



Brenda Waage looks over the Bingo cards to find the right ones she wants to play at the Lions Club Bingo event held last Wednesday night at the Legion. All 1,000 Bingo cards were sold out by 6:24 p.m. No one won the big jackpot, so this Wednesday Bingo players will be going for \$4,526.



Shyla Larson and Ashley Flihs helped to serve burgers and hot dogs last night at the Lions Club Bingo event. According to Sandi Sippel, cheerleader advisor, the cheerleaders are raising money to buy new uniforms for next year.

No change in scholarship part of graduation

The Groton Area School Board made no change in policy in regards to scholarship part of the graduation ceremony. Middle/High School Principal Kiersten Sombke stated during her report that there was an interest in changing that part of the program where scholarships are read out loud during the program.

Board members Clint Fjelstad and Deb Gengerke were strongly opposed to making any changes. Both said the people who donate money for scholarships should be recognized as well as the students who receive them. Board member Marty Weismantel said he had heard from some of the seniors who were concerned that not everyone would be

recognized because not everyone receives a scholarship. He said they felt everyone should be treated the same and that the diploma is the most important. Weismantel proposed not reading the amounts during the ceremony. No action was taken.

Ashley Seeklander was recognized as the South Dakota Counselor of the Year at the 2018 South Dakota Counseling Association annual gathering.

The kindergarten round-up was held on Friday with 43 students attending. It is anticipated that there will be 63 students enrolled in next year's junior kindergarten and kindergarten.

A lengthy discussion was held on the copier service program. The board debated between

Methodist parish to get new pastor in July

The Groton/Conde parish of the United Methodist Church will be getting a new pastor starting July 1, 2018. The current pastor, Thomas Carlson, has accepted a call to the Cresbard parish.

The new pastor coming in is Brandon Dunham, a Rapid City native, currently serving at the First United Methodist Church in Watertown. He has spent the past seven years in Brookings attending South Dakota State University for a degree in Hospitality Management and has been commuting to Watertown to work at First UMC where he is the Director of Worship and Ministry.

Dunham said, "Watertown was my first official church, not counting the internship with GracePoint Wesleyan in Brookings. As a church staff member your job always extends beyond the job description as did mine so I wore many hats. I was the Director of Worship and Ministries which meant I led our contemporary worship ministry team, led our Adult Discipleship programming, coordinated our Special Events and Local Outreach efforts, preached on occasion and anything else that was asked of me."

Becoming a pastor was not Dunham's first choice, but he was suddenly challenged with the question, "Why don't you become a pastor?" of which at the time, he had no answer. Here's how he said the got his start: "I have been very active in Ministry for a long time through youth groups, camps, and college ministries. As I was pursuing my undergraduate degree at South Dakota State I found myself facing the question "Why don't you become a pastor?" This question came from one of the high school boys I was leading, and I didn't have an answer. It's something I had thought of before and quickly dismissed, but I spent about a month in prayer and that's when I decided to reach out to others in the ministry. Things have moved quickly since I made that decision and I am reaffirmed each day that I have made the right move."

Pastor Dunham has a special interest in music. He expanded on his musical talents by saying, "I grew up playing the violin and began playing guitar my senior year of high school for a Youth Sunday. I have since been participating in and leading worship teams so I have made it my mission to learn everyone else's instruments as well. Guitar, bass, mandolin and ukulele are all fair, but piano and drums have been giving me troubles for the last couple years!"

Dunham is engaged to an Aberdeen native and plan to get married the week after she graduates from NSU in May 2019. He said, "I am recently engaged this last December to a beautiful lady from Aberdeen which has sparked the move north. Ashley Farrand and I knew each other from SDSU and she transferred back home to Aberdeen last year to finish her second major. She will graduate May of 2019 with degrees in Early Childhood Education and Art Education. In celebration we are getting married the following week!"

Dunham said his favorite part about working in the ministry is, "being able to do anything and everything I can to bring others into an encounter with our living God. I worship through the victories in the people I come into contact with."



Photo by Ashley Farrand

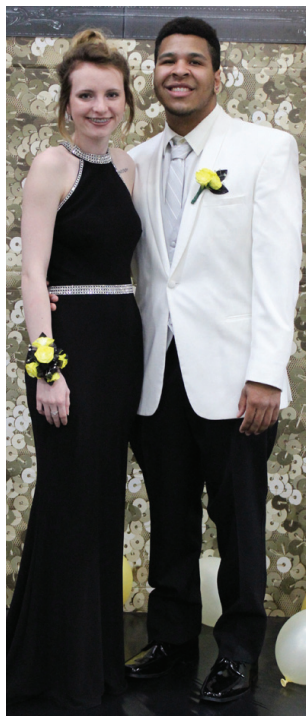
Century Business Products and A & B Business Solutions as both would offer a complete fleet changeout of all copiers. The board took no action for further review.

The last day of school will remain changed at May 25, 2018.

Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that there was a conflict in the ACT Testing and Prom Dates on next year's calendar. The ACT testing in Groton is set for April 13, the same date as the prom. He is leaning toward moving Prom to March 30 so the students would be free for the ACT testing. He said having the ACT testing in Groton is a plus for the students.



Portia Kettering escorted by Chandler Larson



Cassidi Schimmel escorted by Seric Shabazz



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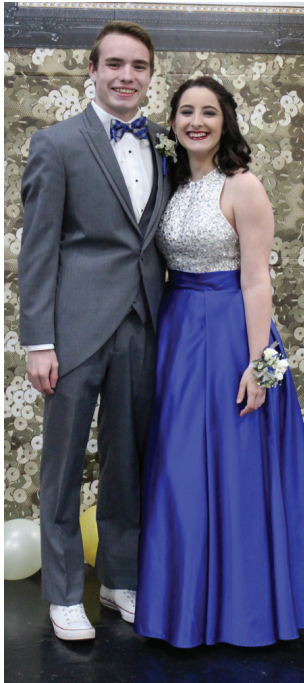
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Tadyn Glover escorted by Brandon Keith



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Erika Herr escorted by Mitchell Thurston



Payton Maine escorted by Andrew Rintala



Maggie Crosby escorted by Andrew Artz



Jessica Bjerke escorted by Luke Thorson



Jennie Doeden escorted by Brodyn DeHoet



Hattie Weismantel escorted by Tylan Glover



Emerald Sturduvant escorted by Lucas Hinman



Aleaya Worlie accompanied by Emma Donley



Lindsey Tietz, Jordan Kjellsen, Becky Erickson and Jodi Sternhagen were the prom supervisors this year. (Photo seen somewhere on Facebook)

Special thanks to Joann Donley for the photos. We had planned to lift the photos from the GDILIVE, but the location we were in had low light; therefore, lacked the quality to lift photos from the video.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The NFL draft is nearly here! For most football fans, the NFL draft is like Christmas morning. Personally, I have been looking forward to this day since the Vikings lost the NFC Championship game in January. A really good draft can take a team from mediocrity to championship caliber, but on the flip side a bad draft can add years to a team's rebuild. The draft is very difficult to predict, and most teams are lucky to get one or two starters each year. Luckily, the Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman has been very good at drafting. He certainly has his share of "misses" like Christian Ponder, Scott Crichton and Josh Robinson, but he has even more "hits" like Harrison Smith, Xavier Rhodes, Anthony Barr, Eric Kendricks, Danielle Hunter, Dalvin Cook etc..



For a little bit of fun, I wanted to share some mock drafts that showcase what options the Vikings have. If you would like to do your own mock drafts, head over to www.fanspeak.com. I elected to use three different draft big boards for these three mock drafts, and I didn't include any trades. Even though the draft is seven rounds long, I am only including the first three rounds of the mocks because those are the rounds which are the most important. So, without further ado, let's get into some mock drafts!

The first mock draft I completed saw an offensive lineman fall down the draft a little, and I didn't hesitate to select guard Will Hernandez from Texas-El Paso. He is a player who will be able to come in right away and start at guard for the Vikings. In the second round I drafted Isaiah Oliver, a cornerback from Colorado. I don't expect he will still be around when the Vikings pick in the second round, but if he is the team should run to the podium and take him. He is a very good prospect who will provide depth and could challenge for a starting spot after a year or two under his belt. For the third and last pick I double dipped at offensive line, selecting Scott Quessenberry, a center from UCLA. I'm not sure if he is a starting-caliber player, but he can play center and both guard spots and will provide some excellent depth along the interior of the offensive line.

For the second mock draft I drafted Billy Price in the first round. He is a guard/center from Ohio State. Price was considered one of the best offensive linemen in the draft before injuring his pectoral muscle at the combine. The injury should be minor and not cause him to miss too much time. He might start slowly, but should develop into a great guard in the NFL. In the second round I drafted Arden Key, a defensive end from LSU. Personally I think that might be a little too high for Key, but I'm sure Mike Zimmer is drooling over his athletic potential. To round out the draft I grabbed another defensive lineman in DaShawn Hand, defensive tackle from Alabama. Hand represents phenomenal talent in the third round and will provide some excellent depth along the defensive line and should develop into a solid starter if Sheldon Richardson were to leave next offseason.

For the third mock draft, I went a different direction. In the first round, cornerback Jaire Alexander from Louisville was sitting there at number 30 and I couldn't let him fall any further. He would challenge for playing time right away as a rookie and could overtake Trae Waynes as the starter in his second or third year. In the second round I really wanted to grab an offensive lineman but there weren't any good options available so I took the best player available in defensive end Sam Hubbard from Ohio State. Hubbard doesn't have the athleticism of a player like Danielle Hunter,

but he should develop into a solid starter in a year or two. For the Vikings' third round pick, I selected Martin Rankin, an offensive lineman from Mississippi State. Rankin played his college career at left tackle, but I think he could be better if he slides inside to guard. Either way, he provides the ability to play any position along the offensive line and could work his way into a starter within a few years.

What did you think of the mock drafts? Let me know by reaching out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL). Skol!

Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the Groton Rehab Center with Linda Anderson and Pat Larson hosting. Eight members answered roll call with a favorite spring flower. Correspondence included information about the State SDFGC meeting in Mobridge April 27-28. A letter was read from the Groton community Historical Society asking for assistance with the roof project for the Congregational church. Officers for the 2018-19 year are Beverly Sombke, president; Mark Overacker, Vice president; Linda Gengerke Secretary; Pat Larson, Treasurer; The constitution and by-laws were reviewed. The May 21 meeting will be with Deb McKiver with Bev Sombke assisting. Marj Overacker will give the program.

Following the meeting, Linda Gengerke gave the program, "Early Spring Annuals."

ABERDEEN AREA COMMUNITY CHOIR

The spring concert of the Aberdeen Area Community Choir, was held on Sunday afternoon, at the Congregational Church in Aberdeen. Bev Sombke and Lee Schinkel are members of this choir, and sang Sunday afternoon. Lee also had a vocal/piano solo for the concert.

N S U annual concert choir was performed at Johnson Fine Arts Center, on Saturday evening. Alexander Kern is a member of the college choir. Lee Schinkel was a guest singer with the choir that night.

GROTON KIWANIS CLUB

Tom Paepke was program leader for the Groton Kiwanis Club dinner meeting, last Wednesday noon. Tom introduced Connor Hanson, and asked him to speak about his new business in Groton

Connor has opened his own auto body shop in the old vet clinic. Connor is a graduate of GHS, and earned a business degree at N S U.

He started his new business on January first.

For the business meeting, Lee Schinkel announced he has the scholarship applications from GHS, and the committee will met after Kiwanis meeting.

Lee then introduced his two guests, Jodi Schwan, from GHS, and Ashley Seeklander, from Groton Elementary School. They spoke on the new peanut butter and jelly program at our school. The club voted to sponsor this program, with voluntary member contributions.

Twelve members and three guests attended the meeting.

The club will celebrate its 65th anniversary in June.

Doeden, Stange qualify for state

Two Groton Area tracksters have qualified for the state track meet at the first meet held of the season. Ipswich hosted the meet on Saturday with Jonathan Doeden taking first in the 110m hurdles and Harleigh Stange taking second in the long jump as both qualified for the state meet.

Boy's Division

110m Hurdles: 1, (SQ) Jonathan Doeden, 15.54; Darien Shabazz, 27.31; Paxton Bonn, 23.05.

300m Hurdles: Thomas Cranford, 48.62.

200m Dash: Trevor Harry, 27.33; Doug Heminger, 30.32; Thomas Cranford, 25.92; Jonathan Doeden, 25.06; Darien Shabazz, 30.10; Austin Jones, 26.61

100m Dash: Trevor Harry, 12.47; Doug Heminger, 13.33; Thomas Cranford, 11.69.

400m Dash: Doug Heminger, 1:07.95.

800m Run: Isaac Smith, 2:45.54; Mitchell Kones, 2:28.64.

1600m Run: Isaac Smith, 6:30.23; Mitchell Koens, 5:28.22.

400m Relay: 5, Groton (Doeden, Cranford, Jones, Shabazz), 47.86.

High Jump: 8, Austin Jones, 5-4.

Long Jump: 7, Jonathan Doeden, 19-11 1/2; Trevor Harry, 18-5 1/2; Paxton Bonn, 14-3.

Shot Put: Luke Thorson 40-10; Grady O'Neill, 37-3; Caleb Ferney, 37-2; Brodyn DeHoet, 34-4.

Discus: Luke Thorson, 109; Grady O'Neill, 100-11; Caleb Ferney, 106-8; Brodyn DeHoet, 106-8.

Girl's Division

100m Hurdles: Payton Maine, 18.92; Cassandra Townsend, 20.78.

300m Hurdles: Payton Maine, 55.87; Cassandra Townsend, 1:02.30.

200m Dash: Tiara DeHoet, 35.02; Jodi Hinman, 32.79; Desiree Blevins, 38.98.

400m Dash: Regan Leicht, 1:18.72.

800m Run: 8, Amelie Hartwig, 2:49.29.

1600m Run: Desiree Blevins, 7:17.61.

400m Relay: 4, Groton (Harleigh Stange, Payton Maine, Amelie Hartwig, Jodi Hinman), 56.84.

800m Relay: 6, Groton (Harleigh Stange, Payton Maine, Amelie Hartwig, Jodi Hinman), 2:01.26.

Discus: 2, Jessica Bjerke, 109-2; 7, Jennie Doeden, 99-6; Kacie Hawkins, 87-7; Chloe Daly, 65-0.

Shot Put: 5, Jessica Bjerke, 33-7 3/4; 7, Jennie Doeden, 32-6; Madison Sippel, 29-3 1/2; Taylor Holm, 30-10; Kacie Hawkins, 30-4 1/4; Chloe Daly, 26-10; Alexis Hanten, 23-0.

High Jump: Nicole Marzahn, 4-2.

Long Jump: 2, (SQ) Harleigh Stange, 16-11; Nicole Marzahn, 13-10; Jodi Hinman, 10-10 1/2; Tiara DeHoet, 11-1 1/2.

Triple Jump: 3, Harleigh Stange, 32-9 1/2; 8, Nicole Marzahn, 30-7.

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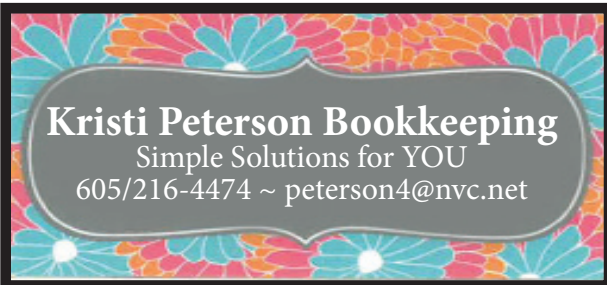
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4.0 GPA: Jenifer Fjelstad, Alexis Gustafson, Madilyn Wright, Gia Gengerke, Alexandra Stange

3.99-3.50: Madison Sippel, Marshall Lane, Hattie Weismantel, Luke Thorson, Jackson Oliver, Anthony Sippel, Jessica Bjerke, Emma Donley

3.49-3.00: Brandon Keith, Brenna Johnson, Hunter Monson, Hannah Lewandowski, Tyler Iverson, Erika Herr, Mitchel Thurston

Juniors

4.0 GPA: AnneMarie Smith, Emily Thompson, Cassandra Townsend, Jillian Barton

3.99-3.50: Samantha Geffre, Alexis Simon, Ashley Garduno, Kaitlyn Anderson, Tylan Glover, Kaitlyn Kassube, Kylie Kassube, Samantha Menzia, Jennie Doeden

3.49-3.00: Taylor Holm, Micah Poor, Payton Maine, Miranda Hanson, Alexa Hickenbotham, James Cranford

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Kaycie Hawkins, Nicole Marzahn
 3.99-3.50: Kayla Jensen, Kaylin Kucker, Payton Colestock, Amelie Hartwig, Kya Jandel

3.49-3.00: Austin Jones, Indigo Rogers, Tady Glover, KaSandra Pappas, Caitlynn Barse, Benjamin Higgins, Madeline Schuelke

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: None
 3.99-3.50: Isaac Smith, Erin Unzen, Grace Wambach, Sage Mortenson, Alexa Herr, Samantha Pappas, Alexis Hanten, Tanae Lipp, Trey Gengerke, Jasmine Gengerke

3.49-3.00: Tiara DeHoet, Regan Leicht, Hailey Monson, Grace Wiedrick, Alex Morris, Tessa Erdmann, Brooklyn Gilbert, Steven Paulson, Taryn Taylor, Dragr Monson, Dylan Krueger, Sarah Sippel, Braden Freeman, Connor Lehman, Alyssa Fordham, Chandler Larson

Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: None
 3.99-3.50: Allyssa Locke, Stella Meier, Madisen Bjerke, Riley Gengerke, Travis Townsend, Madeline Fliehs, Trista Keith, Julianna Kosel, Seth Johnson, Pierce Kettering, Kennedy Anderson, Jordan Bjerke, Macine McGannon, Jackson Cogley, Lane Krueger

3.49-3.00: Kansas Kroll, Hannah Gustafson, Kaden Kurtz, Megan Fliehs, Alexander Dutchuk, Rease Jandel, River Pardick

Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: Cole Bisbee
 3.99-3.50: Caleb Hanten, Jackson Dinger, Ethan Clark, Brooke Gengerke, Jacob Lewandowski, Aspen Johnson, Andrew Marzahn, Eiliana Weismantel, Carter Barse, Jackson Bahr, Cadance Tullis

3.49-3.00: Kaleb Antonsen, Cole Simon, Marlee Tollifson, Gracie Traphagen, Shallyn Foertsch, Cade Larson, Sierra Ehresmann, Dylan Anderson, Porter Johnson, KayLynn Overacker, Shaylee Peterson

Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: None
 3.99-3.50: Emma Schinkel, Jaycie Lier, Dillon Abeln, Bradin Althoff, Emily Clark, Kyleigh Englund, Ashlyn Sperry, Claire Heinrich, Colby Dunker

3.49-3.00: Anna Fjeldheim, Holden Sippel, Lydia Meier, Karsyn Jangula, Lane Tietz, Sydney Leicht, Sara Menzia, Hannah Monson, Bryson Wambach, Jacob Zak, Faith Fliehs, Carly Guthmiller, Elijah Lich, Lexi Osterman, Anna Bisbee

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Groton City April 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2018

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 pm at the Community Center for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Blackmun, Peterson, McGannon, Opp and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, Jerry Bjerke, Gene Loeschke, Kathy Sundermeyer, and Paul Kosel.

Gene Loeschke, Interm Director of Equalization, indicated potential assessment issues with Doug Abeln's property. For now, the property will be assessed to the City of Groton. Gene left the meeting at 7:11pm.

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

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

Payroll, \$19,317.93, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$2,875.45; ; Public Safety, \$7,605.80; ; Public Works, \$8,763.32; ; Culture & Recreation, \$73.36; ; First State Bank, \$6,702.47, SS and WH; ; First State Bank, \$250.38, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$950.00, Employee savings; Auto Zone, \$230.93, Yellow dump truck hydra fluid; David Larson, \$910.00, HWH rebate city & Heartland; Tom Paepke, \$500.00, HWH rebate city & Heartland; S&S Lumber, \$2,610.00, Heartland commercial lighting rebate; S&S Lumber, \$268.49, Cable clamps, tape, valves, nuts, hose, floor dry, saw blades, caution tape, salt; SD Retirement, \$7,185.40, Employee retirement; Web Water, \$11,648.37, 2,785,600 gals; City of Groton, \$870.01, Utility deposit refunds, postage; Karen Hanna, \$37.34, Deposit refund; Logan Jungwirth, \$140.23, Deposit refund; Ryan Schaeffer, \$50.79, Deposit refund; US Postal Service, \$196.63, Utility bill postage; AmeriPride, \$36.46, Rug rent; Farmer's Union, \$1,396.78, Diesel fuel 500 gal; Darrel's Sinclair, \$70.95, Plow truck tire repair; John Deere Financial, \$1,108.96, Pay loader steering repair; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,569.13, Gas, generator battery; Ken's, \$24.65, Paper products; Lori's Pharmacy, \$7.38, Batteries, index cards; James Valley, \$522.94, Phone and internet; Kay's Computing, \$19.99, Power supply for shop; Heartland Waste, \$6,574.97, Garbage hauling; Heartland Power, \$67,382.28, Power 3/18; Dollar General, \$5.00, Drano; Chase Visa, \$1,846.79, Police hard drive for videos, Publishing, ink, paper, 3 softball bats, library book, baseball season insurance coverage, state and national fees, tournament fees, chemical to calibrate gas meter, and pH meter; A&B Business, \$198.12, Copier rent; Core & Main, \$206.67, Hydrant valve; McGannon P&H, \$46.09, Start boiler at skating pond; SD One Call, \$1.05, Message fees 1/18-3/18; WAPA, \$21,437.19, Power 3/18; Applied Concepts, \$118.00, Police radar remote control and screw latch; Jerry Bjerke, \$28.00, Police vehicle gas reimbursement; SD Retirement, \$530.00, Employee retirement; Brent Wink, \$27.24, Collections reimbursement; April Abeln, \$129.66, Dep and med flex.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon to approve the finance report for March. All members present voted aye.

Herron reported that the public works department is attempting to work in alleys, and he will be testing a kerf-cutter to repair water valve boxes that have been broken. Herron also presented a quote from Perry Blocker for a 40ft by 42ft hoop barn with six feet walls for \$22,353. The enclosure would hold the surplus road salt. Herron suggested filling cracks in the roads with rubber seal.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to rent a crack-filling machine from Sioux Falls to fill cracks in the roads with rubber seal. All members present voted aye.

Shawn entered the meeting at 7:22pm.

Herron left the meeting at 7:30pm.

Zerr reported sweeper repairs in the amount of about \$4,500 and left the meeting at 7:32pm.

Lambertz reported 53 more electric house inspections were done, and that DGR Engineering will be coming in May to work on

maps. Lambertz left the meeting at 7:43pm.

Bjerke reported things being quiet, and the vehicle running smoothly. Cameras have still had errors, but are working. Bjerke left the meeting at 7:47pm.

Heartland rebates are almost maxed for the year. Applications are still welcomed, but may be paid out next year.

The Vander Vorst family donated two benches for the City Park. Council would like to send a card of thanks to the family, as well as add "Donated by" plaques on the benches.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Blackmun to approve Block to attend Northeast Area Finance Officer Group Meeting April 19th in Aberdeen. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to approve Block to attend Human Resource and Finance Officer School June 5th-8th in Sioux Falls. All members present voted aye.

Swimming pool season updates were tabled until further notice.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by McGannon to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:55 pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:25pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to hire the following summer employees:

Susan Fjeldheim - U12 Softball coach, Bradley Penning - U10 Softball coach, Kayla Krause - U8 Softball coach, Allyssa Locke and Madisen Bjerke - Ticket takers, and Peyton Johnson - BB Groundskeeper.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by McGannon to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Hope Block, Finance Officer
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Westport Town April 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting
April 9th, 2018

The Town of Westport met on April 9th, 2018 with Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General
NWPS (\$554.45), Groton Independent (\$17.03), B & B contracting - snow removal (\$290.00), US treasury (\$460.84) & SD Unemployment (\$14.10)

Sewer
NWPS (\$44.24) & NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13)

Water
WEB (\$1,016.31), Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43), DENR -Loan repayment (\$3,912.12).

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

The following deposits were presented:

City General
Brown County Collections (\$595.23), Hall Rent (\$75.00), State of SD (\$3,665.12) & Interest (\$27.10).

Sewer
Resident Payments - (\$1,650.00) & Brown County Collections (\$231.00).

Water
Resident Payments - (\$2,803.93).

NEW BUSINESS:

2 new resolutions were presented to the board. Resolution 7 provided a surcharge fee for the sewer. The surcharge will be a base of \$26.00 per active, inactive user and Business/piggyback per month. The base was changed to \$9.00 per active user, and 18.00 for Business/Piggyback. This is effective on July 1st, 2018. Resolution 6 gives approval to certain sewer facilities improvements. Both resolutions were passed.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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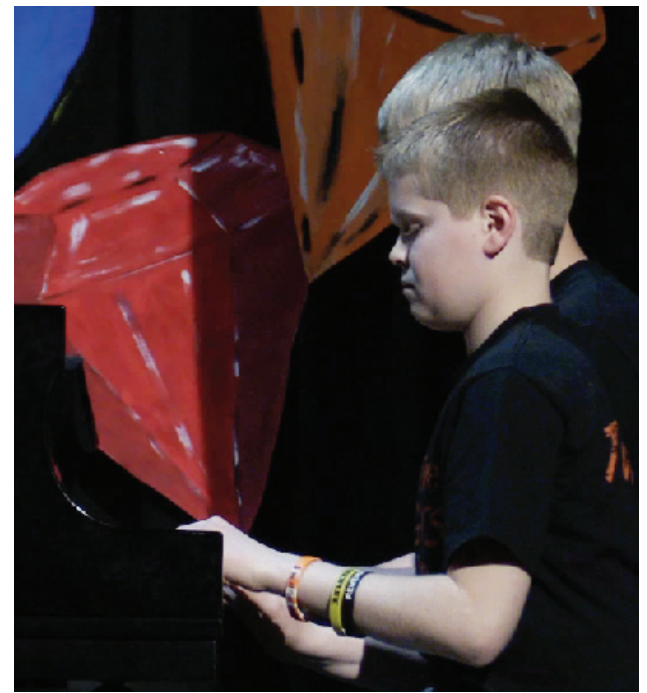
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Trinity Smith, Ava Kramer and Carter Barse were the masters of ceremony of the second annual Groton Area Middle School Talent Show entitled, "Our Talent is a Hidden Treasure." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Elliana Weismantel had a piano solo entitled, "Rockin' Robin." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



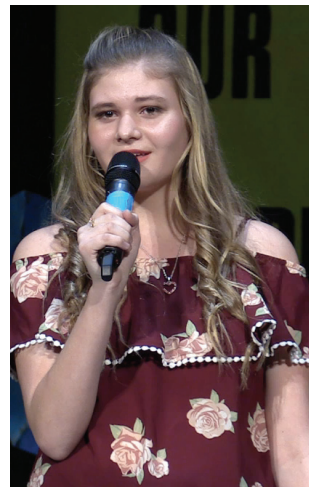
Caleb Hanten and Andrew Marzahn had a piano duet. They performed, "Phantom of the Opera." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

Middle School Talent Show

Julianna Kosel and Trinity Smith sang a duet entitled, "Dynamite." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Cadance Tullis had a solo song, "One Day." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Julianna Kosel had a solo entitled, "Titanium." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



The sixth grade band performed, "Surfin' U.S.A." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



The junior high band performed, "Can't Stop the Feeling." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



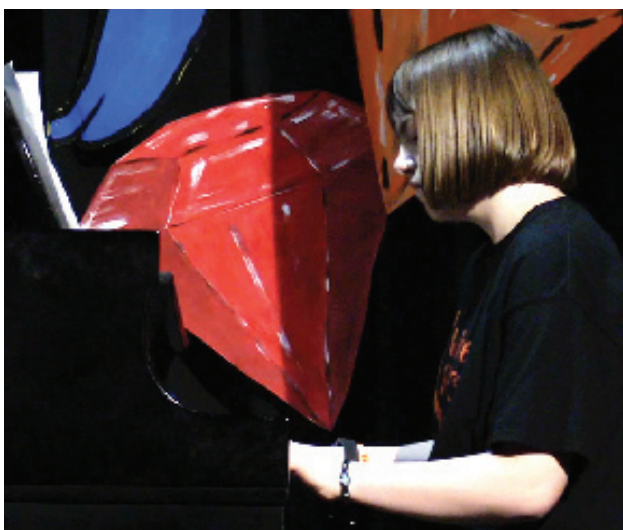
Anna and John Bisbee had a duet entitled, "Popular." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



The junior high show choir performed, "Sieze the Day." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Stella Meier had a piano solo entitled, "The Music Box." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Emily Clark played, "Festival Fanfare." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Shaylee Peterson and Sierra Ehresmann had a vocal duet entitled, "Stay." They were accompanied by Ellie Weismantel. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

The directors of the event were
Desiree Yeigh
Cody Swanson
Austin Fordham



Anna Bisbee and Kyrie Yeigh had a vocal duet singing, "Part of Your World." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)
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February Students of the Month

The Students of the Month for the month of February have been chosen. Each month the faculty select students who show outstanding academic achievement. These students receive certificates and have an end of the year lunch with the principal.

The February Students of the Month are Colby Dunker, sixth; Caleb Hanten, seventh; Megan Fliehs, eighth; Tanae Lipp, freshman; Tadyn Glover, sophomore; Tylan Glover, junior; and Marshall Lane, senior.

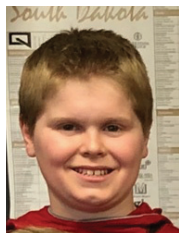


Colby Dunker, sixth grader, is the son of Craig and Tasha Dunker, Groton. Siblings are Rylee (10) and Brynlee (5).

Colby is involved in baseball, basketball, football and MathCounts. He is an AR super reader, has perfect attendance and is on the honor roll. His interests are sports, fishing, hunting and farming. Math is his favorite subject and he plans to farm after college. His role models are his dad and grandpas.

Caleb Hanten, seventh grader, is the son of Cody and Sarah Hanten, Groton. Siblings are Alexis, Teggan and Gavin.

Caleb's activities include basketball, football, baseball, track, piano, band, choir and 4-H.



He has won various music and athletic awards. He like to hunt, fish, from and to play sports. Social studies is his favorite subject and he wants to become an agronomist. His role model is his dad.



Megan Fliehs, eighth grader, is the daughter of Kristie and Jarod Fliehs, Groton. Siblings are Ashley (16) and Brevin (11).

Megan's activities include Groton dance, volleyball, Matchbox volleyball, SEAS Confirmation Class, ARCC dance and Carnival of Silver Skates. Her accomplishments include being Student of the Month in her sixth, seventh and eighth grade years and honor roll. She is interested in dance, volleyball, photography, cooking and spending time with friends. English is her favorite subject and she plans to be a photographer and dance teacher. Her mom is role model.



Tanae Lipp, freshman, is the daughter of Tom and Kami Lipp, Groton. Siblings are Eric, Amanda, Reilly and Kyler, and she has a pet dog, Smores.

Tanae's activities include volleyball, basketball, dance, FBLA and Carnival of Silver Skates. She has placed at MathCounts and won the Junior Snow Queen.

She is interested in hanging out with friends and family and watching Netflix. English is her favorite subject and she plans to attend college after high school. Her mom is her role model.



Tadyn Glover, sophomore, is the daughter of Angela and Burt Glover, Groton. Her activities include volleyball, basketball, FFA and FBLA. She has been named to the honor roll and her interests are fashion, reading, art, makeup and animals. Chemistry is her favorite subject and she plans to be a radiologist. Her mom is her role model.



Tylan Glover, junior, is the son of Burt and Angela Glover, Groton. His activities include FBLA, Drama and Show Choir. He has been named to the National Honor Society and is a Superior Choir member. His interest is theatre while Drama and English are his favorite subjects. He plans to get a major in musical theater/education. Sierra Bogges is his role model.



Marshall Lane, senior, is the son of Jim and Melodee Lane, Groton. Siblings are Lincoln, Logan, CJ and Jamie Forrest.

Marshall's activities include football, basketball, Chamber Choir, Show Choir, School Play and Student Council. His accomplishments include being on the honor roll, Wendy's High School Heisman and SD All-State Academic teams for football and basketball. His interests are sports, listening to music and hanging out with friends. Biology/anatomy are his favorite subjects and he plans to become a nurse anesthetist. His role model is his dad.

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