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The storm that blew through Groton early Tuesday morning stripped the roofing off the former Curt's Body Works building at Railroad Ave. and Sixth Street. The metal was flung across the street and some of it landed in the propane station (pictured below). The building is owned by Strom/Johnson Farms.. (Photos by Tina Kosel)



The city workers went through town cleaning out the storm sewer inlets. Many of them were completely plugged up with grass and leaves. Above is Aaron Severson and below is Brian Gravatt.



Several workers were working as fast as they could to reinforce the roof before the next round of storms would come through the area Tuesday evening. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Tornado spotted south of Groton

A late spring series of storms brought much needed moisture to the Dakotas on Tuesday. The first series of storms occurred early Tuesday morning which dropped .83 inch of rain in Groton and strong wind brought down branches and stripped the north side of the roof of the former Curt's Body Works in Groton. One branch that came down also brought down a service line on the west side of town.

Then a tornado watch was issued for Tuesday evening as another round of storms was developing. A tornado was spotted south of Groton and the sirens were sounded in Groton. Another .84 inch of rain fell in Groton and wind gusts of 52 mph brought down more branches around the city, but the damage from this storm was less than what occurred in the morning hours.



The two-day rain total for Groton was 1.67 inches. Water is in the construction area of what was SD37. More than likely this will be a weather day for the construction crew. We will find out more at Thursday's briefing by Webster Scale and the SDDOT at 1 ap.m. at the Groton Community Center. That will be carried live on GDILIVE.COM. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



There were several big branches that came down with the storm Tuesday morning. The city crew were busy picking up branches throughout the town on Tuesday.

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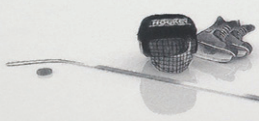
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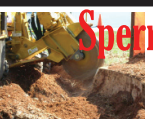
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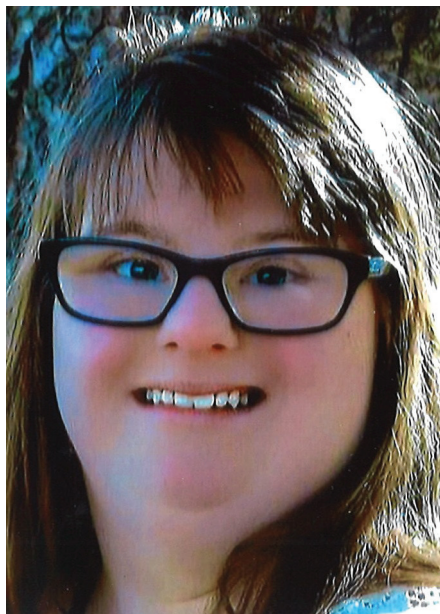


It's Flag Day!
 Brian Gravatt was in town
 early Wednesday morning to
 put up the flags in downtown
 Groton. Today is Wednesday,
 June 14 - also known as Flag
 Day in the United States. (Photo

by Paul Kosel)

The following senior profile
 had an omission, so we are
 republishing it.

Shelby Kay Hjermstad



Parents: Randy Hjermstad
 and Sandy Hoops

Hometown: Groton

Brothers and sister: Shan-
 non 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 activi-
 ties:** student manager for girls
 basketball, FCCLA, work at
 Golden living center, St. John's
 youth group

**Favorite high school mem-
 ory:** Prom 2017

Future plans: get a job



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 versity in Aberdeen,
 S.D., has released
 the dean's list for
 the spring 2017
 semester.

Students who have
 earned at least a
 3.5 grade point
 average for the
 semester are
 eligible for the
 dean's list.

Bath: Garrett
 Gunderson, Jay-
 leen Lier

Claremont: Donte
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Frederick: Dane
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Stratford: Shayna
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Warner: Marissa
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**Hoops
 Family
 Reunion**

The John and Mary
 Hoops family Re-
 union will be held
 on June 25th at
 the Groton Com-
 munity Center.
 The pot luck din-
 ner is at 12:30,
 with Chicken and
 drinks provided.

**Brown County
June 6, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

JUNE 6, 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, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Sutton was absent. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$5,640.23; Ryan Dell \$1,765.20; Dohrer Law Office \$3,008.00; Michelle Gaikowski \$60.80; Mark Katterhagen \$33.00; Kennedy Pier Knoff Loftus, LLP \$451.80; Kuck Law Office \$3,326.20; Language Line Service \$471.94; LBG \$1,684.28; Lucy Lewno \$378.00; Mark Milbrandt \$58.20; One Source \$66.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$2,548.48; Schneider Corp. \$2,265.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$4,421.11; Christy Griffin-Serr \$5,461.40; Jennifer Stoddard \$1,297.20; Karen Swanda \$33.00; Mitch Vilhauer \$2,975.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff's Office \$50.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$1,632.35; Groton Independent \$566.62.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$57.93; Ben Hofer Backhoe Service \$555.00; Butler Machinery \$216.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$391.89; Graham Tire \$14.98; House of Glass \$654.79; Lawson Products \$11.99; Lien Transportation Co. \$275,326.11; North Star Energy \$20.00; Running's \$154.99; Taylor Laundry \$105.60; Thee Glass Doktor \$92.40; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$20.00.

Supplies: Aberdeen Asphalt \$407,004.08; Advanced Drainage Systems \$4,692.24; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Bob Barker \$346.50; Cole Papers \$262.64; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$2,759.66; Dakota Electronics \$16.00; DFP \$468.77; Double D Body Shop \$168.46; DPM Mercantile \$21.99; DPM Petty Cash \$28.41; Fastenal \$416.04; Fire Safety First \$792.20; Galls \$625.49; GovConnection \$80.35; HF Jacobs & Son \$24,420.00; Jebro \$17,366.56; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$238.98; Lawson Products \$120.05; Leidholt Tool Sales \$112.30; Lucy Lewno \$14.67; Lien Transportation Co. \$8,284.10; Mac's \$411.03; Medical Waste Transport \$150.20; Menards \$69.02; Midstates Printing \$78.90; Mark Milbrandt \$18.00; Moore Medical \$351.14; NCFE - Warner \$21,140.85; Nelson Sales & Service \$4.41; North Star Energy \$1,509.89; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$357.50; Pitney Bowes \$15,000.00; Running's \$651.93; SD Federal Property Agency \$140.00; Specialty Mfg. \$4.60; Thee Glass Doktor \$123.40; Van Diest Supply Co. \$2,322.00; Western Hotel Supply \$585.00; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$75.00.

Travel & Conference: Maxine Fischer \$184.37; Sarah Hartje \$44.65; Michael Hauke, Jr. \$235.82; Russell Metz \$263.83; Mark Milbrandt \$264.00; Safe Harbor \$1,900.00; SD-ACO \$140.00; Sarah Swenson \$223.88.

Utilities: BDM Rural Water \$35.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$228.70; Midcontinent \$552.38; North Star Energy \$266.49; NWPS \$8,889.16; NVC \$161.42.

Other: Aberdeen City Ambulance \$843.25. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-nay, Sutton-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve hiring Roy Oberle, effective June 5, 2017 as full-time JDC Correctional Officer @ \$15.83 per hour.

Approve hiring Brenda Reich, effective June 7, 2017 as part-time Home Detention Officer @ \$14.27 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve hiring Michaela Liebel, effective June 15, 2017 and Austin Eggl, effective June 6, 2017, as seasonal part-time Fair Office employees @ \$11.63 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize

the Chair sign the following agreements: North Plains Baptist Church for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on Jun 25- Jul 2, 2017; Staci Ruiz for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on Sept 9-10, 2017 (includes alcohol use permission form). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign an agreement with the Hub Area 4-H Rodeo Association for the County to lease two sets of bucking chutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WEED CHEMICAL CONTRACT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign Contract Agreement with VanDiest Supply Company for furnishing and delivery of Chemicals for the Brown County Weed & Pest Department in 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contracts for the 2017 Brown County Fair: Robby Vee @ \$4,000.00, Bob and the Beachcombers @ \$3,000.00 (entertainment); Sheri Perrion @ \$40.00 (judge). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

VACATE PLAT: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #33-17.

WHEREAS, Svarstad Management, pursuant to SDCL 11-3-21.1, presented an Application for Vacation of Plat legally identified as: Lot 1, Dixon's 2nd Addition in the NE ¼ of Sec 14-T122-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13815 393rd Ave). **WHEREAS,** the granting of the request will not authorize the closing or obstruction of any public highway according to law, and all property taxes on such plat are paid. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** pursuant to SDCL 11-3-21.1, the plat legally identified as: Lot 1, Dixon's 2nd Addition in the NE ¼ of Sec 14-T122-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13815 393rd Ave) is hereby vacated. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Hansen-aye, Sutton-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

VACATE PLAT: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #34-17. **WHEREAS,** Svarstad Management, pursuant to SDCL 11-3-21.1, presented an Application for Vacation of Plat legally identified as: Lots 2 & 3, Dixon's 1st Addition in the E ½ of Sec 14-T122-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13821 393rd Ave). **WHEREAS,** the granting of the request will not authorize the closing or obstruction of any public highway according to law, and all property taxes on such plat are paid. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** pursuant to SDCL 11-3-23.1, the plat legally identified as: Lots 2 & 3, Dixon's 1st Addition in the E ½ of Sec 14-T122-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13821 393rd Ave) is hereby vacated. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

LANDFILL FINANCIAL ASSURANCE: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #35-17. **FINANCIAL ASSURANCE MECHANISM FOR BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL.** IT IS HEREBY AGREED between the State of South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, hereinafter referred to as DENR, and Brown County, South Dakota, as follows:

WHEREAS, Brown County operates the Brown County Landfill, a regional solid waste disposal facility, as an enterprise fund in compliance with all Federal Subtitle D regulations and State of South Dakota laws and rules; and **WHEREAS,** EPA 40 CFR Part 258 and the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:27:16 establish financial assurance requirements and mechanisms for local government owners and operators of municipal solid waste landfill facilities; and **WHEREAS,** ARSD 74:27:16:05 states the owner or operator may choose one or more of the following mechanisms to satisfy the provisions of the aforementioned chapter:

1. Trust fund;
2. Security Bond guaranteeing payment or performance;
3. Letter of Credit;
4. Insurance; or
5. Cash; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Brown County to choose cash (mechanism #5) as the means to satisfy the provisions of 40 CFR Part 258, ARSD 74:27:16 and South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) 34A-6-1.11 and 34A-6-1.12. **NOW, THEREFORE,** it is mutually agreed as follows: Brown



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County shall purchase a Certificate of Deposit at Dacotah Bank, Aberdeen, South Dakota, in an amount sufficient to assure performance of the obligations imposed by SDCL 34-6 inclusive; and Brown County shall increase the funds in said Certificate of Deposit annually, if needed by the amount equal to the increased liability recognized each year hereafter; and Brown County shall only make withdrawals from the Certificate of Deposit after receiving written permission from the Secretary of DENR, or the Secretary's designee; and DENR shall have access to the Certificate of Deposit at any time necessary to carry out its obligation if Brown County fails in any part of its obligation, under SDCL 34A-6 and upon notification to Brown County; and said Certificate of Deposit shall be specific to the Brown County Landfill. This agreement is binding upon the signatures hereto not as individuals but solely in the capacities as officials of their respective organizations and acknowledges proper action of Brown County and DENR to enter into the same. Dated this 6th day of June 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

LANDFILL FINANCIAL ASSURANCE ACCESS: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #36-17. **RESOLUTION ALLOWING ACCESS TO LANDFILL FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FUNDS.** IT IS HEREBY AGREED between the State of South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Brown County, South Dakota: **WHEREAS,** Brown County operates the Brown County Landfill and intends to deposit funds associated with its financial assurance mechanism in a Certificate of Deposit at Dacotah Bank, Aberdeen, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Brown County is obligated, under State and Federal law, to allow the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources access to the aforementioned financial assurance funds should Brown County default on its obligations. **NOW, THEREFORE,** it is mutually agreed that the Certificate of Deposit being used to fulfill the Brown County Landfill's financial assurance obligation shall hereinafter have both Brown County and the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources as named parties on the Certificate of Deposit; both parties having access to the Certificate of Deposit upon prior written notice. This agreement is binding upon the signatories hereto, not as individuals but solely in their capacities as officials of their respective organizations. Dated this 6th day of June 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

BID AWARD - SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to award the following bids for labor and material for security improvements: Counter Tops - Woodman Mallet Custom @ \$5,060.00, rejecting Jeff Vilhauer Construction @ \$10,408.18; Counter Glass - House of Glass @ \$67,895.00 (only bid received); Electronic Access Door Controls - Digi Security Systems @ \$33,070.22 (only bid received). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize the Chair sign Court Security Grant Application Letter for submission to the State of South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WORTHMORE ADDICTION SERVICES: Worthmore Addiction Services Manager Julie Pfeifer presented statistics and related information in regard to the 2018 Worthmore Addiction Services Budget request.

PRCA CONTRACT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to authorize Derek Ricci, Fair Manager sign Contract with Korkow Rodeo for furnishing livestock for the 2018 Brown County Fair Rodeos. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT LEASES: Auditor Maxine Fischer presented recap of two existing copier leases that are itemized in the Notes to the Financial Report.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the following applications, submitted by East River Electric for occupancy of the following: Hwy #6 in Sec 7-T121N-R64W; Hwy #6 in Sec 30-T121N-R64W; Hwy 6 in Sec 31/36-T120/121N-R64/65W, Hwy #27 in Sec 2/35-T120/121-R65W to provide electrical service. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

STRIPING AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign agreement with the SD DOT for the striping of approximately 64.0 miles of county roads within Brown County at estimated cost of \$69,004.80 (County share @ \$53,760.55, State share @ \$15,244.25). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPEN BURNING BAN: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #37-17. **WHEREAS,** Brown County having received very little rain fall across the entire county; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission is dedicated in taking steps to protect the health and safety of all residents of the County and all property within the County; and **WHEREAS,** the Brown County Commission has consulted with local fire officials and law enforcement officials in regard to the severity of this issue. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Brown County Commission enact this resolution on an emergency basis and impose a ban to prohibit or restrict open burning with the exception of campfires in campfire rings or pits, burning barrels 55 gallon or less equipped with a screen, or barbecue grills in order to protect the public health and safety; and **RESOLVE** that the ban will be in place until further notice; and **FURTHER RESOLVE** that criminal and civil penalties per County Ordinance 18.0703 be imposed if found in violation of this Resolution. Dated this 6th day of June 2017.

Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll Call Vote: Hansen-aye, Sutton-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

BULLETIN BOARD APPROVED: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the purchase of an outdoor Bulletin Board @ \$523.38, to be located on the west side of the Courthouse Annex. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen 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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**Groton City
Dollar General
Alcohol Notice**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR 2017-2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council on the 19th day of June, 2017 at the hour of 7:15pm in City Hall, 209 N Main, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider the following new application for alcoholic beverage license to operate within the City of Groton, South Dakota for the 2017-2018 licensing period, which have been presented to the governing body and filed on the Finance Office.

Dollar General Store #17565, 224 E Hwy 12, Package (Off Sale) Malt Beverage and Retail (On-Off Sale) Wine

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person, persons, or their representative may appear at said scheduled public hearing and present objections to any or all of the above applicants, if any objections there be.

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Sombke to be new middle/high school principal

There are a number of staff changes and reassignments that have been approved by the Groton Area School Board. Kiersten Sombke will be the new middle/high school principal. Dr. Anna Schwan will be in charge of the all-school play. Sombke will also be working with Jodi Sternhagen on the student council. Sandi Sippel and Aubray Harry will be co-football cheerleading advisors. Brandon Clocksene is the new food service director. Joel Guthmiller will take route 3 (Conde/Ferney) as a bus driver. Alexa Schuring will be the junior kindergarten teacher. Carrie Weisenberger and Dustin Vogel will be in elementary special education and Todd Peterson will be in middle/high school special education.

Greg Kjellsen has resigned after 30 years at GHS. He was the high school math teacher, girls golf coach and junior high football coach.

The following positions remain open: Math teacher, high school opportunity, three cooks, kindergarten para, elementary SPED/OST, elementary SPED, middle school football coach, golf coach, and boys and girls basketball cheerleading advisors.

The board reviewed change orders that amounted to \$50,000 and approved them. The biggest one was \$43,000 for soil correction to asphalt pavement which will include installing a mesh underground. The change orders will come out of the \$180,000 budgeted for contingencies.

Mary Johnson and Shaun Wanner were present to present their request for new textbooks for social science. The current books are old and falling apart.



Junior Legion places third at Northville Tourney

In back, left to right, are Coach Jim Jones, Coach Dave Blackmun, Austin Jones, Grady O'Neill, Kaleb Furney, Garrett Schroeder, Alex Morris, Hunter Schaller, Peyton Johnson, Darien Shabazz and Coach Zelos Johnson.

In front, left to right, are Riley Thurston, Lee Iverson, Anthony Schinkel, Wyatt Locke, Korbin Blackmun, Kaden Kurtz, Jaden Zak and Trey Johnson. Not pictured are Lane Krueger, Jordan Bjerke, Lucas Simon and Evin Nehls.

Groton 16, Claremont 1

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Groton won the first game with a 16-1 win over Claremont. Darien Shabazz had two singles, Korbin Blackmun had a double and three singles, Austin Jones had a triple and a single, Peyton Johnson a single, Alex Morris a single, Wyatt Locke had two doubles, Anthony Schinkel had a single, Garrett Schroeder a single and Grady O'Neill a single.

Austin Jones was the pitcher with 11 strike-outs, one walk and one hit. Alex Morris was the catcher.

Groton 11, Milbank 10

Groton 1 0 6 0 1 1 2 - 11
Milbank 2 4 2 0 2 0 0 - 10

In the third place game, Groton scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to come from behind to beat Milbank, 11-10. Garrett Schroeder got on with an error and Darien Shabazz was hit by a pitch. Korbin Blackmun hit a single to score Shabazz and Schroeder and Groton won the game.

Darien Shabazz had a double and a single, Korbin Blackmun had two doubles and three singles, Austin Jones had a single, Peyton Johnson had a single and a triple, Wyatt Locke had a single, Hunter Schaller a

single, Garrett Schroeder had a single and Riley Thurston had a single.

Wyatt Locke was the pitcher with 12 strike-outs, three walks, two hit by pitch and six hits. Korbin Blackmun was the catcher.

Groton Area Fire Protection Truck Bid Notice

NOTICE TO FIRE TRUCK DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received at Kolkner Law Office, 102 N. Main Street, Groton, South Dakota 57401, until the hour of 5:00 P.M. on Monday, June 26, 2017 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District for furnishing and delivery of "One (1) New Wildland Apparatus to be Mounted on 2017 F-550 Truck", FOB Groton, South Dakota, as per the specifications contained in the bid packet available from the attorney for the fire district at the address and telephone number set forth below.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Kari A. Bartling, Attorney, PO Box 467, 102 N. Main Street, Groton, South Dakota 57445; and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON ONE (1) NEW WILDLAND APPARATUS TO BE MOUNTED ON 2017 F-550 TRUCK" to be opened on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

Proposal Guaranty: The proposal guaranty required and which shall accompany each bid is a certified check, a cashier's check or a bank draft certified by a national or state bank and payable to Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, or in lieu thereof, bidder may furnish a bid bond for ten percent (10%) of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District.

The Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which they deem to be in the best interest of the Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District.

The Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Specifications and Bid Forms are on file at the office of the District's Attorney, Kari A. Bartling, PO Box 467, 102 N. Main Street, Groton SD 57445 (phone: 605-397-8464) and may be obtained at no charge.

Bruce Sippel, Secretary (0614.0621)
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Frederick Town June Meeting Minutes

Frederick Town Board Minutes June 2017

Chairman R. Scott Campbell opened the June Frederick Town Board meeting by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance with Board Members Gary Schlosser and Troy Millard, Finance Officer Diane Bruns, Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg, Father Don Glover EBL Board Member and Georgia Smith Frederick Forward, Day of Champs Chairman, and in and out were Gary Peterson and Bob Campbell.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved with a motion from TM/GS. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report, including copies of the A/R and the Bank Balance Statement, was read and approved with a motion by GS/SC. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Accounts Payable for June was approved with a motion by SC/GS. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
Badger Meter fees Wtr \$115.70; Beadle Floral memorial Genl \$53.25; Community Store 2 mo supplies FO \$23.40, CC \$68.82; D. Bruns wage CC \$75.68; D. Bruns wage FO \$1102.65; Dane Campbell mowing Genl \$72.03; E. Head, Supr wage LF \$286.28; FDC econ dev Econ Dev \$1200; FF scrap metal Genl \$277.20; G. Schlosser, BM wage Genl \$23.09; GDI legals Genl \$107.19; JVT phones

Genl \$180.50, FO \$29.52, Wtr \$44.55, EBL \$45.90; M. Cox, Lib wage EBL \$563.55; MDU elect Sts \$932.50, FO \$32.93, CC \$32.93, EBL \$84.89, B Park \$17.92, S Park \$34.58, Firehall \$50.22, Swr \$40.07, Wtr \$84.54; Menard's sup Park \$122.80, FO/CC \$53.17; R. Bakeberg Veh allow W/S/Sts \$75; R. Bakeberg UT Mgr wage+base W/S/Sts \$369.40; R.S. Campbell, Chrmn wage Genl \$46.17; SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb \$82.94; SD Dept of Rev labs Wtr \$15; SDML training FO \$25; T. Millard, BM wage Genl \$23.09; Thorpe Excavating manhole install Sts \$230; True Value mower parts Genl \$57.64; USDA-RD AP water loan Water Repair \$475; USPS stamps W/G/S \$147; WEB Water 833,100 gals Wtr \$2652.73. Total A/P \$9,954.91.

OLD BUSINESS:
Bakeberg's Utility Manager Report included spraying in the Park w/a little more to do before Finn Fest; needs to spray around Lagoon; not burned Landfill yet but M. Cutler has cleaned up the house rubble site and the EPA has been notified; another manhole cover needs to be repaired or replaced on 5th Avenue; is calling SD Rural Water Assoc for help finding a possible water leak; #1 cell at Lagoon has come up; nothing through sewer system or manholes W of elevator or along by park for running water; Brick's are coming to clean lines along Stone House road.

Also presented by Chairman Campbell during the utility report was his water bill which showed an average charge. The actual water readings for June did not transfer over into the Billing software and hardly any bills show excess water usage. The Finance Officer is responsible for this error and needs to begin doing bills by hand if necessary. An unavoidable excess charge may be on the July water bills.

Frederick Forward - upcoming Finn Fest was discussed. Friday nights' Dueling Pianos will have Main St blocked between 3rd Avenue and RR Avenue and will be allowed open containers, no glass, inside blockade only. The Alumni Association was granted permission with a motion from TM/GS. Motion Carried. The Alumni Association is responsible for total outside clean-up after performance.

A motion was made to approve street dance sponsored by FF on Main Street with Bad Dawg performing, will have blockades between 3rd Avenue and Main Street, and only those with a certain color band buying alcohol, was approved with a motion by GS/TM. Motion Carried. Open containers must be kept inside the blockades and Frederick Forward is responsible for total outside clean-up after dance.

A letter from K. Mikkonen was presented to Board asking for Finn Fest Sponsorship. A motion was made by TM/GS to donate \$600 towards sponsorship, share 1/2 the costs of port-a-potties, and set out an extra dumpster by Simmons Park and on Main Street. Motion Carried.

This brought up the mess by the local dumpster in Frederick across from the Frederick Farmers Elevator. People are not paying attention to signs or making sure garbage is in containers. It doesn't show much for respect or responsibility towards our town. In actuality, those dumpsters are there only for rural families.

Another letter from K. Mikkonen was presented on the park equipment. The project is moving forward and Mikkonen has ideas for more equipment and more ideas to raise money. No action was taken.

Historical Society - No representation. They are in the process of installing a new sidewalk in front of their building and their lot next to it on the East.

Emma Burnham Library - Father Don Glover presented President Thersia Cox' resignation as of 5/23/2017. A motion was made to accept her resignation and to appoint Richard Osborn as Intermediate President for the next 6 months to 1 year. Motion

was made by SC/GS. Motion Carried.

Linda Groover was approved as a new Emma Burnham Library board member making a full board body. Motion made to accept by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

An invitation was extended to all to visit the new back room, formerly Mel Glarum's apartment, which has been updated and offers new classes, computers, and many Historical books that may be read there, among other offers. The side garden has been improved and can also be used for reading. They will also be selling unused books during Finn Fest.

Frederick Development Corporation - inquired about budget month

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

A vacated alley has been getting used and may have to be blocked; Chrmn Campbell and BM Millard will meet at the Brown County Courthouse to go over city limit documents and parcels; Annual Report tabled to July, an Internal Audit is being done in the FO; FO will call Auditor office to add to tax base for non-payment of mowing and will instruct mower-person to go through proper procedures and charge accordingly; side-walks were not budgeted and it is thought not many residents would approve paying for their own; water heater was replaced and leaked and has again been replaced in the CC by BM Millard and JM Electric, Inc.; street work was discussed: BM Schlosser contacted contractor and they are ready to dig but need place to dump asphalt, patchwork will be done before Finn Fest; house debris has been buried at the LF and EPA notified; Helms and Associates are checking flow by Lagoon, by church and are cleaning out lines; Millard, along with his Bobcat and the help of UT Mgr plus Board Members will be digging some lines out after contacting 811. The city will absorb the costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT were presented by the FO to Utility Manager R. Bakeberg, Mayor R.S. Campbell, and the Town of Frederick for meeting the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the State of South Dakota's regulations for supplying safe drinking water to the public. The C.O.A.s came from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Pierre.

A letter from WEB Water Development Association, Inc., stating it will be increasing minimum water usage rates charged to the Town of Frederick was presented to the Board. Action was tabled to next months agenda.

A request for a later meeting in July was overlooked.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Budget Training in Pierre, in July, FO will attend. Training is led by Rod Fortin of the SD State Auditors Office in SF. No Board committed.

Debit/Credit workshop in Pierre on June 29 is offered by SD Municipal League. FO will attend.

Elected Officials Workshop sponsored by SDML is July 19 in Pierre, no interest.

DOT Grant Program involving elevator road and maybe others will be researched by Chairman Campbell.

The water at the FB field was discussed. The schools charge will be \$1 until the water meter is removed. No charge for water as they installed a well.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, TM/GS made a motion at 8:35 PM to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

The next regular July meeting of the Town Board of Frederick will be announced with posters around town at 1st National Bank, the Community Store and the US Post Office.

Finance Office number is 605-329-2242 available 24/7.

Diane Bruns

Finance Officer

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Jr. Legion: Sisseton 12, Groton 10

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Groton 0 0 6 0 0 2 0 2 - 10

Sisseton scored early and often and held off Groton to win the Junior Legion game played Thursday in Groton, 12-10. Sisseton scored three runs in the first, four in the second and one in the third to take a 8-0 lead. Groton rallied in the bottom of the third inning, scoring six runs, but Sisseton would tack on four more runs in the fifth. Groton added two more runs in the sixth and eighth inning. Riley Thurston was left on base as the next three batters were struck out in the bottom of the ninth.

Darien Shabazz, Austin Jones and Alex Morris each had two singles and Hunter Schaller, Caleb Furney and Peyton Johnson each had a single.

Sisseton's pitchers struck out 21 batters while Groton's pitchers struck out 13 batters.

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GROTON KIWANIS

Tom Paepke was program leader for Groton Kiwanis Club, on Wednesday noon. Tom introduced Nancy Jark. Nancy lives in Warner, and now has a realty office in Groton.

Nancy (Vitense) Jark spoke on growing up in Columbia, and graduating from Groton High School. She also related information on her position as a realtor. She has been president of the Aberdeen Realtors Association, and was chosen realtor of the year for that organization also.

Lee Schinkel introduced his guest, Chuck Padfield, and proposed him for membership.

The president read a thank you card from Kate Helmer, who was chosen to receive the Kiwanis college scholarship this year.

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Date: June 20th
 Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CDT)
 Place: Sioux Falls University Center
 Administrative Bldg. Room 250
 4801 Career Avenue
 Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Date: June 21st
 Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (MDT)
 Place: South Dakota Dept. of Transportation
 Rapid City Region Office
 2300 Eglin St.
 Rapid City, SD 57709

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) will hold two public meetings/open houses to receive public input on the South Dakota Freight plan. The open house will be informal allowing for one on one discussion with SDDOT personnel. The purpose of the meeting is to present and discuss the goals, objectives and strategies identified in the South Dakota Freight Plan.

People who have interest in freight issues are encouraged to attend and participate in the plan. A brief presentation will take place at 5:35 p.m.

SDDOT staff will be available with displays after the presentation to discuss the plan and answer your questions. During this time, you will also have the opportunity to present written comments.

The draft South Dakota Freight Plan document can be viewed at www.sddot.com.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this open house meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the open house meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800- 877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting in order to ensure accommodations are available.

For further information regarding South Dakota Freight Plan meeting, contact Brad Remmich at (605) 773-3093.

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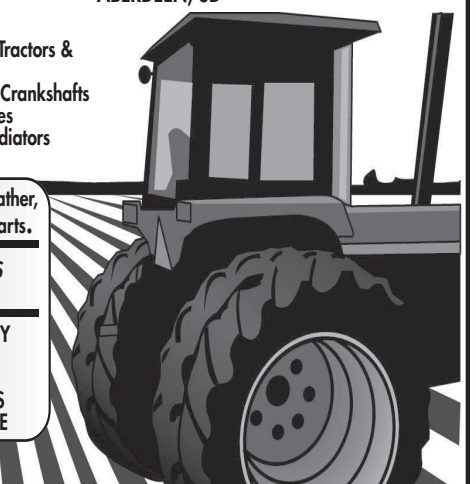
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**Groton School
June 1**

Special Meeting
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
SPECIAL MEETING
June 1, 2017

President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm in the High School conference room. Members present: Fjeldstad, Harder, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel. Absent: Gengerke and Kjelden. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, B. Schwan and Business Official Weber.

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

There were no potential conflicts of interest reported.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview candidate Kiersten Sombke for the position of MS/HS Principal.

Moved by Harder, second Fjeldstad to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 6:57 pm. Motion carried.

President Smith declared the

board out of executive session at 8:23 pm.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

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

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**Groton School
May 31**

Special Meeting
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
SPECIAL MEETING
May 31, 2017

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the High School conference room. Members present: Fjeldstad, Harder, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel. Absent: Gengerke and Kjelden. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, B. Schwan and Business Official Weber.

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

There were no potential conflicts of interest reported.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview candidate Kerry Konda for the position of MS/HS Principal.

Moved by Harder, second Fjeldstad to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:01 pm. Motion carried.

President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 8:18 pm.

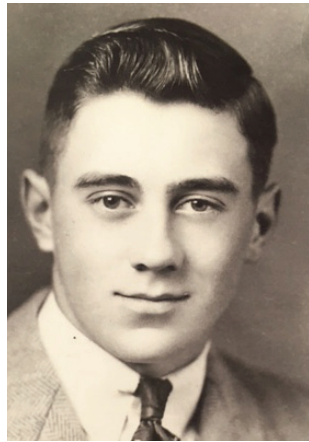
Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Steven R. Smith, President

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**Schuring's 90th
Birthday**

In celebration of our Dad's 90th birthday, we are requesting a Card Shower in his honor. If you would like to brighten his day, please send birthday wishes his way. His address is Robert Schuring, Box 52, Andover, SD 57422. We love you dad, and have been so blessed to have you in our lives.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

As Vikings fans, we tend to be an optimistic bunch. Every year we look at the schedule after it is released, trying to determine whether our favorite team is headed to the playoffs or if they will be in the running for the first overall pick in next year's draft. This week, I wanted to take a look at what the "experts" are saying about the Vikings, and how they will finish in the NFC North this season.



ESPN – Ben Goessling, ESPN's resident Vikings expert, predicted the team would finish 8-8. That record places Minnesota third in the division behind the Packers (11-5) and the Lions (9-7). Goessling went on to say "The Vikings will take advantage of an early stretch of home games, but it's a difficult late-season road schedule -- including three consecutive road games against the Lions, Falcons and Panthers -- that could end their playoff hopes. A Saturday night game on Dec. 23 against the Green Bay Packers doesn't do them any favors, either."

Sports Illustrated – Jonathan Jones over at SI.com wrote an article detailing every team's win-loss record for 2017. Jones had the Vikings finishing 8-8, which would be another third place finish in the division behind the Packers (13-3) and the Lions (9-7). Jones had this to say about the Vikings: "Teddy Bridgewater's knee injury has scared the Vikings enough to decline his fifth-year option, which leads me to believe Sam Bradford will again spend all year as the starter. After a 5-0 start last year, the league caught up to Bradford and the Vikings, who went 3-8 after their bye week. Minnesota will need to get creative this summer."

Fox Sports – Nick Wright (no relation) has made a career out of his hot takes. He predicted how each team would finish the 2017 season in an article on FoxSports.com, and he lists the Vikings as a 10-6 team. Nick thinks the Vikings will finish second in the NFC North, behind the Packers (12-4).

USA Today Sports predicted each NFL team's 2017 record, and then they asked three "experts" to weigh in on whether they would take the over or under. The article listed the Vikings as an 8.5 win team, which would put them in second place in the division. All three "experts" picked the over, meaning they all thought Minnesota would finish with nine wins or more this season.

Steven Ruiz: "I'll go with the over. Mike Zimmer is going to have that defense playing at a top-10 clip, and the offense will be better."

Luke Kerr-Dineen: "Eesh. 7.5 would be a lock on the over, but I'd stretch to take the over here. Zimmer's a top-notch coach, and Bradford's second year in the system will be better than his first."

Charles Curtis: "There's something about this Vikings team, even with an offense that didn't move the ball all that well last year. I'm cautiously buying the over."

Bleacher Report – Brent Sobleski, a writer for Bleacher Report, predicted the Vikings would finish with a 10-6 record. He has the Vikings finishing second in the division, a game behind the Packers (11-5). Sobleski had perhaps the most in-depth breakdown of each team. Here is a snippet of what he said about our favorite team: "Bradford provided the best season of his career, yet he received no help from the offensive line or running game. He shouldn't suffer from the same problems this fall, because the front office significantly invested in both."

All five of the analysts predicted Green Bay would win the division, and that's not a difficult prediction to make as long as Aaron Rodgers is throwing the pigskin for the team in Green and Gold. It was interesting to see how they all ranked Minnesota and Detroit, as three of the articles gave the Vikings second place, while two gave the nod to

the Lions. If we average out the predicted finishes, the Vikings will end the 2017 season with 9 wins and 7 losses, which should put them right in the thick of the race for the playoffs. Of course, looking at the season through my purple and gold colored lenses, it's hard to find a single loss for the Vikings! SKOL

What do you think of the "expert's" predictions? Do you think they are too high or too low? Does anyone think the Vikings have a chance to unseat the Packers? How worried should they be about the Lions and Bears? Let me know by reaching out to me on Facebook (facebook.com/SkolJWright) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright).

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