



## 2017 GHS Football Awards



**All-State 1st Team**  
**Luke Thorson (Defensive Linebacker) and**  
**Brandon Keith (Defensive Linebacker)**  
**All-State Honorable Mention: Brandon Keith**  
**(Offensive Fullback)**

(Photo by Tricia Keith)



**Academic All-State**  
**Brandon Keith and Marshall Lane**

(Photo by Tricia Keith)



**Brandon Keith also received**  
**the Richard Duerre Memorial**  
**scholarship for the most**  
**outstanding senior football**  
**player. (Photo by Tricia Keith)**



**Team Awards**  
**Peyton Johnson- most improved defense**  
**Marshall Lane-MVP Offense & Most Improved Offense**  
**Brandon Keith- MVP defense**  
**Luke Thorson-MVP Lineman**  
**Korbin Blackmun-MVP Scout Team**

(Photo by Tricia Keith)



**Tricia Keith received the**  
**Friends of Football Award**  
**from the South Dakota High**  
**School Activities Associa-**  
**tion for her dedication to the**  
**Groton Football team this**  
**season.**

(Photo by Brandon Keith)



**NEC All- Conference Team**

**From left to right, they are Peyton Johnson (honorable mention), Lucas Hinman (first team), Marshall Lane (first team), Brandon Keith (first team), Seric Shabazz (first team), Luke Thorson (first team) and Brandyn Anderson (honorable mention) (Photo by Tricia Keith)**

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Front row from left: Groton, 1st place, Ethan Clark, Jackson Dinger, Andrew Marzahn and Cole Simon.

Middle row from left: Warner, 2nd place, Isaac Hoeft, Carter Moen, Allison Ray, and Levi Scepaniak.

Back row from left: Roncalli, 3rd place, Nicolas Adolfsen, Tyler Berndt, Garret Griffin, and Samuel Koch.

**Seventh grade MathCounts take first at Roncalli**

The Roncalli Invitational MathCounts Competition was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Over 140 students from eight Aberdeen area schools (Britton-Hecla, Eureka, Holgate, Northwestern, Roncalli, Simmons, Warner, and Groton) participated in the event, which was sponsored by 3M of Aberdeen.

Ethan Clark, Jackson Dinger, Andrew Marzahn, and Cole Simon were awarded the first place trophies in the seventh grade team competition. Ethan Clark received the second place medal and Andrew Marzahn received the fifth place medal in the seventh grade individual/ countdown round.

MathCounts is a nationwide coaching and competition program for middle school students that promotes excellence in mathematics.

The next junior high competition will be the Roncalli Invitational MathCounts Countdown Competition on Wednesday, December 6.

**Weekly Vikings Roundup**

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings have proven, once again, that they are one of the best teams in the National Football League. Entering week 11, the game of the week was the Vikings versus the Los Angeles Rams – as both teams were 7-2 entering the game and leading their respective divisions. The Rams boasted the best offense in the league, while the Vikings have one of the best defenses. It was supposed to be a close game, a physical manifestation of an unstoppable force meeting an immovable object. It turned out to be anything but.

The game opened with the Rams getting the opening kickoff and driving 70-yards down the field to score a touchdown and go up 7-0. The Vikings ensuing possession was 12-plays long and took over seven minutes, yet it only managed 24 total yards and ended in a punt. It looked like it was going to be a long day for the team in purple and gold. Luckily, the Vikings defense stiffened up and forced a 3-and-out on the Rams second possession to give the Vikings the ball back. The Vikings then proceeded to score a touchdown to even the score – and that's where the scoreboard stayed until the fourth quarter – when the Vikings scored 17 points and put the game away for good with a final score of 24-7.

The Vikings offense had 451 total yards against a stout Rams defense. Case Keenum got the start again, and he played well but not great – completing 27 of 38 passes for 280 yards and no touchdowns. He also didn't have any interceptions, although there were a few of his passes that likely should have been picked off. Latavius Murray was the star of the game for the Vikings offense. He had 95 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries (6.3 yards per carry), and he finally found the ability to run through contact. As a team, the Vikings had 171 rushing yards. Adam Thielen once again led the team in receptions (6) and receiving yards (123). Thielen also had an excellent catch and run in the fourth quarter, when he caught a short pass and outran the Rams defense 65-yards for the score. It was the final points of the game and really put the nail in the Rams coffin.

The Vikings defense had a big task ahead of them on Sunday, and they were up to the challenge – holding the Rams to only 7 points and 45 rushing yards, both season lows. The Vikings defensive line, led by Everson Griffen and Danielle Hunter, was putting pressure on Jared Goff all day. They forced him to move out of the pocket and throw on the move constantly, something he isn't comfortable with. The Vikings game ball on defense goes to 39-year old Terence Newman, who had the best game of the season and led the team with two tackles for a loss on the day.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will travel to Detroit and take on the Lions. The game will be on Thanksgiving Day, and will start at 11:30 a.m. Central Time on Fox. ESPN has this game as a coin flip. This game will likely be for the NFC North, as it appears that only the Vikings (8-2) and the Lions (6-4) have a chance to take the division. The Vikings will be looking to avenge an earlier loss to the Lions, while the Lions will be looking to sweep the Vikings and get within a game of the division lead. The Vikings appear to be the better team, but the Lions seem to have the Vikings number, so anything can happen. My purple colored lenses won't allow me to pick anyone but the Vikings, so here's to hoping I'm right and they will be 9-2 entering week 12. Skol!

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





**Tylan Glover and Anne Marie Smith will advance to the state oral interp festival in Duo Interpretation.** (Courtesy Photo)



**Jenifer Fjelstad will advance to the state oral interp festival, competing in Poetry.** (Courtesy Photo)

### Three advance to State Oral Interp

The GHS Oral Interp Team consisting of senior Jenifer Fjelstad; juniors Tylan Glover and Anne Marie Smith; and freshman Desiree Blevins, Alyssa Fordham, Hailey Monson, Samantha Pappas, and Sheyanne Richards competed at the Region Oral Interp Contest at Northern State University in Aberdeen on November 14. Blevins, Fordham, Monson, and Richards competed in Readers Theater. Pappas competed in Serious Interpretation. Glover and Smith competed in Duo Interpretation. Fjelstad competed in Poetry. Fjelstad, Glover, and Smith all advanced to the State Oral Interp Festival that will be held in Aberdeen December 1 and 2.



**In back, left to right, are Samantha Pappas, Sheyanne Richards and Hailey Monson; in front, left to right, are Alyssa Fordham, Anne Marie Smith, Tylan Glover, Jenifer Fjelstad and Desiree Blevins.** (Courtesy photo)

### Groton Prairie Mixed

**Team Standings:** Coyotes 8, Cheetahs 8, Jackelopes 6, Chipmunks 6, Shih Tzus 5, Foxes 3  
**Men's High Games:** Brad Waage 243, Brad Larson 205, Randy Stanley 203, Ron Belden 201  
**Women's High Games:** Nicole Kassube 176, Vicki Walter 169, 166, Michelle Johnson 164  
**Men's High Series:** Brad Waage 574, Brad Larson 549, Ron Belden 536  
**Women's High Series:** Vicki Walter 486, Dar Larson 435, Darci Spanier 434



**Melvin Adams, a former Harlem Globetrotter, talked to a youth rally Wednesday evening at the GHS Arena. His spiritual message had much humor and had the crowd laughing a lot.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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**Brown County  
Nov. 14, 2017**

**Meeting Minutes**

NOVEMBER 14, 2017 – GENERAL MEETING  
Meeting called to order by Commission Vice-Chair Fieldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Sutton and Fischbach. Commissioners Hansen and Kippley were absent. Commissioner Fischbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$8,120.61; Treasurer \$13,564.27; States Attorney \$24,559.14; SVAWA Grant \$1,282.08; Maintenance \$7,490.73; Assessor \$13,831.28; Register of Deeds \$9,073.14; Veterans Service Office \$4,239.27; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,731.80; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$32,773.47; Jail \$49,772.77; JDC \$22,947.67; Welfare Office \$3,669.57; Museum \$8,152.70; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,661.24; Fair Board \$3,697.76; 4-H \$588.57; Weed \$5,987.76; Planning and Zoning \$2,546.02; Highway \$47,024.44; Communications \$22,429.48; Emergency Management \$3,965.35; Teen Court \$450.90; 24/7 \$3,093.32; Landfill \$10,913.96.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$19,241.08; Medicare \$4,499.92.

Professional Fees: Adam Altman \$30,159.45; Kelli J Aslesen \$415.80; Avera Queen of Peace \$152.00; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$429.37; Ryan Dell \$2,773.00; Dohrer Law Office \$493.60; William Gerdes \$3,233.90; Helms & Associates \$3,300.00; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kuck Law Office \$2,115.80; Lucy Lewno \$148.96; Lexisnexis Risk Data Mgmt \$75.50; Lincoln County Treasurer \$85.53; Darcy Lockwood \$15.00; Lutheran Social Services \$2,197.78; Jerald McNeary \$1,048.10; Rogers Law Office \$498.20; Sanford Health Occupational \$96.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$3,888.50; Christy Griffin-Serr \$564.00; Jennifer Stoddard \$467.18; Tammy Stolle \$110.00; Yankton County Sheriff \$535.00; Zylstra Investigation \$4,238.50.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$1,133.74; Dakota Broadcasting \$500.00; Hub City Radio \$550.00; Lee Publications Inc \$79.16.

Repairs & Maintenance: Clark Engineering \$10,547.85; Consolidated Ready Mix \$3,580.00; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$251.88; Flat Rate Inc \$550.00; Fordham Signs & Designs \$260.00; GCR Tires & Service \$823.27; Hoven Auto Repair \$572.26; House of Glass \$11,310.60; Kirby Kiesz \$75.00; Overhead Door \$535.72; Pantorium Cleaners \$55.00; Walth Safety Service \$1,463.65.

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Travel & Conference: The Blue Cell LLC \$600.00; Safety Benefits Inc \$65.00.

Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$107.98; City of Aberdeen \$26.05; Midcontinent Communications \$582.92; Northern Electric Coop \$80.00; Northwestern Energy \$1,263.42; Qwest Corporation \$3,438.70; State of South Dakota \$73.35; Web Water Development Assoc \$71.64.

Other: SD Association of County Officials \$1,344.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$530,059.63. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

which includes the following personnel changes:

Acknowledge resignation of Halee Larson and approve request to fill vacancy.

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective November 19, 2017: David Engraf @ \$15.37 per hour, Cameron Refsland @ \$16.51 per hour.

Amend Policy M to add the following door to be open to the public, as follows:

M) – BUILDING SECURITY POLICY

As of January 1, 2018 only the following doors will be open to the public:

States Attorney Outside Entrance (addition to doors previously listed)

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the October 2017 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$29,498,659.08 (total amount of actual cash @ \$4,513.00, Cash items (bad checks) @ \$487.00, US Bank @ \$499,891.04, Dacotah Bank @ \$21,116,984.87, Petty Cash/Change Funds @ \$2,600.00, Fund Investments @ \$7,874,183.17). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD – SHERIFF VEHICLE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to award the following bid for the Sheriff Department: State Contract #17148 from Pierson Ford Lincoln Inc for one (1) 2018 Ford Interceptor SUV in amount of \$29,832.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LIBRARY AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair sign the Agreement of Operation of Library Services in Brown County with the City of Aberdeen, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in amount of \$12,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PAYROLL AUDIT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to acknowledge Payroll Audit #2, submitted by Erin Doering covering the June 18, 2017 – July 1, 2017 Pay Period; and further direct each Department Head to address issues identified in their department and pay appropriate over-time. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 111 FIRST READING: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve First Reading of Ordinance #111, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Lots 1-4, J-H Bahr Addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 29-T124N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (40703 128th Street). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CDBG SAFE HARBOR PAY REQUEST #7: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair Kippley sign Payment Request #7 for CDBG Grant #1515-105 for the Safe Harbor Project in amount of \$8,417.26. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CDBG SAFE HARBOR AMENDMENT REQUEST: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize Chair Kippley sign Request for Amendment for CDBG Grant #1515-105

for the Safe Harbor Project, requesting an extension of time to allow for the completion of the project and also requesting an increase in the percentage of CDBG funding from 30% to 30.84% to allow for the final project cost. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR BOARD MEMBERS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to confirm the appointment of the following fair board members for a 3 year term: Kody Schochenmaier, Dawn Breedlove and Stacy Sprengeler; and appoint Lee Koch, an experienced fair board member for a one year term. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EASEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair sign Gas Utility Easement for the West 4' of the S 50' of Railroad Outlot 7 in the SW ¼ of Sec 13-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD for installation of a natural gas pipeline along with all appurtenances thereto. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:05 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
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**Brown County  
Hedges  
Rezoning Notice**

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION

REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 28th day of November 2017, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the petition filed by Kendall Hedges, Sr., to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:

Proposed Lot 1, Hedges' Second Subdivision in the NE ¼ of Sec 26-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12849 387th Avenue)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may adopt first reading of Ordinance #17-11-02/471 granting petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 7th day of November 2017.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (1115.1122)

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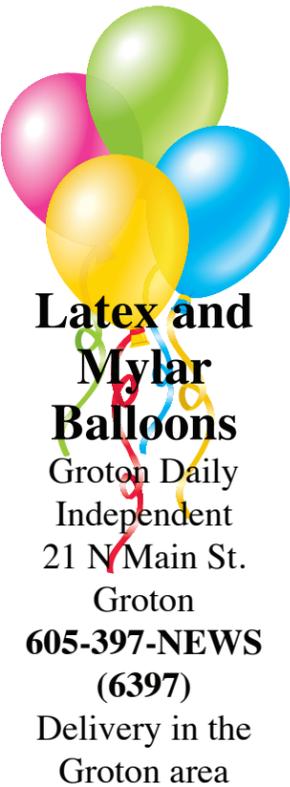
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Bids are invited for 2018 supply of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of crushed gravel delivered to the City of Groton, South Dakota.

The approximate quantity mentioned above are subject to increase or decrease. Questions or requests for further information should be directed to the City Finance Office, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.

The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD.

November 17, 2017  
(1122.1129)

Hope Block  
Finance Officer

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**Family Fun Night**

It was Family Night last Monday night at the GHS Gym with teachers having various activities and several college representatives were also present. There was also entertainment including Hattie Weismantel (photo below left) who played the piano. The bottom right photo features students who made up math problems and you had to guess who they were. It was part of Jordan Kjellsen's math class. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

**Money still  
left over for  
Safe Routes to  
School grant**

A short council meeting was held Monday evening. There still remains \$6,512.50 left in the Safe Routes to School grant. There was discussion on buying an addition speed sign and maybe some helmets and bikes. The council took no action as they need more input from the school officials. The money has to be spent by the end of the year or it will be forfeited.

The six month probation for Hope Block as the city's finance office ends December 5. The council approved to give her a raise of \$1.80 per hour at the end of the probation time.



Councilman Karyn Babcock talked about a city employee Christmas party. She said that she would be willing to host it at Base Kamp Lodge in downtown Groton with the meal being catered. The date set was Saturday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

The 2018 fees and price list was reviewed. The bulk water rate was increased from \$4 per 1,000 gallons to \$5 per 1,000 gallons and a sidedump of trees will be \$40 instead of \$20. Also, half price season passes for the pool will again be offered on August 1 of each year.

As of the end of October, the city has \$3.1 million in debt. The Railroad sewer crossing is \$77,622.02 and will be paid off July 15, 2022. The West Sewer project is \$130,827.70 and will be paid off October 15, 2022. The Sewer Lagoon is \$55,068.52 and will be paid off January 1, 2019. And the 2015 Refinance is \$2,775,000 and will be paid off December 1, 2035. The city has \$1.7 million available with \$463,306.12 in a checking account and \$145,245.32 in a savings account, both at the First State Bank. In addition, there is \$102,658 in a Wells Fargo savings account, \$701,818.28 in a SD FIT account, \$80,000 for a water tower fund CD, \$1,500 in a baseball trust CD, \$200,000 in a SD Fit CD and \$32,876.69 in a cemetery Perpetual Care CD.

After an executive session, the council voted to give city employees a 50-cent an hour raise and will offer two options for insurance. The renewal option and an HSA option with the city matching up to \$1,000 per employee.

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**Tori Schuster, child of Tom and Sarah Schuster. "My family, toys, and my house."**



**Jaela Flihs, child of Lance and JoAnn Flihs. "My dog and he is brown."**



**Easton Larson, child of Josh and Desa Larson. "My baby brother, my dad, my mom and my whole family."**

## Happy Thanksgiving, Friends!



This Thanksgiving, we're counting our many blessings, and your friendship is at the top of the list! Please accept our heartfelt gratitude, and may you enjoy a truly happy Thanksgiving celebration.



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Graham Rose, child of Ian and Karen Rose. "God and presents."

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Denton Musick, child of Kayla Musick. "Mom and my 4 new kittens."



Bella Barrera, child of Beltran and Tasha Barrera. "My mom."



Drew Fjeldheim, child of Ryan and Sue Fjeldheim. "My family, my doggy and my grandma, my grandpa, God, Jesus, and Santa."

In Groton, every day is a day to count our blessings.

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Tristan Powell, child of Amber Hommel and John Powell. "My brown blanket, my stuffed animals, and my family."



Mason Locke, child of Matt and Tammy Locke. "Jesus, baseball, my family, the flag, and God."



Rylee Hofer, child of Mark and Jen Hofer. "I love my mom, my dad, and brothers."

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# The Life of Jerald Morehouse

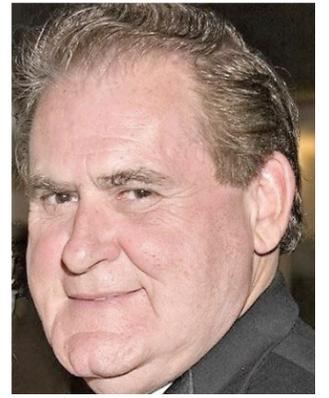
BRISTOL - Jerald "Jerry" Morehouse 77 of Seminole, FL and formerly of Bristol, passed away peacefully on October 29, 2017, surrounded by his family.

A memorial service was held at Westside Wesleyan Church in Bristol, SD, on November 18th, 2017. Inurnment after the service was at the Bristol Cemetery.

Jerald A. Morehouse was born on June 8th, 1940, at the Webster Hospital in Webster, South Dakota. He was born to Charley and Helen (Stolsmark) Morehouse. He was a 1958 graduate of Bristol High School. He was blessed with two sons and two daughters. Jerry spent most of his adult life in Shakopee, Minnesota, and owned Bush Lake Industries, a plastic mold company where he advanced his talent for creating custom designed molds used for a vast variety of industries. He also started and owned J & A Tool. In 2000, Jerry relocated his permanent residence to Seminole, Florida, where he continued to do contract work in the same industry until August of 2016.

His interests included automobiles including convertibles and motorcycles and visiting with his many friends. Jerry and his significant other, Linda, enjoyed socializing in Florida and spending time outside in the gorgeous weather and beautiful surroundings. He often traveled back to Minnesota to visit his daughters and grandchildren as well as to South Dakota to visit his sons and extended family.

Jerry will always be lovingly remembered by his significant other, Linda Hergott, of Seminole, Florida and his daughters Melissa (Corey) Trebiatowski of Chaska, MN, and Jacqueline (Shane) Touhey of Cologne, MN; grandson, Logan, and granddaughters Emily, Lauren, Kendra, Ashley, Rylee, and Danielle. He is also survived by brothers, Jim (Yvonne) Morehouse of Dassel, MN, and Curtis (Marcia) Morehouse of Bristol, SD. Preceding him in death were his parents, Charley and Helen Morehouse; sons, David and Bryan Morehouse; and infant granddaughter Amanda.



## Popping-corn Rhythm

"Every once in a while, my heart seems to be jumping out of my chest; I get a weak feeling and am short of breath," the patient explained. When I listened with my stethoscope, his rhythm was different than the



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

usual lub-dub, foot-tapping sounds of the heart which are as regular as a band marching through town on a summertime parade. Instead, his heart had the irregular rhythm of popping corn—chaotic and unpredictable—and I couldn't tap my foot to it.

As predicted, the EKG showed the rhythm of atrial fibrillation, with the atrial rate running at 300-400 beats a minute. The ventricular rhythm was chaotic, or as the experts say, "irregularly-irregular", at about 150 beats per minute. Atrial fibrillation, or A-fib, is the most common abnormal heart rhythm condition; it afflicts about 1% of the total population—more than three million people in the US—and is most prevalent in people over the age of 40.

There are many causes for A-fib, including long standing high blood pressure, coronary artery blockage, sleep apnea, too-tight or leaky heart valves, too much or too little thyroid hormone, blood clots in the lung, or an inherited conduction system or wiring condition. Other factors can also increase a person's risk for A-fib, like excessive amounts of tobacco, coffee, alcohol, amphetamines, a viral infection involving the heart, stress of any kind, or just an old and weak heart.

There are two main reasons we need to do something about this rhythm abnormality. The most devastating can be that clots can form in the atria if they are not emptying effectively. These clots are responsible for something like 10-25% of all strokes. Secondly, it can be that the ventricles are not efficient pumps when atria are fibrillating, causing them to beat at rates above 150 beats per minute for extended periods of time, significantly reducing the heart's efficiency.

When we see a case of A-fib, the ultimate goal is to slow the heart down, thin the blood to prevent strokes, and sometimes even bring the rhythm back to normal when possible. While we are at it, physicians need to study the cause of A-fib for each particular case. It is a complex and interesting condition, and there is a lot of debate about what kind of blood thinners to prescribe, what kind of rhythm control drugs to use, and when to use fancy surgery and pacemaker treatments.

The bottom line about A-fib is that good treatment by your general or cardiology physician can prevent problems and allow a normal life, even with a heart rhythm as irregular as popping corn.

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