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Netters beat Leola-Frederick, 3-1

Leola-Frederick came to town on Tuesday and they challenged the Tigers in some exciting volleyball action. Groton Area came away with the match win, 3-1.

The first game was tied nine times and there were two lead changes as Groton Area scored the last four points to break a 21-21 tie to win the game, 25-21.

Groton Area led throughout the entire second game, leading by as much as six points. The Titans rallied to close to within two, 22-20, but the Tigers went on to win, 25-21.

The third game went extra points as it was tied 11 times and there were eight lead changes. Payton Colestock had two ace serves near the end of the game to tie it at 24, but the Titans would score the next two points to pull out a 26-24 win.

The fourth game was tied three times and Groton Area scored the last 12 points of the game to post a 25-9 to win the game and match.

In serving, Groton Area was 92 of 99 with six ace serves. Eliza Wanner was 31 of 32 with three ace serves and Payton Colestock was 12 of 12 with two ace serves. Leola-Frederick was 58 of 68 with four ace serves. Hannah Sumption was 14 of 15, Abby Berreth was 13 of 14 and Kelly Podoll was nine of 10 with two ace serves.

In attacks, Groton Area was 135 of 163 with 42 kills. Gia Gengerke was 27 of 34 with 11 kills, Nicole Marzahn was 27 of 32 with 10 kills, Jennie Doeden was 30 of 37 with 10 kills, Payton Maine had two kills and Jessica Bjerke had one. Leola-Frederick was 143 of 161 with 25 kills. Cassandra Hinz was 32 of 35 with nine kills, Abby Berreth was 36 of 40 with four kills, Maddie Nordine was 26 of 31 with five kills, Keely Podoll had four kills and Brooklyn Podoll and Meza Myer each had one kill.

In sets, Groton Area was 156 of 158 with 38 assists. Miranda Hanson was 123 of 124 with 32 assists and Payton Maine was eight of eight with two assists. Leola-Frederick was 113 of 113 with 21 assists. Keely Podoll was 101 of 101 with 19 assists.

The Titans had one more dig than Groton Area, 109-108. Payton Maine led all players with 33 digs for Groton area followed Eliza Wanner with 24 and Jennie Doeden 15. The Titans were led by Audree Berreth with 29, Cassandra Hinz with 25 and Abby Berreth with 22.

Groton Area had five solo and one assisted block. Gia Gengerke had three solo and one assisted block, Nicole Marzahn had one solo and one assisted and Jennie Doeden had one solo. The Titans were led by Cassandra Hinz with three solo and one assist and Maddie Nordine with one solo and two assists.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-10 and 25-15.



Payton Maine was the Libero for all but the first game.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jennie Doeden returns the ball to the Titans near the net.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Nicole Marzahn returns the ball to into the hands of Brooklyn Podoll (12) and Cassandra Hinz.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Groton Area's Miranda Hanson gets ready to serve the ball.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Leola/Frederick's Hannah Sumption gets in position to receive the ball.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Leola/Frederick's Abigail Berreth stretches out to hit the ball back to Groton Area's Jennie Doeden and Gia Gengerke.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



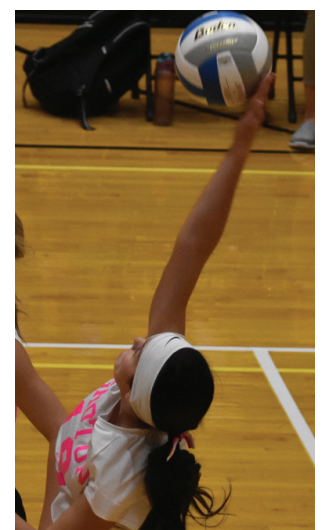
Leola/Frederick's Maddie Nordine returns the ball to the Groton side.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Groton Area's Gia Gengerke gets a hit near the net.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Eliza Wanner gets a good hit for the Tigers.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

The Groton Area-Leola/Frederick volleyball match was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam and Construction, Erickson Insurance Agency, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Hanlon Brothers of Groton and Verdon, John Sieh Agency, Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Groton Ford, Blocker Construction, Grain Solutions with Jesse Zak, Allied Climatic Professionals with Kevin Nehls and Olson Development.

Groton Area shuts down Roncalli, 3-0

Groton Area's volleyball team posted an impressive 3-0 win over Aberdeen Roncalli in a key Northeast Conference match and in a key match that propelled the Tigers to the top of the region in the seeding. "We had a good week of practice and we also had some different workouts we've been doing to work on our quickness," said Coach Chelsea Hanson. "We lost Taylor (Holm) this week to a knee injury so we really challenged the girls to adapt, not only physically, but more mentally so we could still compete."

Groton Area took command of the match from the very first serve, taking a 2-0 lead in the first game and never trailed to win the first game, 25-16. "There was something in the gym this week," Hanson said. "I'm not sure what got it going but the girls really bought in to working hard and making themselves better."

The second game was as exciting as it could get. Groton held the 3-0 lead. The Cavaliers came back to tie the game at three. Then there were four lead changes and the game was tied three more times before Groton recaptured the lead, scoring seven straight points to take a 12-7 lead. The Tigers had a 21-16 lead before Roncalli rallied to tie the game at 21. Groton went up by two, 24-22, but the Cavaliers rallied and ended up with a 26-25 lead. Groton tied the game at 26 and scored the last two points for the 28-26 win.

"This match was the best we've probably played defensively and offensively," Hanson said. "We didn't make a lot of mistakes. We needed this win for some confidence in a new rotation. We're unsure how long Taylor will be out for so we're going to keep working at getting better as a team and try and fill the presence she provided. It was a great night for us!"

The big second game win took the wind out of the sails of Roncalli and Groton Area dominated the third game, jumping out to a 4-0 lead and went up, 12-1, and easily went on to win the third game, 25-16.

The match was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center.

Gia Gengerke had 14 kills (29-40) and two solo and one assisted block on the night. Miranda Hanson was 107 of 110 in sets with 27 assists and was 20 of 22 in serves with three ace serves. Jennie Doeden had eight kills (30-33), two blocks and three ace serves (16-16). Nicole Marzahn had four kills, one solo and one assisted block. Jessica Bjerke had two kills and Eliza Wanner had two kills and 19 digs. Payton Maine had 27 digs as the Tigers had 80 as a team.

Groton Area is now 8-2 on the season and will travel to Henry on Monday to take on Florence/Henry. Roncalli falls to 10-5.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-22 and 25-15. The C team won its games, 25-21, 25-15 and 25-8. The two junior high teams dropped their matches.

- Paul Kosel

Volleyball team beats Florence-Henry

Groton Area defeated Florence-Henry in volleyball action Monday night in Henry, 25-18, 25-21 and 25-15.

In serving, Groton Area was 71 of 74 with five ace serves. Payton Colestock was 14 of 14 with three ace serves and Eliza Wanner was 16 of 16 with two ace serves.

In sets, Groton Area was 105 of 105 with 25 assists. Miranda Hanson was 76 of 76 with 21 assists and Kaylin Kucker was seven of seven with two assists.

Groton Area was 89 of 106 in spikes with 29 kills. Gia Gengerke was 19 of 23 with 13 kills and Jennie Doeden was 23 of 29 with 10 kills.

Gia Gengerke had one solo and two assisted blocks and Jennie Doeden had one solo block. The Tigers had 62 digs with Payton Maine having 22, Miranda Hanson 12 and Jessica Bjerke 12.

Thompson is medalist at Sisseton

Emily Thompson was a medalist at the Sisseton Invitational Cross Country Meet held Thursday. She ran the 5,000m course in a time of 21:09.31 to placed sixth. Hannah Lewandowski was 23rd with a time of 23:06.06. Rylee Rosenau was 56th with a time of 26:28.36 and AnneMarie Smith was 63rd with a time of 27:26.72.

In the boy's division, Isaac Smith placed 29th with a time of 19:34.05. Micah Poor was 50th with a time of 20:59.67. Spencer Jacobs was 72nd with a time of 24:00.59.

North Central Farmers Elevator and Wheat Growers Members Approve Unification

(SEPT. 28, 2017; Ipswich & Aberdeen, SD) – The member-owners of North Central Farmers Elevator and Wheat Growers have each voted to approve the unification of the two cooperatives.

The North Central Farmers Elevator members voted for the proposed unification 911-657. The Wheat Growers members also voted for the proposed unification, 1598-954. With this vote, the new cooperative is expected to begin operations effective Feb. 1, 2018. Until the effective date, each cooperative will continue to operate independently from the other.

"We listened to our members and it was based on their comments that we brought this to a vote of the membership," said Rick Osterday, North Central Farmers Elevator Board President. "We're pleased that they concluded that the unification of both cooperatives can bring additional value to members and ensure the long-term relevance and viability of a unified cooperative. We want to thank them for their support and participation in this important part of cooperative governance."

"This is a merger of two financially strong, legacy-rich cooperatives," said Wheat Growers Board President Hal Clemensen. "Our mission now is to seize this opportunity to build a new, even stronger cooperative better able to serve our member-owners. As we go forward, we will create new efficiencies, take advantage of new technologies and continue to build a strong employee team – all in order to create more value for our members."

The member voting period began Aug. 29 and followed a series of member information meetings that were held throughout the region beginning Aug. 21. Members cast their ballots through Sept. 28. All ballots submitted were verified by Eide Bailly, the third-party audit firm administering the vote.

The focus of the two cooperatives now turns to planning integration efforts, including developing a name for the new cooperative.

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Erickson, Sims receive Governor Awards

Lt. Gov. Matt Michels presented the 2017 Governor's Awards today to South Dakota businesses and workers who have made significant contributions to the employment of people with disabilities.



Meri Erickson of Groton has assisted over 100 students with disabilities to transition from high school to the adult world in her 31 years of working at Groton High School. For that reason, Erickson has been selected as the recipient of the Outstanding Transition Services Award.

The 2017 Governor's Awards ceremony was co-sponsored by the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Statewide Independent Living Council, and the South Dakota Department of Human Services.



Koni Sims of Sioux Falls is legally blind due to a rare eye disease called Aniridia. After acquiring her degree, Sims began work with Sanford University of South Dakota Medical Center where she developed the current hospital massage program. Outside of work, Sims is the current president of the Siouxland Chapter of the South Dakota Association of the Blind. For these achievements, Sims was awarded the Outstanding Citizen with a Disability Award.

Sims is a GHS graduate and is the daughter of Chuck and LaVonne Raap of Groton.

Melvin Adams to be at Youth Rally

We are very excited to invite you to the Groton Youth Rally that will feature the Former Harlem Globetrotter Melvin Adams at the Groton Area High School Arena, 406 N 2nd Street, Groton, SD. The Rally will be on Wed., Nov. 15th at 7pm. He will be sharing an evangelistic message of hope to this generation.

Please reserve this night for a great time here in Groton and bring the whole family. Tickets will be sold for \$7 in advance at the Groton Dairy Queen and Aberdeen Anchors of Faith, and \$10 at the door, with a family rate of \$20. You may call for tickets or more information at 377-0709 or email : glennaremington@hotmail.com or Groton Youth Rally, PO Box 81, Groton, SD 57445 Please keep this evangelistic event in your prayers. All ages are welcome!!
Groton Youth Rally Committee

Groton Senior Citizens

September 11 Groton Seniors met for a meeting . Nineteen members attended. President Ruby Donovan opened with the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played the Battle Hymn in memory of 9-11. Minutes and treasure report were read and accepted. President honored all post presidents with a beautiful red rose. A picture was taken with them. Deloris Knoll and Elda Stange were honored as Senior Queens in the home coming parade. Meeting was adjourned and cards played the winners of the games . Pinochle-David Kleinsosor, Canasta-Beulah Hoops, Pat Larson, Whist- Grace Albrecht and Deloris Knoll. Door prizes- Pat Larson, Beulah Hoops, and Eunice McColister. Hostees were Tony Goldage and Eunice McCollister September 18 Seniors met. Twenty seven members attended Lee Schinkel , Don Darwin and Marilyn Thorson attended the fall volunteer meeting in Aberdeen. They received fruit baskets DeLoris Knoll was honored with 15 years pin certificate for her volunteer service. Tony Goldage and Don Darwin received pins. Cards were played . The winners pinochle-Don Darwin, Bridge- Darlene Fischer, Canasta- Marilyn Thorson and Mary Walker. Whist- Greace Albrecht, Dick Donavon and Lee Schinkel . Door prizes- Eunice McCollister, Bob and Darlene Fischer. Hostees were Bev Sombke and Grace Albrecht. September Twenty five seniors met for a pot luck dinner. Fourteen members were present. Bingo was played after dinner Pat Larson won black out. Cards were played after Bingo . Door prizes went to Eunice McCollister and Bob and Ruth Pray. Desert was served before going home.

City gets 2 Automated External Defibrillators

According to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, "An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

"SCA is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. When this happens, blood stops flowing to the brain and other vital organs.

"SCA usually causes death if it's not treated within minutes. In fact, each minute of SCA leads to a 10 percent reduction in survival. Using an AED on a person who is having SCA may save the person's life.

"Ninety-five percent of people who have SCA die from it—most within minutes. Rapid treatment of SCA with an AED can be lifesaving."

The American Red Cross supports the position that improved training and access to AEDs could save 50,000 lives each year. The Red Cross believes that all Americans should be within four minutes of an AED and someone trained to use it.

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. Over 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year. It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere and at any age. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest and is an easy to operate tool for someone with no medical background.



Dick Kolker (left) and Groton Police Chief Stacy Mayou are holding the AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) donated by the Groton Community Fund. The AED that the police department had was at least 15 years. Mayor requested the funds through the Groton Community Fund and they donated two units. City Finance Officer Hope Block said, "What an awesome community!!!"

Socktober Challenge

Here's how it works: All you have to do is put NEW (not used) socks in the Socktober box located in your classroom from October 2-31st. We are looking to collect NEW socks of any size and color for men, women, children, and infants. All of the socks collected at the Groton Area Schools will be donated to the Salvation Army, Safe Harbor, and Journey Home.

The class with the highest percentage of pairs of socks donated will hold the 'Golden Sock' traveling trophy for the 2017-2018 school year and earn a root beer float party. Let's 'sock' it to them- Tigers!

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Milbank Area stops Groton's drives

Milbank Area stops Groton's drives Groton Area was deep in Milbank Area's territory several times, but the Tigers were unable to cross the goal line as Milbank shut out the Tigers in the Bulldogs' homecoming game, 27-0.

Milbank scored on its first drive of the game, going 72 yards in seven plays as Jacob Karges scored on a six yard run. Carlos Padilla kicked the PAT and with 10:42 left in the first period, Milbank held a 7-0 lead.

The Bulldogs would score on its first drive in the second half on a drive that went four plays, three firstdowns and 64 yards culminating with a 12 yard run by Jake Karges. Padilla kicked the PAT and it was 14-0.

Milbank's third touchdown was a 90 yard drive that went 11 plays and had six first downs as Cole Dockter scored on an 18 yard run. Padilla's kick was no good and it was 20-0. Milbank's final touchdown came in the fourth quarter on a 61 yard drive that went 10 plays and four first downs as Dockter scored on a nine-yard run. Padilla kicked the PAT and the final score ended at 27-0.

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Groton Area, now 4-3 on the season, has next week off. Milbank Area, now 4-2 (still undefeated in the Northeast Conference at 3-0) will travel to Dell Rapids on Friday. Groton's final regular season game will be Friday, Oct. 13 at Redfield.

First Downs: Groton 10, Milbank 20

Rushing: Groton 32-119 (Lucas Hinman 13-76, Marshall Lane 16-29, Andy Rintala 1-2, Jackson Oliver 1-12, Seric Shabazz 1-0). Milbank 35-176 (Jacob Karges 17-76, 2 touchdowns; Cole Dockter 9-51, 2 touchdowns).

Passing: Marshall Lane was five of 16 for 70 yards with three interceptions. Milbank was 13 of 24 for 195 yards with one interception.

Pass Receiving: Groton: Seric Shabazz 2 for 44 yards, Andy Rintala 2 for 18 yards, Jackson Oliver 1 for 8 yards). Milbank: Cole Dockter was 5 for 69 yards, Max McCulloch was 3 for 64 yards and James Weber was 2 for 72 yards.

Fumbles: Groton had none, Milbank had none.

Penalties: Groton had 5 of 55 yards. Milbank had 7 for 50 yards.

Defense: Groton: Seric Shabazz 18 tackles, Andy Rintala 7 tackles and 1 interception, Lucas Hinman 6 tackles, Jonathan Doeden 6 tackles. Milbank: Cole Dockter 8 tackles, James Weber 7 tackles.

- Paul Kosel



Andy Rintala looks down field for an opening after making the catch. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Jackson Oliver tries to gain a few yards before being brought down by Milbank's Nate Bohn. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Lucas Hinman and Milbank's Riley Gauher eye each other as Hinman tries to get past Gauher on the play. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Brandon Keith makes the catch and then is brought down quickly by the Bulldog defense. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Marshall Lane tries to gain a few yards by dodging the Bulldog defense. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Brown County Sept. 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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Matching Benefits: FICA \$20,240.02; Medicare \$4,733.60; Health Inc \$134,616.76; Life Ins \$993.60; Dental Ins \$7,085.25.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$699.50; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$10,332.37; Best Western Ramkota-Aberdeen \$13,462.47; Brown County Treasurer \$10.00; Certified Languages \$1,110.45; Dependable Sanitation \$25,446.80; DevNet \$3,281.25; Digi Security Systems \$935.00; Bonnie Dix \$20.00; Dohrer Law Office \$1,400.60; County of Edmunds \$450.00; Archer Ellwein \$200.00; William Gerdes \$1,353.60; Interpreters \$180.00; Jennifer Guerra \$90.00; Chris Haar Law \$596.90; HDR \$6,180.08; Ivory Hicks \$467.20; Mary Hoth \$95.00; KCH Law \$483.74; Kuck Law Office \$1,514.00; Language Line Services \$1,100.27; Jeremy Lonien \$224.06; LSS \$4,902.74; Kathy Lutz \$110.00; NEMHC \$1,144.00; Pauer Sound & Music \$600.00; Priority Dispatch \$3,009.00; PRIA \$60.00; Charles Pugsley \$20.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$6,349.20; Rogers Law Office \$1,795.40; Ronayne Law Office \$15,580.30; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$100.00; Schneider Corp. \$2,265.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$100.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$258.50; SHRM \$398.00; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$272.60; Stoddard Law \$1,128.00; TMS \$4,084.01; Thurman Law Office \$205.10; US Bank \$1,336.96; Joni Willeman \$50.00.

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Rentals: 446-Praxair \$23.28; Pantorium \$59.20; Sewer Duck \$100.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Advance Stores Co. \$9.83; Asphalt Zipper \$105.00; Dakota Electronics \$306.85; G & K Services \$332.85; GCR Tires & Service \$905.59; Groe Roofing \$131.63; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$251.02; Jason's Electric \$95.10; Leidholt Electric \$178.11; Newman Signs \$80.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts \$9.93; Pantorium \$55.00; Pierson-Ford \$264.95; PowerPlan \$690.47; Pro Ag Supply \$8.69; Ringgenberg Electric \$87.89; Schwan Welding \$1,170.55; Sheehan Mack \$4,675.45; Thee Glass Doktor \$126.00; US Bank \$890.34; Woodman Refrigeration \$6,774.29.

Supplies: 446-Praxair \$2,965.97; Ameripride \$60.60; Asphalt Zipper \$1,440.00; Bonn Express \$22.00; Century Business Products \$991.65; CNA Surety \$50.00; Crescent Electric \$74.21; Dakota Electronics \$778.75; Phoebe Dawn \$375.00; Kristie Erickson \$78.59; Heartland Paper \$930.44; House of Glass \$135.00; Intoximeters \$2,500.00; Jebro \$46,311.34; Kessler's \$2,438.89; LabSource \$255.96; Leidholt Tool Sales

\$13.16; Lien Transportation \$37,807.55; Marco \$502.63; Matheson Tri-Gas \$1,277.73; Menards \$133.56; Midstates Printing \$153.00; Minn-Kota Communications \$169.00; Moore Medical \$506.07; Newman Signs \$949.50; North Star Energy \$42.00; NVC \$26.02; Pantorium \$22.25; Pharmchem \$243.20; Pierson-Ford \$223.01; Running's \$27.48; Satellite Tracking of People \$640.25; Share Corp. \$277.00; Sheehan Mack \$343.94; Thee Glass Doktor \$118.20; US Bank \$15,281.88; West Payment Center \$1,747.73; Wright & Sudlow \$52.50.

Fair Premiums: Callie Aamot \$5.78; Candice Aamot \$17.33; Aberdeen Area Humane Society \$15.00; Andrew Allison \$8.19; Gloria Anderson \$25.00; Cody Arbach \$56.73; Drew Bakeberg \$29.75; Noah Bakeberg \$53.55; Brady Beitelspacher \$34.47; Bryce Beitelspacher \$55.14; Brekkaq Berger \$160.70; Amber Bergeson \$15.00; Cooper Bischoff \$77.20; Peyton Bischoff \$82.71; Joy Braun \$15.00; Gary Bretsch \$30.00; Mikayla Browning \$17.85; Will Bruckner \$60.49; Brad Cihak \$8.19; Jeffrey Cloose \$174.69; Alexandra Cope \$15.00; Jessie Coyle \$12.61; Landon Coyle \$50.42; Payton Coyle \$93.33; Barb Crawford \$25.00; Patrick Daschle \$15.00; Shirley Dayton \$45.00; Makayla Dedeayne \$36.10; Kennedy Dikoff \$23.80; Lincoln Dikoff \$35.70; Jenna Dockett \$143.33; Harmony Dorsets \$116.44; James Dragt \$125.06; Taylor Dragt \$45.03; Allison Duerre \$56.73; Brianna Duerre \$44.12; Nalea Dunsmore \$184.50; Chesney Effling \$356.51; Nolan Eichler \$12.61; Karen Elliott \$15.00; Jarrett Erdmann \$71.40; Tessa Erdmann \$113.05; Hanson Family \$319.53; Kessler Family \$126.05; Ezra Feickert \$27.57; Sophia Feickert \$34.47; Faith Flieths \$106.16; Cody Forkel \$48.25; Mikayla Forsting \$31.51; Colin Frey \$33.70; Dylan Frey \$53.92; Fritz Bruckner Montadale \$207.88; Merrick Gemar \$30.00; Sandi Glover \$15.00; Tristan Gosch \$86.43; Tavia Guzman \$64.58; Bryley Haberman \$10.00; Peggy Hallstrom \$40.00; Cassidy Hardie \$93.33; Erica Hardy \$2.89; Ashlinn Hartwell \$93.33; Rhonda Haselhorst \$25.00; Ashely Haven \$15.00; Jace Haven \$11.90; Justin Haven \$71.40; Debra Heiden \$18.77; Brooke Heim \$309.50; Chesnie Heim \$23.80; Harlee Heim \$534.47; Kerstynn Heim \$34.47; Talli Heim \$339.62; Carol Hein \$15.00; Tyler Heinje \$25.00; Doris Helgager \$15.00; Kathy Hoff \$15.00; Bruce Hoffmann \$336.47; Holt Cattle Co. \$544.18; Charles Holt \$27.57; Haleigh Holt \$836.66; Maggie Holt \$23.80; Kim Hoose \$25.00; Jan Houghtaling \$569.38; Sam Hovde \$29.75; Connie Howard \$30.00; Matthew Huettl \$15.00; Pat James \$15.00; Storm Johnson \$156.22; Sydney Johnson \$161.09; Anna Johnson \$36.28; Norman Johnson \$25.38; Delayne Jones \$44.12; Jayla Jones \$18.91; Makayla Jones \$81.93; Jacob Jung \$69.33; Kathryn Kilber \$5.46; Scott Kilber \$156.44; Ty Kulsrud \$27.57; Ellie Larson \$279.75; Jean Larson \$40.00; Riley Larson \$65.45; Kari Lee \$47.76; Ron Lyren \$25.00; Megan Malsam \$50.00; Gabriel Mattson \$107.84; Gavin Mattson \$30.33; Tate McGraw \$29.75; Taylor McGraw \$17.85; Tye McGraw \$23.80; Lindsey Mehlberg \$29.75; Paige Mehlberg \$47.60; Garrett Mertens \$209.53; Lindsey Mertens \$18.91; Tanner Mertens \$121.93; Kaitlyn Michael \$37.81; Tucker Michael \$6.30; Avery Miles \$25.21; Reganne Miles \$58.86; Hanna Miller \$45.38; Mallory Miller \$43.51; Tucker Miller \$50.33; Jonathan Moe \$96.72; Hailey Monson \$149.33; Hannah Monson \$186.66; Audra Montgomery \$134.47; Art Nelson \$96.41; Makayla Nelson \$37.82; Talese Nelson \$10.00; Daniel O'Gren \$82.40; Blane Osterday \$47.09; Clay Osterday \$58.86; Carol Osterman \$10.00; Lexi Osterman \$121.95; Blake Pauli \$68.25; Steven Paulson \$133.70; Logan Pearson \$90.37; Blake Peskey \$49.63; Kyla Peskey \$49.63; Anisten Petersen \$55.15; Josh Phillips \$25.00; Eli Pieper \$58.86; Elle Pieper \$180.14; Monica Porter \$15.00; Anna Pyle \$107.15; Austin Rawden \$55.14; Charlie Rawden \$93.33; Lincoln Reidburn \$23.80; Lydia Reidburn \$41.65; Landon Ries \$15.00; Levi Ries \$15.00; Glenn Ringgenberg \$180.00; Logan Ringgenberg \$20.68; Nancy Ringgenburg \$35.00; Elyana Roach \$38.60; Dee Sanderson \$15.00; Calli Schaunaman \$20.68; Cora Schaunaman \$27.57; Cutler

\$58.86; Dylan Schaunaman \$20.09; Karly Schaunaman \$118.94; Mitchell Schmidt \$605.60; Sydney Senyak \$27.57; Ada Sharp \$5.95; Daniel Sharp \$16.85; Isaiah Sharp \$53.34; Jessemy Sharp \$37.07; Travis Sharp \$261.66; Jenelle Siebert \$15.00; Makayla Simmermon \$68.94; Brooke Skoglund \$96.72; Trey Skoglund \$312.04; Ashlyn Sperry \$15.88; Owen Sperry \$13.00; Richard Haberman \$530.00; Alexandra Stange \$346.20; Stearns Brothers \$191.59; Stetson Stearns \$44.90; Hannah Sumption \$34.47; Jonathan Sumption \$34.47; Laura Sumption \$56.72; LaRae Syhre \$15.00; Twisted X Cattle Co. \$47.09.

Travel & Conference: Best Western Ramkota-Aberdeen \$439.95; City of Groton \$167.40; Michael Hauke, Jr. \$163.75; Geospatial Conference (SDSU Ag & Bio Engineering) \$55.00; Scott Madsen \$244.88; Scott Meints \$154.00; Roberta Nichols \$385.36; Cliff Rhodes \$626.78; SD Assoc. of Fairs & Celebrations \$85.00; SDSU Extension \$357.54; Sarah Swenson \$109.98; US Bank \$2,663.74; Patti Woods \$154.00.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$3,772.31; Century-Link \$2,457.87; City of Hecla \$138.26; Dependable Sanitation \$451.00; Executive Mgmt. \$78.94; James Valley Telecommunications \$219.90; Northwest Electric \$2,795.13; NWPS \$2,115.23; NVC \$3,437.13; US Bank \$1,965.96; Verizon Wireless \$2,918.44.

Other: JRWD \$791.50; Pizza Ranch \$59.96; Safe Harbor \$1,248.99. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by the Aberdeen Rural Firefighters for a lottery to be held at the Aberdeen Rural Fire Station on January 16, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreements: Aberdeen American News for lease of the Expo Building on September 22-23, 2017; Cub Scouts of America Troop 887 for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on October 6-7, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PETITION TO REZONE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign petition to rezone Lot 3, Brown County Commissioner's Second Subdivision to Aberdeen from Unrestricted Industrial (I-2) to Municipal, State and County (M). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following applications: Steven Engelhart for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #10 (387th Ave) in Sec 13-T126N-R64W, to provide drain line; Northern Natural Gas for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #21 in Sec 10-T122N-R63W, to provide electrical service; James Valley Telecommunications for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #10/9 in Sec 14,13,12,1,36-T125/126N-R64W, to provide telecommunications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY FIVE-YEAR PLAN: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to set date for public meeting to discuss and receive public comment on the Fire (5) Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, at 8:45 a.m. on October 10, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID NON-FIXTURE PERSONAL PROPERTY: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for removal all non-fixture personal property contents contained in the house at 204 N 5th Street, Groton (tax deed property N 1/2 of Lot 5 and S 1/2 of Lot 4, Blk 35, First Addition to the City of Groton, Brown County, SD according to the plat thereof of record), previously declared surplus. No bids were received. No further action taken at this time.

2018 PROVISIONAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to

amend the 2018 Provisional Budget line items, as follows: Governmental Funds: 311 Current Property Tax Levy from 13,902,440.00 to 13,946,354.00; Cash Balance Applied from 3,687,178.19 to 3,643,254.19. All other line items remaining as stated in the Provisional Budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2018 ANNUAL BUDGET: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD For the Year January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. RESOLUTION #65-17. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, this 26th day of September, 2017. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor, Brown County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Brown County for the year January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

COUNTY TAX LEVIES WITHIN LIMITED LEVY

Dollars	\$S/1,000
*General County Purposes (10-12-9)	\$13,946,354 3.436
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY:	\$13,946,354 3.436

*These amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.

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

LANDFILL CELL 3 SWMP GRANT: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #66-17. Authorizing SWMP Signatory For Brown County. WHEREAS, Brown County is proposing to construct a new cell for the Brown County Landfill; and WHEREAS, Brown County is applying for a Solid Waste Management Program Grant (SWMP) in an amount up to, but not exceeding \$1,237,175.00; and WHEREAS, Brown County needs to authorize a SWMP signatory. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brown County make application to the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources for a SWMP grant in an amount up to, but not exceeding \$1,237,175.00; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice Chair of Brown County be the authorized signatory for all related documents, including the application and pay requests. Dated this 26th day of September, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted.

LANDFILL AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with Leggette, Brashears and Graham, Inc. for Soil Boring Advancement and Monitoring Well Installation in amount not to exceed \$36,222.00 in the area of proposed Cell #3 at the Brown County Landfill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RELEASE OF PROPERTY: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #67-17. WHEREAS, Brown County has filed a Poor Relief Lien in total amount of \$55,469.11, and

WHEREAS, Brown County has determined it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers to release certain properties from the

effect of said lien, upon payment of the net proceeds of sale of the properties, and on condition that the lien balance remain filed against the individual. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following real properties in Brown County, SD, which are described as follows: Lots 1 and 2, Block 20, of the Plat entitled "Blocks 17 – 26 inclusive of the Town of Hecla", according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County, are hereby released from the effect and force of said lien, upon payment of the net proceeds of sale of the properties, and on condition that the lien balance remain filed against the individual. Dated this 26th day of September 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted.

PLATS: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: Resolution #68-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Shadows Haven in the SE 1/4 of Sec 32-T122N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: Resolution #69-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "J-H Bahr Addition in the NW 1/4 of Sec 29-T124N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: Resolution #70-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Bath Township Addition to the Town of Bath, in the NW 1/4 of Sec 17-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: Resolution #71-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Kinow Outlot A in NE 1/4 of Sec 3-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-absent. Resolution adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Larry Lovrien, Chris White, Gary Vetter and Mike Scott in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with the following actions taken as a result of the discussion:

HR REPORT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the following Commission Assistant/HR Office Report with amendment of hiring two Landfill employees, which includes the following personnel changes:

Approve Request to Fill Vacancy for 2 Landfill Equipment Operator Grade 4 Employees, with same step range as Highway Labor Grade 4 (\$18.02 per hour).

Approve the following Employee Step Increase, effective September 12, 2017: Ryan McClain at \$17.53 per hour.

Amend effective date to October 1, 2017 for the lateral transfer of Adult Correctional Officer John Clark from Jail to JDC from September 12, 2017.

Agree to sponsor the cost of the 2017 flu shot serum for county employees, with initial order of 100 doses and possible additional if needed.

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of

August 2017: Kendell Titze- 126 @ \$67.41, Dirk Rogers- 684 @ \$365.94, Mike Scott- 210 @ \$112.35, Gary Vetter- 141 @ \$75.44.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to go into executive session for contract discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Larry Lovrien, Chris White, Gary Vetter, Judy Dosch and Paul Sivertsen 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.

BID – FIRE ALARM SYSTEM UPGRADE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for Fire Alarm System Upgrade in the Courthouse and Courthouse Annex, to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 9:10 a.m. on October 17, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE SNOW REMOVAL QUOTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to authorize the Chair sign quote, submitted by Lien Transportation Company for the 2017-2018 snow removal on various parking lots. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to accept quote, submitted by Dakota Tree Company LLC for the 2017-2018 snow removal on various sidewalks at \$450.00 per occurrence plus labor and equipment; rejecting Integrity Services at \$650.00 per occurrence plus labor and equipment. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to go into executive session to consult with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Larry Lovrien, Chris White, Gary Vetter and Mark Milbrandt 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 Sutton, seconded by Hansen to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:10 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Brown County Fairground Clubhouse

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BROWN COUNTY FAIR

"CLUBHOUSE" (AKA BEER GARDEN) CONCESSIONS DURING THE FAIR

Proposals will be received by the Brown County Commission on behalf of the Brown County Fair Board, at the Auditor's Office, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen SD 57401, for contract to operate concessions during Fair Week at the "Clubhouse" (aka Beer Gardens). Such proposals will be received until 5:00 P.M., Friday, October 13, 2017. The proposal opening will be held at the Brown County Commission Meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Copies of the entire request for proposal may be obtained at the Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market Street, Ste 1 or Brown County Fair Office, 400 24th Ave NW, Aberdeen SD. To request an email copy, please call 626-7110 or 626-7116.

Proposals shall be submitted to the Brown County Commission in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Proposal for Brown County Fair "Clubhouse" (aka Beer Garden) Concessions," "To be opened October 17,2017 at 9:00 A.M.."

Brown County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities therein.

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**Groton City
Oct. 2, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

October 2, 2017
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 pm at the Community Center for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, McGannon, Blackmun, Babcock, Peterson and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Hope Block, Attorney Drew Johnson, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, Paul Kosel and Kathy Sundermeyer.

Officer Mayou and Shawn Lambertz entered at 7:01.
The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Opp, and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

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

Prepaid: Payroll, \$21,892.90, Employee salaries; Executive, \$567.61; Administrative, \$2,945.15; Public Safety, \$7,518.43; Public Works, \$9,314.56; Culture & Recreation, \$1,547.15; First State Bank, \$8,187.73, SS and WH; Aberdeen Housing Authority, \$213.91, Overpayment refund; Aflac, \$101.82, Employee insurance; Barb Vermeersch, \$2.28, Utility deposit refund; City of Groton, \$755.89, Deposit refunds, postage; Cole Paper, \$110.34, Paper towels; Consolidated Federal Credit Union, \$1,150.00, Employee savings; Core & Main (formerly HD Supply), \$1,510.35, Copperhorns, curb box, inserts; Employers Mutual Insurance, \$93.10, Employee life insurance; Greg Kjellsen, \$355.24, Utility deposit refund & overpayments; Guardian Insurance, \$258.53, Employee dental and vision insurance; Kellie Jones, \$250.00, Utility deposit refund; Ken's, \$2,106.65, Gas, paper products, water, BB concessions; US Bank National Association, \$9,604.27, Sewer lagoon loan payment; US Postal Service, \$203.73, Utility bill postage; Wesley Graff, \$100.00, Utility deposit refund. Total Prepaid: \$46,896.74. Payable: ABM Equipment, \$373.37, Holding valve, shims; Altec Industries, \$2,333.00, Annual inspections and dielectric tests; Hope Block, \$313.85, Vermillion law symposium mileage and meals; Colonial Research Chemical, \$149.67, Toilet cleaners, air fresheners for cc; Dakota Electronics, \$2,155.00, Mobile extender; Dakota Pump & Control, \$3,889.03, Pump repair, sealing diaphragm hydromatic; Ecolab Pest Elimination, \$102.42, Pest control at the landfill; Fastenal Company, \$19.83, Screws; Grand Slam Computers, \$95.00, External ITB storage; Heartland Waste Management, \$6,631.08, Garbage hauling; Terry Herron, \$14.44, Med flex, SDWW conference meal; David Hunter, \$26.75, Mileage to Aberdeen court case; J & M Aircraft Supply, \$53.14, Windsock for airport; Paul Kosel, \$64.50, FEMA Training mileage and meal; Shawn Lambertz, \$160.50, Heartland customer connections mileage; Lien Transportation, \$621.18, Hot mix 10.710 @ 58; NW Energy, \$11.35, Natural gas; Runnings, \$74.47, Saw blades and chain; Safety Benefits Inc, \$65.00, Safety training Mitchell for Paul; SD Dept of Health, \$45.00, Water testing; SD Federal Property Agency, \$15.00, Hose clamp and ammo can; SD Public Assuance Alliance, \$42.31, Insurance for storage shed at BB field; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$974.85, Employee retirement; Verizon Wireless, \$41.81, Dump cam com 9/17; Dwight Zerr, \$11.00, SDWW Conference Meal; Drew Johnson, \$750.00, Legal fees 9/17. Total Payable: \$19,033.55. Combined Prepaid & Payable, \$65,930.29.

Herron and Zerr spoke about department projects including the lift station and pumps. Lambertz spoke about annual inspections, the recent Heartland meeting and LED lights. Herron, Zerr and Lambertz left the meeting.

Officer Mayou spoke about the Body Camera Policy, firearms qualifications, and receiving the AED's from the Groton Community Fund grant. Mayou left the meeting after he spoke.

Blackmun and Kosel briefly discussed the benefits and concerns with using a cloud service for saving data in the finance office. This will be discussed more next year.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Opp to forgive half of the special assessments owed on the property at 215 N Main in Groton. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Opp to surplus twelve wooden chairs at City Hall for five dollars per chair. All members present voted aye.

Kosel spoke about the new utility billing dates, the recent

FEMA meeting and flood map changes.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon to appoint Mayor Hanlon as the applicant agent for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Blackmun to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:20 pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:45 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Hope Block, Finance Officer
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**Ownership
Statement**

The Groton Independent (230-440) has filed with the United States Postal Service its annual Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation. The annual subscription rate is \$35.00 and is published at least 50 weeks per year. The mailing address of the newspaper is 110 N Washington St., Groton, SD 57445. It is the same address as its publisher, editor and managing editor, Paul Irvin Kosel. The owner is Next Generation Publications, Inc. of the same address. The average number of paid circulation for the past 52 weeks is 304.

**Brown County
5 Year
Bridge Plan**

The Brown County Highway Department will be discussing and receiving public comment on the 5 Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan on October 10th, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers located at 25 Market Street, Aberdeen SD. This meeting will outline the county highway projects for 2018-2022. Questions or comments will be received at this time.

Dirk Rogers
Brown County Highway Superintendent
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**Brown County
Fire Alarm
Contractors**

NOTICE TO FIRE ALARM CONTRACTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401; until the hour of 9:10 on October 17, 2017, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project - replacement of the existing smoke and heat detectors with bases, pull stations, and horn strobes for the Brown County Courthouse/Annex Complex. Located at 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 in accordance with the specifications.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and be marked on the envelope: "Courthouse/Annex Fire Alarm Upgrade" to be opened on October 17, 2017. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all 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.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check, or a bank draft in the amount of 5% of the total amount of bid that has been issued by a National or State Bank authorized to do business in South Dakota or a bid bond in the amount of 10% of the total amount of bid, payable without condition to Brown County as a guarantee of good faith in entering into a contract if so awarded.

PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance or payment bond in accordance with the bid as accepted.

Specifications are on file and may be obtained at no charge at the Brown County Maintenance, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer
Brown County Auditor
(1004.1011)
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**THINKING ABOUT HEALTH
Medicaid Still a Target of Healthcare Reform**

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

What's going to happen to healthcare now that Senate Republicans have failed to pass their bill, which would have replaced much of the Affordable Care Act? In particular, what's going to happen to Medicaid, the government's largest insurance program, which covers 74 million Americans? This is a good time to clarify what was at stake and may still be up for grabs in the months to come.

Despite its importance to so many people, Medicaid has always been the health system's stepchild. Many doctors and dentists have avoided taking Medicaid patients saying the program didn't pay enough. Until recently, editors haven't been keen to feature stories about Medicaid believing that their audience was not interested in reading about people most likely to be on the program - the poor, the disabled, kids, and seniors who needed it to pay for their nursing home care.

Suddenly, media stories about cutting Medicaid and the loss of coverage to millions became news. "In the course of the debate, it's become clear that Medicaid has tremendous public support. There has been much more focus in this debate than I've seen in any health policy debate," said Shannon Buckingham, vice president for communications at the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, a Washington D.C., think tank.

So what is this program that affects so many and will undoubtedly surface again either later this year or next as a political football?

It was created in 1965 under the Johnson administration at the same time Medicare was passed. Unlike Medicare, though, which is a social insurance entitlement to which people contribute throughout their working lives, Medicaid is a welfare program. Those applying for coverage must meet strict asset and income tests, which mean they can't own very much and they can't earn a lot of money. Everyone who qualifies is guaranteed coverage.

The benefit package that all states must offer is generous, covering many services, including nursing home care and transportation to medical appointments. It pays for care given at rural health clinics and federally qualified health clinics. States can provide optional benefits such as prescription drugs, respiratory care, dental services, physical and speech therapy. Many states do.

States and the federal government share in the cost, and that's where the fight in Congress comes in. As medical costs have risen - with few controls on how high they can go - states have found that Medicaid is consuming larger shares of their annual budgets, often crowding out other needs like fixing roads. The federal government continues to pay more too.

One solution for this dilemma is to change the way Medicaid is financed - from a state-federal matching arrangement into what's called a block grant. Under a block grant, the federal government will give a set amount of money to the states. It's a way reduce its healthcare expenditures while shifting more of the burden to the states to cover their residents who depend on Medicaid.

Conservatives have argued for years that giving the states a lump sum would mean they could manage their programs as they saw fit. That's why during debates on Medicaid you hear phrases like "more flexibility" and "greater freedom." But others argue that flexibility and freedom come at a cost. It could allow states to offer fewer benefits and impose restrictions that would make it harder for people to get care.

The Graham-Cassidy bill that was the Senate's last attempt at remodeling the Affordable Care Act called for block grants and eliminated the ACA's Medicaid expansion program that had provided healthcare to those with incomes between the poverty level and 138 percent of the poverty level. This year that's about \$16,600 for a single person and about \$34,000 for a family of four. The expansion had brought some 12 million people onto the program.

The Medicaid debate is far from over and is shifting to the states. Several have applied for waivers from the federal government to allow them more flexibility. For example, a state might ask for permission to enroll Medicaid recipients in private insurance plans as Arkansas has done. While a private market solution might sound good, it could mean that people on Medicaid would have to pay higher deductibles and other cost sharing.

Indiana has a waiver that requires recipients to make small monthly payments and maintain a savings account mostly funded by the state to pay for some of their care. People who don't make their payments may be locked out of coverage for a time. Some states like Arizona and Kentucky are eyeing work requirements. Most Medicaid recipients, however, are already working.

These potential changes raise important questions this last debate didn't answer. Who should get coverage? Should we control rising medical costs by reducing healthcare for those who can least afford it?

Maybe the next debate will give us the answers.

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There is a lot of heavy duty equipment ready for action on the Phase 6 part of the SD37 project. The equipment has been on the city property just south of the railroad tracks. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The final layer of base was put down in the Phase 6 part of the project on Thursday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pablo Xolo of Wright and Sudlow is putting the finishing touches on the freshly poured concrete. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Lots of activity on SD37

Work has been moving along at a fast rate on SD37. The concrete work for the sidewalk and curb and gutter is nearing completion. Asphalt will be laid down on more of SD37 next week. Currently, there is only one crossing between the west side of Groton and the east side of Groton and that is at Third Avenue. Once the Fourth Avenue work is completed, that intersection will be opened with the rest of the intersections being closed.

Phase 6 of the project is in progress which is from Railroad Avenue to Aspen Avenue. During the daytime hours, traffic has been detoured to Aspen Avenue.

Muth Electric has nearly all of the conduit in place for the street lighting part of the project. The seeding of the boulevards and filling in of dirt will begin next week.

Dixon property given tax reduction

The late Jake Dixon property on Main Street will have its special assessment reduced in half. In a second attempt by Dick Kolker, attorney for the family, the county and the city have agreed to reduce the county taxes and city special assessments by half. This will result in a \$7,000 reduction by the county and a \$6,000 reduction by the city.

There are 40 stumps around Groton that will be ground out soon. One-call locates for the boulevard stumps have been done.

A \$25,000 tree project for the cemetery has been completed. A donor made the contribution for the project. The new trees have been planted on the east side and some on the south side.

City Supervisor Terry Herron also reported that the curb on Main Street by the Karma Salon, as well as two places out at the Olson Development will be repaired this fall. The striping on Main Street will be done in the spring and Herron said that is something the city will be able to do itself with the use of the school's striping.

The City of Groton will be an all LED community. Electric Superintendent Shawn Lambert reported that all of the lights in town have been converted to LED lighting. In addition, the lights on US12 and SD37 will also be LED. Councilman David Blackmun said, "It's amazing of the difference in lighting," and Councilman Jay Peterson added, "It's striking."

City Waste Water Superintendent Dwight Zerr reported on the jetting of the sewer mains that was recently completed. Councilman Karyn Babcock also mentioned that the issue of people flushing towelettes down the toilet should be stopped. She said the flushing of the towelettes is causing the city money with sewer backups and pump repairs.

Twelve wood chairs at City Hall were declared surplus at \$5 each.

Paul Kosel reported that the city is applying for a FEMA Mitigation grant for a generator at the Aspen Lift Station. It is a 75:25 grant which will cost the city around \$6,000 for the project. Some of the cost can also include in-kind contribution where the city's time involved in the project can be used towards the match.



Lien Transportation was working on the Fourth Avenue part of the project. Part of the road had to be removed to lay new storm sewer pipe. The final layer of asphalt is being laid down in this photo. They will be doing more asphalt work on SD37 next week. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Nehls has Yard of the Week

The Carroll (Spike) and Helen (Pat) Nehls residence at 905 N 3rd St., Groton, was chosen as last week's Yard of the Week by the Groton Garden Club members. This is the final Yard of the Week for the 2017. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings took on the Detroit Lions this past Sunday at U.S. Bank Stadium. The Vikings did not give their best effort, and the Lions took advantage of Minnesota's sloppy play, leaving Minnesota with a 14-7 win. Unfortunately for the Vikings, they lost more than just the game...

In the third quarter, with the Vikings moving the ball well, rookie running back Dalvin Cook was scampering up the middle to pick up a first down. He attempted to juke a Lions defender, when his knee simply gave out and he crumpled to the ground, losing the ball in the process. Cook was helped off the field and taken immediately to the training room. When he appeared later that day, he was using crutches and had a noticeable limp. It was initially feared, and subsequently diagnosed as a torn ACL, which will end his promising rookie season. We have seen running backs come back from this type of injury before, so it's possible Cook comes back next season and is the same, dynamic player he was before the injury. Only time will tell.

For now, though, the Vikings will turn to Latavius Murray and Jerick McKinnon to run the ball. The team thought highly enough of Murray to sign him to a big contract in free agency, which is a good sign. However, Murray had offseason surgery on his ankle, and he admitted on Sunday that he is still not 100%, but would be up for taking as many carries as the Vikings want to give him. McKinnon will also get some carries, and should be the team's third-down, pass catching RB. Both Murray and McKinnon are good players, but neither of them will be able to fill Cook's shoes in the backfield.

After coming out of the gates last week against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Case Keenum fell back to reality this week against the Lions. Keenum completed 16 of 30 passes for 219 yards, no touchdowns and no interceptions. The Vikings offensive line did pretty well against the Lions stout defense, only allowing two sacks and helping Dalvin Cook rush for 5.1 yards per attempt (13 carries, 66 yards). The Vikings offense also uncharacteristically lost three fumbles (Cook, Adam Thielen, Jerick McKinnon). Detroit is a good team, but the Vikings are better and could have won. Instead, they beat themselves with the turnovers and ineffective quarterback play.

The Vikings looked inept on offense, but were much better on defense. Lions QB Matthew Stafford was under constant pressure on Sunday, with the Vikings defense sacking him six times to go along with nine other quarterback hits. The secondary did their jobs for the most

part and only gave up a couple big plays that were the result of miscommunication. Three Vikings players were able to get their hands on game-changing interceptions, but none were able to haul them in. At the end of the day, the Vikings defense held Detroit to 14 points, which should have been more than enough.

The Minnesota Vikings will have an extra day to prepare for the Chicago Bears, since the two teams will face off on Monday Night Football. The game will be in Chicago, and will start at 7:30 p.m. Central Time on October 9. There is a chance the Vikings will have Sam Bradford back for this game, although there are rumblings that the Vikings would prefer to let Bradford sit an extra week, since the field conditions at Soldier Field are inadequate at best.



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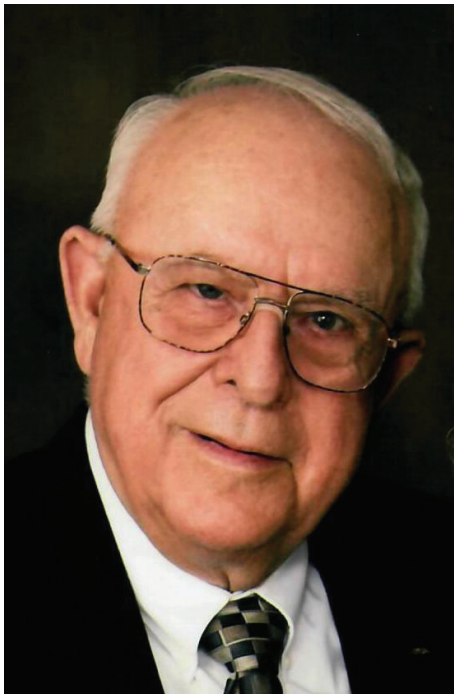
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The Life of former Mayor Gerald Rix



Services for Gerald "Jerry" Rix, 92, of Groton were held Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Thomas Carlson officiated. Burial with Masonic Rites followed in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Jerry passed away September 27, 2017 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.

Gerald Lloyd was born on August 5, 1925 in Aberdeen to Floyd A. and Lillian E. (Walter) Rix. He attended school in Riverside as a child and graduated from Groton High School in 1943. Jerry continued his education at Northern State College. He returned to the family farm, working beside his father and brother. On September 14, 1952, he was united in marriage with Anna Sammuli at the Savo Lutheran Church, rural Frederick. The couple made their home in Groton.

Jerry, known as Gil Favor by many, was a very active member of the Groton United Methodist Church, serving on many boards. He was very proud of the recognition pin he received from the UMW for his contributions to the church. Jerry was a leader in public service, having served on the Groton School Board for 25 years, Groton City Council for 5 years and as Mayor of Groton for 17 years (1990-2007) also serving on municipal boards during this time. In addition, Jerry was a member of the Groton Masonic Lodge, Yelduz Shrine, a past member of the Groton Kiwanis Club and the Dacotah Bank board. He was quietly instrumental and generous with many civic improvements and greatly enjoyed his time on the bank board and being mayor even through the tough times. He pursued his passion for flying by obtaining his pilot's license and owning his own plane. Jerry enjoyed reading - especially WWII history.

Celebrating his life are his wife, Ann, of Groton, his children, Roger (Pamela) Rix of Groton, Elaine (Fred) Wolken of Piedmont, Teresa (Larry) Enze of Sioux Falls; his grandchildren, Grant (Tracy) Rix, Jarrett Rix, Mary Ann Rix, Jessica (Mike) Hauck, Adam Grams, Alana (David) White, Amber Wolken and fiancé Bryce

Sombke, Sheila Taul, Wendy (Jamie) Howard, Christa (Mike) Sports, Logan Enze and Erin Enze. Jerry is also survived by his great-grandchildren: Gideon & Conrad Rix, Justin & Casey Taul, Neva & Theresa Howard, Nicholas Lane, Rowan Shepherd, his sister-in-law, Nora Rix, and special friends Anita and John Lowary.

Preceding him in death were his parents, an infant sister, his brother, William Rix and daughter-in-law, Marian Rix.

Casketbearers will be Grant Rix, Jarrett Rix, Logan Enze, David White, Bryce Sombke, Adam Grams, Mike Hauck and John Lowary.

Gil Favor has pulled his last Hank Snow.

The Life of Bill Lovell



Memorial services for William "Bill" Lovell, 88, of Andover, were held Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Rev. Chris Strohm will officiate. Inurnment with military honors followed in Andover Cemetery.

Bill passed away September 28, 2017 at Sun Dial Manor in Bristol.

William Chester was born on November 28, 1928 in Andover to William Chester, Sr. and Jennie (Duursma) Lovell. He attended school in Andover and graduated in 1947. Bill enlisted in the US Army in February of 1948 and was stationed

in Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1952 and returned to South Dakota. Bill worked as a custodian in the Andover school for six years, and custodian and bus driver in Groton schools for 26 years. Following his retirement, he continued to drive bus for the Andover route for several years.

Bill developed a passion for baseball at an early age. He was instrumental in coaching midget baseball for 18 years and assisting the team for the following 32 years. The Andover baseball field was re-named "Lovell Field" in his honor in September, 2011.

His love for community was evident in his daily life...always willing to lend a hand where needed. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching MLB teams, especially the Baltimore Orioles, St. Louis Cardinals and the Minnesota Twins. William was a member of the Corinthian Masonic Lodge in Andover and the Andover United Methodist Church. He also belonged to American Legion Post #22 in Andover.

Celebrating his life are his siblings, Florene Brenden, Geraldine Haskell, Patty (Roger) Parrott, Bobbi Miraglio (John Harris) Mike (Carroll) Lovell and his "adopted family," Shayne & Kathy Schmieg and Jordan Schmieg.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and siblings, Delma Fairfax, Ramona Schmidt, Deloris Longmore, Shirley Nelson and Darwin "Bud" Lovell.



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