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Boys' Basketball Awards

The boys' basketball awards banquet was held Monday evening at the Olive Grove Golf Course. Several players were recognized at the event.



Academic All-State: Anthony Sippel, Brandon Keith and Marshall Lane (not pictured) (Photo by Tricia Keith)



Northeast Area All-Stars- Seric Shabazz and Brandon Keith. (Photo by Tricia Keith)



NEC All-Conference- Brodyn DeHoet. (Photo by Tricia Keith)



Tiger Commitment Award-Never missed a practice or game-Antony Sippel. (Photo by Tricia Keith)



Team Awards

Most Improved- Treyton Diegel, Offensive Player of the Year- Seric Shabazz, Hustler Award- Brandon Keith, Player of the Year- Brodyn DeHoet, Defensive Player of the Year- Jonathan Doeden, Scout Team Player of the Year- Kaden Kurtz

(Photo by Tricia Keith)

School Safety is top concern

School safety was the topic of discussion at the Groton Area School Board meeting held Monday evening. "It's a touchy conversation to have," Schwan said. "If its out there and it's public, it's for real," he said about social media. He reported that the South Dakota Highway Patrol trained the staff in a school safety protocol at the inservice held February 16. The new protocol is now ALICE - Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The local police come into the buildings quite often and the county deputies have come in occasionally as well.

School achievement gets so much emphasis, but the major emphasis is making sure the students get home safe.

There are about 40 who have signed up for Clay Target League.

The last day of school is set for Friday, May 25, 2018.

Schwan said he is still looking for a school district app to help push out information to school patrons.

The other revenue that the district receives is \$175,000; however, with the the bills passed in the legislature, that money goes to the state and is redistributed to everyone. Groton Area will get back about \$15,000 of that revenue.

Elementary principal Brett Schwan said that the students have been selecting the menu items and it has gone over very well. He said the students eating has been in the 200s.

Kristen Sombke, middle/high school principal, talked about a number of items. Letters will be going out March 14 for Driver's Education. There will be an extra weeks of senior privileges for some students due to the entire class collectively performing well on last year's Smarter Balance Test.

High School Track and Field meeting will be March 14. National Honor Society is scheduled for March 26 at 7 p.m. Prom is scheduled for April 14.

A short term loan from General Fund to Special Education Fund for \$80,000. When the tax dollars come in this spring, the loan will be paid back.

The board approved Mike Nehls request to run for Brown County Commissioner. The last commissioner from this area was Merrill Rix and before that was Ben Anderson, some 40 or 50 years ago. He had to get the approval of the board per school policy.

Nicole Johnson submitted her resignation as a MS/HS Special Education teacher for the past 11 years. She has accepted a second grade teaching position in Aberdeen. Sydney Wilkinson was hired as MS/HS Special Education Teacher replacing Meri Erickson who will be retiring.

Contracts were signed and by Superintendent Joe Schwan, Elementary Principal Brett Schwan, Middle/High School Principal Kristen Sombke, and Business Manager Mike Weber.

Family and friends say their final goodbyes to pilot Kelle Hein



LAREDO, Texas (KGNS) - Family and friends of pilot and Pastor Kelle Hein, 56, helped lay him to rest on Monday in a home and sanctuary all too familiar.

Many community members gathered at the Family Baptist Church to say their final goodbyes to Hein, who passed during a tragic plane crash last

Thursday.

The accident happened after the engine started smoking and Hein, along with 19-year-old Robert Christopher Marshall attempted to land the plane, but the plane nosedived into the runway and caught fire.

Hein was a pilot for many years and he worked with several people including Congressman Henry Cuellar, who he flew for over 15 years.

Cuellar says, "He would always say when he would meet somebody, no matter what the mood of the circumstance is, he would always say top of the morning to you and he was just a very jolly person. He was always in a good mood and always trying to find a way that he can help people."

Hein is a 1979 graduate of Groton High School. He graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls in 1981. He and his wife, Tammy Waldrop, were missionaries in Nuevo Laredo and Laredo for the past 32 years. He had been a flight instructor and commercial pilot since 1985.

Hein is survived by his wife Tammy Hein and his five children. Hein is the son of Darlene Fischer, formerly of Groton.

The National Transportation Safety Board is still investigating the actual cause of the crash.

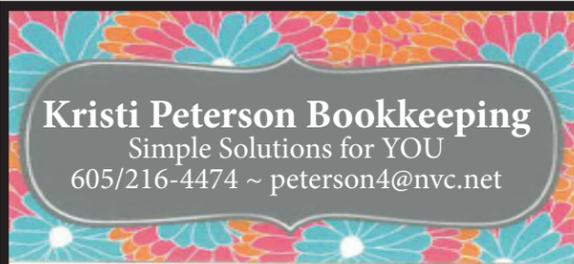
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Pappas team competes at state debate

The GHS debate team competed at the South Dakota High School Activities Association State Debate Meet March 2-3, 2018 at Watertown High School. Sophomore KaSandra Pappas and Freshman Samantha Pappas were named Quarter Finalists. Pappas and Pappas were defeated in the quarter finals round by a team from Sioux Falls Christian. Samantha also competed in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking. SDSU debate and speech student Keri Pappas served as a volunteer coach for the weekend.

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Harding III to perform Saturday in Groton

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Emmanuel's Pastor to be installed

Pastor Young Chung will be installed as the new pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 25 during the 9 am worship. Brunch following worship.

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3/24 Peter Rabbit PG

Groton not going to Oakes

The Oakes HS track meet scheduled for Thursday, April 5th has now been changed to Thursday, April 12th. Groton Area track team will NOT be attending.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings have plenty of cap space available this offseason. The NFL set the 2018 salary cap at \$177.2 million (per team), and teams are able to carry over any unused cap space from last season, so in total the Vikings have nearly \$191 million available (according to Sportrac.com). After all the current contracts are paid, the Vikings should have about \$47 million left over which is 9th highest in the league. So with all that available money, what will the Vikings do with it?

The first thing the Vikings need to do is figure out the quarterback position. The biggest rumor floating around the media is that the Vikings are the front-runners to sign Kirk Cousins, who will likely command a contract in the realm of \$27 million - \$31 million per year. Obviously, that would eat up a big chunk of the team's cap space. In this scenario, the Vikings would be out of the running for any other "big name" free agents and would be focused on simply combing through the second and third tier free agents to find some bargains. If that scenario is too cost prohibitive for the Vikings, the team can elect to re-sign either Case Keenum (projected \$21 million per year according to Sportrac) or Teddy Bridgewater (\$11 million per year projection). Signing one of these two would give the Vikings the ability to bring in a top tier free agent offensive lineman or defensive tackle free - two positions that clearly need upgrading this offseason.

The Vikings have one of the best cap managers in the NFL in Rob Brzezinski. One of the reasons he is so good is because he doesn't just look at this season, but also at the cap situation in the years to come. Because of that, it's hard to believe the team is willing to commit such a large chunk of their cap space to a quarterback of Cousins' caliber. The team knows they have a lot of young, up-and-coming free agents (Stefon Diggs, Anthony Barr, Danielle Hunter, Trae Waynes) who will need to be re-signed in the next year or two, and committing around \$30 million to Cousins would certainly make that hard to do.

Don't get me wrong, Kirk Cousins is a good quarterback. But I don't believe he will bring much more to the team than Keenum provided last season, but he will cost considerably more money.

If the Vikings do bring in Cousins, they would be able to free up some cap space in a few different ways. First, Sharrif Floyd is still on the books for \$6.757 million this season, and if he is unable to get healthy, he could be cut. Anthony Barr is entering the fifth year of his rookie contract, which will pay him over \$12 million in 2018. If the Vikings were to sign him to an extension this offseason (which I believe will happen), they could drop his cap hit this year which would free up additional funds. Running back Latavius Murray, who signed a three-year deal last offseason, could also be cut which would free up \$5.15 million. Murray is a good back who provided the Vikings with some good games last season, but the Vikings have Dalvin Cook coming back from injury and therefor won't need Latavius as much in 2018.

At the end of the day, it all comes down to the quarterback position. Once the team figures that out, they will then be able to fill out the rest of the roster. The good news is that we won't have to wait long before we find out what the Vikings plan to do, since free agency officially begins this Wednesday, March 14 at 4 pm ET. Make sure to check out next week's article, which will break down the Vikings free agency start. Skol!

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



Eagle Day 2018

Eagle Day 2018 will be held Sunday, March 25, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Come and meet the staff and visit the refuge. Get a tour of the visitor center with a biologist. Climb the fire tower to view the prairie landscape. See the local wildlife and catch the great migration. Auto tour route will be open weather permitting.

The refuge is located eight miles north of Columbia on Brown County 16.

Equalization Notice

Groton City

PUBLIC NOTICE TO GROTON PROPERTY OWNERS

Notice is hereby given that City Council, sitting as the Local Board of Equalization, will meet at The Groton Community Center for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of property on March 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Appeals must be submitted in writing with supporting documentation by 5:00 pm Friday, March 16th at City Hall or mail appeals to the Finance Officer, PO Box 587 Groton, South Dakota. Those appealing will be notified of their scheduled time to meet with the Board. Contact City Hall for more information at 605-397-8422.

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Savo Township

The Savo Township Board of Equalization will meet at Savo Church on

Monday, March 19, 2018 at 1:00PM. All appeals shall be filed in writing with the clerk no later than Saturday, March 17, 2018.

This should be run in paper at least two times, thank you.

Judy Bretsch
10326 390th Ave.
Frederick, SD 57441
605-329-2109

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Henry Township

Henry Township Equalization Meeting Notice:

Notice is hereby given that the governing body section will serve as review board of Henry Township, Brown County. They will be meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2018, at Doug Abeln Seed Company office for the purpose of reviewing and correcting of the assessment set of the tax districts for the year 2018. All persons considering disputing their assessments are requested to notify the clerk of the board no later than March 15, 2018. Hearings are by appointment only.

Darlene Sass
13120 403 Ave, Groton
Henry Township Clerk

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Bates Township

Bates Township Equalization Meeting Notice:

The Bates Township Board of Equalization will meet at the Clerk's home on Tuesday, March 20th, 2018 at 7 pm.

All persons disputing their assessments are requested to notify the clerk prior to the meeting.

Betty Geist
Bates Township Clerk
14523 409th Ave
Conde, SD 57434

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Olean Township Road Maintenance & Gravel Bids

The Olean Township in Spink County will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel. Please mail bids to Sherry Hanson, Olean Township Clerk, 15477 409th Ave., Conde, SD 57434 by March 20, 2018.

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Groton City March 5 Meeting Minutes

March 5, 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: Blackmun, Peterson, Babcock, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Hope Block, Paul Kosel, Hannah Lewandowski, Shawn Lambert, and Jerry Bjerke.

The minutes from February 21st and 28th were approved as read on a motion by Glover and seconded by Babcock. All members present voted aye.

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

Payroll, \$22,216.26, Employee salaries; Executive, \$577.19; Administrative, \$3,029.00; Public Safety, \$9,583.19; Public Works, \$8,465.05; Culture & Recreation, \$561.83; First State Bank, \$7,871.55, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$250.38, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$950.00, Employee savings; Aflac, \$160.14, Employee insurance; April Abeln, \$119.67, Dep & Med flex; Associated Supply Company, \$32.06, Chemicals for testing water; Auto Zone, \$152.79, Brakes, shop oil; Car Quest, \$9.59, Oil filters for plow truck; City of Groton, \$300.00, Payroll deduction for curb and gutter pmt; Colonial Life, \$320.78, Employee insurance; Dollar General, \$18.85, Cleaners for community center; EMC, \$82.30, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$258.53, Employee dental and vision; SD Dept of Revenue, \$150.00, Alcohol beverage license; SD Retirement System, \$8,455.60, Employee retirement 2/18; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$530.00, Employee retirement; Verizon Wireless, \$42.61, Dump Camera Com; Drew Johnson, \$1,550.00, Legal fees 2/18; Web Water, \$11,037.63, Water 2/18; Kens, \$664.79, Gas, retirement party supplies; NorthWestern Energy, \$11.12, Natural gas; A & B Business, \$169.31, Copier rent; Groton Independent, \$43.49, Publishing; SD Dept of Health, \$38.00, Water testing; Irby, \$45.47, Glove testing

Department reports were delivered. Hannah Lewandowski reported how the season went for the skating rink. She had a great season, and the Council and Mayor thanked Hannah for everything she has done for the City. Hannah left the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Lambertz reported how the department has been going with the recent snow and freezing, and that electric home inspections are still being done. Lambert leaves at 7:13 pm.

The five poles from the baseball field that were damaged from the wind will be covered by the City's insurance at \$731.00 per pole. City employees will install the poles.

Council reviewed the map showing the streets that will be resurfaced this year. Bids for the resurface project are currently being accepted, and will be opened April 2, 2018. The drinking water report was also reviewed, and it will be published for the public.

Bjerke reported how the camera has been working for the police department, and left the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to allow Peterson and Hanlon to attend the SDML Annual District Meeting in Roscoe March 21st, and for Block to attend the Annual District Meeting in Selby March 22nd. All members present voted aye.

Blackmun reported that there has not been any Planning and Zoning meetings since his last update.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Babcock to donate a 2018 Family Pool Pass and two 2018 Baseball season passes to the PAC for the school carnival. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to approve the second reading of Ordinance #718 listing the summer salaries. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to set the Equalization Meeting date for March 19th with a contingency date for March 21st at 7:00 pm. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to approve the 2017 Annual report and supporting documents to be submitted to the department of legislative audit, and for the Annual report to be published after the completion of the audit being done this year. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and second-

ed by Peterson to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:50 pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:51pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock to hire the following people for summer employment contingent upon completion of a 2018 seasonal employment application: Public Works & Cemetery: Heather Nelson, Jim Gerdes, Brian Gravatt, Aaron Severson; Ball field: Adam Herman – Jr Teener coach, Katie Hansen – Gate Keeper at \$9.25 hourly, Matt Locke – Baseball Coordinator, Wyatt Locke, Truitt Rogers, Darien Shabazz, and Brandon Keith as Baseball Groundskeepers; Swimming Pool: Kami Lipp, Brenda Madsen, and Karla Pasteur – Managers, Marlee Jones, Payton Maine, Rebecca Flihs, Cody Swanson, Emma Donley, Nicole Marzahn,

Eliza Wanner, Audrey Wanner, Luke Thorson, Seric Shabazz, Jasmine Schaller, Kaycie Hawkins, Tricia Keith, Tadyn Glover, Tylan Glover, Jasmine Schinkel, Kelli Hanson, Thomas Cranford, Tanae Lipp, Alexis Hanten, Grace Wambach, and Kenzie McInerney as lifeguards or swim class instructors. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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Groton City Summer Salary Ordinance

Ordinance No. 718
An Ordinance entitled "Summer Salary Ordinance", An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 711. BE IT ORDAINED by the City

of Groton, South Dakota, that Ordinance No. 711 be amended to read as follows:

Section I: Schedule of Salaries. The salaries and time of payment of employees shall be as follows:

Swimming Pool Manager, \$13.25, Hourly, Biweekly; Swimming Pool Lifeguard-First Year, \$9.00, Hourly, Biweekly; Swimming Pool Lifeguard-Second Year, \$9.25, Hourly, Biweekly; Swimming Pool Lifeguard-Third Year, \$9.50, Hourly, Biweekly; Swimming Pool Lifeguard-Fourth Year, \$9.75, Hourly, Biweekly; Swimming Pool Lifeguard-Five plus Years, \$10.00, Hourly, Biweekly; WSI Lifeguards during Swimming Lessons, Regular Salary Plus \$1.00, Hourly, Biweekly; WSI Assist Lifeguard during Swimming Lessons, Regular Salary Plus \$.50, Hourly, Biweekly; Concessions Manager, \$50.00, Daily, Biweekly, Plus 50% Net

Profit, , End of Season; Baseball Coordinator, \$3,000.00, Yearly, Monthly; Softball Coordinator, \$1,000.00, Yearly, Monthly; Legion Baseball Coach, \$3,500.00, Yearly, Monthly; Assistant Legion Baseball Coach, \$2,000.00, Yearly, Monthly; Jr Legion Baseball Coach, \$2,000.00, Yearly, Monthly; Jr Teeners Baseball Coach, \$2,000.00, Yearly, Monthly; Midget Coach, \$1,250.00, Yearly, Monthly; Pee Wee Coach, \$1,250.00, Yearly, Monthly; Girls Softball Coach, \$800.00, Yearly, Monthly; , (per team), , ; Baseball Grounds Keeper-First Year, \$9.00, Hourly, Biweekly; Baseball Grounds Keeper-Second Year, \$9.25, Hourly, Biweekly; Baseball Grounds Keeper-Third Year, \$9.50, Hourly, Biweekly; Baseball Grounds Keeper-Fourth Year, \$9.75, Hourly, Biweekly; Baseball Grounds Keeper-Five plus Years, \$10.00, Hourly, Biweekly; Baseball Gatekeeper,

\$9.00, Hourly, Biweekly; Public Works Laborer-First Year, \$10.25, Hourly, Biweekly; Public Works Laborer-Second Year, \$10.50, Hourly, Biweekly; Public Works Laborer-Third Year, \$10.75, Hourly, Biweekly; Public Works Laborer-Fourth Year, \$11.00, Hourly, Biweekly; Public Works Laborer-Five plus Years, \$11.25, Hourly, Biweekly; Cemetery Caretaker, \$13.25, Hourly, Biweekly;

Section II: Requirements. Final payment of wages will be paid after completion of all duties of all seasonal employees.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Hope Block, Finance Officer. Passed First Reading: 2/21/18 Passed Second Reading: 3/5/18

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2017 Brown County Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT FOR BROWN COUNTY AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017					
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS					
	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	BCT1 Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Beginning Balance	5,514,379.90	951,545.25	302,587.91	827,128.09	\$ 7,595,641.15
Revenues and Other Sources (minor level):					
Taxes:					
Current Property Taxes	13,419,958.12		592,699.53		\$ 14,012,657.65
Delinquent Property Taxes	97,014.38				\$ 97,014.38
Penalties and Interest	34,100.53		2,468.58		\$ 36,569.11
Telephone Tax (Outside)	1,535.08				\$ 1,535.08
Mobile Home Tax	5,051.08				\$ 5,051.08
Wheel Tax		801,833.78			\$ 801,833.78
Tax Deed Revenue	5,906.45				\$ 5,906.45
Licenses and Permits	52,981.52	10,835.00		8,250.00	\$ 72,066.52
Intergovernmental Revenue:					
Federal Grants	145,960.85			181,577.83	\$ 327,538.68
Federal Shared Revenue	20,267.05				\$ 20,267.05
Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes	212.00				\$ 212.00
State Grants	43,800.43	412,713.42		10,903.49	\$ 467,417.34
State Shared Revenue:	469,766.04	3,572,634.67		432,923.20	\$ 4,475,323.91
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	4,762.18				\$ 4,762.18
Other Intergovernmental Revenue	24,538.30			211,347.69	\$ 235,885.99
Charges for Goods and Services:					
General Government	735,354.34			26,912.45	\$ 762,266.79
Public Safety	397,612.57			74,139.00	\$ 471,751.57
Public Works		30,139.09			\$ 30,139.09
Health and Welfare	120,511.18				\$ 120,511.18
Culture and Recreation	1,165,420.74				\$ 1,165,420.74
Urban and Economic Development					\$ -
Conservation of Natural Resources	50,285.19				\$ 50,285.19
Other Charges	18,195.59				\$ 18,195.59
Fines and Forfeits:					
Fines	432.25				\$ 432.25
Costs	44,815.18				\$ 44,815.18
Forfeits	50,595.50				\$ 50,595.50
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources:					
Investment Earnings	15,263.28	2,793.82	279.38	3,308.71	\$ 21,645.19
Rentals	135,614.49				\$ 135,614.49
Contributions and Donations	14,711.41				\$ 14,711.41
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	5,136.68	6,394.03	9,519.99	566.36	\$ 21,617.06
Insurance Proceeds	26,173.06	17,021.22			\$ 43,194.28
Sale of County Property	7,966.30	27,804.52			\$ 35,770.82
Total Revenue and Other Sources	17,113,941.77	4,882,169.55	604,967.48	949,928.73	\$ 23,551,007.53
Expenditures and Other Uses (subfunction level):					
Legislative	308,465.33				\$ 308,465.33
Elections	28,790.46				\$ 28,790.46
Judicial System	77,444.97				\$ 77,444.97
Financial Administration	816,437.58				\$ 816,437.58
Legal Services	1,742,988.41			22,035.96	\$ 1,765,024.37
Other Administration	3,228,860.01			16,712.91	\$ 3,245,572.92
Law Enforcement	4,505,283.24			101,305.59	\$ 4,606,588.83
Protective and Emergency Services	17,000.00			1,266,834.03	\$ 1,283,834.03
Highways and Bridges		9,346,088.13			\$ 9,346,088.13
Economic Assistance	144,500.85				\$ 144,500.85
Health Assistance	24,414.90				\$ 24,414.90
Social Services	1,500.00			13,247.13	\$ 14,747.13
Mental Health Services	266,267.05				\$ 266,267.05
Culture	406,491.30				\$ 406,491.30
Recreation	1,575,027.06				\$ 1,575,027.06
Soil Conservation	288,134.22				\$ 288,134.22
Urban Development	195,007.46				\$ 195,007.46
Economic Development	20,750.00				\$ 20,750.00
Intergovernmental Expenditures		40,091.71	904,807.42		\$ 944,899.13
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	13,647,362.84	9,386,179.84	904,807.42	1,420,135.62	\$ 25,358,485.72
Transfers In (Out)	7,543.30	4,202,820.61		363,751.24	\$ 4,574,115.15
Transfers In (Out)	(4,566,571.85)		(279.38)	(558.76)	\$ (4,567,409.99)
Extraordinary Items (specify)					\$ -
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance	(1,092,449.62)	(301,189.68)	(300,119.32)	(107,014.41)	\$ (1,800,773.03)
Ending Fund Balance (Exh III):					
Nonspendable					\$ -
Restricted	52,903.77	423,243.27	2,468.59	210,507.70	\$ 689,123.33
Committed					\$ -
Assigned	3,726,294.02	227,112.30			\$ 3,953,406.32
Unassigned	642,732.49			509,605.98	\$ 1,152,338.47
Governmental Long-term Debt					\$ 5,631,055.55
PROPRIETARY FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS					
	Solid Waste Fund				
Beginning Balance	5,683,208.47				
Revenues	2,594,068.41				
Expenses	1,437,833.45				
Transfers In (Out)	(6,705.16)				
Ending Balance:					
Restricted for Landfill Closure/Post Closure	1,264,918.00				
Unrestricted	5,567,820.27				
Long-term Debt	1,264,918.00				

The preceding financial data does not include fiduciary funds or component units. Information pertaining to those activities may be obtained by contacting the County Auditor at (605) 626-7110.
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

Brown County March 6

Meeting Minutes MARCH 6, 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 and Fischbach. Commissioner Kippley was absent. Commissioner Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,395.76; Auditor \$8,151.54; Treasurer \$13,722.66; States Attorney \$22,991.59; SVAWA Grant \$1,282.08; Maintenance \$7,956.50; Assessor \$11,840.01; Register of Deeds \$9,518.93; Veterans Service Office \$4,412.29; GIS \$2,347.50; Information Technology \$7,812.86; Human Resources \$1,454.49; Sheriff Admin \$36,047.06; Jail \$55,753.15; Coroner \$1,350.00; JDC \$24,857.64; Welfare Office \$3,742.79; Museum \$8,218.85; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,807.35; Fair Board \$3,820.89; 4-H \$633.57; Weed & Pest \$1,087.37; Planning and Zoning \$1,903.34; Highway \$49,898.45; Communications \$28,780.76; Emergency Management \$4,039.58; Teen Court \$374.66; 24/7 \$3,480.70; Landfill \$11,320.85.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$19,960.50; Medicare \$9,336.26; HSA \$100.00.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$150.05; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$7,945.44; Lynnel Bruemmer \$47.60; Haer Law Firm \$336.52; Mark Katterhagen \$30.00; Lucy Lewno \$320.00; Darcy Lockwood \$30.00; MeierHenry Sargent \$2,058.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$2,690.55; Sanford Health \$318.47; SD Corrections Assoc. \$15.00; Kristi Spitzer \$1,562.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$3,428.54; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$4,868.50; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$5,405.49; Stoddard Law Office \$1,128.94; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$110.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$117.50; UND – Pathology \$4,000.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$100.00; Luther Yellow Robe \$1,500.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$202.35; ECM Publishers \$50.63; Reporter & Farmer \$15.20.

Repairs & Maintenance: AE Tools & Computers \$2,527.19; Clark Engineering \$3,532.89; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$73.26; DFP \$16.00; Dakota Tree Co. \$1,628.50; Double D Body Shop \$453.00; E & R Industrial Sales \$14.57; Eco-Lab \$105.45; HF Jacobs & Son \$400.00; Hoven Auto Repair \$91.00; J & K Painting \$885.88; Lien Transportation \$1,380.00; Ringgenberg Electric \$168.37; Schwan Welding \$384.81; SD Sheriff's Assoc. \$146.72.

Supplies: AgTegra \$5,399.98; Ameripride \$207.26; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Best Western Ramkota- Aberdeen \$250.00; Butler Machinery \$696.95; CharityTracker \$162.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$1,355.11; DFP \$1,540.05; E & R Industrial Sales \$107.00; Fastenal \$349.01; Ferguson Enterprises \$424.48; GovConnection \$1,162.76; Heartland Paper \$321.16; Intoximeters \$2,500.00; LG Everist \$1,025.48; Lucy Lewno \$12.94; Menards \$197.62; Midstates Printing \$535.10; Northwest Divers \$5,045.00; Moore Medical \$567.26; Pantorium Cleaners \$56.00; Pressure Washer Central \$4,781.25; Share Corp. \$380.00; Zastrow's Sales \$56.56.

Travel & Conference: Sarah Hartje \$25.85; SDACC \$300.00; SD Corrections Assoc. \$70.00.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,459.32; BDM Rural Water \$36.00; CenturyLink \$538.78; Midcontinent \$547.46; NWPS \$9,308.56.

Machinery & Equip.: Sheehan Mack Sales \$49,256.72. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve hiring Russell Jones as Landfill Equipment Operator Labor Grade 4, effective March 19, 2018 at \$18.38 per hour.

Approve Cliff Rhodes, Welfare Director to be part-time Payroll/

Benefits Specialist as needed, splitting time between both departments.

Acknowledge resignation of Carol Sherman, Register of Deeds, effective June 29, 2018.

Acknowledge resignation of Damian Bahr, Deputy Sheriff, effective March 30, 2018 and approve request to fill vacancy.

Amend hire date for James Ingram, full-time Dispatcher from March 5 to March 13, 2018.

Authorize overtime for IT Technical Support Specialists in amount of 10 hours per week per employee through March 31, 2018.

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective March 11, 2018: Cindy Mitchell @ \$20.05 per hour, JoAnn Sheffield @ \$17.27 per hour, Joseph Embury @ \$19.65 per hour, Dana Breske @ \$19.31 per hour, Wayne Kleinsasser @ \$16.49 per hour, Scott Richards @ \$16.84 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 18-03-01/474 - SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to set public hearing for consideration of Ordinance #18-03-01/474, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to consider petition filed by Cindy L Stern, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, Proposed Lot 1, Stern Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Sec 28-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (2507 S Melgaard Road), to be held in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 123 S Lincoln Street at 5:30 p.m. on March 26, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HAY CUTTING AT FAIR-GROUNDS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to authorize advertising request for proposals for hay cutting on County land – approximately 24 acres at the Fairgrounds, to be opened, read and considered on March 27, 2018 at 8:45 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WAIVE SOLID WASTE CREDIT SLIPS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize waiving the following Solid Waste credit slips: Bridgestone/Firestone @ \$16.91, North Central Farmers Elevator @ \$435.70, Dependable Sanitation @ \$532.40. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

BC 14N PROJECT BID DOCUMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign Notice of Award to Reede Construction Inc. in amount of \$141,609.50 for the Brown County 14N Reconstruction Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve the following December 2017 and January 2018 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreements: Aberdeen Humane Society for lease of the Club House on April 28-29, 2018; Denis Maag for lease of the Club House with permission to serve alcoholic beverages on June 16-17, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2017 FINANCIAL REPORTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to accept the 2017 Financial Reports as presented March 6, 2018 and approve not preparing the optional M, D & A (Manager's Discussion and Analysis) supplement to the report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD – RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to award all bids for Rental of Equipment based on availability, with written or verbal waiver required from low bidder if not available. Complete tabulation sheet on file in the Auditor's Office (available for public inspection Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD – HIGHWAY BUILDING TUCK POINT PROJECT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to award bid submitted by Innovative Masonry Restoration, Inc., Prior Lake, MN in amount of \$123,032.00 for labor and material to tuck point the Brown County Highway Building, located at 3133 8th Ave NE; rejecting bid submitted by CWF Concrete & Masonry, Aberdeen, SD in amount of \$139,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS AND STIPULATIONS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the Club House entertainment schedule for the 2018 Brown County Fair, submitted by the Aberdeen Hockey Association, as requested in 2018-2020 Contract. Hours will be 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to amend policy that the entertainment and alcohol sales end at 1:00 a.m. for all locations at the Fairgrounds during the Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to limit the number of malt beverages purchased per transaction in the Grandstand during Fair Weed to four (4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to cease the sale of malt beverages at the Grandstand at least ten (10) minutes prior to the end of any concert, time to be determined on a day to day basis. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to place the court security station on the first floor of the Courthouse (main Courthouse entrance foyer), as per court order from the 5th Circuit to provide Courthouse Security. (See executive session notes)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to consult with attorney, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) and discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with the following decided as a result of the discussion: The preceding motion "Courthouse Security" will not be valid, as item was not on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:38 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Hay Cutting Bid Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HAY CUTTING ON COUNTY LAND
BROWN COUNTY FAIR-GROUNDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be opened for consideration at 8:45 a.m. on March 27, 2018 in the Brown County Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD for hay cutting on County land – approximately 24 acres located at the Brown County Fairgrounds-Lot 1 First Replat of Dahme Northview Addn, located in the SE ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD; with a minimum bid of \$60.00 per acre. Two additional one-year options (2019, 2020) may be exercised at the discretion of the Brown County Commission, provided notification in writing is received in the Brown County Auditor's Office by November 1st of the year preceding the option.

All hay bales are to be removed no later than two weeks prior to the Brown County Fair.

Envelopes containing proposals shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal for Hay Cutting at Brown County Fairgrounds."

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(0314.0321)

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Brown County Independent Candidate Notice

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND FOR FILING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITIONS

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the primary election is March 27, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by March 27, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it shall be considered filed.

Nominating petitions for the offices of County Commissioners, County Auditor, County Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Delegates to the Republican Party State Convention, Precinct Committeeman for the Republican Party, Precinct Committeewoman for the Republican Party, shall be filed in the office of the county auditor located in the county courthouse during regular business hours. Nominating petitions for the offices of US Representative, Governor, State Senate District 1, State Representative District 1, State Senate District 2, State Representative District 2, State Senate District 3, State Representative District 3, Heartland Consumers Power District Subdivision 3, Heartland Consumers Power District Subdivision 10, shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central time.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run as an independent candidate in the general election is April 24, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by April 24, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it shall be considered filed.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Stern Rezoning Notice

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

REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 26th day of March 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 123 South Lincoln Street, to consider the petition filed by Cindy L Stern, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:

Proposed Lot 1, Stern Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Sec 28-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (2507 Melgaard Road)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-03-01/474 granting petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 6th day of March 2018.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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State of S.D. Estate of Gerald L. Rix

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BROWN
IN CIRCUIT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD L. RIX, DECEASED

06PRO.017-000105
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on the 6th day of October, 2017, Anna M. Rix, whose address is set forth below, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Gerald L. Rix.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within sixty (60) days after the date of

mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2017.

/s/ Anna M. Rix
Anna M. Rix
1305 N. 5th St., PO Box 635
Groton, SD 57445
(605) 397-8478
Clerk of Courts
Brown County Courthouse
25 Market Street
Aberdeen SD 57401
Richard Kolker, Attorney
PO Box 467
Groton, SD 57445
(605)397-8464
tdlaw@nvc.net
(0307.0321)

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State of S.D. Estate of Harlan Radke

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BROWN
IN CIRCUIT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARLAN EUGENE RADKE, JR, DECEASED

06PRO.018-000018
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on the 27th day of February, 2018, Nancy Radke, whose address is 14122 403rd Ave., Groton, SD 57445, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Harlan Eugene Radke, Jr.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within (4) months after the date of the appointment of the personal representative, or within (4) months of the first publication of this notice, if any, or within sixty (60) days after the date of the mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2018.

/s/ Nancy Radke
Nancy Radke
14122 403rd Ave.
Groton, SD 57445
(605) 395-7005
Clerk of Courts
Brown County Courthouse
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Aberdeen SD 57401
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Mud Creek Sediment Removal Bid

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District

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Sealed Bids for the construction of the Mud Creek Sediment and Obstruction Removal Project will be received by the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District, located at 12960 406th Ave. Groton, South Dakota

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57445, until 10:00 am local time on Friday, March 23rd 2018, at which time the Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read.

Bids are invited upon the items and approximate quantities of work as follows:

- Sediment Removal
- Beaver Dam Removals
- Remove and Dispose Rubble Pile

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Helms and Associates, 221 Brown County Highway 19, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 (605) 225-1212 operations@helmsengineering.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents may be viewed and ordered online upon a one-time payment of \$20.00 by registering with the Issuing Office at <http://www.helmsengineering.com/biddocs.html>. Following registration, complete sets of Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the Issuing Office's website as portable document format (PDF) files. The 11"x17" paper drawings and Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office upon payment to Helms and Associates in the amount of \$100.00 for shipping and handling. Cost of Bidding Documents and shipping is non-refundable. Additionally, upon request, in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law 5-18B-1, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of the Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bank draft payable to the order of the "Mud Creek Watershed District", Groton, South Dakota or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. A bid bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid will be accepted in lieu of a certified check or bank draft. Surety for bid bond must be authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota.

Bids may be held by the Mud Creek Watershed District, for a period of not more than thirty (30) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids, investigating the qualifications of the bidders and completing financial arrangements prior to awarding the Work. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding.

Owner: Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District

By: Roger Rix
Title: President

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L to R Galaxy River Pardick (left with remote control), Travis Townsend (left team, right one with remote control) and Gear Heads (right team) Jack Dinger, Dan Feist, Ethan Clark. (Courtesy Photo)

G.A.T. Wrenches invited to VEX World Championship



G.A.T. Wrenches L to R Tyler Iverson, Noah Tullis, Adrian Knudson. (Courtesy Photo)

G.A.T. Wrenches received the invitation because one South Dakota team qualified twice for the World Championship, if this happens the second invite goes to the team with the highest score in the skills competition that has not received an invitation. G.A.T. Wrenches members are Noah Tullis, Tyler Iverson and Adrian Knudson.

GT Robotics Competes at State VEX Robotics Tournament in Harrisburg

Thirty teams from 12 schools competed in South Dakota's 2018 VEX Robotics State Tournament in Harrisburg Feb. 24. Six teams from Mitchell and Chamberlain did not attend because of the

weather. In attendance were teams from Box Elder, Britton, Canton, Eureka, Groton, Harrisburg, Lead-Deadwood, Menno, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Spearfish and Vermillion.

Only 16 of the 30 teams made it to the elimination rounds, and a quarter of them were from GT Robotics! Although GT robotists did not bring home any trophies, they can hold their heads high with that showing.

The day started kind of tough for Groton robotists. Two robots were not even quite built yet when Groton teams arrived in Harrisburg at 8 a.m. Those two teams had had to rebuild after previous tournaments and between sickness, basketball, band and usual challenges of redesigning a new robot, they were not done. Then four teams lost their first match. However, Galaxy won their first match and stayed undefeated until their last match of the qualifying rounds. G.A.T. Wrenches won their next four matches and then lost their last qualifying match.

Galaxy placed third in the skills competition (think free throw contest) at the state tournament, and also second in the state for the entire year in the middle school division. G.A.T. Wrenches placed third in the state skills competition for the entire year in the high school division.

Rankings of GT Robotics Teams at the end of qualifying rounds for each tournament.

Tournament	Groton	Mitchell	Harrisburg	Rapid City	Groton	Chamberlain	State
Teams in Tourney	15	13	22	22	22	18	30
9050A G-Force	10	12	8	19	7	1	22
9050B Gear Heads	10	11	17	20	12	16	26
9050C G.A.T. Wrenches	7	1	3	11	4	7	8
9050D Geek Squad	5	10	20	3	16	NA	28
9050E Galaxy	4	6	16	18	21	3	7

How far did GT Robotics teams get in elimination rounds? (think sports playoffs)

Tournament	Groton	Mitchell	Harrisburg	Rapid City	Groton	Chamberlain	State
9050A G-Force	Final	Semi	Final	Final	Semi	Semi	Semi
9050B Gear Heads	Qtr		Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr
9050C G.A.T. Wrenches	Semi	Champion	Final	Final	Semi	Semi	Qtr
9050D Geek Squad		Semi	Qtr	Qtr	Semi		
9050E Galaxy		Semi			Qtr	Champion	Semi

The next and final competition of the year for GT Robotics is the U.S. Open in Council Bluffs, Iowa April 5-7. Teams will be busy until then improving their robots and working on strategies. They also have several additional fundraisers scheduled for March, including a Tour of Tables luncheon Saturday March 24 at SEAS Catholic Church, selling raffle tickets for a greenhouse built by Groton Area technical education students and having a booth at the Parent Action Committee (PAC) Carnival April 13. Watch for more news on these fundraisers to learn how you can help support GT Robotics. Participating students, their parents and volunteer coach Jim Lane are very grateful for the great community support of this program.



Geek Squad L to R Andrew Marzahn, Isaac Smith. (Courtesy Photo)



G-Force Tannor McGannon, Hunter Monson, Lee Iverson. (Courtesy Photo)

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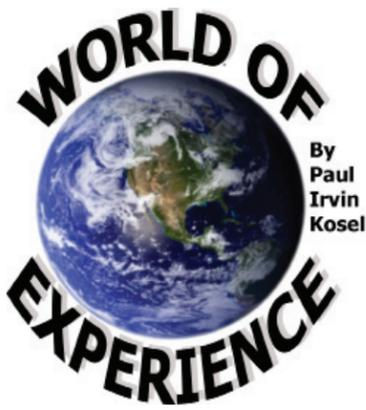


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I had figured that my Livestream set-up was done until fall, until I received a message on Tuesday asking if I could Livestream the Langford Area game in Huron Wednesday evening. He

even said he had sponsors lined up.

Well, it took me by surprise. I did not commit right away as there were some technical things that I needed to find out before pursuing the event. I fired off an email and called the Huron Arena over my noon hour to find out the availability of internet service. I was told that Wifi was available for the media and that as a backup, Verizon had a good signal in the Arena. Once I got that information, I made the decision to Livestream the game.

Jeslyn and I went to Huron right after school on Wednesday. When I arrived, the first thing I always do is take a speed test of the internet to see what we have going. I got my phone out, logged into the network and started the speed test. The download was around 40mg, which I really don't care about. I more interested in the upload speed. I waited for the needle to move during the upload part of the test. It didn't move. Not at all. I thought there was something wrong with the app, so I restarted it again. Same results. It was 35 minutes before the game was ready to start.

I took out my hotspot and looked at it. It had 2 out of 5 bars. Maybe 3 at times. With that strength, I would be pushing very low quality of my stream. I need a minimum of 5 mgs for uploading. I wasn't getting it. I'm starting to get real nervous now.

I go down to the ticket booth and asked if the IT guy was around. He didn't know, so he went into the Arena to ask someone else. The other guy got on the phone and then gave me the phone to the Arena's IT guy. I told him my story and he was surprised that it was that poor. He said he would be there in a few minutes as he was only a couple of blocks away.

Back up to the crowd's nest I went and waited. Now it was about 20 minutes before game time. Mike, the IT guy, shows up. He asks if I could use a hardwired connection and I said yes. He got a cable out and hooked it up. He said he would be able to get me through the firewall. I asked if it was the school's firewall and he said yes. That made me even more nervous as only one other IT guy in the area has been able to get me through the school's firewall to Livestream. He went over to his computer and in a couple of minutes, he told me to give it a try. I pushed my buttons and it fired right up. I was so relieved and excited that we were able to do Livestream in HD. I thanked Mike several times for his help and he just brushed it off as doing his job. Needless to say, he saved the day!

We had a record number of viewers for a basketball game with 1154. There have been an additional 68 views after the game and throughout the day on Thursday.

The game was hit, especially with Langford Area winning the nail biting, 40-39, score. As I was looking through Facebook, there was one comment that caught my attention. It went like this: "I was on the edge of my seat at archery practice - all of us adults huddled around my phone at the end while the kids are just staring at us like "can we shoot now?"" I can visually see that in my mind.

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The Life of Jerroll Erdmann

Memorial services for Jerroll (Jerry) L. Erdmann, 85, of Aberdeen, was held Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the Presbyterian Church, Groton, with the Reverend James Clarke officiating.

Jerry died Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Manor Care Health Services in Aberdeen.

Jerroll Lee Erdmann, son of Gilbert and Estella (Craig) Erdmann was born on May 13, 1932 in Groton, SD. He was raised on the family farm near Groton and graduated from Groton High School in 1950. After high school, Jerry worked with his parents on the farm before enlisting in the US Air Force in 1952. He was stationed at Gary Air Force Base in San Marcos, Texas where he worked as a helicopter mechanic during the Korean War. On August 31, 1956 he was united in marriage to Bonnie McCormick at San Marcos, Texas. After being honorably discharged from the US Air Force in 1956, Jerry and Bonnie moved to rural Groton, SD where they began their own farming operation while also working with Jerry's parents on the farm. Jerry continued farming for the next 54 years before retiring and moving to Aberdeen, SD in 2010. Jerry had a love for the farm including his Registered Angus cattle herd, which he continued to expand and improve during his farming and ranching career. Jerry was always passionate about completing required farm work meticulously and efficiently, and loved to see the bounty of good crops and quality cattle which resulted from his hard work and dedication to the farm.

Jerry served on area boards for many years including the Henry Township Board, Brown County Co-op in Aberdeen, Brown County Livestock Improvement Association, where he also served as president and the Ferney Farmers Elevator in Groton. He was a member of the American Legion Post #39 in Groton for the past 61 years and also was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Groton for the past 57 years, serving as Master of the Lodge in 1967 and again in 1971. He belonged as a life member to the American Angus Association since he began ranching in 1954. Jerry was a life long member of Presbyterian Churches in Groton, San Marcos, Texas (where he met Bonnie), and Aberdeen, SD. He was as an ordained elder and deacon of the Presbyterian Church.

Jerry had countless friends and acquaintances. He was always very social with a great sense of humor, and it seemed regardless of where he traveled, he would greet someone who he had met previously. In later years he loved to travel and over the past 22 years he and Bonnie had spent the winters in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. He loved the weather in Cabo, and also the many new friends they met while there. Jerry was a selfless man and always more interested in others than himself. He will be missed by so many.

Grateful for having shared Jerry's life are his wife, Bonnie, daughter, Peri Lee Erdmann (Lyn Halvorson), Aberdeen, two sons, Michael Lee Erdmann (Marge Rohrbach), Aberdeen, and Darrin Lee (Julie) Erdmann, Groton; grandchildren: Derek (Kristen) Tvinneheim (Webster, SD), Brock Halvorson (Kelsey Mundt) (Westfield, New Jersey), Caleb (Christine) Halvorson (Sioux Falls), Brandon (Kristen) Dirksen (Des Moines, Ia), Dawson Erdmann (Aberdeen), Tessa Erdmann (Groton) and Jarrett Erdmann (Groton); great grandchildren: Kaden, Karter, Mia, and Max; one sister, Annette Rabasca, (Wilmington, Delaware), and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Honorary Urnbearers were his Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

Memorials will be given to the Episcopal Church in Groton, the Lazy Farmers 4-H Club, Groton FFA Chapter & the American Cancer Society.

The Life of Doraine Green

Services for Doraine Green, 93, of Groton were held Saturday, March 10th at Augustana Lutheran Church, rural Claremont. Pastor Ramona Hayes officiated. Burial followed in Augustana Cemetery.

Doraine passed away Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Avera Mother Joseph Manor, Aberdeen.

Belva Doraine Benson was born on February 9, 1925 at her rural Verdon farm home. She was the sixth of eight daughters born to Leslie and Belva (Feller) Benson. Doraine went to grade school at Garden Prairie Country School and graduated from Groton High School in 1942. She moved to Aberdeen and was employed with Socony-Vacumn Company. On April 14, 1951, she married her high school sweetheart, Manly Green in Conde. They made their home on the farm by Claremont. Together they were blessed with two children, Robbin and Kathy.



Doraine was a member of Augustana Lutheran Church. She was a Sunday school teacher and active in WELCA. Doraine loved to sew and made many quilts that the church donated. She enjoyed bowling in the Sunshine League in Claremont. Doraine was also involved in 4-H with her children.

She always loved visiting with her many friends.

Doraine loved her family and her Lord. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren gave her so much love and joy. Her great-granddaughter, Abby, gave her the title "Grandma Great" as she was so great. She will forever be remembered for her kindness.

Celebrating her life are her children, Robbin Green (Vickie Anderson) of Groton, Kathy (Bob) Fischbach of Mina, her grandchildren, Karlie (Layton) Cooper, Matt (Amber) Sandve, Maggie Doraine Fischbach and her great-grandchildren, Abigail, Maxwell and Liam, her sister, Phyllis Taylor-Olson of Bloomington, MN, brother-in-law, Don Pignors and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband in 2002, her sisters, Vella Schmiegl, Lois Riddle, Norma Schwiesow, Betty Dunker, Leslie Ann Pignors and Nancy Zeck.

Honorary Casketbearers were her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

Casketbearers were R. Van Johnson, Kent Johnson, Drew Johnson, Jay Johnson, Marc Johnson and John Zeck.

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38th Annual Meeting



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- Board and Management Report
- Election of Directors

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Poetry and Essay Contest Winners

Here are the winners of this year's poetry & essay contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The only grades that participated this year were 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The Groton Auxiliary did not participate this year. Judging and prizes were awarded by the Columbia Legion Auxiliary. Cara Dennert is pictured with the award winners.



4th Grade Essay - Carly Gilbert - 1st place, Jaedyn Penning - 2nd place; 4th Grade Poetry - Talli Wright - 1st place, Grace Hatfield - 2nd place



5th Grade Poetry - Christian Ehresmann - 1st place



5th Grade Poetry - Alicia Davis - 2nd place.



3rd Grade Poetry - Carlee Johnson - 1st place, Emerlee Jones - 2nd place

Groton Coffee Cup League

March 12 Team Standings: James Valley 26, Ten Pins 21, Kens 17, Jungle Lanes 16
High Games: Vicki Walter 213, Vickie Kramp 174, Sam Bahr 173
High Series: Vicki Walter 515, Vickie Kramp 481, Joyce Walter 452

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March 12 Team Standings: Pirates 24, Mets 22, Braves 17, Cubs 16, Colts 16, Giants 13

Men's High Games: Lance Frohling 223, 194, 191; Russ Bethke 189; Troy Linberg 184

Men's High Series: Lance Frohling 608, Russ Bethke 510, Troy Lindberg 502

Women's High Games: Nancy Radke 182, Vickie Kramp 169, Joyce Walter 164, Michelle Johnson 164

Women's High Series: Nancy Radke 473, Michelle Johnson 463, Joyce Walter 442



Helmer 90th Birthday

LaVonne J. Helmer of Groton will celebrate her 90th birthday on March 24th. Greetings may be sent to 705 N 6th St, Groton, SD 57445.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Cheetahs 12, Jackelopes 11, Shih Tzus 10, Coyotes 10, Chipmunks 10, Foxes 7

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 246, 224, 215, Roger Spanier 224, Brad Larson 216, Chris Kassube 207

Women's High Games: Michelle Johnson 197, Vicki Walter 190, 187, 181

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 685, Brad Larson 565, Roger Spanier 552

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter 558, Darci Spanier 480, Michelle Johnson 462

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