of protective personal equipment in the school setting including who should wear what and when.

The following items were reported in Administrative Reports:

in-person graduation planned for July 12th at 2:00 pm in the GHS Arena with seating in groups six feet apart, planning for the 2020-21 school year task force, staff and parent surveys on how to responsibly return to face-to-face learning in the fall being reviewed, e-learning options and fund balance review.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to approve the following:

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER CONTINGENCY FUNDS WHEREAS: The General Fund Contingency Account consists of \$50,000

THEREFORE: Be it resolved to transfer \$175 to Nursing Services.

Date of Resolution, June 29, 2020.

Steven R. Smith, President M. J. Weber, Business Official (Resolution carried.)

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve the following:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY

WHEREAS: The following budget function levels set by the Board of Education were not adequate to meet the operating needs of the District in Capital Outlay

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Education, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12, adopts the following supplemental budget in Capital Outlay by allocating \$2,500 from Cash on Hand to Nursing Services (\$2,500).

Date of Resolution, June 29, 2020.

Steven R. Smith, President M. J. Weber, Business Official (Resolution carried.)

Moved by Rix, second Harder to approve the following:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR TITLE I 1003 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The following budget function levels set by the Board of Education were not adequate to meet the operating needs of Title I 1003 School Improvement

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Education, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12, adopts the following supplemental budget changes as amended:

General Fund Expenses 10-2214-000-100-660 from \$10,648 to \$3,005
10-2214-000-200-660 from \$1,310 to \$122
10-2214-000-330-660 from \$1,646 to \$540
10-1273-000-100-660 from \$0 to \$176
10-1273-000-200-660 from \$0 to \$24
10-1273-000-300-660 from \$0 to \$2,800

Capital Outlay Expenses 21-1273-000-470-660 from \$0 to \$9,350

General Fund Revenue 10-4158-660 from \$14,000 to \$3,600
Capital Outlay Revenue Date of Resolution, June 29, 2020.

Steven R. Smith, President M. J. Weber, Business Official (Resolution carried.)

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to approve the following:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR CARES ACT ESSER PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The following budget function levels set by the Board of Education were not adequate to meet the operating needs of the CARES Act Esser Program

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Education, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12, adopts the following supplemental budget changes as amended:

General Fund Expenses 10-1111-000-112-670 from \$0 to \$18,427
10-1111-000-210-670 from \$0 to \$1,410
10-1111-000-220-670 from \$0 to \$1,106
10-1131-000-112-670 from \$0 to \$233
10-1131-000-210-670 from \$0 to \$18
10-1131-000-220-670 from \$0 to \$14
10-1141-000-112-670 from \$0 to \$1,239
10-1141-000-210-670 from \$0 to \$95
10-1141-000-220-670 from \$0 to \$75
10-2134-000-111-670 from \$0 to \$7,693
10-2134-000-210-670 from \$0 to \$589
10-2134-000-220-670 from \$0 to \$462
10-2222-000-112-670 from \$0 to \$6,095
10-2222-000-210-670 from \$0 to \$467
10-2222-000-220-670 from \$0 to \$366

10-2410-000-114-670 from \$0 to \$3,006

10-2410-000-210-670 from \$0 to \$230

10-2410-000-220-670 from \$0 to \$181

10-2542-000-120-670 from \$0 to \$2,280

10-2542-000-210-670 from \$0 to \$175

10-2554-000-114-670 from \$0 to \$17,299

10-2554-000-210-670 from \$0 to \$1,324

10-2554-000-220-670 from \$0 to \$908

Food Service Fund Expenses 51-2562-000-120-670 from \$0 to \$8,030

51-2562-000-210-670 from \$0 to \$615

51-2562-000-220-670 from \$0 to \$230

Enterprise/OST Fund Expenses 53-3500-000-113-670 from \$0 to \$2,135

53-3500-000-210-670 from \$0 to \$164

53-2500-000-220-670 from \$0 to \$129

General Fund Revenue 10-4151-670 from \$0 to \$67,500

Food Service Revenue 51-4151-670 from \$0 to \$9,000

Capital Outlay Revenue 21-4151-670 from \$0 to \$3,300

Enterprise/OST Revenue 53-4151-670 from \$0 to \$2,000

Date of Resolution, June 29, 2020

Steven R. Smith, President M. J. Weber, Business Official (Resolution carried.)

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to cast ballot for SDHSA runoff election for East River At-Large Representative for Chester Superintendent Heath Larson. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to declare the Groton Area Elementary School flagpole at the corner of 1st Street and 9th Avenue as surplus property for disposal or resale. Motion carried.

The Lions club will have it relocated to the city park and will pay the expenses for moving it.

Quotes for fuel oil, diesel and gas were opened and read as follows: MJ's Sinclair/Fuel Stop: #2 Diesel - 1.576, #1 Diesel - 2.13, Ethanol - 1.701, Lead-Free - 1.791, and E-85 - 1.079; Ken's Shell Express: #2 Diesel - 1.8744, #1 Diesel - 2.0986, Ethanol - 1.7728, Lead-Free - 1.9645 and E-85 - 1.3904.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to award the 2020-21 fuel contract to MJ's Sinclair/Fuel Stop. Motion carried.

Quotes for official newspaper were opened and read as follows: Groton Independent - legal line rate \$0.304 per line, classified advertising \$3 per week, local open display advertising \$3.50 per column inch, current subscribers 225; Webster Farmer & Reporter - legal line rate \$0.338 per line adjusted to \$0.3042 for meeting minutes, classified advertising \$0.40 per word with an \$8 minimum for 1st week, \$0.35 per word with a \$7 minimum for 2nd week, \$0.30 per word with a \$6 minimum for 3rd week and \$0.30 per word after that, local open display advertising \$7.80 per column inch, current subscribers 281.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to award newspaper contract to Groton Independent. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager
Steven R. Smith, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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Columbia City July 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting - July 7, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Ellen Harr, Dana Mohr, Trevor Meints

Community - Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the June 3rd meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Northwestern Energy - 430.66; JVT - 123.10; Web Water - 38.62; GDI - 34.09; Jeremy Dosch - 419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann - 321.99; Kelsie Ehresmann - 6.80; Cara

Dennert - 823.50; Ellen Harr - 255.29; Cole Kampa - 288.23; Dana Mohr - 288.23; Trevor Meints - 288.23; Corey Mitchell - 348.08; Trey Wright - 67.94; Great Western Bank - 140.51; Ken Frohling - 2332.35; US Treasury - 2576.17; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. - 298.00; John Deere Financial - 208.66; SD Unemployment Insurance - 1.14; Artz Equip - 126.86; Web Water - 41.76; Northwestern Energy - 399.02; Ken Frohling - 2348.07

Dana Mohr made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORESPONDENCE - letter & e-mail from DENR; e-mail from Torian Mitchell - Rural Development; refund check from SDPAA (dump truck insurance); US Treasury refund; NPO litigation letter; call from bank on counter checks- they won't be accepting them anymore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Pet ordinance - council will continue reading over the proposed ordinance. First reading next month. Dana Mohr made a motion to suspend the current Columbia Covid19 ordinance with the option to reinstate at any given date. Trevor Meints seconded the motion - all were in favor - motion carried.

Nuisances - Two residents in town will be receiving letters of lot debris needing attention. One resident will be notified that their dog needs to be leashed/kenned at all times according to city ordinance.

Streets - The streets are in good shape - they will need to be bladed one more time (after a rain.)

Parks - There was discussion on the flooded ballpark. It was the consensus of the group that it won't dry out until the river goes down. Pumping would be futile.

Lagoon/sewer - The lagoon level is high. It may need to be pumped again - a lot of rainfall this summer.

Rubble Site - At the end of the month - the council will try to get some trees torn out and move/rehang the gates. It also needs to be burned again.

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINANCIAL REPORT - Cara presented bank balances. She explained a mistake made on Kelsie's May paycheck (too much Federal Withholding was taken out.) 2nd Quarter 941 form and 2nd Quarter Unemployment Insurance taken care of. Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the financial report as given. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

June 30, 2020 balances: SF - \$154,860.56; GF - \$176,866.68; FIT - \$13,978.69 Cash on Hand - \$40.00

Ellen Harr made a motion to adjourn. Dana Mohr seconded the motion. All were in favor - meeting adjourned.

Next City Meeting - Tuesday, August 4th, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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Brown County Struck Rezoning

NOTICE

Application has been made by Gerald Struck 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 July 14, 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 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 1, "Gerald and Gail Struck Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 9-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (12501 385th Ave)

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. 168

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
(0701.0708)

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Claremont Town Amendment DENR

Amendment to Categorical Exclusion Determination

For the Proposed project at Claremont, South Dakota

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) issued a Categorical Exclusion Determination published on June 12, 2019 for a project to upgrade the sewer system serving the town of Claremont. The project includes replacement of most of the wastewater collection system throughout the town with approximately 8,500 feet of PVC pipe, rehabilitation of existing lift stations by installing new pumps and making wet well repairs, and replacement of the clay liner in the treatment ponds with synthetic liners. The Categorical Exclusion Determination is being amended because of additional funding received by the town to address a funding shortfall for the project. The town of Claremont was awarded a \$625,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan with 89.0 percent principle forgiveness not to exceed \$556,000 to fund the project shortfall. The CWSRF loan has a rate of 2.125 percent and a term of 30 years. The current wastewater rate is a flat rate of \$47.00 per month. Repayment of the CWSRF loan will be with a wastewater surcharge assessment of about \$4.70 per customer per month. The Claremont Wastewater Improvement project as amended will not affect any historical or archaeological resources. The project should have no direct or indirect adverse effects on plant life or wildlife. No other environmentally sensitive issues have been identified due to this amendment. Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for consideration by DENR after publication of the Categorical Exclusion Determination. After evaluating the comments received, DENR will make a final decision.

Michael A Perkovich
Administrator
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Claremont Town July 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The board of trustees for the town of Claremont met in special meeting on 7-1-2020 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Johnson with trustees Rasmussen and Spencer present. The reason for meeting is to go through the CATEX and have it published in the town paper. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the monthly sewer rate will be raised \$4.70 per month. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen a motion to award B&B Contracting, Inc. of Aberdeen S.D. the Wastewater project for the town of Claremont. Motion to adjourn was made by Jason Spencer and seconded by Frank Rasmussen. Motion carried.

CRye, F.O.
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Frederick School June 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

JUNE 30, 2020

The meeting was called to order on June 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Alex Hart by telephone and Dan Nickelson by Zoom. Jon Ellwein and Richard Achen were excused. Also present was Business Manager Janel Wagner.

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.

Action 19-122 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 19-123 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to approve the transfer of \$4,238 Contingency Funds to functions 2315, 2410, 2490 and 6100 within the General Fund and adopt the supplemental budget for 2019-2020:

GENERAL FUND
MEANS OF FINANCE:
CASH ON HAND..... \$1,709
ESSER Grant\$10,150
.....\$11,859
EXPENDITURES:
10 2321 000 113 Administrative Salaries - Superintendent..... \$1,709
10 2410 919 479 Other Consumable Supplies-ESSER..... \$600
10 2549 919 411 Non-Technology Supplies-ESSER\$258
10 2569 919 114 ...Classified Salaries-ESSER.....\$7,164
10 2569 919 200 ...Classified Benefits-ESSER \$2,128
.....\$11,859
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
MEANS OF FINANCE:
CASH ON HAND..... \$3,510
Ad Valorem Taxes..... \$5,823
..... \$9,333
EXPENDITURES:21 2542 000 549

Other Equipment-Care/Upkeep of Building (snow bars, carpet) \$3,510
21 8110 404 690 ... Transfers Out to General Fund..... \$5,823
..... \$9,333
All aye, carried.

Action 19-124 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to approve Fiscal Year 2020 district bills as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 19-125 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to close the following Trust & Agency accounts per GASB 84: Kenser Athletic Memorial, Band Trip, Concessions, High School Student Council, Music, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Cross Country, Track, Art Club, Elementary Student Council, Golf, Miscellaneous Student, Teacher Slush Fund and JH Girls Basketball. All aye, carried.

Action 19-126 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to authorize the transfer of \$150,825.00 from Capital Outlay to General Fund; and \$37,366.16 from Trust & Agency to General Fund. All aye, carried.

Action 19-127 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to approve the publishing of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. All aye, carried.

Action 19-128 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to adjourn at 10:09 a.m. All aye, carried.
Rich Schlosser, President
Janel Wagner, Business Manager
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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. 20-000216
NOTICE OF CONTINUED
HEARING ON 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, Donavan George Sealey to Donavan George Block, and that the originally scheduled date of the 30th day of June, 2020, at 8:55 o'clock a.m., has been continued and said hearing will now be held on the 15th day of July, 2020, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., in the third floor east courtroom of the Brown County Courthouse in the City of Aberdeen, South Dakota, which has been set as the time and place when and where said Petition will be heard. You are referred to the Petition on file with the Clerk of Courts for further particulars.

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 15th day of June, 2020.

BANTZ, GOSCH & CREMER, L.L.C.
/s/ Rory King
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Brown County June 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes

JUNE 30, 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, and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the general meeting minutes of June 23rd, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAMS:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims:
Professional Fees: AgTerra Technologies \$70.00; AMG-Emergency \$179.24; Avera St. Luke's \$160.62; Cogley Law Office \$6,250.00; Ryan Dell \$6,250.00; Dohrer Law Office \$6,250.00; Becky Erickson \$40.00; Haar Law Firm \$6,250.00; Kuck Law Office \$6,305.80; Jerald McNeary \$6,250.00; Price Funeral Chapel \$1,051.67; Public Engines \$2,865.60; Romeo Entertainment \$12,000.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$5,250.00; Kristi Spitzer \$1,400.00; Jodi Sudweeks \$81.60; Taliaferro Law Office \$6,250.00.

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Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$479.08; Aberdeen Magazine \$560.00. Rentals: Advantage Self-Storage \$2,484.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Auto Zone \$14.98; Day Co. Treasurer \$2,516.17; Fire Safety First \$373.60; Grote Body Shop \$777.60; Grote Roofing Co. \$408.16; Jebro \$680.00; Jensen Rock & Sand \$36,968.35; Lang's \$120.00; Lawson Products \$13.64; Olson's Pest Technicians \$225.00; Pantorium Cleaners \$55.00; Parkview Nursery \$3,847.07; Pierson-Ford \$94.53; Running's \$32.47; Shafcom \$1,239.94; Walth Safety Service \$145.00; Weigel Construction \$1,900.73. Supplies: Alcopro \$1,141.00; Artz Equipment \$1,975.00; Behnke Pit \$3,471.68; Century Business Products \$2,332.05; Cole Papers \$20.25; DSG \$41.86; Detco \$5,536.99; Domino's Pizza \$45.26; Fire Safety First \$389.70; GovConnection \$409.71; Jebro \$103,610.25; Jensen Rock & Sand \$33,524.09; Lawson Products \$144.27; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$394.38; Matheson Tri-Gas \$186.00; McKesson Medical \$633.33; Midstates Printing \$47.75; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale \$290.96; Rixstine Recognition \$1,937.73; Running's \$10.16; TrueNorth Steel \$6,039.75; Kelsi Vinger \$720.35. Utilities: Centurylink \$2,208.17; James Valley Telecommunication \$215.90; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$28.95; NWPS \$3,006.93; NVC \$2,476.48. Other: Riley Petersen \$95.56. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Approve hiring of Leslie Geranen as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage at \$16.65 per hour, effective June 29, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ODDE BUILDING USE:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize chair to draft letter acknowledging Aberdeen Hockey Association request to use the Odde Ice Center Building for the remainder of the 2020 summer. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPERATING TRANSFERS:
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the following operating transfers as approved in the 2020 budget: from the General Fund #101-911-191 in total amount of \$1,848,952.47 to the following: Road and Bridge Fund #201-371 @ \$1,267,755.75; E-911 Fund #207-371 @ \$400,000.00; EM Fund #226-371 @ \$158,438.8; 24/7 Sobriety Fund #248-371 @ \$18,257.91; Teen Court #230-371 @ \$4,500.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR REPORT OF ACCOUNTS:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the May 2020 Auditor's report of account as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand 7700 Total Checking Account Balances: 14791632.49 Total Savings Account Balances: 3000447.42 Total Certificates of Deposit: 4923127.01 Grand Total Cash and Balances: 22722906.92 General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund 8632130.87 Road & Bridge Fund 1231622.83 Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423243.27 911 Service -55508.03 Emergency & Disaster -6024 Domestic Abuse

915 Teen Court 27636.29 Grant 189.61 JDAI -2143.15 Richmond Youth 21916.96 24/7 Sobriety 11870.03 ROD M&P 91089.16 Tif Debt Service 451636.59 Landfill + cash change 3350430.65 Landfill - restricted 1364284 Trust and Agency Funds 7179616.84 GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS 22722906.92. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve 2020 contract amendments for camping and vendor agreements due to the postponement of the 2020 Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE:
Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Feickert to approve the following lease: Aberdeen Area Horsemen's Association for lease of Akkerman Open Horse Arena June 28th, July 12th, and August 2nd, 2020. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following abatement: Jurgens Family Trust (Scribner error) in the amount of \$676.29. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SET HEARING DATE- ORDINANCE 170 TEMPORARY ZONING ORDINANCE EXTENSION:
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to set hearing date for Ordinance 170. An ordinance to extend Ordinance 139 to July 16, 2021. Hearing on temporary zoning ordinance will be held July 21, 2020 at 8:47a.m. Brown County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve application submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 19A, in section 22/27, Township 123, Range 64, Brown County, South Dakota for telecommunications boring and plowing. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve application submitted by Northwestern Energy for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 6, in section 12, Township 124N Range 65W, Brown County, South Dakota for underground natural gas pipe replacement on Richmond Bridge. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE MEMORIAL:
Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met to discuss application for Bridge Memorial. Application submitted representing Dale Shelton requesting Dale Shelton Memorial Bridge WWII Veteran on County Road 5, 2 miles west of Hecla. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to postpone application approval for review. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

IT STORAGE EXPANSION QUOTES:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve quote from NCISStorage in the amount of \$23,997.81, rejecting quotes from SHI @ \$18,352.63 and RTI @ \$22,703.43. NCISStorage provides a new chassis and drives for storage versus just adding additional drives as quoted from SHI and RTI. New chassis provides for additional storage capacity and the best overall value. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DONATION TO LICENSE PLATE COLLECTION:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to accept donation of license plate collection from Lloyd Jark to the residents of Brown County. Collection will be hung on the south wall across from the treasurer's office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:47a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County
Revise Titles 4-5
Hearing Notice
NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING AN EXTENTION OF ORDIANNCE 139- TEMPO-

RARY ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AMENDING THE SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE TITLE 4 & TITLE 5
A public hearing will be held before the Brown County Commission on the 21st day of July 2020 beginning at 8:47 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, to consider an Emergency Temporary Zoning Ordinance, Map and Subdivision Regulations amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4 and Title 5.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the extension of ordinance 139 an ordinance to bring Title 4 and Title 5 into compliance of taking over the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction being repealed by the City of Aberdeen. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt Brown County Ordinance No. 170.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2020
ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County
Prairie Hill Farms
Rezoning
NOTICE
Application has been made by Prairie Hill Farms 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 July 14, 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 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 1, "Prairie Hill Farms First Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 34-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2046 130th St NW)
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. 169

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Westport Town
June 1, 2020
Meeting Minutes
Town of Westport General Meeting
June 1st, 2020
The Town of Westport met on June 1st, 2020 with Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:
City General
NWPS (\$452.59), Groton Independent (\$14.69), Payroll - Tim Selzler (\$100.00), Shane Storm (\$75.00), Michael Wilson (\$100.00), & Doreen Hertel (\$900.00).

Sewer
NWPS (\$48.55), NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13) & Payroll -Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).
Water
WEB (\$1,424.90), Dept of Health (\$60.00), SDDENR-(\$60.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43), Payroll- Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Mike Wilson.
The following deposits were presented:
City General
Brown County Collections (\$4,037.45), State of SD (\$5,500.76) & Interest (\$3.43).

Sewer
Resident Payments- (\$2,000.00), Brown County Collection (\$510.00).
Water
Resident Payments - (\$3,263.67), Brown County Collections (546.00).

NEW BUSINESS:
It was decided to donate \$500 to the fireworks, that will be held on June 27th. The city will continue finishing the graveling of roads that were not finished last year. Sand will be added to the swing set area to make it a softer surface, which should be completed by the end of the month. The city is aware of the curb stop that was busted this winter and will look into how to repair it.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Health Insurance Law Under Siege Again

By Trudy Lieberman, Community Health News Service

At the height of the pandemic, many Americans are experiencing firsthand the flaws in the Affordable Care Act and the health insurance it guaranteed. They are also facing the possibility that even the protection it does afford may be stripped away.

The fate of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare, is again uncertain. The 2010 law that began to whittle down the large number of uninsured Americans is back at the U.S. Supreme Court awaiting a decision – most likely next year – about whether it is constitutional. The court has upheld the law against court challenges twice before.

In late June the Justice Department filed a brief asking the court to overturn the Act. The Administration argued that the entire law is invalid because Congress eliminated the individual mandate in 2017, which had required almost all Americans to carry health insurance. Therefore, the ACA can no longer be considered a “tax,” which was the basis on which the court found it constitutional in 2012.

The Administration also argued that two other provisions make the law unconstitutional. One calls for insurance companies to sell coverage to people who have preexisting conditions, so-called guaranteed issue policies. The other requires community rating.

Community rating prevents insurers from varying premiums based on geography, age, and other factors. The Administration said in its legal brief that without those three provisions the Affordable Care Act cannot survive.

If the Court sides with the group of Republican attorneys general who brought the case and strikes down the law, that means the millions of Americans with preexisting health conditions will be in the same pickle they were in before the law took effect in 2013.

They will have trouble buying new insurance that covers medical conditions they already have since insurers would no longer be required to offer them coverage. People with common ailments like diabetes, heart disease, mental illness, and cancer would be out of luck once again. But so would people with more minor problems like recurrent ear or sinus infections.

A new group of Americans may also find it impossible to get coverage. Those who have recovered from COVID-19 may face long-lasting health challenges resulting from their illness.

Reports are coming in that detail such problems as blood clots, strokes, heart and lung damage, and neurological problems such as numbness and muscle weakness. It’s unlikely any insurance company would voluntarily issue coverage to people with those medical problems.

Like sick people before the Affordable Care Act took effect, COVID-19 survivors will be uninsured.

Do Americans really want to go back to the days when sick people, the very ones who need insurance coverage, are thrown out of the marketplace? I would argue they don’t. The last four months have taught us that we are all vulnerable to the possibility of long-lasting medical harm from the coronavirus. Insurance to help cover whatever ills show up is essential.

The Affordable Care Act, however, was not a perfect solution for uninsured Americans. Millions of people who’ve had to turn to the ACA because they lost their employer-provided coverage during the pandemic shutdown are learning about its shortcomings, which were given short shrift for years by politicians and the media advocates for the law.

“With health insurance in particular we have a social support system that really isn’t very functional when you have job loss,” Ben Zipperer, an economist with the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., told Bloomberg News. That’s a problem in the best of times, he said, adding, “It’s a real disaster when you have tens of millions of workers suddenly lose their jobs.”

Some 27 million workers may have lost their job-based coverage as of the first of May.

Many of those newly uninsured have experienced the weaknesses that were baked into the law. Policies with cheaper premiums come with high deductibles, often \$7,000 or \$8,000 a year or more. Paying that much out of pocket is a heavy lift for those out of work.

The trade-off is paying higher premiums. That’s hard, too. Some people who’ve lost coverage might qualify for Medicaid, or they may qualify for subsidies under the ACA that help pay premiums or required cost sharing. Those are options people in that predicament should investigate, but many people won’t qualify.

If the ACA survives this latest challenge and everyone sick or well can still buy insurance, maybe the country can begin to make sure no American goes without coverage when another disaster strikes.

What improvements would you like to see in health insurance? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

Groton Area School Notice of 2020-21 Budget Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET
Groton Area School District Board of Education will conduct a public hearing in the High School Conference Room on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the forthcoming budget for fiscal year July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021 as follows:

	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption	Food Service	Enterprise Fund
EXPENDITURE BUDGET						
Elementary Programs	1,069,525	83,880				
Elementary Summer Program	7,204					
Middle School Programs	529,682	12,170				
High School Programs	941,987	30,200				
Jr. Kindergarten	32,442	350				
NCAI/Hi Tech Programs	500	250				
Destination Imagination	6,894					
Mild/Moderate Disabilities	1,125	475,155				
Severe Disabilities	900	185,267				
Residential Programs		35,000				
Early Childhood Programs	1,300	32,432				
Opportunity Classroom	49,999					
Limited English Proficient	6,008	850				
Title I Programs	115,669					
Counseling Services	71,810	200				
Medical Services	43,606	3,850	12,000			
Psychological Services					14,023	
Speech Pathology Services	750	36,193				
Physical Therapy		40,000				
Occupational Therapy		64,000				
Curriculum Development	1,688					
Instructional Staff Training	24,274					
Title I Prof Development	13,604					
School Library Services	46,572	8,675				
Technology in School	79,264	100,780				
Election Services	4,100					
Legal Services	3,000		400			
Audit Services	14,250					
Board of Education	127,918					
Office of the Superintendent	143,019	400				
Office of the Principals	296,652	1,100				
Other Support Services	1,000					
Fiscal Services	183,509	6,400				
Architect & Engineering	4,000					
Other Facilities Acq & Constr	57,000					
Building Care & Upkeep	745,527	37,050				
Vehicle Maintenance	352,649	107,500				
School Lunch				248,263		
Title I Evaluation Services	0					
Special Ed Administrative		22,958				
Special Ed Transportation		19,979				
Out-of-School Time Program					85,739	
Driver's Education					12,719	
State Unemployment	4,000					
Early Retirement	16,148					
Debt Service	804,100		207,487			
Athletics	231,093	25,750				
Forensics	14,643	1,150				
Other Co-Curricular	25,166	600				
Contingency	50,000					
Transfers Out	20,000	500,000				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,277,402	1,786,330	937,407	207,487	248,263	98,458 8,555,347
MEANS OF FINANCE						
Local Sources:						
Taxes	3,754,547	1,707,400	904,600	104,525	9,500	
Regular Tuition						
Summer School Fees						
Transportation Fees	700					
Interest Earned	12,500					
Food Service Sales				148,700		
Co-Curricular Revenue	106,200					
Other Local Revenue	27,200		8,600			69,000
Total Local Sources	3,901,147	1,707,400	913,200	104,525	148,700	78,500
County Sources:						
State Fines	32,000					
Revenue In Lieu of Taxes	100					
Total County Sources	32,100					
State Sources:						
State Aid	0					
State Apportionment	47,000					
Wind Farm Revenue	170,000					
Bank Franchise Tax	62,000					
Mentor Teacher Program	7,500					
State Cash Reimbursements				900		
Other State Revenue	600		5,000			
Total State Sources	287,100		5,000		900	
Federal Sources:						
Federal Wetlands	6,000					
Small Rural School Achievement	20,000					
Clean Diesel Grant	20,500					
Cares Act - Esser Grant	70,000	8,500				9,000 2,000
Title IV, Part A	10,000					
Title I, Part A	76,402					
Improving Achievement	6,000					
Title II, Part A	27,315					
Federal Cash Reimbursements				57,000		
Other Federal Revenue	800	8,779				
Total Federal Sources	216,517	37,779				66,000 2,000
Other Sources:						
Transfer In	500,000	0				20,000
Sale of Surplus Property	50					
Total Other Sources	500,050	0				20,000
TOTAL REVENUE	4,936,914	1,745,179	918,200	104,525	235,600	80,500 8,020,918
Cash on Hand	340,488	41,151	19,207	102,962	12,663	17,958 534,429
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE	5,277,402	1,786,330	937,407	207,487	248,263	98,458 8,555,347

Michael J. Weber, Business Official, Groton Area School District No. 06-6, Groton, SD
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STIP PUBLIC MEETINGS

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2021-2024 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period.

Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be conducted on the following dates to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 7, 2020 Conference Call Aberdeen Region 7:00 PM (CDT)
 July 8, 2020 Conference Call Mitchell Region 7:00 PM (CDT)
 July 9, 2020 Conference Call Rapid City Region 7:00 PM (MDT)
 July 14, 2020 Conference Call Pierre Region 7:00 PM (CDT)

Please visit dot.sd.gov for more information on how to view the pre-recorded presentations (when available) and participate in the Conference Calls.

Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting.



Answer the call to slow the spread.

The Department of Health is contacting people who have been exposed to COVID-19. Here's what you can do to help keep yourself, your family, and community safe:

- Pick up the phone when we call
- Stay at home and self-quarantine for 14 days if you've been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19
- Notify people you've had close contact with if you become ill
- Seek medical care if symptoms become severe



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Base for new flag poured

Todd McGannon and Joe Foertsch are pictured pouring concrete in the new base for the flag pole in the City Park. The old flag pole at the elementary school will be moved to the park in the near future. (Photo by Doug Hamilton)

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 Lobbies are open by appointment only and will reopen for walk-in traffic on July 14th.



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