



November Students of the Month

The student council is sponsoring Student of the Month. Each month the faculty select students who show outstanding academic achievement. These students receive certificates and have an end of the year lunch with the principal. The November 2017 Students of the Month are Dillon Abeln, sixth grade; Kaleb Antonsen, seventh grade; Stella Meier, eighth grade; Alexa Herr, freshman; Kayla Jensen, sophomore; Kaitlyn Anderson, junior; and Madison Sippel, senior.



Dillon Abeln, sixth grade, is the son of Isaac and Nikki Abeln, Columbia. Alex is her brother. Dillon is involved in sports, watching sports and playing video games with his brother. He attends MathCounts and his interests are sports and space. Social studies is his favorite subject and he plans to be an astronaut. His role models are his parents.



Kaleb Antonsen, seventh grade, is the son of Travis and Angela Antonsen, Groton. Sibings are Kellen and Kolton. His activities are football, basketball and baseball. He has been named to the honor roll and he is interested in hunting, fishing and hanging out with friends. Social studies is his favorite subject and he plans to attend a vo-tech or college. His dad is his role model.



Stella Meier, eighth grade, is the daughter of Dr. Anna and Brett Schwan and Nicholas Meier. Siblings are Lydia Meier and Ryder and Ivan Schwan. Her activities are volleyball, track, one-act play, band, choir and MathCounts. Her accomplishments are placing in MathCounts, being named previously Student of the Month and Honor Roll. She is interested in volleyball, reading, drawing, swimming, listening to music and dancing. Math is her favorite subject. She plans to be an archeologist and her role model is her mom.



Alexa Herr, freshman, is the daughter of LaRon and Jolene Herr, Bristol. Siblings are Sheldon and Erika. Her activities are volleyball, FCCLA, 4-H, piano and shooting sports. Accomplishments include Coach's Award in 2013 (4-H), received superior at piano contests in Aberdeen, being named to the honor roll, top superior for Illustrated Talk in FCCLA in 2017. Her interests are reading, playing volleyball, playing piano and spending time with family and friends. History is her favorite subject and she plans to go into nursing. Erika Herr, her sister, is her role model.



Kayla Jensen, sophomore, is the daughter of Robin and Lynn Jensen, Claremont. Abby is her sister. Kayla is involved in DI, oral interp and one-act play. Her accomplishments are second place as a freshman in the NSU Math Contest and first place in state 4-H Quotes to Live By essay contest her freshman year. She is interested in watching the Wings hockey play, playing with her cats and music and band. Band is her favorite subject and she would like to go into music education. Her role model is her aunt, Vonnie.



Kaitlyn Anderson, junior, is the daughter of Stacey Anderson and John Anderson. Kennedy Anderson is her sister. Her activities include FCCLA, Carnival of Silver Skates, helping to teach Sunday School at Claremont United Methodist Church and 4-H. Her accomplishments are being named Student of the Month as a sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and 11 grades and on the Honor Roll each year since sixth grade. Her interests are art and photography and art is her favorite subject. Her future plans are undecided and her parents are her role models.



Madison Sippel, senior, is the daughter of Monte and Sandi Sippel, Groton. Her siblings are Alyssa and Sarah. Her activities are FCCLA, FBLA, volleyball student manager, football and wrestling cheerleader, track and field and Emmanuel Luther League. Her accomplishments are being named to the National Honor Society, the honor roll, student of the month, National Wendy's Heisman school and state finalist, Coke Scholar finalist and Girls State delegate. She is interested in baking, eating, napping, watching Netflix and tutoring. Math is her favorite subject. She plans to attend the University of South Dakota to major in mathematical education with a minor in chemistry or coaching.



Groton Senior Citizens elect officers
The Groton Senior Citizens met Monday, Jan. 8, and elected its officers for 2018. Left to right, they are Ruby Donovan, president; Eunice McCollister, vice-president; Jan Raap, treasurer; and Elda Stange, secretary. (Photo by Tina Kosel)

Two place at Roncalli MathCounts Competition

The Roncalli Invitational MathCounts Countdown Competition was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Students from Aberdeen area schools participated in the event, which was sponsored by 3M of Aberdeen. Four separate countdown competitions were held simultaneously in the gymnasium. Two Groton students earned places in their respective brackets of the competition. Stella Meier placed fourth in her eighth grade bracket, and Cole Simon earned third place in his seventh grade bracket.



Stella Meier



Cole Simon

MathCounts is a nationwide coaching and competition program for middle school students that promotes excellence in mathematics. Simmons hosts the next junior high competition on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

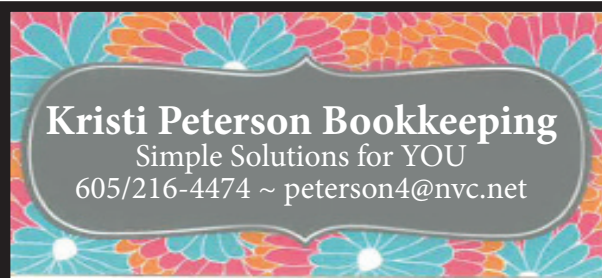


Pappas earns HOBY award
Pictured left to right are Reed Litch, Kiwanis Club president; Samantha Pappas, sophomore at GHS; and Lee Schinkel, Kiwanis Club HOBY chairman. Reed and Lee are congratulating Samantha on being chosen for Kiwanis sponsored HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) winner, to attend this annual youth leadership award.

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Webster Theatre
 Theatre opens at 7 pm with movies starting at 7:30 pm, Friday through Monday.
1/13 to 1/15 Ferdinand PG
1/20 to 1/22 Pitch Perfect 3 PG 13



Blackwood wins Stocking
 Rylan Blackwood won the local S&S Lumber Christmas drawing. Ryan Schelle of S&S Lumber congratulates Rylan of his grand prize drawing. It pays to visit Grandpa and Grandma on Christmas break! Rylan Blackwood is 5 yrs old from Fort Worth, TX. He is the grandson of Bruce and Karyn Babcock, Groton, SD.

Upcoming Events
 On Wednesday, MathCounts will be held at Aberdeen Simmons Middle School from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 Thursday, Groton Area will be hosting Sisseton in girls' basketball action. Sisseton does not have enough girls for a C team, so junior varsity game will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the varsity game.

Then on Friday, the Groton Area boys will travel to Sisseton. The C game is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. with the junior varsity starting at approximately 6 p.m. and the varsity game at approximately 7:30 p.m. The debate team will be at the Silver Bowl in Sioux Falls. The wrestling team will be at Philip High School with the tourney to start at 3 p.m. CT

On Saturday, Jan. 13, the boys will be playing with the following schedule at the Redfield Shoot-out: Parkston vs. Flandreau Indian at noon, Little Wound vs. Warner at 1:30 p.m., Aberdeen Christian vs. Platte-Geddes at 3 p.m., Timber Lake vs. Redfield-Doland at 4:30 p.m. and Dell Rapids vs. Groton Area at 6 p.m.

Also on Saturday, the wrestling team will be at Philip for the tournament starting at 10 a.m. CT. There will be a seventh and eighth grade basketball jamboree in Groton with Britton-Hecla, Leola-Frederick, Northwestern and Webster coming to town, starting at 10 a.m.

There is open gym on Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for JK through eighth grade and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for sixth grade through seniors.

On Monday, Jan. 15, Langford Area will come to Groton Area with the junior varsity game starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the varsity match.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, the Ipswich boys' basketball teams will be coming to Groton. Seventh grade plays at 3 p.m., eighth grade at 4 p.m. followed by the C game at 5:15, the junior varsity and the varsity thereafter.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, marks the end of the first semester.

Brown County Jan. 2, 2018

Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 2, 2018 -REORGANIZATION MEETING

This being the reorganization meeting of the Brown County Commission for year 2018, said Board convened at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Present were Commissioners Nancy Hansen, Rachel Kippley, Tom Fischbach, Doug Fjeldheim and Duane Sutton. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Micha Westby, New Life Fellowship Church opened the meeting with Prayer.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor called for nominations for Brown County Commission Chair for year 2018, pursuant to SDCL 7-8-15.

Commissioner Hansen nominated Doug Fjeldheim and Commissioner Fjeldheim nominated Rachel Kippley for Chair. Secret ballots were cast with the following results: Doug Fjeldheim 3, Rachel Kippley 2. Commissioner Fjeldheim was elected 2018 Chair of the Brown County Commission.

Commissioner Sutton nominated Rachel Kippley for Vice Chair. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rachel Kippley, 2018 Vice Chair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the Joint City/County Meeting minutes and the General Meeting minutes of December 27, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$195,045.68; SDML Workers Compensation Fund \$169,748.00.

Professional Fees: Adam Altman \$1,077.00; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC \$4,326.70; Dohrer Law Office \$1,334.80; Helms & Associates \$335.00; Kuck Law Office \$773.80; SD Association of County Commissions \$6,711.00; SD AEA-HP \$120.00; Christy Tiffin-Serr Law Office \$681.50; Terrago Technologies \$500.00; SDACO \$3,082.17.

Publishing: Dex Media \$195.00.

Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$1,656.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Roland L Moerke \$461.75; Dakota Tree Company \$900.00; Jason's Electric Inc \$196.43; Quality Welding \$66.00.

Supplies: Aberdeen American News \$199.28; Ameripride Services \$66.60; FBM Holdings Inc \$1,073.98; Dakota Supply Group \$13.08; GovConnection \$449.50; Heartland Paper \$141.05; Marco Inc \$73.65; Menards \$39.98.

Utilities: AT&T \$167.51; Qwest Corporation \$234.13; Northwestern Energy \$9,056.95.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

.....Approve hiring Kenton Jones, to position of Communications Director, effective January 15, 2018 at a pro-rated annual salary of \$66,000.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BONUS DAYS OFF: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve Good Friday (March 30), the day after Thanksgiving (November 23), and Christmas Eve (December 24) as fiscal year 2018 employee bonus days off. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to designate the following as the official Brown County newspapers for year 2018 (SDCL 7-18-3): Aberdeen American News, Aberdeen, SD; The Groton Independent, Groton, SD; Dakota Press, Groton, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEPOSITORIES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to designate the following as official depositories for Brown County public funds for year 2018 (SDCL 7-2-13), with funds deposited in the name of Sheila Anderson, Brown County Treasurer: Dacotah Bank; US Bank; First Savings of Beresford, Hecla Branch of Hecla; First State Bank of Warner; First State Bank of Warner, Aberdeen Branch; First State Bank of Claremont, Columbia Branch; First State Bank of Claremont, Claremont

Branch; First National Bank of Frederick; Plains Commerce Bank; Great Western Bank; Great Plains Bank; CorTrust. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to reinstate Commission appointments to the Communications Council (Chair Fjeldheim and Vice Chair Kippley), per agreement. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following Commission Committee assignments for 2018: Tom Fischbach - Range Fire Suppression, LEPC, County Buildings, Union Negotiations, Aberdeen/Brown County Regional Railroad Authority Commission, Grow SD (NESDCAP), FSA Representative; Duane Sutton - Aberdeen Development Corporation, NECOG, CART, Fair Board, SD Public Assurance Alliance, Dacotah Prairie Museum Board, Liaison 4-H Leaders Association/Promotion & Expansion Committee or alternate, SDACC Catastrophic Legal Board, Centennial Village Liaison; Nancy Hansen - Union Negotiations, Senior Citizens Board, Liaison to Welfare, NE Mental Health Board; Doug Fjeldheim Airport Board, NECOG, Glacial Lakes, Sick Leave Bank, Communications Council; Rachel Kippley: Weed & Pest Control Board, Fair Board, Risk Management Committee, Legislative Contact, Planning & Zoning Board, JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative), Alternate for Aberdeen/Brown County Regional Railroad Authority Commission, Communications Council. The States Attorney will assist in conducting labor negotiations. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to appoint the following Citizens Corp Council Members: Josh Halsey, Tom Schmitt, Scott Meints, Heather Allemang, term effective January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve the following Dacotah Prairie Museum Board Members for a 2nd three-year term: Mike McCafferty and Kathleen Daly. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the following Brown County Dive Team Members: Trent Anderson, Casey Bade, Rodney Bade, Cody Bonn, Mike Kost, Dave McGuire, Brett Toennies, Clayton Blachford and Jason Vilhauer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to appoint Conald Burgard and Val Daschel to a one-year term (2018); Jerry Och-sner and Karen Treeby to a 2nd term (2018-2020) on the Brown County Fair Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to appoint Darwin Bettman and Patrick Keatts to a 3rd term effective January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2022 on the Planning & Zoning Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to appoint Commissioner Duane Sutton as SDPAA Member Representative and Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor as Alternate. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. VOLUNTEERS/WORKER COMPENSATION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following list of volunteers for work comp purposes (CERT, Citizens Corp, Dive Team, Fair, Museum, 4-H Promotion/Expansion): John Adams, Marie Adams, Heather Allemang, Marcie Andersh, Terry Anderson, Trent Anderson, Marty Axlund, Erin Bacon, Casey Bade, Rodney Bade, Richard Bakeberg, Garrid Baldwin, Diana Banker, JoAnne Barry, Heather Basham, Becky Berreth, Christopher Beusch, Betty Beyer, Chad Bierman, Sandra Bierman, Dyane Bjordal, Clayton Blachford, Evelyn Blum, Jan Bohling, Paul Bohling, Cody Bonn, Gayle Bortnem, Donna Bratland, Robert Bray, Dawn Breedlove, Mercedes Buchanan, Becky Burdick, Ross Burdick, Conald Burgard, Edythe Clark, Nancy Clark-North, Michael Connelly, Luanne Cunningham, Ryan Cunningham, Molly Dahme, Kathleen Daly, Val Daschel, Barb Davidson, Casey Dennett, Douglas DeVore, Tabitha DeVoss, Kaye DeYoung, David Didreckson, Phyllis Donat, Marvin Dreesen, Ken Dulik, Carolyn Eaton, Wes Elliott, Shelby Elsen,

Darin Emery, Curtis Erickson, Jan Erickson, Kristie Erickson, Sheryl Erickson, Mike Fey, Theresa Fjeldheim, Sara Fleury, Adam Franken, Don Ganje, Allen Gates, Susan Gerlach, Barb Gertz, Steve Gisi, JoEllen Gonsoir, Scott R Grebner, Joshua Halsey, Gerald Helm, Pat Helm, Janet Herman, Sarah Herman, Trixie Hettich, Carmel Heyd, Bill Hild, Mary Jo Hild, Nicholas Huber, Weylin Huber, Kieth Hughes, Richard Humphries, Randy Imber, Sharon Imber-O'Keefe, Charla Imrie, Michele Johnson, Brian Johnson, Christie Kiesz, Amara Klipfel, Bert Klipfel, Biella Klipfel, Doug Klipfel, Eliana Klipfel, Vienna Klipfel, Lee Koch, Michael Kost, Ron Kost, Kasia Kramer, Laura Kramp, Jason Kuntz, Brian LaCroix, Marilyn Lahr, Alexandra Little, Jared Little, Dana Locken, Sofia Losure, Greg Markley, Heidi Marttila-Losure, Tim Mat-tern, Douglas Mayer, Gretchen Mayer, Mike McCafferty, Rachel McCleary, Cathy McNickle, Dave McGuire, Wendy Mehlhaff, Carla Meints, Trevor Meints, David Meyer, Maria Meyer, Janice Miller, Jo Miller, Roland Moerke, David Moser, Joseph Muller, Roberta Nichols, Evelyn Nikolas, Jerry Ochsner, Deb O'Donnell, Gayle Opp, Barb Paepke, Tom Paepke, Shirley Pelkofer, Jason Pettigrew, Cindy Pigors, Rick Pigors, Lois Pletten, Annissa Poor, Nancy Radke, Jean Rahja, Mary Jo Raile, Bryan Rau, Chris Raw-ster, Douglas Reiersen, Bonnie Robinson, Freddie Robinson, Mike Russell, Caroline Schli, Ken Santema, Jorge Sasieta, Jean Schaffer, Carol Schaanu-man, Neil Schaunaman, Cindy Schick, Jan Schile, Lee Schinkel, Lois Schleder, Jacie Schley, Deb Schlosser, Kimberly Schneider, Kody Schochenmaier, Nancy Schrenk, Brad Sharp, Brian Sharp, Dan Sharp, Donna Sharp, Gary Sharp, Gretchen Sharp, Carol Sheldon, Mark Shish-nia, Dale Smid, Ashley Smith, Kathy Sperry, Stacy Sprengeler, Amanda L Steckelberg, Mike L Steckelberg, Mark Stoks, Kelly Streich, Noelle Stubbe, Jesse Swallow, Jeff Swank, Karen Swank, Chip Swanson, Lowell Swanson, Marian Swanson, Ryan Swenson, Brett Toennies, Jayson Tollefson, James Torbert, Karen Treeby, Brandon Ullrich, Mike Ullrich, Jason Vilhauer, Tom Waletich, Janice Waltman, Pat Waltman, Thomas Wantie, Alisha Warrey, Kim Weaver, Kathy Webb, Todd Weber, Casey Weismantel, Pam Wiscaron, Cara Wollman, Brianna Woods, Tom Woods, Amy Wright, Chad Wright, Trey Wright. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF DEPUTIES: Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #1-18. WHEREAS, SDCL Chapter 7-7-20 mandates the designation of the number of deputies and clerks for various offices by the Board of County Commissioners, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following deputies and clerks are authorized at the discretion of the County Officials for County offices: Auditor - 1 Chief Deputy, 3 Deputies, 1 part-time employee; Treasurer - 2 Chief Deputies, 5 Deputies, 1 part-time Clerk; Register of Deeds - 1 Chief Deputy, 4 Deputies. All extra help hired by County Officials must first be approved by the County Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

INVESTMENT POLICY: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #2-18. WHEREAS, the nature of tax collections and other revenue is such that cash on deposit in the County's depositories at times exceeds the requirement for current expenditures; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to invest these monies not required for immediate expenditure. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Treasurer is hereby directed to invest Brown County public funds at the highest rate of interest possible at said time on available monies at financial institutions, as designated by the Brown County Commission, and FURTHER, to furnish quarterly reports detailing same, as authorized by SDCL 4-5-8. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

INTEREST POLICY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve the following Policy in regard to interest earned from deposits and investments: State

law allows income from deposits and investments to be credited to either the General Fund or the fund making the investment. The County's policy is to credit all income from deposits and investments to the General Fund, except for interest earned on specific certificates of deposits and financial assurance savings account of the Solid Waste Fund. USGAAP requires income from deposits and investments to be reported in the fund whose assets generated that income. Where the governing board has discretion to credit investment income to a fund other than the fund that provided the resources for investment, a transfer to the designated fund is reported. Accordingly, in 2018 fund transfers of investment earnings to the General Fund shall occur in all funds except Fund #201 Highway and Fund #207 Communications Center. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXPENSE POLICY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to set the following expense rates for Brown County employees for year 2018:

Meal reimbursement made only for out of County travel	In-State	OutofState	
Breakfast	\$ 6.00	\$10.00	
Lunch	\$11.00	\$14.00	
Dinner	\$15.00	\$21.00	
		\$32.00	\$45.00

Qualifying time for meal allowances:

Breakfast - leave before 5:31 a.m. - return after 7:59 a.m.
Lunch - leave before 11:30 a.m. - return after 12:59 p.m.
Dinner - leave before 5:31 p.m. - return after 7:59 p.m.

Lodging reimbursed at actual cost, receipt required (if possible have direct billing, as County tax exempt).

Reimbursement for use of personal vehicle for County business, as follows: All county employees and officials, except the sheriff shall be paid for traveling expenses for each mile traveled in the discharge of their official duties at 47 cents per mile. Miles to be determined by the assistance of Map Quest or similar web site; Odometer readings required for all destinations not available on web site; Odometer reading only required once to establish routine destination routes, i.e. per diem for board members. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXPENSE POLICY - ELECTION OFFICIALS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to set \$210.00 as the one-day fee for vote center officials working on Election Day, \$15.00 per hour for absentee vote center officials working on Election Day, \$20.00 for vote center officials attending Election School, \$5.00 for use of personal cell phone on election day (maximum \$5.00 per vote center), and to set minimum mileage at five miles when claimed by vote center/absentee ballot official. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TAX DEED NOTICES: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #3-18. WHEREAS, Brown County has acquired tax certificates on property with delinquent real estate taxes for which tax deeds and notices can be served. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Commission authorizes the County Treasurer, Sheila Anderson to request States Attorney Chris White and States Attorney Office personnel to act as agents to process said tax deeds and notices. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

FAIRGROUNDS RENTAL RATES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to establish the following Fairgrounds rental rates and Richmond Youth Camp rental rates:

FAIRGROUNDS RENTAL RATES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

Storage Space Rental: October 15 to April 1st - Prepaid Lease -No Refunds - \$8.00 per linear foot for each unit, including trailer hitch and any overhang. All lengths will be rounded to the nearest foot.

Barn Rental: Brown County will no longer rent out barns prior to horse racing.

Club House : 120' X 80' Per day \$350.00 - Per day for days over two \$175.00 - Clean-up additional \$75.00. Activities obtaining a Special Malt Beverage License - \$35.00 per keg (or equivalent), with proof from wholesaler, excluding Fair Activities, Race Track and Horse Racing.

Expo Addition: 90' x 240'- Per day \$300.00 - Per day for days over two \$150.00 If fairgrounds personnel needs to clean up after the activity..... Clean-up/horse shows \$300.00 - Clean-up/other activities.....\$175.00

Holum Expo Building: 120' x 240' - Per day \$500.00 plus utilities - Per day for days over two \$250.00 plus utilities. If fairgrounds personnel needs to clean-up after the activity..... Clean-up/horse shows and bull riding \$300.00 - Clean-up/other Activities....\$175.00

Horse Stalls: Set up fee - per stall. \$12.00

Corral Panels:- Trailer - per day....\$50.00 (Trailer holds 40 panels). Lessee liable for any damages occurring between pickup and return by lessee, plus \$1.00 per mile round trip transportation cost.

Horse Arena: 174' x 240'...\$75.00 per show. Smaller groups will be charged on an individual basis.

Portable Stage: Not to go out of County-except for Governmental Agencies -Per event \$100.00

Lessee liable for any damages occurring between pickup and return by lessee, plus \$1.00 per mile round trip transportation cost.

People Movers - \$75.00 per event. Lessee liable for any damages occurring between pickup and return by lessee, plus \$1.00 per mile round trip transportation cost.

Bleachers - Brown County will no longer rent out the bleachers.

Benches: \$3.00 per bench per event. Benches will not go out of county. Lessee liable for any damages occurring between pickup and return by lessee, plus \$1.00 per mile round trip transportation cost.

Picnic Tables: \$25.00 per table. Picnic tables will not go out of county. Lessee liable for any damages occurring between pickup and return by lessee, plus \$1.00 per mile round trip transportation cost.

Campgrounds: \$20.00 per day or \$130.00 per week for pads with power and water. \$23.00 per day or \$150.00 per week for pads with power, water and sewer drops. This includes a 5% State Sales Tax. 232 pads with water and power and 36 with power, water, and sewer. All south campgrounds have both 50 amp and 30 amp plug-ins.

RICHMOND YOUTH CAMP RENTAL RATES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 Booking fee in the amount of \$100.00 and proof of insurance must be submitted at least 30 days prior to date of occupancy. Dorm only: \$80.00 per dorm per night.

Lodge Only: \$150.00 per day Youth Groups: \$5.00 per person per day (Ages 17 and under).

Adult Groups: If under 30 people will pay daily rates. If over 30 people \$7.00 per person per day. (Ages 18 and older)

Deposit: A \$100.00 deposit is required to guarantee all dates. This deposit will only be refunded if the camp is left in a clean and orderly manner and there is no damage done to the camp. If the cleaning costs and damage costs exceed the amount of the deposit, any additional repairs or cleaning costs will be billed. Signed lease, deposit and proof of insurance shall be sent to the Brown County Auditor at 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

Cleanup: \$50.00 for the Lodge and \$100.00 for the dorms.

Absolutely no pets allowed in any of the buildings. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following abatements:

Matthew Bain @ \$617.75 (assessment error); Karen McNeal @ \$307.19 (assessment error); Dorn Malpert @ \$1,052.00 (assessment error); Michael Elsen @ \$350.59 (fire damage); Martin Earl @ \$408.96 (mobile home moved); John Summers @ \$37.32 (mobile home demolished); Richard Beck @ \$258.14 (fire damage); Lois Pletten @ \$540.81 (fire damage); Veinte Inc @ \$697.59 (house demolished); Rapid City, Pierre Eastern Railroad @ \$178.30 (railroad tax credits); BNSF Railroad @ \$44,708.63 (railroad tax credits). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SDPAA CONTRACT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize Duane Sutton, authorized representative for the County sign the Intergovernmental Contract (IGC) with South Dakota Public

Assurance Alliance (SDPAA), effective January 1, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DOE CLOTHING POLICY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve request submitted by Michael Hauke, DOE, for 2018 clothing allowance @ \$125.00 for each employee in the Equalization Office, per Employee Policy C-12. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:37 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ord. #113 Cleveland Notice

NOTICE Application has been made by Ryan Dell on behalf of Debra Cleveland to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on January 16, 2018 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): Lots 1 & 2 Cleveland First Addition in the NE 1/4 of Sec 35-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (39279 129th Street)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 113.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Jan. 2, 2018 Joint Minutes

JANUARY 2, 2018 - JOINT ABERDEEN CITY/BROWN COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 5:30 P.M. in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 123 S Lincoln Street, Aberdeen, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Johnson, Lunsman, Olson, Remyly, Ronayne, Rux, Slight-Hansen and Mayor Levsen. Present from County were Commissioners Sutton, Fischbach and Vice-Chair Kippley. Commissioners Hansen and Fjeldheim were absent.

ORDINANCE #17-12-01/472: On motion by Ronayne and seconded by Slight-Hansen, the City unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #17-12-01/472.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to adopt 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 1/4 of Sec 34-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2304 Sanderson Drive and 2043 135th Street, SW). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-absent. Ordinance adopted.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Claremont Town Vacate Roadway

RESOLUTION AND ORDER
VACATING ROADWAY

Petitioners Rick and Carla Pahl of Claremont Township, Brown County, South Dakota, presented the following resolution and order and moved for its adoption:

Whereas, a petition having been received asking that Claremont Township vacate a roadway described as Dinsmores 1st Addition, Lots 1-6 on the NE and Lots 19-24 on the NW 1/4 Section 02-T125-R60W.

That the existing public right-of-way which includes the statutory right-of-way and any right-of-way acquired by deed(s) lying as follows:

Running north and south commonly known as Dinsmore 1st Addition. Bordered by Lots 1-6 on the NE and Lots 19-24 on the NW 1/4 Section. Located in Section 02-T125-R60W, Township Claremont, Range 60, Brown County, South Dakota. That said public right of way being approximately 30 feet wide and 300 feet in length.

And further said Petition being in proper form and executed by more than the required number of electors of Claremont Town and further it having been determined that a vacation of said roadway will better serve the public convenience; and that further this Petition having come on at a special meeting of the board; and no one appearing in opposition thereto (or in the alternative objection being heard); and said Supervisors having considered said matter and being fully advised in the premises and considering it advisable to do so:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That the existing public right-of-way which includes the statutory right-of-way and any right-of-way acquired by deed(s) lying as follows:

Running north and south commonly known as Dinsmore 1st Addition. Bordered by Lots 1-6 on the NE and Lots 19-24 on the NW 1/4 Section. Located in Section 02-T125-R60W, Township Claremont, Range 60, Brown County, South Dakota. That

said public right of way being approximately 30 feet wide and 300 feet in length.

It is further ordered that said Resolution shall be published in the official/legal newspaper of the respective township once per week for two consecutive weeks; and that after such publication, such roadway shall be, after a lapse of thirty days after the last publication thereof, vacated without further proceedings unless appealed as provided by law; and that the Clerk herein is further ordered and directed to cause to be recorded a true and correct copy of this Resolution and Order in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Brown County, South Dakota.

It is further ordered that any and all bridges, guard rails and culverts are hereby deemed to revert to (not) and become personal property and possession of Claremont Township.

The motion was made by Supervisor Jason Spencer and was seconded by Supervisor Frank Rasmussen and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Supervisors: Chairman Shane Johnson yes; Jason Spencer yes; Frank Rasmussen yes.

County of Brown

State of South Dakota

I, Charla Rye, being the duly elected, qualified and acting clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Claremont Township, Brown County, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution on the action thereon by the Board of Supervisors of Claremont Township, Brown County, South Dakota, at the regular meeting of said Board, held the 12th day of December, 2017, as the same appears and is now recorded in the minutes of the Clerk of the Board of said Claremont Township and that the same is true and correct transcript thereof.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand this 13th day of December, 2017.

/s/ Charla Rye

Subscribed and sworn to be before this 13th day of December, 2017.

/s/ Julene Micko

South Dakota Notary Public

My Commission expires: June

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Claremont Town Dec. 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting-Town of Claremont, 7:00p.m.

The Board of trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 12-12-17 at 7 p.m. in city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present. Also present Rick Pahl. The minutes of the November meeting were read and on a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer approved as read. On a motion by Spencer Gellhaus and Gellhaus, municipality fee, 20.00; First State Bank, loan payment, 817.63; NEW, street lights, 339.64; IRS, quarter payment, 272.49; Shane Johnson, 9 meetings, 623.36; Jason Spencer, 9 meetings, 623.36; Frank Rasmussen, 9 meetings, 623.36; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Charla Rye, printer ink folders, 51.55; Dept. of Revenue, 1/2 malt beverage license, 162.50; Shane Johnson, boot and clamp/tractor, 47.48; Grand Slam Computers, computer back up, 90.00; WSSW: BDM, water used, 781.40; Dept. of Revenue remittance, water sample, 15.00; NEW, water and sewer, 356.26; Melinda Spencer, meter reading, 138.45; Rural Development, loan payment, 576.00; The applications for malt beverage on and off sale and liquor on and off sale was granted as there were no objections to the Detour Café/ Andrew Murray. As no one appeared to object to the vacating of the unused alley on Dinsmores 1st. Edition lots 1-6 on the NE and lots 19-24 on the NW. The resolution and order will be published in the Town legal paper. It was brought to the Boards attention that six residents are behind on their water bills. They will receive letters concerning this matter. Letters will also be sent to people concerning cleanup of their lots. With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Rasmussen to adjourn and seconded by Spencer. Motion carried.

C.Rye, F.O.
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Brown County Sanderson Rezoning

ORDINANCE #17-12-01/472
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1164 TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property filed by Peggy Thares, Agent for Norg Sanderson is hereby granted and Ordinance No. 1164 is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from (A-1) Agricultural District and (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property is described as follows:

Lots 1, 2 and 3, N & C Sanderson Outlots in the NE 1/4 of Sec 34-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (2304 Sanderson Drive and 2043 135th Street SW)

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

Notice of Hearing: December 13 & 20, 2017

Passed First Reading : December 27, 2017

Passed Second Reading: January 2, 2018

Adopted: January 2, 2018

Published: January 10, 2018

Effective Date: January 30, 2018

Doug Fjeldheim, Chair

Brown County Commission

ATTEST:

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Not Too Small to Have It All!

by Paula Jensen



There have been too many years of disinterest and disinvestment in rural America and at times I grow weary of defending the value of the rural place I call home to a national audience. I recently read multiple articles about the rural underclass and the poverty that plagues our landscape from Bloomberg Business, NY Times, and Wall Street Journal. One of those articles written by Paul Krugman stated, "once upon a time dispersed agriculture ensured that small cities serving rural hinterlands would survive. But for generations we have lived in an economy in which smaller cities have nothing going for them except historical luck, which eventually tends to run out."

I need to ask, is your community living in this fairytale and just running on historical luck, like the author suggests? Or, are you investing in your community and taking responsibility for the inherent change that is affecting your future?

We have all heard about the changing rural landscape from a national perspective...population decline, low median household income, high poverty, high unemployment, dilapidated housing, decaying Main Streets, etc. Yet, according to the 2010 Census research done by Ben Winchester of the University of Minnesota Extension Service, "People in small towns can stop talking negatively about what things their town has lost or what it used to be like. The changes in the rural Midwest are almost all microcosms of globalization. Rural is changing, not dying,"

Ray Kurzweil, author of The Singularity is Near states, "At the given rate of change, we will experience the equivalent of 20,000 years of change in this century." This kind of fast-paced change means we have more choices and less time to make those choices. Today's rural communities and the people willing to lead them need to be prepared for this environment. From my observation, communities that succeed in the face of change are connected to: data, outside resources, other communities, engaged residents, and global trends. Having insight about this ever-changing knowledge-base makes communities ready to move in a forward direction, quickly.

Here is a story of Neligh, Nebraska. Neligh is a community that refused to begin their story with once upon a time or let themselves slip quietly into obscurity. Since 2012, this community of 1,600 people has seen a colossal reinvestment. Neligh has welcomed 27 new businesses – a 17 percent increase in total businesses – and transitioned 14 businesses to new ownership. Antelope County has seen more than \$600 million in capital investment. In a few years, when they complete all the projects in their pipeline, capital investments will clear \$1 billion. Neligh didn't pull up its bootstraps by itself. They asked for help. Their network of partners is long: engaged citizens, local businesses, nonprofits, education community, elected officials and more.

This story may sound like an overwhelming task or a one-of-a-kind success story. However, I am here to tell you that this kind of local development is realistic and beginning to take hold in many small communities because they are investing in themselves! Your community can replicate this type of development when residents like you are willing to be engaged and do the internal work necessary to establish a community development culture, clarify local values, and set priorities. This internal work is then balanced with external forces (e.g. resource providers, peer network, investors, developers, etc.) while seeking regular feedback, support, and advice from empowered community residents.

Let's invest in rural places and build a community development culture that believes we are not too small to have it all.

Having a passion for community leadership and development is what drives Paula Jensen's personal and professional life. Paula resides in her hometown of Langford, South Dakota, population 318+, where she and her husband own and operate an auto repair business. Together they have raised three boys, who love growing up rural.

She serves as a grant writer and community coach with Dakota Resources based in Renner, South Dakota. Dakota Resources is a 501c3 Community Development Financial Institution with the purpose of stimulating financial and human investments in rural communities that are invested in themselves. Contact her at paula@dakotaresources.org.

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Noem's three-pointers propel Hamlin past Groton Area

Hamlin unleashed a secrete weapon by the name of Mitchell Noem late in the game and it was enough to overcome Groton for a 48-44 Northeast Conference win.

The Tigers played with strong intensity and had Hamlin on the run in the first half, forcing turnovers, snatching down rebounds and high intense passing around the Charger defense. Groton Area held a 14-8 lead in the first quarter, a 26-20 lead at half time. Groton Area opened up a 14-point early in the third quarter and led by 10 at the break, 34-24. Then, Noem unleashed very long three-pointers, three in a row, and the Chargers took the lead and hung on to win, 48-44.

Seric Shabazz led Groton Area with 13 points, nine rebounds, five steals and three assists. Brodyn DeHoet added 10 points and six rebounds. Andrew Rintala added nine points, Jonathan Doeden had four, Anthony Sippel and Treyton Diegel each had three points and Peyton Johnson added two points.

John Roe led the Chargers with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Mitchell Noem had 12 points with four three-pointers, Devan Weelborg had nine, Bryce Williams six, Conner Bawden had four and Lucas Trooien added two points.

Groton Area made 26 percent of its field goals while Hamlin made 45 percent. Groton Area had the edge in rebounds, 33-32. Hamlin had 20 turnovers, half of which were steals and Groton Area had 16 turnovers, four of which were steals. The Tigers made 12 of 16 free throws for 75 percent off of Hamlin's 16 team fouls. Hamlin made four of seven free throws for 57 percent off of Groton Area's 16 team fouls.

Hamlin won the junior varsity game, 40-33. Kaden Kurtz led the Tigers with 13 points followed by Peyton Johnson with 11, Darien Shabazz had six, Cade Guthmiller two and Austin Jones added a free throw.

Eight players scored for the Chargers with Booker Noem having nine points.

Lady Tigers beat St. Francis, lose to Hamlin

The Lady Tigers posted a 65-47 non-conference win over St. Francis Indian School as part of the Redfield Classic held Saturday. Groton Area led at the quarterfiles at 20-15, 38-32 and 49-34.

Jennie Doeden had a double-double on the afternoon with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Harleigh Stange had 21 points and seven rebounds. Payton Maine had 13 points and six rebounds. Miranda Hanson had five points and Jessica Bjerke added four points.

Groton Area had 39 rebounds, 10 steals with Stange and Doeden each having three, 15 assists with Bjerke and Eliza Wanner each having four, and 13 turnovers.

Groton Area made 23 of 43 field goals for 54 percent, five of 19 three-pointers for 26 percent and four of 13 free throws for 31 percent.

Jaziea Areoren led the Lady Warriors with 23 points and Charlize Aeroren added 10.

Hamlin's Lady Chargers posted a 62-18 Northeast Conference win over Groton Area in Friday night's home game. The Chargers led at the quarterstops at 19-7, 35-14 and 52-16.

Harleigh Stange and Jennie Doeden each had four points, Jessica Bjerke and Payton Maine each had three and Eliza Wanner and Kaycie Hawkins each added two points.

Groton Area made six of 28 field goals for 21 percent, two of 19 three-pointers for 11 percent and missed four free throw opportunities. Groton Area had 22 rebounds with

Bjerke having eight, four assists with Doeden having two, two steals and 19 turnovers.

Payton Lakness led the Chargers with 15 points and Taryn Opdahl added 10.

Hamlin won the junior varsity game, 42-33. Scoring for Groton Area were Nicole Marzahn with nine, Eliza Wanner and Kaycie Hawkins with eight each, and Payton Colestock and Caitlyn Barse with three each.

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GUN SHOW: Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association 16th Annual ABERDEEN Gun Show. New location. Saturday, February 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, February 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dakota Event Center on LaMont East. Roger Krumm 701-851-0129. (...0203)

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Groton Coffee Cup

Jan. 8 Team Standings: James Valley 7, Ten Pins 4, Jungle Lanes 4, Kens 1.

High Games: Vicki Walter 165, 159, 153; Mary Jane Jark 162; Gert Erickson 148, 148; Sandi Bistodeau 148.

High Series: Vicki Walter 477, Mary Jane Jark 421, Gert Erickson 372

Conde National League

Jan. 8 Team Standings: Cubs 7, Braves 7, Pirates 4, Colts 3, Mets 2, Giants 1.

Men's High Games: Lance Frohling 194, Tim Olson 180, Russ Bethke 180, Ryan Bethke 170.

Men's High Series: Tim Olson 498, Russ Bethke 497, Ryan Bethke 475.

Women's High Games: Sandy Hoops 181, Alice Severson 180, Amber East 172.

Women's High Series: Amber East 494, Alice Severson 481, Vickie Kramp 469.

USD Dean's List

VERMILLION, S.D. – The University of South Dakota announced its Academic Honors and Dean's List to recognize over 2,300 students for their superior academic achievement during the Fall 2017 semester.

Full-time, undergraduate students are named to the Dean's List if they received a 3.5 GPA for courses they took in the Fall 2017 semester and had no incomplete or failing grades.

Local students named to the Dean's List are Lincoln Gibbs, Claremont; Haley Unzen, Kari Hanson, Lucas Sternhagen, Luke Smith, Marlee Jones, Mason Madsen, Rachel Blackmun and Taylor Gustafson, all of Groton; Sierra Kamin, Westport.

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Groton City Jan. 8, 2018

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2018

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, Blackmun, McGannon, Peterson, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Hope Block, Attorney Drew Johnson, Kathy Sundermeyer, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, and Shawn Lambertz.

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

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

Payroll, \$21,896.69, Employee salaries; Executive, \$567.61; Administrative, \$3,452.69; Public Safety, \$8,257.31; Public Works, \$9,619.08; First State Bank, \$8,705.05, SS and WH; April Ablen, \$102.01, Dep flex; AFLAC, \$356.62, Employee insurance; American Leagion, \$700.00, Employee xmas party rental and food; Ameripride, \$72.92, Rug rent; Beulah Hoops, \$200.00, HWH rebate Heartland; Car Quest, \$36.68, Lube, oil filters; City of Groton, \$225.23, Xmas lite winners, postage; Colonial Life, \$320.78, Employee insurance; Dwight Zerr, \$54.16, Med flex; EMC, \$91.21, Employee life insurance; Gene Loeschke, \$200.00, HWH rebate Heartland; Guardian Insurance, \$258.53, Employee insurance; Hope Block, \$93.00, Med flex; JGE, \$718.45, Wire brush for skid loader; MACs, \$36.53, Neoprene, cable ties; Metering & Technology Soln, \$494.04, Meter supplies for Elem School; NW Energy, \$10.00, Natural gas; Pipe Masters, \$14,604.10, Sewer line cleaning, lift station cleaning; Runnings, \$129.97, Waterproof gloves, grinder blade switch; S&S Lumber, \$211.34, Gloves, tool basket, gift cert, primer, paint, brushes, 2 linear delta transmitters; SD Assoc of Rural Water, \$575.00, Dues 2018; SD Dept of Env & Nat Res, \$1,500.00, Discharge WW fee; SD Dept of Health, \$258.00, Water testing; SD Municipal Electric Assoc, \$1,123.00, Dues 2018; SD Municipal League, \$1,350.47, Dues 2018; SD Police Chiefs Assoc, \$97.04, Dues 2018; SD Retailers Assoc, \$150.00, Dues 2018; SD Retirement, \$10,802.79, Employee retirement; SD State Treasurer, \$8,753.15, November sales tax; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$530.00, Employee retirement; Shawn Lambertz, \$288.00, HWH rebate Heartland & med flex; Tactical Solutions, \$4,945.00, Speed trailer; Uline, \$1,629.00, 3 bike racks; US Postal Service, \$225.00, Presorted prices fee; Verizon Wireless, \$42.61, Dump cam comm; Web Water, \$11,453.97, 2,713,600 gal; Weber Landscaping, \$14,348.06, Cemetery tree project; Wellmark, \$14,122.11, Employee health insurance; Wellmark, \$12,706.60, Employee health insurance; Groton Independent, \$42.10, Minutes and ordinance; Dan Richards, \$100.00, Santa at PMS; Drew Johnson, \$925.00, Legal fees 12/17; Vickie Schulkoski, \$112.35, Mileage - Banyon training; SD Dept of Env & Nat Res, \$36.00, Certifications; NECOG, \$1,584.93, Dues 2018; Heartland, \$87,061.78, Power 12/17; WAPA, \$25,781.72, Power 12/17; A&B Business Solutions, \$162.05, Copier Rent; Full Circle Ag, \$940.70, Dsl 115 gal; Groton Vet Clinic, \$9.90, Nitrile gloves.

Herron and Zerr reported doing some snow removal, working on the ice rink, cleaning the community center, getting mower quotes, fixing some meters that

had froze up, working on the lift stations and getting ready for spring. Herron and Zerr left the meeting after their reports.

Lambertz reports doing house checks for load management, and presented a list of equipment that needs to be replaced or repaired. He also discussed the agreement with NorthWestern Energy that will soon be filed.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to send Lambertz to the Superintendent & foreman conference in Watertown from March 6-7. All members present voted aye.

Lambertz left the meeting at this point.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to recognize the following volunteers and employees and thank them for their service. All members present voted aye.

Baseball volunteers: Lars Hanson, Matt Locke, Tasha Dunker, Steve Giedt, Travis Antonson, Brenda Waage, David Blackmun, Mitchell Locke, Bary Keith, Jerry Locke, Jarod Flihs, Doug Hamilton, Joe Foertsch and Steve Diegel;

Planning and Zoning Commission members @ \$25/meeting or \$50/special meeting: Les Hinds, Gordon Nelson, Jeff Steen, and Chris Khali;

Elected Officials: Mayor Scott Hanlon @ \$625/mon; Council Members: David McGannon, David Blackmun, Ed Opp, Karyn Babcock, Jay Peterson, and Burt Glover @ \$3,000/year;

City Employees: Hope Block, Finance Officer @ \$22.50/hr; Peggy Locke, Deputy Finance Officer @ 21.22/hr; April Ablen, Assistant Finance Officer & Police Secretary @ 20.79/hr;

Stacy Mayou, Police Chief @ 5054.14/mon; Jerry Bjerke, Asst Chief @ 4551.82/mon; Justin Cleveland, Police Officer Level 1 @ 4384.38/mon; David Hunter, Police Officer Level 2 @ 3889.34/mon;

Terry Herron, Public Works Coordinator & Street & Water Supt @ 28.35/hr; Dwight Zerr, Wastewater Supt @ 25.14/hr; Shawn Lambertz, Electric Supt @ 36.95/hr; Dan Sunne, Electric Lineman @ 31.85/hr; Brandon Abeln, Asst Street Supt @ 23.21/hr; Paul Kosel, Technology Specialist @ 24.55/hr;

Hannah Lewandowski, Warming House Manager @ \$9.25/hr + \$250/mon; and Erin Unzen, Tanae Lipp, Lee Iverson, Dragr Monson, Alexis Hanten, Anthony Schinkel, Jasmine Schinkel, Taylor Holm and Kellie Jones, Warming House Attendants @ \$8.65/hr.

Mayor Hanlon appointed Cody Lindgren as a Planning and Zoning Commission member with a term expiring January 2021.

Hanlon also reappointed Jeff Steen as the secretary of the Planning and Zoning Commission with a new term expiring January 2023.

Council announced the April 10th election date with two-year terms expiring:

Dave Blackmun
Dave McGannon
Burt Glover

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to allow Hanlon to sign the 2018 South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance agreement. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items

1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:35 pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:20pm.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to announce a special meeting January 10, 2018 at 7:00pm. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
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I have diabetes; I'm NOT a diabetic



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

was a new issue or part of a larger battle that had been going on for months to years. "Thank you," he said.

I was confused. "Thank you for what?" I asked. That was not the expected answer. "For asking me how long I had diabetes and not calling me a diabetic," he said.

For all intents and purposes, for me as a third-year medical student, the questions were identical. I did not realize there would be any significance to the phrase I chose.

My patient continued, "Diabetes is something that I have, not who I am. It does not define me. I am so much more than this disease." This gentleman's, my patient's, comment made me pause. When I walked into his room I had a lot of data about him, but no knowledge of him.

He went on to tell me about his life, his family, his prior job. He spoke of all the things that changed after his diagnosis and all the things that stayed the same. He no longer was the "diabetic in room 26", a task that I must complete, he was a person who needed my help. He had a name and a rich history that the medical chart did not record. This quick conversation completely changed how I interacted with him for the rest of his stay in the hospital and every patient I have encountered since.

I have a gentle reminder for you and me, like my gentleman gave me all those years ago: you are not a disease or a chronic illness; you are a person who is looking for help to improve your health. It is easy to let a chronic illness become one's identity and become the only subject discussed at a clinic visit. Remind us that there is so much more to your story, because sometimes we get busy and forget; we are human too.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

While the Minnesota Vikings were sitting at home, resting and healing during their much-deserved bye week, eight teams were battling it out for the right to advance to the divisional round of the NFL playoffs. After the dust settled on the first week of the playoffs, the Vikings matchup is set – and it's a familiar foe: the New Orleans Saints.

The Vikings and Saints met in week one of the season, but these two teams are certainly different than the ones that met on September 12. The Vikings were led by Sam Bradford in the previous matchup, and in his one healthy game of the year, Bradford played phenomenally – throwing for 346 yards and three touchdowns while leading the Vikings to an easy 29-19 win. The Vikings also had rookie Dalvin Cook, who carried the ball 22 times for 127 yards. It was a great opening to the 2017 season for the Vikings.

For the Saints, the game couldn't have gone much worse. Drew Brees only had 216 yards, before adding another 75-yards and a touchdown in the Saints final drive of the game that started with four minutes left in the fourth quarter – what most people would call garbage time. This game was also supposed to be Adrian Peterson's "revenge game", but that didn't go so well, as he only gained 18 yards on six carries. As a team, the Saints only rushed for 60 yards, with their longest run of the game being a 9-yard carry by Peterson.

Getting back to the present, the Vikings are looking at a much more difficult matchup this time around. The Saints traded Adrian Peterson after week 4, which ended up being their best move of the season since it allowed their other two running backs – veteran Mark Ingram and rookie Alvin Kamara – to flourish. In fact, this was the first time in NFL history a pair of running backs from the same team each had 1500 yards from scrimmage. Drew Brees had a down year in 2017 (which is still a great season for any other quarterback in the NFL), but that's okay because he didn't need to put the team on his back because of the explosive running game and the Saints' much improved defense. The Saints defense has been historically bad over the past few seasons – in points per game, they finished 28th in 2014, 32nd in 2015, and 31st in 2016. This season, however, the Saints are 10th in the NFL, allowing only 20.4 points per game.

After their 31-26 win over the Carolina Panthers, Saints head coach Sean Payton had this to say about the Minnesota Vikings "their team has been outstanding and deservedly seeded the way they are. They're playing great defense, running the ball well; every time you watch them, they're doing the necessary things to win. Understanding all that, it'll be a challenging week, and we'll have to be on-point to handle it."

This will be a tough game for the Vikings, perhaps the most difficult for the team in their pursuit of the Super Bowl. The game will be on Fox, and will start at 3:40 p.m. on Sunday, January 14. The Vikings have opened as four-point favorites, likely because the game will be played in Minnesota where the Vikings are 7-1 (the Saints are 4-4 on the road this season). The biggest key for the Vikings will be establishing the run game, which will allow them to keep their offense on the field and perhaps more importantly, keep Drew Brees off the field. The Vikings defense will be tested against the Saints and their plethora of playmakers, but I have no doubt they will be up to the task. This should be a win for the purple and gold, and should also provide a slight amount of payback to New Orleans for the "bountygate" scandal from 2009. Skol!

A quick note: four Vikings were named to the Associated Press All-Pro team. Xavier Rhodes and Harrison Smith were voted for the All-Pro 1st team, while Adam Thielen and Everson Griffen are on the 2nd team.

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



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Jonathan Doeden
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Johnsons are Fourth Place GDI Lighting Festival Contest Winners

The Matt and Casey Johnson at 225 E. 11th Ave. of Groton won fourth place in the GDI Lighting Festival Contest. They received a \$10 gift certificate for both Subday and the Groton Dairy Queen from the Groton Daily Independent. Pictured are Julianna Kosel on the left and Jeslyn Kosel on the right. In the middle are Matt Johnson holding Bentley and Casey Johnson holding Paisley. (Photo by Tina Kosel)



Brodyn DeHoet
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Nicole Marzahn
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



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Eliza Wanner
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Payton Maine
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



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Anderson takes first; Locke takes third at Miller Wrestling Tourney

Brandyn Anderson took first place at the Miller-Highmore/Harold Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in Miller. In the championship match of the heavyweight division, he pinned Dawson Lensing of Wagner in 1:42.

Meanwhile in the 220 pound division, Wyatt Locke took third place with a sudden death overtime win over Jory Rodgers of Philip Area, 5-3. (Photos courtesy Kara Anderson)



Brandyn Anderson

Wyatt Locke

Trinity needs a new roof

The Groton Community Historical Society ("GCHS") announces the kick-off of a fund-raising campaign to re-roof the Historic Trinity Church located at 3rd Street and 3rd Avenue near downtown Groton. The capital fund drive seeks to raise \$25,000 as matching funds for a Deadwood Fund grant.

An Episcopal congregation built the church in 1884, but it served several other denominations in its early years until those denominations could build their own houses of worship. It also served as a center for residents of the newly formed town of Groton to come together and gather as a community. In 1975, the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota deconsecrated the church from the Diocese and deeded it to the Brown County Historical Society ("BCHS"). The BCHS immediately re-roofed the church, and made other improvements including installation of protective plexiglass window coverings and painting and restoration of the chapel itself. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

By 2012, membership in the BCHS had decreased to the point where the Society could no longer maintain the church, so they offered it to the City of Aberdeen to be moved to Wylie Park. Groton citizens responded by taking a new interest in the church, determined to keep it in its original location. This revival of interest was led by Groton minister Paul Kosel, who held nondenominational services there during the summers of 2013 to 2015. In 2016, the GCHS was formed for the sole purpose of maintaining and preserving the church. GCHS is a Federal non-profit organization, so all donations to the roof fund are fully tax deductible. GCHS Officers are "Topper" Tastad, President; Richard Kolker, Secretary; and Marcy Blackmun, Treasurer. Board Members are Clint Fjelstad and Jay Waage.

A South Dakota Historical Society publication, Building South Dakota, notes that in 1890, there were 153 Episcopal churches in South Dakota similar to the Groton Church, all built utilizing designs by a famous New York architect, Richard Upjohn, who provided free plans for small rural churches which could be built by lay carpenters utilizing local materials. The Historical Society publication labeled the Groton church "the sole survivor" of the 153 similar churches scattered throughout South Dakota in 1890. This makes the Groton church truly a unique historical monument and an asset to our community.

Unhappily, the church is in dire need of a new roof. Missing shingles and holes in the roof have allowed water to seep in and deteriorate the underlying roof boards. It is anticipated that a large portion of the roofing boards will have to be removed and replaced before new shingles can be installed. Serious trimming of the huge tree north



of the church is also planned. The Society is seeking a grant of \$25,000 for the project, which must be matched by cash or in-kind labor.

The preservation of this unique historical monument is now dependent on all the citizens, churches, organizations and businesses of Groton. Tax-deductible donations can be made to the GCHS by dropping off checks payable to GCHS at S & S Lumber, or by mailing them to GCHS, 210 Third Street, Groton. Questions may be directed to Topper Tastad at (605) 397-7337 or dakotabrush@nvc.net. The Society greatly appreciates any and all donations.

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