



Highway work is ahead of schedule

Despite utility conflicts, the work on SD37 and US 12 in Groton is ahead of schedule, according to John Shoemaker of Webster Scale, Inc. The announcement was made at last Thursday's project meeting held at 1 p.m. at the Groton Community Center. These are weekly meetings and are open to the public. They are also broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM.

The original completion date for the US12 project was July 1; however, due to utility conflicts (16 days from NWE according to written response by WSI to NWE on a one-call complaint - see separate article) and other changes to the project, the new completion date is set for July 28.

Shoemaker pointed out that while the highway will be opened up, there are still other parts of the project that will not be done until later, such as lighting. He said there will be an effort to put up the permanent flashing lights earlier than scheduled so the temporary ones can be taken down and returned to the state.

"I'm pretty pleased," Shoemaker said, "with the time schedule." He also said that the SD37 project going through Groton is well ahead of schedule.

The completion date for the entire project is October 12th.

Lionel Bruemmer of Ken's Food Fair was also at the meeting and he said that he has been happy with how much the contractors are working with them during this project. One of the items of concern was access to Ken's Shell Express off of SD37. Shoemaker said once US12 is opened up, they will make an effort to allow access to Ken's off of SD37, even if it's gravel.



After 36 years as the city's finance officer, Anita Lowary (right) hands the "keys to the city" over the new finance officer, Hope Block. The keys were handed over Friday at 5 p.m., Lowary's last day. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Anita and John Lowary load up the flowers, plants and gifts after the retirement party that was held for Anita on Friday at City Hall. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

NWE 1-call complaint against Webster Scale is dismissed

Northwestern Energy filed a complaint against Webster Scale, Inc. in May with the South Dakota One Call Enforcement Panel. According to the complaint, Northwestern Energy alleged that Webster Scale "used unsafe methods digging near marked facilities. A gas main was hit causing a gas outage to part of the town because they (WSI) were digging perpendicular to and within 18" of the markings. This was the second incident on the same job. The first was a gas service damaged due to scaling over the top of the markings with a dozer."

Northwestern Energy put a claim in for \$642.09 for the April 12th incident and \$1,238.88 for the April 21st incident. According to state statute, when digging within 18" of markings, the area must be hand dug. Northwestern said in their complaint, "We met with this company to discuss safe digging practices and they still hit our gas facilities twice within the same job due to unsafe digging practices. We also spoke with their employees on site after the first incident to try to prevent further damage."

In a written response to the South Dakota One-Call Enforcement Panel, John Shoemaker, vice president of Webster Scale, Inc., responded, "In Webster Scales Inc.'s opinion, we are not responsible for any of the damages that occurred."

In the letter, Webster Scale, Inc., stated that a preconstruction meeting was held Thursday, March 30, 2017, all utilities involved were present with the exception of Northwestern



Marie Marlow (right), the finance officer from Britton, was the first guest at Lowary's retirement party held Friday at City Hall. At the end of the day, Lowary said she was very surprised at the number of people who came to wish her well.

When asked if retirement had set it yet, she said only Friday morning did it really kick in. "My alarm went off and John said 'How did it feel to have to wake up the alarm for the last time?'" (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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- 72- Ryan Easthouse and Carmen Ferguson
- 72- Scott and Susan Nehls
- 73- Steve and Lisa Millard
- 74- Mark and Kari Herman
- 75- Mark and Rachel Schock
- 76- Brandon and Brittany Bulsen

First Flight

- 74- Mitch and Mel Hoffman
- 75- Jan and Nancy Gilchrist
- 76- Steve and Betty Dunker
- 76- Mark Papstien and Susie Souza
- 77- Austin Schuelke and Elise Ferrell
- 78- Tim and Barb Gillick
- 78- Adam Herman and Rachel Blackmun
- 83- Travis and Jacki Johnson

Second Flight

- 77- Randy and Sue Stanley
- 80- Mike and Cheri Baker
- 80- Tim and Jan Kearns
- 80- Lance and Sammy Bonn
- 80- Brad and Brenda Waage
- 81- Roger and Sharon Zastrow
- 82- Lorin and Julie Fliehs
- 82- Les and Julie Hinds
- 84- Lance Frohling and Cindy Wixon
- 86- Pat and Vickie Kramp
- 86- Rod and Arlys Kluess
- 88- Tom and Alesa Mahan

Third Flight

- 81- Mike and Terri Traxinger
- 84- Rich and Tami Zimney
- 85- Dave and Marcy Blackmun
- 85- Jonathan and Mandilyn Fliehs
- 88- Mitchell and Heidi Locke
- 88- Bob and Vicki Walter
- 88- Jon and Jerrie Vedvei
- 90- LeRoy and Marion Kilber
- 90- Bob and Mavis Rossow
- 98- Bob and Judy Sundling
- 98- Larry Frohling and Deb Fredrickson
- 100- Bob and Val Wegner

Other Prizes

- Women's Closest to Pin #4: Cindy Wixon
- Men's Closest to Pin #8: Scott Nehls
- Men's and Women's Longest Putt #9: Lance Bonn
- Putting Contest Winner: Roger Zastrow



Pin Prize Winners

Left to right are Lance Bonn, Cindy Wixon and Scott Nehls. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Firecracker Golf Tourney

July 4, Olive Grove Golf Course



Roger Zastrow won the putting contest. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Schuelke Farms sponsored the Firecracker Tournament again this year. Pictured are Bill Schuelke and his son, Austin. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Deb and Austin Schuelke did the scoring after the tournament. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Bill Schuelke showed the putting contestants where the Ts and holes were at for the Putting Contest. Picture are Schuelke, Roger Zastrow, Susan Nehls, Bob Walter, Elise Ferrell, and Jackie Johnson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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First Place Winners

Third flight, Mike and Terri Traxinger; second flight, Randy and Sue Stanley; first flight, Mitch and Mel Hoffman; championship flight, Brad and Darliss Larson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

by Paul Kosel)



Third place Winners

Couples left to right: Championship Flight, Ryan Easthouse and Carmen Ferguson; first flight, Steve and Betty Dunker; second flight, Tim and Jan Kearns; third flight, Dave and Marcy Blackmun. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

JVT/NVC Purchase Northern Wireless

James Valley Telecommunications and Northern Valley Communications announced the purchase of Northern Wireless Communications. NVC is a subsidiary of JVT.

"We have more than 60 years of experience in the communications industry and are excited to welcome the Northern Wireless customers to our Internet family," said JVT/NVC CEO James Groft. "Internet service for Northern Wireless customers will continue uninterrupted as we make this exciting transition, and speeds will be increased where possible."

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JVT/NVC also provides cellular, cable TV and home phone service to Brown county and parts of Day and Spink counties.

Groton Fire & Rescue Surplus Equipment

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Bruce Sippel
Secretary, Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District (0705.0712)
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Second Place Winners

Championship Flight: Tom and Pat Price; third flight, Rich and Tami Zimney; not pictured are first flight Jan and Nancy Gilchrist and second flight Mike and Cheri Baker. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Webster Scale

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Energy. In addition, the project has been on the South Dakota Transportation plan for over three years. Northwestern Energy had advised Webster Scale, Inc. That they would be at the initial meeting, but they did not appear, according to Webster Scale Inc.'s response. WSI attempted to contact Northwestern Energy later that day. Northwestern Energy did not attend any of the meetings.

Construction began April 4, 2017. WSI, in their response, said, "James Valley Communications, Midcontinent, WEB Water and the City of Groton all worked closely with WSI in order to insure there were no utility issues. According to the SD Department of Transportation plan, Northwestern Energy was aware of this large project and all known utility conflicts for over three years." Several one-calls were made and all parties received copies of these one-calls.

On the first incident on April 12, an employee of NWE was on-site and advised WSI that there were no conflicts in the area that was being excavated. "WSI was operating a dozer and bringing the site to grade. Shortly thereafter, Mr. (Evan) Almburg left the scene and that gas service was damaged.

"As to the second incident that occurred on April 21, once again NWE was not on site. The plans which had been provided by the State of South Dakota did not show any gas lines in the area in which we were operating. These plans had been previously been provided to NWE. At the time of the excavation in question took place, the project superintendent, three laborers, the excavator operator and a representative of James Valley were present. The James Valley representative was present because it was known that a fiber optic line was in the area where the excavation was taking place. At no time did any of the individuals believe there was a gas main present. The idea this



Work continues on the US12 project in Groton as Webster Scale, Inc. employees take a look at the progress. The new completion date for US12 is now July 28th. The set-back from the July 1 deadline is mainly because of utility conflicts, according to the weekly DOT report held yesterday. (Photo by Tina Kosel)

strike was intentional is ludicrous."

It was stated that WSI is well aware of the 18" requirement. "WSI would never place its employees, subcontractors, state personnel and the general public at risk."

WSI had specifically asked NWE and its representatives to come by on a regular basis to make sure there were no issues. "Evan agreed to this, however, it never occurred," according to the letter. "In fact, as of the date of this answer, WSI is of the belief that NWE has caused delays of 16 days due to their failure to move their lines out of the public right-of-way." Meanwhile, it was stated that Almburg had quit his employment and that the new contact information provided was incorrect.

WSI has been in business for 57 years. "We have never had a complaint filed against us," the letter said. "The fact that there have been no issues with any of the other four utilities involved with the project is a testament as to our practices."

The South Dakota One Call Board met June 16 in Rapid City. Discussion was held on

the information presented and finding no probable cause, the complaint was dismissed on a unanimous vote.

It should be noted at according to the minutes of the meeting, this was a legal proceeding and only the written information provided by the complainant and the written response from the defendant were considered. No comments from the parties involved in the complaints were taken. This article was produced from the documentation on the website of South Dakota One Call.

The full documentation of the complaint can be viewed on-line at www.sdonecall.com.

<http://www.sdonecall.com/complaints/south-dakota-one-call-complaints/2017-south-dakota-one-call-complaints/oc17-003/>

In addition, Webster Scale, Inc., along with the South Dakota Department of Transportation, hold weekly meetings at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Groton Community Center. These meetings are also broadcast live at GDILIVE.COM and are also open to the public.

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Exhibitor, 4-H Age, Grade, Division, Class, Class Ribbon, Class Awards

- Emily Malsam, 9, 4, Equitation, Beginner Stock Seat Equitation, Blue
 Emily Malsam, 9, 4, Equitation, Beginner Hunt Seat/Saddle Seat Equitation, Blue, GRAND CHAMPION
- Emily Malsam, 9, 4, Games, Beginner Flag Racing, White
 Emily Malsam, 9, 4, Games, Junior Barrel Racing, Blue
 Emily Malsam, 9, 4, Games, Junior Pole Bending, Blue
 Emily Malsam, 9, 4, Performance, Junior Trail, Blue, GRAND CHAMPION
 Emily Malsam, 9, 4, Showmanship, Beginner Western Showmanship, Blue, RESERVE CHAMPION
- Emily Malsam, 9, 4, Showmanship, Beginner English Showmanship, Blue, GRAND CHAMPION
 Faith Flihs, 11, 5, Equitation, Junior Stock Seat Equitation, Blue
 Faith Flihs, 11, 5, Games, Junior Barrel Racing, Purple, RESERVE CHAMPION
 Faith Flihs, 11, 5, Games, Junior Pole Bending, Purple, RESERVE CHAMPION
 Faith Flihs, 11, 5, Performance, Junior Reining, Blue, RESERVE CHAMPION
 Faith Flihs, 11, 5, Performance, Junior Ranch Riding, Purple, GRAND CHAMPION
 Faith Flihs, 11, 5, Performance, Junior Trail, Blue, RESERVE CHAMPION
 Faith Flihs, 11, 5, Showmanship, Junior Western Showmanship, Red
 Grace Malsam, 14, 9, Equitation, Senior Stock Seat Equitation, Blue
 Grace Malsam, 14, 9, Equitation, Senior Hunt Seat, Blue
 Grace Malsam, 14, 9, Games, Senior Pole Bending, Blue, RESERVE CHAMPION
 Grace Malsam, 14, 9, Games, Senior Barrel Racing, Blue, RESERVE CHAMPION
 Grace Malsam, 14, 9, Performance, Senior Ranch Riding, Blue
 Grace Malsam, 14, 9, Performance, Senior Trail, Blue
 Grace Malsam, 14, 9, Showmanship, Senior Western Showmanship, Blue
 Grace Malsam, 14, 9, Showmanship, Senior English Showmanship, Red
 Hanna Miller, 13, 7, Equitation, Junior Stock Seat Equitation, Red
 Hanna Miller, 13, 7, Games, Junior Pole Bending, Blue
 Hanna Miller, 13, 7, Performance, Junior Trail, White
 Hanna Miller, 13, 7, Showmanship, Junior Western Showmanship, Blue
 Jack Podoll, 10, 4, Equitation, Beginner Stock Seat Equitation, White
 Jack Podoll, 10, 4, Games, Junior Barrel Racing, Purple, GRAND CHAMPION
 Jack Podoll, 10, 4, Games, Junior Pole Bending, Purple, GRAND CHAMPION
 Jack Podoll, 10, 4, Games, Beginner Flag Racing, Purple, GRAND CHAMPION
 Jack Podoll, 10, 4, Showmanship, Beginner Western Showmanship, Blue
 Jazmine Hart-Crissman, 12, 6, Equitation, Junior Stock Seat Equitation, Blue, RESERVE CHAMPION
 Jazmine Hart-Crissman, 12, 6, Showmanship, Junior Western Showmanship, Purple, RESERVE CHAMPION
- Jordan Zoellner, 12, 6, Equitation, Junior Stock Seat Equitation, Red
 Jordan Zoellner, 12, 6, Showmanship, Junior Western Showmanship, Red
 Kylie Johannsen, 9, 4, Equitation, Beginner Stock Seat Equitation, Blue
 Kylie Johannsen, 9, 4, Games, Junior Pole Bending, White
 Kylie Johannsen, 9, 4, Games, Junior Barrel Racing, White
 Kylie Johannsen, 9, 4, Games, Beginner Flag Racing, White
 Kylie Johannsen, 9, 4, Performance, Junior Trail, White
 Kylie Johannsen, 9, 4, Showmanship, Beginner Western Showmanship, Red
 Mallory Miller, 11, 6, Equitation, Junior Stock Seat Equitation, White
 Mallory Miller, 11, 6, Games, Junior Barrel Racing, White
 Mallory Miller, 11, 6, Games, Junior Pole Bending, White
 Mallory Miller, 11, 6, Showmanship, Junior Western Showmanship, Red
 Megan Malsam, 18, 12, Equitation, Senior Stock Seat Equitation, Red
 Megan Malsam, 18, 12, Equitation, Senior Hunt Seat, Blue
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 Trey Wright, 18, 12, Equitation, Senior Stock Seat Equitation, Blue
 Trey Wright, 18, 12, Games, Senior Barrel Racing, Blue, GRAND CHAMPION
 Trey Wright, 18, 12, Games, Senior Pole Bending, Purple, GRAND CHAMPION
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Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING
June 26, 2017

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjeldstad, Gengerke, Harder, Kjeldsen, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan, Business Manager Weber and Principal Candidate Sombke.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjeldsen to approve the agenda with the following amendments under Old Business Item #4 – remove items a and d and add item f – approve new elementary project change order, under New Business Item #7a - hire co-basketball cheerleading advisors and under New Business Item #8b – approve resignation of boys soccer coach. Motion carried.

There were no potential conflicts of interest reported.

Moved by Rix, second Fjeldstad to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: North Central Special Ed Coop school of record agenda items and year-end bills and District bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: GENERAL FUND: A&B Business – toner, 109.00; Agency Fund – advance payments, 4,013.13; Decker Inc – containers, 155.83; C. Farmen Jr – meals, 44.81; L. Grieve – meals, 23.29; Hampton Inn – golf lodging, 536.00; A. Helvig – meals, 39.20; Hillyard – parts, 26.35; House of Glass – services, 143.63; Jostens – honor cords, 100.00; Ken's Food Fair – fuel, 3,486.13; Locke Electric – services, 624.29; Mathcounts Foundation – fee, 190.00; Matheson – supplies, 96.75; Menards – supplies, 50.97; Mid-American Research Chemical – supplies, 762.87; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 17.94; T. Pigors – meals, 45.35; Sannes Sewing – services, 912.00; A. Seeklander – meals, 24.62; J. Seibel – meals, 41.77; Stan Houston Equipment – supplies, 89.00; C. Weisenburger – background ck fee, 43.25; Wells Fargo – supplies, 1,384.23. Total General Fund - \$12,960.41.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Agency Fund – adv pmts, 2,203.57; Decker Inc – materials, 632.14; Digi Security Systems – door switches, 22,095.58; D. Donley – project work, 1,250.00; M. Erickson – cart, 39.99; Pierre School District – tablets, 5,000.00. Total Capital Outlay - \$31,221.28.

SPECIAL ED: Agency Fund – adv pmt, 21.73. Total Special Ed - \$21.73.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service- Agency Fund – adv pmts, 855.46; Nardini Fire Equipment – inspection, 219.00. Total Food Service - \$1,074.46.

OST- Aberdeen Kiwanis – fundraiser, 177.00; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 278.48. Total OST - \$455.48. Total Enterprise Funds - \$1,529.94

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

There were no board committee reports given.

Superintendent Schwan gave a Groton Area Elementary Renovation and Addition Project update.

The following change orders to the elementary construction project were reviewed for consideration: b) CCO#004 with JDH Construction – additional plumbing chases and removal and infill of door at an increase of \$3,199; c) CCO#005 with JDH Construction – Junior Kindergarten room revisions at an increase of \$2,570; e) CCO#002 with Redlinger Brothers Plumbing – additional classroom sink plumbing for an increase of \$2,965 and f) CCO#006 with JDH Construction – infill exterior walls with spray foam and patch for an increase of \$1,677.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve change orders b, c, e and f as presented. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: staffing update, ASBSD/SASD Joint Convention, school bus inspections, Athletics Moratorium scheduled for July 1-7, summer facilities maintenance and summer school update.

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET

Groton Area School District Board of Education will conduct a public hearing in the High School Library on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. to consider the forthcoming budget for fiscal year July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, as follows:

	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Food Service	Enterprise Fund
EXPENDITURE BUDGET							
Elementary Programs	1,060,307	13,600		0			
Elementary Summer Program	3,902						
Middle School Programs	487,651	21,900					
High School Programs	1,020,120	43,350					
Jr. Kindergarten	57,292	500					
Class Size Reduction Program							
NCAI/Hi Tech Programs	1,500	4,000					
Rtl Grant Program	49,564						
Destination Imagination	6,215						
Mild/Moderate Disabilities		150	486,294				
Severe Disabilities		2,425	197,135				
Residential Programs			35,000				
Early Childhood Programs			35,894				
Opportunity Classroom	51,642						
Limited English Proficient	29,809	50					
Title I Programs	109,967	350					
Counseling Services	138,158						
Medical Services	40,918	1,400	5,000				
Psychological Services			16,487				
Speech Pathology Services			39,909				
Physical Therapy			38,000				
Occupational Therapy			60,000				
Recreational Therapy							
Curriculum Development	1,347						
Instructional Staff Training	23,196						
School Library Services	54,257	12,800					
Technology in School	82,290	119,673					
Election Services	3,800						
Legal Services	3,000		500				
Audit Services	11,500						
Board of Education	117,484						
Office of the Superintendent	135,161	375					
Office of the Principals	292,181	2,050					
Other Support Services	750						
Fiscal Services	188,157						
Architect & Engineering	5,000						
Other Facilities Acq		71,350					
Building Care & Upkeep	710,048	40,300					
Vehicle Maintenance	338,253	39,000					
School Lunch						251,463	
Special Ed Administrative			14,721				
Special Ed Transportation			31,195				
Special Ed Other Costs			4,548				
Out-of-School Time Program							79,431
Driver's Education							11,587
State Unemployment	4,000						
Early Retirement	5,383						
Debt Service		799,275			202,183		
Athletics	203,460	23,000					
Music		31,800					
Forensics	18,180	300					
Other Co-Curricular	15,152						
Contingency	50,000						
Transfers Out		250,000					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,319,644	1,477,648	964,683	0	202,183	251,463	91,018
MEANS OF FINANCE	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Food Service	Enterprise Fund
Local Sources:							
Taxes	3,707,842	1,258,600	855,000	150	209,650		
Regular Tuition							9,000
Summer School Fees							
Transportation Fees	950						
Interest Earned	5,000						
Food Service Sales						140,250	
Co-Curricular Revenue	180,200						
Other Local Revenue	26,700		15,650				60,000
Total Local Sources	3,920,692	1,258,600	870,650	150	209,650	140,250	69,000
County Sources:							
State Fines	44,000						
Revenue In Lieu of Taxes	100						
Total County Sources	44,100						
State Sources							
State Aid	74,535						
State Apportionment	40,500						
Wind Farm Revenue	176,000						
Bank Franchise Tax	56,000						
State Cash Reimbursements						1,250	
Other State Revenue	650		100				
Total State Sources	347,685		100			1,250	
Federal Sources:							
Federal Wetlands	5,000						
Small Rural School Achievement	19,849						
Title IV, Part A	10,000						
Title I, Part A	71,308						
Title II, Part A	26,648						
Federal Cash Reimbursements						58,000	
Other Federal Revenue	900	18,651					
Total Federal Sources	133,705	18,651				58,000	
Other Sources:							
Transfer In	250,000						
Sale of Surplus Property	50						
Total Other Sources	250,050						
TOTAL REVENUE	4,696,232	1,277,251	870,750	150	209,650	199,500	69,000
Cash on Hand	623,412	200,397	93,933	(150)	(7,467)	51,963	22,018
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE	5,319,644	1,477,648	964,683	0	202,183	251,463	91,018

Michael J. Weber, Business Official, Groton Area School District No. 06-6, Groton, SD

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Uncle Terry wants you!



Terry Kenny is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Groton. On Sunday, he dressed up as "Uncle Sam." He said, "I dress up for Memorial Day and Independence Day. It's a time to reflect on our military and our freedom." Uncle Sam is that guy on the ad that says, "I want you!" Kenny added, "If we all do our part for America, it would be a better place." He said that it is fun to dress up as Uncle Sam. (Photos by Ron Rehfuss)



The janitorial staff at the Groton Area School have been busy at the high school getting everything ready for school in September. Here Head Custodian Mike Nehls is applying a coat of wax to the floor. He said once the old wax is stripped off, it can take at least six coats of wax to get the floor done. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright



The Minnesota Vikings have many of their positions set (barring an injury, knock on wood). We all know Sam Bradford will be the quarterback when the season starts, we know Kyle Rudolph will be the team's starting tight end, we know Harrison Smith will be one of the starters at safety... and so on. However, just like every team around the league, the Vikings enter the 2017 season with some positional battles many of which will be hard-fought and will last through the preseason. For the next few weeks, I'll be breaking down the biggest position battles entering training camp.

Last week, we started the position battle series. While the running back position is important, it pales in comparison to this week's position battle: center/ right guard. Last year, the offensive line was clearly the weak link on the team. Because of injuries and inconsistency along the line, the Vikings went from a championship contender to missing the playoffs. If the Vikings want to even make it to the playoffs in 2017, it starts and ends with the offensive line.

The Vikings spent big money this offseason to help shore up the line, signing Riley Rieff to be the left tackle and Mike Remmers to be the right tackle. The Vikings are also set at left guard, after spending big money on Alex Boone last offseason. Boone didn't have the greatest season, but some of that can be attributed to the poor play of those beside him. I'm hoping we see a better player than the one we saw in 2016.

With left tackle, left guard, and right tackle set, there are only two spots open to competition – center and right guard.

The Vikings have been relatively lucky at the center position in years past, going from Matt Birk to John Sullivan. After Sullivan went down with a career threatening injury, the team was forced to move veteran Joe Berger to center, where he played well the last couple seasons. However, Berger is 35 years old and only has a year or two left before he retires. Realizing he wasn't a long-term solution, the Vikings spent their second draft pick this year (3rd round) on Pat Elflein, a center from Ohio State. Elflein is a tough competitor who will get the first shot to become the team's long term answer at center.

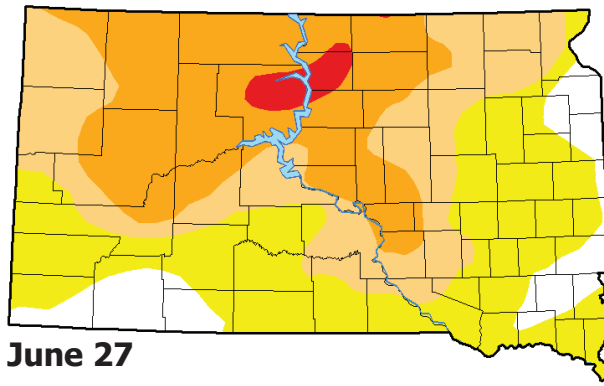
Best case scenario, Elflein is ready to start week 1 which will move Berger to right guard. Again, he isn't a long-term solution at right guard, but the Vikings have a few young players behind him who can hopefully contribute in a year or two.

Worst case scenario, Elflein is unable to learn the center position quickly enough, forcing the team to move Berger to center. Berger will be fine at center for this season, but then the Vikings are forced to start one of their younger offensive linemen at right guard, creating an obvious weak link.

If Elflein is ready to start at center (and I'm willing to believe he is, because he switched to center his last year in college and won the Remington Award, which goes to the nation's top center in college football), the Vikings have the potential to have an average offensive line. Combine that with their top five defense and above-average offensive skill players, the Vikings should be in a position to once again be a contender in the NFL.

What do you think? Let me know by reaching out to me on Facebook (facebook.com/SkoJWright) or on Twitter (@SkoJWright)!

Drought Monitor



June 27

Much needed rainfall was unfortunately scarce over most of the region during the past week. Combined with a heat wave early in the period with temperatures reaching into the 100's (°F) in some areas, conditions worsened in many places. North Platte, Nebraska, for example, tied a June record on the 21st, reaching 107°F. Abnormally dry conditions now encompass most of the state, save for the far west and parts of the far east. These conditions also extended southward into Kansas, which also saw abnormal dryness extended in the far southwest. The most deterioration, however, occurred in the Dakotas, especially northwestern South Dakota and North Dakota, where the rapidly worsening conditions warranted expansion of moderate, severe, and extreme drought to many regions. Extreme drought (D3) was expanded across a large section of western North Dakota and extended into Montana (see West). A county agent from McIntosh County noted that soil moisture is absent and crop and pasture losses are expected. Additionally, some producers are now having to haul water, and hay is less than half of normal. Pastures have zero regrowth. The one bright spot for the week in this region was southeastern Kidder and southwestern Sherman Counties: moderate drought (D1) improved to abnormally dry (D0) conditions. According to the USDA/NASS reports, the percent of topsoil moisture that was short to very short for the week ending June 25 was 53% in North Dakota, 63% in South Dakota, and 56% in Nebraska, increases of 10, 8 and 20%, respectively, compared to the June 18 report.

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The South Dakota Building at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair

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New York Tribune Editor Horace Greeley encouraged people to go West, but a South Dakota newspaper editor admonished people to go East.

"Any person who can take in the world's fair and does not do so, makes a great mistake, and they will surely regret it as long as they live," read an article in the June 8, 1893, Turner County Herald in Hurley, published by William C. Brown.

It's no wonder. The editor and his wife had spent 10 days taking in the sights at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, also known as the Chicago World's Fair. The fair had opened on May 1, 1893, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World. Those attending the fair on the south side of Chicago adjacent to Lake Michigan would have seen buildings that stretched a third of a mile long, the world's first Ferris wheel, exhibits from 86 foreign countries, buildings representing 43 states and territories, and much more.

Many South Dakotans heeded the advice to see the world's fair, as 19,684 South Dakotans signed the guest register in the South Dakota State building from June 1 until the fair closed on Oct. 30. South Dakota's estimated white population in 1890, according to the census, was 328,808. The population had increased by 2,167 five years later. South Dakotans were part of an estimated 28 million people who visited the Chicago World's Fair.

"The South Dakota State building was not only a surprise to strangers, but to many of our own people," stated the Report of the South Dakota World's Fair Commission, made to Gov. Charles Sheldon. "Situating on the 57th street entrance, near the gate, it was in the path of all visitors passing in or out of the grounds at that gate. The building itself was a very important state exhibit. The outside walls were covered with the Yankton Portland cement; the beauty of color and flint-like hardness attracted much attention. The front entrance was under a large arch composed of Sioux Falls quartzite and Black Hills sandstone, supported by two beautiful, polished quartzite columns."

Those entering the 100-foot by 60-foot building saw rooms packed with agricultural, commercial and mining displays. The main exhibit hall held more than 100 varieties of wheat, oats and other cereals. An arch was made of 14-foot cornstalks loaded with large ears and the sign, "We want you to know that South Dakota is a corn state." The wool growers' exhibit was considered "the best arranged wool exhibit on the grounds." There was also a ladies' and gentlemen's parlor, bathrooms, gentlemen's reading and smoking room, private offices and storage rooms.

The purpose of the South Dakota Building was to showcase the state's advantages in order to encourage immigration and to correct erroneous impressions people might have of the state, then 4 years old, according to the commission's report. South Dakota was in dire straits, as the loss of crops to drought had caused the state's economy to crash and forced many South Dakotans to leave the state or accept outside aid.

Due to the state's treasury troubles, private citizens provided much of the financing of the building.

Gov. Sheldon formally dedicated the South Dakota Building on July 12, 1893, extolling the state's rich soil, mild climate, deposits of minerals and other virtues.

The South Dakota Building contained what South Dakota claimed to be not only the largest guest registers on the fairgrounds, but the largest in the world.

The guest registers were 17 inches thick, 25 inches high and 26 inches wide, and had a combined weight of 400 pounds, according to the fair commission's report. The guest registers are now in the safekeeping of the South Dakota State Historical Society in Pierre.

Most of the fair's buildings were designed to be temporary structures, removed after the fair closed.

While the fair was underway, Old Main at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion was destroyed by fire. Many of the materials from the South Dakota Building were saved and found new life in building a new Old Main.

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Find us on the web at www.sdhsf.org. Contact us at info@sdhsf.org to submit a story idea.



THE SOUTH DAKOTA BUILDING is entirely the creation of the muscle, brain, material, and money of that State. The exterior is coated with Yankton cement, the timber is the product of her forests, and the roofing the product of her mines. Within its walls a wonderfully varied exhibit of the natural resources of the State are exhibited, including all the fruits of the temperate zone, and almost all known metals. The building measures 100x60 feet, is Romanesque in style, and cost \$25,000.

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Terry Kenny at 610 N Main in Groton uses a couple of manikins to add to his wagon scene in front of their house. He moves them around from time to time. Here the baby manikin has "angel wings," and the dad manikin is working on the flowers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Mr. Manikin decided it was a good day for grilling on Tuesday at the Terry Kenny home at 610 N Main in Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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July 3, 2017 – At \$2.23, today's national gas price average is the lowest the country has seen all year. On the week, gas prices fell in 46 states. Today, consumers can find gas for \$2.00 or less at one out of every four gas stations in the country.

"The combination of lukewarm demand and increased gasoline and crude output continues to put downward pressure on gas prices," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "While holiday gasoline demand is likely to reach new highs, it will probably not be enough to cause a significant increase on the price of gasoline in the coming week."

Independence Day motorists traveling between South Dakota's largest cities should be aware that the citywide gas price average for regular is 19 cents lower in Sioux Falls than in Rapid City today. Check fuel prices, updated daily, at GasPrices.AAA.com.

Current Price Averages per Gallon of Regular Gasoline
 Sioux Falls – \$2.06, down 19 cents from one month ago ... down 5 cents from 7/3/16
 Rapid City – \$2.25, down 19 cents from one month ago ... down 18 cents from 7/3/16
 South Dakota – \$2.24, down 15 cents from one month ago ... down 9 cents from 7/3/16
 U.S. – \$2.23, down 15 cents from one month ago ... down 4 cents from 7/3/16

The last time gas prices nationally were this inexpensive for the Independence Day holiday was in 2005. That year, the price on July 4

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was \$2.23 per gallon, which was the first time gas prices ever rose above the \$2.00 mark for the holiday.

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