



Elementary School nearing completion

Work on the Groton Area Elementary School is nearing completion. The janitorial staff has begun work in the building and some stuff has been moved in. Superintendent Joe Schwan said that he knows the elementary staff is itching to move into the building. He did say that maybe, and only maybe, that could happen as early as next Monday. Schwan said that he would send out an e-mail letting the staff know when they can move into the building. To date, only 69.3 percent of the contingency fund has been used.

Another school has joined the North Central Special Education Co-Op. Edmunds Central becomes the ninth school to join Doland, Frederick Area, Groton Area, Hitchcock-Tulare, Langford Area, Leola, Northwestern Area and Warner.

A number of positions were filled at the school board meeting last night. Melissa Ulmer will be the new elementary librarian;

Lisa Sippel was hired to replace Joni Groeblichhoff as a special education teacher. Groeblichhoff moved to the kindergarten aid replacing Alexia Schuring. Schuring moved to the junior kindergarten teacher, replacing Kayla Krause who left.

In other staff changes, Jodi Schwan is the new Opportunities Room Counselor replacing Kiersten Sombke who is the new middle/high school principal; Deb Tietz, Rita Kampa and Karen Johnson are all part-time cooks; Chris Kucker and Doug Heinrich are volunteer assistant girls soccer coaches; Sara Schuster is the volunteer assistant volleyball coach; and Seth Erickson is the volunteer assistant football coach.

The board approved the extension of the Safe Routes to School Grant. It was earlier approved by the city council and also has to be approved by the school. The plan is to get a speed sign for around the school.

The board acknowledged the receipt of an application for public school exemption for a sixth grader, and approved the open enrollment for an eighth grader from the Aberdeen Public School District.

Details of the updates can be found on page 3



Vedvei has Yard of the Week

The Jon and Jerrie Vedvie home at 1004 N Main was chosen as this week's Yard of the Week. The Yard of the Week is chosen by the members of the Groton Garden Club. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Water Main broken

There was panic when the SD37 construction crew hit a six inch water main on Fourth Avenue on August 8. Water Superintendent Terry Herron was rushing to isolate the line. The alarm went off on the water tower indicating a low level alert. "It was draining the tower pretty fast," Herron said. The gush of water was quickly stopped and the repairs were done in a few hours. According to Herron, he estimated that about 50,000 gallons of water was lost. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The oil was put down on the gravelled streets on the east side of town on Monday with chips being put down in other areas in that part of town. The work should be done before the rain moves in on Tuesday night.



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**Vogel is elementary
 special education teacher**



Pictured are Dustin Vogel with his wife, Kristen, and their five-week old daughter, Harper.

Dustin Vogel is a new elementary special education teacher. Vogel is a 2005 Edmunds Central High School graduate and he graduated from Northern State University in 2010 with a double major - bachelors of science degree in education-special education/elementary education.

Previously, Vogel was a Redfield Elementary Special Education Teacher from 2010-2014, a Harrisburg Liberty Elementary Special Education Teacher from 2014-2015, a Harrisburg District Wide Elementary Behavior Program Teacher from 2015-16, and a Sioux Falls School District Middle School OSS Program at Axtell Park from 2016 to this year.

Vogel said, "We decided to relocate to Aberdeen to be closer to family.

"Groton had an open special education position that I had prior experience in. I have heard good things about the Groton Area school system and I have a lot of respect for Elementary Principal Brett Schwan and his background/support for special education programs."

Vogel is married to Kristen Vogel who just graduated from nursing school and they have a five-week old daughter, Harper. His hobbies include Outdoor activities; fishing, hiking, walking, exercise; Anything with family; Watching football and basketball, playing basketball.

Weisenburger is new elementary SPED

Carrie Weisenburger is the new special education teacher at the Groton Area Elementary School.

Weisenburger is a 1995 Aberdeen Central graduate and she graduated from Northern State University in 2000 with a degree in elementary and special education and she earned her Masters in Teaching degree from NSU in 2014.

Weisenburger was a special education teacher at the Frederick Area School District from 2000 to 2005, the special education teacher in a Resource Room, Self-Contained Classroom and Autism Facilitator for Aberdeen Public School District from 2005 to 2016, and was the Family Life Educator for Sanford Children's Child Services from 2016-17. She said that she wanted to work in a small school district and that is why she applied for the position at Groton Area.

Her second grade teacher, Mrs. Frederickson, was someone that she looked up to and inspired her to go into teaching. "I have always worked in some capacity with children," Weisenburger said, "so it was just natural for me to go into teaching.

She is married to Jamie Weisenburger who works with Helms and Associates in Aberdeen as a survey crew chief. They have two children, Michael, 11 years old, and Andrew, 7 years old.

In her words, her hobbies, are, "Driving my kids to their sporting events. My family and I are in the Aberdeen Aqua Addicts during the summer and then during the winter my children are part of the Aberdeen Hockey association where I am a coordinator."



Pictured are Carrie and Jamie Weisenburger with their children Andrew on the left and Michael on the right.

**Girls season
 opens
 season with
 win**

The Groton Area girls soccer team defeated Garretson, 3-0, in the season opener held Saturday in Groton.

Harleigh Stange had two unassisted goals and Regan Liecht had one goal with an assist by Stange. Devan Howard had five saves as the goalie.

GROTON KIWANIS CLUB

Fourteen members of the Groton Kiwanis Club at Wednesday's noon dinner meeting.

Roger Rix is chairmaning the 4 H Premium Sale, when collect donations from area businesses to help the 4 H, as a community booster project.

Lori Giedt and Chuck Padfield are chairmen of the annual tailgate supper, served before the Homecoming game in September.

Lori Giedt was program chairman, and introduced Emily (Larson) Sternhagen, who runs the Kindermusic studio in her Groton home, at 504 E. 14th Ave. Ages 0-8 are accepted, and Emily usually has a class of 6-8 students in her classes. Many of her children are with her for 5-6 years.

Carson and Julie Larson of Columbia, are Emily's parents.

Next week's program chairman is Steve Giedt, followed by Mayor Scott Hanlon.

Groton Area Elementary Renovations and Addition Updates

Progress Update 08-14-2017
By Superintendent Joe Schwan

Each week at our weekly construction progress meetings attended by Ken Anderson (FJJ), Joel Bornhoft (FJJ), and each contractor, we discuss jobsite safety, clean-up, critical items (security), change events, Field Work Orders*, Requests for Information (RFIs)**, Supplemental Instructions (ASIs)***, schedule reviews, equipment deliveries, manpower updates, and anything else of importance.

*Field Work Orders: As of last week, there have been 17 approved field work orders, all of which have been completed.

These are minor work orders outside of the scope of a contract that need to be completed on the spot and will likely result in a change order being processed at some point.

**Requests for Information: As of last week, there had been 87 RFIs submitted to be responded to by the responsible party, typically the architect or an appropriate engineer.

***Supplemental instructions: As of last week, five ASIs have been issued.

Work Remaining:

1992 Addition/Library/Center: Work remaining in this area of the building is very minor. There are a few doors in this area to install (expected to arrive to jobsite on Tuesday, 8/15/17) -JDH. Vinyl base needs to be installed in the computer Lab - Grazzini Brothers. Muth Electric is finishing the data wiring termination in the hub room.

Our custodial crew has been in this area cleaning carpets and will strip/wax the tile floor in the junior kindergarten room. We are expecting to begin moving items back into this space beginning Tuesday, 8/15/17.

Lower Pod: Interior doors need to be installed. Carpeting needs to be finished extending from the PLC into to hallway and ceiling tiles need to be dropped in the hallway. Anything else in this area is basically a punch-list type item.

Upper Pod: Interior doors need to be installed. Carpeting needs to be installed in two more classrooms as well as in the PLC and into the hallway. Carpeting will be followed by rubber base. Ceiling tiles need to be dropped in the upper pod. Trim and sealing of the windows is in progress as well.

Main Restrooms/Kitchen/Gym: Most of the remaining work on the renovation is in the restrooms and kitchen. The dish counter is expected back on site Tuesday. The kitchen is ready for ceiling grid, followed by light fixtures, HVAC and sprinkler connections and ceiling tile. The girls bathroom has been tiled/grouted and the plumbers are beginning to hang fixtures. Ceiling grid is scheduled for Wednesday after which time partitions, light fixtures, and HVAC connections can be completed. The boys bathroom has been tiled and the grout is curing. Ceiling grid is scheduled for this space late on Wednesday followed by the same protocol as in the girls restroom (with fewer partitions).

New Addition: I expect that conversation at our weekly meeting on 8/16/17 will begin to center around work taking place in the new addition as contractors begin to shift focus back to that area.

Miscellaneous: We've begun discussion with FJJ and the contractors about taking back our playground space prior to the beginning of the school year- similar to how it was set up last spring.

I've had discussions with Mr. Clocksene about the alternative options for serving lunch during the completion of the construction of the new addition. During that time, lunch will be served in the gymnasium as it has in the past.

Next week Tuesday (August 22), there is a walk through with the Architects and Engineers to develop the punch list of items that need to be completed and/or corrected. It is anticipated that many of these items will be completed prior to school beginning on September 5. Those items not yet completed will need to be taken care of around our school day schedule

Instructions for 2017 Information Center Publications



than Thursday, August 31, to schedule a date and time.

Collection will take place at the Wilmot center Monday, September 11, through Wednesday, September 13. Publications can be picked up from the Valley Springs and Vermillion centers Monday, October 16, through Wednesday, October 18. Publications can only be collected during the specified time frames. Any leftover material that cannot be reused will be recycled.

Additionally, in an effort to keep industry partners well-informed, the Department of Tourism has created a Fact Sheet regarding the Rest Area Revitalization Plan. It includes a timeline, frequently asked questions, and a link to the full Rest Area Revitalization Plan report. We have also created webpages on SDVisit.com that include the same information and links, and will provide updates on where we are at in the process. There will be more to come on this in the coming weeks.

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Boards of North Central Farmers Elevator and Wheat Growers Approve Member Vote on Unification

(AUGUST 14, 2017; Ipswich & Aberdeen, SD) – The Boards of Directors for North Central Farmers Elevator (NCFE) and Wheat Growers have decided to proceed to a vote of the membership to unify the two cooperatives. Both boards voted affirmatively to sign a Unification Agreement that would unify the two cooperatives, subject to a vote of the memberships of both cooperatives.

"The value to our members is what's driving the decision by the Boards to move forward with the effort to unify the two cooperatives," said Rick Osterday, NCFE Board President. "Members have told us that unification will help us be better able to compete at a time when we see lots of competitor growth in the region. This will help keep our businesses strong, members' equity secure, and local control intact."

Osterday said the decisions to take the unification opportunity to a vote of the memberships was made after considering member feedback and re-examining findings from a thorough analysis of both cooperatives that was conducted two years ago. The unification proposal now will be considered by the memberships of both cooperatives.

"Many benefits we've identified are extremely timely given the aggressive positioning of competitors and continued market uncertainty," said Hal Clemensen, Wheat Growers Board President. "By combining both cooperatives, we can realize significant savings, economies of size and scale, efficiencies in operations, adoption of new technologies, and an ability to continue to attract talent – all to better serve our members."

A series of member information meetings will be held throughout the region beginning Aug. 21. Ballots will be mailed to members of NCFE and Wheat Growers on Aug. 29. Details regarding member information meetings, ballots, and how and when members can vote will be provided to members over the next few weeks.



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I-29 Rest Area South of Brookings Reopens

BROOKINGS, S.D. – South Dakota Department of Transportation officials say the Ward Road rest area on Interstate 29 south of Brookings reopened today (Aug. 10) at 4 p.m. CDT.

This rest area was closed in May of this year to allow a contractor to make necessary Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades to the facilities as outlined in the "South Dakota Interstate Rest Area Revitalization Plan" developed by the departments of Tourism and Transportation in 2016.

ADA and other upgrades were also completed earlier this summer at the White Lake rest area on Interstate 90.

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We will be sharing the survey results with each of our customer utilities and working with them to ensure the information gathered is a useful tool moving forward. We look forward to utilizing the results to create an even better customer experience.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings won their first preseason game on Thursday, August 10, defeating the Buffalo Bills 17-10. Even though it was a preseason game, it's still nice to see the team getting a win. Head coach Mike Zimmer is a competitive coach who hates losing, even in the preseason, where he is 13-1 through his first four seasons in Minnesota. As happy as he was to get the win, Zimmer was still disappointed in his team's performance, remarking "My expectation for this team is a lot higher than that and so we got to get back to work."



Three big questions after the first preseason game:

How did the offensive line look? The biggest question heading into this season (and for the past few seasons) is whether the offensive line can provide protection to quarterback Sam Bradford and open running lanes for Minnesota's very capable running backs. The simple answer? The offensive line looks as bad in 2017 as it did in 2016. Newly acquired right tackle Mike Remmers gave up a sack within the first three minutes of the game, stalling the Vikings' first offensive drive and forcing the team to punt.

The silver lining? The Vikings were without their other shiny new offensive tackle, with Riley Reiff sitting because he's coming back from an injury suffered in training camp. It's possible the Vikings' first-team offensive line will look a lot better once he is back (although I'm not holding my breath). There were also two rookies who looked like they might develop into good players. Pat Elflein, the center who the Vikings drafted in the third round, had a very solid performance. He did have one bad snap, but other than that he looked very good. Danny Isadora, a guard who the Vikings took in the fifth round, had a nastiness in college and it showed up against the Bills. There is a good chance both these rookies will be needed this season, and so far they have shown they'll be up to the task.

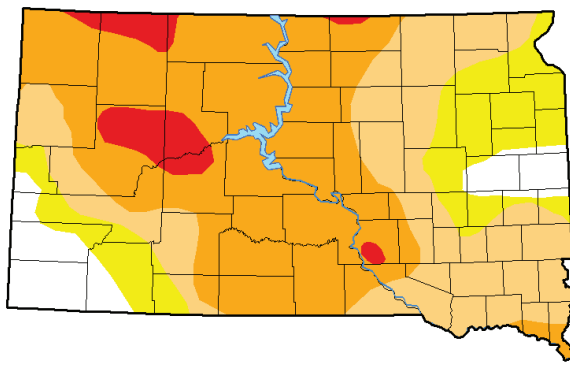
How did Dalvin Cook perform? The running back position is going through some major changes in 2017. Everyone knows the Vikings released Adrian Peterson this offseason, then proceeded to use their first draft pick (second round) on his replacement, Dalvin Cook. Everyone was curious to see how Cook would perform, and his first game in purple and gold didn't disappoint. Cook ran the ball for only 13 yards on five carries, but it was his versatility that really shone through. He also caught the ball four times (on four targets) for 30 yards. Cook appears to have the strength to run between the tackles, the speed to run outside the tackles, and the ability to catch the ball out of the backfield. With Bradford's penchant for checking down, Cook's ability to catch and run makes him a valuable member of the offense.

Which players, who are fighting to make the team, stood out? NFL teams have two goals in the preseason: getting the starters ready for the regular season, and filling out the rest of the roster. Every year, there are players who seemingly come out of nowhere. There were a couple players on the team who really stood out (although everything in the preseason needs to be taken with a grain of salt). Tashawn Bower has been talked about all training camp, and he didn't disappoint against the Bills. Bower finished the game with two tackles, a sack, a tackle for a loss, a pass deflection, and two quarterback hits. He reminds me of another LSU prospect who was considered "raw" coming out of college: Danielle Hunter. If Bower continues this production, there is no way the Vikings will be able to sneak him onto the practice squad.

Another player who stood out was Stacy Coley, a wide receiver the Vikings drafted in the seventh round of the draft. Coley led the team with 67 yards receiving. All three of Coley's catches were impressive, and he's starting to earn his spot as the team's fifth receiver. Looking ahead, the Vikings travel to Seattle to battle the Seahawks on Friday, August 18. The starters should play most of the first half, so we will get a better idea of how good (or bad) the starting offensive line will be this season.

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

Drought Monitor



August 8

Hit-and-miss rainfall throughout the High Plains brought changes in this week's Drought Monitor to every state. In east central North Dakota, abnormally dry conditions (D0) were expanded because of continued rainfall deficits and reports of crops showing signs of drought stress. The entire state now has some level of dry/drought depiction. While other parts of the state received beneficial rainfall, it was typically just enough to "string crops along" and keep drought conditions from further deterioration in these areas. The only exception was a small area of improvement to the extreme drought (D3) conditions in the south

central part of the state along the South Dakota border. This area has consistently received above-average rainfall and has 30-day totals in excess of 200 percent of normal.

South Dakota also saw a mix of improvements and degradations due to the spotty nature of last week's rains. Locally heavy rainfall brought a full category improvement to an approximate one-to-two county wide band extending from northeast to central South Dakota. Counties along the southwestern edge of South Dakota's drought-afflicted region missed out on the rains and saw an expansion of moderate and severe drought. The tri-state area of South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa also saw an expansion of severe drought (D2) conditions as rainfall deficits grew and crops began to see stress. However, Nebraska saw improvements on this week's map. Locally heavy rainfall of 3-plus inches brought improvements to the abnormally dry (D0) areas in the northwest and southeast part of the state and the moderate (D1) and/or severe drought (D2) in the southwest and north central regions. Counties in eastern Kansas received a month's worth of precipitation in one week, erasing abnormally dry conditions. Central Kansas saw an expansion of moderate drought (D1) as continued rainfall deficits dried out soils, lowered streamflow, and stressed vegetation.

When Mama's Not Happy, Nobody's Happy.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Nurture versus nature is a question often bandied about. Is it the environment in which the child is raised, or is it the genetics provided by the biological parents, that most influences what kind of person a child will grow to be?

We have known for a long time that if a parent is depressed, their children are at higher risk for having anxiety, depression, and disruptive behavior. Indeed, the offspring of depressed parents have up to a three-times

higher risk of these problems when compared to the children of parents who are not depressed. So, is it because of the environment; or is it genetics?

Research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association brings us closer to an answer. It is important to note that the study consisted primarily of mothers with depression, as they are far more likely to report symptoms and come in for treat-

ment than fathers with depression. However, researchers believe that their discovery applies to whichever parent has depression, regardless of whether they are male or female. The results were fascinating: effective treatment of the mother lead to resolution of psychiatric problems in the child.

Study author Myrna Weissman, professor of psychiatry and epidemiology at Columbia University, said "while

depression may be a genetic disorder, [this study showed that] a parent's illness has a very strong environmental

effect on her child." In other words, when mama's not happy, nobody's happy. Weissman also pointed out "if you have a depressed mother, you ought to do everything you can to get her better, because there's a double effect that will impact their children."

I think the message from this research is very powerful, and should be taken to heart by any mother or father. If you as a parent are having psychological trouble, get help and your child will be better for it. If you won't do it for yourself, do it for your kids.



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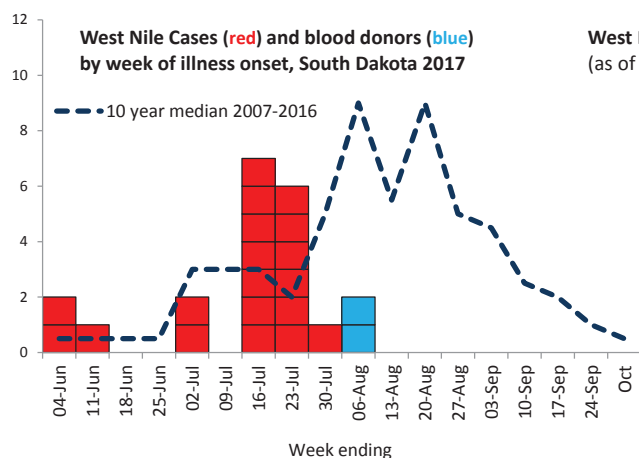
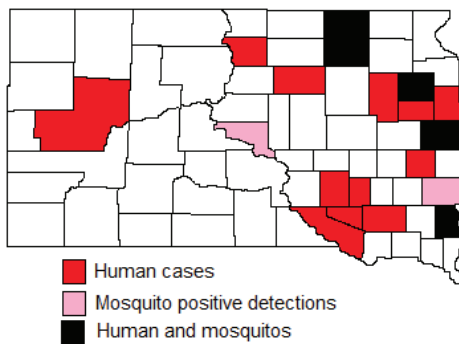
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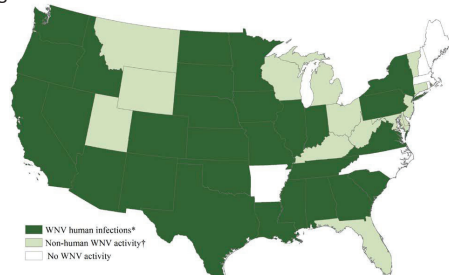
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West Nile update: South Dakota, 9 August 2017

- 19 human cases of West Nile virus disease have been reported to the SD Department of Health.
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West Nile virus activity reported to CDC, by state — United States, 2017 (as of 8 August, 2017)



SD Department of Health phone 800-592-1861
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Brown County Locken Rezoning Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

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Proposed Lot 1, Locken Airport Addition to Aberdeen in the SW ¼ of Sec 21-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (4103 134th Street SE)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may adopt first reading of Ordinance #17-08-01/469 granting petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 1st day of August 2017.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0809.0816)

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OLD BUSINESS: Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg was absent for a Utility Report. Gallon difference was noticed but will be rechecked next month. Two fire hydrants w/

leaks have been replaced and another leak has been found and repaired.

Every-one agreed Finn Fest was a success.

A motion was made to join US Communities to purchase playground equipment for Simmons Park under the city's name but for Frederick Forward. The city will be reimbursed by Frederick Forward as noted by Donna Sumption and Krysti Mikkonen. Mikkonen mentioned there may be another grant for more equipment. Motion was made by TM/GS. Motion Carried. Both ladies commented on all the volunteers that have

offered to help place the equipment in the park, free of charge. FO also needs to check on what portion of the Port-a-Potties during Finn Fest, the city agreed to pay.

The Historical Society will be holding a City Wide Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 12, 2017 in Frederick.

Mitch Mikkonen presented bills for the sidewalk and ramp installed in front of the Historical building wondering if the city would pay part of it since the city owns the building. Sidewalk installation and water pipe repair was approved by the Historical Society board.

No report from Emma Burnham Library. Items taken by Sheriff's department after break-in have been returned but no report or follow-up has been received.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: Discussion w/audience input was held on the forthcoming cost increase for WEB Water gallons. It was explained that even if the full 2000 gallons are not used, everyone has to pay the basic charge to replace pipes and make upgrades to water lines. Another question was why customers past 2 months overdue are not shut off? To keep up with the increase from WEB Water, the Town of Frederick will raise the basic charge of \$25 for the 1st 2000 gallons to \$27 for the 1st 2000 gallons used. There will also be an increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00 for each 1000 gallons over the basic 1st 2000 gallons. Motion to increase minimum usage + overage was made by TM/SC. Roll call vote Campbell Aye; Schlosser Aye; Millard Aye; Motion Carried.

A question was raised about sidewalks being completed on the rest of the block on Main Street, from the end of the new sidewalk in front of the Historical Society building to the corner of

3rd Avenue. No Action taken.

Vacated alleyways and city limit issues have been resolved, Ag land in the Frederick city limits is taxed at the same levy as the Frederick Township; Auditor Roger Schnabel is coming to the Community Center on the 22nd of August to issue guidance; Frederick WW Study complete report from Helms and Associates was noted (each board member received a hard copy of the report); DOT Grant Program for elevator road was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

The problem of unleashed dogs wandering out of their own yards was presented to Board by local citizen. The Aberdeen Dog Catchers have been notified and the Sheriff's office has talked to the owners. Another new dog to the neighborhood has been brought to the attention of the Board. ALL DOGS in Frederick need to have their rabi shots, a Frederick Town dog license attained at the Finance Office and ALWAYS be on a leash.

Helms and Associates requested water numbers for the last two years.

Mid-year balances for 2017 were presented for reference in the upcoming Budget.

Budget Request Sample form was reviewed.

Stop Sign replacement in Frederick will be noted and signs replaced in near future.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Buildoze, Build and Beautify plans with NECOG have been postponed due to the short time line.

SDWWA 2017 Annual Conference September 13-15, 2017, was noted.

The 84th Annual "Growing Communities from the People UP" Conference in Sioux Falls on October 3-6 was noted.

JM Electric will repair the exhaust fan in the Community Center.

NOTICE: The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 7 PM in the Frederick Community Center. Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

The next Town Board meeting is Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

The Finance Office number is 605-329-2242, answered 24/7.

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Badger Meter fees Water \$231.40; Community Store Supplies S.Park/CC/FO \$32.36; D. Bruns wage CC \$86.43; D. Bruns expenses Gen'l \$246.16; D. Bruns wage+OT FO/Wtr \$1194.90; DSG parts Water Repair \$232.06; E. Head wage LF \$295.52; FDC econ dev Econ Dev \$1200; FU Oil Co propane Firehall/CC \$461.84; G. Schlosser wage Gen'l \$23.09; GDI legal's Gen'l \$43.08; I. Morlock mowing Gen'l \$73.88; JVT phones, Internets, services (re-copy July) Gen'l/FO/Wtr/EBL \$298.35; M. Cox wage EBL \$594.30; MDU elect Fire/CC/FO/Wtr/EBL/SP/BP \$1214.85; Newman Signs street signs Sts \$311.20; SD Dept of Rev lab Wtr \$15; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$46.17; R.S. Campbell reimburse parts Gen'l \$97.76; R. Bakeberg Veh allow Wtr/Swr/Sts \$75; R. Bakeberg UT Mgr wage Wtr/Swr/Sts \$374.44; SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb \$76.67; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$23.09; USDA-RD AP Wtr Repair \$475; USPS stamps Wtr/Garb/Swr \$147; USPS box rent Gen'l \$116; WEB Water 1,168,000 gallons Wtr \$3389.51. Total Accounts Payable \$11,375.06.

OLD BUSINESS: Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg was absent for a Utility Report. Gallon difference was noticed but will be rechecked next month. Two fire hydrants w/

leaks have been replaced and another leak has been found and repaired.

Every-one agreed Finn Fest was a success.

A motion was made to join US Communities to purchase playground equipment for Simmons Park under the city's name but for Frederick Forward. The city will be reimbursed by Frederick Forward as noted by Donna Sumption and Krysti Mikkonen. Mikkonen mentioned there may be another grant for more equipment. Motion was made by TM/GS. Motion Carried. Both ladies commented on all the volunteers that have

offered to help place the equipment in the park, free of charge. FO also needs to check on what portion of the Port-a-Potties during Finn Fest, the city agreed to pay.

The Historical Society will be holding a City Wide Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 12, 2017 in Frederick.

Mitch Mikkonen presented bills for the sidewalk and ramp installed in front of the Historical building wondering if the city would pay part of it since the city owns the building. Sidewalk installation and water pipe repair was approved by the Historical Society board.

No report from Emma Burnham Library. Items taken by Sheriff's department after break-in have been returned but no report or follow-up has been received.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: Discussion w/audience input was held on the forthcoming cost increase for WEB Water gallons. It was explained that even if the full 2000 gallons are not used, everyone has to pay the basic charge to replace pipes and make upgrades to water lines. Another question was why customers past 2 months overdue are not shut off? To keep up with the increase from WEB Water, the Town of Frederick will raise the basic charge of \$25 for the 1st 2000 gallons to \$27 for the 1st 2000 gallons used. There will also be an increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00 for each 1000 gallons over the basic 1st 2000 gallons. Motion to increase minimum usage + overage was made by TM/SC. Roll call vote Campbell Aye; Schlosser Aye; Millard Aye; Motion Carried.

A question was raised about sidewalks being completed on the rest of the block on Main Street, from the end of the new sidewalk in front of the Historical Society building to the corner of

3rd Avenue. No Action taken.

Vacated alleyways and city limit issues have been resolved, Ag land in the Frederick city limits is taxed at the same levy as the Frederick Township; Auditor Roger Schnabel is coming to the Community Center on the 22nd of August to issue guidance; Frederick WW Study complete report from Helms and Associates was noted (each board member received a hard copy of the report); DOT Grant Program for elevator road was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

The problem of unleashed dogs wandering out of their own yards was presented to Board by local citizen. The Aberdeen Dog Catchers have been notified and the Sheriff's office has talked to the owners. Another new dog to the neighborhood has been brought to the attention of the Board. ALL DOGS in Frederick need to have their rabi shots, a Frederick Town dog license attained at the Finance Office and ALWAYS be on a leash.

Helms and Associates requested water numbers for the last two years.

Mid-year balances for 2017 were presented for reference in the upcoming Budget.

Budget Request Sample form was reviewed.

Stop Sign replacement in Frederick will be noted and signs replaced in near future.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Buildoze, Build and Beautify plans with NECOG have been postponed due to the short time line.

SDWWA 2017 Annual Conference September 13-15, 2017, was noted.

The 84th Annual "Growing Communities from the People UP" Conference in Sioux Falls on October 3-6 was noted.

The Life of Genevieve Hoops

Mass of Christian Burial for Genevieve Hoops, 96, of Groton was held Friday, August 11th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Father Melvin Kuhn officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery.



Gen passed away Sunday, August 06, 2017 at Sun Dial Manor, Bristol.

Genevieve Mary Hoops was an amazing woman. Born June 10, 1921 in Conde, South Dakota in the middle of the dirty thirties. She was one of 11 children born to John and Ina (Klapperich) Bertsch.

Gen married Fred Hoops on November 9, 1939. They celebrated just shy of 54 years of marriage before he passed away in 1993.

Gen was loved by everyone and was known across the state. She will be remembered for her love of playing cards

and awesome caramel rolls for the Hop Inn in Groton. Nothing made her happier than to be surrounded by family and friends. Gen's Faith was important to her. She was a lifelong Catholic.

Celebrating her life are her children, Fred and Marlys Hoops of Farimont, MN and Don Hoops of Ferney, SD, her daughter-in-law, Pat Hoops, 9 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren and siblings: Lucille VonWold, Alice and Jim Rentz, Tom and Edith Bertsch and Jerry and Mavis Bertsch.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Fred, son, Dale, great-grandson, Casey Hoops and sisters and brothers.

Honorary Caasketbearers were all of Gen's great-grandchildren.

Casketbearers were her grandsons, David, Bill, Danny, Terry, Todd, Bryan and Troy.

Memorials are preferred, in lieu of flowers.



The orange doors at Groton Area High School are disappearing. They are becoming white as Joann Donley has been busy painting them.

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12 Double Roll Pkg.

\$8.99
Gain 2X LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT
100 Oz. Jug

\$15.95
BLACK VELVET
1.75 Liter



Burlington-Northern Railroad workers were guiding a new crossing to its resting place. The railroad cross on the south edge of Groton is being replaced as part of the highway project.



Work is beginning on the Safe Route to School sidewalk. It will run on the west side of First Street from Fourth Avenue to Fifth Avenue. Then on the north side of Fifth Avenue from First Street to Lincoln Street.

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