



## The Rumor Mill!

Rumors have been floating around that the sixth graders will be returning to the elementary school once the construction is completed. This morning I talked with Steve Smith, president of the Groton Area School Board. He said that the sixth graders will not be moving back to the elementary school and that they will remain at the middle school.

So if you hear such a rumor, now you know the truth!

## SD Fire Departments Awarded Almost \$300,000 in Grant Funding

RAPID CITY, S.D.— The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's (SDDA) Wildland Fire Division has awarded almost \$300,000 in grant funds to volunteer fire departments across the state for the state's 2018 fiscal year.

Funds for the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant program come from the U.S. Forest Service to help volunteer fire departments obtain needed training and equipment in order to provide fire protection to the rural areas of South Dakota.

"This year, we received almost 100 applications for assistance totaling over \$717,000 in project costs," said assistant chief Jim Burk. "Available funding this year allowed us to award \$298,000 towards 82 projects with a total value of over \$717,000. One project is for training. The remaining 81 projects are combination projects for equipment, personal protective equipment and communications."

The Wildland Fire Division receives an average of 75 applications for VFA funding with around 35 being funded each year. A scoring process is used to rate each application. Factors considered include such things as annual budget, protection area size, Insurance Services Organization rating, training attendance and number of certified personnel.

"Many of the departments in South Dakota have annual budgets of \$10,000 or less making it very difficult for them to keep equipment in working order and keep their members trained," said Burk. "The Volunteer Fire Assistance program is well re-



**Robert Wegner, Groton Post #39 Commander, was the master of ceremony at the Memorial Day Service held at the Groton Cemetery. In back in the honor guard. Those in the photo are Katie Miller - bugler, Gilbert Hinkelman, Bud Bell, Bruce Babcock, Doug Hamilton, Dale Wolter, Roger Overacker, Ben Schaller, Dale Kurth and Jake McKiver. Not pictured is Ron Falk.**



**Michelle Erickson, Auxiliary president, and Tammi Zimney read the honor roll of over 300 veterans.**

ceived by the departments as it helps the recipients acquire needed equipment or training to provide fire protection safely and efficiently to their communities."

The following area communities received grants:

Aberdeen Rural Fire Protection District, PPE, Equipment, grant of \$3,918, total cost \$7,836.

Claremont Area Fire Protection District, PPE, Equipment, grant of \$2855, total cost \$5709.

Columbia Area Fire District, PPE, grant of \$4,000, total cost \$8,052.

Hecla Area Fire Protection District, Communications, grant of \$3,400, total cost \$6,800

Hosmer Rural Fire Protection District, PPE, grant of \$4,000, total cost \$9,140.

Ipswich Volunteer Fire Department, equipment, grant of \$4,000, total cost of \$9,891.

Leola Volunteer Fire Department, PPE, grant of \$4,000, total cost of \$9,901.

Roscoe Volunteer Fire Department, equipment, grant of \$2,128, total cost of \$4,257.

Stratford Community Fire Department, equipment, grant of \$3,880, total cost of \$7,760.

Waubay Fire Department, equipment, grant of \$4,000, total cost of \$9,837.

SD Wildland Fire, 2017 Academy, grant of \$12,500, total cost of \$25,000.

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**Wanner places in two events at state track meet**

Several Groton Area athletes placed at the state track meet held this weekend in Tea and Sioux Falls. Overall, the girls team finished 12th with 23 points. Audrey Wanner placed in two events, taking second in the long jump and fifth in the triple jump. Harleigh Stange placed fifth in the long jump, and Jessica Bjerke placed fifth and Taylor Holm sixth in the discus.

Jonathan Doeden was the only one to place for the boys as he took fourth in the 110m hurdles.

**GIRLS LONG JUMP** -- 1, Shayla Howell, Belle Fourche, 18-05.75; 2, Audrey Wanner, Groton Area, 17-03.50; 3, Mikayla Wevik, Tea Area, 16-10.00; 4, Sydney Goertel, West Central, 16-09.75; 5, Harleigh Stange, Groton Area, 16-07.00; 6, Lydia Gerber, Canton, 16-05.50; T-7, Jocelyn Krouse, McCook Central, 16-03.25; T-7; Lynsey Stevens, Sioux Valley, 16-03.25

**GIRLS TRIPLE JUMP** -- 1, Shayla Howell, Belle Fourche, 39-09.25 \*New Record\*; 2, Anna Rasmussen, Dakota Valley, 35-10.50; 3, Echo Ecoffey, Red Cloud, 35-08.25; 4, Claire Stoller, Madison, 34-11.25; 5, Audrey Wanner, Groton Area, 34-09.50; 6, Bella Jensen, Belle Fourche, 34-09.00; 7, Riley Donnelly, Elk Point-Jefferson, 34-09.00; 8, Sydney Goertel, West Central, 34-08.25

**GIRLS DISCUS** — 1, Jordan Menken, Custer, 137-07; 2, Faith Leiseth, Hamlin, 128-05; 3, Janae Patterson, Wagner, 124-11; 4, Cali Boden, Beresford; 5, Jessica Bjerke, Groton Area, 115-03; 6, Taylor Holm, Groton Area, 112-05; 7, Kenna Curry, Elk Point-Jefferson, 112-03; 8, Mady Handel, Chamberlain, 111-02.

**BOYS 110 HURDLES** — 1, Cooper Baloun, Redfield/Doland, 15.08; 2, Justus Adams, SF Christian, 15.19; 3, Caden Lamer, Tri-Valley, 15.57; 4, Jonathan Doeden, Groton, 15.67; 5, Stephon St. Pierre, Wagner, 15.70; 6, Cade Poppen, Hamlin, 15.89; 7, Ethan Gilbert, Lennox, 15.97; 8, Brenden Johnson, Hill City, 16.46.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS** — t-1, Madison, St. Thomas More, 64; 3, Custer, 62; 4, Dakota Valley, 49; 5, West Central, 45; 6, Belle Fourche, 43.50; 7, Spearfish, 34; 8, Canton, 32; 9, Hill City, 27; t-10, Tea Area, Todd County, 26; 12, Groton Area, 23; 13, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, 21; 14, Beresford, 19.50; 15, Tri-Valley, 19; 16, SF Christian, 17.50; 17, Vermillion, 16; 18, Lennox, 14; t-19, Hamlin, Chamberlain, Elk Point-Jefferson, 13; 22, McCook Central/Montrose, 12.50; t-23, Dell Rapids, Ethan/Parkston, 12; 25, Sioux Valley, 11; 26, Lead-Deadwood, 10; 27, Wagner, 9; 28, Britton-Hecla, Winner, 7; 30, Red Cloud, 6; 31, Redfield/Doland, 5; 32, Stanley County, 4; 33, Bon Homme, 2; 34, Flandreau, 1.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS** — 1, SF Christian, 112; 2, St. Thomas More, 106; 3, Madison, 41; 4, Winner, 40; 5, Chamberlain, 37; 6, Spearfish, 36; t-7, Tri-Valley, Dell Rapids, 32; 9, Aberdeen Roncalli, 25; 10, Custer, 24; 11, Hill City, 23; 12, West Central, 21; 13, Stanley County, 19; 14, Garretson, 17; 15, Beresford, 15; t-16, Lennox, Lead-Deadwood, 14; 18, Dakota Valley, 13; 19, Miller, 11; t-20, Vermillion, Redfield/Doland, Tea Area, 10; 23, Canton, 9; t-24, Webster Area, Hamlin, 8; t-26, Milbank Area, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, 7; 28, Hot Springs, 6; t-29, Groton Area, Bon Homme, 5; t-31, Britton-Hecla, Wagner, 4; t-33, Clark/Willow Lake, Red Cloud, 3; t-35, Bennett County, Elk Point-Jefferson, 2; t-37, Todd County, Belle Fourche, Mobridge-Pollock, Little Wound, 1.



Jessica Bjerke placed fifth and Taylor Holm sixth in the girls discus at the state track meet. Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting. ©2017 SDPB

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Jonathan Doeden placed fourth in the 110m Hurdles. (Photo by Liz Doeden)



Audrey Wanner placed fifth in the triple jump at the state track meet. Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting. ©2017 SDPB



Audrey Wanner placed second and Harleigh Stange fifth in the long jump at the state track meet. Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting. ©2017 SDPB

**Brown County  
May 23, 2017**

**Meeting Minutes**

MAY 23, 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 Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

**Professional Fees:** Avera St. Luke's \$13,290.50; Dallas Co. Sheriff \$37.56; Dependable Sanitation \$26,747.06; Dohrer Law Office \$873.40; Marv Ekeren \$33.00; HipLink Software \$4,941.00; Mark Katterhagen \$60.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$1,120.00; Lucy Lewno \$477.00; Jerald McNeary \$106.50; NEM-HC \$1,404.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$1,381.20; Ronayne Law Office \$6,931.65; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$1,390.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$314.60; Karen Swanda \$27.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$3,496.80; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$50.00.

**Publishing:** Aberdeen American News \$2,552.36; Forum Communications Co. \$29.65; Gregory Plains Publishing \$11.70; Groton Independent \$1,071.59; Rapid City Journal \$27.42; Star Tribune \$145.60; Teton Times \$13.65.

**Repairs & Maintenance:** Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$1,169.06; Ben Hofer Backhoe Service \$820.00; Dakota Electronics \$117.00; Hase Plumbing & Heating \$957.74; Hoven Auto Repair \$345.20; Leidholt Electric \$112.25; Lien Transportation \$300,089.21; Pierson-Ford \$256.20; Ringgenberg Electric \$622.07; Vosika Fencing \$198.97; Walth Safety Service \$697.03.

**Supplies:** Digital Ally \$205.00; Ferguson Enterprises \$178.91; Geffdog \$86.00; Intoximeters \$2,100.00; Jebro \$10,927.81; Leidholt Tool Sales \$88.95; Lucy Lewno \$17.88; Lien Transportation \$1,982.75; Marco \$320.70; Menards \$137.98; Minn-Kota Communications \$221.00; Network Services \$135.98; Parcel-Erickson \$35.00; TrueNorth Steel \$27,871.50; West Payment Center \$1,737.48.

**Travel & Conference:** Jodi Brown \$96.00; Duane Jark \$69.59; Troy Knecht \$71.44; Gene Loeschke \$253.33; Derek Ricci \$195.00; Sarah Swenson \$118.91; Ernest Thompson \$96.00; Ryan Vogel \$96.00; Chris White \$403.38; Dennis Wiedebush \$45.12.

**Utilities:** AT&T \$455.88; CenturyLink \$2,401.54; Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$233.10; Midcontinent \$265.63; Northern Electric \$80.00; NWP \$1,959.62; Verizon \$2,953.54.

**Other:** Pizza Ranch \$61.46; Marian Starr \$140.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

effective May 30, 2017 and Chris Holmes, effective Jun 5, 2017 as Highway Labor Grade 3 employees @ \$17.89 per hour.

Approve hiring Merrell Ness as full-time Jail Correctional Officer, effective May 25, 2017 @ \$15.83 per hour.

Approve employee classification change for Erin Bacon from Dispatcher to Assistant Communication Director, effective May 21, 2017 @ \$19.66 per hour.

Approve hiring Josh Wilson as States Attorney Summer Intern, effective May 22, 2017 @ \$500.00 per week.

Approve request for unpaid Leave of Absence for an Employee, effective May 15 thru Jun 16, 2017.

Authorize payment of \$150.00 to Sheila Anderson Dispatch retiree, effective May 19, 2017; and approve re-hiring on a part-time basis, effective May 21, 2017 @ \$20.10 per hour.

Approve hiring Zac Ganje as seasonal Fairgrounds employee, effective May 30, 2017 @ \$11.38 per hour.

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of April 2017: Kendell Titze- 105 @ \$56.18, Dirk Rogers- 532 @ \$284.62, Mike Scott- 180 @ \$96.30, Gary Vetter- 98 @ \$52.43.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLATS:** Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #31-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "JGE Addition in the NE ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD" having been examined, is hereby approved in

accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #32-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "Lamont Eleventh Addition in the NE ¼ of Sec 20-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

**DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign renewal application with Dearborn National Life Insurance Company for employee life insurance coverage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**WELLMARK WAGE WORKS:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign documentation for Health Savings Account (HAS) administration services for county employees with Wellmark Wage Works for plan year 2017-2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**VACATE PLATS – SET HEARING:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to set hearing date to consider two petitions to vacate the following plat: #1 – Lot 1, Dixon's 2nd Addition

in the NW ¼ of Sec 14-122N-R63 W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13815 393rd Ave); and #2 – Lots 2 and 3, Dixon's 1st Addition in the E ½ of Sec 14-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13821 293rd Ave), to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota at 8:45 A.M. on June 6, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE HEARING:** Time and place, as advertised for public hearing to consider application for a Special Malt Beverage and Special Wine License. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve application for Special Malt Beverage License and Special Wine License for Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Event to be held June 8th, 2017 on the N 820' E of RR Ex Hwy in the SE ¼ of Sec 15-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13863 386th Ave, Warner, SD - Gun Club). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR TICKET SALE POLICIES:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Fair Ticket Sale Policies, as amended. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT CORP:** Michael Bockorny, Chief Executive Officer of the Aberdeen Development Corporation presented an update on grant funding received, current activities and challenges faced by ADC.

**SURPLUS SALE:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to accept low quote, submitted by Buntrock Auction Service at 4% on gross sales (\$800 minimum)

for auction services at the Brown County Surplus Sale to be held at the Millim Office Building (1019 1st Ave SE) on June 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.; rejecting Jark/Worlie Auction @ 6% on gross sales (\$1,500.00 minimum), Thorpe Realty & Auction did not submit a quote. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with John McQuillen, Mark Milbrandt, Larry Lovrien and Ernest Thompson in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

**HIGHWAY UPDATE:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent presented update on department projects and discussed a potential dumpster site location to replace the Highway shop yard in Hecla.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:10 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
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SAMPLE COMBINED ELECTION BALLOT			INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTERS		
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June 6, 2017	Brown County	South Dakota			
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER:</b> To vote for a person <b>FILL IN</b> the oval (●) next to the name. Use only a pencil or pen. If you make a mistake, give the ballot back and get a new one. <b>DO NOT</b> cast more votes than are allowed in each race.</p> <p><b>For School Board Member Aberdeen School District 6-1</b> three year term You may vote for up to <b>three</b> or leave it blank.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Aaron Schultz</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Renee Wise</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ken Santema</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kevin J. Burckhard</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brian R. Sharp</p> <p>Registered Voters in Aberdeen School District</p>	<p><b>Only Registered Voters in the Southeast District of Aberdeen City</b></p> <p><b>For City Councilor Aberdeen-Southeast District</b> five year term You may vote for <b>one</b> or leave it blank.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kaleb W. Weis</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Clint Rux</p> <p><b>For City Councilor Aberdeen-Southeast District</b> three year term You may vote for <b>one</b> or leave it blank.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tim Prater</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dennis "Mike" Olson</p> <p><b>Only Registered Voters in the Northwest District of Aberdeen City</b></p>	<p><b>Only Registered Voters in the Northeast District of Aberdeen City</b></p> <p><b>For City Councilor Aberdeen-Northeast District</b> five year term You may vote for <b>one</b> or leave it blank.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mark Remily</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James Washnok</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Luke Bunke</p> <p><b>For City Councilor Aberdeen-Northwest District</b> five year term You may vote for <b>one</b> or leave it blank.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Joshua L. Jones</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dave Lunzman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Thomas Black</p>	<p><b>VOTING RIGHTS</b></p> <p>Any voter who can't mark a ballot because the voter has a physical disability or can't read, may ask any person they choose to help them vote.</p> <p>Any voter may ask for instruction in the proper procedure for voting.</p> <p>Any voter at the polling place prior to 7:00 p.m. is allowed to cast a ballot.</p> <p>If your voting rights have been violated, you may call the person in charge of the election at 605-626-7110, the Secretary of State at 888-703-5328, or your state's attorney. A felon who receives a sentence of imprisonment to the adult penitentiary system, including a suspended execution of sentence, loses the right to vote. Felons so sentenced may register to vote following completion of their sentence. Further information is available at <a href="http://www.sdsos.gov">www.sdsos.gov</a>.</p> <p><b>ELECTION CRIMES</b></p> <p>Anyone who makes a false statement when they vote, tries to vote knowing they are not a qualified voter, or tries to vote more than once has committed an election crime.</p> <p><b>PLEASE READ:</b></p> <p><b>To vote at your polling place, you must either: Present a photo ID, or if not able to do so, Sign an affidavit, which will be given to you</b></p> <p>Accepted forms of photo identification include any one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A SD driver license or non-driver ID card; or</li> <li>• A US government photo ID; or A tribal photo ID; or</li> <li>• A current student photo ID from a SD high school or</li> <li>• SD accredited institution of higher education.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTICE OF TESTING AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT</b></p> <p>NOTICE is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment will be tested to ascertain that it will correctly count the votes for all offices and measures that are to be cast at the Combined Election held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.</p> <p>The test will be conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2017, at 4 o'clock p.m. at the following location:</p> <p>Brown County Auditor's Office 25 Market Street, Ste 1 Aberdeen, SD 57401</p> <p>Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2017. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor</p> <p>Published once at the total approximate cost of \$360.00. 14166</p>		
	<p><b>NOTICE OF COMBINED ELECTION: Aberdeen School District No. 6-1 Aberdeen City NE, NW, and SE Wards</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Voters can cast ballots at any of the following Vote Centers in Brown County:</p> <p>Aberdeen Mall, 3315 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, SE, Aberdeen SD (South Entrance West of Kohl's – Former Payless Shoes)</p> <p>Best Western Ramkota Convention Center, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD</p> <p>Courthouse Community Room, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen SD</p> <p>Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.</p> <p>Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor</p>				

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**3.99-3.50:** Paityn Bonn, Patrick Gengerke, Alexis Harder, Braiden Craig, Turner Webb, Jessica Adler, Heather Lone, McClain Lone, Katelyn Koehler, Shane Simon, Sean Schuring, Tage Taylor, Emmalea Watje, Kayde Wiedrick

**3.49-3.00:** Kellyn Fluke, Nicklos Menzia, Trevor Pray, Colton Hokana, Wyatt Kurtz, Emily Locke, Tevin Abeln, Mark Leonhardt, Truitt Rogers, Dillon Freeman, Halie Yarborough, Peyton Jondahl, Hai Ku, Willow Seurer, Audrey Wanner, Nicole Fey, Tyler Richards, Bennett Shabazz, Franklin Wuestewald

### Juniors

**4.0 GPA:** Jenifer Fjelstad, Madilyn Wright, Alexis Gustafson

**3.99-3.50** Marshall Lane, Jackson Oliver, Alexandra Stange, Madison Sippel, Hattie Weismantel, Erika Herr, Brandon Keith

**3.49-3.00:** Gia Gengerke, Hunter Monson, Anthony Sippel, Insa Deden, Harleigh Stange, Luke Thorson

### Sophomores

**4.0 GPA:** Ashley Garduno, AnneMarie Smith, Emily Thompson

**3.99-3.50:** Cassandra Townsend, Shyla Larson, Alexis Simon, Micah Poor, Kylie Kasube, Jillian Barton, Kaitlyn Kassube, Kaitlyn Anderson, Payton Maine, Taylor Holm, Tylan Glover, Samantha Menzia, Jennie Doeden

**3.49-3.00:** Shannon Wiedrick, Maggie Crosby, Miranda Hanson, James Cranford

### Freshmen

**4.0 GPA:** None

**3.99-3.50:** Kaycie Hawkins, Kayla Jensen, KaSandra Pappas, Payton Colestock, Nicole Marzahn, Indigo Rogers, Madeline Schuelke, Katlyn Kyar, Kya Jandel

**3.49-3.00:** Kaylin Kucker, Noah Poor, Todyn Glover

### Eighth Graders

**4.0 GPA:** None

**3.99-3.50:** Isaac Smith, Erin Unzen, Grace Wambach, Samantha Pappas, Alexa Herr, Sage Mortenson, Tanae Lipp, Jasmine Gengerke, Regan Leicht, Steven Paulson, Grace Wiedrick, Alexis Hanten, Lucas Simon, Hailey Monson

**3.49-3.00:** Tessa Erdmann, Trey Gengerke, Brooklyn Gilbert, Hunter Kassube, Chandler Larson, Alyssa Fordham, Braden Freeman, Tiana DeHoet, Eh Tha You Say, Gabriella Merkel, Alex Morris, Lee Iverson, Chloe Crosby, Kenzie McInerney, Dragr Monson, Kale Pharis, Paxton Bonn

### Seventh Graders

**4.0 GPA:** None

**3.99-3.50:** Jackson Cogley, Madeline Flihs, Allyssa Locke, Stella Meier, Megan Flihs, Jordan Bjerke, Hannah Gustafson, Pierce Kettering, Seth Johnson, Trista Keith, Julianna Kosel, Lane Krueger, Kaden Kurtz, Travis Townsend, Riley Gengerke, Madisen Bjerke, Andrea Davidson

**3.49-3.00:** Kennedy Anderson, Jace Kroll, Kansas Kroll, Rease Jandel, Trey Johnson, Macine McGannon, Jayden Zak, Al-Isaiah Williams, River Pardick, Emilie Thurston

### Sixth Graders

**4.0 GPA:** None

**3.99-3.50:** Ethan Clark, Caleb Hanten, Cole Bisbee, Jackson Dinger, Andrew Marzahn, Kaleb Antonsen, Jacob Lewandowski, Aspen Johnson, Jackson Bahr, Kamryn Flihs, Carter Barse, Brooke Gengerke

**3.49-3.00:** Cade Larson, Ava Tunheim, Tate Larson, Cole Simon, Elliana Weismantel, Dylan Anderson, Shallyn Foertsch, Brenna Carda, Porter Johnson, Shaylee Peterson, Marlee Tolifson, Cadance Tullis, Jacelynn Gleason, Tanner McGannon, Chase Gackle, Ethan Gengerke

## Brown County Vacate Plats Notice

### HEARING NOTICE TO VACATE PLATS

Notice is hereby given by the Brown County Commission of a hearing to receive testimony pertaining to petitions to vacate plats, described as follows:

Lot 1, Dixon's 2nd Addition in the NE 1/4 of Sec 14-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13815 393rd Ave)

Lots 2 & 3, Dixon's 1st Addition in the E 1/2 of Sec 14-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13821 393rd Ave)

Said hearing shall be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota at 8:45 a.m. June 6, 2017. At said hearing the Board shall consider resolutions to accept or reject the petitions to vacate each plat. Any person

unable to attend the hearing may submit written testimony to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

ATTEST:  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings social media team released a video of Teddy Bridgewater dropping back and throwing during organized team activities, and the video has been circulated and talked about since. If you haven't seen the video, go to the Vikings website and check it out. Vikings' General Manager Rick Spielman and head coach Mike Zimmer have both said there is still no timetable on Bridgewater, and that they're taking it one step at a time right now. But the video proves Teddy is working extremely hard to come back from his gruesome knee injury, and it's only a matter of time before he takes the field again.



There are many Vikings fans who feel Sam Bradford gives the Vikings a better chance to compete, and that he should be the starter when/if Teddy Bridgewater comes back. Personally, I think Teddy Bridgewater is the better quarterback, but let's get into some stats:

	Sam Bradford	Teddy Bridgewater
Games played:	78	28
Career quarterback rating:	84.5	87.0
Total touchdowns per game:	1.28	1.14
Total yards per game:	243.6	234
Yards per attempt:	6.6	7.2
Wins per 16 starts:	6.6	9.7

Looking at the stats, both players have advantages. Bradford has played more games, averages more touchdowns per game, and slightly more yards per game. Bridgewater, on the other hand, has a higher quarterback rating, averages more yards per attempt, and wins considerably more games per season.

The Vikings are in a tough spot right now, because they don't know if Teddy will ever come back and be the player he once was. Let's take a look at the Vikings' options at quarterback this season and next.

The best-case scenario for Minnesota would be for Teddy to come back at full strength, while also having Bradford play at a high level in 2017. If the Vikings can afford to sit Bridgewater through the first six weeks of the season, the last year of his rookie contract will toll, essentially adding another year and locking him up through the 2018 season. If Bradford is playing at a high level, and Teddy is ready to come back in week 7, the Vikings could theoretically trade Bradford and play Teddy the rest of the season. This option would recoup a draft pick or two for Minnesota, making the two-year rental of Bradford more palatable.

The worst-case scenario for the Vikings would be if Bradford plays horribly this season, and Teddy Bridgewater is unable to come back from injury. In this case, the Vikings would likely let Bradford walk after the 2017 season (he only has one year left on his contract). The team would once again be in the market for a franchise quarterback, and the defense's prime years will have been wasted with nothing to show for it.

The most probable thing to happen would likely fall in the middle of the two scenarios listed above. More than likely, Bradford will play well but not well enough to reach the Super Bowl, while Bridgewater will take all of

2017 to heal. If this happens, the Vikings will be between a rock and a hard place, wanting to extend Bradford's contract (which will be expensive, because good quarterbacks are always expensive) while also holding out hope Bridgewater can still become the quarterback the team thought he could be.

My sincere hope is that Teddy comes back sooner rather than later, so the coaches can discern which player gives the team the best chance to win. The winner of that competition will likely get a nice contract from the Vikings next offseason, with the loser being allowed to walk and sign somewhere else.

What are your thoughts? Do you prefer Bradford or Bridgewater? Let me know by messaging me on Facebook (facebook.com/SkolJWright) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright) Until next week... SKOL!

## NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The 74th annual stockholders meeting of Farmers Union Cooperative Association, Ferney, SD will be held Tuesday, June 06, 2017 at Groton American Legion Meeting Room. Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

The annual report will be read, two directors will be elected, and any other business that may properly come up before the meeting.

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