



The lights are here!

The LED lights for US12 in Groton have arrived! Installation has begun. One of the poles is pictured here beside the base that it will be installed on.



The captains from Groton and Ipswich and the officials meet at center court prior to the start of the game. Groton's captains are Marshall Lane, Brandon Keith and Seric Shabazz. (Photo by

Julianna Kosel)



Build Dakota Presentation

Groton Area School hosted a Build Dakota Seminar for students in grades 11-12 on January 9, 2018 in the GHS Arena. The focus of the presentation was to explain the Build Dakota Scholarship and industry partnership programs and the benefits of the program for businesses and the community. The presentation also connected students with local businesses and gave information about the high-need workforce areas.

The Build Dakota Scholarship program provides full tuition and fees scholarships for certain programs at the SD technical schools. Students must be interested in high tech and high need occupations and be willing to stay in SD to work for three years in the technical field following graduation. Students must apply early, be accepted into eligible program, and fill out the scholarship application by the deadline (March 31, 2018). More information is available at <http://www.builddakotascholarships.com/>.

Welcome Back Columbia City!

The Groton Independent is happy to announce that the City of Columbia has designated the Independent once again as its official newspaper. Cara Dennert is the new finance officer for Columbia.

The Groton Independent is the official newspaper for Brown County (Maxine Fischer, county auditor), the Groton Area School District (Mike Weber, business manager), Frederick Area School District (Janel Wagner, business manager), and the municipalities of Groton (Hope Block, finance officer), Frederick (Diane Bruns, finance officer), Columbia (Cara Dennert, finance officer), Claremont (Charla Rye, finance officer) and Westport (Doreen Hertel, finance officer).

The notices of vacancy, including one for the South Brown Conservation District, are printed this week on page 3.

Possibility of six-man football discussed

By Dana Hess For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — In many South Dakota communities, Friday nights in the fall are set aside for high school football games. In smaller towns, continuing that tradition may depend on going to six-man teams.

That possibility was discussed at Wednesday's meeting of the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors. SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand told the board that the matter had been discussed and unanimously endorsed by the football advisory committee.

Krogstrand said that schools with an average daily membership of 100 or less were surveyed about the possibility of going from nine-man to six-man football. More than 40 percent of the 112 respondents showed some level of favorability to adding six-man football to the offerings of the SDHSAA.

Notes from the advisory committee, available at the SDHSAA website at www.sdhsaa.com, say that adding six-man football would likely mean that fewer schools would offer nine-man football, requiring a realignment of the remaining nine-man teams.

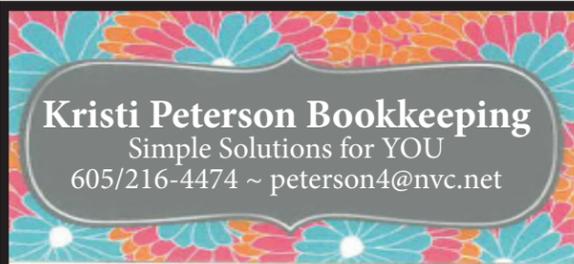
Krogstrand said the change to the smaller teams may be necessary "to keep football Friday alive."

The advisory committee's recommendation will now go to a meeting of the state's high school athletic directors. Any action endorsed by the athletic directors would then need to come before the SDHSAA board for its approval.

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Friendly Fellows and Daisies

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H club met on January 7, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Nicole Marzahn. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clay Crawford and the 4-H pledge was led by Dylan Frey.

Roll Call topic was favorite food. The treasurers report was approved by Carly Crawford and seconded by Austin Crawford.

Old business was the Christmas Party. Old business was closed by Ashlyn Warrington and seconded by Logan Warrington.

New business was the newshound, archery, fruit sales, market for the livestock, ski trip dues and the fairy garden was closed by Braden Boe seconded by Axel Warrington.

Other business was skating and pizza party. The meeting was adjourned by Kamryn Fliehs and seconded by Braden Boe.

Axel Warrington did a talk on Snare drumming and Natalia Warrington gave a talk on Yarn Wrapped Jars.

Lunch served by the Jason Warrington family
 Submitted by Kamryn Fliehs, club reporter

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Friendly Fellows and Daisies

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H Club met on Dec 3, 2017 at the Claremont Methodist Church for it's annual Christmas Party.

Members and their families included Kaitlyn and Stacy Anderson; Braden, Mandy and Mark Boe; Clay, Austin, Carly, Colby and Anissa Crawford; Dylan, Colin, Mike and Sara Frey; Nicole, Andrew, Renee and Wade Marzahn; Mallory, Hannah, Tucker and Melissa Miller; Blake, Hailey, Brad and Michelle Pauli; Logan, Mike and Molly Ringgenberg; Logan, Ashlyn, Greyson, Jason and Robyn Warrington; Axel, Novalea, Natalia and Neil Warrington; Madilyn, Lynn and Stephen Wright; Kamryn, Karsten, Braeden, Jaela, Lance and JoAnn Fliehs; Walker, Parker, Darin and Anne Zoellner.

Guests included: Robert and Deloris Bruns, Bernice Doctor, Brent and Barb Miller, Jackie Pigott, Janice Fliehs, Royal and LeAnn Tople, Roy and Karen Boe, Connie Anderson, Yvonne Gibbs, Virginia Pulfrey, Janet and Ken Frey, Judy Pierson, Diane and Leo Warrington.

Attendees played card bingo with lots of prizes that were won. The members sang Christmas carls and gave reindeer hot chocolate mix as Christmas gifts to our guests.

For the Community Service project the 4-H members brought food items for the BAGS program in the Aberdeen Area for kids in need.

Leader Mike Frey announced each member of the club along with their accomplishments from the year.

Logan, Ashlyn and Natalia Warrington entertained the guests with selections on the piano.

The group watched a slide show of the past year's activities of both the club and individual accomplishments of the members.

The Christmas party ended with a potluck supper and desserts.

The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2018 at the Skate Away in Aberdeen
 Submitted by Kamryn Fliehs, club reporter

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Kiwanis News

Twelve members and one guest attended Wednesday noon's Kiwanis Club meeting.

President Reed Litch led the business meeting.

Tom Mahan was program chairman, and introduced Hope Block, city finance officer. Hope fielded many questions regarding our city. Our member, Scott Hanlon, also added valuable information on the subject.

Next week's program chairman is Chuck Padfield. Followed by Tom Paepke.

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Frederick School Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6-2

The following school board positions will become vacant due to the expiration of the present terms of office.

School Board Member, 3 year term

School Board Member, 3 year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26, 2018 and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at 202 E Main St, Frederick, SD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., central time, not later than February 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

Janel Wagner
(0117.0124)

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Groton School Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

The following school board positions will become vacant July 1, 2018, due to the expiration of the present terms of office of the following school board members:
Kara Pharis, 3-year term
Martin D. Weismantel, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26, 2018, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at Groton Area High School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., central standard time not later than February 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

Michael J. Weber, Business Official

Groton Area School District
(2t. Jan 15 & Jan 22, 2018)

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Columbia City Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF COLUMBIA
The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elected officer.

Andrew Davis – Councilperson 1 – 2 year term

Elen Harr – Councilperson 2 – 2 year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26, 2018, and petitions may be filed at City Hall located at 10 North Broadway, Columbia, SD between the hours of 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. central standard time not later than the 23rd day of February, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
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Frederick Town Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK

The following offices will become vacant due to expiration of the present term of office of the elected officers.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
1 YEAR TERM - Gary Schlosser
3 YEAR TERM - R. Scott Campbell

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26, 2018, and petitions may be filed in the Finance Office located at 406 1/2 3rd Avenue, Frederick, SD, (behind the Community Center) between the hours of 9:15 AM and 11 AM (Central Standard Time) on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Final day for turning in petition is February 23, 2018, when the Finance Office will be open until 5:00 PM.

Diane Bruns
Frederick Finance Officer
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Groton City Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elected officer.

David Blackmun – Councilperson Ward 1 – 2 year term

David McGannon – Councilperson Ward 2 – 2 year term

Burt Glover – Councilperson Ward 3 – 2 year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26, 2018, and petitions may be filed at City Hall located at 209 N Main, Groton, SD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central standard time not later than the 23rd day of February, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
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Claremont Town Notice of Vacancy

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office.

3 year term - trustee

Circulation of the nomination petitions may begin on January 26, 2018 and petitions may be filed with the finance officer at 501 6th St in Claremont, SD. 57432. Petitions must be filed not later than 5 p.m. on February 23, 2018.

CO Rye, Finance Officer
Town of Claremont
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South Brown Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF CONSERVATION-DISTRICT SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

The South Brown Conservation District

Board of Supervisors

As of December 31, 2018, there will be two (2) vacancies on the South Brown Conservation District Board of Supervisors due to the expiration of the current terms of office of Supervisor #2 and Supervisor #3.

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 1, 2018 and petition may be filed in the office of the county auditor located in the county courthouse during regular business hours. The deadline for filing nominating petitions is July 1, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. central time, with the auditor.

All parties interested in election to the board please contact Lindsey Simon, District Manager, South Brown Conservation District Office at (605) 226-3360 x3.
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Frederick Town January 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Town of Frederick
January 2018 Minutes

The Frederick Town Board meeting was opened by Chairman R. Scott Campbell Monday evening, January 8, 2018. He lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending included Board Members Troy Millard and Gary Schlosser, and Finance Officer Diane Bruns.

The Minutes of December's meeting were read and approved with one correction, omission of a sentence in December's 'Other Old Business'. Motion made by GS/TM. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report for December was read and approved with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

January's Accounts Payable were approved with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

A&B Business Solutions sup Wtr/Swr/Garb \$447.86; Badger Meter Meter Fees 2 mos Wtr \$231.40; Community Store sup CC \$16.27; Dakota Pump & Control Lagoon Inspection Swr \$560; DENR Oper Cert Renewal Wtr \$6; DENR Discharge Permit Swr \$250; Dependable Sanitation 4th Qtr Garbage Pick-up Garb \$3693; D. Bruns wage CC \$134.76; D. Bruns, Contract Labor \$272.50; D. Bruns, FO wage+OT FO \$1120.19; FDC Econ Dev Econ Dev \$1200; FU Oil Co Propane EBL/CC-FH \$571.80; JC Campbell, Inc. FO Bond FO \$525; G. Schlosser wage Gen'l \$46.17; GDI legals Gen'l \$41.51; JVT phones, Int, services Gen'l/FO/

Wtr/EBL \$299.40; M. Cox wage EBL \$506.02; MDU elect Sts/FO/CC/EBL/BP/SP/FH/Wtr/Swr \$1309.29; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$92.35; R. Bakeberg, Sexton Cem \$200.87; R. Bakeberg, Utilities Sts/Wtr/Swr \$247.97; R. Bakeberg, Veh Allow Sts/Wtr/Swr \$75; SD Dept of Rev Lab Wtr \$15; SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb \$64.46; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; USDA-RD AP Water Repair \$475; US Treasury 4th Qtr Employee Tax Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/STs/Wtr/Swr/LF \$2121.54; WEB Water 741,000 gallons Wtr \$2901.54. Total Accounts Payable \$17470.71.

OLD BUSINESS:

Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg was not present but gave a Utility Report earlier stating the pump at the Water Tower is running.

Frederick Forward - No action on request for funds

Emma Burnham Library - The 4th Quarter and Year-end Report was accepted with a motion by GS/TM. Motion Carried.

Historical Society - no representation

Frederick Development Corporation - no representation

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

DENR recommendations from September have been met; Change on Appropriated number noted; another clean-up letter will be sent.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter will be sent to area Townships, along with the Annual CC Financial Report, requesting a donation for Community Center upkeep.

An annual Inspection Agreement from Dakota Pump & Control to inspect pumping equipment, was approved with a motion by SC/TM. Motion Carried.

Renewal of Environmental fees from DENR were noted.

Upcoming Board Member election is scheduled for 2nd Tues in April. No changes were made. Frederick will have a 3-year term and a 1-year term opening. Petitions will be available for pick up at the Finance Office beginning January 26, 2018.

Discussion was held on the Employee Salary Resolution. An hourly raise was given to Rich Bakeberg, UT Mgr., from \$11 to \$13 an hour with Base + Vehicle Allowance staying the same.

The scheduling for the Community Center was raised from \$5/monthly to \$25/monthly. The maintenance remains at \$10.50.

An hourly wage for Mavis Cox, Librarian at Emma Burnham Library, was raised a quarter to \$11/hourly.

At this time it was motioned the board go into Executive Session. Motion was made by SC/TM. Motion Carried.

Coming out of Executive Session a motion was made to raise Diane Bruns, Finance Officer, wage \$100 a month to \$1400/monthly and also to hire an Assistant Finance Officer at \$850 a month. Motion made by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

All these raises passed, all others remain the same.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A brochure and registration for an EM101 Workshop came from Director of Brown County Emergency Management, Scott Meints.

SDML is hosting the '2018 Municipal Government Day at the Legislatures' in Pierre is February 6-7.

An invitation to join Arts South Dakota was presented. No action.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss the Frederick Board meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM with a motion by GS/TM. Motion Carried.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday evening, February 5, 2018, in the Frederick Community Center. Finance Office number is 605-329-2242. SDCL 1-25-1

Diane Bruns, Finance Officer
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Groton City Jan. 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2018

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Community Center for a special meeting. The following members present were: Blackmun, McGannon, Opp, Glover, Peterson, Babcock, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Block and Attorney Johnson.

At 7:01 p.m. the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover to discuss personnel matters under SDCL 1-25-2 (1).

All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 8:32 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Hope Block, Finance Officer
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Westport Town Jan. 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

January 8th 2018

The Town of Westport met on January 8th, 2018 with Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson, and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General

NWPS (\$430.88), Groton Independent (\$13.40), SD Unemployment Insurance (\$10.92), US treasury (\$460.84) Postmaster- Stamps (\$302.00) & US treasury (\$56.16).

Sewer

NWPS (\$47.51), NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13), & SD-DENR (\$50.00)

Water

WEB (\$1,001.21), Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00) & Water Maintenance District (\$321.43)

Tim Selzler made motion to pay all bills; second by Mike Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General

Brown County Collections (\$1,399.74), The Shed (\$900.00), State of SD (\$852.01), Interest (\$25.69), & Sacred Heart Church (\$1,514.80).

Sewer

Resident Payments - (\$1,679.00).

Water

Resident Payments - (\$3,067.07).

NEW BUSINESS:

The city is working on replacing street signs that are missing or that have been down.

Pump 1 at the lift station has been going turning off. So a discussion was held on the sewer project. It was voted on just to have the lift station done. Mike made the motion to approve the lift station project and Tim seconded the motion.

It was approved by all members of the board to raise the hourly rate to \$20.00 for city maintenance or repair for board members. They were coming back while working and losing that income from their jobs.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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Frederick Town 2018 Salary Ordinance

2018 PAYROLL ORDINANCE #205

The following salaries have been apportioned to Frederick City Employees for the year 2018. A motion was made at the monthly Frederick Board Meeting January 8, 2018, by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

General Administrative Salaries

R. Scott Campbell, Board Chairman, \$25/Chrman + \$25/Meeting

Troy Millard, Board Member, \$25/Meeting

Gary Schlosser, Board Member, \$25/Meeting

Mowing, general, \$10/hour

Cemeter Salary/City

Richard Bakeberg, Wayside Cemetery Sexton, \$500/Year (semi annually)

Streets, Water, Sewer Salary

Richard Bakeberg, UT Manager, \$13/hour + \$100 Base + \$75/vehicle allowance

Community Center Salary

Diane Bruns, Maintenance/Scheduling, \$10.50/hour Maintenance + \$25 /month Scheduling

Finance Office Salaries

Diane Bruns, Finance Officer, \$1400/month

Assistant Finance Officer, \$850/month

Emma Burnham Library

Mavis Cox, Librarian, \$11/hour

Landfill Salary

Edgar Head, Supervisor, \$10/hour

Diane Bruns, Finance Officer

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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 25, 2021

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Brown County Jan. 8, 2018 Joint Minutes

JANUARY 8, 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, Lunznan, Olson, Remily, Ronayne, Rux, Slight-Hansen and Mayor Levsen. Present from County were Commissioners Sutton, Fischbach and Chair Fjeldheim. Commissioners Hansen and Kippley were absent.

ORDINANCE #18-01-01 /473:

On motion by Rux and seconded by Slight-Hansen, the City unanimously voted to approve First Reading of Ordinance #18-01-01 /473.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve First Reading of Ordinance #18-01-01/473, An Ordinance to amend Section 48-127(5) of Chapter 48 – Subdivision, incorporating Chapter 46, Article II-Sidewalks of the City Code to require sidewalks on certain real estate where sidewalks do not exist upon the public right-of-way immediately adjacent to the real estate. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County
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Minutes

JANUARY 9, 2018 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the Joint City County Meeting Minutes and the General Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,395.76; Auditor \$8,151.53; Treasurer \$13,707.25; States Attorney \$23,821.75; SVAWA Grant \$1,282.08; Maintenance \$7,938.59; Assessor \$14,106.92; Register of Deeds \$9,497.34; Veterans Service Office \$4,197.77; GIS \$2,347.50; Information Technology \$7,847.59; Human Resources \$3,144.00; Sheriff Admin \$37,394.33; Jail \$55,898.52; Coroner \$3,000.00; JDC \$24,226.33; Welfare Office \$4,959.76; Museum \$8,251.53; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,807.35; Fair Board \$3,832.82; 4-H \$605.21; Planning and Zoning \$2,583.34; Highway \$46,088.67; Communications \$26,987.80; Emergency Management \$4,039.58; Teen Court \$174.56; 24/7 \$3,270.22; Landfill \$11,777.48.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$20,095.49; Medicare \$4,723.94; HSA \$75.00.

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$1,178.27.

Professional Fees: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$335.00; AWS \$1,795.00; Clark Engineering \$10,995.00; DakotaAbilities \$100.00; Ryan Dell \$244.40; Devnet \$3,281.25; Dohrer Law Office \$1,212.60; Dware \$2,750.00; Haar Law Office \$179.54; Helm's & Assoc. \$30,800.00; Andrea Heupel \$70.00; IAAO \$210.00; LBG \$20,350.45; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$90.00; Nat'l Emergency Number Assoc. \$137.00; Police

Legal Sciences \$1,920.00; Pulse-Point Foundation \$8,000.00; Registration Max \$750.00; Richardson, Wily, Wise & Sauck \$799.00; Aaron Salberg \$1,775.00; Schneider Corp. \$2,265.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$507,740.88; SD DOT \$25,348.29; SD Retirement System \$11,570.78; SD Sheriff's Assoc. \$1,595.93; SD Teen Court Assn. \$1,137.27; SDACHS \$275.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$3,237.00; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$376.00; Tyler Technologies \$23,473.57.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$487.60; Glacial Lakes & Prairie Tourism \$155.00; Groton Independent \$178.55; Hub City Radio \$300.00.

Rentals: Northern Electric \$1,200.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: DFP \$243.00; Dakota Tree Co. \$1,045.00; Ecolab \$113.62; Leon Gaiowski \$3,536.85; Graham Tire \$14.98; HF Jacobs & Son \$48,005.75; Hoven Auto Repair \$48.00; J Gross Equip. \$475.00; Newman Signs \$6.28; Overhead Door \$255.71; Pauer Sound \$83.07; Pierson-Ford \$276.82; Spillman Technologies \$42,259.37; TranSource Truck & Equip. \$5,141.11; Vosika Fencing \$523.18; Walth Safety Service \$214.00.

Supplies: A&B Business \$1.56; Ameripride Services \$144.86; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Bonnie Bitz \$240.00; Cartney Bearing \$50.16; Civic Research Institute \$179.95; Dakota Electronics \$150.00; DFP \$308.03; Dakota Mailing \$762.66; Dakota Oil \$357.00; Danko \$263.01; Dean Foods \$524.79; Earthgrains \$523.35; Farnam's \$19.99; Fastenal \$41.16; Geffdog \$59.98; GovConnection \$866.30; Hanlon Brothers \$153,912.68; Hanse Service Center \$46.27; Heartland Paper \$32.72; HF Jacobs & Son \$74,900.74; J Gross Equip. \$120.51; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$71.98; Menards \$73.39; MOCIC \$150.00; NCFE- Warner \$22,858.96; Newman Signs \$70.70; Noble Industrial Supply Corp. \$1,306.62; Overhead Door \$29.95; Pitney Bowes \$15,126.00; PowerPlan \$405.88; Productivity Plus \$234.83; Running's \$7.99; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$26.49; Satellite Tracking of People \$133.25; Schwan Welding \$84.80; Sewing Shoppe \$56.50; Sherwin Williams \$196.62; Sioux

City Foundry \$4,176.00; SD Redbook Fund \$2,045.18; West Payment Center \$1,159.80; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$81.98.

Travel & Conference: IAFE \$750.00; Mark Milbrandt \$337.00.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,111.77; AT&T \$107.98; BDM Rural Water \$36.00; CenturyLink \$49.12; Midcontinent \$421.38; NWPS \$4,720.37; Richmond Lake Sanitary Dist. \$2,700.00; Town of Frederick \$50.00; Web Water Development \$75.48.

Other: Glacial Lakes & Prairie Tourism \$750.00; NECOG \$24,344.34; SDACO \$1,170.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to declare scrap metal from the Highway Department and Maintenance Department surplus for purpose of sale. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to acknowledge receipt of revenue generated at Centennial Village during 2017 in amount of \$9,900.18 and further designate the \$9,900.18 as assigned fund balance to finance current and future maintenance and improvements at the Fairgrounds, as per the agreement. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RYC HAY CUTTING LEASE OPTION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign 2017 renewal option for lease of approximately 21 acres of county hay land located at the Richmond Lake Youth Camp, located in Sec 24-T124N-R65W, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPERATING TRANSFER: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the following operating transfer from the General Fund #101-911-191 in total amount of \$1,000,000.00 to Road and Bridge Fund #201-4.371 @ \$1,000,000.00, as reflected in the 2018 General Fund Budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF/JAIL/JDC CLOTHING POLICY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the 2018 Employee Clothing Policy, submitted by Mark Milbrandt for the Sheriff Department, Jail and JDC/HD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT SECURITY: Mark Milbrandt, Tom Schmitt, Paul Sivertsen, Judy Dosch, Scott Meints and Susan Compaan met to discuss Court Security. After discussion the following action ensued: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to: 1) lock all Courtrooms when not in use; 2) authorize advertising for two certified Officers and one non-certified Officer; and further state that the need for any part-time non-certified Officers will be addressed at a later date. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Kippley-nay, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

COURT SECURITY FUNDING: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to put the Fairgrounds Wi-Fi Project on hold and review all budgets for possible expenditure deferral for purpose of reserving cash for the possibility of a budget supplement for the Court Security Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with Dakota Pump & Control for Annual Inspection of the Annex Pump Station in amount of \$900.00

for 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with Honeywell Building Solutions to provide equipment and services on designated automation system hardware and software in amount of \$4,968.22 for 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with Honeywell Building Solutions to provide equipment and services on designated flex temperature control systems and on designated flex mechanical maintenances systems in amount of \$21,366.93 for 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to authorize Judy Dosch, Maintenance Supervisor to draft specs for Highway Tuck Pointing Project and Prime/Paint Jail Cell Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

INVENTORY TRANSFER: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve inventory transfer of Decal #3378 2007 Chev Tahoe from the Sheriff's Department to the Director of Equalization Department. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT SECURITY DISCUS-

SION: Susan Compaan, Court Administrator explained that various doors used in conjunction with the Courtrooms are not opened by fobs, but still need keys and requested that seven individuals be allowed to keep their keys for access to these doors. The Board concurred.

BACKGROUND CHECK AGREEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to authorize Chair Fjeldheim sign background check agreement electronically. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session to consult with attorney, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance; and to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Chris White, Gary Vetter and Gene Loeschke 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.

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

Acknowledge dismissal of Michael Hauke Jr, Equalization Director, effective 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 5, 2018; and further name Gene Loeschke as Interim

Equalization Director until position is re-opened and filled.

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective January 14, 2018: Jesse Milbrandt @ 18.84 per hour, Jackie Ormand @ \$17.32 per hour.

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of December 2017: Kendall Titze – 108 @ \$57.78, Dirk Rogers – 608 @ \$325.28, Mike Scott – 190 @ \$101.65, Gary Vetter – 109 @ \$58.32.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ASSESSMENT DISCUSSION: Gene Loeschke, Interim Equalization Director explained that all assessments in Brown County are completed in compliance with State Law and the former Director has already submitted the 2018 assessment plan to the SD Department of Revenue using the same methodology as in the past.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:41 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Fans treated to a triple feature of close games with Ipswich

Basketball fans were treated to three close games Tuesday evening as the Groton Area boys hosted Ipswich.

In the C game, Riley Thurston made a three-pointer with three seconds left to lift Groton Area to a 27-25 come from behind win. Groton trailed by as many as 10 points early in the fourth quarter. Chandler Larson led the Tigers with seven points followed by Tristan Traphagen with six, Jackson Cogley and Riley Thurston each had five and Anthony Schinkel and Lucas Simon each added two points.

The junior varsity boys also came from behind to edge out a 36-34 win. Darien Shabazz and Treyton Deigel each had nine points, Kaden Kurtz had seven, Cade Guthmiller six, Austin Jones three and Tristan Traphagen added two points.

The finale showcased two evenly matched teams where the game was tied five times and the lead changed hands eight times before Ipswich pulled out a 37-33 win. Dylan Northrop made two free throws with 48 seconds left to give Ipswich a 35-33 lead. Groton had the ball, but turned it over with 25 seconds left. Forced to foul, Northrop made one of two free throws to make a three-point game, 36-33. Groton still had 24 seconds left on the clock, but ended up throwing the ball away with 3.9 seconds left. Groton fouled Northrop again with 3.2 seconds left and he made one of two free throws for the finale 37-33 win.

Brodyn DeHoet led all scorers with 19 points, nine rebounds and three steals. Marshall Lane added four points, Andrew Rintala and Brandon Keith each had three points and Jonathan Doeden and Seric Shabazz each had two points.

Dylan Northrop led Ipswich with 16 points followed by Josh Burgod with eight, William Kadlec had five, Ben Kulea had four and Jacob Nierman added two points.

Groton Area held a 16-13 lead after the first quarter. Groton Area made 53 percent of its field goals and Ipswich made 31 percent in the first quarter. Ipswich outscored Groton Area, 10-7, to tie the game at half time at 23. In the second quarter, Groton Area made 27 percent of its field goals and Ipswich made 25 percent. The third quarter was very low scoring with both teams scoring four points to send a 27-27 score into the fourth quarter. Groton Area made 22 percent of its shots in the third quarter and Ipswich made 20 percent. In the final period, Groton Area made 13 percent of its field goals and Ipswich made 26 percent.

For the game, Groton Area was 15 of 47 from the field for 32 percent, two of 21 in three-pointers for 10 percent, was one of two from the free throw line off of Ipswich's 10 team fouls, had eight assists with Lane having three, and 20 turnovers with 11 of them being steals as Ben Kulesa snatched the ball away four times and Northrop three.

Ipswich made 11 of 25 field goals for 31 percent, three of 11 three-pointers for 27 percent, was 12 of 21 from the line for 57 percent off of Groton Area's 20 team fouls, had three assists with Kulesa having two, and 18 turnovers of which 10 were steals with DeHoet and Shabazz each having three steals. Ipswich had the edge on the boards, 31-29, with Kadlec having eight for Ipswich.

According to the Ipswich Tribune, it was only the fourth time since 2007 that Ipswich has beaten Groton. Ipswich won in 2015-16, 60-38, in 2008-09, 59-44 and in 2007-08, 85-57.

Action continues on Thursday for Groton Area as the Tigers will be hosting cross-county rival, Aberdeen Roncalli.

- Paul Kosel



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Lady Tigers beat Langford Area

The Lady Tigers posted a 45-32 win over the Langford Area Lions in basketball action played Monday evening in Groton.

Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 14-9, 24-18 and 37-30. The Tigers made 35 percent of its field goals while the Lions made 22 percent for the game which included an ice cold 6 percent in the fourth quarter.

Harleigh Stange led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Payton Maine with nine, Jessica Bjerke and Jennie Doeden each had six, Miranda Hanson and Eliza Wanner each had five and Nicole Marzahn added three points.

Maine had 10 of the team's 33 rebounds, Stange had three of the team's eight steals, and Hanson and Wanner each had three of the team's 10 assists, the Tigers had 11 turnovers and 14 team fouls. Groton Area made six of 10 free throws, 12 of 34 field goals and five of 15 three-pointers.

Ady Dwight led the Lions with 11 points followed by Addy Taylor with 10, Chesney Olson had five and adding two points each were Brandy Peterson, Janeda Hesse and Maddie Reints. The Lions made four of 17 free throws and had 11 team fouls.

Kaycie Hawkins led the junior varsity team to its win with 11 points followed by Nicole Marzahn with eight points, Eliza Wanner had six points Kenzie McInerney had three and Grace Wambach added two points.

Sisseton boys run past Tigers

Sisseton made 51 percent of its field goals and forced 23 Groton Area turnovers to dominate the Northeast Conference Game with a 71-46 win at Sisseton.

Sisseton led at the quarterstops at 20-7, 37-16 and 62-32.

Brodyn DeHoet led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Seric Shabazz with nine, Treyton Diegel had eight, Jonathan Doeden six, Andrew Rintala three, Brandon Keith, Marshall Lane, Kaden Kurtz and Peyton Johnson each had two points and Anthony Sippel had one.

Groton Area made 36 percent of its field goals, was 12 of 16 from the line for 75 percent off of Sisseton's 17 team fouls, Seric Shabazz and Andrew Rintala each had two of the team's eight assists and 15 of Groton's 23 turnovers were steals.

Sisseton controlled the boards, 36-25 as the Tigers had only four offensive rebounds.

The Redmen were led in scoring by Dion Iyarpeya with 21 followed by Bonji Thompson with 17, Spencer Weatherstone 13, Nate Nielsen seven, Hunter Ryan and Ramsey Heinecke with four each, Ty Peterson had three and Caesten Archer added two points. The Redmen shot 51 percent from the field and made 50 percent of their three-pointers, was seven of 12 from the line for 58 percent off of Groton Area's 14 team fouls, had 10 assists and 14 turnovers of which seven were steals with Anthony Sippel having three.

Sisseton won the junior varsity game, 42-20. Scoring for the Tigers were Cade Guthmiller with 10, Kaden Kurtz four, Darien Shabazz three, Austin Jones two and Peyton Johnson added a free throw.

Dell Rapids slam dunks and 3-pointers have no mercy with Groton Area

You know it's going to be a long game when the opponent controls the tips and slam dunks the opening basket and then does it again. That, plus a three-point show that seems unstoppable. The mercy rule kicked in during the second half as Dell Rapids defeated Groton Area's boys team, 87-57.

Dell Rapids had the early lead and the Tigers came back to within one before the Quarriors scored 14 straight points. It was 27-13 after the first quarter, 47-24 at half time and 76-40

at the end of the third quarter.

Groton Area made 37 percent of its field goals, 31 percent of its three-pointers and 67 percent of its free throws. The Quarriors made 49 percent of their field goals, 42 percent of their 31 attempted three-pointers and 77 percent of their free throws.

Three players hit double figures for the Tigers with Brandon Keith and Brodyn DeHoet each having 11, Andrew Rintala had 10, Jonathan Doeden and Seric Shabazz each had seven, Treyton Diegel four, Anthony Sippel three and Peyton Johnson and Tristan Traphagen each had two points.

Mason Schmidt finished the night for Dell Rapids with five three-pointers and 33 points. He scored 18 of those points in the first quarter. Carson Rentz had 18 points followed by Jeffrey Schuch had nine, Elijah Story eight, Logan Heim seven, Eddie Price six, Drew Van Regenmorter three, Logan Ellingson two and Nick Boever one.

Dell Rapids controlled the boards both offensively and defensively. Offensive rebounds were 14-4 and defensive rebounds were 32-21.

The Tigers had more turnovers, 10-7, and more steals, 6-4, with Keith having two. The Quarriors had more assists, 22-14, with Shabazz having six, and fewer fouls, 13-9.

This game was the finale of the Redfield shoot-out held Saturday.

Doeden has double-double night against Sisseton

Groton Area Lady Tigers pulled out a 37-32 Northeast Conference win over Sisseton Thursday in action played at the Groton Area Arena. But the Tigers had little help from the free throw line, missing 21 shots.

The game was tied four times and the lead changed hands several times before Groton Area pulled away in the fourth quarter. Sisseton led after the first quarter, 9-5, and at half time, 17-14. The Tigers led at the end of the third quarter, 28-23.

Jennie Doeden had a double-double on the night with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Payton Maine added eight points followed by Miranda Hanson with seven, Harleigh Stange four, Jessica Bjerke three and Kaycie Hawkins added two points.

Scoring for the Redmen had Alyssn Maguuson with 12, Kiara LaFromboise with 11, Kellie Karst had three and adding two points each were Halle Williams, Libby Metenwald and Hannah Williams.

Groton Area made nine of 27 field goals for 33 percent, three of 16 three-pointers for 19 percent and 10 of 31 free throws for 32 percent. Stange and Bjerke each had four of the team's 12 steals, Maine had two of the team's five assists and the Tigers had 14 turnovers and 11 team fouls.

Sisseton made seven of 13 free throws for 54 percent and had 19 team fouls.

Groton Area is now 5-3 on the season and will host Langford Area on Monday.

Sisseton won the junior varsity game, 26-25. The Tigers missed two free opportunities with three seconds left to win the game. Groton Area made seven of 19 free throws for 37 percent and Sisseton was two of 13 from the line for 15 percent.

Kenzie McInerney came off the bench to lead the Tigers with eight points followed by Kaycie Hawkins with five and adding four points each were Eliza Wanner, Nicole Marzahn and Caitlyn Barse. Sheridan Swanson led the Redmen with eight points.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Chipmunks 11, Foxes 10, Shih Tzus 9, Cheetahs 9, Coyotes 5, Jackelopes 4

Men's High Games: Brad Larson 233, Mike Wiley 221, Mike Siegler 214, Ron Belden 205, 204, Brad Waage 204, Roger Colestock 204

Women's High Games: Sue Stanley 167, Karen Spanier 158, 155, Angie Carlson 155

Men's High Series: Brad Larson 574, Mike Siegler 556, Ron Belden 552

Women's High Series: Karen Spanier 456, Sue Stanley 446, Vicki Walter 437

Groton Coffee Cup League

Team Standings: James Valley 10, Jungle Lanes 7, Ten Pins 5, Kens 2.

High Games: LaVonne Raap 166, Vickie Kramp 165, Vicki Walter 158.

High Series: Vicki Walter 464, Vickie Kramp 422, LaVonne Raap 413.

Conde National

Team Standings: Braves 10, Cubs 8, Pirates 6, Colts 5, Mets 4, Giants 3.

Men's High Games: Russ Bethke 218, 215, 187; Larry Frohling 190; Butch Farmen 184.

Men's High Series: Russ Bethke 620, Butch Farmen 492, Lance Frohling 471

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 188, Alice Severson 181, Lori Wiley 170

Women's High Series: Alice Severson 509, Lori Wiley 459, Vickie Kramp 450

Schools to elect two new SDHSAA board members

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — Schools across the state will have the opportunity to elect two new members to the board of the South Dakota High School Activities Association at the group's annual meeting in April.

The annual meeting is set for 2 p.m. April 17 at T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre.

School districts will vote to fill the expired terms of school board member Sandy Klatt of Brandon Valley, representing large schools and Madison High School Athletic Director Bud Postma, representing Division III schools.

The school board member from large schools will be chosen from school districts with an average daily membership of 1,749 to 561. Those schools include Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Sioux Falls Lincoln, Sioux Falls Washington, Sioux Falls New Technology, Rapid City Central, Rapid City Stevens, Aberdeen Central, Watertown, Brandon Valley, Brookings, Harrisburg, Yankton, Huron, Mitchell, Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Douglas and Pierre T.F. Riggs. Sioux Falls Technology School is included in this group because it draws students from Lincoln, Washington and Roosevelt.

The next representative for the Division III schools will be a superintendent, assistant superintendent or CEO from schools with an average daily membership ranging from 520 to 140. Those schools include Sturgis Brown, Spearfish, Tea Area, Todd County, West Central, Dakota Valley, Vermillion, Pine Ridge, Madison, Belle Fourche, Little Wound, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, Milbank, St. Thomas More, Flandreau Indian, Dell Rapids, Custer, Tri-Valley, Sisseton, Beresford, Wagner, Red Cloud, Mobridge-Pollock, Sioux Valley, Hamlin, Lead-Deadwood and Winner.

Nominations to these positions can be made from member schools of any size and all member schools will have the opportunity to vote. Board members serve five-year terms and are not allowed to run for re-election.

SDHSAA board, foundation on solid footing

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — After some rocky times in the past, it appears that the South Dakota High School Activities Association and its foundation are developing a solid working relationship.

The association's board of directors heard from SDHSAA Foundation board member Dave Stevens of Mitchell at its meeting on Wednesday.

"Our goal is to be partners with the activities board," said Stevens, who noted that the foundation and the activities association have completed the split that will make the foundation responsible for its own funding and operation.

Stevens said the goal of the foundation is to grow its assets through corporate sponsorships, contributions and matching funds. One sticking point last year was the desire of some of the association's corporate sponsors to switch their donations to the foundation. Those sponsors are still maintaining their relationship with the association.

"We'll see where that kind of ends up," Stevens said.

Stevens reminded the SDHSAA board that two years ago the foundation funded the donation of 10 automated external defibrillators to schools. Last year, the foundation didn't make any awards. In the future, according to Stevens, the foundation wants to make its donations in concert with the association.

"We want to work together, always realizing that it's for the benefit of students," Stevens said. He said the foundation is suggesting a joint committee to make those donation decisions. The committee would consist of four board members from the foundation, three board members from the association and SDHSAA Executive Director Daniel Swartos.

Stevens said the committee would "be able to decide what's best for schools."

The SDHSAA board took no action on the foundation request.

NDSU dean's list

Fargo, N.D., Jan. 10 — Area South Dakota students were among the 4,197 North Dakota State University students to be placed on the fall 2017 dean's list.

A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify for the dean's list.

Mariah E. Gustafson, Nursing, from Frederick was named to the Dean's List.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

For Vikings fans young or old, Sunday is a day you will never forget. Paul Allan, the Voice of the Vikings, called it the Minneapolis Miracle – and



I'm not sure there is a better way to describe what happened at the end of the Vikings 29-24 win over the New Orleans Saints. With 10 seconds left, the Vikings were at their own 39-yard line with no timeouts and needing to pick up at least 26 yards in order to attempt a game-winning field goal. Instead, Stefon Diggs caught a desperate throw from Case Keenum and took the ball 61-yards to the end zone for the first walk-off touchdown in NFL postseason history.

The Vikings went into halftime with a 17-0 lead and were looking like a dominant force that simply had to hold on for 30 minutes to secure the victory. Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints had other ideas, however. With three minutes left in the fourth quarter, Brees threw a touchdown pass to Alvin Kamara and the Saints took a one-point lead, their first of the game. The Vikings responded with a field goal of their own to bring the score to 23-21, but they left a minute and a half remaining on the clock, leaving plenty of time for Brees to march the Saints down the field for the go-ahead field goal. With 25 seconds left in the game, it looked like the Vikings would once again lose a playoff game in heart-breaking fashion... but the football gods were on the Vikings' side for once.

Case Keenum threw 40 passes on Sunday, which he's only done three times this season. He completed 25 of them for 318 yards, one interception and one miracle touchdown. Adam Thielen caught six passes for 74 yards, including a phenomenal catch where he had to "climb the ladder" and leap over the defender to haul in an overthrown pass. The Vikings weren't able to get the ground game going, attempting 29 rushes for 95 yards (3.3 yards per carry), but both Latavius Murray and Jerick McKinnon were able to find the end zone. At the end of the day, unsurprisingly, the player of the game was Stefon Diggs – who caught six passes for 137 yards and one very important touchdown.

The Vikings defense had a wonderful first half, shutting out the Saints' number two offense. They appeared to get out of rhythm in the second half, unfortunately, after safety Andrew Sendejo left the game with a concussion. Eric Kendricks led the team with 10 tackles and was a big reason why the Saints were only able to muster 80 rushing yards. Harrison Smith was once again a force to be reckoned with, finishing second on the team with 7 tackles including a sack and a tackle for a loss. Everson Griffen had the only other sack for the Vikings, and he also had a beautiful pass deflection that allowed an interception by Anthony Barr.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will travel to Philadelphia to battle the Eagles in the NFC Championship game. The Eagles had a wonderful 2017 season, but are playing without their star quarterback and NDSU grad Carson Wentz. Philadelphia had the fourth best offense in the league, scoring 27.8 points per game, but they have become a team that relies on the short pass, so it will be important for the Vikings to tackle well and not allow them to gain yards after the catch. The biggest problem for the Vikings will be the Eagles' defense, which only allowed 17.9 points per game (4th in the NFL). The Eagles are strongest against the run, only allowing 3.8 yards per attempt on the ground. They are vulnerable through the air though, allowing over 225 yards per game. The key for the Vikings will be to play well along the offensive line, because if they can give Keenum time in the pocket, the Vikings should be able to bring home the win. Skol!

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

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Jessica Bjerke fights her way inside against the Sisseton Redmen. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Seric Shabazz points the ball to the hoop on this three-point shot in the Ipswich game. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



It's a pair of number 4s in this photo as Jonathan Doeden shoots over Ipswich's William Kadlec. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Seric Shabazz gets his hand on the ball as Ipswich's Dylan Northrop attempts this shot. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Despite the Sisseton defense collapsing in on Jennie Doeden, Doeden finished the night with 14 points and 11 rebounds to help lead the Tigers to a NEC win over Sisseton. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

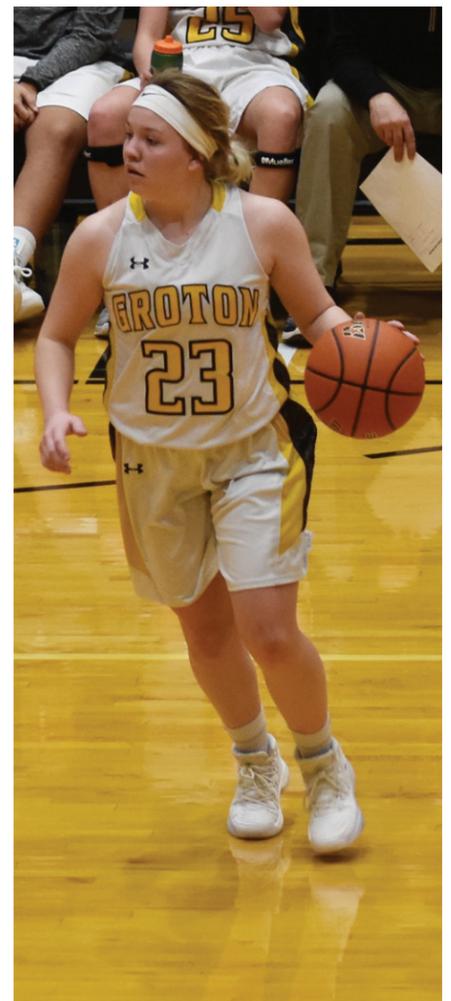
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Marshall Lane gets his hand on the ball to block the shot by Ipswich's Jacob Nierman. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Whoa! Where is everyone at? Harleigh Stange stole the ball and no one could catch her as she made the layup in the Sisseton game. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Miranda Hanson dribbles the ball at the top of the key to run the offense in the Sisseton game. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



In this series of shots, Seric Shabazz hands the ball to Brodyn DeHoet as he goes up for the shot on the assisted play in the Ipswich game. (Photos by Julianna Kosel)



The Life of Merlene Dunlavy

Services for Merlene Dunlavy, 69, of Claremont will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 19th at the United Methodist Church, Claremont. Rev. Rodney Ulmer will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Merlene passed away January 14, 2018 at Avera Mother Joseph Manor, Aberdeen.

Merlene Clarice was born in Aberdeen at St. Lukes Hospital to Clarion and Merlyn (Terry) Olson on March 2, 1948. She married Thomas

Dunlavy at the United Methodist Church in Claremont on August 9, 1975. She was a devoted wife and mother. Merlene went to Stewarts School of Hairstyling in Aberdeen. She owned and operated her own salon, "The Spray Way" and styled hair for many years in Claremont. Merlene was an active participant in many events in Claremont and loved keeping up with the many family and friends from the area.

Celebrating her life is her husband of 42 years, Thomas of Claremont, her sons, Barry Dunlavy of Aberdeen, Scot (Jackie) Dunlavy of Pierre, three grandchildren, Josephine, Kaitlyn & Spencer, two brothers, Terry Olson of Red Wing, Minnesota, David Olson of Chamberlain and her sister, Darlene (Lyle) Tunheim of Andover.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her brother, Robert Olson, her son, Brandy, brother-in-laws, Dale Dunlavy, LaVoy F. Ragels, David Peterson, Robert Dunlavy, Norman Ragels and sister-in-law, Helen Ragels.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Josephine Dunlavy and Kaitlyn Dunlavy.

Casketbearers will be Spencer Dunlavy, Garth Dunlavy, Cory Olson, Jamie Morris, Dean Ragels and Don VanderVorst.



The Life of Janice Herman

Services for Janice Herman, 72, formerly of Conde was held Monday, January 15, 2018 at the United Methodist Church, Conde. Rev. Thomas Carlson and Rev. Jacqueline Braun officiated. Burial followed in the Conde Cemetery.

Janice passed away January 10, 2018 at the Salem Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Janice Martha was born on June 15, 1945 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Carl and Martha (Elfmann) Gerhard. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Janice graduated from Conde High School in 1964 and then went on to attend the Aberdeen

School of Commerce. On June 11, 1966, she was united in marriage with Richard Herman at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney. They farmed in the Conde area.

Janice was active in the community, including the Conde American Legion Auxiliary and coordinating the local blood drives. She was well-known for her delicious pies. Janice continued to enjoy cards, board games and reading Debbie Macomber books. After her husband's passing, she was able to stay in her home due to the wonderful outpouring of community support. Janice entered Salem Care and Rehabilitation Center in December of 2010. She was truly grateful for all of her caregivers.

Celebrating her life are her children, Vonnie (Bill) Barnett of Hartford, Brian Herman of Dell Rapids, her brothers, David (Helen) Gerhard of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Dale Gerhard of Sioux Falls, brother-in-law, Bruce Herman of Conde, sister-in-law, Janette Imstrand of Conde and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Richard on January 10, 1999, her brother, Dennis Gerhard and sister-in-law, Peggy Gerhard.

Casketbearers were Jim Becker, Bud Bruckner, Jerry Grimes, Lynn Grimes, Randy Hausvik, and Darin Huber.

Dunker Christmas Party

The annual Dunker Christmas party was held on Dec. 26, 2017, at the Groton Community Center. Members of the Knickrehm family served as hosts for the evening.

The fifty-two family members who attended were Gordon and Dorene Nelson, Groton, SD; JoAnn Russ, Pueblo, CO; Gary and Carmel Willett, Carver, MN; Christopher and Cassie Willett St. Paul, MN; and Nicholas Willett, Aurora, CO (Hazel Sager family); Roberta Olson, Brookings, SD; Carol Osterman, Groton, SD; Aaron Monagale-Olson and Amelia, Berkeley, CA; Aaron's mother-in-law Kathrine Monagle and her daughter Ann Monagle, Prescott, AZ; Todd and Sandy Osterman and Lexi, Conde, SD; Bob and Angie Osterman, Andover, SD; Lee and Michelle Wasland, Kanin and Grady, Florence, SD; Loren and Katie Osterman, Drake, Gunner, and Hadley, Conde, SD; Chris and Nicole Freeman and Raelynn, Sioux Falls, SD; and Jason and Bridget Osterman and Logan, Andover, SD (Inez Knickrehm family); Phyllis Halvorson, Aberdeen, SD; Lew Borge, Aberdeen, SD; Ralph and Jan Borge, Aberdeen, SD; and Richard Halvorson, Mellette, SD; (Evelyn Clausen family); Carol Dunker, Aberdeen, SD; Darlyne Johnson, Stratford, SD; Buzz and Linda Anderson, Eagan, MN; Reid and Nicole Johnson, Carlee and Liam, Groton, SD; and Laef Johnson, Minneapolis, MN (Ray Dunker family); Sandy Strom, Groton, SD; Nancy Larsen, Groton, SD; Steve and Betty Dunker, Groton, SD (Dale Dunker family).

Following a potluck dinner, Dorene Nelson served as the MC, and JoAnn Russ provided the musical accompaniment for the Christmas carols. Introduction of those at the Dunker Family Christmas was followed by up-to-date information from all family members present.

Several of the twelve first cousins shared some memories and interesting stories.

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