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Dr. Anna Schwan leaving GHS

Dr. Anna Schwan has accepted a professor position at Northern State University in Aberdeen. As a result, she turned in her resignation as middle/high school principal at Groton Area. The school board accepted the resignation with one dissenting vote by Deb Gengerke.

Utility issues push back US12 project 3 weeks

It was last week's GDILIVE.COM broadcast of the weekly DOT meeting that sparked the installation of the stop and go lights at the intersection of US12 and SD37. A concerned citizen was watching the broadcast and when it was over, they went down to the community center to express some ideas, one of them being the stop and go lights. The idea sounded good and a set was ordered from Chicago and was installed earlier this week. The D.O.T. is helping with the financing of these lights.

In the photo below, you will see there is no more "hugging" the intersection when stopping. And yes, that is snow you are seeing on the ground Wednesday morning!



Camille Sippel named High Scholar at Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE - Camille Sippel of Groton was among more than 1,900 University of Nebraska-

Lincoln students honored during individual college celebrations and the All-University Honors Convocation April 23 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. Sippel, a junior in the College of Business, was recognized as a High Scholar.

At this week's D.O.T. meeting, it was discussed that 15 days (three working weeks) have been lost due to utility issues. It was mentioned that the utility companies knew about this project since 2014 and have had ample time to move them. One of the biggest hang ups is the Natural Gas line under US12, which has been hit twice during construction. This past week, the one hit shut down restaurants over noon hour along US12 with Ken's, Subway and the Clinic all being evacuated.

Lionel Bruemmer from Ken's Food Fair said there was concern about the recent Natural Gas line and the loss of business that the businesses have experienced.

John Schumacher from Webster Scale said, "What's really unfortunate is that the utilities were suppose to be moved several years ago. It hasn't happened, and now we're left dealing with the aftermath. It's impeding our process immensely. It's costing us a tremendous amount of money in wages and I would suggested calling NWPS to make sure the utilities are out of the way." Bruemmer said they lost about an hour of business and that other business owners were not happy about the situation either. Joe Schumacher from Webster Scale said the utility companies were made aware of this project in July of 2014. None of them have been moved. John said, "They (the utilities) are guests in the DOT right-of-way and they are to move them when asked and they have chosen not to. We were suppose to be done paving the first phase by May 3rd and start paving on the south side of the road. We haven't even paved the north side yet. It's not a good situation for anybody. We sympathize with you because it's affecting you guys as well.

"All of the utility companies have been notified and all have been participating in the daily meetings with the exception of NWPS. They have chosen not to come to our meetings, including our preconstruction meetings and utility meetings, they have chosen to come to none." He went on to say that the City of Groton, James Valley Telecommunications and MidContinent have all been working with the contractors on this project, working out conflicts. "The DOT called NWPS and asked if they would come to the meetings and they said they would, but they don't come."

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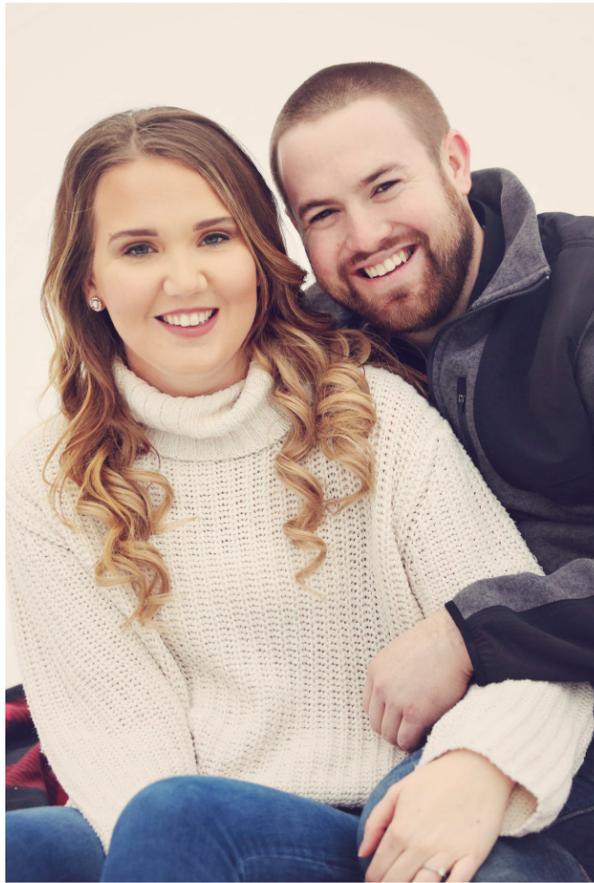
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Hansmeier, Hanson engaged

Bethany Hansmeier, Bristol, SD, and Cody Hanson, Groton, SD, are engaged to be married on June 10, 2017, at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Bristol, SD. Parents of the couple are Floyd and Jill Hansmeier, Bristol and Lars and Kelli Hanson, Groton.



Phillips, Dixon engaged

Michael Phillips and Heather Dixon are engaged and plan to be married June 10th 2017 in Watertown SD. Parents of the groom are Tammy Sutton and Keith Phillips. Parents of the bride are Todd and Kara Anderson and Kelli and Dan Danburg. Groom to be works for Data Dimensions and bride to be works at Great Western Bank. They are living in Watertown.

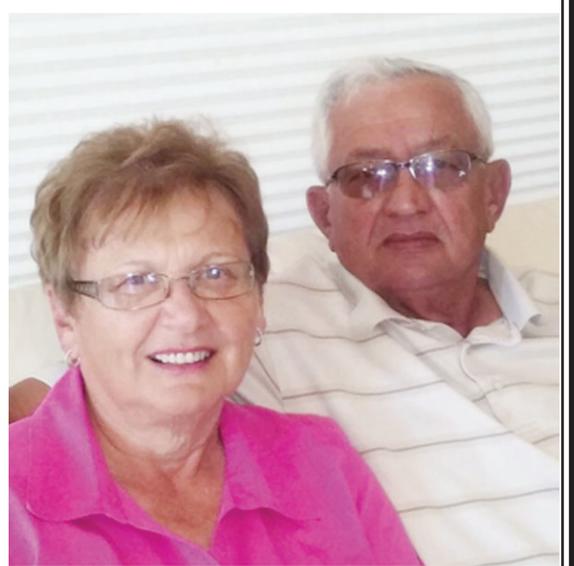
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Wanner qualifies for state in two events

Audrey Wanner qualified for state in two events at the Ipswich Track meet held Saturday. Wanner won both the Long Jump and the Triple Jump and set state qualifying distances. The girls 400m relay team also took first place.

Team Scores: Ipswich 143, Potter County 93.5, Roncalli 88, Groton 85, James Valley Christian 70, Sully Buttes 59, Eureka/Bowdle 58.5, Herreid/Selby 44.5, Warner 33, Aberdeen Christian 32, Edmunds Central 21, Faulkton 9, Highmore/Harrold 2.

100m Hurdles: 7, Payton Maine, 18.8; Eliza Wanner, 20.07.
 300m Hurdles: 2, Payton Maine, 51.98; 7, Eliza Wanner, 56.19.
 100m Dash: Tadyn Glover, 14.0.
 200m Dash: Nicole Marzahn, 32.88; Jodi Hinman, 32.78.
 1600m Run: 8, Emily Thompson, 6:39.08.
 400m Relay: 1, Groton (Audrey Wanner, Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange, Eliza Wanner), 54.01.
 800m Relay: 2, Groton (Audrey Wanner, Payton Maine, Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange), 1:54.95.
 Medley Relay: 7, Groton (Glover, Hinman, Leicht), 5:16.72.
 1600m Relay: 7, Groton (Harleigh Stange, Katie Koehler, Eliza Wanner, Paytin Maine), 4:39.88.
 High Jump: Nicole Marzahn, 4'4".
 Long Jump: 1, Audrey Wanner (SQ), 16'3.5"; 3, Harleigh Stange, 15'5.5".
 Triple Jump: 1, Audrey Wanner (SQ), 34'2"; 7, Katie Koehler, 29'11.5".
 Discus: 3, Jessica Bjerke, 103'7.5"; 6, Taylor Holm, 98'; 7, Jennie Doeden, 97'4"; Nicole Fey, 96'1/2"; Kaycie Hawkins, 85'8"; Madison Sippel, 88'0".
 Shot Put: 5, Madison Sippel, 32'2"; 6, Taylor Holm, 31'7.5"; Nicole Fey, 29'2"; Jennie Doeden, 29'0"; Kaycie Hawkins, 30'1".
 Pole Vault: 6, Emily Thompson, 6'9".

Boys Medley Team wins at Ipswich

The boys medley relay team of Trevor Pray, Lucas Hinman, Darien Shabazz and Sean Schuring were first place winners at the Ipswich Track meet held Saturday. The team placed sixth in a field of 13 teams.

Team Scores: James Valley Christian 115, Herreid-Selby 98.5, Warner 85, Aberdeen Roncalli 85, Ipswich 79, Groton Area 74, Eureka-Bowdle 56, Faulkton 48.5, Sully Buttes 44, Potter County 33, Edmunds Central 10, Highmore-Harrold 6.

110m Hurdles: 1, Jonathan Doeden, 16.21; 8, Garrett Schroeder, 24.0.
 300m Hurdles: Garrett Schroeder, 50.71.
 100m Dash: 4, Lucas Hinman, 11.61; 8, Jackson Oliver, 11.88; Darien Shabazz, 12.4.
 200m Dash: Jonathan Doeden, 25.67; Jackson Oliver, 25.69.
 400m Dash: Austin Jones, 59.75.
 800m Run: 3, Treyton Diegel, 2:13.40; Hunter Schaller, 2:38.
 400m Relay: 4, Groton, (Trevor Pray, Bennett Shabazz, Jackson Oliver, Lucas Hinman), 46.10.
 800m Relay: 5, Groton, (Trevor Pray, Jonathan Doeden, Darien Schabazz, Thomas Cranford), 1:36.67.
 1600m Relay: 3, Groton, (Sean Schuring, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford, Treyton Diegel), 3:52.95.
 Medley Relay: 1, Groton (Trevor Pray, Lucas Hinman, Darien Shabazz, Sean Schuring), 3:50.65.

High Jump: 3, Bennett Shabazz, 5-5; 6, Austin Jones, 5-3; 8, Jonathan Doeden, 5-1.
 Long Jump: 8, Bennett Shabazz, 18-1.
 Discus: 4, McClain Lone, 124-0; 7, Luke Thorson, 119-11; Grady O'Neill, 81-6.
 Shot Put: 3, McClain Lone, 45-0.5; Luke Thorson, 38-4.5.

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Brown County April 18

Equal Minutes

APRIL 18, 2017 – BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippley at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Sutton, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Director Michael Hauke, Appraisers Gene Loeschke and Russell Metz from the Director of Equalization Office were also in attendance.

TAX EXEMPT:

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve 100% Tax Exempt Status on the following properties (action deferred from previous meeting): Aberdeen City #32 Jackson Heights Apartments on Lt 1 Jackson Heights 1st Addition; Lawson View Townhomes on the N 300' of S 600' OL 4A Ganje Addn of Melros Estates; Meadowood Townhomes on Lt 1 Meadowood Addn (Lt 1 Inmans 5th Blk 20 Roches); Sunshine Park Limited Partnership on Blk 4 Melros Southview Addn S 1/2 19-123-63. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPEALS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following recommendations of the Director of Equalization: #1-5. Christopher Kassube Portion of KO Lee Conservation Easement Tract 1 NE 27-123-62 from 9,372 to 17,040; S 1/2 NW 26-123-62 (Inc unplatted emergency Watershed Easement) from 17,380 to 31,600; SE 23-123-62 (Inc unplatted emergency Watershed Land) from 34,760 to 63,200; NE 23-123-62 Ex H2 (Inc unplatted emergency Watershed Land) from 33,220 to 60,400; N 1/2 N 1/2 26-126-62 (Inc unplatted emergency Watershed Easement) from 34,260 to 63,200; #6. Dennis & Darlene Kassube SW 26-123-62 (Inc Garharter Conservation Easement Tract 1) from 34,760 to 63,200 (upheld Assessor). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following recommendation from the Director of Equalization: #7. Marietta Lakness Lt 2 Evelo 2nd Subd S 1/2 29-123-63 @ 134,043 (no change). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization: #8. Gardner & Ruth Tonigan NE 6-125-62 from 304,249 to 290,629; #9-10. Dwain Buntrock SE 3-125-63 from 268,128 to 228,833; SW 3-125-63 from 293,958 to 287,836 (flooded land). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization: #11-12. John or Jyl Aman Lt 9A Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg NE 33-124-63 @ 247,912 (no change); Lt 1 Edgewood Lane 1st Subd Prairiewood Vlg NE 33-124-63 from 27,313 to 17,250 (bare lot). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following recommendation from the Director of Equalization: #13. Victor Schumacher Lt 1 Blk 6 Prairiewood Vlg NE 33-124-63 @ 326,402 (no change). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following recommendation from the Director of Equalization: #14. Gaylen Heinle Lt 6-7 Bauers 1st Subd OL 1 SW 7-123-65 @ 63,820 (no change). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization: #15. Sharon Anderson Lt 2 Blk 6 Prairiewood Vlg from 11,408 to 7,204; #16-17. Scott Kuck Lt 3 Blk 6 Prairiewood Vlg from 18,329 to 11,576; Lt 10, Blk 6 Prairiewood Vlg from 19,020 to 12,012; #18-19. Thomas Maruska Lt 4 Blk 6 Prairiewood Vlg from 20,066 to 12,673; Lt 5 Blk 6 Prairiewood Vlg from 18,037 to 11,391; #20. Ronald Janke Lt 9 Blk 6 Prairiewood Vlg from 20,672 to 13,056; #21-22. Ryan Hardy Lt 1 Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg from 19,008 to 12,004; Lt 2 Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg from 20,084 to 12,684; #23-26. Eric Brenner Lt 3 Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg from 18,716 to 11,820; Lt 4 Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg from 17,784 to 11,232; Lt 5, Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg from 18,773 to 11,856; Lt 6 Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg from 20,721 to 13,087; #27. Donald Meyer Lt 8 Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg

from 20,600 to 13,010; #28. Wayne Beck Lt 2 Edgewood Lane 1st Subd Prairiewood Vlg from 24,002 to 13,596; #29. John Kokales Lt 13 Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg from 21,700 to 13,705; #30. Michael Bockorny Lt 15A Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg from 33,520 to 21,170; #31. Joshua Bowen Lt 20 Blk 7 Prairiewood Vlg from 21,823 to 13,783; #32. Michael Carrels Lt 7 Blk 13 Prairiewood Vlg from 19,605 to 12,384; #33. Marwin Hofer Lt 8 Blk 13 Prairiewood Vlg from 16,057 to 10,143; #34. Jason Lien Lt 9 Blk 13 Prairiewood Vlg from 19,208 to 12,131; #35. Trevor Lien Lt 10 Blk 13 Prairiewood Vlg from 19,917 to 12,579; #36. Jon Hansen Lt 11 Blk 13 Prairiewood Vlg from 19,509 to 12,321; #37. Mary Jurgensen Lt 1 Blk 14 Prairiewood Vlg from 19,420 to 12,323; #38. Aman Living Family Trust Lt 2 Blk 14 Prairiewood Vlg from 19,512 to 11,350 (bare lots); #39-40. Treeby LLC NW 11-128-61 Inc RR ROW from 320,280 to 299,940; SW 11-128-61 Inc RR ROW from 321,732 to 293,969 (Twp Board); #41. Cynthia Bagley NE 2-128-61 West of RR Inc RR ROW from 111,588 to 96,278; #42-44. East River Electric Power Tract 708' E & W x 708' N & S SW corner Sec 11-123-64 Ex H1 from 132,269 to 79,709; Lt U1 SE SE 24-127-61 from 25,064 to 9,224; N 250' of W 230' NW 29-124-64 from 21,819 to 5,979 (centrally assessed); #45. Brodie Munro NW 32-122-62 from 180,912 to 63,064 (Ag to NAC); #46. Erdmann Properties LLC BOLS Lt 15-18 Blk 8 Warner 1987 Liberty MH from 17,326 to 2,500 (condition); #47. Darrel Dinger SW 10-127-61 from 309,101 to 278,934 (grass); #48. Patrick Teal Flihs OL 1 SW 35-127-61 Ex Homestead 1st Subd and SW 35-127-61 Ex Flihs OL 1 Inc Tract 2 Thunderhead Lodge 2nd Conservation Easement Tract 1 from 193,022 to 184,286 (merged); #49. Tigh Flihs Lt 2-3 1st Replat Huffton NW 30-125-60 from 46,354 to 28,955 (acres & quality); #50. Ryan Tracy S 1249' of W 725' NW 24-123-61 Ex platted land from 256,845 to 295,198 (home addition). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the 2017 Brown County Board of Equalization at 11:05 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County April 18

Meeting Minutes

APRIL 18, 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 Fischbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting Minutes, the Brown County Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes and the Consolidated Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$8,030.07; Treasurer \$13,428.32; States Attorney \$20,502.43; SVAWA Grant \$1,286.82; Maintenance \$7,168.92; Assessor \$13,625.67; Register of Deeds \$9,277.34; Veterans Service Office \$4,093.12; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,623.98; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$36,144.63; Jail \$47,804.49; Coroner \$2,100.00; JDC \$22,990.38 Welfare Office \$3,665.57; Museum \$8,192.50; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,226.82; Fair Board \$3,722.59; 4-H \$583.31; Weed \$1,578.40; Planning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$49,687.56; Communications \$22,816.15; Emergency Management \$3,970.57; Teen Court \$567.80; 24/7 \$3,133.59; Landfill \$12,665.94.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$19,056.10; Medicare \$4,456.71; SDRS \$19,161.51.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$2,244.81; Carrels & Bain Family Dental \$140.72; Certified Languages \$813.45; Dakota Electronics \$42.50; Ryan Dell \$5,309.20; Michelle Gaiowski \$17.00; Kuck Law Office \$2,716.00; Richardson, Wyly,

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Machinery & Equip.: SD Property Mgmt. \$7,500.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve and authorize Chair sign Wage Works form stating no changes for 2017-2018 plan year.

Approve employee step increases, effective April 23, 2017: Kathy Fischer @ \$22.44 per hour, Dan Schlosser @ \$16.53 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARING: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following applications for Special Malt Beverage License, submitted by Northeast Area Horse Racing, Inc - Brown County Fairgrounds (Clubhouse) SW 1/4 Sec 1-T123N-R64W, effective May 20, 21, 27, 28 and 29, 2017; Brown County Fairgrounds (Grandstand) SW 1/4 Sec 1-T123N-R64W, effective May 20, 21, 27, 28 and 29, 2017; Brown County Fairgrounds (Holm Expo Building) SW 1/4 Sec 1-T123N-R64W, effective May 27, 2017 (map indicating specific buildings on file with applications). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following Abatement: Lamont Development LLC on portion of Blk 4 S 1/2 NW 20-123-63 in amount of \$398.73 (assessment error). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contracts for the 2017 Brown County Fair: Old Dominion @ \$75,000.00 (entertainment); NSU Women's Swim Team @ \$5,500.00 (stage hands); Reed Exposition Midway/Murphy Brothers Carnival - County to receive 40% of all gross revenue (after sales tax), \$5,000.00 cash for Games/Concessions and \$5,000.00 worth of advertising; Disc-Connected K-9's, Inc/Lawrence Frederick @ \$6,000.00 (dog shows); The Sound Exchange @ \$4,500.00 (entertainment); Mind Games, Intractive Comedy Hypnosis @ \$4,000.00 (entertainment); Orchard Fire @ \$1,200.00 (entertainment); Bubble Tower/Stilt Party @ \$5,000.00 (entertainment); Zelda Chapel, Evalyn Smith, Duane Jark, Marilyn Maloney @ \$40.00 and Northern Electric, Gretchen Sharp,

Doug Farrand -fee declined (judges); Robert Kramer @ \$150.00 (judge); Shane Ringdahl and Wayne Fischer @ \$100.00 (judges); Korkow Rodeo @ \$32,000.00 (rodeo stock). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY APPLICATION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following Lottery application: Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area for raffle at the Moccasin Creek Country Club Golf Tournament on June 26, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreements: Boy Scouts of America for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on Jun 10 and Jun 16-18, 2017; A-Town Roller Girlz for lease of the Expo Building on May 6, May 20, Jun 24 and Sept 9, 2017; A-Town Roller Girlz for lease of the Club House for practices from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID – LANDFILL WASTE TIRE CLEANUP: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for the 2017 Landfill Waste Tire Cleanup Project. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to award low bid, submitted by Liberty Tire Services of Ohio, LLC @ \$148.20 per ton picked up and \$87.50 per ton delivered; rejecting bid submitted by New Deal Tire @ \$150.00 per ton picked up and \$150.00 per ton delivered. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign Contract with Liberty Tire Services of Ohio, LLC for the 2017 Landfill Waste Tire Cleanup Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL FENCING PROJECT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve quote submitted by Vosika Fencing (only quote obtained) to install litter fence at the Bath Dumpster Site in amount of \$3,966.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by Northern Electric Cooperative for occupancy of County Hwy #13E and #10 in Sec 25/26/35-T124N-R64W, Brown County, SD to provide electrical services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER BROWN COUNTY ROAD #16 PROJECT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign Change Order #1 for Brown County #16 Grading and Gravel Surfacing Project by increasing cost of project \$98,256.27 (total project cost \$2,560,843.77). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent discussed load limits, speed limit change, NACE Conference and dumpster site in Hecla City.

IT REPORT: Paul Sivertsen explained need for purchase of a 70' HD television (approximate amount of \$1,390.00) for use in the Third Floor Courtroom to replace existing disabled unit for a trial held last week.

WEB WATER – LETTER OF SUPPORT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign Letter of Support for WEB Water Development. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:35 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Brown County Granary Lawn Service Bid

NOTICE TO LAWN SERVICE CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, Brown County Courthouse Annex at Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until 8:50 A.M. on May 2nd, 2017, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing of lawn and grounds maintenance at the Granary Rural Cultural Center located at 40161 128th Street, Groton, South Dakota 57445 for 2017.

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

Contract: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County in accordance with the bid as accepted. Successful bidder shall furnish proper certificates of insurance as required by Brown County.

Sealed envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota and be marked "Granary Lawn Care" and to be opened at 8:50 A.M. on May 2nd, 2017.

A Pre-bid walk thru with Sue Gates, Dacotah Prairie Museum Director will be held on April 20th and April 21st at 10:00 at the Granary Rural Cultural Center located at 40161 128th Street, Groton, South Dakota.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Specifications are on file and may be obtained at no charge at the office of the Dacotah Prairie Museum, 21 South Main Street, Aberdeen, SD and the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Ste 1, Aberdeen, SD.

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Groton City April 17 Meeting Minutes

April 17, 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: Peterson, Opp, Blackmun, Flihs, Glover, McGannon, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Drew Johnson, Karyn Babcock, Paul Kosel, Kathy Sundermeyer, and Ray Brandlee.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voting aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voting aye.

Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank 8,431.54 ss & wh; David Hunter 32.00 meals; Wanda Hamilton 143.00 election wages; Linda Locken 143.00 election wages; Debra McKiver 143.00 election wages; NECOG 10.00 meeting reg; A & B Business Solutions 233.53 copier rent; April Abeln 19.13 dep flex; AFLAC 396.52 emp ins; Banyon Data Systems 695.00 util programming; Border States 64.15 locks; Kevin Bourdon 350.00 tree moving; Car Quest 134.08 repairs; Dakota Electronics 105.00 battery; Eaton-Cannon Tech 942.48 repeater; Ecolab 102.42 pest control; Geffdog 126.00 BB sign; Groton Ford 579.27 key fobs, splashguards, mats; Groton Independent 393.47 publishing; Groton Vet Clinic 9.90 gloves; Guardian Ins 258.53 emp ins; HD Supply 1,368.61 pipe, materials; Heartland Cons Power District 70,515.43 power; Lori's Pharmacy 10.86 markers; MJ's Sinclair 1,339.36 gas, dsl, tire chg; RDO-John Deere 94.37 blade, filter, element; SD Federal Property Agency 863.25 mower, tool box, gloves, tank; SD Govt Finance Officers Assoc 75.00 school reg; SD Govt Human Resource School 50.00 school reg; SD One Call 23.10 locates; SD State Treasurer 11,331.73 sales tax; SD Supplement Retirement 3,060.00 emp retirement; Dan Sunne 54.84 med flex; WEB Water 15,211.45 water; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,122.04 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 25,156.59 power

Mayor Hanlon had vetoed the motion from last meeting to stop the Safe Route To School project. His written objections were given to the Council and no one chose to override the objections. The trees in the way of the project have been cut down or moved.

Pop bids for the baseball complex were opened and read aloud. Pepsi Cola - \$21.41/case for pop & drinks; \$17.84 for water; donating \$200/yr for marketing; no more than 3.5% annual increase in price. Coca Cola - \$22.00/case for pop, drinks, and water; donating 2

PowerAde Jugs & 2 cases of PowerAde each year; no more than 3% annual increase in price; same day delivery & service. Ray Brandlee answered questions on the Coca Cola bid. They will provide vendor machines at the swimming pool and park as well as needed machines at the baseball complex. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to accept the bid from Coca Cola and award a 3 year contract to them. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Peterson to give 2nd Reading to Ordinance 711, Summer Salary Amendment. All members present voted aye.

Proposals for the baseball playground equipment were reviewed. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to award the project to Cunningham Recreation who had no adjustments to the requested items for a price of \$46,984.96. All members present voted aye.

New FEMA Risk Assessment maps were shown to the Council.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to pay election workers \$11 per hour to match the school election wages. All members present voted aye.

One bid on the 2008 Tahoe for \$6,500 from Paul Jackson of Wessington Springs was received. Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to accept this bid and sell the 08 Tahoe to Mr. Jackson. All members present voted aye.

Spring Cleanup for April 29-May 6 was discussed. Several photos of accumulated items and unlicensed cars were reviewed. Letters encouraging participation in cleanup will be sent to the owners.

Cemetery stone repairs will be offered to the family owners.

The NW Energy offer to sell switches in their substation or charge maintenance fees was tabled for more information.

Moved by Glover and seconded by McGannon to send 2 to Finance Officers and Human Resources School on June 6-10 in Pierre. All members present voted aye.

Hazard Mitigation funds are available again. Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to apply for underground electric lines in 6 areas for ice damage prevention. All members present voted aye.

Election results for the Ward 3 election of April 11 were canvassed. Official results were: Karyn Babcock = 66; Mary Flihs = 58; and Unvoted = 2. Karyn Babcock was declared the winner.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to adjourn into executive session for legal and personnel items 1-25-2 (1) and (3) at 8:18pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:05pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to hold a special meeting on Thursday, April 20, for executive session on 1-25-2 (1) Personnel issues. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Groton City April 29 Minutes

April 20, 2017

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for a special meeting. The following members present were: Opp, McGannon, Blackmun, Peterson, Glover, Flihs, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Karyn Babcock, and April Abeln.

At 7pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Glover and seconded by Peterson to discuss personnel matters under SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 9:25pm.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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The Life of Larry Allen Ragels

April 29, 1947- March 11, 2017



Larry Ragels passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Denver, Colorado with his family by his side on March 11, 2017 after a several week struggle with pneumonia and complications.

Larry was born in Webster SD on April 29, 1947 to Chester and Grace (Molloy) Ragels, the sixth of six children. His first few years were on the family farm, and then in Groton SD where he completed all of his school years, graduating from Groton High School in 1965. After graduation he attended the University of South Dakota, but soon he joined the Army

and served for a time in Vietnam. There he was wounded and spent several months in recuperation. He received the Purple Heart and was honorably discharged on March 1, 1974.

Larry and Sandra M. Soyer were married in Sioux Falls SD in April 1971. Regina Lea was born to them. They continued to reside in the Aberdeen area where in 1976 he received his Bachelor of Science Degree.

Following graduation he began his career of government service with a position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In ensuing years he served in several government agencies in a variety of locations around the country. He retired in 2007 after holding the position of Regional Director with the United States Bureau of Reclamation in Lakewood, Colorado which has been his home since 2002.

Larry was united in marriage to Tetiana V. Kondratova in Golden Colorado on July 17, 2008.

Larry is survived by his wife, Tetiana V. Ragels, stepson Mykola Kondratov, daughter and son-in-law, Gina and Jim Penisten of Sioux Falls SD, Papa to Mary Grace, Bessie, Rosie, and Sojer Penisten, sister and brother-in-law Joyce and Michael Darling of Deadwood SD, sister-in-law Waneta Ragels of Rapid City SD, mother-in-law Nadezhda Moskelchenko, brother-in-law, Stanislav, and sister-in-law Margarita of Ukraine, and several cousins and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Grace Ragels, his brothers, Vance, Leonard, and Richard Ragels, and his sister Ramona Schinkel.

Larry greatly enjoyed his family. He and Tetiana always were welcoming hosts for visiting family and friends. He was devoted to Tetiana and of great assistance in making her and Kola feel at home in America. His dogs Vesta and Friia gave him much companionship and happiness. All of his life Larry remained a student with a variety of interests. He could not be found without several books and highlighters nearby. Following a bout with cancer in 2009, Larry's life changed to being more home bound than he might have liked. But he put that time to good use in his passion for research and writing which included his nearly complete book on methods of counteracting addiction.

He also spent time in meditation and contemplation on the meaning of existence, and living life to the best of one's potential. He carried on in that spirit despite the pain and limitations caused by the effects of his cancer treatments. His determination and courage was an inspiration.

A memorial service was held at Aspen Mortuary, 1350 Simms Street, Lakewood Colorado on March 15. Service at 10 followed by a time of sharing at 11.

Inurnment will be at Groton Union Cemetery, Groton SD at 1:00 on May 6, 2017 including the American Legion Post 39 Honor Guard. Friends and family are encouraged to attend.



Grant awarded for street lighting upgrade

The city of Groton was recently awarded a grant to help offset the cost of installing new street lighting.

Heartland Consumers Power District, the city's wholesale power supplier, provided a \$5,000 energy efficiency grant to install 100 new LED lights. The new lights are expected to save the city over \$6,000 per year over the old high pressure sodium lights, as well as provide a brighter, whiter light.

Pictured are Groton Light Superintendent Shawn Lambert, Finance Officer Anita Lowary and Heartland Communications Manager Ann Hyland.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The NFL draft starts Thursday, April 23 and will be held in Philadelphia this year. After spending the last few decades in New York, the NFL has elected to move the draft around in order to bring the event to fans across the nation. I hope the draft eventually makes its way to Minnesota, and if it does, you better believe I'll be there, decked out in Vikings gear.

The Vikings don't have a first round pick this year, as they traded it to the Eagles in the Sam Bradford trade. Some have called that trade a waste, but if the Vikings hadn't made that trade, they would likely be looking to draft a quarterback in the first round since they don't know when or if Teddy Bridgewater will be back. There are no quarterbacks in this draft who are on the level of Sam Bradford, so in my mind, the trade was a success.

I think there is a good chance the Vikings move up into the first round to get a player they covet. In recent years, the Vikings have moved up into the first round to get players like Harrison Smith and Teddy Bridgewater. General Manager Rick Spielman really likes drafting players in the first round, since first rounders have an extra year on their contracts.

As it sits now, the Vikings have eight picks in the draft. They have one pick in the second round (#48 overall), two picks in the third round (#79 and #86), two picks in the fourth round (#120 and #128), and one pick in each of rounds five through seven (#160, #199, #232).

It's no secret the Vikings need to improve the offensive line. After signing Riley Rieff and Mike Remmers in free agency, the Vikings aren't desperate for a starting tackle, but the team still could use help at guard and possibly center. Luckily for the Vikings, there should still be some quality offensive linemen available when they select in the second and third rounds.

Here are a few names to keep in mind when you're watching the draft.

Taylor Moton, offensive tackle from Western Michigan. Moton flew under the radar during his college career, but started to make a name for himself at the combine. He is big (6'5", 319 pounds), and showed off good athleticism at the combine. He played against inferior competition, so it remains to be seen if he can be productive against NFL caliber players. If he can put it all together, he has the potential to be a starting offensive tackle in the NFL. Moton will likely be drafted in the second round.

Antonio Garcia, offensive tackle from Troy. Another small school offensive lineman who didn't come onto the scene until the NFL combine. Unlike Moton, Garcia is on the smaller side for offensive linemen (6'6", 302 pounds). Luckily, what he lacks in size he makes up in athletic ability. Garcia will need a year or two under the tutelage of a professional strength coach, but he can develop into a starter in the NFL. He will likely be drafted in the second or third round.

Dan Feeney, offensive guard from Indiana. Feeney seems like he has the ability to start right away for an NFL team and be a solid guard for the next decade. He has good size for a guard (6'4", 305 pounds), but my favorite thing about him is his demeanor. I like offensive linemen who have a nasty streak, players who finish the play through the whistle, and that describes Feeney perfectly. He will likely be drafted in the second or third round.

Pat Elflein, offensive guard/center from Ohio State. Elflein is 6'3", 303 pounds, and has the ability to play all three interior lineman positions. He was a team captain and appears to be intelligent and a hard worker. He has a wrestling background, which gives him great core strength, but his agility could use some improvement. He will likely be drafted in the second or third round.

If you have any questions or would like to chat during the draft, follow me on Twitter @SkolJWright



Brown County April 17 Joint Minutes

APRIL 17, 2017 - JOINT ABERDEEN CITY/BROWN COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 5:30 P.M. in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 123 S Lincoln Street, Aberdeen, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Campbell, Johnson, Olson, Ronayne, Rux, Slaughter-Hansen and Mayor Levensen. Council Member Remily was absent. Present from County were Commissioners Kippley, Sutton and Fjeldheim. Commissioners Hansen and Fischbach were absent.

RESOLUTION # 17-04-01R/466:

On motion by Bunsness, seconded by Rux the City unanimously voted to adopt Resolution #17-04-01/466.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #22-17

RESOLUTION # 17-04-01R/466

RESOLUTION TO VACATE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota that the Petition to Vacate the Public Right-of-Way filed by Paul Meyers, Wendy Meyers and Christopher Leidholdt is hereby granted and the public right-of-way is hereby vacated for the following described areas:

That portion of the 60' wide Camino Real Public Right-of-Way commencing at the North side of Brown County 13 Public Right-of-Way and continuing North 1,860' between Lots 1-5, Block 1, and Lots 1-6, Block 2, DeVaans Villa Rancheras Subdivision, then continuing West 1,446' between Lots 7-11, Block 1, and Lots 5-8, Block 2, DeVaans Villa Rancheras Subdivision, and then continuing South 501' between the North 501' of Lot 8, Block 1, and Lots 12-13, Block 2, DeVaans Villa Rancheras Subdivision, located in the SE

¼ of Sec 31-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (NE 130th Street and Roosevelt Street Intersection)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed for record and duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Brown County.

Dated this 17th day of April 2017.

Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-absent, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 5:35 p.m. All members present voting. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Community Calendar



GROTON VET CLINIC
1503 N Broadway, Groton, 605/397-8145

Friday, April 28

Senior Menu: Scalloped chicken, spinach, strawberry Jell-O with Mandarin oranges, Gingerbread with topping.

School Lunch: BBQ, baked chips, fruit, romaine salad.

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

1 p.m.: Track at Sisseton
6:30 p.m.: FFA Banquet

Saturday, April 29

4 p.m.: Piano recital at GHS Gym

Sunday, April 30

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

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



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United Methodist: Jed Morehouse baptism/blessings shower, Conde Worship at 9 a.m., Coffee Fellowship at 10 a.m., Groton Worship at 11 a.m., Sunday School begins after children's sermon.

Catholic Parish: Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 a.m., then at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.

Heaven Bound Ministries in Pier-

pont: Worship at 10 a.m. 3 p.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at the nursing home.

Monday, May 1

School Lunch: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, tea bun.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Lemon chicken breast, creamy noodles, spinach salad, baked apple slices, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

Groton School: Girls varsity golf at Lee Park in Aberdeen at 10 a.m., 7th/8th grade track at Redfield at 2 p.m., Kiwanis Athletic Banquet at 6:30 p.m.

City Council: 7 p.m. at Groton Community Center

United Methodist: Evening Bible Study at 7 pm.

Tuesday, May 2

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.

School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Goulash, corn, cherry crisp, whole wheat bread.

Groton School: Varsity track at Milbank at 2 p.m., Elementary Spring Concert at 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 3

School Lunch: Taco salad, refried beans, fruit, garlic toast.

School Breakfast: Egg sausage, biscuit, fruit, milk, juice.

Senior Menu: Bratwurst with bun, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, German chocolate cake.

St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid/LWML at 1:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle at 5 p.m., League at 6:30 p.m., Confirmation at 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Wednesday coffee at 9 a.m., UMW Salad Luncheon at 11 a.m., Confirmation at 6 p.m.



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Kari Hanson (middle) was one of the performers at the Northern State University theatre production of "Mary Poppins." The Kosel girls had their picture taken with Kari after the event Saturday night. Jeslyn is on the left and Julianna is on the right.



Thursday, May 4

School Lunch: Cheese sticks, broccoli and dip, fruit.

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, Fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

St. John's Lutheran: Nursery circle and good cheer circle at 1:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle at 2 p.m.

Groton School: MS/HS Spring Concert at 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Prayer Group at 7 p.m.

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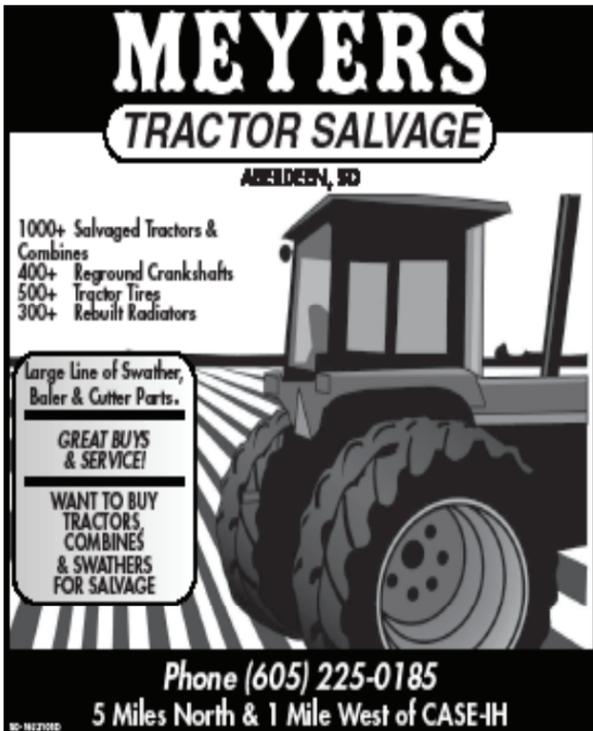
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Friday, May 5

School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, carrots and dip, fruit.

School Breakfast: Cheese omelette, muffin, fruit, milk, juice.

Senior Menu: Taco salad, Mexican rice, seasonal fresh fruit, breadstick.

Groton School: Track at Sisseton at 4 p.m.

United Methodist: MOMS Group at 9:30 a.m.