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## Groton Area Elementary Homecoming Dress-up Days

**Week of Sept. 18, 2017**

Monday: College day (support your local or favorite college)

Tuesday: Jersey day (wear your favorite jersey)

Wednesday: Wild, wacky hair day

Thursday: Class Color day  
(K- Black; 1st- Orange; 2nd- Yellow; 3rd- Red; 4th- Blue; 5th Pink; Staff- Brown)

Friday: Spirit day- Show your Groton Tiger pride! Wear black and gold.

Please make sure all dress-up clothing is

**Theme: "Superheroes"**

## MS/HS Homecoming Dress-up Days

Monday- "Nerd Day"

Tuesday- "Toga Day"

Wednesday- "Hawaiian/Tacky Tourist Day"

Thursday- Color Day

Seniors- Black

Juniors- White

Sophomores- Red

Freshman- Blue

8th- Purple

7th- Grey

6th- Gold/Yellow

Friday- Black and Gold Day/ Groton Tiger Spirit Day

## Dobberpuhl nominated for Spirit of Dakota

Eleven outstanding women have been nominated by their communities to be honored at the Spirit of Dakota's 31st Anniversary Celebration and Award Banquet in Huron. They are Betty Belkham, Flandreau; Vivian Dobberpuhl, Conde; Genie M Ellis, Black Hawk; Rita Fraune, Hot Springs; Esther Eckmann Gilchrist, Hitchcock; Bernice Guy, Sisseton; Ashley Kingdon-Reese, Huron; Avis Little Eagle, McLaughlin; Ruth Neuberger, Canistota; Susan Fejfar Shrader, Tabor; Jean Wilkinson, DeSmet.

South Dakota's premier woman's award will be presented Saturday October 7th at the Huron Event Center.

The winner will be chosen by a state-wide commission of First Lady Linda Daugaard, Pierre; Tona Rozum, Chair, Mitchell; Glenna Fouberg, Aberdeen; Julie Garreau, Eagle Butte; Jean Hunhoff, Yankton; Suzette Kirby, Sioux Falls; Marsha Sumpter, Kadoka; Ginger Thomson, Brookings; Judy Trzynka, Watertown; and Bev Wright, Turton.

The award is given to a woman who has demonstrated vision, courage and strength of character in the development of her family, community and/or state.

All eleven women will be given distinguished recognition throughout the many activities planned including Tea in the Afternoon in the country home of Rodney & Beckie Freeman, an art show open to the public in the lobby of the Huron Event Center from 4 to 7 pm, a 5:30 social, and 6:30 banquet.

The winner receives an individually created framed bronze oval with the pioneer woman sculpted by Dale Lamphere and modeled after his nine foot sculpture that stands outside the Crossroads Hotel.



## GHS Homecoming Candidates

Groton Area High School homecoming coronation will be held Monday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Candidates are, back from left, Marshall Lane, Jackson Oliver, Luke Thorson, Seric Shabazz, and Brandon Keith.

Front from left, Alex Stange, Harleigh Stange, Jessica Bjerke, Hannah Lewandowski, and Gia Gengerke.

## Erickson, Sims to receive Governor's Award

Two Grotonnites will receive a Governor's Award in October.

Groton Area's Meri Erickson and former Grotonnite Koni Sims, daughter of Chuck and LaVonne Raap, Groton, will be recognized by the Governor for their contributions to the rehabilitation and employment of South Dakotans with disabilities at the 2017 Governor's Awards ceremony on Oct. 3.

The event will be held the Ramkota Hotel ballroom located at 920 W. Sioux Ave. in Pierre starting at 12:30p.m. CDT.

Gov. Daugaard will present awards to the following 2017 recipients:

- Koni Sims of Sioux Falls - Outstanding Citizen with a Disability
- Tami Francis of Sioux Falls - Outstanding Employee with a Disability
- Pizza Ranch of Spearfish - Outstanding Private Employer (Small Employer)
- Country Fair Food Store of Mitchell - Outstanding Private Employer (Large Employer)
- Meri Erickson of Groton - Outstanding Transition Services Award
- Yankton Area Mental Wellness, Inc. of Yankton - Distinguished Service Award

The Governor's Awards ceremony is co-sponsored by the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Statewide Independent Living Council, and DHS.



**Meri Erickson**



**Koni Raap Sims**



There were about 25 dogs that were brought to the Groton Pool on Sunday for the season finale of the pool season.



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## Tiger defense stops PAT conversion to beat Beresford by 1 point

A penalty nearly cost Groton Area the game, but the defense had a goal line stand to stop the two-point conversion as the Tigers defeated Beresford, 15-14.

Groton Area had Beresford pinned deep in Watchdog territory. It would have been fourth down and eight yards from the Watchdog eight yard line, but a 15-yard penalty and an automatic first down breathed new life into the Beresford drive. The Watchdogs would march all the way down the field and score with 1:51 left in the game to make it 15-14. Beresford would use two time-outs before attempting the two-point conversion. The Tiger defense held and the score stood. "We got lucky on that drive," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "We had two big penalties on that drive. Kudos to our defensive line for making the stop on the conversion. Seric Shabazz got the tackle right before the goal line."

Beresford then had an on-side kick with the ball going into Marshall Lane's hands, but he was hit hard after the hit and the ball popped out, going in and out of the hands of Darien Shabazz before Brandon Keith came up with the save. That hard hit to Lane prompted Coach Shaun Wanner to take the field as the rules had changed on the on-side kick and he was not happy. "Marshall was trying to catch the ball and the kid came leading into him with his helmet," Wanner said. "That's called spearing and the rules stated that you can't make contact with your helmet or shoulder pads - all you can do is push. I'm sure the kids didn't mean it initially, but I'm all for the safety of the kids. That's why the rule was put in place." The other penalty came when Beresford had a long pass. Wanner said, "If you both go up in the air and come down with the ball, it always goes to the offense and someone said something they were not suppose to say and we got zapped with a penalty."

Groton could not get a first down and Beresford had the ball with 7.8 seconds left in the game. Beresford would throw two hail marys down the field but the attempts failed and Groton won the game, 15-14.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Groton Ford, Blocker Construction, Grain Solutions with Jesse Zak, Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls, Olson Development, Doug Abeln Seed Company, Bahr Spray Foam and Construction, Erickson Insurance Agency, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Hanlon Brothers of Verdon and Groton, John Sieh Agency, Northern Plains Psychological Associates with Franne Sippel, Mike-N-Jos Body-N-Glass and Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc. Make sure you tell these sponsors "thank you" and that you patronize them as well!

Groton would fumble on its first possession on the Beresford nine-yard line. Two plays later, Beresford would fumble the ball and Brandyn Anderson would recover the ball on the Beresford nine-yard line. Three plays later, Seric Shabazz would score on a nine-yard pass from Marshall Lane with 1:44 left in the first quarter. Hunter Schaller would kick the PAT and Groton took a 7-0 lead.

Beresford would score on a 91-yard drive that took nine plays as Carter Kennedy would score on a one-yard run. Hunter Borah would run in the PAT and Beresford would take an 8-7 lead.

In the third quarter, Groton use 11 plays on 89 yards before Lucas Hinman would score on an three-yard run. Lane would connect with Brandon Keith for the PAT and Groton recaptured the lead, 15-8.

"It was an exciting game," Wanner said. "We still have to work on reducing our penalties. Jackson (Oliver) had a nice long run that got called back because of a holding far away from the ball, but a holding is still a holding."

Groton Area will be hosting Chamberlain on Friday and Wanner said, "They (Chamberlain) lost to Canton and beat Wagner and St. Francis. They're a big team and they have a good quarterback who passed for 17,00 yards last year. We are getting better as the season progresses and we're finding ways to win."

**First Down:** Groton 12, Beresford 13

**Rushing:** Groton: 33-130 (Marshall Lane 15-61; Lucas Hinman 13-32, 1 TD; Brandon Keith 2-21, Jackson Oliver 2-12, Jonathan Doeden 1-4). Beresford: 39-69 (Hunter Borah 9-28, Brad Christianson 10-27, Carter Kennedy 7-17, 2 touchdowns).

**Passing:** Groton: (Marshall Lane), completed 9 of 13 for 58 yards, 1 touchdown. Beresford: (Sam Nelson 3-8, 106 yards, Brad Christianson attempted 2 passes).

**Receivers:** Groton: Jonathan Doeden 3-26; Seric Shabazz 3-19, 1 touchdown; Brandon Keith 2-16, Lucas Hinman 1 catch. Beresford: Parker Goblirsch 1-70; Jack Antonsen 2-36.

**Fumbles:** Groton had 2, lost 1. Beresford had 2, lost 1 recovered by Brandyn Anderson.

**Penalties:** Groton 7-85, Beresford 1-5.

**Defense:** Groton: Brandon Keith 13 tackles, Seric Shabazz 12 tackles, Jonathan Doeden 9 tackles. Beresford: Brad Christianson 19 tackles.

**Record:** Groton 2-2, Beresford 0-4.

**Next Game:** Groton area hosting Chamberlain on Friday. Beresford at Canton on Friday.

## West Central girls beat Groton

The West Central girls soccer team defeated Groton on Friday in Groton, 3-1. Harleigh Stange score the lone goal for Groton. Scoring for West Central were Kazia Ohayon with two goals and Olivia Becker with one.

## Netters beat Webster Area

Groton Area made it a clean sweep in volleyball action held Tuesday evening in Webster.

Groton won the C match, 25-5 and 25-15, the junior varsity match, 25-18 and 25-12, and the varsity match, 25-16, 25-12 and 25-14.

Groton Area was 64 of 72 in serving with 13 ace serves. Gia Gengerke was 17 of 19 with five ace serves and Miranda Hanson was 16 of 19 with five ace serves.

In sets, Groton Area was 56 of 58 with 31 assists. Miranda Hanson was 51 of 53 with 30 assists and Payton Maine was three of three with one assist.

Groton Area was 76 of 89 in hits with 33 kills. Gia Gengerke was 17 of 20 with 13 kills and Jennie Doeden was 20 of 23 with eight kills.

Groton Area had 44 digs with Payton Maine having 13 and Eliza Wanner nine. Gengerke had one solo block.

Groton Area, now 3-1 on the season, will host Britton-Hecla on Thursday.





**Gia Gengerke**  
(Photo by J. Kosel)



**Eliza Wanner**  
(Photo by J. Kosel)



**Jessica Bjerke**  
(Photo by J. Kosel)



**Jennie Doeden**  
(Photo by J. Kosel)

## Groton Area netters beat Britton-Hecla

Groton Area's volleyball team improved to 4-1 on the season with a 3-0 win over Britton-Hecla. The match was played Thursday in Groton.

Groton won the varsity games by game scores of 25-11, 25-9 and 25-10. Groton won the junior varsity match by game scores of 25-10 and 25-10. The eighth graders split their match, winning the first game, 28-26, and losing the second game, 25-19.

The varsity match was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Olson Developmen, Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls, Grain Solutions with Jesse Zak, Blocker Construction, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc., Hanlon Brothers of Groton and Verdon, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Erickson Insurance Agency and Bahr Spray Foam and Construction. Make sure you tell these sponsors thank you and that you patronize them as well.

### Britton Cross Country Meet

Trevor Sumption placed second in the Britton-Hecla cross country meet held Tuesday. The Frederick Area runner ran the 5,000m course in 18:24.16. Groton's Isaac Smith placed sixth with a time of 19:53.3 and Micah Poor was 11th with a time of 20:38.6.

In the girl's varsity division, Emily Thompson placed fifth with a time of 21:56.5 and Hannah Lewandowski was sixth with a time of 23:26.2 on the 5,000m course.

In the boy's junior varsity 4,000m race, Cody Blanchard, Langford, won the race with a time of 10:41.6. 2, Isaac Sumption, Frederick Area, 10:48.7; 7, Jesse Keough, Langford Area, 12:06.9; 10, Noah Poor, Groton Area, 12:49.6; 11, Jesse Geranen, Frederick Area, 12:50.5; 15, Spencer Jacobs, Groton Area, 13:56.9; 17, Braven Hanse, Langford Area, 14:11.53.

Girls' junior varsity 3,000m race: 6, Alyssa Keough, Langford Area, 14:23.5; 8, Avery West, Langford Area, 15:19.3; 9, AnneMarie Smith, Groton Area, 15:23.2; 11, Rylee Rosenau, Groton Area, 15:47; 15, Laney Widener, Langford Area, 18:03; 16, Jenifer Fjelstad, Groton Area, 19:47.1.



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# THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

## Hospitals May Get Accredited Even With Poor, Unsafe Care

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Earlier this year an Illinois woman sent an email telling me of the poor care her husband received at a large Chicago hospital. After six weeks of fighting for his life, he died.

"I wish you could see his records and all the infections and surgeries he had," she told me. "I've been wanting to do something about the care he got and just didn't know who to go to."

I return to this topic from time to time because everyone is vulnerable to hospital mistakes. Most people think of hospitals as safe, loving places that advertise their miracle cures on TV and build new wings to house the latest technology. How can things go wrong? But they do, and readers of this column have been eager to share their experiences.

Increasingly, it's becoming clear there are few places patients and their families can turn for help in avoiding bad care and equally important there's almost no guidance from state or the federal regulators. When news outlets try to write about unsafe hospitals, they run into a "veil of secrecy that protects the industry" as one reporter in Michigan put it.

The Wall Street Journal has just published a fine story that begins to lift that veil.

Not many Americans know that the federal government has turned over the task of accrediting most of the nation's hospitals to a private organization called the Joint Commission, which is funded by hospitals and governed by a board of directors some of whom are executives in the health systems it accredits.

Medicare requires hospitals to comply with safety standards, and they can use state inspections or hire a government-approved accrediting body to show they are in compliance. Most have chosen the latter.

Hospitals have a lot of skin in this game paying the Commission an annual fee between \$1,500 and \$37,000 depending on how big they are, the Journal reported. They also pay for the inspections, which in 2015 cost on average \$18,000.

The Joint Commission awards a "Gold Seal of Approval" to those facilities that meet its standards. Maybe you've seen them when you've visited a hospital. It encourages hospitals to use those accreditations in their marketing activities, even providing them with a publicity kit. The Commission has also created a patient brochure with this reassuring message, "Whenever and wherever you receive health care, look for The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval."

However, the Journal found that those seals of approval can be misleading. Using information from inspection records, reporters found that in 2014 some 350 hospitals had Joint Commission accreditation even though they were in violation of Medicare safety requirements, and 60 percent of them had safety violations in the preceding three years.

It seems that most patients facing an operation or a hospital stay would want to know that. Dr. Mark Chassin, president and chief executive of the Joint Commission, told the Journal that his organization doesn't routinely withdraw accreditation of hospitals with safety problems because its focus is less on regulating or penalizing and more on preventing problems.

And this brings us back to that age-old problem: Should a government regulate business, including hospitals which have become very big businesses - or should it provide information so buyers, or in this case patients, can compare the offerings and make decent choices? Opponents of regulation argue that providing information is best.

In the case of hospitals, though, patients have neither regulation nor information. The Journal's reporting shows that the Joint Commission's inspection process often lets hospitals keep their accreditation even as they deliver poor care. At the same time, the Joint Commission has continually refused to make its hospital inspection reports public. So if patients are supposed to do their homework before undergoing health procedures, it's a fair question to ask: How should they do that?

Earlier this year the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services proposed a rule that would have required the Joint Commission to make its inspection records public. The agency cited serious concerns about the Commission's ability to identify safety problems. The Commission opposed the regulation, arguing it would make its work harder. Hospitals opposed it, too.

CMS heard their pleas and withdrew the proposal leaving patients in the same information vacuum they were in before.

Earlier this year Ashish Jha, a professor of health policy at the T. H. Chan School of Public Health at Harvard, told me he had no idea which hospital in New York City had the lowest risk of safety problems. At best he could only make a rough guess. He told the Journal its findings show "accreditation is basically meaningless - it doesn't mean a hospital is safe."

What kind of information would you like to see about safety and quality of care at your local hospital? Write to Trudy at [trudy.lieberman@ruralhealthnews.com](mailto:trudy.lieberman@ruralhealthnews.com)



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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Oh boy does it feel great to get a win on opening weekend! On Monday night, the Minnesota Vikings defeated the New Orleans Saints 29-19. Going against Drew Brees, one of the best quarterbacks in NFL history, was a tall task - but the Vikings defense was up for the challenge. Not to be outdone, the Vikings offense looked more than capable of putting up points, which was lacking last season.



The Vikings offense was rolling, and it started up front with the offensive line. Last year Sam Bradford was under constant pressure, but against the Saints, Bradford was only sacked once. As he showed Monday night, when Bradford has time to throw the ball he has amazing arm strength and accuracy. He ended the night with 346 yards and three touchdowns. The offensive line also opened running lanes for rookie running back Dalvin Cook, who ran for 127 yards on 22 carries (5.8 yards per carry).

Defensively, the Vikings put constant pressure on Drew Brees, forcing him to get rid of the ball in a hurry. He had 291 yards and a touchdown, but 147 yards and the touchdown came in the last five minutes of the game, when the Saints were down by three scores. This game was made out to be Adrian Peterson's revenge game, but the Vikings were prepared for him, only allowing him 18 yards on six carries (3.0 yards per carry). As a team, the Saints were limited to only 60 yards on the ground, which was great to see after the Vikings defense was constantly gashed by running backs in the preseason.

Three big questions after the Vikings victory on Monday night

How was Adrian Peterson received by the crowd? Most fans, myself included, were curious to see how the crowd at US Bank Stadium would welcome Adrian Peterson. AP was one of the greatest players in Vikings history, but the end of his career in purple and gold was a roller coaster. Based on reports of people who were at the game, there were some boos for #28, but most fans cheered his name when he was announced before the game started.

Is the Vikings offense really this good, or was it simply because they were playing the Saints defense? There is no doubt the Vikings offense looked great on Monday, but the performance has to come with an asterisk because the New Orleans Saints have one of the worst defenses in the NFL.

The Vikings offense has shown signs of improvement from last season, however.

The offensive line looks to be much improved, and Sam Bradford finally looks comfortable in the offense. Stefon Diggs and Adam Thielen have established themselves as premier receivers in the NFL, and Dalvin Cook has shown why the Vikings felt compelled to move up in the draft to get him. At the end of the day, the Vikings did what they were expected to do - take advantage of a porous defense. The same couldn't be said last season, so it's clear the team took a step forward. Hopefully they can gain some confidence from this performance and carry it over to the rest of the year.

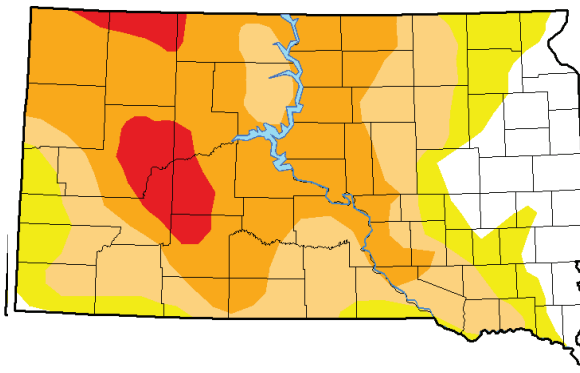
What's next for the Vikings? The team will travel to Pittsburgh to battle the Steelers on Sunday, September 17 (12 p.m. Central). The Steelers beat the Cleveland Browns in week

one, 21-18. The Steelers will pose another significant test to the Vikings defense, as Antonio Brown and Le'Veon Bell are elite players at their positions. The two teams have playoff aspirations, so this will give both a chance to see how good they really are.

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Have any questions or comments? Reach out to me on Facebook (facebook.com/SkolJWright) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright).

## Drought Monitor



September 5

Above-normal temperatures continued across the Dakotas and the Nebraska Panhandle this past week. A band of rain moved through the region during the week, though amounts were generally less than one inch. North-central North Dakota saw increases in severe drought where rainfall was less than 25 percent of normal over the last 30 to 60 days and satellite based-vegetation indicators were showing stress. South-central North Dakota saw a one-category improvement in areas where rainfall deficits, soil moisture, and well levels have begun to show recovery and pastures have responded to rains over the last 30 days. Western South Dakota saw a small one-

category deterioration due to a continued lack of rainfall, low soil moisture and streamflow values, and vegetation stress. Southeastern South Dakota and northeastern Nebraska saw one-category improvements in areas where precipitation deficits, soil moisture, and vegetation indicators have returned to normal or near-normal values. Improvements also occurred in the abnormally dry area in the Nebraska Panhandle and in the moderate drought in central Kansas.

## The Sad Truth About Sadness

In my many years of caring for the sick, I have encountered several individuals caught in the joy starvation of depression. I have seen the resulting devastation affect not only the afflicted, but also those around them. For those 18 to 45 years of age, depression is the number one cause of disability, resulting in an estimated 200 billion dollars of lost earnings per year. I stand aghast when the condition results in such helplessness that the patient chooses to escape life with suicide. There are about 40,000 deaths per year to suicide, which is approximately equal to the number of deaths caused by breast cancer. Despite a similar mortality rate, the money invested in depression research is about 1% of that spent studying breast cancer.

It remains unclear as to the exact causes of depression are, as they can vary from one case to another. There are many factors which can contribute to depression, including genetic predisposition, a troubled childhood and adolescence, stressful environments, sad situations, addiction, traumatic experiences, or even not getting enough sun. Most of us periodically have what is called "situ-



By Richard P. Holm M.D.



ational depression," such as the appropriate sadness that follows severe loss or death of a loved one. This type of depression is normal and will usually fade with time as we heal emotionally. The time to be concerned is when there is depression without a "situation"—no apparent reason for it to happen, no sad story to explain why one is filled with sadness. When the patient says, "I don't know why I feel this way", then the clinician knows there is a problem.

Diagnosing clinical depression is not always easy. However, there are often associated symptoms that point us physicians in the direction of an accurate diagnosis. We suspect depression when people experience chronic pain, find it hard to concentrate, are without energy,

have flares of temper, sleep too much or too little, have a loss of appetite or have over-eating binges, have unexplained crying spells, or become filled with anxiety for minimal reasons. People can often make things worse by covering up depression with alcohol, sleeping pills, anti-anxiety medications, or substance abuse, making the diagnosis even more difficult.

Sadly, two-thirds of people with depression do not seek or receive help, often because they are ashamed or feel without hope. This is unfortunate, as 80% of those who do get help will begin to see improvement in as little as four to six weeks. There is help and hope for those with this miserable condition, but people need to be open to the possibility of such a problem (men are

usually the worst deniers). There are several low-cost, highly effective treatments available for depression. They typically involve either meeting regularly with a behavioral specialist, taking a minimal side-effect medication, or a combination of the two. There are several other things that can aid in fighting depression as well, like getting adequate sleep and exercising regularly—even if it's only walking for 30 minutes each day.

If you are possibly struggling with depression, please get help. The treatments can be very effective and drastically improve your quality of life. It is not a condition to be ashamed of. If you can't do it for yourself, at least do it for those around you.



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## Brown County Sept. 5, 2017

### Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 – GENERAL MEETING

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

**MINUTES:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the Joint City County Meeting Minutes and General Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

**Payroll:** Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$7,966.06; Treasurer \$13,432.05; States Attorney \$20,802.83; SVAWA Grant \$1,282.08; Maintenance \$7,013.98; Assessor \$13,831.28; Register of Deeds \$9,277.35; Veterans Service Office \$4,176.45; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$8,413.73; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$38,370.90; Jail \$50,997.25; Coroner \$2,100.00; JDC \$21,284.33 Welfare Office \$3,665.57; Museum \$8,195.21; Parks & Fairgrounds \$10,417.14; Fair Board \$47,457.43; 4-H \$2,579.27; Weed \$6,795.33; Planning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$49,414.42; Communications \$20,626.06; Emergency Management \$3,960.14; Teen Court \$438.38; 24/7 \$3,183.94; Landfill \$13,403.98.

**Matching Benefits:** FICA \$22,744.56; Medicare \$5,319.28  
**Professional Fees:** Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$3,675.00; AAHA \$500.00; Adam Altman \$13,009.24; Bantz, Gosch & Crèmer \$5,289.88; Clark Engineering \$3,969.76; Harmelink, Fox & Ravensborg Law \$164.98; Ronayne Law Office \$2,472.20; Stoddard Law \$840.36.

**Publishing:** Groton Independent \$231.65.

**Rentals:** NB Golf \$14,375.00.  
**Repairs & Maintenance:** Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$125.69; Climate Control \$5,340.40; Crawford

Trucks & Equip. \$250.19; Galls \$446.35; Great Western Tire \$11.00; Hanlon Brothers \$1,040.00; Hase Plumbing & Heating \$229.40; Public Safety Equip. \$241.00; Quality Welding \$35.00; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$77.76; Thee Glass Doktor \$108.00; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$45.00.

**Supplies:** A & B Business \$726.45; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$4,414.24; Crescent Electric Supply \$352.54; DFP \$69.36; DSG \$2,302.67; Domino's \$158.63; Fastenal \$430.08; Fire Safety First \$22.00; Galls \$433.03; Geffdog \$642.38; Gov-Connection \$1,770.91; Great Western Tire \$1,293.06; Heartland Paper \$2,840.21; House of Glass \$50.40; Jimmy John's \$120.70; Lien Transportation \$56,775.40; Mac's \$755.15; Menards \$427.91; Midstates Printing \$2,960.90; NCFE-Warner \$6,720.56; Network Services \$325.00; Pantorium Cleaners \$14.00; Pepsi Beverages \$270.57; Photo-X-Press \$43.84; Pro Build \$142.92; Quality Welding \$4.00; Regalia Mfg. Co. \$725.66; Schmidt Construction \$238.26; Share Corp. \$380.00; Sherwin Williams \$13.00; Marla Zastrow \$42.11; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$251.16.

**Travel & Conference:** Mike Fey \$14.00; Sarah Hartje \$27.26; Patricia Kendall \$82.72; Mark Milbrant \$272.00; Derek Ricci \$14.00.

**Utilities:** Aberdeen City Treasurer \$3,955.96; AT&T \$205.00; BDM Rural Water \$36.00; Century Link

\$58.90; Midcontinent \$748.94; NWPS \$28,573.50.

**Improvements other than Buildings:** Ringgenberg Electric \$45,014.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective September 10, 2017: Bryan Owens at \$19.09 per hour; Casey Jensen at \$19.00 per hour; Samiulela Mouna at \$19.32 per hour; Dean Zumbaum at \$18.27 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENT:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to deny lease submitted by Northern State University for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on September 10, 2017 unless terms of original county lease are followed. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following Special Malt Beverage License Application: NESD Celtic Faire and Games – Brown County Fairgrounds (Centennial Village) SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R64W, effective September 15, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize advertising public hearing for the following Special Malt Beverage License Application: Spurs Therapeutic Riding Center, 1006 130th St., Aberdeen, SD – N ½ of Lt 1 Spurs 2nd Addition NW 6-123N-63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD, to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:50 a.m. on September 12, 2017 (Special License effective September 16, 2017). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACT:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following 2017 Fair Contract: Angie's Clean ALL at \$500 (sanitation services). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DISCRETIONARY FORMULA DENIED:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to deny application submitted by NorthWestern Corporation for Discretionary Formula on the following Centrally Assessed property: New 60 megawatt peaking plant –Aberdeen Generating Station (value of discretionary @ 2,987,880 in Aberdeen Township). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RACE TRACK OPTION:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve request, submitted by Todd, Troy and Scott Neuendorf DBA Bullet Sports for one-year option to lease Brown County facilities at the Fairgrounds for the 2018 Car Racing season, per lease agreement as restated/amended on September 27, 2016 (option three of four available). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**2018 PROVISIONAL BUDGET HEARING:** Time and place, as advertised for public hearing on the 2018 Provisional Budget. No one from the public or various departments appeared. No changes were made. Formal action will be taken on the Provisional Budget on September 26, 2017.

**FAIR REPORT:** Derek Ricci, Fair Manager, presented statistical information comparing 2016 and 2017 fair attendance and ticket sales.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session to discuss Labor Contract, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Chair declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion.

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to amend salary schedule guideline #7 to read "All employees on the 10-year Step Plan who reach Step 10 in the classification assigned shall receive an additional \$.05 per hour for each year completed thereafter, applied as per #5 and/or #6 above. NOTE: Amount following employee name represents base pay plus additional earned at Step 10 in any classification": and further approve a \$.05 per hour increase for the following: Brad Nehlich, effective Feb. 12, 2017; Tanya Walth, effective July 16, 2017; Sara Swisher, effective Sept. 10, 2017. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:00 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sara Swisher, Brown County Deputy Auditor

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## Groton City

Sept. 11

### Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, McGannon, Blackmun, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present

were: Finance Officer Hope Block, Attorney Drew Johnson, Justin Olson, Kathy Sundermeyer.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Blackmun, and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

**Payroll,** \$79,810.01, Employee salaries; Executive, \$567.61; Administrative, \$16,051.20; Public Safety, \$6,822.28; Public Works, \$30,139.39; Culture & Recreation, \$26,229.53; Consol. Federal Credit Union, \$2,300.00, Employee savings; First State Bank, \$16,070.72, SS and WH ; A&B Business Solutions, \$162.05, Copier rent; Avera Aberdeen Family , \$118.00, Employee physical; AFLAC, \$420.32, Employee insurance; Anthony Donovan, \$81.08, Utility overpayment; Avera Heart Hospital of SD, \$2,018.00, 2 AED's for PD; Chuck Padfield, \$7.46, Deposit refund; City of Groton, \$348.05, Transit utilities, refunds, postage; Colonial Life, \$179.70, Employee insurance; Dakota Electronics, \$234.45, Parts, battery, reprogram, repair; Eh Hsee, \$250.00, Deposit refund; Employers Mutual Insurance, \$93.10, Employee life insurance; Farmers Union Coop, \$1,287.76, Gas and diesel; Full Circle Ag, \$90.26, Weed killer; Groton Ford, \$142.19, Fuse for pickup; Guardian Insurance, \$258.53, Employee dental and vision; Heartland Waste Management, \$6,750.35, Garbage services ; Jim Gerdes, \$403.00, Med flex; Kens Food Fair, \$1,323.87, Gas, paper products, cleaners; Leidholdt Tool Sales, \$237.46, Hammer drill; Mason Madsen, \$470.80, Jr Legion mileage ; Nelson Sales & Service, \$133.50, Carburetor ; NW Energy, \$701.30, Natural gas; Paul & Tina Kosel, \$409.50, Med flex; RDO John Deere, \$310.74, Fuse holder for mower; Runnings, \$81.27, Coupler, caster; S & S Lumber, \$526.22, supplies and materials; SD Dept of Health, \$402.00, Water testing; SD Public Assurance Alliance, \$46,636.38, City insurance; SD Retirement System, \$16,069.06, Employee retirement July & August; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$530.00, Employee retirement; SD Water & Wastewater Assoc., \$240.00, Registration fees; Todd & Paul Kokales, \$128.59, Deposit refund; US Postal Service, \$202.48, Utility bill postage; Verizon Wireless, \$41.81, Dump camera; Weber Landscaping, \$5,800.00, Down payment for cemetery tree project; Welmark, \$12,122.04, Employee insurance; Total Prepaid:, \$197,392.05; Payable:; Chase Visa, \$694.65, Postage, labels, toner, paper, resale; Ecolab , \$102.42, Pest control

landfill; Locke Electric, \$196.94, Fuse change AC at CC; McGannon Plumbing & Heating, \$1,472.04, Boiler repairs, several AC services; Topkote Inc, \$104,867.20, Chip seal; Total Payable:, \$107,333.25.

Doug Hamilton entered the meeting at 7:03. He spoke about the plans the legion has for the veteran's circle at the cemetery. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to allow trees to be removed in order for the legion to move forward with their veteran's circle project. All members present voted aye. Doug left the meeting at this point.

Terry Herron entered the meeting at 7:15 and spoke about department projects and also introduced Ordinance 714 involving pex tubing. Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to pass the first reading of Ordinance 714 An Ordinance Amending the 2012 Revised Ordinances for the City of Groton as it Pertains to Water. All members present voted aye. Terry left the meeting at this point.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to allow Paul Kosel to attend FEMA training September 26 and 27 in Aberdeen, and allow Hope Block and Drew Johnson to attend the Municipal Law Symposium September 28, 2017 in Vermillion. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to allow the community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at the community center. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to pass the second reading of Ordinance 712 revising utility rates and dates. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to transfer \$200,000 from electric cash account to general cash account. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon for an automatic budget supplement to amend the 2017 budget for grant revenue and contingency replenishing the contingency for the amount previously used for baseball playground equipment (\$48,850). All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to pass the second reading of Ordinance 713: 2018 Appropriation Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:47 pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:04 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Hope Block, Finance Officer  
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## Veteran's Circle to be renovated

Doug Hamilton came before the Groton City Council to discuss repair options for the Veteran's Circle at the cemetery. The Groton Post #39 is looking at a \$15,000 project, but in order to move forward, two trees need to be removed. The council gave the approval for the trees to be removed and for the Legion to proceed with the project. A sidewalk will be installed and more room will be made for future Veterans.

City Supervisor Terry Herron proposed changing the ordinance to allow pex pipe to be used from the water main to customer curbstop. The ordinance stated only copper could be used. The new pex pipe is only \$1.89 per ft. compared to copper at nearly \$6 a foot. First reading of the ordinance was approved.

The second meeting for the city council will be held Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Groton Community Center.

The council approved for Tom and Barb Paepke to use the community center for the annual community Thanksgiving dinner.

The second reading of the utility revisions was approved. What this will do is change the metering read date from the 15th of the month to the 1st of the month, and for the bills to be paid from the 10th to the 25th of the month starting in October.

The proposed street project for Lincoln Street north of Fifth Avenue, Meadowbrook Lane and for three blocks on State Street was kicked out of the budget this year, but Councilman David Blackmun said it needs to be done in 2019. Electrical and waste water will be given priority in 2018. Dropping the \$300,000 out the budget allowed the budget to be balanced and approved.



# 2018 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 713 CITY OF GROTON

SECTION I Appropriations							
Be it resolved by the City of Groton, SD that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality							
		General Fund	Gross Rec Tax (BBB)	Airport	Cemetary	Fam Crisis	Debt Service
<b>410 General Government</b>							
411	Legislative	26,530					
411.5	Contingency	100,000					
412	Executive	9,680					
413	Elections	980					
414	Finance Administration	300,000					
419	Other	14,210					
<b>Total General Government</b>		<b>451,400</b>					
<b>420 Public Safety</b>							
421	Police	362,560					
429	Other	600					
<b>Total Public Safety</b>		<b>363,160</b>					
<b>430 Public Works</b>							
431	Street	280,070					
432	Weed Control	4,600					
435	Airport			35,410			
437	Cemetary	18,010					
439	Transit	2,500					
<b>Total Public Works</b>		<b>305,180</b>		<b>35,410</b>			
<b>440 Health &amp; Welfare</b>							
440	Health & Welfare					1,960	
441	Pest Control	5,440					
<b>Total Health &amp; Welfare</b>		<b>5,440</b>				<b>1,960</b>	
<b>450 Culture and Recreation</b>							
451	Recreation	180,450	23,690				
452	Parks	12,300					
455	Library	5,740					
456	Community Center	5,040					
<b>Total Culture &amp; Recreation</b>		<b>203,530</b>	<b>23,690</b>				
<b>460 Economic Development</b>							
465	Promotion & Planning	14,800					
<b>Total Economic Development</b>		<b>14,800</b>					
<b>470 Debt Service</b>							
354	RR Sewer						17,390
355	West Ditch Sewer						27,910
300	2015 Refinance						202,500
<b>Total Debt Service</b>							<b>247,800</b>
<b>490 Miscellaneous</b>							
490	Gas Tax	1,900					
493	Liquor	80					
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>		<b>1,980</b>					
<b>Transfers to Debt Service</b>		<b>250,100</b>					
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>1,595,590</b>	<b>23,690</b>	<b>354,140</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>247,800</b>

SECTION II Means and Finance							
The following designates the funds that money derived from the following sources is applied to:							
		50,000	100	6,000	34,600	2,000	400,000
<b>Unassigned Fund Balance</b>							
310	Taxes	1,172,450	24,000				
320	Licenses & Permits	10,730					
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	102,700					
340	Charges for Goods & Services	75,580					
350	Fines & Forfeitures	810					
360	Miscellaneous Revenue	27,120		21,530	400	1,300	45,850
390	Other Sources	1,200					
<b>Transfers from Other Funds</b>		<b>155,000</b>					<b>250,100</b>
<b>TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE</b>		<b>1,595,590</b>	<b>24,100</b>	<b>27,530</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>695,950</b>

SECTION III					
	Electric Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	
<b>Proprietary Funds</b>					
Beginning Unrestricted Cash	100,000	140,000	100,000	10,000	
Estimated Revenue	1,617,600	313,900	211,100	88,500	
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	<b>1,717,600</b>	<b>453,900</b>	<b>311,100</b>	<b>98,500</b>	
Less Appropriations	1,630,705	342,730	185,720	84,500	
Estimated Surplus	86,895	111,170	125,380	14,000	
Less Estimated Surplus Retained	895	180,170	380	1,000	
Estimated Surplus to be transferred to Governmental Funds	86,000	-69,000	125,000	13,000	
<b>Total</b>					<b>155,000</b>

The finance officer is directed to certify the amount of levy made in this ordinance to the Brown County Auditor.  
The amount of tax levy request is \$454,800. The amount of opt out request is \$230,000.00. The total request being \$684,800.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Hope Block, Finance Officer.  
First Reading: August 21, 2017  
Second Reading: September 11, 2017  
Publish Date: Sept. 13, 2017  
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**Fritz Klein**

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## Groton City Ord. 712

### Utility Payments

ORDINANCE NO. 712  
City of Groton, South Dakota  
An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending Ordinances No. 680, "Definitions for Municipal Electric Customers; Sections 8-1-6, 8-4-10 and 8-5-1 in Ordinance No. 587"

Be it ordained by the City of Groton, South Dakota that Ordinances No. 680 be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1: Definition of Terms

Residential Customer - One who lives in at least 75% of the location where utility service is provided or provides long term living space for others (apartment houses).

General Service Customer - Any customer who is not a residential customer, such as operation of a business, care services, place of worship, storage structure, etc.

Electric Demand Customer - Any general service customer who uses 25 KW or over demand during any monthly billing period for that period.

Methods of Changing Utility Rates - All future utility rates for the City of Groton shall be changed by resolution rather than ordinance.

Be it further ordained by the City of Groton, South Dakota that Ordinances No. 597 Sections 8-1-6, 8-4-10, and 8-5-1 be amended to read as follows:

8-1-6 Budget Payment Plan. Residential and general service consumers may participate in the Budget Payment Plan under the conditions and terms outlined below for the paying of utility bills.

Once a residential or general service consumer has twelve months of continuous city utility usage history, he, she or it may elect to participate in this Budget Payment Plan. The residential or general service consumer must execute a written agreement at the city finance office in order to participate. The residential or general service consumer must be current with their past utility bills with the city and have not discontinued a previous Budget Payment Plan with the city within the last twelve months. The city finance officer, when application is made, shall calculate the monthly Budget

Payment Plan amount by dividing the cumulative total of the last twelve months of utility billings for the residential or general service consumer by 12. The city finance officer shall review each residential or general service consumer account at six month intervals from the election to participate in the plan and make any adjustments necessary by either increasing the average monthly payment in the case of a debit balance or decreasing the monthly balance in case of a credit balance. On the anniversary date of the election to participate in the plan, a residential or general service consumer at their option may choose to have an actual account credit balance refunded to them in cash or apply the credit against the next annual Budget Payment Plan or in the case of a debit balance due on that account, the residential or general service consumer shall pay the debit balance in full before being allowed to participate in the Budget Payment Plan for the following year. Each monthly payment under the Budget Payment Plan must be paid by the 25th of the month when due in order to avoid a penalty on the previous month's charges. Each residential or general service consumer must participate in the Budget Payment Plan for one full year at a time and may not terminate the plan within that year unless that residential or general service consumer is discontinuing utility service in which case the residential or general service consumer must balance his account with the city finance officer either by seeking a credit balance refund or paying the full amount of the debit balance on that account. All other provisions of Chapter

8-1 shall remain in full force and effect.

8-4-10 Meter Reading. All water meters shall be read by a person designated by the city council and at all times meters must be accessible to reading. All meters will be read on or about the first (1st) day of each month. After the reading of the meters, the readings shall be delivered to the city finance officer, who shall compute and prepare consumer's bills, a copy of which shall be mailed to the consumer. If the bill is not paid

in full by the 25th of the month, a ten (10) percent penalty shall be computed and added to the consumer's bill.

8-5-1 Collection of Bills. All electric meters shall be read on or about the first (1st) day of each month. After the reading of the meters, the readings shall be delivered to the city finance officer, who shall compute and prepare consumer's bills, a copy of which shall be mailed to the consumer. If the bill is not paid in full by the 25th of the month, a ten (10) percent penalty shall be computed and added to the consumer's bill.

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Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Hope Block, Finance Officer

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## Brown County

### Groton Home

#### Content Sale

NOTICE TO BID NON-FIXTURE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that a Request for Bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD, until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. At said time and place all Letters of bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for removal of entire non-fixture personal property.

An open house will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 9AM to NOON at 204 N. 5th St., Groton, South Dakota to view the contents.

Envelopes containing bid shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD, and shall be marked on the envelope "Brown County Non-Fixture Personal Property". Bids will be opened on September 26, 2017. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all letters of bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Bid information and rules are on file and may be obtained at no charge at the Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD. 605-626-7110 and can be viewed at www.brown.sd.us.

ATTEST:  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
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## Mud Creek

### Provisional

#### Budget Notice

PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY MUD CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT, BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018

General Fund: Legal fees, \$1,000.00; Advertising, \$1,500.00; Insurance and Bonds, \$1,500.00; Engineering and Projects, \$66,338.85;

Administration and Office Expenses, \$1,500.00; Miscellaneous Expense, \$2,000.00.

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY MUD CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Managers of the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District, will meet in the Roger Rix Shop, located at 12960 406th Ave., Groton, South Dakota on September 28, 2017 at 8:00 P.M., for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2018 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 28th day of September, 2017. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget. Grant Rix, Secretary, Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District.

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## No more paper plates

The dishwasher at the Groton Area Elementary School has not been working. The replacement part is scheduled to arrive today (Tuesday) and to get installed. The students have been eating off of paper plates in the meantime.

Superintendent Joe Schwan projects that the district will have between \$700,000 to \$1 million left over from the loan that could be transferred to the Capital Outlay fund. The elementary school project is coming in well under budget.

There was discussion to resurface the rest of the elementary playground asphalt at a cost of \$39,828. There was question if it would be a good time to do it right before winter. A motion to table the motion failed on a 3-3 vote. A motion to approve the project failed on the 3-3 vote. Those in favor of the project were Marty Weismantel, Merle Harder and Grant Rix. Those voting against it, mainly because they wanted some answers, were Steve Smith, Deb Gengerke and Clint Fjelstad. Board member Kelly Kjelden was not at the meeting.

The school's JK-12 enrollment is currently at 575, down about 14 from last year. The enrollment of Friday, Sept. 29, will determine the district's calculated need for state aid purposes.

Elementary Principal Brett Schwan reported that fifth grade band has started already. He said that he was excited to get it started earlier this year.

Loren Bahr gave the bus route report.

Route 1 - Chuck Padfield - 75 miles

Route 2 - Adam Franken in the morning and Butch Farmen in the afternoon- 75 miles

Route 3 - Joel Guthmiller Bus - 76 miles

Route 4 - Randy Hjermstad -76 miles - up by 11 miles from last year.

Route 5 - Lena Cox - 70 miles - Columbia.

Route 6 - Deb Tietz - Bristol - 79 miles this year.

Route 7 - Don Donley - 74 miles

The board approved the resignation of Ryan Dix as a special education paraprofessional effective immediately and the resignation/retirement from Kathryn Bury as the assistant business manager effective December 31, 2017. Bury was the business manager of the Bristol School and started there 23 years ago.

The board approved the educational lane change for Desiree Yeigh from BS to BS+15.

Open enrollment request from the Aberdeen School District was approved for students in grades 3, 5, 7 and 9.

A family living in the Bath area had a change of employment and are now working in Aberdeen so they withdrew their open enrollment from the Groton Area School District.

## Groton Area Open House

Groton Area School held its open house this year at the newly renovated elementary building. A smaller than normal crowd was on hand, but it was a busy night with several extra curricular activities in action.



Michael J. Weber announced the winners of the door prizes. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Branden, April and Axel Abeln are being served by Superintendent Joe Schwan, Elementary Principal Brett Schwan and school board member Deb Gengerke. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



School Board Member Grant Rix and Superintendent Joe Schwan serve up some of the food in the serving line.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Brandon Clocksene is the new head cook at the Groton Area School. Pictured in back are the cooks for the hot dogs and brats, school board members Marty Weismantel on the left and Steve Smith on the right. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Sunflower Classic

Sept. 10- sponsored by Groton Ford Olive Grove Golf Course

**Championship Flight:** 70- Brad and Dar Larson, 72- Duncan Ferriera and Laura Stoebn, 74- Doug and Vicki Jorgensen, 74- Randy and Sue Stanley, 75- Tim and Barb Gillick, 77- Tom Mahan and Ranae Ball, 79- Brad and Brenda Waage

**First Flight:** 75- Mark and Kari Herman, 80- Walt and Helen Plummage, 81- Rich and Tami Zimney, 82- Steve and Betty Dunker, 86- Rolfe and Char Ludtke, 86- Roger and Sharon Zastrow, 86- Bob and Vicki Walter

**Second Flight:** 80- Tony and Mandy Grohs, 83- Rod Kluess and Carmen Ferguson, 83- Larry Frohling and Deb Fredrickson, 86- Jonathan and Mandalyn Flihs, 87- Lorin and Julie Flihs, 96- Rick and Donna Cowan

Closest to Pin #4: Vicki Jorgensen

Closest to Pin #8: Brad Larson

Longest Putt #9: Randy Stanley

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**2017 Groton Area Elementary**  
**Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds**  
**September 20 and 21**

Parents of children age 3 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to either confirm their screening time or set up a time. Letters will be sent out the week of September 10. If your child is already receiving services or enrolled at Groton Elementary School they will not need to be screened. If your child has already been screened but you have concerns please contact the elementary school. If you are new to the district and have a child under the age of 5, we also ask you to contact the elementary school.

The Developmental Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Arena. Please park and use the east entrance to the arena.



## 7th and 8th grade Junior High Football

The 7th and 8th graders both won games against Sisseton last week, but then both lost games vs. Redfield this week.

In the Sisseton games, the 7th graders won by the score of 8 to 0. Ethan Gengerke scored both the touchdown and the conversion on runs from his quarterback position.

In the 8th grade game, the Tigers won by the score of 22 to 0. Kaden Kurtz had two rushing touchdowns plus a hand in the third score by him throwing a pass from his halfback position to Jackson Cogley who scored the touchdown. The defense then held to preserve the shutout.

In the Redfield games, Groton dropped two, hard-fought games. The 7th graders lost by the score of 6 to 8. A failed two-point conversion was the difference. The Tiger's only touchdown came early in the game on a short pass from Ethan Gengerke to Andrew Marzahn, which he then scampered about 60 yards for the touchdown after the catch.

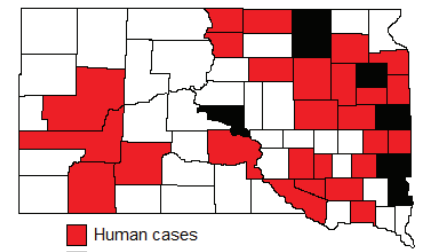
In the 8th grade game, Groton lost 12 to 16 to an athletic bunch from Redfield. Kaden Kurtz again had two rushing touchdowns for the Tigers that still led 12 to 8 at the third quarter break, but then gave up another touchdown losing by the score of 12 to 16.

7th grade team members are: Ethan Gengerke, Cade Larson, Jacob Lewandowski, Cole Simon, Andrew Marzahn, Caleb Hanten, Tate Larson, Porter Johnson, Cole Bisbee, Kaleb Antonsen, Aeydon Johnson, Corbin Reich, Danny Feist, and Tannor McGannon.

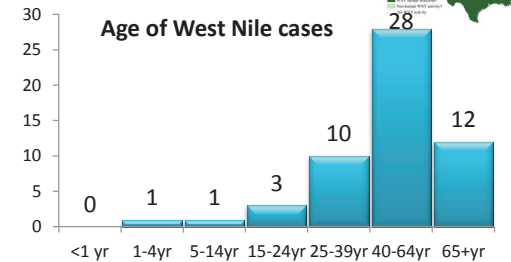
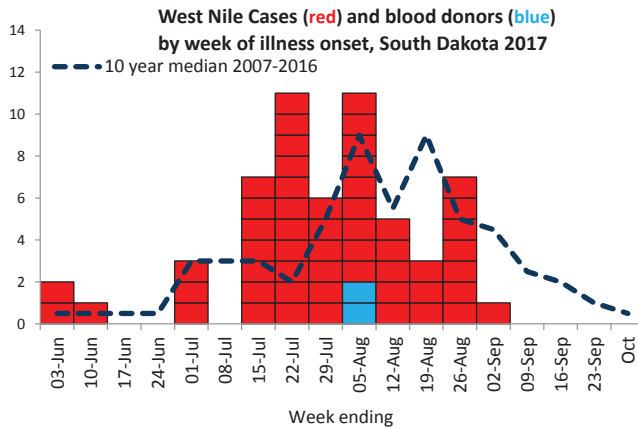
8th grade team members are : Jayden Zak, Seth Johnson, Jace Kroll, Kaden Kurtz, Jordan Bjerke, Jackson Cogley, Pierce Kettering, Evin Nehls, Trey Johnson, and Lane Krueger.

## West Nile update: South Dakota, 13 September 2017

- **55 human cases of West Nile virus disease have been reported to the SD Department of Health.** 35% of cases have neuroinvasive disease, 65% have West Nile Fever. 44% hospitalized.
- **Deaths:** 1.
- **Age:** median age 53 years; range 4-85 years.
- **Race:** 87% White, 11% American Indian, 2% Other. **Sex:** 51% male, 49% female.
- **Counties with human WNV cases:** Aurora 1, Beadle 2, BonHomme 2, Brookings 5, Brown 4, Campbell 1, Charles Mix 1, Clark 1, Codington 4, Davison 2, Day 1, Deuel 1, Douglas 1, Faulk 2, Grant 1, Hamlin 1, Hughes 2, Hutchinson 3, Jackson 1, Kingsbury 1, Lake 1, Lincoln 3, Lyman 1, McCook 1, McPherson 1, Meade 1, Minnehaha 2, Moody 1, Oglala Lakota 1, Pennington 2, Walworth 1, Yankton 2.
- **Viremic blood donors:** 2, both in Brown County.
- **WNV positive mosquito detections:** Brookings, Brown, Codington, Hughes, Lincoln and Minnehaha counties.
- **WNV positive horse:** Spink County.
- **WNV positive birds:** 2 Red-tailed hawk, Codington County.



West Nile virus activity reported to CDC, by state, United States, 2017 (as of 12 Sept 2017)



SD Department of Health phone 800-592-1861  
 SD Department of Health: <http://westnile.sd.gov>  
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# The Life of Marty Sippel

Services for Martin "Marty" Sippel, 67, of Groton were held Monday, September 11, 2017, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Craig Grams officiated. Burial followed in Groton Union Cemetery.

Marty passed away Wednesday, September 06, 2017 at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Martin Howard was born on May 28, 1950 in Britton, SD to Marvin and Margaret (Johnson) Sippel. He graduated from Groton High School in 1969. After high school, he drove semi-truck for several neighbors and did some cattle buying.

He married Eleanor (Ellie) Schmidt on November 27, 1998 in Groton and the couple made their home on the family farm.

Marty was truly a dairy farmer at heart. Cows were his passion. He started in 4-H showing and breeding Brown Swiss cows. He loved every aspect of the dairy industry, which also included selling bulls and heifers to many foreign countries. He also showed cattle at many different fairs around the country for many years.

Marty was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church all of his life. He also belonged to both the National and State Brown Swiss Associations. In his early years, he enjoyed bowling and stock car racing. Later in life he liked going to casinos.

Blessed to have shared in his life is his wife, Ellie, Aunt Lorraine Sippel, Aunt Marie Gengerke, three sisters-in-law, Mildred Henry of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, Sharon (Art) Reyes of Orland Park, Illinois and Peggy (John) Christensen of Rapid City and many cousins.

Marty is preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Margaret, his only sibling, Mary Ann Sippel and his God Child, Lisa Sippel.

Casketbearers were Robbin Green, Matt Johnson, Dave Alberts, Gary Flihs, Lori Hanson and Chris Sippel.



**Sherry Koehler was one of the 30 volunteers who donated blood at the Groton Blood Drive on August 24.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Blood drive nets 36 units

Blood drive coordinator Kathy Sundermeyer has coordinated a very successful blood drive. The drive held in Groton on August 24th saw 30 people volunteer to donate blood and 29 were able to give. Seven people gave blood on the automated 2RBC machine that collects two units of red blood cells which resulted in 36 total products.

According to Fern Elofson, Donor Recruitment Representative for United Blood Services, "Communities like Groton make a regional blood program work. People volunteer to donate when there has been a well-organized campaign, informing the public of the need for blood." Rose Locke called and made appointments for donors. A special thank you goes to Ken's Fairway for donating juice and cookies. Space to hold the drive was provided at the American Legion.

On behalf of the patients who benefited, United Blood Services appreciates all the thoughtful people who volunteered to help others by giving of themselves. To sign up for your next life-saving blood donation appointment, please go to [www.unitedbloodservices.org](http://www.unitedbloodservices.org).

Blood is for sharing; you have truly given the "Gift of Life."

## Build Dakota Scholarship Recipients Announced for 2017-18 School Year

PIERRE, S.D. – The Build Dakota Scholarship Board has selected 285 students as recipients of the Build Dakota Scholarship for the 2017-18 school year.

The scholarships cover tuition and fees, books, equipment and other related program expenses for eligible programs within eight high-need industry areas at South Dakota's four technical institutes. Recipients were selected from a total of 1,028 applications.

Dillon Freeman, Groton, received a scholarship for Mitchell Tech and will be majoring in Information Systems Technology. Brody Sombke, Conde, received a scholarship for Mitchell Tech and will be majoring in Telecommunications.

"The Build Dakota Scholarship is one way we are addressing our state's workforce needs," Gov. Dennis Daugaard said. "These students will help us fill employment gaps, and they'll be able to graduate and enter high-need fields debt free."

The Build Dakota Scholarship program was announced in late 2014. The scholarship is funded by a \$25 million donation from T. Denny Sanford and \$25 million in future funds committed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

Build Dakota aims to support students entering high-need workforce programs at South Dakota's technical institutes to fill the state's technical career fields with skilled professionals. The \$50 million will provide approximately 300 full scholarships annually in each of the first five years of the scholarship program. From 2020 on, an endowment will continue to award approximately 50 scholarships per year.

In-state and out-of-state students are eligible to apply. Scholarship applicants must be accepted into their program of interest. Recipients of the scholarship must enroll full-time and complete their educational program on schedule. Scholarship recipients must commit to stay in South Dakota to work in their field of study for three years following graduation.

Applications for the 2018-19 school year open in January 2018. Find more information at <http://www.builddakotascholarships.com>.

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