



## Playground equipment arrives

The new playground equipment for the Groton Baseball Complex arrived last Tuesday, May 16. The photo below shows the progress of the equipment as of Wednesday evening, May 24.



## Bicycles awarded to students

At the beginning of the school year Groton Ford and S&S Lumber collaborated in a joint venture to award every child grade K-5 a brand new bicycle for missing only a half day of school or less. Thursday was the last day of school for Groton Area and those kids received their bikes! Seven of the kids in the photo had perfect attendance! "It was a great experience and well received" says Nick Simon of Groton Ford. "we enjoyed having the parents tell us throughout the year that there is no way their kid will miss school because they want a bike, as well as blaming us for planting the various flu bugs in the school this year!" Pictured in the back row is Groton Ford owner Nick Simon, Elementary school principal Brett Schwan and S&S Lumber's Ryan Schelle

**Bicycle recipients from left to right are: Paisley Mitchell, Kyleigh Kroll, Natalia Warrington, Emerlee Jones, Kyleigh Englund, Kira Clocksene, Troy Nickeson, Ryan Groeblichhoff, Nathan Unzen, Winston Clark, Logan Clocksene, Brody Lord, Keegan Harry, Garrett Schultz, not pictured Colby Dunker.**

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# Groton Area sends several to state track meet

Several Groton Area tracksters qualified for state at the regional meet held Thursday in Milbank.

Harleigh Stange placed first in the 200m dash, the girls 4x100m Relay team of Audrey Wanner, Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange and Eliza Wanner took first, Payton Maine placed second in the 300m hurdles, the girls 4x200m Relay team of Audrey Wanner, Payton Maine, Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange placed second, Audrey Wanner won the long jump, Taylor Holm took second in the discus, Jonathan Doeden placed second in both the 110m Hurdles and the 300m Hurdles, Lee Williams took second in the 400m dash, Treyton Diegel won the 800m run, the boys 4x800m relay team of Treyton Diegel, Brandon Keith, Isaac Smith and Sean Schuring placed second, the sprint medley relay team of Trevor Pray, Lucas Hinman, Bennett Shabazz and Sean Schuring placed second, Bennett Shabazz placed second in the long jump and won the triple jump and McClain Lone won both the discus and shot put event.

## Girl's Division

**100m Hurdles:** 4, Payton Maine, 17.17.

**300m Hurdles:** 2, Payton Maine, 51.79; 6, Eliza Wanner, 56.90.

**100m Dash:** 5, Eliza Wanner, 13.56; 8, Heather Lone, 13.82.

**200m Dash:** 1, Harleigh Stange, 27.32; 10, Nicole Marzahn, 29.86; 11, Tady Glover, 30.07.

**400m Dash:** 4, Kenzie McInerney, 1:08.18; 9, Regan Leicht, 1:13.25.

**800m Run:** 7, Regan Leicht, 2:58.22; 11, Riley Gengerke, 3:13.85.

**1600m Run:** 5, Emily Thompson, 6:21.68; 7, Riley Gengerke, 6:49.98.

**4x100m Relay:** 1, Groton (Audrey Wanner, Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange, Eliza Wanner), 53.76.

**4x200m Relay:** 2, Groton (Audrey Wanner, Payton Maine, Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange), 1:54.90.

**4x400m Relay:** 4, Groton (Eliza Wanner, Nicole Marzahn, Regan Leicht, Kenzie McInerney), 4:50.24.

**4x800m Relay:** 4, Groton (Emily Thompson, Jodi Hinman, Riley Gengerke, Regan Leicht), 12:06.75.

**1600m Sprint Medley:** 5, Groton (Kaylin Kucker, Tady Glover, Jodi Hinman, Emily Thompson), 5:10.25.

**High Jump:** 7, Nicole Marzahn, 4-1.

**Long Jump:** 1, Audrey Wanner, 16-9; 3, Harleigh Stange, 14-9; 8, Nicole Marzahn, 14-2.75.

**Triple Jump:** 8, Katie Koehler, 30-5.25; 12, Tady Glover, 28-0.75.

**Discus:** 2, Taylor Holm, 104-3; 5, Nicole Fey, 92-7.

**Shot Put:** 3, Taylor Holm, 31-6; 4, Jennie Doeden, 31-5.5; 7, Madison Sippel, 29-9.

**Pole Vault:** 6, Emily Thompson, 6-6.

## Boy's Division

**110m Hurdles:** 2, Jonathon Doeden, 15.70; (Prelims: Garret Schroeder, 19.73)

**300m Hurdles:** 2, Jonathan Doeden, 44.38; 4, Tylan Glover, 48.21.

**100m Dash:** 6, Trevor Pray, 11.33.

**200m Dash:** 4, Trevor Pray, 23.51; 10, Thomas Cranford, 24.45; 12, Jackson Oliver, 24.96.

**400m Dash:** 2, Lee Williams, 54.51; 7, Austin Jones, 58.33; 8, Thomas Cranford, 59.02.

**800m Run:** 1, Treyton Diegel, 2:15.70; 5, Brandon Keith, 2:21.20.

**1600m Run:** 7, Isaac Smith, 5:22.22.

**4x100m Relay:** 4, Groton (Trevor Pray, Lucas Hinman, Jackson Oliver, Lee Williams), 47.15.

**4x200m Relay:** 5, Groton (Jackson Oliver, Austin Jones, Darien Shabazz, Lee Williams), 1:40.70.

**4x400m Relay:** 3, Groton (Sean Schuring, Bennett Shabazz, Lucas Hinman, Lee Williams), 3:45.42.

**4x800m Relay:** 2, Groton (Treyton Diegel, Brandon Keith, Isaac Smith, Sean Schuring), 9:05.19.

**1600m Sprint Medley:** 2, Groton (Trevor Pray, Lucas Hinman, Bennett Shabazz, Sean Schuring), 3:55.34.

**High Jump:** 3, Austin Jones, 5-5.

**Long Jump:** 2, Bennett Shabazz, 19-8.5; 8, Lucas Hinman, 18-0.75.

**Triple Jump:** 1, Bennett Shabazz, 40-8.25.

**Discus:** 1, McClain Lone, 143-2; 4, Luke Thorson, 126-5; 9, Grady O'Neill, 95-7.

**Shot Put:** 1, McClain Lone, 47-6.25; 7, Luke Thorson, 37-7.5; 17, Grady O'Neill, 28-0.

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## Brown County May 16, 2017

### Meeting Minutes

MAY 16, 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 Sutton, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Hansen was absent. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$8,029.15; Treasurer \$13,470.10; States Attorney \$20,103.30; SVAWA Grant \$1,286.82; Maintenance \$7,149.21; Assessor \$13,629.68; Register of Deeds \$9,277.35; Veterans Service Office \$4,223.19; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,687.07; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$35,570.45; Jail \$48,913.73; JDC \$21,525.79 Welfare Office \$3,665.57; Museum \$8,214.10; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,603.96; Fair Board \$3,692.34; 4-H \$575.12; Weed \$4,644.27; Planning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$44,932.80; Communications \$22,718.86; Emergency Management \$3,960.14; Teen Court \$425.85; 24/7 \$3,333.60; Landfill \$13,296.62.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,835.93; Medicare \$4,405.12.

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Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$921.36; Aberdeen Parks & Rec \$550.00; Dakota Broadcasting \$1,400.00; Hub City Radio \$750.00; Western Hotel Supply \$110.00.

Rentals: 446-Praxair \$23.71.

Repairs & Maintenance: 446-Praxair \$71.31; Farnam's \$69.99; G & K Services \$266.28; GCR Tires \$988.57; Jebro \$945.05; Ladner Electric \$56,063.43; Laursen Asphalt Repair \$19.83; Leidholt Electric \$479.81; Pierson-Ford \$1,362.74; Sheehan Mack \$157.05; Sterling Solutions \$750.00; US Bank \$1,058.43.

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Travel & Conference: Erin Doering \$37.00; Patricia Kendall \$75.00; Marianne Marttila-Klipfel \$75.00; Pennington Co. Jail \$548.15; Ramkota - Pierre \$427.96; Lora Schaanaman

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Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$829.10; Exec. Mgmt. \$79.64; Midcontinent \$410.00; Northern Electric \$1,710.02; NVC \$2,069.38; NWPS \$801.29; US Bank \$914.87; Verizon \$200.05; Web Water \$74.51.

Other: JRWD \$83,621.97; Safe Harbor \$887.00.

Buildings: Huff Construction \$44,993.55. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective May 21, 2017: David Bruckner @ \$20.65 per hour, Tracy Engquist @ \$16.42 per hour, Christeen Krahl @ \$16.86 per hour, James Harpel @ \$17.53 per hour, Erin Bacon @ \$18.79 per hour, Jonathan Waller @ \$17.48 per hour, Troy Grote @ \$17.98 per hour, Gerald Lehrkamp @ \$18.70 per hour.

Approve hiring Anthony Cooper as part-time Fairgrounds employee, effective May 22, 2017 @ \$11.38 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve amending the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report to include the following:

Approve request to fill full-time Correctional Officer vacancy (JDC)

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MEDICA HSA OPTION REIMBURSEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve payment of \$25.00 per pay period (24 pay periods - \$600/yr.) to all employees enrolling in the HSA Option of the Medica Health Insurance Plan. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GRANT AWARD - TIRE DISPOSAL: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Subgrant Agreement between the SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Brown County for the collection and disposal of waste tires from the Brown County Landfill, in amount not to exceed \$80,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreements: Jim Mortenson (Custom Cruisers) for lease of grass area by Centennial Campgrounds at the Fairgrounds (car shows) on July 23 and October 8, 2017; Boy Scouts of America Troop 359 for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp May 20-21, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following applications for renewal of Malt Beverage Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: PACKAGE (OFF-SALE) MALT BEVERAGE & (OFF-SALE) SD FARM WINE: PZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort, (Palmer's Richmond Resort Subd Lt 1 (Subd OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2) NW ¼ Sec 30-124-64, Aberdeen). RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE: Alan Lanphere DBA Bath Quick Stop (Lot B Weismantels First Subd Lot 1 Ex N 12' Jenkins

Subd E ½ SE ¼ Sec 18-123-62, Bath). Travis Swenson DBA Elm Lake Resort (Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort Subd SE ¼ Sec 8-128-65, Forbes). Marge Frohling DBA The Connection (Lots 10-14 Blk 2, Sec 31-127-61, Houghton). Todd Neuendorf DBA Bullet Sports LLC (Brown County Fairgrounds Grandstand SW ¼ Sec 1-123-64, Aberdeen). Richmond Oasis (Lot 4 Schaeffer Richmond Lake 2nd Addn and NE ¼ Sec 25-124-65, Aberdeen). ARR LLC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge (Lodge OL Art Russo OLS in Gov Lt 3&4 NW 1-127-62 ). Brown County Centennial Village (Brown County Fairgrounds Centennial Village SW1/4 Sec 1. T123 N. R64W) RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE and (ON-OFF) SALE SD FARM WINES: Aberdeen Hockey Association (Brown County Fairgrounds Expo/Odde Ice Arena SW ¼ Sec 1-123-64, Aberdeen). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RANGELAND FIRE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign Cooperative Agreement with the SD Department of Agriculture, Wildland Fire Division for the State to provide rangeland fire suppression assistance to the County, effective July 1, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RANGELAND FIRE ASSISTANCE: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #28-17. RANGELAND FIRE ASSISTANCE. DESIGNEES AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the list of individuals set forth below, are hereby authorized to request rangeland fire assistance, on behalf of the County of Brown as specified in SDCL 41-20A-11. The authority to request assistance as provided shall continue in full force and effect until terminated or modified by resolution of the County of Brown Board of Commissioners.

Dated this 16th day of May 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

RANGELAND FIRE ASSISTANCE POINT OF CONTACT: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #29-17. RANGELAND FIRE ASSISTANCE. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY RURAL FIRE COORDINATOR. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Scott Meints, Brown County Emergency Management Director, is appointed County Rural Fire Coordinator for the County of Brown. The County Rural Fire Coordinator is hereby authorized to act as a single point of contact, on behalf of the County of Brown, in dealing with administrative matters such as burn bans, billings, or questions about this Rangeland Fire Agreement specific to the County. This authority shall continue in full force and effect until terminated or modified by resolution of the County of Brown Board of Commissioners. Dated this 16th day of May 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

AMEND VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS FOR 2017: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #30-17. A Resolution Amending Vote Center Locations. WHEREAS, as per SDCL 12-14-17, the Brown County Board of County Commissioners authorized the use of vote centers in lieu of precinct polling places and designated polling locations for Brown County in Resolution 20-17, and WHEREAS, the Best Western Ramkota Convention Center (Vote Center 2) changed ownership and became available for use as a Vote Center June 6, 2017, and WHEREAS, the Best Western Ramkota Convention Center (Vote Center 2) has been used for all elections since 2014, and WHEREAS, the Best Western Ramkota Convention Center (Vote Center 2) better accommodates voters and election day staff, and WHEREAS, Primrose Gym will no longer be used as a Vote Center, and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Brown County Commission to amend Resolution 20-17, by amending the polling locations in Brown County as follows:

Vote Center 1 - Aberdeen Mall, Bay 62- 3315 6th Ave SE

Vote Center 2 - Best Western Ramkota Convention Center - 1400 8th Ave NW

Vote Center 3- Courthouse

Community Room - .25 Market St.

Dated this 16th day of May 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

BMX AGREEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign Lease Agreement, as revised with Aberdeen BMX, Inc., for lease of the following County owned property: All of Lot 3, Brown County Commissioners Subdivision to the City of Aberdeen, Brown County, SD; and The N 35' of Lot 1 of Brown County Commissioners First Subdivision to the City of Aberdeen, in the SW ¼ of Sec 18-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (this portion of Lot 1 contains a public access easement which shall be vacated by the County Commission for the use of BMX), for an initial period of twenty years. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EQUALIZATION OFFICE DATA: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve policy changes and fee schedule for the Director of Equalization Data Request Procedure for website access to real estate information. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:10 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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## Brown County Notice of Election

NOTICE OF COMBINED ELECTION

Aberdeen School District No. 6-1

Aberdeen City NE, NW, and SE Wards

A Combined Election will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at the Aberdeen City Vote Centers in Brown County. The election Vote Centers will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central standard time on the day of the election.

No longer are voters required to vote within precinct jurisdictions. Voters can cast ballots at any of the following Vote Centers in Brown County:

1-1 Aberdeen Mall, 3315 6th Ave, SE, Aberdeen SD (South Entrance West of Kohl's)

1-2 Best Western Ramkota Convention Center, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD

1-3 Courthouse Community Room, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen SD

Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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## Groton City May 15

### Meeting Minutes

May 15, 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: Opp, McGannon, Peterson, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Members absent were Babcock and Blackmun. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Drew Johnson, Paul Kosel, and Kathy Sundermeyer.

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

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

1st State Bank 4,651.82 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings;

1st National Bank 44,900.00 loan payment; A-1 Sanitation 660.00 cleanup dumpsters; AFLAC 396.52 emp ins; AmeriPride 31.70 rug rent; Associated Supply Co 8,877.52 chemicals; Car Quest Auto Parts 317.35 repairs; Cole Paper 105.36 towels; Dahme Const 3,462.38 digging; Dakota Supply Group 85.30 sewer bend; Dollar General 36.33 paper products; Ecolab 102.42 pest control; Farmers

Union Coop 234.32 gas; Full Circle Ag 176.21 herbicide; Galls 224.23 boots; Geffdog Designs 1421.59 hats, t-shirts, banners; Burt Glover 180.00 lifesaving class; Groton Area School PAC 318.60 food; Groton Ford 41.49 oil chg; Guardian Ins 258.53 emp ins; HD Supply 486.08 pipe, gasket; Harves Sport Shop 922.80 baseballs, scorebooks; Heartland Cons Power District 51,411.63 power; Adam Herman 32.00 background check; Marc Johnson 480.00 HWH sales incentive; Kens 604.54 gas,dsl,supplies; Locators & Supplies 96.60 paint; Loris Pharmacy 46.95 flash drives, film; MJs Sinclair 700.94 gas, dsl, repairs; Merards 38.72 towels, grout; Midstates Printing 14.25 laminations; MTI 210.05 irrigation repairs; Justin Olson 100.00 fuel tank; RDO 294.38 mower repair; Dale Ringgenberg 175.00 grind engine; Runnings 81.96 hose, valve, can; Sanitation Products 2,937.23 sweeper repairs; SD Dept of Revenue 162.50 malt bev lic; SD Public Assurance Alliance 163.92 ins; SD Supplement Retirement 3,060.00 emp retire; Share Corp 176.23 cleaner; Stan Houston 699.00 chain; Dan Sunne 128.90 med flex; TreeLine Tree Service 2,600.00 tree removal; Vosika Fence 987.51 fence repair; WEB Water 9,943.11 water; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,122.04 health ins; Wesco 6,107.00 lights; Western Area Power Adm 20,502.86 power; Whetstone Electric Coop 2,470.00 poles; Wright & Sudlow 105.00 adj ring

Sealed bids for surplus playground equipment were opened and read aloud as follows:

Roger Johnson - \$52.00; Greg Clocksene - \$100.00; Doug Hamilton - \$105.00; Charity Hinman - \$250.00; Sarah Sigdestad - \$125.00. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to accept high bid of \$250 from Charity Hinman. All members present voted aye.

Damaged tables from the Community Center were declared surplus property with a value of \$5 per table on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye. The Finance Office will take requests for the tables until May 26, 2017.

Mayor Hanlon announced the need for water restrictions. Water Supt Herron recommended no watering from 11am to 5pm. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to approve these restrictions for the rest of the summer. All members present voted aye.

A letter from WEB Water announcing an increase in their rates was read. A water study will be done to determine Groton water rates.

SD Dept of Environment and Natural Resources has awarded Groton City, Terry Herron, and Dwight Zerr certificates of excellence for the operation of the drinking water system.

The applications for renewal of the on/off sale malt beverage and wine licenses of MJs Sinclair and Kens Food Fair were approved on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

Less than a third of the people who were notified before Cleanup Week had taken advantage of the time to remedy violations. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to send nuisance notification letters to the rest of list of property owners and proceed with legal actions. All members present voted aye.

Certifications were reviewed for all departments. No additional ones are needed at this time.

FEMA training on safe rooms was announced as available.

An update of the Hwy 37 project was given and street closings were announced.

Moved by Peterson and Opp to transfer the following cash fund balances: \$200,000.00 from General Fund to Debt Service; \$250,000.00 from Electric Fund to General Fund; \$50,000 from Wastewater Fund to Debt Service Fund. All members present voted aye.

Checks over 6 months outstanding were reviewed and will be reissued.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to adjourn into executive session for personnel items 1-25-2 (1) at 7:88pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:07pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson hire Adam Herman as Jr. Teener Baseball Coach. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by McGannon to set special meetings May 17 and 18 for executive session finance officer applicant interviews. All

members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

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## Groton City May 17

### Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2017

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 5:30pm at Groton City Hall for a special meeting. The following members present were: Peterson, Babcock, Opp, Blackmun, McGannon, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary and Attorney Johnson.

At 5:30pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Peterson and seconded by Opp to discuss personnel matters under SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

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## Groton City May 18

### Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 6:00pm at Groton City Hall for a special meeting. The following members present were: Peterson, Opp, McGannon, Blackmun, Babcock, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary and Attorney Johnson.

At 6:00pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Peterson and seconded by Opp to discuss personnel matters under SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 8:02pm.

Meeting adjourned.

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Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

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# Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

This week we'll cover some smaller items that have happened recently. As always, feel free to send me any questions you have about the Vikings and I'll try to answer them in future articles.

The Minnesota Vikings held a rookie mini-camp earlier this month, which gave their draft picks, undrafted rookie free agents, and some other young players the chance to get acclimated to their new facilities, playbooks, and teammates. The players weren't allowed to be in full pads, and there was little to no contact allowed, but there were a few players who stood out. The Vikings first draft selection, running back Dalvin Cook, showed off his explosiveness and agility on a few plays. Tight end Bucky Hodges looked impressive, partly because of his 6'6", 257-pound frame.

According to Fox Sports, Head Coach Mike Zimmer had another eye surgery this past week. Zimmer first had eye surgery last November, and this most recent one was number eight for the coach. Zimmer says he thinks it was the last surgery he'll need, before adding, "I've thought that before."

The Vikings have remained active after the draft, and have added a couple free agents who could make a big impact on the team in 2017. The team added wide receiver Michael Floyd, a former first round pick and Minnesota native. Floyd was drafted by the Cardinals, but was released following an incident in which the receiver pled guilty to extreme DUI and was sentenced to jail time. Floyd will return home in an effort to resurrect his career. He played at Notre Dame, so he will be reunited with his old teammates Kyle Rudolph and Harrison Smith. Floyd signed a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million, but it can increase due to incentives. Floyd is 6'2", and will hopefully become an excellent complement to Stefon Diggs.

The Vikings also signed defensive tackle Will Sutton, the former third round pick of Chicago in 2014. Sutton was twice named an Associated Press All-American during his time at Arizona State. Sutton is 6'0", 297 pounds, and will play as the 3-tech next to Linval Joseph. He was miscast in Chicago's 3-4 defensive scheme, but should thrive in Minnesota's 4-3 defense. With the injury to Sharrif Floyd, the Vikings are looking for bodies along the defensive line in case Floyd never plays again. Sutton was a great signing and has the potential to play a ton of meaningful snaps this season.

The Vikings' new practice facility, the Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center, is currently under construction. This new facility will provide Vikings players with state of the art equipment to give the team a competitive edge. The Performance Center will also help the team in recruiting potential free agents. The team is under contract with Minnesota State University Mankato until 2018, which is

where the team has held training camp since 1965, but the team will likely move the off-season activity to the new complex once it's complete. The Wilfs haven't said how much the facility will cost, but it's clear the ownership group has spared no expense in creating a first-class practice facility for the players and coaches.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me on Facebook (facebook.com/SkolJWright) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright).

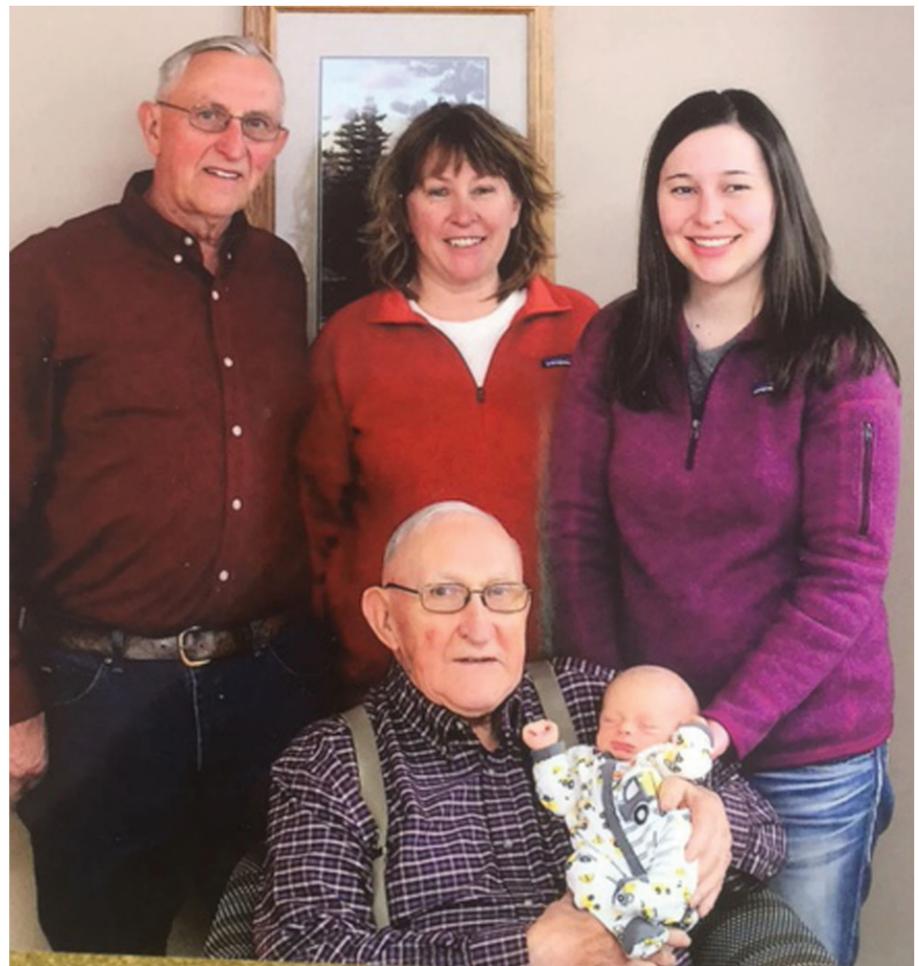
## KIWANIS CLUB

LaVonne Helmer was program leader for Kiwanis Club on Wednesday, and she gave a book report

on "This Old House."

No special business was discussed.

Next week's program leader is Reed Litch, followed by Tom Mahan and Tom Paepke.



## Five Generations

Gathering at Lester's are the five generation. Lester Herr, Bristol; Larry Herr, Bristol; Tammy Plimpton, Crooks, SD; Kayla and Korbin Siemonsma, Garretson, SD

## JVT Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 1st  
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Megan Jacobson, MS, LN, RDN  
South Dakota State University Extension  
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Andrew Russell, PhD  
Assistant Professor of Biology, Northern State University

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# Community Calendar

**GROTON VET CLINIC**  
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**Thursday, May 25**

**Groton School:** Region girls golf at Sioux Valley, 9 a.m.

**Senior Menu:** Stir fry beef with rice, oriental blend vegetables, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

**Friday, May 26**

**Groton School:** State Track at Tea

**Senior Menu:** Oven fried chicken, potato salad, carrots and broccoli medley, muffin, fresh fruit.

**Saturday, May 27**

**Groton School:** State Track at Sioux Falls

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**Sunday, May 28**

**Emmanuel Lutheran:** Worship at 9 a.m.

**St. John's Lutheran:** Worship at 9 a.m.

**United Methodist Church:** Conde worship, 9 a.m.; coffee fellowship time, 10 a.m., Groton worship, 11 a.m.

**Catholic Parish:** Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 a.m., then

at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.

**First Presbyterian:** Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.

**Heaven Bound Ministries:** Worship in Pierpont at 10 a.m.

**Monday, May 29**

MEMORIAL DAY

**Tuesday, May 30**

**United Methodist:** Bible Study at 10 a.m.

**Senior Menu:** Tater tot hotdish, green beans, orange half, sugar cookie, whole wheat bread.

**Wednesday, May 31**

**United Methodist:** Wednesday Coffee, 9 a.m.

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Brian Gravatt puts up the flags for the Groton American Legion in the downtown district Saturday morning.

**James Valley Telco** annual meeting at Groton Area High School, 12:30 p.m.

**Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, macaroni salad, squash, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

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- James 8:15
- Verdon 8:45
- Bates-Scotland 9:15
- Ferney 10:00
- Groton 11:00 (Lunch to follow at Groton Post #39)



# Senior Profiles & Awards Section



## 2017 GHS Seniors

**GHS seniors threw their hats in the air after turning their tassels at the graduation ceremony held Sunday.**



## Keri Jo Pappas with Highest Honor

**Parents:** Kelly and Valerie Pappas

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sisters:** Johnna Hepola 35, Shannon Pappas 21, KaSandra Pappas 15, and Samatha Pappas 14

**Hobbies:** procrastinating, reading, watching Disney movies, spending time with friends and family

**School/community activities:** debate, oral interp, student congress, band, FCCLA, Destination Imagination, Adopt-a-Grandparent Program, Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School teacher

**Favorite high school memory:** state debate my senior year when the debate team convinced Mrs. Gonsoir that we needed to buy goldfish as our debate mascots.

**Future plans:** attend SDSU and major in Human Biology with the Intention to go onto Medical School

**Awards:** National Honor Society, Daktronics 3rd Team Academic All-State Bronze Award, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2017, HOBY Representative, HOBY Academic All-Star, Girls State Representative, Bronze President's Volunteer Service Award, Aberdeen American News Scholastic Star Gold Award, National Speech and Debate Association Academic All American, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2017, American Legion Citizenship Award 2017, President's Award in Education 2017, James Valley Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, SDSU Stephen F. Briggs Scholarship, SDSU Norma Christopherson Scholarship, SDSU UC 109 First Year Seminar Stipend, SDSU Housing Waiver, SDSU Campanile Girls State Officer Scholarship, Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, PEO International Star Scholarship, Groton Area Hopps Dow Scholarship, Avera St. Luke's Auxiliary, Groton PEO Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Scottish Rite Book Grant, John Westby Memorial Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Valedictorian Scholarship, Gwendolyn O'Connor Broman Memorial Scholarship



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## Thane Edward Henschel with Highest Honor

**Parents:** Vicki and Patrick Renner and Thomas Henschel.

**Hometown:** Britton

**Brother:** Weston, 16.

**Hobbies:** Reading, Netflix, dance, singing, spending time with family and friends.

**School/Community Activities:** Show choir, all school play, one act play, Chamber choir, Drama Club, oral interpretation.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Going to state one act

**Future Plans:** Attend SDSU to major in human biology with the intention of going on to medical school to become a pediatrician.

**Awards:** SD Regents Scholar Diploma, President's Award in Education 2017, SDSU Blue and Yellow Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Scottish Rite Book Grant, John Westby Memorial Scholarship, Groton Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship



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### Principal's Student Service Award

Four seniors at Groton Area High School, have been nominated for the Principal's Student Service Award. To be eligible for this award the students had to document exemplary community service during high school and complete an application and essay. **The award winners in 2017 are pictured above, left to right: Hai Ku, Kate Helmer, Erin Smith and Keri Pappas.**

"These students have made significant contributions to our community," stated School Counselor Jodi Sternhagen. "They have always been willing to volunteer when help is needed. When we've needed someone to help with a project, these students have stepped forward. Community service is extremely important in today's world and they have shown that they can make a difference."

The students' service areas included: peer tutoring, participating in the Food Drive, tutoring, helping youth, organizing events, and helping with youth activities such as coaching and refereeing. Each student received a pin from the National Association of Secondary School Principals for service.

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## Landon Earl Marzahn with Highest Honor

**Parents:** Wade and Renee Marzahn

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sisters and brother:** Breanna 20, Nicole 15, Andrew 12

**Hobbies:** Golfing, working on robots, playing video games, hanging out with family and friends

**School/community activities:** GT Robotics, high school golf team, 4-H, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

**Favorite high school memory:** U.S. Open Robotic tournaments

**Future plans:** attend South Dakota School of Mines and Technology majoring in Mechanical Engineering and minoring in Robotics

**Awards:** National Honor Society, Groton CTE Curriculum Scholar, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2017, Aberdeen American News Scholastic Star Gold Award, American Legion Citizenship Award 2017, President's Award in Education 2017, Brown County CFEL Scholarship, SDSM&T Freshman Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Groton Eastern Star, Catholic United Financial Scholarship, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Trade/Technical/Science or Math Scholarship



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**Class Motto: Do not go where the path may lead;  
go instead where there is not path and leave a trail.  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson**

### SD Opportunity Scholarship

The South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship was established for Regents Scholar and CTE recipients with an ACT score of 24 or greater. The scholarship provides \$6500 over four years to a qualifying student who attends an eligible higher education institution in South Dakota. While in college, students must maintain certain criteria. This scholarship is non-competitive; all students who meet the requirements and complete the application can receive the scholarship.

**Ten members of the Class of 2017 have qualified for the SD Opportunity Scholarship. They are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Alexis Harder, Macy Knecht, Keri Pappas, Gabrielle Kramer, Erin Smith, Kellyn Fluke; and in front, left to right, are Landon Marzahn, Trey Wright, Nathan Fjelstad, Thane Henschel**

## Erin Elizabeth Smith with Highest Honor

**Parents:** Steven and Carol Smith

**Siblings:** Sam 23, Marah Van Diest 22, Luke 20, AnneMarie 16, Isaac 14.

**Hobbies:** Reading, singing, Netflix, spending time with family and friends.

**School/Community Activities:** Cross country, all school play, one act play, oral interpretation, band, jazz band, choir, show choir, Chamber choir.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Qualifying for state one-act.

**Future Plans:** Attend SDSU to become a secondary English teacher.



**Awards:** National Honor Society, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, SD Girls State Representative 2016, HOBY Representative, Principal's Student Service Award 2017, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2017, President's Award in Education 2017, Susan Clawson Grace Scholarship, Groton PAC Community Service Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, SDSU Premier Bank Scholarship, SDSU Yellow and Blue Scholarship, SDSU Housing Waiver, SDSU Pre-Freshman Study Abroad Scholarship, Groton Area Hopps Dow Scholarship, Groton Lisa Sippel Memorial Scholarship, John Westby Memorial Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Salutatorian Scholarship.



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## Nathan Clint Fjelstad with Honor



**Parents:** Clint and Tara Fjelstad

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sister:** Jenifer Fjelstad 16

**Hobbies:** video games, listening to music, spending time with friends

**School/community activities:** football, Destination Imagination, Vex robotics

**Favorite high school memory:** winning the state semi final game vs. Roncalli, and advancing to the championship

**Future plans:** studying computer Science at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

**Awards:** SD Regents Scholar Diploma, President's Award in Education 2017, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2017, James Valley Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarship, SDSM&T Freshman Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Dakota Corps Critical Need Scholarship Full Tuition for four years, Groton Class of 1969 Scholarship



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## Patrick Gengerke with Honor



**Parents:** Collin and Deb Gengerke

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother and sister:** Trey is 14 and Brooke is 12

**Hobbies:** snowmobiling, farming and hanging out with friends

**School/community activities:** football and FFA

**Favorite high school memory:** playing with my best friends in the South Dakota 11B state championship game in the Dakota Dome senior year.

**Future plans:** attend SDSU and major in Ag Systems Technology and hopefully return to the family farm eventually

**Awards:** Groton CTE Curriculum Scholar, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2017, President's Award in Education 2017, Tom and Barbara Paepke Career in Agriculture Scholarship, Full Circle Ag Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Ruden Family Ag Scholarship



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Hai Ku and Megan Malsam received the Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarships.

## Megan Dianne Malsam with Honor

**Parents:** Troy and Laura Malsam

**Hometown:** Aberdeen

**Brother and sisters:** Brandon Malsam 21, Grace Malsam 15, and Emily Malsam 10

**Hobbies:** reading, tubing, horseback riding, hanging out with friends

**School/community activities:** FFA, 4-H

**Favorite high school memory:** taking part in FFA competitions

**Future plans:** taking generals at South Dakota State University



**Awards:** SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Groton Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship



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## Macy Quinn Knecht with Honor

**Parents:** Carol and Pat Knecht

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother:** Spencer Knecht 20

**Hobbies:** watching Netflix, hanging with friends

**School/community activities:** FCCLA, FBLA, dance team, Cheerleading, student council, and choir

**Favorite high school memory:** when we went to the Dome, and being able to cheerlead in the Dome

**Future plans:** attending USD for Pre-Dentistry



**Awards:** National Honor Society, Groton CTE Curriculum Scholar, University of SD Coyote Commitment Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial Scholarship



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Kate Helmer and Emma Watje received the Andover Threshing Association Scholarship



Alexis Harder received the Groton Community Foundation Scholarship and Jessica Adler received the Don Bartz Scholarship



Kate Helmer and Amanda Morehouse. Amanda Morehouse presented Kate Helmer with the Beck Memorial Scholarship.

**Kate Ann Helmer**  
with Honor



**Parents:** Loren and Alicia Helmer  
**Hometown:** Andover  
**Brother and sister:** Jasey Helmer 23, and Riley Helmer 21  
**Hobbies:** rodeo, listening to music, hanging out with friends  
**School/community activities:** FFA, 4-H  
**Favorite high school memory:** hanging out in the shop  
**Future plans:** attend SDSU to major in Animal Science

**Awards:** National Honor Society, Groton CTE Curriculum Scholar, Principal's Student Service Award 2017, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2017. Full Circle Ag Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Andover Threshing Association Scholarship, Don Hight Memorial Scholarship, Waldorf 5000 Scholarship, Vicki Strom Memorial Scholarship, Groton Kiwanis Community Service Scholarship, Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Beck Memorial Scholarship, Ruden Family Ag Scholarship



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Keri Pappas was awarded the Gwendolyn O'Connor Broman Memorial Scholarship by Leonard Broman

**Paityn Jo Bonn**  
with Honor



**Parents:** Greg and Stacey Bonn  
**Hometown:** Conde  
**Brothers:** Skyler Bonn 21, and Paxton Bonn 14  
**Hobbies:** camping  
**School/community activities:** volleyball, FFA, FBLA, FCCLA  
**Favorite high school memory:** my favorite high school memory is when our boys made it to the Dome in football because it is the only time any of our sports went to state though out our high school career. Future plans: I plan to attend SDSU in Brookings and major in Ag Business

**Awards:** Groton CTE Curriculum Scholar, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2017, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Groton Eastern Star, Shawn Weismantel Kramer Memorial Scholarship, Groton Irvin and Janice Flihs Family Scholarship



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Alex Kern received a Youth Business Adventure Scholarship



Erin Smith received the Groton Lisa Sippel Memorial Scholarship and McClain Lone received the Richard Duerre Memorial Scholarship

## Alexis Lynn Harder with Honor



**Parents:** Brenda and Cory Harder  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother and sister:** Rayce Harder 20, and Courtney Rountree 25  
**Hobbies:** watching Netflix, going to hockey games with my mom, being with friends and working out  
**School/community activities:** soccer, FCCLA, luther league, community food drive

**Favorite high school memory:** going to sporting events or going to Table Talks every Wednesday at lunch to enjoy a nice meal with friends while listening to great speakers talk about the word of God

**Future plans:** attend SDSU with a major in Psychology to later attend a graduate school for Occupational therapy

**Awards:** Groton CTE Curriculum Scholar, President's Award in Education 2017, SDSU Blue and Yellow Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Groton FCCLA Service Award, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Susan Deanne Weismantel Memorial Scholarship, Groton Community Foundation Scholarship.



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## Trey Owen Wright with Honor



**Parents:** Russell and Janet Wright  
**Hometown:** Houghton  
**Brother:** Cody Wright 24  
**Hobbies:** rodeo, show sheep, participate in 4-H, FFA and DI, build robots in our school's robotics club  
**School/community activities:** Groton robotics, 4-H, FFA, Destination Imagination  
**Favorite high school memory:** hanging out with all of my friends

**Future plans:** attend School Of Minds to major in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Robotics

**Awards:** National Honor Society, SD Boys State Representative 2016, President's Award in Education 2017, SDSM&T Freshman Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Groton Masonic Lodge, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Financial Need Scholarship



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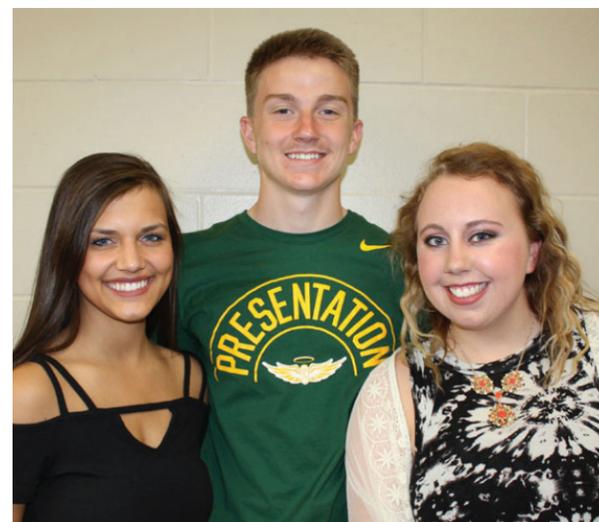
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Kate Helmer received the Vicki Strom Memorial Scholarship and Tage Taylor received the Renee McKiver Memorial Scholarship



Paityn Bonn received the Shawn Weismantel Kramer Memorial Scholarship and Alexis Harder received the Susan Deanne Weismantel Memorial Scholarship



The following students received college scholarships: Macy Knecht (USD), Sean Schuring (Presentation College), Whitney Voss (Minnesota State University Moorhead)

## Tevin Daniel Abeln



**Parents:** Branden and April Abeln  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother:** Axel-5  
**Hobbies:** being outside, hunting, fishing, and four wheeling  
**Future plans:** attend Mitchell Tech Lineman program



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## Jessica Jean Adler



**Parents:** Lisa Adler and the late Phillip Adler  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother:** Jarrett Adler 22  
**Hobbies:** hanging with friends, watching Netflix, scrapbooking  
**School/community activities:** FCCLA officer-public relations  
**Favorite high school memory:** The night our football team won the play-off game against Roncalli which meant we were going to the Dome. In that moment our whole school was one. It was awesome  
**Future plans:** attend SDSU and major in Human Biology/Pre-med. In hopes of becoming a Pediatrician one day

**Awards:** Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship, Groton FCCLA Service Award, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Kay and David Donovan Memorial Scholarship, Columbia American Legion Auxiliary, SDSU Jackrabbit Guarantee, Groton Don Bartz Scholarship



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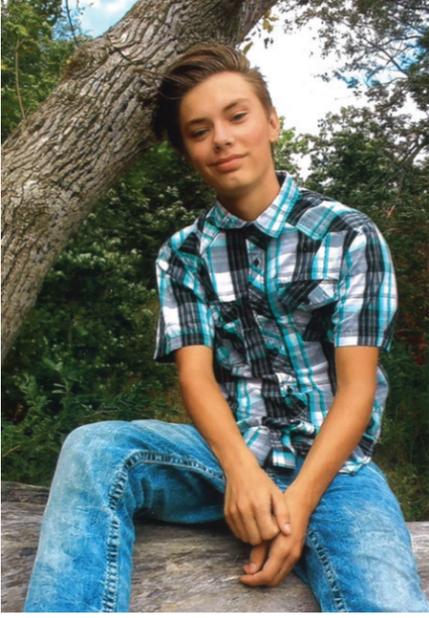
## Principal's 8th Grade Middle School Honor Roll

Twenty-five eighth graders in the Class of 2021 have been selected for the Principal's Middle School 8th Grade Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the eighth graders had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for two years. This year's eighth graders on the Principal's Honor Roll are: Paxton Bonn, Kaden Carda, Tiara DeHoet, Tessa Erdmann, Alyssa Fordham, Braden Freeman, Jasmine Gengerke, Trey Gengerke, Brooklyn Gilbert, Alexis Hanten, Alexa Herr, Chandler Larson, Tanae Lipp, Dragr Monson, Hailey Monson, Alex Morris, Sage Mortenson, Samantha Pappas, Steven Paulson, Kale Pharis, Lucas Simon, Isaac Smith, Erin Unzen, Grace Wambach, Grace Wiedrick

**Back:** Alyssa Fordham, Tessa Erdmann, Jasmine Gengerke, Grace Wiedrick, Tiara DeHoet, Sage Mortenson, Samantha Pappas, Erin Unzen, Tanae Lipp, Grace Wambach, Alexis Hanten, Hailey Monson, Brooklyn Gilbert, Alexa Herr

**Front:** Alex Morris, Trey Gengerke, Chandler Larson, Dragr Monson, Lucas Simon, Steven Paulson, Kaden Carda, Braden Freeman, Paxton Bonn, Isaac Smith, Kale Pharis

## Brett Lynn Benda



**Parent:** Jessica Benda  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Sister:** Hailey Pray 9  
**Hobbies:** pencil drawing, creating music, and being with friends  
**Future plans:** I would like to become a tattoo artist to create Art that will last forever



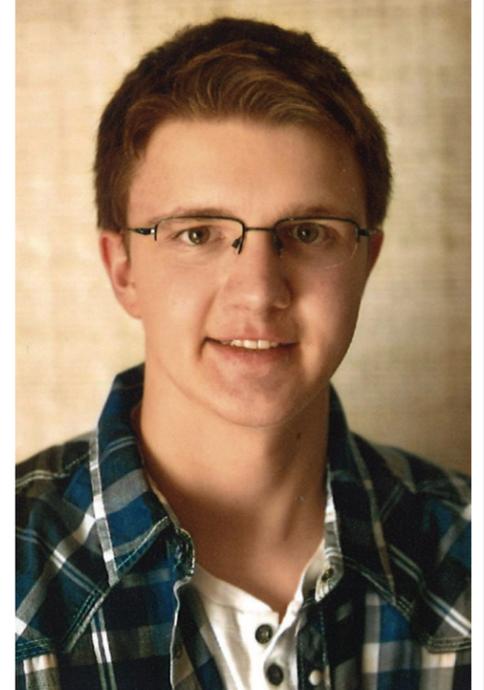
**Congratulations Brett! Best wishes in the future!**



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## Tate Michael Carda



**Parents:** Troy and Rhonda Carda  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brothers:** Tobias "Troy" Carda 22, and Tucker Carda 14  
**Hobbies:** I play Super Smash Brothers on 3DS and Wii U, I write stories online and I play piano  
**School/community activities:** prom, high school choir, FBLA, and working at Ken's  
**Favorite high school memory:** prom 2017- it was the best time!  
**Future plans:** I'm going to participate in Project Search and then get a job



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### American Legion Citizenship Award

Keri Pappas and Landon Marzahn, seniors at Groton Area High School, have been selected to receive the 2016 American Legion Citizenship Award. The basis for the award is honor, courage, scholarship, leadership, and service. Keri and Landon received medals from the Groton American Legion Post #39.

Keri plans to attend South Dakota State University and is the daughter of Kelly and Valerie Pappas of Groton. Landon plans to attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and is the son of Wade and Renee Marzahn of Groton.

**Left to right: Keri Pappas, American Legion representative Doug Hamilton, Landon Marzahn**

**Class Flower: Rose**  
**Class Colors: Royal Blue and Silver**



**Keri Pappas, Thane Henschel, and Erin Smith received John Westby Memorial Scholarships**

**Keri Pappas received the Groton PEO Scholarship and the PEO International Star Scholarship.**

## Braiden Douglas Craig



**Parents:** Lon and Carmen Craig  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother:** Jace Craig  
**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, working on the farm and working on my pick ups  
**School/community activities:** FFA, farm safety  
**Favorite high school memory:** every day in shop class  
**Future plans:** attend Lake Area for Diesel Technology and further my Mechanic skills, and one day return to the family farm.

## Halley Frances Cranford



**Parents:** Heather Jacobs and Dennis Cranford  
**Hometown:** LA, California  
**Brothers:** Thomas Cranford 15, and James Cranford 17  
**Hobbies:** drawing, working out, working  
**School/community activities:** Gymnastics  
**Favorite high school memory:** junior year prom  
**Future plans:** attend NSU for Nursing this August



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Katie Koehler, Heather Lone, Kellyn Fluke, and Audrey Wanner received scholarships. Katie, Heather, and Kellyn received Groton Area School Employee Teaching Scholarships and Audrey received the Phyllis J. Jark Memorial Education Major Scholarship



### CTE Scholar

Seven Groton Area High School students have qualified for the Groton Area High School CTE scholar designation in 2017. Career and Technical Education scholars are students who have completed approved courses in the technical electives, sciences, and mathematics areas and maintain an overall GPA of 3.0, no final grade below a C (2.0) and must complete four units each of English, mathematics and science, three units of social studies, two units of technical electives, and one-half unit each of fine arts and computer science.

The GHS 2017 award recipients are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Alexis Harder, Macy Knecht, Paityn Bonn, Kate Helmer; and in front, left to right, are Landon Marzahn, Patrick Gengerke, Kellyn Fluke

## Douglas Scott Dobbins



**Parent:** Trixy Schwabe  
**Hometown:** Aberdeen  
**Brother and sister:** Dominique 21, and Danielle 20

**Hobbies:** being outside, working, playing video games, going to races and demo derbies

**School/community activities:** Groton area, football, and basketball manager

**Favorite high school memory:** first ever time going to the Dome for me and it being my last year in high school. Beating Roncalli twice in football. Playing in the Dome

**Future plans:** going to Lake Area for Automotive Technology and possibly Welding. I am also looking into the Army as well



Great job Douglas & Good Luck!

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## Nicole Marie Fey



**Parents:** Roxanne and Michael Fey

**Hometown:** Groton

**Hobbies:** fishing, Kayaking, and traveling

**School/community activities:** volleyball and Throwing in track

**Favorite high school memory:** going to track practice

**Future plans:** I plan to go to Lake Area for Welding



Congratulations, Nicole,  
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Macy Knecht recipient of the Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Scholarship and Paityn Bonn recipient of the Irvin and Janice Flihs Family scholarship



Erin Smith and Keri Pappas received the Groton Hopps Dow Scholarship



Lee Schinkel awards Kate Helmer the Groton Kiwanis Community Service Scholarship

## Kellyn Kay Fluke



**Parents:** William Fluke and Tammy and Jim Weiszhaar  
**Hometown:** Bath  
**Brothers and sister:** Chris Weiszhaar 34, Travis Weiszhaar 31, and Caitlyn Fluke 31  
**Hobbies:** watching Netflix, hanging out with friends and family, and vending  
**School/community activities:** cheerleading, FCCLA, FBLA and dance team  
**Favorite high school memory:** making it to the Dome for football our senior year  
**Future plans:** attend SDSU for English Education  
**Awards:** Groton CTE Curriculum Scholar, SDSU Jackrabbit Guarantee, Groton FCCLA Service Award, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Groton Area School Employee Teaching Scholarship.



Congrats Kellyn!!!!!!



## Kayla Fordham



**Parents:** Scott and Mary Fordham  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Sister:** Amanda Fordham-23  
**Hobbies:** camping, art, and writing, making and experiencing new things  
**Favorite high school memory:** spending time in my friends shop with my crew  
**Future plans:** make art and travel living life to the fullest helping people along the way.



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## Principal's 6th grade Middle School Honor Roll

Nineteen sixth graders in the Class of 2023 have been selected for the Principal's Middle School 6th Grade Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the sixth graders had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for one year. This year's sixth graders on the Principal's Honor Roll are: Kaleb Antonsen, Jackson Bahr, Carter Barse, Cole Bisbee, Ethan Clark, Jackson Dinger, Kamryn Flihs, Shallyn Foertsch, Brooke Gengerke, Caleb Hanten, Aspen Johnson, Cade Larson, Tate Larson, Jacob Lewandowski, Andrew Marzahn, Cole Simon, Cadance Tullis, Ava Tunheim, Elliana Weismantel

**Back:** Kaleb Antonsen, Carter Barse, Tate Larson, Cade Larson, Jacob Lewandowski, Ava Tunheim, Shallyn Foertsch, Elliana Weismantel

**Front:** Jackson Dinger, Ethan Clark, Cole Simon, Jackson Bahr, Caleb Hanten, Andrew Marzahn, Cole Bisbee, Brooke Gengerke, Aspen Johnson, Cadance Tullis

**Absent:** Kamryn Flihs

## Dillon Scott Freeman



**Parents:** Scott and Shelley Freeman

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sisters and brother:** Kristine Hinman 32, Kaylene Hinman 29, Braden Freeman 14

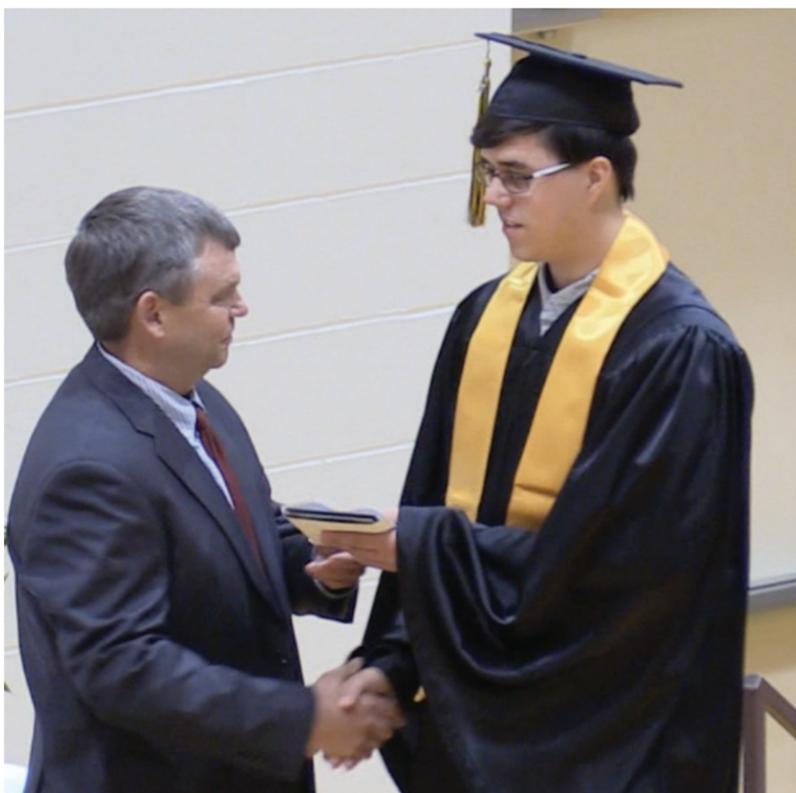
**Hobbies:** riding motorcycle, working on computers, playing video games, and spending time with friends and family.

**School/community activities:** band, marching band, large group contest, soloist competitions, and pops concert performance.

**Favorite high school memory:** spending time with classmates forming memories and friendships that will last forever.

**Future plans:** going to Mitchell Tech for information Systems Technology Proceeding graduation from MTI I will be moving to Rapid City to pursue my career

**Award:** SD Build Dakota Scholarship – Full tuition, fees, books and computer scholarship for two years



Congratulation, Dillon, on your great scholarship award and good luck!

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## Joseph Thomas Groeblinghoff



**Parents:** Matt and Joni Groeblinghoff

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers and sister:** Ryan 11, Nicholas 9, Katie 20

**Hobbies:** I like to fish, hunt, and work on about anything with a motor. Care of my chickens

**School/community activities:** I played football, I also played baseball

**Favorite high school memory:** going to the Dakota Dome for State football my senior year.

**Future plans:** Either go to Lake Area in Wattertown for Automotive Technology or just go to work.



We wish you the best of luck, Joseph!

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Hai Ku received the Orval and Bernice Smith Memorial Scholarship



Kate Helmer received the Kiwanis Community Service Scholarship and Erin Smith received the Groton PAC Community Service Scholarship



Sean Schuring received the Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship and Trevor Pray received the Brian Sundstrom Wrestling Memorial Scholarship

## Shelby Kay Hjermsstad



**Parents:** Randy Hjermsstad and Sandy Hoops  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brothers and sister:** Shannon 20, Aaron 38, Adam 37, Sadie, 36; Drew 33, and Lee 32  
**Hobbies:** sing, be with friends and family, spend time outside, and reading  
**School/community activities:** student manager for girls basketball, FCCLA, work at Golden living center, St. John's youth group  
**Favorite high school memory:** Prom 2017  
**Future plans:** get a job



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## Colt Ryder Hokana



**Parents:** Curt and Merri Hokana  
**Hometown:** Columbia  
**Hobbies:** rodeo, riding bareback Horses anything that's fun  
**School/community activities:** high school Rodeo and Groton FFA  
**Future plans:** Gillette College for Welding Degree, Rodeo on college Rodeo team and Rodeo cowboy for a living



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Thane Henschel and Keri Pappas received Scottish Rite Book Grants



Nathan Fjelstad and Whitney Voss received the Class of 69 Scholarships.



Patrick Gengerke and Kate Helmer received the Ruden Family Ag Scholarships

## Katlyn Hale Idt



**Parents:** Brain and Rebecca Idt  
**Hometown:** Andover  
**Brother:** Aaron-12  
**Hobbies:** reading, playing with my dogs  
**Favorite high school memory:** making it to the Dome  
**Future plans:** I am going to Northern State University for Psychology  
**Award:** Northern State WolfPACT Scholarship

## Peyton Keith Jondahl



**Parents:** Kevin and Sharyl Johndahl  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Sister:** Sashia- 32  
**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, and riding motorcycle  
**Future plans:** going to Mitchell Tech for the Power sports program



Congratulations Katlyn!



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Congratulations! Best wishes. from Mark and Kelly



NSU scholarship recipients: Bennett Shabazz, Alex Kern, Katlyn Idt, Audrey Wanner



Whitney Voss, McClain Lone and Heather Lone received the Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship



Groton students received several scholarships: Tage Taylor (Stratford Community Theatre Scholarship, Landon Marzahn (Brown County CFEL, Cathoic United Financial Scholarships, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Scholarship), Keri Pappas (Avera St. Lukes Auxiliary Scholarship, Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship).

# Alexander Henry Kern



**Parents:** Mother-Sandra Marpu, father Zachary Kern, and Step dad Stacy Mayou  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brothers and sisters:** Amanda Kern 29, Aaron Kern 27, Emily Kern 24, Tonya Mayou and Hayley Mayou 22  
**Hobbies:** part time job  
**School/community activities:** Luther league, show choir, chamber choir, all state choir, choir, band, marching band, pep band, football, all school play  
**Favorite high school memory:** the homecoming of my freshman year

**Future plans:** attend a four- year college and get a bachelors degree

**Awards:** Northern State WolfPACT Scholarship, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, YBA Scholarship



Congratulation Alex and Good Luck in your future!

# Katelyn Rose Koehler



**Parents:** Rick and Sherry Koehler  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother and sisters:** Ryan-26, Ashleigh 25, Nikki 20  
**Hobbies:** hang with friends and family going fishing and hunting; having movie nights  
**School/community activities:** volleyball, soccer, basketball, track, youth group, FCCLA  
**Favorite high school memory:** when Shelby Hjermstad came into basketball game against Redfield and made a basket. Also beating Roncalli to go to the Dome.

**Future plans:** attend Northern State University and major in Elementary Education and double major in Special Ed

**Awards:** Groton FCCLA Service Award, Groton Area School Employee Teaching Scholarship.



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Lee Schinkel awards Erin Smith the Susan Clawson Grace Teaching Scholarship



FCCLA - Kellyn Fluke, Heather Lone, Katie Koehler, Jessica Adler, Halie Yarborough, Alexis Harder received the FCCLA Service Awards

## Gabrielle Rebecca Kramer



**Parents:** Dale and Traci Kramer and Michele Kramer  
**Brother and sisters:** Ava-12, Sklyer 8, Emma 8  
**Hobbies:** drawing, singing, dancing, taking things apart, and video games  
**School/community activities:** show choir, chamber choir, all-state choir, honor choir, school play, one-act play, and cross country  
**Favorite High school memory:** traveling with show choir  
**Future plans:** go to South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and major in Mechanical Engineering

**Awards:** SD Opportunity Scholarship, SDSM&T Freshman Scholarship



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## Hai Ku



**Parents:** Eh Lah and Ah de  
**Parents:** (Thailand) Groton  
**Sister:** Paw Shee 22  
**Hobbies:** shopping, spend time with friends  
**School/community activities:** Karen community event, photographer for school yearbook  
**Favorite High school memory:** The day Mrs. Sternhagen called me down to let me know that I received a scholarship  
**Future plans:** to attend Northern State University to study Business

**Awards:** Principal's Student Service Award 2017, Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Orval and Bernice Smith Memorial Scholarship, Groton Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship



Congratulations Hai Ku from all your friends at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center.



FFA - Paityn Bonn, Patrick Gengerke, Trey Wright, Emma Watje, Kate Helmer received the Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship



Whitney Voss received the Tom and Barbara Paepke Fine Arts Scholarship and Patrick Gengerke received the Tom and Barbara Paepke Career in Agriculture Scholarship

## Wyatt Ryan Kurtz



**Parents:** Tom and Cheri Strom, Randy Kurtz

**Hometown:** Conde

**Brothers and sisters:** Clayton-16, Alicia 29, Greg 31, and Garrett 33

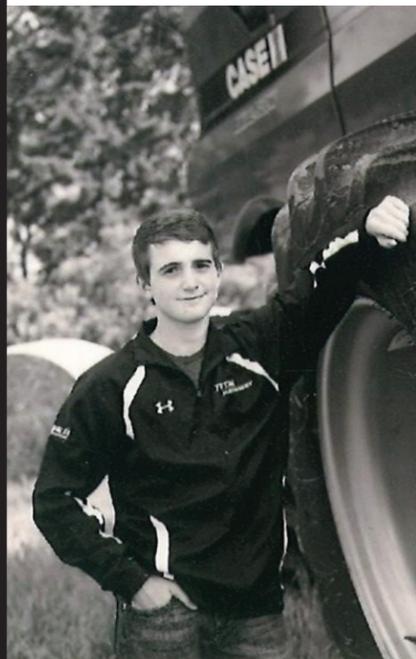
**Hobbies:** working on my pick up, hanging out with my friends and girlfriend

**School/community activities:** soccer and wrestling

**Favorite high school memory:** winning state soccer in 2014

**Future plans:** attend Lake Area tech for Diesel technician

## Mark Wesley Leonhardt



**Parents:** Terry and Cindy Leonhardt

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sisters:** Taylor and Cheyenne 22 and Tyra 21

**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, and trapping

**School/community activities:** high school rodeo, and 4H

**Favorite high school memory:** watching the football team beat Roncalli twice.

**Future plans:** attend Lake Area Tech for Ag business then coming back to Groton to farm along side my dad



Best wishes in your next adventure, Wyatt!! Love you!



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Whitney Voss received the Jean Conley Brokaw Scholarship and Heather Lone received the Anthony O'Brokaw Scholarship



Dillon Freeman received the SD Build Dakota Scholarship for SD technical schools and Nathan Fjelstad received the SD Dakota Corps Critical Need Scholarship for the SD universities. Both scholarships pay full tuition and fees for all years of attendance.



Kate Helmer and Patrick Gengerke received the Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarships

## Emily Pearl Locke



**Parents:** Darren and Lisa Locke

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers:** Dalton 22, oldest brother and Little brother Wyatt Locke 16

**Hobbies:** I like being at the lake with friends. Hanging out with friends and being with my family

**School/community activities:** I play soccer and basketball. I coach little kids soccer. I am a member of FCCLA for about four years.

**Favorite high school memory:** junior year at prom we were dancing and sent me flying forward onto a prop

**Future plans:** I plan to attend Southeast Team in the fall and continue my Education. I plan to major in Vascular Technician.

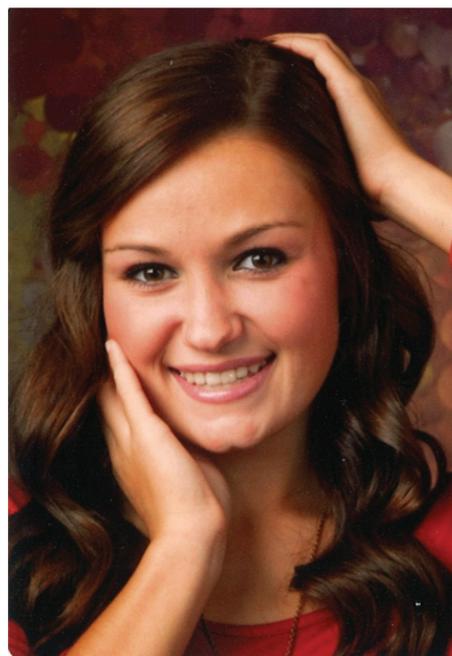
**Award:** Groton Sammuli-Rix Scholarship



Congratulations! Best wishes. Mark and Kelly



## Heather Marie Lone



**Parents:** Michael and Barbara Lone

**Hometown:** Bristol

**Sister:** Karie Lone 20

**Hobbies:** playing soccer, running, swimming, helping little kids, hanging with friends, going to the lake, and singing

**School/community activities:** varsity soccer, varsity track, football manager, wrestling manager, FCCLA member, high school choir, show choir (2 years), Bethesda Lutheran Church Luther League member.

**Favorite high school memory:** my 4x100m relay team placing at the State track meet my sophomore year.

**Future plans:** I plan to attend Northern State University in the fall to major in Elementary Education, in hopes to become a Kindergarten or Preschool Teacher

**Awards:** Anthony O'Brokaw Memorial Scholarship, Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship, Groton FCCLA Service Award, Groton Area School Employee Teaching Scholarship



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Keri Pappas, valedictorian, led the student-led prayer at the beginning of the ceremony.

Cindy Fadness was also recognized for her 26 years as an elementary special education instructor.



Chuck Padfield was recognized for 28 years as the district's Food Service Director. He is retiring at the end of this school year.



Truitt Rogers and Macy Knecht were the student speakers.

## McClain Garry Lone



**Parents:** Merry and Garry Lone  
**Hometown:** Bristol  
**Sisters:** Olivis 21, and Angela 31  
**Hobbies:** snowmobling, weight lifting, w Boarding, spending time with friends and family  
**School/community activities:** football, track, member of United Methodist church in Bristol  
**Favorite high school memory:** playing in the football state championship  
**Future plans:** attending Mitchell Tech for Powerline Maintenance and repair

**Awards:** Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship, Richard Durre Memorial Scholarship



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## Ambercorbie McKay



**Parents:** Catalina Sawatzky  
**Hometown:** Aberdeen  
**Brother and sisters:** Micheal Sawatzky 33, Michelle Sawatzky 32, and Carly Rae Everenden 30  
**School/community activities:** FFA  
**Favorite High school memory:** Paityn Bonn, Sade Hedges and I taught the fourth graders in the area about Dairy foods and a kid asked if we could milk a chicken  
**Future plans:** attending Lake Area Technical Institute to pursue a career in Occupational therapy Assisting



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Richard Donovan presents the Kay and David Donovan Memorial Scholarship to Jessica Adler



Landon Marzahn and Paityn Bonn received the Groton Eastern Star scholarships



Keri Pappas and Alex Kern received the Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarships

## Nicklos Lee Menzia



**Parents:** Ann and Eric Menzia

**Hometown:** Conde

**Sisters:** Sanjay Ramon 22, Sam Menzia 16, Sara Menzia 11

**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, playing guitar

**School/community activities:** football, trapshooting

**Favorite high school memory:** hanging out with friends

**Future plans:** will be attending Lake Area Tech for Ag. Aviation

**Award:** Barry Schuring Memorial Scholarship



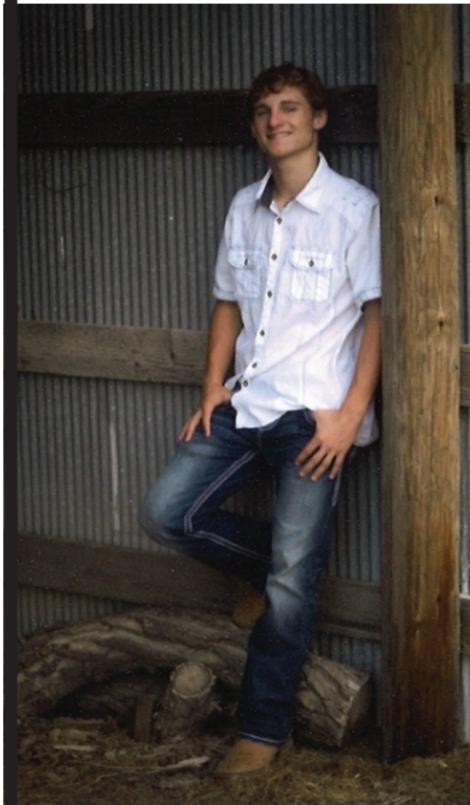
Congratulations Nick!



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## Trevor Matthew Pray



**Parents:** Chad and Chanise Pray

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers and sisters:** Paige 20, Cory 23, Chelsea 25, Danielle 29

**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, snow mobbing, hanging out with friends

**School/community activities:** football, track, wrestling soccer

**Favorite high school memory:** beating Roncalli in play offs and going to the Dome

**Future Plans:** attend Lake Area Technical Institute and major in Diesel Mechanic. After I plan to come home and help my dad on the farm

**Award:** Brian Sundstrom Wrestling Memorial Scholarship



Congratulations Trevor!



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Sarah Harms (middle) presents Macy Knecht (left) and Paityn Bonn (right) the Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarships



Kate Helmer (left) and Patrick Gengerke (right) are awarded Full Circle Ag Scholarships by Lance Frohling (center).

## Tyler Garth Richards



**Parents:** Scott and Christine Richards

**Hometown:** Aberdeen

**Brother and sisters:** Matthew 20, Cody 17, Sheyanne 14, Ava 9, and Isabella 5

**Hobbies:** Rodeo and hunting/fishing. A lot of things with horses

**School/community activities:** I've given a lot of blood and I've picked up trash and many things within Aberdeen

**Favorite high school memory:** coming to Groton. I've been to a lot of high schools while growing up. By far though, Groton has been the best

**Future plans:** I've already enlisted in the Army, and plan on living the military just like my father and his. After though, I plan on starting my life and try to live it to the fullest



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## Truitt Latham Rogers



**Parents:** Dirk and Jennifer Rogers

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sisters:** Sadie 21, Indigo 15

**Hobbies:** hanging out with friends video games and sports

**School/community activities:** soccer, baseball, and choir

**Favorite high school memory:** winning state soccer

**Future plans:** attend lake Area Tech in Business Marketing and Management



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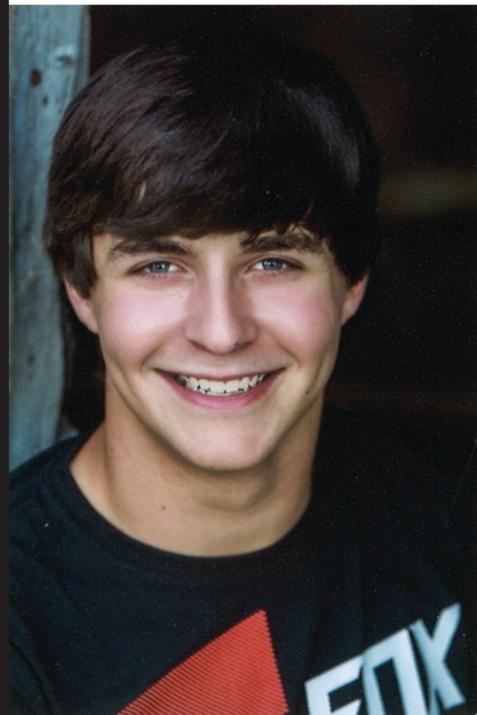


Five Groton seniors were named recipients of the Groton Kuehnert Scholarships:  
Keri Pappas - Kuehnert Valedictorian  
Landon Marzahn - Kuehnert Trade, Technical, Science, or Math,  
Trey Wright - Kuehnert Financial Need  
Bennett Shabazz - Kuehnert Athletic  
Erin Smith - Kuehnert Salutatorian



Nathan Fjelstad and Keri Pappas were awarded James Valley Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarships

## Reed Andrew Sattler



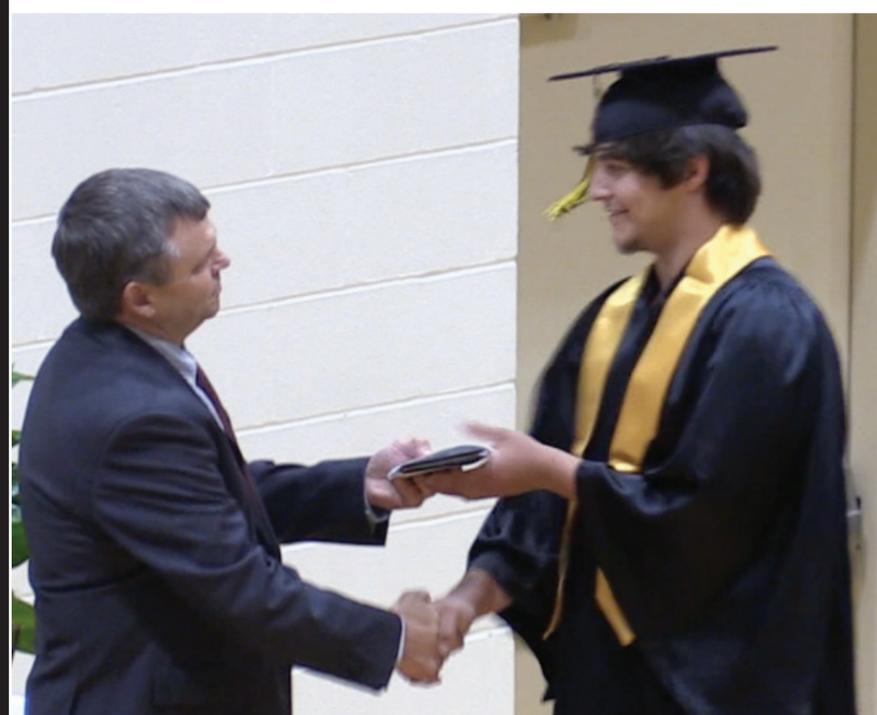
**Parents:** Jason Sattler and Twylla Sattler  
**Hometown:** Bath  
**Sister and brother:** Kaitlyn Sattler 22, and Schyler Sattler 21  
**Hobbies:** working on cars, doing carpentry work  
**Favorite high school memory:** would have to be driving around in a 1928 Model A the day before prom  
**Future plans:** I plan on going to Lake Area tech for Custom Paint and Fabrication

## Sean Brian Schuring



**Parents:** Brian and Andrea Schuring, and Brian and Teresa Adam  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Sisters:** Morgan 25, and Alexa 23  
**Hobbies:** hanging out with friends and competing in sports  
**School/community activities:** basketball, track, golf, and baseball, and HS choir  
**Favorite high school memory:** hitting a hole-in-one my senior year of golf  
**Future plans:** attend Presentation College in Aberdeen and major in Exercise Science. Also, continue playing basketball

**Awards:** Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship, Presentation College Scholarship, Groton Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship



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**Congrats Sean!!!**



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**Four Groton students received scholarships from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Larry Simonson, SDSMT rep, Gabielle Kramer, Landon Marzahn, Trey Wright, Nathan Fjelstad**



**Halie Yarborough and Emily Locke received the Groton Sammuli-Rix Scholarships**

## Willow Marie Seurer



**Parents:** Marti Seurer  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother:** Boady Looney 17  
**Hobbies:** hanging with friends  
**Favorite high school memory:** hanging out in Kate's shop  
**Future plans:** attend LATI for business  
**Award:** Groton Lions Club Scholarship



Congratulations Willow and best wishes in the future!!



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## Bennett Jamal Shabazz



**Parents:** Cheri and Zelos Johnson  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brothers:** Seric Shabazz 17, and Darien Shabazz 15  
**Hobbies:** playing sports, video games, lifting, driving around with friends  
**School/community activities:** football, basketball, baseball, track, and choir  
**Favorite high school memory:** beating Roncalli to go the Dome  
**Future plans:** attend Northern to play football and go into Pre- physical  
**Awards:** Northern State WolfPACT Scholarship, Northern State Football Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Athletic Scholarship



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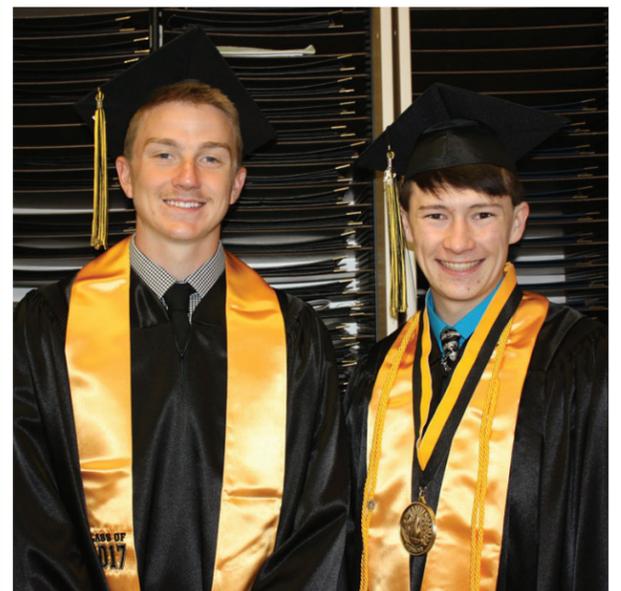
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Ten Groton students received the Lions Club Scholarship

Back: Landon Marzahn, Bennett Shabazz, Jessica Adler, Willow Seurer, Keri Pappas

Front: Megan Malsam, Whitney Voss, Alexis Harder, Hai Ku, Macy Knecht



Sean Schuring and Thane Henschel received the Groton Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarships

## Shane Nicholas Simon



**Parents:** Steve and Peggy Simon

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother and sister:** Stephen Simon 22, Maggie Simon 19

**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, bow fishing, snowmobiling, spending time at the lake

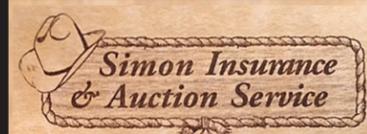
**School/community activities:** FFA, football, member of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Favorite high school memory:** making it to the Dome for football

**Future plans:** attending Lake Area for Precision Ag and working at Simon farm and Simon Insurance



**Congratulations Shane!**



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## Tage Suzanne Taylor



**Parents:** Richard and Tennille Taylor

**Hometown:** Stratford

**Brother:** Little brother Taryn Taylor age 14

**Hobbies:** painting and drawing, showing sheep, and hanging out with friends

**School/community activities:** I am in 4-H and FCCLA

**Favorite high school memory:** homecoming

**Future plans:** I plan to attend Minnesota State University- Moorhead to be an Art Teacher with a minor in Art Therapy

**Awards:** Renee McKiver Memorial Scholarship, Stratford Community Theatre Scholarship



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Six Groton students received scholarships from SDSU: Alexis Harder, Erin Smith, Thane Henschel, Jessica Adler, Keri Pappas, Kellyn Fluke



Trey Wright received the Groton Masonic Lodge Scholarship and Nick Menzia received the Barry Schuring Memorial Scholarship

## Whitney Jo Voss



**Parents:** Chad and Joy Voss  
**Hometown:** Bristol  
**Brother:** Alec Voss 20  
**Hobbies:** hanging with friends, hunting, tubing, baking, listening to music, reading  
**School/community activities:** FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), volleyball, volleyball stats, golf, Luther league at Bergen Lutheran Church, show choir, jazz band  
**Favorite high memory:** winning state show choir in Sioux Falls  
**Future plans:** I am attending Minnesota State University Moorhead and majoring in Speech-Language Pathology

**Awards:** Minnesota State University Moorhead, Jean Conley Brokaw Memorial Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship, Tom and Barbara Paepke Fine Arts Scholarship, Groton Class of 1969 Scholarship



**Congratulations Whitney!**



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## President's Education Awards Program

Eight students in the Class of 2017 have qualified for the President's Education Awards Program. The awards are an effort by the U.S. Department of Education to recognize outstanding educational achievement and effort. The criteria have been developed to reflect changes occurring in the schools and to provide schools with both clear guidelines and flexibility. They are meant to reflect the state, local and national efforts to raise academic standards as embodied in the National Education goals.

"It is really nice to be able to recognize these seniors. They have worked hard for four years, have exceptional grade point averages, and have performed well on standardized testing," stated Jodi Sternhagen, Groton Area High School Counselor. The President's Award for Educational Excellence is signed by the President, Secretary of Education, and the school principal. Criteria include a grade point average of 3.5 or above and standardized test achievement at the 85th percentile or higher in math or reading.

**Those qualifying in the Class of 2017 are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Patrick Gengerke, Landon Marzahn, Trey Wright, Nathan Fjelstad and Thane Henschel; in front, left to right, are Alexis Harder, Erin Smith and Keri Pappas.**



## Audrey Rose Wanner



**Parents:** Lynn and Shaun Wanner  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother and sister:** Andrew 29, Erin 23, and Eliza 14  
**Hobbies:** sports, hanging out with friends, singing and dancing, movie nights, spending time at the lake  
**School/ community activities:** volleyball, basketball, track, dance team, FFA member of the First Reformed church in Aberdeen  
**Favorite high school memory:** when Shelby Hjernstad came into our last home game, senior year against Redfield and made a basket

**Future plans:** attend Northern State University double major in Musical Theater and English Education

**Awards:** Northern State University Music Performance Scholarship, Northern State University Theatre Scholarship, Groton Phyllis J. Jark Memorial Education Major Scholarship



**Congrats Auds!!!!**



## Emmalea Joy Watje



**Parents:** Neil Watje and Angie Watje

**Hometown:** showing livestock, judging livestock

**School/community activities:** FFA, 4H

**Future plans:** attend Lake Area Tech to major Ag Business

**Awards:** Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Andover Threshing Association Scholarship, Round Lake Minnesota Legion Scholarship

## Turner Thomas Webb



**Parents:** Kent Webb and Lori Webb

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sister:** Hannah 19

**Hobbies:** wrenching on my short box Chevy and making money

**School/community activities:** Groton baseball and FFA

**Favorite high school memory:** being with my friends everyday

**Future plans:** attend SDSU for Agronomy



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## Regents' Scholar Diploma

Five seniors from Groton Area High School are recipients of a Regents' Scholar Diploma awarded by the South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

The diplomas recognize students for academic achievement over the course of their high school career. Students earning the award automatically qualify for entry into any of South Dakota's six state-supported universities.

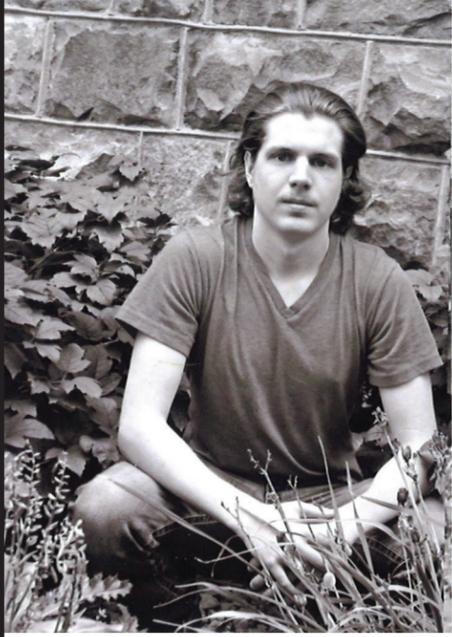
To earn a Regents' Scholar Diploma, students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average, no final grade below a C (2.0) and must complete four units each of English, mathematics and science, three units of social studies, two units of one modern or classical language and one-half unit each of fine arts and computer science.

The diplomas are signed by Governor Dennis Daugaard, the Secretary of State, the Department of Education Secretary, the South Dakota Board of Education President, and the Board of Regents President.

**The 2017 GHS recipients are pictured above, left to right: Keri Pappas, Megan Malsam, Nathan Fjelstad, Thane Henschel and Erin Smith.**



## Kayde Michael Wiedrick



**Parents:** Mike Wiedrick and LeeAnn Harrell

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sisters and brother:** Ashlee-33, Garrett 21, Shannon 17, Grace 15

**Hobbies:** fishing, working on my car, bond fires with friends

**Favorite high school memory:** having fun with my friends

**Future plans:** becoming a police officer or a Mechanic



Best wishes Kayde in your future as you graduate and start the next adventure!!



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## Franklin George Allen Michael Wuestewald



**Hometown:** Huron

**Brothers and sisters:** my brothers and sisters are the ones who have been by my side all 4 years here in Groton

**Hobbies:** sports, art, or just video games, plus hanging out with friends

**School/community activities:** basketball, football, and track

**Favorite high school memory:** Well I don't have just one but playing along side my brothers during basketball all these years. But my personal memory is getting 4th place at regions for my 400m dash

**Future plans:** Either become a Welder, Tattoo artist or become a Therapist/Social Worker.



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## Halie Elizabeth Rose Yarborough



**Parents:** Kim Yarborough

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother:** Tomas Yarborough 21

**Hobbies:** reading, writing, and spending time with friends

**School/community activities:** Drama club, FCCLA, and DI

**Favorite high school memory:** being student director for the school play

**Future plans:** going to Northern to major in Secondary English Education and minoring in special Education.

**Awards:** Groton FCCLA Service Award, Groton Sammuli-Rix Scholarship



*Congratulations Halie from*



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