



New Hockey Goals at Ice Rink

Two brand new hockey goals were recently donated to the city skating rink this week led by the fundraising efforts of Corbin Weismantel and with help from his mother Kandi Weismantel. Playing hockey at the city skating rink has become a growing tradition and many kids enjoy playing the game. A couple of years ago the first set hockey goals were donated by Deb Becker and after lots of use by the kids they were falling apart and that's when Corbin asked his mother if they could try to get new ones to replace them. They started out with an online fundraising site then went to local business and got donations from them as well. Now the new goals are at the rink ready for people to use them. Pictured here are (right) Corbin Weismantel and (left) skating rink manager Justin Olson.

S.D. Farmers Union President Elected Chairman of Farmers Union Enterprises

HURON, S.D. - Doug Sombke, President of South Dakota Farmers Union was recently Elected Chairman of Farmers Union Enterprises board of directors.

"I am eager to continue to guide this organization whose goal is to do everything we can to help family farmers and ranchers," said Sombke, of the organization which oversees Farmers Union Industries.

Farmers Union Industries is made up of several businesses - the dividends of which go to help fund Farmers Union organizations in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Wisconsin as well as Farmers Union Enterprise programs and National Farmers Union.

The diverse business portfolio Farmers Union Enterprises oversees includes; grain-free pet food, wheat-based cat litter, grease and animal rendering plants.

Like the organizations it supports, Farmers Union Industries also focuses on funding policy and advocacy. In 2014, Sombke was among the Farmers Union Enterprise board members who traveled to the Vatican, to meet with Pope Francis to discuss the important role family farmers' play in food security as well as the fact that most food produced in the U.S. is produced by family farmers.

"It is my goal to not only help family farmers and ranchers in South Dakota and the United States, but to work with families who produce food around the world," Sombke said. "People cannot afford food if we put wheels under it all the time. We need to grow it closer to home. Now, that's not to say export markets aren't necessary, but in order to create a globally sustainable food supply, more food needs to be produced locally."

A fourth-generation Conde farmer, today Sombke's three sons have all returned to the family's farm where they raise crops and operate other value-added enterprises.

Sombke's clear understanding of the life and challenges family farmers live and face daily will serve him well in this leadership role, said David Velde, President/CEO of Farmers Union Enterprises.

"You can talk about understanding agriculture, but until you have planted corn, fed cattle and gone through up and down market cycles, you cannot appreciate how stressful and important each decision made is to a family's farming operation," Velde said. "Doug understands agriculture because he is a farmer. He lives it."

As President of S.D. Farmers Union, Sombke has served on the Farmers Union Enterprise board since 2005. He is filling the seat of Doug Peterson, the recently retired Minnesota Farmers Union President. The board is made up of presidents from each of the five-state Farmers Union organizations.

"I have big shoes to fill, but I've been well prepared," Sombke said. "Serving as President of South Dakota Farmers Union and Chairman of the board for Farmers Union Enterprises work well together - in both roles, my focus is on serving family farmers and ranchers."



Doug Sombke

Groton DI plans Dessert Theater

Groton DI, Destination Imagination, will host their Dessert Theater on Sunday, February 19, 2017. Skits will begin at 2:30 pm in the GES gym. Dessert is being served at 2:15. DI is an extra-curricular activity that encourages teamwork, creative problem solving, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Skills and 21st Century Skills.

Groton has eight teams involved in DI this year. One team is Early Learning Teams - these students are in Kindergarten through second grade. We have three elementary teams which are students in third through fifth grade. There are two middle school teams of students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. Students in grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve are represented by two high school teams.

In the fall of the year, teams have a variety of challenges to research and decide which one is a good fit for their team. They have been working since October to solve their challenge. Each challenge has multiple solutions and therefore each presentation is different. It is always interesting to see what solutions various teams develop. Dessert Theater many times is the first public performance of the teams' solutions.

Please come and see the solutions that the Groton DIers have come up with. If you can't make Dessert Theater, Groton is hosting the NE Regional competition on February 25th at the high school. We hope to see you at one of these events. THANK YOU for your continued support of Groton Destination Imagination!



All-State Band

A huge congratulations to Emily Thompson (percussion) and Kylie Kassube (clarinet) for being accepted into the 2017 SD All State Band!

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Doeden leads Groton Area in close game with Mobridge-Pollock

Groton Area had a nine-point lead midway in the fourth quarter before Mobridge-Pollock battled back to snatch the game away from Groton Area. The game was played Saturday in Mobridge with Mobridge-Pollock pulling out a 42-39 win over the Groton Area Tigers.

Mobridge-Tigers had the early lead in the game, leading, 10-5 after the first quarter. Mobridge-Pollock had a nine-point lead midway in the second quarter and led at half time, 19-16. Groton Area rallied to take the lead twice in the third quarter and scoring seven straight points to have a 31-26 lead. Then Mobridge-Pollock scored seven straight points to cut the lead to two, 36-34. It remained

close and Mobridge-Pollock took a 40-39 lead with under a minute to go. Groton Area had the ball. A missed shot was rebounded by Jonny Doeden. He put the shot back up but it wouldn't fall and on the battle for the rebound, he fouled Mobridge-Pollock. They made two free throws for the 42-39 final tally.

Doeden, a freshman, led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Sean Schuring with eight, Brandon Keith and Seric Shabazz each had seven and Bennett Shabazz added one point.

Mobridge-Pollock was led by Dante Fischer with 13 points followed by Braxton Albers with nine, Caleb Dockter had eight, Jaidon Sjomeling seven and Jalen Hitland added five points.

Mobridge-Pollock had more rebounds, 34-27, with Schuring having seven for Groton Area and Dockter having 11 for Mobridge-Pollock. Seric Shabazz had three of the team's eight assists. Groton Area had 12 turnovers with five of them being steals. Mobridge-Pollock had 13 turnovers with nine of them being steals as Schuring had three.

Mobridge-Pollock made 42 percent of its field goals while Groton Area made 30 percent. Groton Area made eight 13 free throws for 61 percent off of Mobridge-Pollock's 12 team fouls. Mobridge-Pollock made nine of 20 free throws off of Groton Area's 19 team fouls.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 35-31. Scoring for Groton Area: Jonny Doeden 14, Darien Shabazz 13, Austin Jones 7, Treyton Diegel 1.

Cavaliers edge past Groton in competitive game

Groton Area made this game more competitive with Roncalli, but fell short at the end as the Cavaliers posted a 49-41 win over the Lady Tigers. The game was played in Aberdeen.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Groton Ford, Weber Landscaping, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Harry Implement of Ferney, McKiver Collision and Hefty Seed with Justin Hanson and Kalen Kjellsen.

The game was tied five times and there were two lead games in the first quarter before the Cavaliers took a 19-13 lead at the break. Roncalli opened up a 10-point lead, but the Tigers closed to within one at halftime, 27-26. Roncalli again surged ahead in the third quarter with a 39-30 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Audrey Wanner scored 11 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Tigers in scoring with 15 points, followed by Harleigh Stange with 12, Jessica Bjerke had seven, Jennie Doeden three and Katie Koehler and Miranda Hanson each had two points.

Three players hit double figures for Roncalli with Jami Ewart having 13, Madelyn Martin and Mariah Winegar each having 12, Megan Streier and Grace Imery each having five and Hannah Huck adding two.

Groton made 30 percent of its field goals compared to 42 percent for the Cavaliers. Groton Area was nine of 12 from the line for 75 percent and Roncalli was four for four. The Tigers had 27 rebounds with Holm and Bjerke each having seven, four steals with Wanner having three, eight assists with Wanner and Harleigh Stange each having three, 12 turnovers and 11 team fouls.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 36-17. Scoring for the Tigers: Sam Menzia and Kaycie Hawkins with 7 each, Taylor Holm 2 and Miranda Hanson 1. Abby Hanson led Roncalli with 14 points.



Jonny Doeden with the ball with Seric Shabazz on the left and Bennett Shabazz on the right. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Sean Schuring goes for the easy layup. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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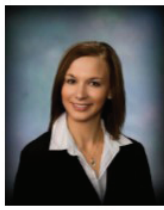
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Holland Invitational Results for Groton

Three Groton Area wrestlers placed the Holland Invitational Wrestling Tournament held this past weekend in Howard.

Wyatt Locke took first, Brandyn Anderson took second and Trevor Pray took third.

126 - Trevor Pray (27-3) placed 3rd and scored 12.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton) 27-3 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton) 27-3 won by decision over Skyler Swatek (Elk Point/Jefferson) 26-15 (Dec 7-3)

Semifinal - Dylan Hanisch (Canton) 37-2 won by major decision over Trevor Pray (Groton) 27-3 (MD 14-5)

Cons. Semi - Trevor Pray (Groton) 27-3 won by decision over Aaron Elijah (Sioux Valley) 35-5 (Dec 8-6)

3rd Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton) 27-3 won by decision over Chance Stuwe (Potter County) 23-10 (Dec 7-2)

170 - Grady O'Neill (3-18) scored 4.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Grady O'Neill (Groton) 3-18 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Alex Martinez (Potter County) 31-17 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton) 3-18 (Fall 0:30)

Cons. Round 2 - Grady O'Neill (Groton) 3-18 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Grady O'Neill (Groton) 3-18 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Canton) 27-15 (For.)

Cons. Semi - Clayton Smith (Marion-Freeman) 13-24 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton) 3-18 (Fall 0:52)

220 - Wyatt Locke (17-12) placed 1st and scored 24.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton) 17-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton) 17-12 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 1-6 (For.)

Semifinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton) 17-12 won by fall over Trevor Petrik (Howard) 9-21 (Fall 3:26)

1st Place Match - Wyatt Locke (Groton) 17-12 won by decision over Marshall Baldwin (Canton) 9-2 (Dec 5-3)

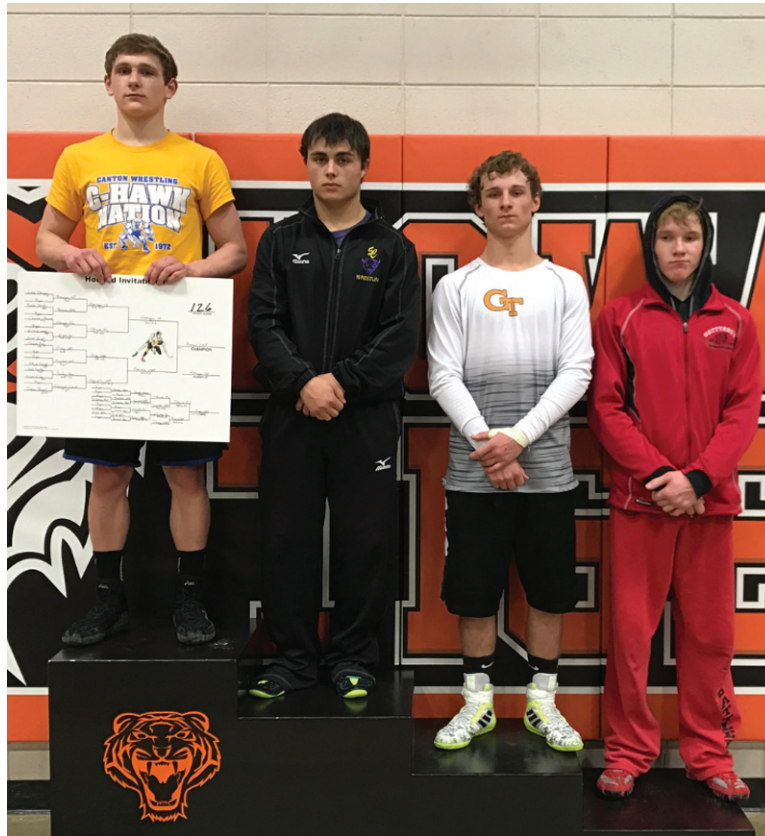
285 - Brandyn Anderson (23-5) placed 2nd and scored 20.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton) 23-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton) 23-5 won by fall over Jacob Maynard (Andes Central/Dakota Christian) 3-12 (Fall 0:46)

Semifinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton) 23-5 won by fall over Ernie Johnson (Marion-Freeman) 14-23 (Fall 1:09)

1st Place Match - Adam Miller (Canton) 32-6 won in the ultimate tie breaker over Brandyn Anderson (Groton) 23-5 (UTB 5-4)



Trevor Pray took third place at the Holland Invite held this past weekend in Howard.



Brandyn Anderson placed second at the Holland Invite held this weekend in Howard.

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Elementary School ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
Groton Area School District #06-6, Groton, SD, will receive sealed bids for Groton Area Public Schools – Elementary School Renovations and Addition, until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Bids will be received by the Superintendent of Schools – Mr. Joe Schwan, Groton Area School District Office, 406 North 2nd Street, PO Box 410, Groton, SD 57445. There is no agent for the receipt of bids other than the Superintendent of Schools. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the time and place specified herein.

Bid Packages will consist of: Site Work; General Construction; Roofing; Aluminum Storefronts, Windows & Glazing; Acoustical Ceilings; Flooring; Fire Protection; Plumbing & Heating; Ventilation; Testing & Balancing; Electrical as defined in Scope of Work 01 11 00 in the Project Manual.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 @ 3:30 pm at the proposed site at: Groton Area Elementary School, 810 North 1st Street, Groton, SD. Attendance is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.

Bids shall be submitted on the bid form provided in the specifications, at the date and time specified. The complete bid form shall be submitted without alterations, additions or erasures. Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and marked "Bid Enclosed, Groton Area Public Schools – Elementary School Renovations & Addition" with the name and address of the bidder, and the date and hour of the opening. Bids shall be delivered to:

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The Bidder must be licensed in the State of South Dakota as required by South Dakota law. Each awarded Contractor will be required to obtain SD Excise Tax License pursuant to Chapter 10-46A or 10-46B, unless exempted therefrom.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids and waive any formalities or irregularities in the bidding. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after bid opening without consent of the Board of Education.

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Meeting Minutes FEBRUARY 7, 2017 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$8,030.06; Treasurer \$13,688.74; States Attorney \$20,522.96; SVAWA Grant \$1,286.82; Maintenance \$7,436.62; Assessor \$13,625.67; Register of Deeds \$8,683.74; Veterans Service Office \$4,137.63; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,637.77; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$34,757.96; Jail \$48,457.47; JDC \$22,447.95; Welfare Office \$3,665.57; Museum \$8,064.98; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,689.23; Fair Board \$3,823.57; 4-H \$465.92; Weed \$2,004.40; Planning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$45,292.23 Communications \$24,225.03; Emergency Management \$3,970.57; Teen Court \$734.80; 24/7 \$3,355.03; Landfill \$12,501.76.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,621.72; Medicare \$4,355.07.

Professional Fees: Altman Law Office \$1,654.16; Clark Engineering \$4,296.63; Dohrer Law Office \$1,454.00; Marv Ekeren \$22.50; Michelle Gaiowski \$469.20; Helms & Assoc. \$1,265.00; HKG Architects \$3,577.43; Mark Katterhagen \$22.50; Kuusakoski \$2,611.56; LBG \$2,769.30; Lucy Lewno \$166.50; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$69.06; One Source \$45.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck \$3,134.20; Ronayne Law Office \$11,577.64; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$3,690.29; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$2,469.50; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$1,142.32; Kristi Spitzer \$443.00; Taliiferro Law Firm \$4,331.20; Sara Zahn \$8.00.

Publishing: Glacial Lakes & Prairie Tourism \$251.00; Groton Independent \$811.03; Hub City Radio \$300.00; Northern Exposure \$255.00.

Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$26.25.

Repairs & Maintenance: Crawford's Trucks & Equip. \$497.67; Dakota Electronics \$122.50; DFP \$486.17; Ecolab \$142.18; Great Western Tire \$10.00; House of Glass \$384.25; Lawson Products \$47.83; Mac's \$63.93; Marco \$143.08; Midwest Pump & Tank \$225.00; Pauer Sound \$78.00; PowerPlan \$4,480.77; Quality Welding \$252.00; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$149.73; Taylor Laundry \$76.23; The Glass Doktor \$73.50; Woodman Refrigeration \$906.63.

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Travel & Conference: Mark Milbrandt \$262.00.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,535.91; AT & T \$225.60; BDM Rural Water \$35.00; CenturyLink \$48.06; Exec. Mgmt. \$70.80; Midcontinent \$75.63; NVC \$2,346.79; NWPS \$10,648.40.

Buildings: Huff Construction \$196,074.90. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes:

Approve the following employee step increases, effective February 12, 2017: Brian Koens @ \$23.64 /hr, Nicholas Juenger @ \$18.90 /hr, Linn Kamin @ \$21.29/hr. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RELIEF LIEN: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #10-17. WHEREAS, Brown County has filed a Relief Lien in total amount of \$452.25, dated May 26, 1999, and

WHEREAS, Brown County has determined it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers to release certain property from the effect of said lien, on condition the lien balance remain filed against the individual.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following real property, described as follows: Lots 17, 18 and 19, Block 4, Town of Orient, Faulk County, South Dakota (106 Main Street) is hereby released from the effect and force of said lien, on condition that the lien balance remain filed against the individual. Dated this 7th day of February 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

PDM PLAN: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION # 11-17. TO ADOPT THE BROWN COUNTY PDM PLAN. WHEREAS Brown County has experienced severe damage from strong winds, flooding, hail, heavy snow, heavy rain, and tornadoes on many occasions in the past century, resulting in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; WHEREAS a Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed after more than one year of research and work by Brown County Emergency Management, NEOG, Northern Electric Cooperative, and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee; WHEREAS the Plan recommends hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property affected by the natural hazards that face the County; WHEREAS a public meeting was held to review the Plan as required by law; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairperson and the Brown County Commission that: The Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of Brown County, The respective County official identified in the strategy of the Plan is hereby directed to implement the recommended action assigned to them. This official will report annually on the activities, accomplishments, and progress to Brown County Commission, and the Brown County Emergency Manager will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the plan to the County Commission. This report shall be submitted to the Commission by November 1st of each year. Dated this 7th day of February, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

ORDINANCE - SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to set public hearing for the following Ordinance, to be held in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers on February 27, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.: Ordinance #17-02-01/464, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District and (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Proposed Lot I, Sunray Addition in the SE 1/4 of Sec 8-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38394 132nd Street and 13191 384th Ave). All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign lottery application, submitted by Stratford American Legion for raffle to be held on February 12, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DRONE INSURANCE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign proposal for Aircraft Liability Insurance to cover the drone and original camera (second camera has separate insurance) in amount of \$1,040.00, declining TRIA/War coverage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPILLMAN UPDATE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign agreement for an enhancement to Spillman (CAD system for Dispatch) in amount of \$8,750.00 to enhance mapping data capabilities. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID – ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and

consider sealed bids for furnishing and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix. Bids were received from Aberdeen Asphalt and Lien Transportation. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to award both of the bids, purchasing various quantities based on availability and location: Aberdeen Asphalt – Hot Mix Class D Type II (1/2 inch) in amount of \$55.80 per ton, Hot Mix Class D Type I (3/4 inch) in amount of \$55.80 per ton, Cold Mix Class D Type II (1/2 inch) in amount of \$85.00 per ton, Cold Mix Class D Type I (3/4 inch) in amount of \$85.00 per ton; Lien Transportation – Hot Mix Class D Type II (1/2 inch) @ \$55.00 per ton and Hot Mix Class D Type II (3/4 inch) @ \$55.00 per ton. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID – GRAVEL MATERIAL: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing Gravel Material. Bids were received from Hanlon Brothers, Behnke Sand & Gravel, HF Jacobs & Son Construction, Lien Transportation, LG Everist. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to award all bids on Gravel Material based on location and availability, as per tabulation sheet on file in the Auditor's Office (available for public inspection Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID – RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for furnishing Full/Bare Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for year 2017. Bids were received from Aberdeen Asphalt; Butler Machinery; Kevin Bourdon Trucking; Hanlon Brothers; HF Jacobs & Son Construction; Lien Transportation; Sheehan Mack Sales & Equipment; B & B Contracting; Webster Scale. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to refer all bids on Rental of Equipment to Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent for tabulation and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BMX BUILDING: Kyle Oswald, BMX Track presented site plan for a building adjacent to the BMX Track and the need for the lease or purchase of an area between the BMX Track and the Boys & Girls Club Building. No action was taken at this time.

FAIR BOARD UPDATE/MEMBER: Derek Ricci, Fair Manager informed the Commission that Avera donated three AED units for use during the Fair and discussed Fair Board Member change. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to acknowledge resignation of Gordon Nelson from Fair Board and appoint Janet Elsen to complete the term (2015-2017). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

USE OF BUILDING: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the use of the Millim Office Building for the annual 4-H fruit sale. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session for contract discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Groton City Feb. 6 Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2017

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Flihs, Opp, Peterson, Blackmun, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Brent Wienk, Joe Altentaller, Paul Kosel, and Kathy Sundermeier. The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Glover and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

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

Executive Payroll 683.06 salaries; Administrative Payroll

6,507.57 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 12,624.42 salaries; Public Works Payroll 17,919.94 salaries; Cultural & Recreational Payroll 1,339.39 salaries; First State Bank 7,800.51 ss & wh; Consol Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; SD Municipal Electric 75.00 registration; City of Groton 727.64 dep ref, postage, emp sav, util; US Post Office 200.00 postage; April Abeln 519.08 dep flex; Brandon Abeln 11.00 meal; Ameripride 31.70 rug rent; Border States 282.15 splice, bracket; Chase Visa 609.31 supplies; Chief Supply 108.80 uniforms; Colonial Research 115.43 cleaner; Dakota Electronics 161.60 repairs; Darrels Sinclair 1,611.38 tires; Susan Davis 16.00 book; Equipment Blades 238.00 cutting edges; Galls 377.09 uniforms; Groton Independent 55.53 publishing; Guardian Insurance 245.30 emp ins; Heartland Waste 6,473.60 garbage hauling; Terry Herron 11.00 meal; James Valley Tele 580.42 phones, internet; Johnson, Drew 725.00 legal services; Kays Computing 113.99 repairs; Kens Food Fair 219.37 supplies; Paul Kosel 36.00 meal, med flex; Shawn Lambert 11.00 meal; Anita Lowary 316.47 med flex; Macs 8.79 hitch pin; Matheson Tri-Gas 306.34 helmet; Stacy Mayou 460.17 med flex; Mid-states Group 27.00 lamination; NW Energy 10.52 nat gas; Ramkota Hotel 205.98 motel room; S&S Lumber 156.84 supplies; SD Dept of Health 30.00 testing; Donald Shanholt 186.04 refund; SD Public Assurance Alliance 887.56 ins; SD Retirement 8,031.00 retirement; SD State Treasurer 10,225.40 sales tax; Dan Sunne 266.30 mileage, meals; Verizon 41.81 comm; Dwight Zerr 11.00 lunch

Brett Wienk and Joe Altentaller came before the Council to offer services by the National Guard for Groton City projects. Cleanup week and baseball improvements were the main suggestions and the Guard will help April 1-2 and May 6-7. Brett and Joe leave the meeting.

Blackmun gave the Baseball Foundation report. They recommend a gate of \$3 for all adults attending regardless of which team they are attending. Groton will host the Jr. Legion State Tournament on the 1st weekend of August. Division of teams and coaches needed were discussed.

Terry Herron, Shawn Lambert and Stacy Mayou enter the meeting and gave department reports. The chip/seal project, age and condition of the steamer, water meters failure to read, rubble site gate, summer employees returning, baseball light harnesses, a house moving through Groton, a guy wire damage, police vehicle equipment, and cameras.

Terry, Shawn, and Stacy left meeting following their reports.

Summer employees advertisements will be started immediately.

Finance Officer Lowary presented several fund reports for 2016, an email communication, and the wind damage settlement. Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to accept insurance settlement offer. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to pass the following resolution on the new pre-disaster mitigation plan. All members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BROWN COUNTY PDM PLAN

WHEREAS the City of Groton has experienced severe damage from strong winds, flooding, hail, heavy snow, heavy rain, and tornadoes on many occasions in the past century, resulting in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety;

WHEREAS a Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed after more than one year of research and work by the City of Groton, Brown County Emergency Management, NEOG, and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee;

WHEREAS the Plan recommends hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property affected by the natural hazards that face the City;

WHEREAS a public meeting was held to review the Plan as required by law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Groton that:

- The Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of City of Groton,
- The respective City official identified in the strategy of the Plan is hereby directed to implement the recommended action assigned to them. These officials will report annually on the activities, accomplishments, and progress to Brown County

Emergency Management

3. The City of Groton Finance Officer will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the plan to the Mayor and City Council. This report shall be submitted to the City Council by November 1st of each year.

The Planning & Zoning Commission had recommended the rezoning of the Olive Grove Golf Course from Ag Fringe to Commercial 2. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to give first reading to Ordinance 709, The Rezoning of Olive Grove Golf Course. All members present voted aye.

Members were reminded of the District SDML meeting in Bowdle on Mar 28.

At 8:08pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover to discuss legal matters SDCL 1-25-2 (3) and personnel matters under SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 8:50pm.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Westport Town Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF WESTPORT

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

Mike Wilson term ends 2017. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29th, 2017 and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 27 2nd Ave W Westport SD between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. or by calling 290-5610, (central standard or central daylight) time not later than the 26th day of February, 2017 at 5:00pm.

Doreen Hertel
Finance Officer
(0208.0215)

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Brown County Rezoning Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION

REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 27th day of February 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 123 S Lincoln Street, to consider the petition filed by Nickolas Gehrts and Theodore Art, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District and (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:

Proposed Lot 1, Sunray Addition in the SE 1/4 of Sec 8-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown... County, SD (38394 132nd Street and 13191 384th Avenue)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may adopt first reading of Ordinance #17-02-01/464 granting petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 7th day of February 2017.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(0215.0522)

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Frederick School Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON
SCHOOL BOARD

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL
DISTRICT #6-2

The following school board
positions will become vacant due
to the expiration of the present
term of office of the following
school board members.

Dan Nickelson – 3 year term
Jon Ellwein – 3 year term

Circulation of nominating
petitions may begin on March 1,
2017 and petitions may be filed in
the office of the business man-
ager located at 202 East Main
Street between the hours of 8:00
a.m. and 4:00 p.m. central stan-
dard time not later than March
28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., or mailed
by registered mail not later than
March 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Deb Klapperich, Business
Manager

Frederick Area School District
#6-2

PO Box 486 Frederick, SD
57441

(0215.0222)

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Frederick Town Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY
MUNICIPALITY OF FRED-
ERICK

The following office will be-
come vacant due to expiration
of the present term of office of
the elected officers.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1 YEAR TERM

2 YEAR TERM

Circulation of nominating peti-
tions may begin on February 24,
2017, and petitions may be filed
in the Finance Office located at
406 1/2 3rd Avenue, Frederick,
SD, between the hours of 9:15
AM and 11 AM (Central Standard
Time) on Monday, Wednesday, or
Friday. Final day for turning in
petition is March 24, 2017, when
office will be open until 5:00 PM.

Diane Bruns
Frederick Finance Offi-
cer(0215.0222)

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Frederick Town Feb. 6

Meeting Minutes

Town of Frederick
February 6, 2017 Minutes

Frederick Chairman R.Scott
Campbell opened the Frederick
Town Board meeting with the
Pledge of Allegiance at 7 PM,
Monday evening, February 6,
2017. At the meeting in the Fred-
erick Community Center were
Board members Gary Schlosser
and Troy Millard, Utility Manager
Richard Bakeberg, Finance Of-
ficer Diane Bruns, and Palmyra
Township Board Member Bryson
Thorpe attending.

Minutes of the January meet-
ing were approved with a motion
by Schlosser/Millard. Motion
Carried.

The Financial Report for Feb-
ruary was approved with a mo-
tion by Millard/Campbell. Motion
Carried.

Approval of the Accounts Pay-
able was made with a motion
by Campbell/Schlosser. Motion
Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

A&B Bus Solutions, Inc. sup
Wtr/Garb/Swr/Genl \$572.32;
Badger Meter mtr fees \$115.70;
R. Bakeberg wages Sts/Wtr/
Swr \$275.20; R. Bakeberg
veh allow Sts/Wtr/Swr \$75; D.
Bruns expense Gen'l \$169.16;
D. Bruns wage CC \$86.74; D.
Bruns wage+mtg FO \$1106.72;
R.S. Campbell wage Genl Admin
\$46.17; R.S. Campbell expenses
Sts/Wtr/Garb/Swr \$1956.36;
Community Store sup CC/FO/
Genl \$25.00; M. Cox wage EBL
\$546.09; Fred Hist Soc dona-
tion Snow Queen Gen'l \$42.20;
Farmers Union Oil Co propane
CC/Firehall, EBL \$1328.22; FDC
econ dev Econ Dev \$1000; GDI
legals Genl \$76.15; JC Campbell,
Inc. FO bond Ins \$525; JM Elect.,
Inc. motor repair/replacement
Wtr Twr \$602.88; JVT phones,
internets, services, Gen'l/FO/
Wtr/EBL \$299.95; MDU elect
Lagoon,FB/Sts/S. Prk/EBL/Wtr
twr/CC/Firehall/FO/Pump Hse/B.
Prk/Fire Siren \$1719.10; T. Mil-
lard wage Gen'l Admin \$23.09;
Menard's sup Sts \$29.94; G.
Schlosser wage Gen'l Admin
\$23.09; SD Dept Rev Lab Wtr
\$15; SD Dept Rev Sales Tax Garb
\$83.05; USDA-RD AP water loan
Wtr Repair \$475; USPS stamps
Wtr/Garb/Swr \$147; WEB Water

601,400 gals/Dec Wtr \$2200.
TOTAL A/P \$12,991.81.

OLD BUSINESS:

Utility Report – Bakeberg has
tested the Salt spreader and it is
impressive. May put it to use the
end of the week when it warms.
The new pump and motor have
been installed under the water
tower with the assistance of
JM Electric, Inc. 1st cell at the
Lagoon was pumped in the 2nd
and all 3 leveled off.

No representation from Fred-
erick Forward, Historical Society,
or Emma Burnham Library.

OLD BUSINESS, OTHER:

It was decided to grant an
easement on land owned by
the City to the landowner on
RR Avenue if the lot is mowed
and taken care of. No need for
a Quick Claim or a 3 person
appraisal.

A \$975 bid was accepted from
Troy McKibben, Commercial
Floor Refinishing, to refinish the
Community Center floor. Motion
was made by Millard/Campbell.
Motion Carried.

The roof of the EBL was dis-
cussed as it is leaking. Finance
Officer called Grote Roofing,
they will come up this week.
The library part of the roof was
replaced, not the apartment
behind.

It was agreed there will no
charge for the Senior Citizens to
use the Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

TM/GS made a motion to
designate 1st National Bank and
Groton Independent Newspaper
as our official designated bank
and newspaper. Motion Carried.

Bryson Thorpe of Palmyra
Township was the only rep-
resentative from area town-
ships (except FO/Brainard Clerk
Bruns) to attend the Frederick
Board meeting, after all town-
ship boards were invited for
input. The CC financial 3-year
comparison of expenses and
income was reviewed. A motion
was made by GS/TM to ask for

a contribution of \$200 from each
Township for maintenance and
upkeep. Motion Carried. A letter
will go out in February.

A city map from NECOG was
reviewed. Some of Frederick's
streets have had mat laid down
and some chip-sealed but none
blacktopped. Map is sent out
once a year for review.

As long as a sign advertising
the Titan Bar and Grill on Hwy 12
would meet all requirements of
the DOT and Brown County, the
only cost from the city would be
a \$5 permit. Motion made by SC/
TM. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The 5 year authorization from
DENR, Restricted Use Facility
General Permit Solid Waste Cer-
tificate #GPRU 12-19-062 is in
effect. Authorization was granted
January 10, 2017 and expires
January 10, 2022.

Continental Western Group In-
surance Agent R. Scott Campbell
explained the cancellation notice
of auto and WC insurance with
Fisher-Rounds stating they are
picking up new company.

Tim Murray of the USDA of-
fice in Mitchell did a Compliance
review with the Finance Officer.
A letter of Compliance for the
city of Frederick was received
the day after the February board
meeting.

Notice of Vacancy for the
Municipality of Frederick was
circulated for review and will be
published in the Groton Inde-
pendent for 2 weeks. Petitions
may be picked up in the Finance
Office from 9-11 AM, Monday,
Wednesday or Friday beginning
February 24, 2017. Final day for
return is Friday, March 24, 2017,
at 5 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further busi-
ness to discuss the meeting was
adjourned at 7:58 PM with a mo-
tion by SC/TM. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns, Frederick Fi-
nance Officer

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Having Trouble Paying Your Heating Bill? LIHEAP Could Help

By Nathaniel Sillin

The chill of winter can be offset with the pleasure of curling up inside a warm home. Turning on the heat and settling into your favorite chair to open a new book or watch a movie feels even better when snow falls or rain patters against the windows. Unfortunately, some families have to choose between paying high winter utility bills and buying groceries or gas for their cars. The necessity of food and transportation often wins.

Fortunately, there are assistance programs. One such program, the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), helps low-income households with heating or cooling costs, during an energy-related crisis (such as a shutoff notice from your utility) and with weatherization improvements.

If you, a parent or a friend are struggling to make ends meet this winter, LIHEAP and similar programs might be able to help keep your home warm.

Apply as soon as you can if you think you'll need assistance.

The federal government provides the funding for LIHEAP, but the programs are run at the state level. The money gets distributed on a first-come-first-served basis and states give priority to households with children, elderly or disabled members. Often the largest benefits are awarded to the homes with the most need.

States open their winter applications at different times, and you should apply for LIHEAP right away if you think you'll have trouble paying for heating.

LIHEAP won't cover your entire utility bill, but it can help keep your home warm. LIHEAP's heating benefit is only intended to help you pay to heat your home. For example, if you're heating unit runs on gas, the program will contribute towards your gas bill, but not your electricity bill.

You might only be able to receive a benefit once every 12 months, but it can make a big difference for your finances. For the fiscal year 2014, the most recent data available, over 5.7 million households received heating assistance and it offset an average 45.9 percent of recipients' annual heating costs.

Qualifying for LIHEAP assistance. States, tribes and territories have some control over the services, qualifications, aid limits and application process for the LIHEAP program in their area.

You can review each state's income eligibility for the fiscal year 2017 on this table. The state or local organizations that distribute funds also consider applicants' utility costs, family size and location. Renters and homeowners could be eligible for LIHEAP assistance, but you might not qualify if you have subsidized housing.

Being qualified doesn't guarantee that you'll get assistance. Each state receives a set amount of funds for the year, and on average only 20 percent of qualified household receive benefits.

How to apply for LIHEAP. Often you'll apply for LIHEAP at a Community Action Agency (CAA), local non-profit organizations that help administer federal, state and local grant programs. Some states let you complete the application online, otherwise you may need to mail, fax or hand in an application.

The Office of Community Service's website has contact information for each state and territory, including a link to a website where you'll find state-specific eligibility guidelines and program information.

As part of the application process, you may need to share identifying and financial information, including:

Recent utility bills.

Recent pay stubs, or a profit-and-loss statement if you're self-employed.

Documentation for other income, such as Social Security benefits.

A lease or property tax bill as proof of your address.

Your Social Security number.

A list of people living in your home, their relation to you, dates of birth and incomes.

A copy of a utility termination notice, if you received one.

Your energy provider's information.

If you're having trouble with your state's website, or want to help someone who isn't computer savvy, you can call the LIHEAP Clearinghouse's National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) at 1-866-674-6327 (TTY: 1-866-367-6228).

Bottom line: When the temperature drops, heating costs can quickly rise. You shouldn't have to suffer, and LIHEAP could help provide much-needed financial aid. You can look for additional assistance programs using the Benefits.gov search tool. Also look into state-based programs and payment plans or assistance from your local utility.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

Groton Kiwanis Club

LaVonne Helmer was program leader for Kiwanis on Wednesday noon. Jodi Sternhagen, from Groton High School, spoke about the scholarship program at GHS. This week's program leader will be Reed Litch, followed by Tom Mahan and Lee Schinkel

Groton Legion Auxiliary

After a two months absence the February meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held 2-6-2017 in the legion hall with president Michelle Everson presiding. The meeting began with the chaplain's prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and Auxiliary Pledge. Five members answered roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting (December) as Jan. & Feb. were postponed, were read and approved. Treasurers report given and filed.

Thank yous were received from Groton School for the monetary gift, another from Pumpkin Fest Committee for helping with face painting, and the Groton Rescue Squad.

Correspondence received regarding the District Spring Meeting, Saturday

March 26 in Redfield, S.D. to be held at the United Methodist Church with a social and lunch to follow.

American Legions Birthday is March 16, 2017. Midwinter Conference is to be held February 10-12, 2017 in Chamberlain, S.D.

Lori Giedt reported she is in contact with the school trying to make preparations to meet with the junior girls and set up appointments for interviews.

Meri Erickson is preparing for a Poem and Essay Contest at school.

Nominations for Legionette of the year must be sent in. Members decided to send a nomination at the March meeting. Motion made and seconded to purchase a dozen new poppy containers.

Members decided it was necessary to decrease quorum attendance at meeting from ten percent of membership to a five count. Motion made and seconded. Also needs to be approved again at March meeting.

A memorial will be sent in memory of deceased auxiliary member Fern Kersting.

March meeting will include draping the charter for Hazel McKittrick and Fern.

Their families will be invited to attend. Meeting ended with the Prayer for Peace. Jan volunteered to furnish lunch in March. Meeting adjourned.

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EMPLOYMENT

Applications due March 6 for swimming pool lifeguards, baseball/softball coaches, groundskeepers, ticket takers. Visit City of Groton, 209 N Main or call 397-8422. EOE

SMART SALES AND LEASE (est 2001) seeks FT customer service agents. Work online from home. \$12/\$20 hourly. Management experience a plus. Some evenings/weekends. Resume, questions: careers@smartsalesandlease.com.

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BOWES CONSTRUCTION, BROOKINGS is seeking: drivers, various operators, welder, mechanic, laborers, and road reclaimer. For complete details call 605-693-3557 or email v_longville@bowesconstruction.com.

AMPI IN HOVEN has openings in Packaging

and Production. For more information or an application please contact Kevin or Angie at 605-948-2211 or www.ampi.com.

WANTED: FT PROFESSIONAL Bar Manager, Salary 29K-35K DOE, vacation/health benefits. Send resume by 3/10/17 to Commander, Legion Post 8, PO Box 621, Pierre, SD 57501. For complete job description call 605-224-7681.

FOR SALE

RAUSCH HEREFORDS Monday February 20th. 150 Bulls & 230 heifers. www.RauschHerefords.com has videos. 605.948.2146 Hoven, SD on hwy's 20 & 47.

FOR SALE: SILVER DOLLAR Bar Mobridge, SD 57601. Good fishing, hunting on Lake Oahe. Serious inquiries only. 1-605-845-7393.

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FOR RENT

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

With the 2016 NFL season behind us, now would be a great time to look back at the Vikings' roster. With help from the analytics of Pro Football Focus and the cap numbers of overthecap.com, we will take a look at last year's roster to see where the players rank amongst their peers.

This first article will cover the most important position in the National Football League: quarterback.

Last year was supposed to be the break-



out season for Teddy Bridgewater. Instead, the Vikings' signal caller suffered a freak accident at the end of training camp and the Vikings were forced to send a first and a fourth-round pick to Philadelphia to acquire Sam Bradford.

Bradford took over the reigns in week two of the regular season, and had possibly the best season of his career. Over 15 games, Bradford threw for 3,877 yards, 20 touchdowns and only five interceptions. Sam also set the NFL record for completion percentage in a season, completing 71.6 percent of his passes. While a good chunk of those passes didn't travel very far past the line of scrimmage, setting an NFL record is still a great accomplishment. Bradford was given a player grade of 82.9 by PFF, which was the 12th highest grade given out to the quarterback position.

Teddy Brigewater still has one year left on his contract, and the Vikings can extend it for one additional year if they pick up his fifth-year option this offseason. There are conflicting reports out there about when Bridgewater will be healthy enough to play again, but I fully expect the Vikings to pick up his option. If they decline, then it will be obvious they don't think he will ever fully recover. That would be a sad day indeed!

Regardless of what happens to Bridgewater, it's unlikely that he would be ready to play when the 2017 season opens, leaving Bradford as the starter for a little while longer at least. Bradford only has one year left on his contract, and his cap number is fairly high at \$18 million. There is a chance the Vikings and Bradford will come to terms on a contract extension that will lower his cap hit, but the most likely scenario will see the Vikings and Bradford parting ways next offseason once Teddy is back.

Shaun Hill was the Vikings' backup in 2016, and he started the first game of the season while Bradford was still learning the playbook. Hill's contract expired at the end of the 2016 season, and the Vikings will be unlikely to bring him back. Hill is 37 years old, and the Vikings will have a lot of money invested in the position because of Bradford.

Taylor Heinicke will be the Vikings' third-string quarterback entering next season. Heinicke injured himself last offseason, which really put the Vikings in a bind. Had he been healthy, the team likely wouldn't have traded for Bradford, instead choosing to let Shaun Hill and Heinicke lead the team. Heinicke still has a year left on his contract, so he will be back in 2017. The Vikings were very high on the undrafted quarterback out of Old Dominion, and entering his third season, it will be interesting to see if the team's faith was well placed. Taylor Heinicke has a cap hit of just over \$600,000 this year.

With Bridgewater, Bradford, and Heinicke all under contract, the Vikings won't likely look to bring in another, although there is always a chance the team takes a chance on a quarterback with potential in the later rounds of the draft. The best-case scenario will be if Teddy comes back at 100 percent, which would allow the Vikings to trade Bradford to a QB-needy team. Trading Bradford would clear a lot of space from the cap, as well as replace some of the capital the Vikings had to give up to acquire him.

Tune in next week, as we cover the running back and full back positions. The Vikings have a lot of money tied up in Adrian Peterson, and there are plenty of question marks surrounding the future hall of famer.

Have any questions or comments? Feel free to reach out to me on Facebook: [facebook.com/skoljwright](https://www.facebook.com/skoljwright) or e-mail me at skoljwright@gmail.com!

Savo Township Notice of Annual Meeting

The citizens of the Township of Savo in County of Brown, South Dakota and who are qualified to vote at Township elections; are hereby notified that the Annual Township Meeting for said Township will be held at Savo Church in said Township, on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 2017, at 1 PM for the following purposes: to elect one Supervisor, one township clerk, and one township treasurer. We will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting when convened. Mail bids to Judy Bretsch, 10326 390th Ave., Frederick, SD 57441.

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Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Foxes 3, Cheetahs 3, Shih Tzus 2, Coyotes 2, Jackelopes 1, Chipmunks 1

Men's High Games: Ron Belden 244, Roger Spanier 234, Doug Jorgensen 223, Rick Carlson 215

Women's High Games: Vicki Walter 180, Karen Spanier 172, Michelle Johnson 167

Men's High Series: Roger Spanier 589, Ron Belden 574, Rick Carlson 523

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter 471, Dar Larson 470, Michelle Johnson 457

Groton Coffee Cup League

Feb. 6 Team Standings: James Valley 24, Kens 13, Ten Pins 12, Jungle Lanes 7

High Games: Joyce Walter 208, Vicki Walter 185, LaVonne Raap 177

High Series: Joyce Walter 494, Vicki Walter 466, LaVonne Raap 461

Feb. 13 Team Standings: James Valley 25, Kens 17, Ten Pins 12, Jungle Lanes 10

High Games: Vickie Kramp 198, Joyce Walter 171, Nancy Radke 164, Arlowyn Spencer 164

High Series: Vickie Kramp 496, Joyce Walter 448, Nancy Radke 432

Conde National

Feb. 6 Team Standings: Pirates 19, Cubs 16, Mets 16, Braves 12, Colts 12, Giants 9

Men's High Games: Ryan Sperry 200, Bryce Dargatz 200, Allen Walter 197, Larry Frohling 181

Men's High Series: Allen Walter 493, Ryan Sperry 489, Larry Frohling 487

Women's High Games: Joyce Walter 177, 173; Mary Larson 170, 159; Michelle Johnson 170, 169; Nancy Radke 158

Women's High Series: Joyce Walter 515, Mary Larson 487, Michelle Johnson 469

Feb. 13 Team Standings: Pirates 22, Cubs 17, Mets 17, Braves 15, Colts 13, Giants 12

Men's High Games: Larry Frohling 190; Lance Frohling 183, 181; Justin Kesterson 174

Men's High Series: Lance Frohling 529, Larry Frohling 507, Bryce Dargatz 459

Women's High Games: Mary Larson 188, Amber East 171, Joyce Walter 161

Women's High Series: Mary Larson 468, Joyce Walter 436, Renee Hanlon 430

The Life of Joyce Schaller



Joycelin Jean Ebert was born on May 31, 1930 to Andrew and Selma (Breitkreutz) Ebert at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. She attended school in Beaver Dam and graduated from Beaver Dam High School.

Following graduation, she moved to Ferney, South Dakota to visit and work for her aunt and uncle at their gas station/café. This is where she met the love of her life.

On June 9, 1950, she was united in marriage to Orville Schaller at Ferney. After their marriage the couple made their home in Groton. Joyce stayed home to raise their three children, Sandra, Steven, and Sherry. Joyce occasionally helped out at the car dealership owned by her husband

for many years. They were very fortunate to travel extensively as a result of that business. Joyce also was the manager at the first tanning salon in Aberdeen, which was owned by her son. She was a huge dog lover of favorite pets no longer with us: Precious, Angie, Simba (Poodles) and Pomeranian, Zoe. And a frequent overnight guest the grandchildren's dog, Kisses.

Joyce was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Groton. She enjoyed bowling and spent many years in leagues and competing in tournaments. She was instrumental in starting a youth bowling league at S&A Service in Groton. She also enjoyed sewing for which she created many Halloween and skating costumes for all 3 children. She also loved music and listening to country recording artists, Billy Ray Cyrus, Tim McGraw and Josh Turner. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren constantly provided her with unending joy and entertainment.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, Orville; children Sandra Schaller and Steven Schaller both of Groton, SD, former daughter-in-law; Julie Schaller of Groton, SD, one brother; Wayne (Sally) Ebert of St. Germaine, WI, five grandchildren; Stephy (Tim) Hanigan of Aberdeen, SD, Arielle Cameron of Groton, SD, Cheyenne Schaller of Orlando, FL, Jasmine Schaller of Groton, SD and Hunter Schaller of Groton, SD. She is also survived by her husband, Orville, five great-grandsons; Colton, Kayson, Kyler, Bronsen, and Quinssen. She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter; Sherry, and three brothers; Gerald, Ronald, and Dennis.

Shelby Hjermstad scores!

Coach Shaun Wanner said, "It was Katie's (Koehler) and Audrey's (Wanner) idea to have Shelby dress for the game. That way there would be three seniors at the last home event." The Redfield/Doland Coach called time-out and said to put her in the game. "I have to say kudos to Coach Tommy Gregg. It's moments like this that they will always remember. The girls were all crying in the locker room and Shelby said, "Why are you all crying? You should be happy for me." It was a moment that will be cherished.



Shelby Hjermstad made this basket to give Groton Area its 50th point in the Redfield-Doland game Friday night in Groton. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

When Shelby checked into the game, it was a three senior moment. The first shot did not go in. Wanner got the rebound on the Redfield-Doland end and brought the ball up court. She passed the ball to Katie Koehler who tossed it to Shelby at the free throw line where the ball hit nothing by net and the entire crowd erupted with joy. When asked about the night, Shelby said, "It was awesome!"

Groton Area defeated Redfield-Doland in girls' basketball action played Friday in Groton, 50-24.

Audrey Wanner led the Tigers with 19 points followed by Jessica Bjerke with eight, Payton Maine had five, Jennie Doeden five, Harleigh Stange four and Katie Koehler each had four, Miranda Hanson had three and Shelby Hjermstad added the last two points of the game.

Hannah Kuehn led the Pheasants with nine points followed by Addison Rozell and Georgia Kuehn with five each, Kennedy Fast had three and Kailee Clausen two.

Groton Area made 45 percent of its field goals compared to 18 percent for Redfield-Doland. The Tigers were nine of 14 from the line for 64 percent off of Redfield-Doland's 14 team fouls, Audrey Wanner and Jessica Bjerke each had seven of Groton's 30 rebounds, Bjerke had four of Groton's 10 assists and Harleigh Stange had five of Groton's 11 steals.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 34-27. Scoring for Groton: Payton Maine 15, Gia Gengerke 5, Taylor Holm 4, Sam Menzia 4, Kaycie Hawkins 3, Miranda Hanson 2 and Alex Stange 1.

Scoring for Redfield: Hannah Kuehn 7, Katelyn Nelson 7, Kailee Clausen 6, Georgia Kuehn 4, Courtney Turck 2 and Faith Jandel 1.

The Groton Area varsity team is now 10-8 on the season and will be at Mobridge today with a 4:30 p.m. contest and will end the regular season Thursday at Milbank Area.

The varsity game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, the John Sieh Agency, The Tax Lady of Aberdeen, Producer's Hybrids with John Wheeting, Harry Implement of Ferney and McKiver Collision.

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NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND
ELECTION IN PUTNEY TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Putney Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at Mark Thompson's Shop.

Caucus at 9:00 a.m. followed by election of officers.

Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated placed in Putney Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Mark Thompson, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at Mark Thompson's Farm House shop at 9:00 a.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Community Calendar

GROTON VET CLINIC
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Thursday, Feb. 16

St. John's Lutheran: Quilting at 9 a.m.
United Methodist: UMW at 1:30 p.m.
School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.
Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes and ham, green peas, Mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread.
GBBB at Milbank: C game at 5:15 p.m. with JV and varsity to follow.
JHBBB: Hosts Webster with 7th grade at 6 p.m. and 8th grade at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 17

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce,

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Debate: at Watertown

BBB hosts Milbank Area: C game at 5:15 p.m. with JV and Varsity games to follow. JH Pep band to perform.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at Rosewood Court at 10 a.m.
Debate: at Watertown
Show Choir: at Aberdeen
Wrestling: Regional at Sioux Valley starting at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 19

DI Dessert Theatre at Groton Elementary School, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion and baptism, 9 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; League serves at nursing home at 3 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Catholic Parish: Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 a.m., then at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.
United Methodist Parish: Worship in Conde at 9 a.m., coffee fellowship time at 10 a.m. and worship in Groton at 11 a.m.
Heaven Bound Ministries in Pierpont: Worship at 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 20

President's Day - NO SCHOOL
 DI Instant Challenge at Groton Area Elementary School, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.
United Methodist: Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage links, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato tots, fruit, broccoli and dip, muffin.
Senior Menu: Beef stroganoff noodles, mixed vegetables, cookie, whole wheat bread.
United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m., Evening Bible Study at 7 p.m.
 Girls Regional Basketball Tourney at Sisseton. First round begins at 4:30 p.m. with 2 games to follow.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

School Breakfast: Egg sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Hot ham and cheese, wedge fries, fruit, carrots and dip.
Senior Menu: Lemon chicken breast, creamy noodles, green beans, cinnamon scalloped apples, whole wheat bread.
Emmanuel Lutheran: League at 6:30 p.m., Confirmation at 7 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation at 3:45 p.m.
United Methodist: Kid Zone at 3:30 p.m., Confirmation at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Taco salad, refried beans, fruit, bread stick.
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.
 Girls Regional Basketball Tourney at Sisseton. First game begins at 6:00 p.m. with the second game to follow.

Friday, Feb. 24

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, fruit, Romaine salad.
Senior Menu: Hot turkey combo, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, peaches, whole wheat bread.
 State Wrestling Tourney in Sioux Falls

Saturday, Feb. 25

Region DI Tourney in Groton
 Robotics at Mitchell Technical Institute
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