



## Boys post triple win over Webster Area

The Groton Area boys' basketball teams posted a triple win Tuesday evening over Webster Area. The games were played at the Groton Area Arena.

The C team won its game, 28-27, the junior varsity team won its game, 42-30, and the varsity won its game, 62-49.

Three players hit double figures as the Tigers posted the Northeast Conference win. The Tigers jumped out to a 23-14 first quarter lead, 36-24 lead at half time and 49-40 lead after three quarters.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 21 points, six rebounds, four assists and five steals. Brodyn DeHoet and Jonathan Doeden each had 13 points and five rebounds. Brandon Keith and Anthony Sippel each had four points, Treyton Diegel added three points and Andrew Rintala and Peyton Johnson each added two points.

The Tigers made 38 percent of its field goals while Webster Area made 43 percent. Groton Area made 17 of 29 free throws for 58 percent off of Webster Area's 23 team fouls. Webster Area made three of seven free throws for 53 percent off of Groton Area's 17 team fouls. Webster Area had 25 turnovers with 12 of them being steals. Groton Area had 12 turnovers with three of them being steals. Groton Area had an edge on the boards, 35-33.



**Jonathan Doeden**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Andy Rintala**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Tigers scoring in the junior varsity game were Austin Jones and Kaden Kurtz with 11 each, Peyton Johnson with eight, Treyton Diegel and Cade Guthmiller each had five and Darien Shabazz added two points.

In the C game, Riley Thurston led the Tigers with 14 points which included three three-pointers, Jackson Cogley had four, Lucas Simon three and Chandler Larson one.

The Tigers will be hosting Hamlin in a double header.



**Brodyn DeHoet**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Seric Shabazz**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Brandon Keith**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

## South Dakota State University announces dean's list

**BROOKINGS, S.D.** - The following students have been named to the dean's list for academic excellence following the fall 2017 semester at South Dakota State University. To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk received a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Students from 29 states and 30 foreign nations are on the entire of list of more than 3,000 students.

Students with F, I, U, RI or RU grades are not eligible regardless of system term GPA attained. This criterion includes courses that were taken at other South Dakota Board of Regents institutions this term. A minimum of 12 credits within the 100-699 course range must be taken. A student who passes pregeneral education courses may still qualify, if the student has 12 other credits that do fall within the 100-699 range.

- School Codes:
- SAGBS – College of Agriculture & Biological Sciences
  - SA&S – College of Arts & Sciences
  - SEHS – College of Education & Human Sciences
  - SENGR – Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering
  - SNURS – College of Nursing
  - SPAHP – College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions
  - SUC – University College

Andover: Katherine Ann La-Mee\*, SEHS  
Columbia: Evan James Howell, SAGBS

Conde: Paityn Jo Bonn, SAGBS; Libbey Ann Miles\*, SA&S  
Frederick: Cory Wren Murphy\*, SA&S; Jonathan Eric Sumption, SAGBS

Groton: Kyler Harrison Ell, SA&S; Reilly James Ell, SA&S; Kristie Ann Flihs\*, SEHS; Ashley Elizabeth Gibbs, SEHS; Kelby Nathan Hawkins\*, SUC; Kylie Jo Hawkins\*, SEHS, NED; Maryn Renee Howard\*, SNURS; Nicole Grand Lewandowski], SA&S; Keri Jo Pappas, SAGBS, SPAHP; Maggie Ann Simon, SAGBS; Erin Elizabeth Smith\*, SA&S

Stratford: Logan Christine Ellingson, SAGBS

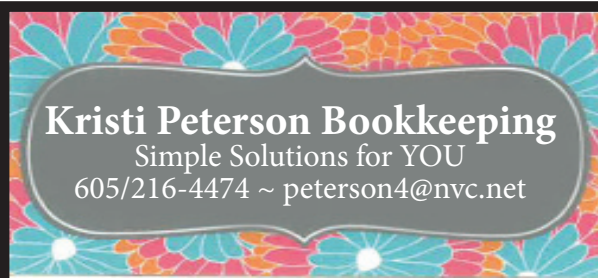
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Happy New Year! It's the start of another great year. If I may, quoting from Philippians 3:13-14, the Apostle Paul writes, "13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: For-

By Paul Irvin Kosel

getting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

We reflect on what has happened to our lives in 2017. Some of it is sad. Some of it is happy. One thing is for certain, the past is in the past and it's time to look to the future. My ankle injury in 2017 will not be forgotten for a while as there is the healing process, but I must keep moving forward as we can't change the past. There are always those thoughts of, "If I would have only done ...." Perhaps it's a lesson learned. I thank God for my fall - not that it was a good one, but it could have been a lot worse - one that could have killed me had I fallen differently. I thank God for cushioning my fall, just enough to cause some damage so that I may learn from it, but not bad enough where I could have been paralyzed or even worse.

I still have a future, and so do you, if it is the Lord's will. It is written in James 4:14, "Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

There is only one guarantee in life. We will die. It sounds like a sober thought to start off a brand new year. But it's important that we keep a perspective on our life. That is why we must be watchful. That has been a theme during the Advent season. Matthew 24:42 says, "Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

Take every opportunity to be kind to everyone, friend or foe, but don't get caught in a black hole. In other words, don't let people bring you down. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:33, "Do not be deceived: Bad company ruins good morals," or as it is written in Proverbs 22:24: "Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man."

We have the freedom of choice. We can choose our friends. We can choose our path. There are lots of good sayings in Proverbs, but one that sticks out is 13:20: "Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."

If it is the Lord's will, have a great 2018. Walk with the wise and down the path that leads us to heaven. And as always, "Be Watchful."

Yesterday (Wednesday), I had my next appointment for my ankle. The x-rays show everything is going good. They had to pop a boil on the outside, and then they put a green cast on. I have to keep this cast on for three weeks, then I will graduate to a boot of some sort.

All I know is that lying around and not being able to do much is starting to tax my body. My back is starting to feel signs of fatigue. I might have to head down to the fitness center for a while and do some upper body workouts.

Julianna had her glory moment this morning. She got to take the car to school for the first time and gave her sister a ride to the elementary school. The girls are still helping with the paper routes. We got done in record time this morning in 61 minutes. It does work quite well with the two girls helping, but I don't think they want this as a long term deal.

It's going to be an interesting pair of weekends coming up. We have basketball games in Redfield the next two Saturdays. The girls have skating practice which will leave only Justin to haul EVERYTHING from the car into the gym. I should be able to maneuver the steps to get everything set up. I might even have to try and find my old stool that we had from the old Omer's Cafe to sit on while running the video camera. At the doctor's office, they said I was not suppose to do steps, but she knew who she was talking too and is one of our GDILIVE.COM viewers. I didn't say anything, but as she left, she said, "Just be careful."

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## Brown County Dec. 27, 2017

### Meeting Minutes DECEMBER 27, 2017 – GENERAL MEETING

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

**MINUTES:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

**Payroll:** Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$8,003.52; Treasurer \$13,432.06; States Attorney \$21,958.66; SVAWA Grant \$1,282.08; Maintenance \$7,594.61; Assessor \$13,831.28; Register of Deeds \$9,310.14; Veterans Service Office \$4,092.80; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,731.48; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$35,446.49; Jail \$47,852.69; JDC \$22,278.76; Welfare Office \$3,669.58; Museum \$8,068.42; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,746.03; Fair Board \$3,683.29; 4-H \$606.18; Weed \$1,578.40; Planning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$46,176.13; Communications \$23,714.81; Emergency Management \$3,960.14; Teen Court \$221.28; 24/7 \$3,093.32; Landfill \$12,036.41.

**Matching Benefits:** FICA \$18,689.58; Medicare \$4,370.97; SDRS \$38,906.86; Health Ins \$133,684.04; Life Ins \$987.60; Dental Ins \$7,148.70; HSA \$150.00.

**Professional Fees:** Avera St. Luke's \$2,876.73; Bantz, Goch & Cremer \$6,403.21; BCT \$337.00; Dakota Wood Grinding \$47,546.00; Dependable Sanitation \$25,995.00; Haar Law Firm \$760.46; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kuck Law Office \$2,539.60; Language Line Services \$179.31; Lewis & Clark BHS \$480.00; Lucy Lewno \$144.00; Darcy Lockwood \$15.00; NE Mental Health Center \$19,556.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$2,162.00; Spot Freight \$1,585.00; State Bar of SD \$500.00; Stodder Law Office \$399.50; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$21.60; Jodi Sudweeks \$2,489.00; Sara Zahn \$17.00.

**Publishing:** Aberdeen American News \$2,254.98; Dakota Press \$3,076.21; Groton Independent \$289.10.

**Rentals:** HF Jacobs & Son \$550.00.

**Repairs & Maintenance:** Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$122.30; BCT \$150.00; Butler Machinery Co. \$46.31; Consolidated Ready Mix \$4,655.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$33.91; Dakota Electronics \$5,589.50; DFP \$977.41; DMI \$15.25; Digi Security Systems \$71,490.79; G&K Services \$70.61; Grote Brothers Body Shop \$328.02; House of Glass \$1,309.87; IDC \$3,010.37; Leidholt Electric \$534.36; NC Rental/Leasing \$6,000.00; Pantorium \$38.50; PowerPlan \$376.50; Service Signs \$1,799.49; Sheehan Mack \$6,200.00; TransSource Truck & Equip. \$649.60.

**Supplies:** 446-Praxair \$225.89; A&B Business \$519.91; Advance Stores Co. \$61.87; Cartney Bearing \$554.32; Correct Rx Pharmacy Services \$4.51; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$2,829.59; Dakota Electronics \$21.00; DFP \$523.71; Dakota Oil \$512.60; Danko \$69.50; DMI \$850.33; Farnam's \$39.45; Fastenal \$62.91; Ferguson Enterprises \$5.70; Galls \$189.61; GCR Tires & Service \$274.84; Geffdog \$3,350.31; GovConnection \$61.31; Great Western Tire \$3,359.85; House of Glass \$260.89; J Gross Equip. \$1,800.00; LabSource \$343.12; Lucy Lewno \$4.96; Mac's \$181.80; Marco \$310.10; Menards \$1,181.04; Moore Medical \$522.87; NCFE-Warner \$26,420.39; Pantorium \$28.00; Pheasantland Industries \$2,534.91; PowerPlan \$437.23; Pro Ag Supply \$7.92; Productivity Plus \$11.20; Sherri Rawstern \$85.14; Running's \$110.12; Stan Houston Equip. \$1,391.45; TransSource Truck & Equip. \$157.91; Walth Safety Service \$895.00; West Payment Center \$31.55.

**Travel & Conference:** Mary Baird \$85.82; Stan Beckler \$18.33; Darwin Bettmann \$15.24; Paul Bohling \$47.00; Cedar Shores Resort \$91.95; Tom Fischbach \$817.33; Doug Fjeldheim \$146.64; Patrick Keatts

\$22.74; Rachel Kippley \$223.72; Dale Kurth \$112.53; Scott Meints \$47.00; Trevor Meints \$47.00; Dave Meyer \$47.00; David North \$105.48; Jerome Streckfuss \$34.98; Duane Sutton \$304.56; Ernest Thompson \$235.00; Patti Woods \$47.00.

**Utilities:** CenturyLink \$2,810.15; Economy Propane \$1,479.01; James Valley Telecommunications \$220.70; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$30.20; NWPS \$1,816.05; Verizon \$60.05.

**Other:** Liberty Tire \$741.00; Pizza Ranch \$61.46. 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:

**Amend start date for Logan Flack, full-time Dispatcher from Jan 8, 2018 to February 12, 2018.**

**Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective December 31, 2017:** Sonje Oban @ 16.56 per hour, Kyle Kost @ \$18.64 per hour, Gerald Lehrkamp @ \$19.18 per hour, Craig Nelson @ \$24.11 per hour, Adelaide Mouna @ \$18.57 per hour, Mickey Schulz @ \$18.02 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLATS:** Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: Resolution #85-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Tract 1 and Tract 2 of Fellers Conservation Easement Tracts in the SW ¼ of Sec 29-T122N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: Resolution #86-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "C & J Erickson Addition to the Town of Bath, in the NW ¼ 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-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: Resolution #87-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Ball Pioneer Farm Outlot A in Sec 7-T121N-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-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: Resolution #88-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "S&C Schipke Subdivision of Lot 1 D&S Business Park First Addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: Resolution #89-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "N & C Sanderson Outlots in NE ¼ of Sec 34-T123N-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-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

**ORD 113- SET HEARING**

**DATE:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to set public hearing for consideration of Ordinance #113, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, submitted by Ryan Dell on behalf of Debra Cleveland 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 & 2 Cleveland First Addition in the NE ¼ of Sec 35-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (39279 129th Street), to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:45 a.m. on January 16, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AMEND 2018 SALARY SCHEDULE:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to amend the 2018 Salary Schedule, adopted December 12, 2017: Correct pro-rated annual salary of Tom Schmitt to \$67,642.97; and add pro-rated annual salary for Part-time Deputy States Attorney Larry Lovrien @ \$26,520.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE OPTION RENEWAL ADDENDUM:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign addendum for first of four one-year renewal options (January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018), submitted by RB Farms for lease of county owned cropland located at the Landfill: 29 acres in the NW ¼ of Sec 14-T123N-R65 and 129 acres in the NW ¼ of Sec 13-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORD 112 ADOPT:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to adopt Ordinance #112, 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 A & B, Wollman-Jones 1st Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Sec 29-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12874 & 12860 395th Ave). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Ordinance adopted.

**TAX DEED PROPERTY:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to authorize Sheila Anderson, County Treasurer to submit all qualifying parcels to the States Attorney for completion of the tax deed process. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize Sheila Anderson enter into a contract on the following property located in Aberdeen City, effective January 2018 @ \$375.00 per month Lots 17-18 Block 32 Hagerty & Lloyd Addn (310 N Arch Street). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BUDGET SUPPLEMENT:** Time and place, as advertised for 2017 Budget Supplement Hearing. No one appeared with questions or comments. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following Budget Supplement for year 2017: General Fund – Court Appointed Attorney 101-5.153.421.01 @ \$34,586.35, 422.01 @ \$3,138.65, 422.06 @ \$262,275.00 (total \$300,000.00); Jail 101-5-212-411 @ \$297,527.05, 412.10 @ \$15,361.21, 412.20 @ 3,591.91, 413 @ \$1,682.35, 414 @ \$14,243.00, 415 @ \$21,560.57, 415.02 @ \$1,258.49, 415.03 @ \$170.84, 416 @ \$766.59, 422 @ \$1,459.60, 422.04 @ \$15,314.50, 424.01 @ \$2,766.37, 425 @ \$7,444.10, 426.01 @ \$16,535.91, 426.07 @ \$51.32, 428.06 @ \$266.19 (total \$400,000.00); to be funded by undesignated surplus cash in the General Fund #101-5.101.99 @ \$700,000.00. State Grant Fund #234-5.222.426 (POD) @ \$649.27, to be funded by undesignated surplus cash in the State Grant Fund #234-1.101.99. 24/7 Sobriety Fund #248-5.212.411 @ \$4,800.00; to be funded by undesignated surplus cash in the R/D Mod & Pres Fund #251-1.101.99. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**INCREASE SPENDING AUTHORITY/ESTIMATED REVENUE:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to increase spending authority and estimat-

ed revenue in the following funds for unanticipated reimbursement for expenditures: Fund #101-4.331.01 @ \$91,629.21, #101-5.712.422.01 @ \$91,629.21 (CDBG Safe Harbor); Fund #226-4.331.23 @ \$104,269.90, #226-5.228.426.69 @ \$51,372.40, 426.71 @ \$52,897.50 (HLS); Fund #101-4.331.97 @ \$14,141.77, #101-5.152.411 @ \$8,385.96, 426 @ \$1,547.98, 427 @ \$4,207.83 (SVAWA); Fund #101-4.334.03 @ \$12,595.00, 101-5.615.434 @ \$12,595.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following Contingency Transfers: increase spending authority (no cash): Fund #101-5-xxx.422.99: 130 Judicial @ \$4,244.97; 151 States Attorney @ \$19,239.26, 154 A&N @ \$93,327.17; 444 Mental Illness Board @ \$10,110.30, 524 Fair @ \$51,234.36, 615 Weed & Pest @ \$2,083.92; Fund #248-5.212.422.99 24/7 Sobriety Program @ \$284.58; reduce spending authority (no cash) 101-112.422 @ \$180,524.56. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OPERATING TRANSFERS:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to authorize an Operating Transfer from EM Fund #226-5.911.191 @ \$279.38, R/D Mod & Pres Fund #251-5-911.191 @ \$279.38, BCT1 Fund #401-5.911.191 @ \$279.38, Landfill #504-5.191.911 @ \$6,705.16 to Operating Transfer In General Fund #101-4.371 @ \$7,543.30. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SECURITY DISCUSSION:** Sheriff Mark Milbrandt and Deputy Sheriff Tom Schmitt presented salary/benefit estimates for two full-time certified officers and one non-certified officer to man the 2nd floor foyer of the Courthouse. No action was taken at this time.

**NON-EMPLOYEE SECURITY DEVICE AGREEMENT:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the Non-Employee Security Device Agreement allowing access during non-business hours. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to consult with attorney, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Larry Lovrien, Chris White, Gary Vetter and Paul Sivertsen in attendance; and to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and consult with attorney, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Larry Lovrien, Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission a10:06 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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## Brown County Dec. 27, 2017 Joint Minutes

DECEMBER 27, 2017 - JOINT ABERDEEN CITY/BROWN COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 8:45 A.M. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD. Present from City were Council Members Johnson, Ronayne, Rux, Slaughter-Hansen and Mayor Levsen. Council members Bunnness, Lunzman, Olson and Remily were absent. Present from County were Commissioners Sutton, Fischbach, Fjeldheim and Chair Kippley. Commissioner Hansen was absent.

**ORDINANCE #17-12-01 /472:** On motion by Johnson and seconded by Rux, the City unanimously voted to approve First Reading of Ordinance #17-12-01 /472.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve First Reading of Ordinance #17-12-01/472, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District and (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Lots 1, 2 and 3, N & C Sanderson Outlots in the NE ¼ of Sec 34-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2304 Sanderson Drive

and 2043 135th Street, SW). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The City Council adjourned and the County Commission continued in regular session.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Ord. #112

### Wollman/Jones

**ORDINANCE #112 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED**

**TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Anthony Wollman and Dennis Jones is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG), said property described as follows:

Lots A & B Wollman-Jones 1st Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Sec 29-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12874 & 12860 395th Ave)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: December 6 & 13, 2017

Passed First Reading: December 19, 2017

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Rachel Kippley, Chair  
Brown County Commission

ATTEST:  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Ord. #113 Cleveland Notice

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**GROTON AREA  
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School Board Meeting  
January 8, 2018  
7:00 PM**

**GHS Conference Room**

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE PURSUANT SDCL 23-3**

1. Act on appointment of Kara Pharis to Board of Education for remainder of Kelly Kjelden's term expiring June 30, 2018.

2. Installation of Kara Pharis and appointment to "ad hoc" committee.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of minutes of December 11, 2017 school board meeting as drafted or amended.

2. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as fiscal agent.

3. Approval of November District bills for payment.

**OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.

2. Approval of December 2017 Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments

3. Approval of December 2017 School Transportation Report

4. Approval of December 2017 School Lunch Report

5. School Board Committee Reports:

a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Clint Fjelstad, Merle Harder

b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Deb Gengerke

c. Negotiations: Steve Smith, Grant Rix, Marty Weismantel

6. Consideration of Change Orders.

a. Contract Addendum #1 – FJJ.

7. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Set date and time for annual school board election – April 10, 2018 (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM), and authorize Business Manager Weber to designate officials, with voting precincts in Andover, Bristol, Columbia, and Groton. [3 – year terms expiring: Vacant seat awaiting appointment and Mr. Weismantel]

2. Proposal from parent representatives for district sponsorship of SD High School Clay Target League as a club sport for the spring of 2018. [Stephan Wright]

3. Review SD Department of Public Safety Fire and Life Safety Surveys conducted on Monday, December 18, 2017.

4. Executive Session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issues.

**ADJOURN**

**The Sad Truth About Sadness**



**By Richard P. Holm M.D.**

Throughout my years of caring for people, many seem caught in the deep-seated joy-starving depression. I have seen the devastation from that awful diagnosis involve not only those sad and melancholy, but greatly affect those around them. For those who are 18 to 45 years of age, depression is the number one cause for disability, resulting in an estimated 200-plus billion dollars of lost earnings per year. I have looked on aghast when depression

caused such helplessness that the patient chose to escape life with suicide. There are about 40,000 deaths per year to suicide, which accounts for about the same number of deaths resulting from breast cancer. Despite a similar death rate, the money invested in depression research is about one percent of that spent studying breast cancer.

Science has not yet defined why depression occurs, but theoretical causes for this malady include a genetic predisposition, a learned process, a troubled childhood and adolescence, a stressful environment, sad or traumatic situations, addiction, or even not enough sun. Most of us periodically have what is called "situational depression," such as the appropriate sadness that follows severe loss or death of a loved one. What is more typical of harmful depression is when there is no "situation," no reason for it to happen, no sad story to explain why one is filled with sadness. When the patient says, "there is no reason for my being so sad," then the clinician knows there is a problem.

The diagnosis is not always that easy. We physicians often suspect depression when people experience chronic pain, find it hard to concentrate, are without energy, have flares of temper, sleep too much or too little, have a loss of appetite or have over-eating binges, have unexplained crying spells, or become filled with anxiety for minimal reasons. People often make things worse by covering-up depression with alcohol, sleeping pills, anti-anxiety medications, or substance abuse, and these meds all make the diagnosis even more difficult.

Two-thirds of people with depression do not seek or receive help. But when the one-third that do get help follow-through with treatment, 80% are better in four to six weeks. There is help and hope for those with this miserable condition, but people need to be open to the possibility of such a problem (and men are usually the worst deniers). Treatment typically includes a half-hour of exercise or walking daily, someone to talk to, and often a medication with minimal side-effects.

If you are possibly struggling with depression, please get help. At least do it for those around you.

**Weekly Vikings Roundup**

**By Jordan Wright**

The Minnesota Vikings (13-3) had a wonderful 2017, closing out the year by clinching the #2 seed and a first-round bye in the playoffs with a 23-10 win against the Chicago Bears (5-11). The Vikings are playing at an elite level heading into the playoffs, and they'll be able to use this extra week to get healthy so they can keep this train moving.

The Vikings offense didn't struggle against the Bears, but they weren't firing on all cylinders either. The Vikings only had three 3-and-outs on offense – but they were forced to punt eight times, which is unacceptable against a Chicago team that only won five games this season. Case Keenum completed 21 of 29 passes for 189 yards and a touchdown, and he was only sacked twice. The Vikings had a conservative game plan going into the game, choosing to put the ball into Latavius Murray's hands. Murray responded by carrying the ball 20 times for 111 yards (5.6 yards per carry) and 2 touchdowns. The Vikings ran the ball for 147 total yards (36 carries) against the Bears on Sunday, which was the team's fourth highest mark of the season on the ground.

The Vikings offense was slightly out of sync on Sunday, but the defense was ready and able to continue its dominance that's been displayed this entire season. Chicago ended the season 29th in points scored per game (16.5), but the Vikings essentially held them to a field goal if you take out the punt return for a touchdown Chicago had because of a trick play. The Vikings defense has only given up 17 points over the last three weeks of the season, and they ended the year allowing an NFL best 15.8 points per game. Harrison Smith continues to prove to the NFL that they made a mistake by not voting him as a pro bowler, finishing the game as the team's leading tackler while also adding a pass deflection. Trae Waynes continues to show he isn't a weak link on the defense, adding two pass deflections and a very impressive tackle for a loss against Chicago. Perhaps no player has made as big of an improvement as Waynes this season, which is great to see out of the former first-round pick.

The Vikings won't be playing next weekend, but we know the team will play their divisional playoff game on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3:40 Central time. The Vikings will have three possible matchups, facing either the Los Angeles Rams, New Orleans Saints, or Carolina Panthers (whoever the highest remaining seed is after the wildcard matchups). The Vikings will play at U.S. Bank Stadium, and will only have to leave town if the Philadelphia Eagles win their divisional round game and the two teams meet in the NFC Championship game.

Next week, I'll be recapping the Vikings season (so far) and looking at the Vikings matchup in the divisional round. You won't want to miss it!

If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Facebook ([facebook.com/SkolJWright](https://www.facebook.com/SkolJWright)) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright).



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# 2018 Tax Filing Season Begins Jan. 29, Tax Returns Due April 17; Help Available for Taxpayers

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced today that the nation's tax season will begin Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 and reminded taxpayers claiming certain tax credits that refunds won't be available before late February.

The IRS will begin accepting tax returns on Jan. 29, with nearly 155 million individual tax returns expected to be filed in 2018. The nation's tax deadline will be April 17 this year – so taxpayers will have two additional days to file beyond April 15.

Many software companies and tax professionals will be accepting tax returns before Jan. 29 and then will submit the returns when IRS systems open. Although the IRS will begin accepting both electronic and paper tax returns Jan. 29, paper returns will begin processing later in mid-February as system updates continue. The IRS strongly encourages people to file their tax returns electronically for faster refunds.

The IRS set the Jan. 29 opening date to ensure the security and readiness of key tax processing systems in advance of the opening and to assess the potential impact of tax legislation on 2017 tax returns.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that, by law, the IRS cannot issue refunds claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) before mid-February. While the IRS will process those returns when received, it cannot issue related refunds before mid-February. The IRS expects the earliest EITC/ACTC related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or on debit cards starting on Feb. 27, 2018, if they chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with the tax return.

The IRS also reminds taxpayers that they should keep copies of their prior-year tax returns for at least three years. Taxpayers who are using a tax software product for the first time will need their adjusted gross income from their 2016 tax return to file electronically. Taxpayers who are using the same tax software they used last year will not need to enter prior-year information to electronically sign their 2017 tax return. Using an electronic filing PIN is no longer an option. Taxpayers can visit [IRS.gov/GetReady](https://www.irs.gov/GetReady) for more tips on preparing to file their 2017 tax return.

## April 17 Filing Deadline

The filing deadline to submit 2017 tax returns is Tuesday, April 17, 2018, rather than the traditional April 15 date. In 2018, April 15 falls on a Sunday, and this would usually move the filing deadline to the following Monday – April 16. However, Emancipation Day – a legal holiday in the District of Columbia – will be observed on that Monday, which pushes the nation's filing deadline to Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Under the tax law, legal holidays in the District of Columbia affect the filing deadline across the nation.

The IRS also has been working with the tax industry and state revenue departments as part of the Security Summit initiative to continue strengthening processing systems to protect taxpayers from identity theft and refund fraud. The IRS and Summit partners continued to improve these safeguards to further protect taxpayers filing in 2018.

## Refunds in 2018

Choosing e-file and direct deposit for refunds remains the fastest and safest way to file an accurate income tax return and receive a refund. The IRS expects more than four out of five tax returns will be prepared electronically using tax software.

The IRS still anticipates issuing more than nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days, but there are some important factors to keep in mind for taxpayers.

By law, the IRS cannot issue refunds on tax returns claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit before mid-February. This applies to the entire refund – even the portion not associated with the EITC and ACTC.

The IRS expects the earliest EITC/ACTC related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or on debit cards starting on Feb. 27, 2018, if those taxpayers chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with the tax return. This additional period is due to several factors, including banking and financial systems needing time to process deposits.

After refunds leave the IRS, it takes additional time for them to be processed and for financial institutions to accept and deposit the refunds to bank accounts and products. The IRS reminds taxpayers many financial institutions do not process payments on weekends or holidays, which can affect when refunds reach taxpayers. For EITC and ACTC filers, the three-day holiday weekend involving Presidents' Day may affect their refund timing.

The Where's My Refund? tool on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and the IRS2Go phone app will be updated with projected deposit dates for early EITC and ACTC refund filers in late February. Taxpayers will not see a refund date on Where's My Refund? or through their software packages until then. The IRS, tax preparers and tax software will not have additional information on refund dates, so Where's My Refund? remains the best way to check the status of a refund.

## IRS Offers Help for Taxpayers

The IRS reminds taxpayers they have a variety of options to get help filing and preparing their tax return on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov), the official IRS website. Taxpayers can find answers to their tax questions and resolve tax issues online. The Let Us Help You page helps answer most tax questions, and the IRS Services Guide links to these and other IRS services.

Taxpayers can go to [IRS.gov/account](https://www.irs.gov/account) to securely access information about their federal tax account. They can view the amount they owe, pay online or set up an online payment agreement; access their tax records online; review the past 18 months of payment history; and view key tax return information for the current year as filed. Visit [IRS.gov/secureaccess](https://www.irs.gov/secureaccess) to review the required identity authentication process.

In addition, 70 percent of the nation's taxpayers are eligible for IRS Free File. Commercial partners of the IRS offer free brand-name software to about 100 million individuals and families with incomes of \$66,000 or less.

The online fillable forms provide electronic versions of IRS paper forms to all taxpayers regardless of income that can be prepared and filed by people comfortable with completing their own returns.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) offer free tax help to people who qualify. Go to [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and enter "free tax prep" in the search box to learn more and find a nearby VITA or TCE site, or download the IRS2Go smartphone app to find a free tax prep provider. If eligible, taxpayers can also locate help from a community volunteer. Go to [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and click on the Filing tab for more information.

The IRS also reminds taxpayers that a trusted tax professional can provide helpful information and advice. Tips for choosing a return preparer and details about national tax professional groups are available on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

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## The Life of Fern Westby



Services for Fern Westby, 87, of Groton was held Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Young Chung officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery.

Fern passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Bethesda Home of Aberdeen.

Fern Mae (Bury) Westby was born to Nick and Josephine (Leegaard) Bury on March 23, 1930. She graduated from Webster High School in 1947, and then attended Sioux Valley Nursing school in Sioux Falls. She was married to John M. Westby on July 16, 1949 in Butler, South Dakota. From 1949-1960 they lived on the family farm west of Lily, ultimately making their home in Groton for fty years. Fern was employed at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen for over 30 years.

Celebrating her life are her four children Kathryn (Stan) Knudsen of Groton, James Westby of Los Angeles, Ronald (Lori) Westby of Groton and Charles Westby of Lake Tahoe; ve grandchildren Susie (Adrian) Berg, Chuck Knudsen, Natalie DeVine (Jordan) Casanova, Heidi Westby, Heather Westby; and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother, Marvin, sister, Marlys Peterson and an infant sister, Arlene.

Honorary Casketbearers were Natalie Casanova, Susan Berg, Heather Westby and Heidi Westby.

Casketbearers were Paul Peterson, Randy Bury, Chuck Knudsen, Jordan Casanova, Adrian Berg and Curtis Metz.

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