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Kiwanis News

Lee Schinkel introduced his guest, Rev. Josh Jetto (pictured), new pastor for Groton's CMA church, at Kiwanis Club, on Wednesday. Pastor Jetto, wife, and five small children just moved to Groton.

Josh spoke to Kiwanis on his family, past experiences in the ministry, and his schooling.

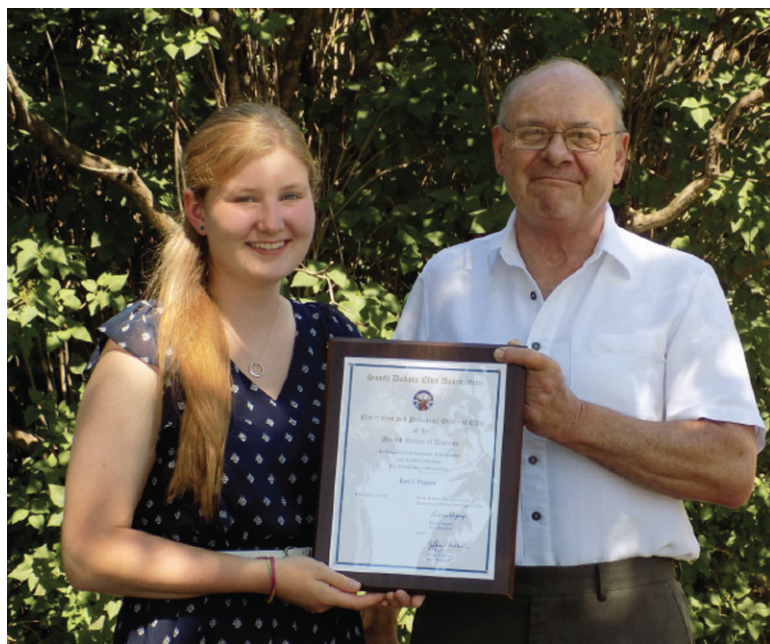
Three coaches hired Monday afternoon

The Groton Area School Board held a special meeting Monday afternoon to approve the hiring of three coaches. Chance Strom was hired as the head boys soccer coach, Craig Sternhagen was hired as the volunteer assistant boys soccer coach, and Ryan Scepaniak was hired as a junior high football coach.



Yard of the Week

Louie and Vinny are pictured with their owners for this week's Yard of the Week. On the left is Diane holding Louie and on the right is Ryan holding Vinny. The Kurtz' yard was chosen by the members of the Groton Garden Club. They are located at 205 W. 5th Ave. The Bulldog puppies were given to Diane for Mother's Day by her children. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pappas receives Elks Scholarship

Keri Pappas, receiving the plaque and scholarship, from the South Dakota Elks; from Lee Schinkel, representing the Aberdeen Elks Lodge.

North Central Farmers Elevator and Wheat Growers to Revisit Justification for Possible Unification

The Boards of Directors at North Central Farmers Elevator and Wheat Growers have each approved revisiting the unification opportunity that was considered by the cooperatives two years ago.

According to a joint announcement, over the next two weeks the two boards are inviting feedback from their members and re-examining the extensive study done previously to refresh the data, benefits and opportunities of a potential unification. Following that period, both boards will determine whether to proceed to a vote of their respective memberships.

The two cooperatives noted that this decision comes in response to changes in the ag economy and marketplace dynamics that are challenging farmer and cooperative profitability. Meanwhile, the potential advantages of a unification that were identified previously may still exist, even more so today given all of the market changes and pressures.

Road Construction Update

The weekly meeting on the road construction in Groton revealed several important items.

The damage that was done last Saturday to the freshly poured concrete set back the opening date of US12 by a week. US12 is expected to be reopened this Thursday or Friday. Also, as a result of that damage, Webster Scale, Inc., is incurring fines, even though it was not their problem. John Shoemaker of Webster Scale said fines will be around \$8,000. Also, when US12 is reopened, the temporary signal lights will be removed. This is because they are not big enough to control two lanes of traffic. Work is progressing rapidly on the permanent signal lights.

Also next week, Burlington Northern Railroad will begin on the replacement of the railroad cross on SD37 in Groton. When installation work begins, traffic will be disrupted. Single lane traffic will be controlled by flaggers.

The City of Groton is incurring charges from having to lower four or five sewer service lines along SD37. The state is installing new, much larger storm sewer pipe and are having to dig them down further. As a result, the individual sewer lines had to be lowered by about 18 inches to accommodate the storm sewer line.

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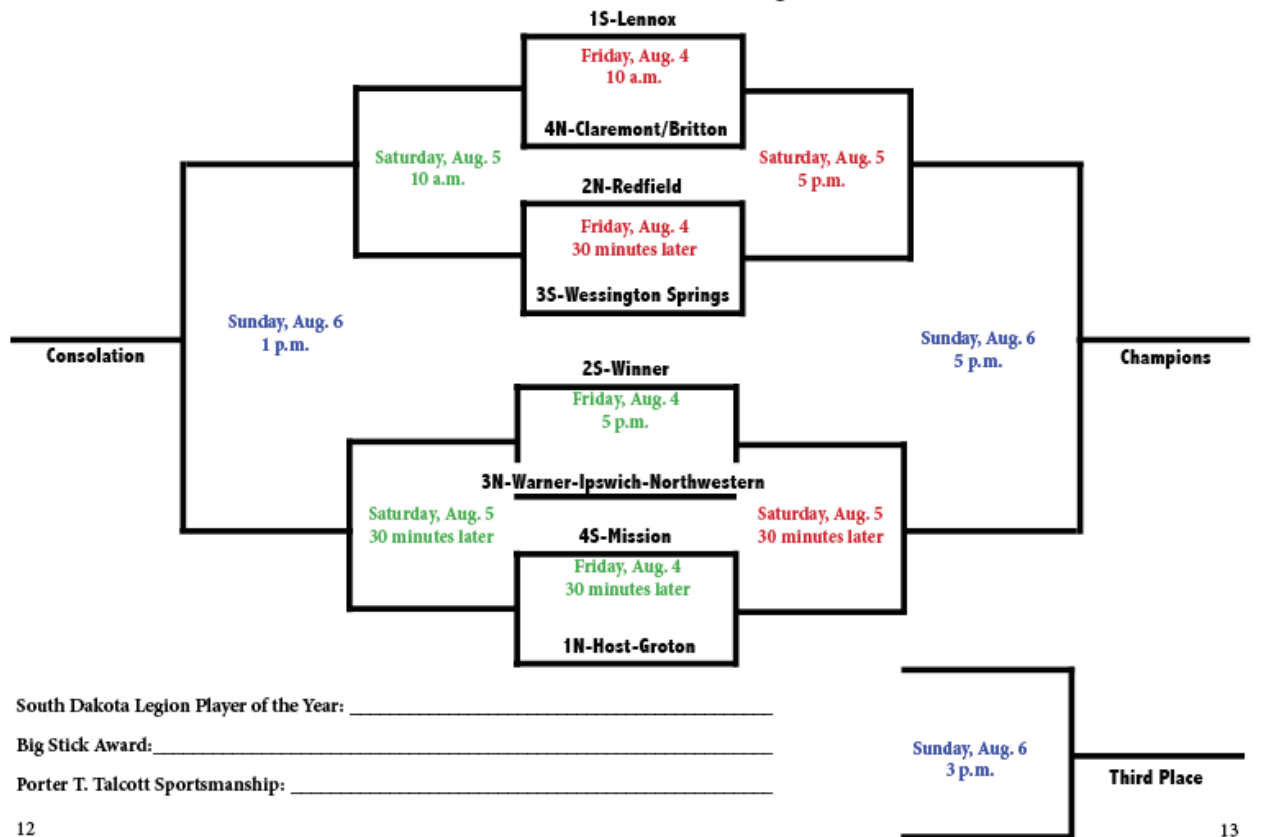
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South Dakota Legion Player of the Year: _____

Big Stick Award: _____

Porter T. Talcott Sportsmanship: _____



Back LtoR: Natalia Warrington, Alicia Davis, Nicole Marzahn, Addison Ward, Gabe Mattson
 Front LtoR: Mckenna Tietz, Teagan Hanten, and Ashlynn Warrington

Brown County 4-H Fashion Revue Results

The 2017 Brown County 4-H Fashion Revue was held Tuesday, July 25th. Primrose Retirement Community graciously offered their facility for the event. Becca Tullar and Nicholas Achen narrated, while eight youth modeled eight constructed and selected outfits.

In the early afternoon, Pat Dennert of Frederick and Diane Steinheiser of Redfield judged the models. The models were judged on the following criteria: the fit and style of the garment, as well as the accessories; the individual's modeling ability; the construction of the garment; and the garments cost and care. Each model was given a ribbon placing. Senior and junior participants will represent Brown County at the South Dakota State Fair.

RESULTS:

Beginners:

Purple Ribbons: Alicia Davis, Teagan Hanten, Gabe Mattson, Mckenna Tietz, Addison Ward, Natalia Warrington, and Ashlynn Warrington

Juniors: None

Senior:

Purple Ribbon: Nicole Marzahn

Monday, Aug. 7

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, cookie, whole wheat bread.

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

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

Tuesday Aug. 8

Senior Menu: Sloppy joe on wheat bun, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, crunchy cranberry salad.

Olive Grove: Noon bridge, Ladies League at 6 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Church Council at 7 p.m.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Aug. 3

Senior Menu: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked squash, fresh fruit, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle at 2 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 4

Senior Menu: Baked fish, baked potato, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Olive Grove: Wine on 9, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 6

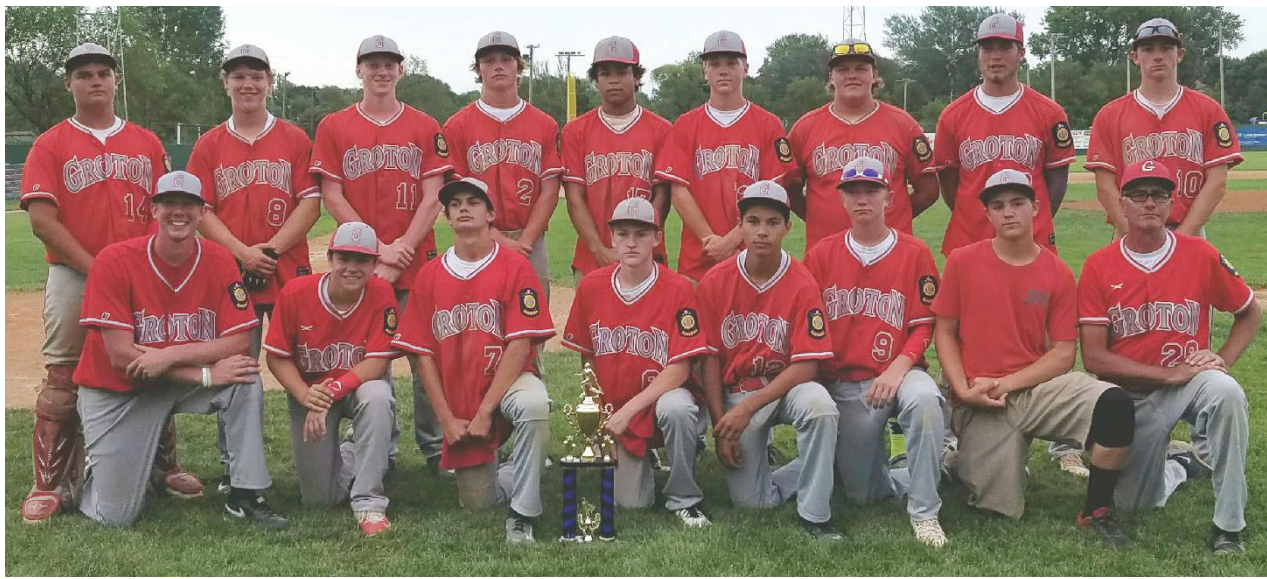
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m.

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

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Olive Grove: Men's League, 6 p.m.



Northern Division Regional Champions

Groton won the northern half of the American Junior Legion Baseball Tournament held this past weekend. Groton goes into the state tournament as the number one seed for the northern division.

Left to right back row: Alex Morris, Caleb Furney, Grady O'Neill, Austin Jones, Darien Shabazz, Jonathon Doeden, Wyatt Locke, Peyton Johnson, Garrett Schroeder

Left to right front row: Coach Mason Madsen, Caden Kurtz, Corbin Blackmun, Riley Thurston, Anthony Schinkel, Chandler Larson, Hunter Schaller, Asst Coach Tony Madsen (Photo courtesy Marjae Schinkel)

S.D. High School Honors Choir taking place this week at NSU

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The 44th annual South Dakota High School Honors Choir is taking place July 30-Aug. 4 at Northern State University.

The Honors Choir, presented by the South Dakota American Choral Directors' Association, brings 150 auditioned high school students together for a week of intensive singing at a choral camp.

The event culminates with a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, in NSU's Johnson Fine Arts Center Harvey and Cynthia Jewett Theater.

Guest Conductor is Dr. Sharon A. Hansen, emerita professor of conducting and choral music at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Retired NSU music faculty member Dr. Allan Jacobson is accompanist.

A list of participating students is below.

Sopranos: AnneMarie Smith, Groton Area;

Altos: Ashley Garduno, Groton Area

Basses: Tylan Glover, Groton Area; Mitchell Koens, Groton Area.

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As you can see in this photo, the sewer service line is a little too high for the big storm sewer pipe that is being installed. At least four homeowner sewer service lines had to be removed and reinstalled about 18 inches lower to accommodate the new concrete storm sewer.



City employees Dwight Zerr, Branden Abeln and Terry Heron were installing the new sewer service line for one of the homeowners. Four services had to be lowered and it is now known yet if a fifth service line will have to be lowered. Also pictured on the left is an employee of Webster Scale.

A Native American Hero

We all need a hero. Whether that person is a religious figure, a parent, a favorite teacher, or a movie star, it's human nature to need someone to serve as a mentor, a champion, or a model for living.

This is a story about someone you may not have heard of, but can definitely serve as an example for us all. Charles Eastman MD,



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

also named Ohiyesa (pronounced oh-ee-suh), which means "winner", was born in 1862 in a Native American village near Redwood Falls, MN. His mother died during childbirth, but he would go on to have a normal youth within

the Native American culture.

Ohiyesa began a formal education when his father enrolled him into the missionary school in Flandreau, SD. He was a bright young man, who after his schooling moved on to Dartmouth college in Nebraska, Wisconsin. Eventually, he would attend medical school in Boston, graduating in 1890.

Doctor Eastman first practiced medicine in South Dakota at Pine Ridge and later at the Crow Creek Reservations. He was one of the first Native American physicians to practice scientific based medicine on

a reservation, and was even eyewitness to both the events leading up to and following the Wounded Knee Massacre of December 29, 1890.

Eastman went on to champion Native American rights, became a Washington lobbyist for the Dakota Sioux, and was assigned by Teddy Roosevelt, and later Calvin Coolidge, to several tribal responsibilities.

He wrote about his Native American boyhood, as well as his medical and political experiences, providing a marvelous and unique two-world perspective. But most endearing, perhaps,

was how Charles Eastman helped establish more than 30 Native American YMCA groups. He would later help Ernest Seton of the Woodcraft Indians, and Daniel Beard of the Sons of Daniel Boone, to found the Boy Scouts of America.

This Native American physician, organizer, writer, and child-advocate was a native son, a real-life hero, and an example for us all.

Brown County Ord. 109 Keatts Rezoning

NOTICE
Application has been made by Patrick Keatts to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on August 15, 2017 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3): Lot 1, Keatts Sixth Subdivision in the W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec 23-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (37832 Richmond Drive)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 109.

ATTEST:
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Groton School July 24

Meeting Minutes UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING July 24, 2017

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjeldstad, Gengerke, Harder, Kjelden, Rix and Smith. Absent: Weismantel. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principal Sombke and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Rix, second Kjelden to approve the agenda with two amendments under Old Business Item #5d – add change order and Item #5e – and change order. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported.

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.

No board committee reports were given.

Weber presented an amended Transportation Report. Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schwan presented an update of the Elementary remodel/Addition project.

The following change orders to the elementary construction project were reviewed for consideration: a) CCO#001 with Custom Sheet Metal – add break metal returns between ceilings and windows in classrooms for an increase of \$832.81; b) CCO#002 with Muth Electric – revise the layout of type A light fixtures in multiple rooms at an increase of \$1,377; c) CCO#002 with Lien Transportation – add gravel and fabric that was inadvertently eliminated and credited in previous change order for an increase of \$7,525; d) CCO#008 with JDH Construction – modify window jamb base plates with structural repairs and remove chase and tack boards for an increase of \$9,226 and e) CCO#001 with Grazzini Brothers – replace existing rubber wall base with Johnsonite for an increase of \$2,627.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve change orders a, b, c, d and e as presented. Motion carried 5-1 with Gengerke voting no.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: staffing update, ASBSD/SASD joint convention, Fall athletic start dates, staff interviews and updated early retirement eligibility.

Moved by Rix, second Kjelden to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Kjelden to authorize Eide Bailey to conduct the FY 2017 audit. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Fjeldstad to hire Tara Arntsen as Math Teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Rix to hire Jenna Strom and assistant volleyball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Fjeldstad to reassign Joni Groeblichhoff to Kindergarten paraprofessional for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Kjelden to approve open enrollment #18-06 for a student in grade 11 from the Ipswich School District. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve request from Webster Area School District to pick up students in Bristol at designated street stops for the 2017-18 school year pursuant to SDCL 13-29-4. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Rix to adjourn at 7:40 pm. 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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Brown County July 25, 2017

Meeting Minutes JULY 25, 2017 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Vice-Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Sutton, Fischbach. Commissioner Kippley was absent. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$6,778.86; Treasurer \$13,682.48; States Attorney \$21,623.85; SVAWA Grant \$1,282.08; Maintenance \$7,060.51; Assessor \$13,831.28; Register of Deeds \$9,277.36; Veterans Service Office \$4,167.14; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,854.08; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$34,950.65; Jail \$53,217.07; JDC \$23,009.71 Welfare Office \$3,665.57; Museum \$8,214.11; Parks & Fairgrounds \$7,284.29; Fair Board \$4,839.93; 4-H \$1,434.54; Weed \$5,974.21; Planning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$51,905.75; Communications \$22,894.51; Emergency Management \$3,960.14; Teen Court \$592.85; 24/7 \$3,297.98; Landfill \$11,629.79.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$19,843.04; Medicare \$4,640.69; SDRS \$39,172.19; Health Ins \$130,701.92; Life Ins \$960.60; Dental Ins \$6,852.60; HAS \$50.00.

Professional Fees: Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$417.00; Dependable Sanitation \$24,283.42; Devnet \$9,354.71; Kerri Cook-Huber \$141.00; Kuck Law Office \$901.20; Language Line Services \$79.29; LTR Intermediate Holdings \$66,303.21; NE Mental Health Center \$1,612.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise Sauck \$4,870.20; Riverside Technologies Inc \$595.00; Ronayne Law Office \$5,602.70; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$3,699.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$8,056.29; Walworth County Sheriff \$1,600.00.

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Rentals: Pantorium Cleaners \$59.20; Sewer Duck \$100.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$99.01; Advance Stores Company \$27.45; Alamo Group \$139.50; Burdette Security & Technology \$500.39; Dakota Fluid Power \$8.40; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$216.82; Gary's Engine Repair \$24.00; Huff Construction \$2,150.00; Mac's Inc \$3.19; Pierson-Ford-Lincoln Mercury \$52.45; Pro Ag Supply \$13.47; Runnings \$27.61; Timothy C Gardner \$103.00; Servermonkey.com LLC \$18,475.00; Western States Fire Co. \$986.44.

Supplies: Advance Stores Company \$15.19; Aerial Horizons UAS, LLC \$92.50; Alamo Group \$900.00; Ameripride Services \$60.60; Century Business Products \$757.81; Consolidated Ready Mix Inc \$755.00; Dakota Supply Group \$21.46; Aberdeen Medical Center Pharmacy \$1,709.00; Economy Meat Market \$805.70; Govconnection \$199.00; Kerri Cook-Huber \$3.79; Lien Transportation Company \$101,137.85; Marco Inc \$73.11; Menards \$1,142.82; Moore Medical LLC \$411.51; Network Services Company \$745.81; Pauer Sound & Music \$540.00; Praxair Distribution \$90.47; Share Corp \$709.78; Van Diest Supply Co \$19,401.85; West Payment Center \$844.65.

Travel & Conference: City of Groton \$55.62.

Utilities: Qwest Corporation \$2,480.22; Dependable Sanitation \$451.00; Northern Electric Coop \$1,079.50; Northwestern Energy \$1,205.53.

Other: Pizza Ranch \$61.46. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

•Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective July 30, 2017: Daryl Lloyd @ \$20.66 per hour, Derek Jangula @ \$17.13 per hour, Russ Ochsner @ \$19.57 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RELEASE OF PROPERTY: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #45-17

WHEREAS, Brown County has filed a Poor Relief Lien in total amount of \$15,145.42, and

WHEREAS, Brown County has

determined it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers to release certain properties from the effect of said lien, upon payment of the net proceeds of sale of the properties, and on condition that the lien balance remain filed against the individual.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following real properties in Brown County, SD, which are described as follows:

Lot 3, Block 2 of Winston's Addition to Frederick, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County,

Lot 5, Block 2 of Winston's Addition to Frederick, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County,

Lot 6, Block 2 of Winston's Addition to Frederick, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County,

Lot 7, Block 2 of Winston's Addition to Frederick, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County,

are hereby released from the effect and force of said lien, upon payment of the net proceeds of sale of the properties, and on condition that the lien balance remain filed against the individual.

Dated this 25th day of July 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted.

RELEASE OF PROPERTY: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #46-17

WHEREAS, Brown County has filed a Poor Relief Lien in total amount of \$5,562.24, and

WHEREAS, Brown County has determined it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers to release certain property from the effect of said lien, on condition that \$100.00 per month payments are made per contract with the Welfare Office; and on condition that the lien balance remain filed against the individual.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following real property in Brown County, SD, which is described as follows:

Whelan's Improvement Subdivision in Aberdeen, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County, South Dakota (1750 S Lincoln St., Aberdeen, SD 57401)

is hereby released from the effect and force of said lien, on condition that \$100.00 per month payments are made per contract with the Welfare Office; and on condition that the lien balance remain filed against the individual.

Dated this 25th day of July 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted.

PLATS: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #47-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "Borg Second Subdivision in the SE ¼ of Sec 26-T124N-R64W 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 Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #48-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "Svarstad Outlot 2 in N ½ SW ¼ of Sec 8-T122N-R63W 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 Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #49-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "Johnson South Third Subdivision in the NE ¼ of Sec 22-T122N-R64W 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 Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by the Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area for a lottery to be held at the Fairgrounds Grandstand on August 14-20, 2017 (split pot). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 109 - SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to set public hearing for consideration of Ordinance #109, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 - Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.10 (R3) Lake Front District: Lot 1, Keatts Sixth Subdivision in the W ½ of NW ¼ of Sec 23-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (37832 Richmond Drive), to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:45 a.m. on August 15, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE 425: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Agreement with the SD Department of Transportation for Rehabilitation/Replacement of BRF 6472(00)17-1, Brown County, PCN 06HU, BR #425 ID# 07-120-230, located 3 miles S and 1 mile E of Westport over the Elm River. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to appoint Don Weigel to a five-year term on the Housing and Redevelopment Commission of Brown County, term expiring on July 9, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GRANT AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign Amended Grant Agreement with the SD Department of Health for the purpose of enhancing Brown County's mosquito control efforts, effective July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 in amount of \$18,585.00 (amount increased by \$1,335.00 from initial approval on July 11, 2017). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following Special Malt Beverage License Application: Boys & Girls Club - Brown County Fairgrounds (Grandstand) SW ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W, effective August 14, 15, 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2017 (map indicating specific area licensed on file with applications). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contracts for the 2017 Brown County Fair: Party Time DJ Service @ \$55.00 (emcee services); Angie's Clean ALL @ \$5,000.00 (sanitation services); Dr. Stephanie Bown @ \$220.00 (vet services); Frederick Vet Clinic @ \$220.00 (vet services). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SUPPORT POLICY: Scott Meints, EM Director met to discuss policy change to allow logo displays of support groups that donate funds for programs. Commissioner Hansen moved to amend policy. Motion died for lack of a second to give opportunity for presentation of written draft for policy amendment.

BCCHC REPORT: DeAnna Harber presented the Brown County Community Health Center Report for April - June 2017.

SECURITY CAMERA SERVICE PROVIDER: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to authorize changing the service company for the security camera system. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY WIDE SIGNING PROJECT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent explained there was a time lag between the engineering for the County Wide Signing Project and the actual sign installation causing several signs to be placed in error, due to ongoing maintenance changes to the township and county road systems.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:30 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Weekly Vikings Roundup By Jordan Wright

Last week, the Minnesota Vikings began their training camp program. Training camp is an important date, because it means there will be football activity nearly every day between now and the championship game. Football season is finally here!



If you weren't able to follow the team news this past week, here is what you may have missed...

Teddy Bridgewater was officially placed on the Physically Unable to Perform (PUP) list. He will be able to attend team meetings and workout at the facility, but he won't be able to practice with the team until he is medically cleared by a doctor. This move comes as no surprise, and he will likely remain on the PUP list through week 6 of the regular season, at which time his contract would toll and the Vikings would be able to bring him back next season.

Everson Griffen still had two years left on his contract, but he's such a vital player on Mike Zimmer's defense that the team decided to give him a contract extension. NFL Network reported the contract was worth \$58 million. Griffen is now locked up through the 2022 season, and he seems beyond excited, saying he couldn't be more proud to be a "Viking for life".

After the Vikings locked up one of the league's best defensive ends, they locked up one of the league's best cornerbacks when they gave a 5-year, \$70 million extension to Xavier Rhodes. He is also now under contract with the Vikings through the 2022 season. Rhodes was listed as the best cornerback in the league last season, according to Matt Harmon of NFL.com. Harmon used Next Gen Stats to determine the best cover corner, and not only was Rhodes number one, it wasn't very close. This deal is a steal for the Vikings, who locked up a great player who is entering his prime.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Vikings training camp without an injury along the offensive line. The news broke on Thursday that newly-signed left tackle Riley Reiff left practice early with an undisclosed injury.

Head coach Mike Zimmer later said it was just a "twinge" and it shouldn't keep him out for an extended amount of time. Let's hope it isn't anything serious, because the offensive line cannot afford another year of injuries.

The rookies arrived at training camp on Sunday, three days before the veterans. Even though pads weren't allowed at those practices, it didn't take long for Dalvin Cook to impress. The running back showed his athleticism and shiftiness, making decisive cuts and repeatedly outrunning the defense to the edge. Cook also showed his commitment to becoming great, arriving early and staying after practice to work with Vikings running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu. Fellow running back Latavius Murray was placed on the PUP to begin training camp, and even though he's expected back soon, his absence creates an opportunity for Cook to grab a hold of the starting gig.

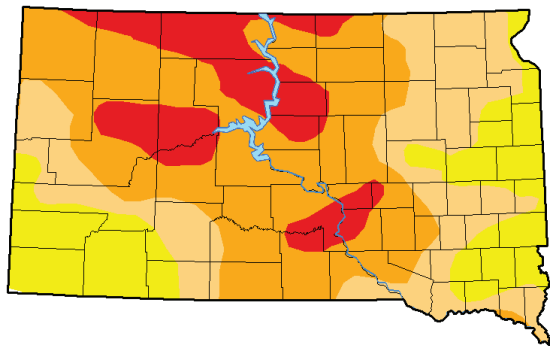
Laquon Treadwell has shown improvement and looks primed to play significantly more snaps his sophomore season. He is battling with Michael Floyd to be the team's third wide receiver, and will earn the spot if he is at least equal to Floyd (who will miss the first four games of the season). Treadwell appears to have gained confidence, which is leading to crisp routes and aggressive catches. Receivers usually take three years before they produce, so there is still plenty of time for Treadwell to become the player we all hoped he could be.

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

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Drought Monitor

Half an inch or more of rain fell across parts of the Dakotas this week, but the rain did little to improve drought conditions, only holding off drought expansion or intensification. D0-D3 were pulled back in parts of South Dakota where rainfall amounts totaled 2 inches or more, D0 was pulled back in southeast North Dakota and southwest Minnesota, and D0-D1 were pulled back in parts of north central and south central Nebraska and north central Kansas.

But expansion occurred in other parts of the region. Much of Montana and parts of the Dakotas, Nebraska, and Kansas had no rain this week; some areas have been drier than normal for the last 2 to 3 months; and some drought indicators reflect dryness for the last 12 months. D3-D4 were expanded in northeast Montana, and D3 expanded in northwest South Dakota and was added in southeast South Dakota, where the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) was consistently at those dry levels for the last 1 to 9 months. D1-D4 expanded in northwest North Dakota where the SPI was consistently at those dry levels for the last 1-6 months. D0-D2 expanded across much of Nebraska, with collateral expansion of D1-D2 in adjacent South Dakota, D1 in adjacent Iowa, and D0-D1 in southeast Wyoming, and D0 expanded in parts of eastern Kansas and northeast Colorado, due to 30-90 day precipitation deficits and high evapotranspiration caused by excessive heat. Governors provided much-needed response to the dire drought impacts. Montana Gov. Steve Bullock issued an executive order declaring a drought disaster in 28 counties and five Indian reservations in the eastern part of the state. Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts issued an emergency proclamation, allowing the state Emergency Management Agency to address unmet drought needs, particularly those related to wildfires. According to July 23rd USDA reports, 92% of the topsoil moisture and 88% of the subsoil moisture were rated short or very short in Montana, 82%/81% of the topsoil/subsoil moisture was short or very short in South Dakota, 71%/66% in Nebraska, 67%/62% in North Dakota, 61%/58% in Wyoming, and 45%/41% in Colorado. More than half of the pasture and rangeland were rated in poor to very poor condition in North Dakota (75%), South Dakota (73%), and Montana (56%). In South Dakota, 37% of the corn crop, 34% of soybeans, 57% of sorghum, and 76% of the spring wheat were in poor to very poor condition. In North Dakota, 23% of the corn crop

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