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Larson on SDSU Indoor All-Time Top 10 List

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Landon Larson competed this weekend, in the Summit League Indoor Track and Field Championship Meet, in Brookings SD. He ran in the 200 meter dash, finishing in 6th place with a time of 21.83 and the 4x400 relay with a third place finish. Landon finished his Freshman indoor season, ranked in three events, on the SDSU Indoor All-Time Top Ten List. He is ranked 2nd in the 200m dash with a time of 21.83, .01 from the school record, tied for 5th in the 400m dash with a time of 48.78, and a 2nd place ranking in the 4x400m relay with a time of 3:15:03. South Dakota State University placed third behind Oral Roberts in first and NDSU in second. SDSU beat the old Summit League Championship 4x400 indoor record.

Pray placed fourth at state





Groton MathCounts places third

The 2017 Northeastern South Dakota Chapter MathCounts Competition was held at the Student Center on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen on Wednesday, February 8. Groton team members, Trey Gengerke, Tanae Lipp, Samantha Pappas, and Isaac Smith, earned the third place trophy and plaque. Mickelson Middle School of Brookings won the team competition and advances to the state competition on March 11 in Pierre, along with the second place team from Holgate Middle School of Aberdeen.

Isaac Smith also received individual recognition by placing among the top ten individuals in the countdown portion of the competition. Besides the team, Alexis Hanten, Seth Johnson, Stella Meier, Kale Pharis, Travis Townsend, and Erin Unzen also participated in the chapter competition.

The top four highest scoring individuals and the coach of the winning team at the state event will represent South Dakota at the national competition in May, 2017.

Team Awards

Front row from left: Mickelson Middle School, 1st Place, Serena An, Samyok Nepal, Ryan Nielson, Carl Steinlicht, Coach **Shannon Renkly**

Second row from left: Holgate Middle School, 2nd Place, Drew Comstock, Melanie Jacobs, Mason Myers, Haley Weber , Coach Dena Sievers

Third Row from left: Groton School, 3rd Place, Trey Gengerke, Tanae Lipp, Samantha Pappas, Isaac Smith, Coach Darlyne Johnson

Trevor Pray, at 126 pounds, pinned Hesse McCann of Harding County,

Pictured are the state place winners at 126 pounds: Ben Soukup, Wagner, 8th place; Blade Forman, Miller/Highmore-Harrold, 6th place; Trevor Pray, Groton Area, 4th place; Logan Mahoney, Parkston, second place; Dylan Hanisch, Canton, 1st place; Dirk Wolf, Lemmon/McIntosh, 3rd place; Luke Heninger, Stanley County, 5th place; and Trevor Peters, Winner Area, 7th place. (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting. ©2017 SDPB)

Trevor Pray placed fourth at the state wrestling tournament held this past weekend in Sioux Falls. He lost the championship semifinal match by one point with then thrust him in the wrestlebacks where he 3 as incumbent Mary Fliehs is being challenged by Karyn Babcock. won the first one to advance to the third place match before getting pinned in that match.

1:31; he decisioned Luke Heninger of Stanley County, 3-2; he was decisioned by Dylan Hanisch of Canton, 4-3; he decisioned Blade Forman of Miller/Highmore-Harrold, 7-2, and in the third place match, he was pinned by Dirk Wolf of Lemmon-McIntosh in 1:23. Brandyn Anderson at 285 pounds won his first match with a 13-7 decision over Chase Nincehelser of Sully Buttes. He then was decision of Tre'zen Doren of Winner Area, 7-2; and he was decisioned by Adam Miller of Canton, 5-2. Wyatt Locke, at 220 pounds, was pinned by Braydon Peterson of Lemmon/McIntosh, 4:43; and he was decisioned by Dalton Martian of Mobridge-Pollock, 8-4.

Wyatt Kurtz, at 138 pounds, was pinned by Jaden Shepherd, Mobridge-Pollock, in 2:47; and he was pinned by Rocky Berg of Parker in 1:50.

Election for Ward 3

There will be no school board election this year as incumbents Grant Rix and Steve Smith both turned in their petitions for their 3-year term.

Meanwhile on the city council, there will be an election in Ward Incumbents Eddy Opp in Ward 2 and Jay Peterson in Ward 1 turned in unopposed petitions.

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The Groton Area High School "Prismatic Sensations" is a group of students ranging from ninth to twelfth grade. With 23 voices on stage, and 9 tech and pit crew members, we strive to create the ultimate show to keep our audience at the edge of their seats, wanting more! Our show consists of This is It/The Spelling Rules (Soloist: Gabbie Kramer), Respect (Soloist: Aleaya Worlie), Love (Soloist: Tylan Glover), Happiness, Hakuna Matata, and Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious (Soloists: Gabbie Kramer and Jenifer Fjelstad). Grateful for the love from our friends and family, and support from the community, we hope you enjoy our show as much we enjoy performing it! Ready for a challenge? Journey back with us, and see if you can become our spelling bee champion!

Directors: Cody Swanson, Sanessa Lindemann

Show Band Directors: Ron Parker, Austin Fordham

Choreographers: Kyle Stugelmayer, Sanessa Lindemann, Jennifer Phillips, Molly Hornamen

Ladies: Insa Deden, Emma Donley, Ashley Fliehs, Jenifer Fjelstad, Ashley Garduno, Gabbie Kramer, Jasmine Schinkel, Madeline Schuelke, AnneMarie Smith, Erin Smith, Hattie Weismantel, Aleaya Worlie, Madilyn Wright

Gentlemen: Korbin Blackmun, Tylan Glover, Thane Henschel, Austin Jones, Alex Kern, Mitchell Koens, Marshall Lane, Micah Poor, Hunter Schaller, Anthony Schinkel.

The show choir received first in its class in Vermillion over the weekend.

Groton Coffee Cup League

February 27 Team Standings: James Valley 31, Kens 19, Ten Pins 16, Jungle Lanes 14 High Games: Nancy Radke 191, 157; Vickie Kramp 175; Vicki Walter 154 High Series: Nancy Radke 474, Vickie Kramp 463, Vicki Walter 415

Conde National League

February 27 Team Standings: Pirates 23, Braves 23, Mets 21 1/2, Cubs 19, Colts 17 1/2, Giants 16

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 208; Preston Brewer 189, 183; Lance Frohling 189; Larry Frohling 179

Men's High Series: Preston Brewer 546, Butch Farmen 520, Lance Frohling 516 Women's High Games: Kayla Johnson 179, Nancy Radke 172, Michelle Johnson 163 Women's High Series: Nancy Radke 485, Kayla Johnson 438, Michelle Johnson 428

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Chipmunks 8, Foxes 8, Cheetahs 8, Coyotes 6, Shih Tzus 3, Jackelopes 3 Men's High Games: Brad Waage 225, Randy Stanley 210, Roger Spanier 202, 201 Women's High Games: Lori Giedt 180, Darci Spanier 173, Karen Spanier 171 Men's High Series: Brad Waage 596, Roger Spanier 591, Brad Larson 528 Women's High Series: Lori Giedt 498, Darci Spanier 482, Sue Stanley 471

Groton FCCLA Meeting

In February 2017, Groton FCCLA chapter met for the February meeting in the FACS Room. There was an opening ceremony led by Madison Sippel. Lexi Harder read treasurer's report.





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New business includes the FCCLA bake sale during the home Roncalli game made a huge profit. Congratulations to every member who got to be at the pizza party. State meeting April 2-4, we need to know who is all going by the of next week. \$30 for lodging for people who have not turned in the polos from Region FCCLA. Unfinished business included FCCLA week is next week and Pennies for Patients will be going on, and the winners will get a pizza party sponsored by Domino's. Meeting was closed by President Madison Sippel.

Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the home of Marg Overacker with Eunice McColister assisting. Following supper, Bev Sombke opened the meeting with the pledges. Nine members answered roll call with an interesting US President. Bey reported on delivering Valentines to veterans. A thank you was read from the city transit for our Christmas donation. National Garden club week will be June 4-10 Gardeners are encouraged to plant pink flowers for breast cancer, and also plants that are tempting to pollinators such as bees, butterflies, etc. The National Garden club Convention will be held in Richmond, VA, May 18-20. Minnehaha County Master Gardeners Workshop will be held April 1,2017. SD State Garden Club Convention will be held in Dell Rapids, April 22. Next meeting will be March 20, at 5:30 pm with Bev Sombke with Grace Albrecht assisting.

Adult Birthday Club

The Adult Birthday Club met at Ella Johnson's home on February 7th as she was the hostess. Prizes were awarded to Darlene Fischer, Gloria Pharis and Deloris Knoll. The honors were awarded to Darlene Fischer. The guests were Gloria Pharis and Arlowyn Spencer. The March 7 meeting will be held at Rosewood Court in Groton with LaVonne Helmer as hostess at 1 p.m.



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GROTON KIWANIS CLUB

Tom Paepke, president; led the short business session for Groton Kiwanis, Wednesday noon, at the community center.

Cindy Litch is the club's chef each week.

Lee Schinkel introduced his two guests, Seth and Evan Erickson. The two brothers told of their new business in Groton, the Erickson Insurance Agency.

A new membership committee was formed, of Reed Litch, Lee Schinkel, and Mike Ehreshmann.

Program leader was Lee Schinkel , who presented Cody Swanson, GHS music instructor. Cody accompanied six vocal students, who performed vocal solos. The GHS students were Aleaya Worlie, Micah Poor, Tylan Glover, Miychell Koens, Madilyn Wright, and Macy Knecht. All six students received superior ratings on their vocal solos at the regional music contest in February.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Foxes 11, Cheetahs 11, Chipmunks 9, Coyotes 7, Jackelopes 7, Shih Tzus 3 **Men's High Games:** Brad Waage 209, 199, Brad Larson 207, Mike Siegler 196 **Women's High Games:** Nicole Kassube 171, Vicki Jorgensen 171, Lori Giedt 168, Nancy Radke 167

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 603, Brad Larson 518, Ron Belden 517 **Women's High Series:** Vicki Jorgensen 480, Nancy Radke 473, Nicole Kassube 446



Here is the new police vehicle for the Groton Police Department. Most of the gear has been installed with the cameras to be installed in Sioux Falls.

Carnival of Silver Skates Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the CSS Annual Meeting, March 12, 2:00 pm, at the warming house. We will hold the election of officers for the 2018 CSS Executive Board. Please consider joining us to plan the 80th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates!

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City Liaison - coordinates with City of Groton to make arrangements for the Carnival specifications

Skating Instruction Coordinator - recruits and manages information for skating instructors Members at Large - special projects

Contact Rachael Van Liere Crank, Tina Kosel, Kristie Wieseler Fliehs, Dawn Imrie, Deb Schuelke, Sarah Keller-Hanten Pamela Opsahl Barse, Coralea Wolter, or Tasha Dunker if you have any questions!



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Groton School Bond Resolution

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT 06-6

BROWN, DAY, MARSHALL. CLARK AND SPINK COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a meeting of the School Board of Groton Area School District 06-6, of Brown, Day, Marshall, Clark and Spink Counties. South Dakota, was held on February 15, 2017 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following members were present: Fjelstad, Gengerke, Harder, Rix, Smith and Weis-mantel and the following were absent: Kjelden

Member Weismantel then introduced and moved for the adoption of the following

Resolution: RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -

RESOLUTION DECLARING NE-CESSITY AND EXPEDIENCY FOR ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGA-TION SCHOOL BONDS, CALLING AN ELECTION THEREFORE AND HIRING PROFESSIONALS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Groton Area School District 06-6, Brown, Day, Marshall, Clark and Spink Counties, South Dakota, as follows:

1. Declaration of Necessity. It is hereby found, determined and declared that it is necessary and expedient for this School District to borrow money by issuing its general obligation school bonds in an amount not exceeding \$14,500,000 payable from 1 and not to exceed 30 years from date of issuance, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rate or rates as may be determined by the School Board, for the construction of a new middle school facility and high school academic spaces to replace the 1934 high school addition and the remodeling of the performing arts practice roomand financing costs of issuance, if so approved by the voters.

1. Election. The question of authorizing the issuance of such bonds shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District at a bond election which is to be held on the 11th day of April 2017, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. The question shall be in substantially the following form: SHALL THE GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6, BROWN, DAY, MARSHALL, CLARK AND SPINK COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA, ISSUE ITS NEGOTIABLE GENERAL OBLI-GATION SCHOOL BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EX-CEEDING \$14,500,000, ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, BEAR-ING INTEREST AT SUCH RATES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AND MA-TURE OVER A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS FROM THEIR DATE OF ISSUANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN-CLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY AND HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC SPACES TO REPLACE THE 1934 HIGH SCHOOL ADDI-TION AND THE REMODELING OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE ROOM AND COSTS

OF ISSUANCE? SHALL THE ABOVE PROPOSI-TION BE APPROVED AND THE BONDS ISSUED?

1. Polling places and Judges. Polling places and judges and clerks for said election shall be selected according to South Dakota Law.

1. Voter Registration Deadline. The Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of voter registration and deadline therefore, as required by law. The deadline for voter registration shall not be less than fifteen (15) days prior to The Business the election. Manager shall give notice of the availability of registration officials and state when registration will be terminated and the effect of a failure to have registered. Such notice shall be published in official newspapers of the District at least once each week for (2) two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not less than (10) ten or more than (15)fifteen days before the deadline for registration.

1. Notice of Election. The Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of school bond election, said notice to be published in the official newspaper for the District, once each week for two

(2) successive weeks before said the original thereof on file and of date of election. The second notice shall be published not less than four (4) days nor more than ten (10) days before the election.

1. Ballots. The Business Manager is authorized and directed to cause printed ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the form on file with the Business Manager and to publish with the second notice of election.

1. Canvass. Said election shall be held and conducted and the votes cast thereat shall be counted, certified and canvassed according to law, and this Board shall meet at the regular meeting room in Groton, South Dakota, in the District for the purpose of canvassing the results within six (6) days of the election.

1. Hiring of Professionals. Meierhenry Sargent LLP of Sioux Falls, South Dakota is hereby designated as bond counsel for this issue and Dougherty & Company LLC, hereby designated as Underwriter for this issue. The President and Business Manager are authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to carry out the intent of this paragraph.

1. Authorization of Officers. The Superintendent and Business Manager are authorized to sign any acknowledgement, certificates or documents required by Underwriter in connection with the Bonds.

Said motion was seconded by Member Harder and upon vote being taken the following voted AYE: Fielstad, Gengerke, Harder, Rix, Smith and Weismantel and the following voted NAY: Kjelden

Whereupon said motion was declared duly passed and adopted, and was signed and attested by the President and Business Manager.

ATTEST: President

Business Manager STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

COUNTY OF BROWN ...

I, Michael J. Weber, the undersigned, duly qualified and acting Business Manager of Groton Area School District 06-6, Brown, Day, Marshall, Clark and Spink Counties, State of South Dakota, hereby certify that I have care fully compared the attached and foregoing Extract of Minutes with

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record in my office, and that the same is a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the School Board of said District duly called and held on the date therein indicated, so far as such Minutes relate to the issuance of bonds by said School District.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of the District as such Business Manager this 22nd day of February 2017.

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Shelby Township Notice of Annual Meeting

Shelby Township Citizens of Shelby Township are hereby Notified that the Annual Township meeting will be held at the township hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, begin-ning at 1 p.m. for the following purposes: To elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term, one clerk and one treasurer and to do any other business proper to be

done at said meeting. Shelby Township will also accept bids for gravel and also road maintaining, snow removal and other road work as necessary for the year 2017-2018. The gravel is to be delivered before Aug. 1, 2017 and must meet the township board's specifications. The road maintaining, snow removal and road work bids must state per hour and per mile charges and will be required to provide date and time records of all work done. Bids must be received at the clerk's residence on or before March 28, 2017. Bids will be opened at the township hall in Houghton on March 28, 2017 at 7 p.m. All bids must be accompanied by a Certificate of Contractors Liability Insurance. The board of supervisor reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Colby Crawford, Township

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Groton School Feb. 21 Special Meeting

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-

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TRICT NO. 06-6 SPECIAL MEETING

February 21, 2017

President Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Harder, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Fjelstad, Gengerke and Kjelden. Others present were Superintendent J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

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

No potential conflicts of inter-

est were reported. The purpose of the meeting was to open bids for the 2017 Groton Elementary Remodel Project. Fourteen contractors were in attendance along with Custodial Supervisor, Mike Nehls. Twenty bid packages were opened and read as follows:

Bid Package 02.60 - Sitework: Lien Transportation – base bid of \$463,691.15.

Bid Package 06.15 - General

casework and alternate deducting of \$16,000 for standing seam wall panels. JDH Construction base bid of \$1,514,000 with alternates adding \$1,365 for replacement of windows in 1992 addition, \$7,570 for additional door security, \$2,830 for flagpole, \$7,260 for exterior signage, \$18,675 for additional casework and alternate deducting \$18,195 for standing seam wall panels.

Bid Package 07.50 – Roofing: Tecta America Dakotas – base bid of \$120,266 with alternate adding \$107,761 for re-roofing existing areas. Architectural Roofing & Sheetmetal – base bid of \$72,270 with alternate adding \$69,340 for re-roofing existing areas.

Bid Package 08.00 - Aluminum Storefronts, Curtain Walls and Glazing: Fargo Glass & Paints Company - base bid of \$173,415 with alternate adding \$16,770 for replacement of windows in 1992 addition. House of Glass, Inc. – base bid of \$122,380 with alternate adding \$7,944 for replacement of windows in 1992 addition.

Bid Package 09.50 – Acoustical Ceilings: Gemini Acoustical – base bid of \$189,620.

Bid Package 09.60 - Flooring and Wall Tile: Grazzini Brothers & Company – base bid of \$264,350 with alternate deducting \$28,600 for VCT flooring.

Bid Package 21.00 – Fire Pro-tection: Midwestern Mechanical base bid of \$102,500. Prairie Sons, Inc. - base bid of \$88,275. Western States Fire Protection base bid of \$102,800, NOVA Fire Protection - base bid of \$106,900.

Bid Package 23.05 - Ventilation: Tessier's Inc. – base bid of \$694,000. Custom Sheet Metal, Inc. – base bid of \$616,900 with alternate deducting \$500 for new water heater. Fay's Refrigeration & Heating - base bid of \$885,000.

Bid Package 24.05 – Testing & Balancing: Balancing Profession-als – base bid of \$23,890.

Bid Package 26.05 - Electrical: Jacobson Electric – base bid of \$952,500 with alternates adding \$1,230 for additional door security, \$2,250 for flagpole, \$42,500 for new electrical panels/feeders and \$53,500 for copper electrical wiring. Muth Electric - base bid of \$759,336 with alternates adding \$7,305 for additional door security, \$6,610 for flagpole, \$39,047 for new electrical panels/feeders and \$6,592 for copper electrical wiring. Engelstad Electric – base bid of \$789,500 with alternates adding \$3,955 for additional door security, \$3,252 for flagpole, \$16,436 for new electrical panels/feeders, \$468 for new water heater and \$6,298 for copper electrical wiring.

There were no bids received for Plumbing and Heating. Representatives of Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc will contact these contractors to negotiate directly. A re-bid of Plumbing and Heating services may be required.

No action was taken on any received bids.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to adjourn at 2:55 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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Henry Township Notice of

with the other business that may come before the board will be held Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 7pm at Doug Abeln's Seed Company Office. Will also take bids for gravel and maintenance. Darlene Sass

Henry Township Clerk (0222.0228)

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Claremont Town Feb. 14

Meeting Minutes The board of Trustees for

the Town of Claremont met in regular session on 2-14-17 at :00p.m. in city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Merkel and Crosby present. Others attending were Rick Pahl. The minutes of the January meeting were read and on a motion by Crosby and seconded by Merkel were approved as read.

On a motion by Merkel and Seconded by Crosby the following warrants were allowed General: James Valley, phone and computer, 88.47; Gellhaus and Gellhaus, municipality fee, 20.00; NWE, light, 384.26; Hanse Service, agdsl/snow, 100.39; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; WSSW: BDM, water, 896.90; NWE, water and sewer, 743.59; Dept. of Revenue ,water sample, 15.00; Melinda Spear, meter reading, 138.52; DPC, Inspection fee,760.00; Rural Development, loan payment, 576.00.

Rick Pahl came with some concerns: dogs wandering in town he was told that there was a leash ordinance but the town can not afford a dog catcher nor a police officer to enforce it so he would have to notify Brown County Sherriffs office. He had some concerns about Robin Greens elevator and also doing some clean up at Docs pond. Doc's pond would be at his discretion and Robin Greens elevator is not an issue at this time. He also had some questions concerning Susan Loebs Anderson train and the land it sets on. He will have to contact Brown County for those answers as they have nothing to do with the town.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was to adjourn by Merkel and seconded Crosby to adjourn.

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Groton School Election

is Cancelled NOTICE OF CANCELLATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-**TRICT NO. 06-6**

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that no School Board Election for Groton Area School District No. 06-6 will be held on April 11, 2017.

The election for which public notice was given has been canceled because the following individuals have filed certificates of nomination in the office of the business official for the positions to be filled.

Groton Area School Board, 3-vear term – Grant P. Rix

Groton Area School Board, year term – Steven R. Smith Because each of the candidates is unopposed, certificates of election will be issued in the same manner as to successful candidates after election at the annual meeting held on July 10, 2017. Michael J Weber, Business Official Groton Area School District Published once at the total aproximate cost of \$6.21. 13734

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Construction: Crestone Builders - base bid of \$1,527,000 with alternates adding \$27,500 for additional door security, \$3,000 for flagpole, \$10,500 for exterior signage, \$16,000 for additional

Annual Meeting

Henry Township Annual Meeting Notice Notice is herby given that the

annual Henry Township caucus and election of officers along

BID NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners, Gregory County, State of South Dakota will receive sealed bids at the office of the Gregory County Auditor, PO Box 437, Burke, South Dakota, until 10:15 a.m., March 20, 2017 for the purchase for one or more motor graders.

#0916, 2006, VIN#APM2928, 140H, 185-205 MPH #0918, 2006, VIN#APM2991, 140H, 185-205 MPH

Full specifications are on file in the office of the Gregory County Highway Department.

Bid are to be submitted in duplicate on forms supplied by Gregory County and must contain a certified check, cashiers check or bank draft in the amount of 5% of the amount bid for the above motor graders, drawn on either a State or National bank domiciled within the State of South Dakota, or in lieu thereof, a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid. Such bond is to be issued by a surety authorized to do business in this state.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Gregory County Auditor, PO Box 437, Burke, South Dakota, and be clearly marked on the envelope "Motor Grader Bid".

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and accept the bid it deems most favorable for Gregory County.

Bates Township Notice of Annual Meeting

BATES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Bates Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017 at the home of the Clerk, 14523 409th Ave,Conde.

Election of officers and business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

We will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel. Please mail bids to Betty Geist, Bates Township Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde, SD 57434 prior to meeting date. Betty Geist, Township Clerk

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Groton School Feb. 15 Meeting Minutes UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING

February 15, 2017

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjelstad, Gengerke, Harder, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Kjelden. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan, and Business Manager Weber.

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

Smith read a potential conflict disclosure pursuant to SDCL 23-3. A copy of the potential conflict is on file in the business office. Moved by Rix, second Fjelstad to accept the conditions and determine that the matter underlying the conflict is fair, reasonable and not contrary to the public interest. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve all consent agenda items as presented: North Central Special Ed Coop agenda items, District minutes of January 9 and 23, bills, financial reports, agency reports, school lunch reports and transportation reports. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary 182,308.14; FIT - 20,121.78; Medicare – 6,909.42; FICA – 29,543.80; American Funds - 764.50; Washington National
 - 98.40; SDRS - 29,487.98;
 Waddell & Reed - 1,429.65; Horace Mann - 539.21; Thrivent 226.50; AFLAC - 2,090.91; Delta Dental – 4,587.80; SD Supplemental Retirement – 851.53 . Wellmark – 62,744.00; Reliastar 573.35; A&B Business - supplies, 87.57; Aberdeen American News – audit notice, 117.68; ACP Direct – headphones, 110.70; Agency Fund – advance payments, 22,477.32; Bob's Piano Service - tuning, 315.00; Brookings School District- ads, 70.00; Carquest - supplies, 855.43; City of Groton - utilities, 12,702.03; Cole Papers – supplies, 404.52 Crawford Trucks – belt, 72.27; Dacotah Prairie Museum - entry fee, 75.00; Dakota Brush - supplies, 200.00; Dakota Electronics – services, 47.50; Dakota-land Autoglass – filler, 18.47; Days Inn, Brookings - lodging, 91.10; Days Inn, Pierre - lodging, 228.00; Demco - supplies, 66.85; Dependable Sanitation services, 1,238.00; DSS Image Apparel – shirts, 363.00; Eide Bailly – audit services, 1,833.73; Ewell Educational Services - resource, 265.00; Farm Tire Service – repairs, 109.00; G&K Services – rug services, 473.06; Geffdog Designs shirts, 235.22; Groton Area Booster/PAC - supplies, 68.00; GASD Food Service - supplies, 355.25; Groton Chiropractic physical, 95.00; Hanlon Brothers - services, 1,760.00; K. Hanson
 - poms, 163.20; Hauff Mid-America – warm-ups, 2,265.00; Hillyard - supplies/services, 1,842.56; Holiday Inn Express lodging, 136.99; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - training, 2,950.00; JW Pepper – music, 495.99; James Valley Telco. services 823.36; Ken's - fuel, 8,120.97 Leidholdt Tool Sales - tools, 35.71; LS Scholarship Fund - entry fee, 75.00: Matheson suppliés, 254.40; Mid-American supplies, 1,071.86; MJ's Sin-lair – services/fuel, 746.29; clair Motel West - lodging, 340.00; Northside Implement – repairs, 8,171.40; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 4,452.96; Productivity Plus - services, 3,468.82; Riley Bus Service - charter, 1,279.50; R. Scepaniak – fees, 70.00;
A. Schwan – meals, 22.78; J.
Schwan – fuel, 29.89; SDAESP – registration, 100.00; SDASSP registration, 100.00; Sewer Saver - services, 282.23; C. Swanson sc supplies, 175.62; Taylor Music – repairs, 25.00; Track-Wrestling – services, 157.14; Tresona –licensing fees, 600.00; TruGreen – services, 2,308.60; J. Weber – fees, 43.25. Total General Fund - \$427,620.19. CAPITAL OUTLAY: 1800 Cal-culators – calculators, 1,965.00; Agency Fund – advance pay-ments, 14,515.00; Daktronics – horn, 85.00; Engel Music – power cords, 79.98; Follett – library books, 372.01; Groton Area School – interfund transfer, 100,000.00; House of Glass – parts, 142.67. Total Capital Outlay - \$117,159.66. SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 26,050.42; FIT - 2,537.42; Medicare - 994.90; FICA -4,253.82; SDRS - 4,462.12;

		MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6								
	General	Restricted	Capital	Special	Pension	Bond	Capital	Enterprise	Agency	Total for
	Fund	Gen Funds	Outlay	Education	Fund	Redemption	Projects	Fund	Fund	District
1. Beginning Balance	1,542,422.69	32,052.21	802,468.22	123,563.78	0.00	145,785.32	0.00	70,997.26	234,281.98	2,951,571.46
a. cash	1,542,422.69	32,052.21	802,468.22	123,563.78	0.00	145,785.32	0.00	70,997.26	234,281.98	2,951,571.46
b. petty cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in										
3. Revenue to date	2,248,581.16	0.00	8,012,418.19	321,780.67	89,470.80	102,702.07	7,529,275.20	179,168.91	525,795.94	19,009,192.94
Total accounted for	3,791,003.85	32,052.21	8,814,886.41	445,344.45	89,470.80	248,487.39	7,529,275.20	250,166.17	760,077.92	21,960,764.40
5. Transfers out										
Expenditures to date	2,424,508.54	0.00	8,200,613.44	355,074.37	0.00	198,116.25	359,872.80	165,665.86	591,461.18	12,295,312.44
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	2,424,508.54	0.00	8,200,613.44	355,074.37	0.00	198,116.25	359,872.80	165,665.86	591,461.18	12,295,312.44
7. Ending Balance	1,366,495.31	32,052.21	614,272.97	90,270.08	89,470.80	50,371.14	7,169,402.40	84,500.31	168,816.74	9,665,651.96
a. cash	1,366,495.31	32,052.21	614,272.97	90,270.08	89,470.80	50,371.14	7,169,402.40	84,500.31	168,616.74	9,665,451.96
b. petty cash	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
January Receipts	68,488.26	0.00	6,190.71	4,180.26	1,177.99	1,039.12	0.00	29,659.38	53,873.08	164,608.80
January Expenses	406,355.47	0.00	46,787.40	62,369.85	0.00	0.00	122,957.60	20,336.84	67,598.50	726,405.66
Agency Checking	168,616.74									
District Checking	9,496,835.22									
Certificate of Deposit	0.00									
Agency Cash on Hand	200.00									
Total all Funds	9,665,651.96									

Waddell & Reed – 250.00; AFLAC – 592.58; Delta Dental – 845.22; SD Supplemental Retirement – 200.00; Wellmark – 11,392.00; Reliastar – 225.46; Agency Fund – advance payments, 558.45; Patron – mileage, 670.32. Total Special Ed - \$53,032.71.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: Agency Fund – advance payment, 25.00; Clark Engineering – services, 3,200.00; Foster, Jacobs & Johnson – services, 165,686.40; Soil Technologies – services, 4,500.00. Total Capital Projects Fund - \$173,411.40.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary – 5,599.46; FIT – 471.55; Medicare – 199.84; FICA – 854.52; SDRS – 586.36; AFLAC – 54.22; Wellmark – 1,510.00; Reliastar – 1.30; A&B Business - calculator, 93.96; Agency Fund – advance pay-ment, 32.25; CWD – food/suppl, 2,339.05; Dean Foods - dairy products, 1,179.23; Earthgrains bakery products, 400.00; G&K Services - linen services, 280.35; Mid-American Research Chemical – supplies, 245.45; Reinhart - food, 2,103,95; SD DOE-CANS - commodities, 422.27; Sysco suppl/food, 1,187.72; US Foods suppl/food, 3,537.77. Total

Food Service - \$21,099.25. OST Net Salary - 1,205.42; FIT - 57.88; Medicare - 42.10; FICA - 179.98; SDRS - 154.10; AFLAC - 135.98; Wellmark - 664.00; Reliastar - .65; Agency Fund - advance payments, 3,446.07. Total OST - \$5,886.18. Total Enterprise Funds - \$26,985.43. AGENCY FUND: Total -

\$67,598.50.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 28,025.43; Other Local Sources – 90,494.87; County Sources – 4,394.01; State Sources – 10,593.00; Federal Sources – 31,101.49. Total Receipts -\$164,608.80.

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

The board heard program overview presentations from CTE Instructors Don Donley, Adam Franken, Lindsey Tietz and Brooke Lingbeck and Destination Imagination Coordinator JoAnn Donley.

Moved by Weismantel, second

Harder to approve adoption of formal resolution calling for bond issue on April 11, 2017. Motion carried. The resolution is printed as an extract to these minutes.

Tom Grimmond of Dougherty & Company presented financial issues associated with the high school project bond issue. A range of financial terms from 20 to 30 years were reviewed and discussed. No action was taken.

The board discussed dates for public meetings concerning the high school project and agreed to hold them at the Columbia American Legion on Feb 27th, Bristol Community Center on March 6th and the Groton Community Center on March 9th. All public meetings will begin at 7:00 pm.

Superintendent Schwan presented the school calendar for 2017-18. No action was taken. There were no committee reports were given.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: elementary project update, legislative issues, Every Student Succeeds Act, food service administrative review, student teachers, pre-admission field experience, 2017 testing, Kindergarten Round Up, Math Family Night, OST Train-ing, zSpace Technology, NSU Educator Prep Workshop, NSU Symphonic Band, America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant, Parent/Teacher Conferences, professional conference, election polling place change in Andover, and school board election update.

Superintendent Schwan presented Certificates of Appreciation to School Board Members in honor of School Board Recognition Week.

The board reviewed 1st reading of recommended policy changes to Policy AE – Wellness Policy.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to set the summer 2017 driver's education fee at \$250 for in-district students and \$300 for out-of-district students. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schwan presented the results of the SD Department of Health Food Service Inspection of Groton Area Elementary on February 6th. 99 out of 100

Moved by Harder, second Gengerke to approve the resignation of high school teacher Sarah Honerman at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to go into executive session at 8:33 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss Superintendent's evaluation and

SDCL 1-25-2(2) for a student issue. Motion carried. Smith declared the board out

of executive session at 9:41pm. Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to issue administrative contracts for school year 2017-18 with terms and conditions to be negotiated at a later date. Mo-

Moved by Rix, second Fjelstad to adjourn. Motion carried. M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Steven R. Smith, President The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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The Life of Floyd Beck

tion carried.



Funeral service for Floyd Beck, 86, of Ipswich and formerly of Herreid will be 10:30 am, Friday, March 3, 2017 at First Reformed Church at Herreid. The Rev. Cody Schwichtenberg will officiate.

Burial will be in Artas Cemetery with military graveside rites by Jacob A. Heinrich American Legion Post #170.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5-7 pm at the funeral home in Eureka.

Floyd died February 24, 2017 at Ipswich Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Floyd Beck, son of Edward and Lydia (Schmidt) Beck, was born December 8, 1930 at Artas, SD. He grew up in the Artas area and was confirmed in Artas Reformed Church on June 30, 1946. Floyd graduated from Herreid High School in 1948. On December 14, 1951. He married Gladys Zimmerman at the Artas Baptist Church. Starting on September 24, 1952 Floyd spent two years in the United States Army. After being honorably discharged on September 24, 1954 he started farming two miles south of Artas. In November 1994, he and Gladys moved to Herreid. Floyd continued working on the farm until they moved to Ipswich in July 2012. He entered the Ipswich Care and Rehabilitation Center in April 2013.

Floyd enjoyed all aspect of farming and never referred to it as work. He was on the Artas School Board, Campbell County Bank Board, an elder at Artas Reformed Church and a member of Jacob A. Heinrich American Legion Post #170.

Grateful for having shared Floyd's life are his wife of 65 years, Gladys; children, Cynthia (John) Neifer of Hosmer, SD, Diann (Brad) Morehouse of Andover, SD and Vaughn (Julie) Beck of Ipswich; 12 grandchildren, Matthew Beck, Marcus Beck, Amy Beck, Jeanne Josten, Carmen Anderson, Travis Neifer, Justin Morehouse, Brent Morehouse, Jesse Morehouse, Desiree Foltz, Emily Beck and Philip Beck; 18 greatgrandchildren; and two brothers Ruben Beck and Chester Beck.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Kenneth (2002), great-granddaughter, Emerald Beck and two sisters Edna Rohrbach and Esther Rohrbach.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR BROWN COUNTY AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	AS OF AND F	OR THE YEAR ENDED DECE	MBER 31, 2016			
	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDSMODIFIED CASH BASIS					
•		Road and Bridge	BCT1	Other Governmental		Total
	General Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Gove	ernmental Funds
Beginning Balance	5,323,927.74	5,527,714.12	598,146.53	845,692.65	\$	12,295,481.04
Revenues and Other Sources (minor level):						
Taxes:						
Current Property Taxes	13,380,794.54		604,372.52		\$	13,985,167.06
Delinquent Property Taxes	78,525.85		004,072.02		ŝ	78,525.85
Penalties and Interest	31,241.92				\$	31,241.92
Telephone Tax (Outside)	2,106.32				\$	2,106.32
Prepaid Mobile Home Tax	6,726.59				\$	6,726.59
Wheel Tax		805,730.86			\$	805,730.86
Tax Deed Revenue	400.00				\$	400.00
Licenses and Permits	304,292.18	6,560.00		8,880.00	\$	319,732.18
Intergovernmental Revenue:					-	
Federal Grants	603,975.80			137,581.53	\$	741,557.33
Federal Shared Revenue	17,268.53			101,001.00	ŝ	17,268.53
	207.00				ŝ	207.00
Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes		540 000 45		11 001 00		
State Grants	21,355.00	519,209.15		44,861.09	\$	585,425.24
State Shared Revenue:	381,947.04	3,586,211.49		436,182.40	\$	4,404,340.93
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	4,428.03				\$	4,428.03
Other Intergovernmental Revenue	14,421.28	259,281.66		232,439.70	\$	506,142.64
Charges for Goods and Services:						
General Government	741,930.89			28,608.96	\$	770,539.85
Public Safety	264,461.77			85,463.37	ŝ	349,925.14
Public Works	Longiotari	1,485.76		00,100.07	ŝ	1,485.76
Health and Welfare	147,695.41	1,403.70			ŝ	147,695.41
Culture and Recreation	1,076,454.23				\$	1,076,454.23
Conservation of Natural Resources	58,914.02				\$	58,914.02
Other Charges	18,911.73				\$	18,911.73
Fines and Forfeits:						
Fines	543.40				S	543.40
Costs	37,047.79				S	37,047.79
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources:					- T	
Investment Earnings	34,514.26		5.034.43		s	39,548.69
Rentals	152,770.76	2,150.47	0,004.40		ŝ	154,921.23
		2,150.47				
Contributions and Donations	5,401.15				\$	5,401.15
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	22,235.48	6,226.67		1,652.00	\$	30,114.15
Insurance Proceeds	267,760.25	3,715.00			\$	271,475.25
Sale of County Property	19,118.00	28,123.01			\$	47,241.01
Total Revenue and Other Sources	17,695,449.22	5,218,694.07	609,406.95	975,669.05	\$	24,499,219.29
Expenditures and Other Uses (subfunction lev					- T	
Legislative	289,096.18				S	289,096,18
Elections	105,698.59				ŝ	105,698,59
Judicial System	70,876.95				\$	70,876.95
Financial Administration	803,780.86				\$	803,780.86
Legal Services	1,304,876.48			28,701.74	\$	1,333,578.22
Other Administration	4,558,543.56				\$	4,558,543.56
Law Enforcement	4,046,127.01			91,629.82	\$	4,137,756.83
Protective and Emergency Services	17,000.00			1,198,951.74	ŝ	1,215,951.74
Highways and Bridges		13,973,326.43			ŝ	13,973,326.43
Economic Assistance	190,342.77	10,010,020.40			ŝ	190,342.77
Health Assistance	25,189.27				\$	25,189.27
Social Services	1,500.00			14,138.00	\$	15,638.00
Mental Health Services	301,372.58				\$	301,372.58
Culture	382,066.99				\$	382,066.99
Recreation	1,452,397.05				\$	1,452,397.05
Soil Conservation	250,779.56				ŝ	250,779.56
Urban Development	526,661.52				š	526,661.52
Economic Development	20,750.00				š	20,750.00
	20,750.00	40,286.51				
Intergovernmental Expenditures		40,200.51	001 005 55		\$	40,286.51
Debt Service			904,965.57		\$	904,965.57
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	14,347,059.37	14,013,612.94	904,965.57	1,333,421.30	\$	30,599,059.18
Transfers In (Out)	(3,157,937.69)	4,218,750.00		339,187.69	\$	1,400,000.00
Special Items (specify)					\$	-
Extraordinary Items (specify)					ŝ	-
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance	190,452.16	(4,576,168.87)	(295,558.62)	(18,564.56)	š	(4,699,839.89)
Ending Fund Balance (Exh III):	100,402.10	(4,670,100.07)	(200,000.02)	(10,004.00)	<u> </u>	(-,000,000,000)
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Nonspendable					\$	-
Restricted	59,376.12	423,243.27	302,587.91	277,776.23	\$	1,062,983.53
Committed					\$	-
Assigned	2,128,804.32	528,301.98		549,351.86	\$	3,206,458.16
Unassigned	3,326,199.46				\$	3,326,199.46
Governmental Long-term Debt					S	-

PROPRIETARY FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	Solid Waste Fund
Beginning Balance	6,556,667.19
Revenues	2,607,689.53
Expenses	2,081,148.25
Transfers In (Out)	(1,400,000.00)
Ending Balance:	
Restricted for Landfill Closure & Post Closure	
Costs	1,268,142.00
Unrestricted	4.415.066.47

The preceding financial data does not include fiduciary funds or component units. Information pertaining to those activities may be obtained by contacting the County Auditor at (605) 626-7110.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Frederick School Feb. 13 Meeting Minutes OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEED-

INGS FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order on February 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Rich Schlosser with all members present. Others present were Knute Reierson, Jessica Ringgenberg, Deb Klapperich, Tonya Zinter and Caitlin Beckman.

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

Chairman Schlosser called for Conflict of Interest Disclosures. None were acknowledged.

Action 16-83 Motion by Ellwein second by Hart to approve the amended agenda. All aye, carried

Enter Marty Morlock

Action16-84 Motion by Sumption second by Nickelson to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

A. Minutes B. Financial Statements as presented

A. Bills. All aye, carried

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL, FEBRUARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND: CLIMATE CONTROL INC., REPAIRS, 2,548.78; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 701.26; CWD-ABER-DEEN, FFVP FRUIT/VEG, 427.91; DAKÓTA ELECTRÓNICS, FEES 20.00; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP REPAIRS, 14.35; DON'S BUILD-ERS HARDWARE, KEY, 65.00; ELLENDALE TRUE VALUE, RE-PAIRS, 7.78; FARNAM'S GENU-INE PÁRTS INC, REPAIRS, 73.46; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, POST-AGE, 2.72; HF JACOBS & SON CONSTRUCTION INC, REPAIRS, 325.00; HOUSE OF GLASS, INC REPAIRS, 271.51; JAMES VAL-LEY COÓP. TELÉ. CO., TELE-PHONE, 245.71; KETTERLING PHOTOGRAPHY, INC, PHOTOS, 109.50; MAC'S INC., REPAIRS, 9.99; MARC, SUPPLIES, 252.72; MENARDS ABERDEEN, REPAIRS, 127.71; MIDWEST PUMP TANK, REPAIRS, 84.85; MON-TANA-DAKOTA ÚTILITIÉS CO. ELECTRIC, 5,343.39; NORTH CENTRAL FARMERS ELEVA-TOR, FUEL, 5,757.88; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS, 3.99; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC.

FEES, 74.15; PRATT, BRANDON , REPAIRS, 330.90; SANDER'S SEW-N-VAC, REPAIRS, 54.98; SEYER PLUMBING & HEATING, INC., REPAIRS, 157.40; SIM PLEXGRINNEL, REPAIRS, 54.50; TOWN OF FRÉDERICK, WATER, 168.72; TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, FEES, 1,168.44, ; AMA-ZON.COM CORPORATE CREDIT, SUPPLIES, 51.70; CURRICU-LUM ASSOCIATES, INC, CUR-RICULUM, 402.70; POSTMAS-TER, POSTAGE, 15.04; STEEL ENTERPRISES PARTS-HVAC COM, REPAIRS, 279.26; UNIT-ED STATE POSTAL SERVICE, ENVELOPES, 548.00, ; STEEL ENTERPRISES PARTS-HVAC. COM, REPAIRS, 540.07; CLI-MATÉ CONTROL INC., REPAIRS, 4,443.96; JAMES DUMIRE, RE-PAIRS, 171.32; MARC, SUP-PLIES, 249.16; RINGGENBERG, JESSICA, LODGING, 277.82

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, FEES, 595.03; MYONCORE, SUBSCRIP-TION, 700.00; TREBON COMPA-NY INC., FILTERING SOFTWARE, 2,347.03

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: AMAZON.COM CORPORATE CREDIT, KITCHEN TIMER, 16.10;

...Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 106,675.45; Support, 12,903.08; SS & Med, 27,271.68. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 10,342.91; Delta Dental, ins. 1,221.44; AFLAC, insurance, 637.72; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 362.50; VSP, Vision, ins, 181.23; Security Benefit, retirement, 362.50: American Funds, retirement, 950.00; ReliaStar Life Ins., ins, 198.55; Wellmark, ins, 16,024.94. Janelle Barondeau, ICU monitor, 108.75; Justin Brotzel, driving 105.00; Jon Ellwein, board salary 61.72; Alex Hart, board salary 55.00; Marty Morlock, snow removal 254.83; Dan Nickelson, board salary, 55.00; Brock Pashen, driving, 175.00; Carma Ruenz, sub 200.00; Eric Sumption, board salary 65.08; Stephanie Sumption, sub 150.00. Spe-cial Ed: Teachers, 10,176.64; Support, 3989.31; SS & Med, 3395.44; SDRS, retirement, 1340.64; AFLAC, insurance, 30.08; Delta Dental, ins, 154.36; Reliastar Life Ins, ins, 1.39; SDRS Supplemental, retirement,

S0.08; Delta Deltai, Ins, 154.36; Reliastar Life Ins, ins, 1.39; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 250.00; VSP, insurance, 29.73; Wellmark, ins, 1339.06; Carma Ruenz, sub, 100.00; Stephanie Sumption, sub 50.00. Food Service: Support, 3003.13; SS & Med, 802.96; SDRS, retirement, 326.22; VSP, insurance, 22.64;

DonAnne Fugman, sub, 47.50. The following reports were given at this time:

A. Knute Reierson - Superintendent

B. Jessica Ringgenberg -Principal

C. Knute Reierson – Maintenance

D. AD/Athletic Co-op – no report

Action 16-85 Motion by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to offer an additional assistant track coach position to Randy Hermansen. All aye, carried.

Action 16-86 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to accept the resignation of Stacey Sumption from the position of Fund Raising Coordinator. 4 ayes, Sumption abstain. Carried.

Action 16-87 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to accept the Home School Application of Family A. All aye, carried.

The 2017-2018 school calendar was discussed.

Building security was discussed. Administration has been working with the Brown County Sheriff's Department to update the current security measures in place.

Superintendent Reierson reported that a discussion with the Superintendents from Eureka and Bowdle School Districts confirmed that each school approved the "one vote per existing co-op" amendment to the presented co-op agreement. Enter Brock Pashen at

6:48pm. Discussion followed concerning the possibility of joining a

different Perkins consortium. Suburban repairs estimates

received from Delzer Repair were reviewed. The board instructed business manager Deb Klapperich to continue to look for a suburban on the Federal Surplus Property Web site along with checking for existing state bids on a new suburban.

Superintendent Reierson reported that the old mini bus is currently broke down. Repair estimates will be obtained.

Superintendent Reierson reported that students had approached him about having a school play. It was determined that this is too short of notice to accomplish this by this spring. Thank Yous and Congratulations were read and will be posted on the school web site.

Action 16-88 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to enter into Executive Session at 7:32 pm. All aye, carried.

Exit Brock Pashen, Marty Morlock, Tonya Zinter and Caitlin Beckman.

Chairman Schlosser declared out of Executive Session at 9:15 pm.

Action 16-89 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to accept the resignation of Knute Reierson from the position of Superintendent. All aye, carried.

Action 16-90 Motion by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to adjourn. All aye, carried.

Chairman Business Manager

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Brown County Feb. 21

Meeting Minutes FEBRUARY 21, 2017 – GEN-ERAL 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 Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

of Allegiance. MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the General Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion carried. CLAIMS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following claims:

the following claims: Payroll: Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$7,909.21; Treasurer \$13,688.75; States Attorney \$19,944.10; SVAWA Grant \$1,286.82; Maintenance \$7,480.96; Assessor \$13,625.67; Register of Deeds \$9,277.35; Veterans Service Office \$4,199.28; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,748.01; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$34,457.14; Jail \$47,020.28; JDC \$21,426.52 Welfare Office \$3,665.57; Museum \$8,192.50; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,723.13; Fair Board \$3,757.12; 4-H \$582.40; Weed \$1,578.40; Planning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$45,640.11 Communications \$22,843.44; Emergency Management \$3,967.96; Teen Court \$592.85; 24/7 \$3,414.12; Landfill \$10,989.99.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,376.53; Medicare \$4,297.79, SDRS \$38,075.37, Health Ins \$115,188.36, Life Ins \$797.30, Dental Ins \$6,979.50.

Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$422.52; Avera Aberdeen Family Physicians \$201.42; AMG Radiology \$214.03; Avera St. Luke's \$9,926.40; Bantz, Gosch & Crèmer \$3,358.61; Carrels & Bain Family Dental \$281.44; Michelle Gaikowski \$505.40; Horn Law Office \$121.80; KCH Law Office \$133.11; Language Line \$372.42; Lewis & Clark BHS \$800.00; Mikelson Law Office \$454.43; Public Engines \$2,865.60; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$338.40; Sanford Clinic \$254.46; Sanford Health \$2,030.09; SD Department of Revenue & Regulation \$2,739.53; SD Junior Point Show \$400.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$211.50; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$833.49; Jennifer Stoddard \$174.80; Jodi Sudweeks \$37.40; US Bank \$380.00; Yankton Co. Sheriif \$50.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$584.35.

Publishing: US Bank \$134.32. Repairs & Maintenance: Auto Glass Solutions \$393.11; Electrical Engineering & Equip. \$390.00; ESRI \$15,250.00; Graham Tire \$168.60; Pierson-Ford \$275.12; US Bank \$212.65. Supplies: 446-Praxair \$137.30; Aberdeen Area Radiator \$455.00; Trent Anderson \$135.00; Bonnie Bitz \$48.00; DSG \$202.11; DT Pharmacy \$1,998.06; Geffdog \$21.56; Keeley'\$ \$1,801.20; Marco \$44.89; McLeod's \$340.35;

Midstates Printing \$110.00; Network Services \$943.41; Police Magazine \$25.00; US Bank \$11,339.45; West Payment Center \$1,655.76.

Travel & Conference: US Bank \$2,991.03.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$277.32; AT&T \$455.88; CenturyLink \$1,834.91; Dependable Sanitation \$20,654.28; James Valley Telecommunications \$223.50; Midcontinent \$941.26; Northern Electric \$95.10; NWPS \$52.43; US Bank \$766.18; Verizon \$3,282.55; Web Water \$69.16.

Machinery & Equip.: Lamb Chevrolet \$68,486.00.

Other: Angela Kreiman \$1,551.99; JRWD \$4,091.57; US Bank \$331.74.

Buildings: Huff Construction \$202.04. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve the following employee step increases, effective February 26, 2017: Randy Kutter @ \$18.67 /hr, Cory Erhardt @ \$17.48 /hr, Wes Graff @ \$21.64 /hr, John Florey @ \$17.98/hr. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of January 2017: Kendell Titze- 102 @ \$55.08, Dirk Rogers – 760 @ \$410.40, Mike Scott- 190 @ \$102.60, Gary Vetter- 133 @ \$71.82.

Approve the following employee classification changes: Matt Heupel from Highway Department to Landfill Department (Grade 4, Step 5), effective March 6, 2017 @ \$17.89 per hour; Ryan McClain from Jail Correctional Officer to Deputy Sheriff, effective March 9, 2017 @ \$19.93 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contract for the 2017 Brown County Fair: Antique Tractor Pull @ \$1,200.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

voting aye. Motion carried. LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign agreement for lease of the Club House (with Alcohol Use Permission Form) on Sept 2-3, 2017 @ \$350.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SUBORDINATION AGREE-MENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign Subordination Agreement with the United States, Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration for purpose of subordinating a poor relief lien and indigent council lien held by the County to an easement for a transmission line to be installed by Western Area Power. All members present voting aye.

2016 FINANCIAL REPORTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to accept the 2016 Financial Reports as presented February 21, 2017 and approve not preparing the optional M, D & A (Manager's Discussion and Analysis) supplement to the report. All members present

lage (607 Pine Street, Hecla), with payment of all 2014 and 2015 taxes and begin monthly payments of \$200 per month effective March 31, 2017; Lot 2 Johnson Replat of Lots 5-6 Blk 26 Thomas Addn to Aberdeen (215 12th Ave SE, Aberdeen) with \$7,500.00 down and \$1,000 per month, effective March 31, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-STANDING-SD SHERIFF ASSN: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign Memorandum of Understanding Assignment and Assumption Agreement with the SD Sheriff's Association for equipment and services in order to electronically monitor certain individuals arrested in Brown County, effective when concerns about additional fees are resolved. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. CONTRACTS FOR HIGHWAY

MATERIAL, SUPPLIES, EQUIP-MENT RENTAL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to authorize the Chair sign contracts for material, supplies and rental of equipment bids for the Highway Department, as they are presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by NorthWestern Energy for occupancy of Brown County Hwy # 13 (West Richmond Road) in Sec 34-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD for purpose of installing natural gas pipeline. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve purchase of a 2014 JD 6130D Tractor from RDO for the Highway Department in amount of \$49,930.00. All members present voting aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter and Dirk Rogers 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 Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:40 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Groton City Feb. 21 leeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes February 21, 2017 The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Fliehs, Opp, Glover, Blackmun, Peterson and Mayor Hanlon presiding. McGannon was absent. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, and Kathy Sundermeier. The minutes were approved

I he minutes were approved as read on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye. City Council congratulates the Groton Show Choir for their 1st

place rating, Moved by Glover and seconded by Péterson to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye. Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank 8,457.14 ss & wh; Groton Ford 35,387.00 2017 Ford vehicle; April Abeln 11.46 dep flex; AFLAC 797.60 emp group ins; Border States 1,383.68 materials; Brite 3 800.00 computer; Car Queat 3,800.00 computer; Car Quest 281.86 filters, oil, repairs; Chief's Supply 56.28 concealment cover: Colonial Research Chemical Co 268.93 grease; Dearborne Natl Ins 98.92 life ins; Dollar General 14.50 batteries, water; Galls 54.99 shirt; Guardian Ins 245.30 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 84,259.64 power; House of Glass 47.94 door arm; Loris 37.67 batteries, DVDs; Anita Lowary 64.88 books, candy; MJ's Sinclair 1,299.13 gas, dsl, pump; Stacy Mayou 25.00 med flex; Pressure Washer 9,950.00 pressure washer; RDO 158.06 filters, hygard; SD Supplement Retirement 3,060.00 emp retirement: Share Corp 106.91 wax; Stan Houston 29.95 saw repair; Web Water 9,864.79 water; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,734.65 health ins: Western Area Power Adm 27,645.91 power; Wolfcom

886.98 body camera

Moved by Blackmun and sec-

onded by Opp to grant Special Alcohol (Brown Bag) License for the Groton Firemen for April 1 at the Groton Fire Hall for the Firemens Fun Night. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to give 2nd Reading to Ordinance 709, Rezoning of Olive Grove Golf Course. All members present voted ave.

A plan for the tree planting at the cemetery from Weber Landscaping for \$18,286.56 was presented. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to accept this plan subject to approval by the donor. All members present voted aye.

A preliminary plan for the 2017 chip/seal street project was reviewed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to proceed with taking bids on the project on Mar 20, 2017. All members present voted aye.

Bond payoff amounts were reviewed, but no action was taken. At 7:30pm the delinguent

utility customer did not appear. Clint Jacobson presented a plan from a group life insurance policy from Employers Mutual to replace the Dearborne National Insurance starting on April 1. Colonial Life Insurance requested permission to form an employee group for cancer, accident, disability, critical illness, and hospital confinement. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to authorize both insurance groups. All members present voted aye.

Human Resources Education classes are available for Council members.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to set City Cleanup Week for April 29 to May 6 with the National Guard helping on May 6 with hauling and loading. All members present voted aye. National Guard members may also assist the Baseball Foundation with work on April 1 & 2.

Blackmun reported on the Baseball Foundation meeting. Fence replacement, purchase of a grooming machine, welding holds on the bleachers for easier moving, and playground equipment were discussed as well as team sizes, and the Jr Legion State Tournament for August 3-5 and the regional Legion tournament.

A quotation of \$7,200 from Musco Lighting for new harnesses was approved on a motion by Glover and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

Recréation charges for 2017 were reviewed. Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to set the following prices: All members present voted aye.

Swimming Pool Daily Rates: Seniors (62+) = \$3 per session; Adults (18-61) = \$5 per session; Youth (0-17) = \$3 per session. Swimming Pool Season Tickets Rates (no lessons included): Family = \$125; Seniors (62+) = \$30; Adults (18-61) = \$60; Youth (0-17) = \$40; Special Vacation Family = \$30 for 5 persons for 1 week. Swimming Pool Lessons: \$25 per 2 week session (3 sessions taught per summer) or \$10 for 30 minutes with minimum of 5 sessions and maximum of 10 sessions held during non-open swim times. Lap Swim: \$4 per session or \$30 per summer. Water Aerobics: \$4 per session or \$30 per summer. Season Ticket for Lap Swim and Water Aerobics: \$50 per summer.

Baseball Gate Fee: Youth 0-17= free; Adults (18 and Over) = \$3 per regular season games or \$25 for season ticket. Baseball Fees to play: Legion, Jr. Legion, Jr Teeners - \$100 per player; Midgets, PeeWees - \$50 per player; Girls Softball- \$30 + shirt cost per player; TBall- \$15. Family Maximums: \$120 for all children under 13 or \$200 for 3 or more children Council members were reminded of the district SDML meeting on Mar 28 at Bowdle and the petition deadline for the city election. At 8:13pm the Council adiourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by Fliehs to discuss legal and personnel matters SDCL 1-25-2 (1) & (3). All members present voted ave. Council reconvened at 9:20pm. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to give 1st Reading to Ordinance No. 710, The 2017 Summer Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye. Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign an addendum for the Olive Grove Golf Course. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Anita Lowary, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$37.07. 13730

ITUNES STORE, BOOK, 6.10; AV-ERA ST LUKES, FEES, 4,191.88 FOOD SERVICE: CWD-AB-ERDEEN, SUPPLIES, 4,346.93, ; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 47.09, voting aye. Motion carried. PARTIAL PAYMENTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to authorize Sheila Enderson enter into contracts on the following properties: Lot 2 except S 35' of E 15' Blk 23 Hecla Vil-

	GENERAL FUND	C.O. FUND	SP. ED. FUND	PENSION
Beginning Checking Bal	\$58,225.85	\$1,189,513.94	\$391,516.35	\$108,901.56
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	\$5,093.02	\$4,134.56	<u>\$1,941.99</u>	<u>\$413.47</u>
Local Sources	<u>\$105.83</u>	\$50.00		
Interest	<u>\$77.71</u>			
Federal & State	\$61,273.97			
Investments	\$837,247.68	\$40,429.40	\$256,175.05	<u>\$45,189.23</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$139,998.61</u>	\$3,092.03	<u>\$14,176.94</u>	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$822,025.45	\$1,231,035.87	\$635,456.45	<u>\$154,504.26</u>
	TRUST &	ENTERPRISE	FOOD SERVICE	UNEMPLOYMENT
	AGENCY FUND	DRIVERS ED	<u>FUND</u>	FUND
Beginning Balance	\$85,784.72	\$275.09	<u>-\$1,146.18</u>	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$8,786.27	\$0.00	\$6,383.34	
Disbursements	\$5,122.36	\$0.00	\$5,389.91	
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>\$89,448.63</u>	<u>\$275.09</u>	<u>-\$152.75</u>	\$19,090.52

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Minnesota Vikings' roster from 2016 and move on to the wide receiver and tight end positions. There will be a lot of info to cover

and not much space to cover it in, so if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me through my contacts listed below.

Minnesota's offense was subpar in 2016, but the team was surprisingly average when it comes to receiving

stats. The team was ranked 17th with 4,119 total receiving yards and tied for 20th with 20 touchdown catches. However, the team was ranked 30th with 9.9 yards per catch, which shouldn't be a surprise to anyone who watched their games. Sam Bradford consistently threw the ball short, opting for the "safe" throws instead of the game changing ones.

Adam Thielen led the Vikings with 967 receiving yards, and led the Vikings' receivers with five touchdowns. Thielen was given a player grade of 81.6 by Pro Football Focus, which ranked him 18th out of 115 gualified receivers. Adam Thielen is a free agent this offseason, and even if the Vikings get a hometown discount, he will be making considerably more money than he did last season.

Stefon Diggs was second on the team with 903 receiving yards. Even though he only had three touchdowns, Diggs led the team in the YAC, or yards after catch" category. Diggs was given a slightly better player grade by PFF than Thielen, with his 82.6 ranking him 16th in the league. Diggs is playing on a 4-year rookie contract that will run through the 2018 season, so he's locked down for a couple more years.

Cordarrelle Patterson entered 2016 with something to prove. After being selected in the first round of the NFL draft, Patterson has been considered by many to be a bust. He finished fourth on the team with 453 yards through the air to go with his two touchdowns. Even though he made the Pro Bowl as a kick returner, Pat- sive line. I am both excited and nervous to terson ranked 78th in the league with a wide get into it, since the offensive line was by far receiver player grade of 67.2. Cordarrelle has stated he would love to re-sign in Minnesota, have any questions or comments, feel free to but the Vikings will have to be careful how reach out to me! Facebook.com/SkolJWright much they spend on him. If he demands any- or Twitter: @SkolJWright

where near the contract Tavon Austin recently signed in Los Angeles (4 year, \$42 million), the Vikings have to be willing to part ways.

Charles Johnson is the only other Viking This week, we continue our review of the receiver who played enough snaps to qualify for a ranking by Pro Football Focus. His player grade of 59.9 ranked him 90th out of gualified wide receivers, and since he is a free agent this offseason, it's very unlikely the Vikings will elect to bring him back.

Jarius Wright signed a contract extension in 2015, but was relegated to the bench for most of the 2016 season. The team will take a hit if they were to cut him, but with his cap hit surpassing the \$3 million mark, it might be something the team will consider.

Laquon Treadwell was selected in the first round of last off-season's draft, but hardly saw the field as a rookie. Some people are already calling him a bust, but I haven't given up hope yet. Head coach Mike Zimmer likes to take his time with rookies instead of throwing them into the fire, as evidenced by Trae Waynes two years ago. Treadwell should get a shot this year to prove his worth, and I expect him to step up to the plate.

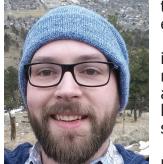
Rounding out the Vikings' receivers from last year are Isaac Fruechte and Moritz Boehringer, both of whom saw very little playing time and shouldn't be expected to make any serious impact next year.

At the tight end position, Kyle Rudolph quickly developed into Sam Bradford's security blanket. Rudolph had the most targets on the team, with Sam throwing the ball his way 132 times. Kyle caught 83 of those passes for 840 vards (both career highs) and seven touchdowns. Rudolph was given a player grade of 78.1, which ranked him 13th out of 63 gualified tight ends. He signed an extension in 2014, and will remain under contract through the 2019 NFL season.

Rhett Ellison and David Morgan round out the rest of the Vikings' tight ends. Neither played much in 2016, which was slightly surprising since they are both decent blockers in the run game and in pass protection. Ellison is a free agent, but there is a chance the Vikings will elect to bring him back. Morgan was a rookie last year, so his contract runs through 2019.

Next week, we'll be getting into the offenthe Vikings' biggest weakness in 2016. If you





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Groton hosts Region DI Tourney Groton Area was the host for the regional

Groton Area was the host for the regional Destination Imagination tournament held Saturday. All of the Groton Area teams except for the Rising Stars team will be advancing to state tournament March 25. The senior division Out of the Boxers team will be traveling to Custer to participate in the western regional tournament to qualify for the state.



The Dumpling Jokers placed first in the elementary Challenge A, "Show & Tech" in the regional competition held Saturday in Groton. They will compete at the state tournament March 25 in Pierre. Pictured in back, left to right, are Axel Warrington, Winston Clark and Corbin Weismantel; in front, left to right, are Lincoln Krause and Nicholas Groeblinghoff. Their team managers are Joni Groeblinghoff and Kandi Weismantel. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Aquarium Solvers placed second in the Elementary Challenge C Vanished! division and will take part in the state meet in Pierre on March 25. Pictured left to right are Hannah Monson, Emma Bahr, Nicolette Nickeson, Abby Jensen, Jeslyn Kosel and Karlie McKane. Their team managers are Tina Kosel and Rachael Bahr. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pictured left to right are Nicolette Nickeson, Emma Bahr, Karlie McKane, Jeslyn Kosel, Abby Jensen and Hannah Monson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Army Ants took second place in the elementary level Challenge D, "3-Peat." They will compete at the state DI tournament set for March 25 in Pierre. In back are Ben Hoeft and Tristan Nickeson; in front, left to right, are Addison Hoffman, Karsten Fliehs, Natalia Warrington and Keira Weismantel. Their team managers are JoAnn Fliehs and Tiffany Hoeft. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pictured here doing their improve skit are the Army Ants. Pictured are Addison Hoffman, Karsten Fliehs, Natalia Warrington, Keira Weismantel, Tristan Nickeson and Ben Hoeft. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Here are the Dumpling Jokers with their back drops. In back are Axel Warrington, Winston Clark and Corbin Weismantel; in front are Nicholas Groeblinghoff and Lincoln Krause. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Bazang Boys placed first in the middle level, Challenge D, "3-Peat" divison and will compete at the state competiton March 25 in Pierre. Pictured left to right area Jackson Dinger, Ian Kyar, Ryan Groeblinghoff, Layne Hanson and Carter Barse. Not pictured is Bryson Wambach. Their team manager is Joni Groeblinghoff. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Groton's Rising Stars team, "Super Stars" performed "Save the Day." They had to use two simple devices to make a complex device. Pictured left to right are Makenna Krause, Wyatt Wambach, Arabella Clark, Aurora Washenburger (on the ground), Troy Nickeson, Novalea Warrington and Korbin McKane. Their team managers are Joann Donley and Laura Arth. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kristi Erickson, chairman of the Northeast Region DI area, is pictured in back as the Rising Stars teams were recognized. They do not compete, but do perform for their first year in DI.



Pictured are the members of the DIsfunctional Broad Squad that took first place at the region DI Tournament held Saturday in Groton. They will advance to the state competition March 25 in Pierre. Pictured left to right are Alyssa Fordham, Tiara DeHoet, Julianna Kosel, Sage Mortenson and Hailey Monson. They are competing in Challenge C, Middle Level, Vanished!. (Photo by Paul Kosel)





Doing their skit are the Bazang Boys. Pictured left to right are Carter Barse, Layne Hanson, Bryson Wambach, Jackson Dinger, Ian Kyar and Ryan Groeblinghoff. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Wonderful Nonsense team of Kayla Jensen, Rylee Rosenau and Katlyn Kyar placed first in the senior level Challenge C, Vanished! They will go to state in Pierre on March 25. Their team managers are Bill Rosenau and Robin Jensen. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The members of the DIsfunctional Broad Squad are pictured in front of one of their props in the right photo. Featured are Hailey Monson, Tiara De-Hoet, Alyssa Fordham (she made the peacocks), Julianna Kosel and Sage Mortenson. Their team manager is Julie Milbrandt. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Katlyn Kyar, Rylee Rosenau and Kayla Jensen are pictured here performing at the regional DI tournament held Saturday in Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Friday, March 3

Girls' Basketball Sweet 16 at a site to be determined (Webster Area vs. Milbank at Groton)

MS All State Band at Huron

State Debate at Mitchell

United Methodist: World Day of Prayer. 9:30 a.m., MOMS Group.

Saturday, March 4

MS All State Band in Huron State Debate in Mitchell

Sunday, March 5

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.







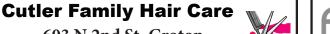
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Heaven Bound to 6:30 p.m. **Ministries in Pierpont:** Worship at 10 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with Milestones at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m., Voters meeting at 10 a.m.

Open Gym for JH-8 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and for grades 6-12 from 4:30 p.m.



Monday, March 6

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, links, fruit, juice, milk. School Lunch: Chicken drummies, smile potato, fruit, carrots and dip, bread stick.

Senior Menu: Sloppy joe on wheat bun, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, crunchy cranberry salad.

School board public meeting, 7 p.m., Bristol Community Center **Emmanul Lutheran:** Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 7

School Breakfast: Egg sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk. School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, fruit, broccoli and dip. Senior Menu: Sweet and sour pork, steamed rice, carrots and

broccoli medley, fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Sweet 16 Boys Playoff

3M Engineering Expo for 8th grade from 8:30 to 10:30

FCCLA Mother-Daughter Banquet from 3:30 to 8:00

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m., Evening Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Quesadilla, mixed vegetable, fruit, romaine salad. Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, glorified rice, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Lenten meal at 6 p.m. (Nigeria Circle serves), worship at 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation at 3:45 p.m., Lenten Service at 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Wednesday Coffee at 9 a.m., Kid Zone at 3:30 p.m., 8th grader mentors join confirmation at 6 p.m., Confirmation at 6 p.m., Lenten Services with coffee and dessert following at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

School Breakfast: Cheese omelette, muffin, fruit, juice, milk. **School Lunch:** BBQ, sweet potato tot, fruit, broccoli and dip. **Senior Menu:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, baby carrots, bar, whole wheat bread.

Public meeting regarding proposed MS/HS project, 7 p.m., at the Groton Community Center

Friday, March 10

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk. **School Lunch:** Cheese bread, green beans, fruit, carrots and dip. Senior Menu: Salmon loaf, creamed peas, orange, peanut butter brownie, whole wheat bread.

End of the third quarter

