



Vol. 135 No. 40 ♦ Groton, Brown County, South Dakota ♦ Wednesday, June 6, 2018 ♦ Established in 1889

Seniors on the move

<p>Northern State Univ. Jasmine Schinkel Seric Shabazz Harleigh Stange Hattie Weismantel</p> <p>Minn. State Community College, Fergus Falls Andy Rintala</p> <p>Augustana Jenifer Fjelstad</p> <p>Univ. of Minn. Duluth Luke Thorson</p> <p>Oral Roberts Univ. Oklahoma Gia Gengerke</p> <p>SDSU - Brookings Brandon M. Keith Marshall Lane Anthony Sippel</p> <p>Military Mary Nelson Cody Richards</p>	<p>NDSU - Fargo, ND Erika Herr Mitchel Thurston</p> <p>Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln Alex Stange</p> <p>Lake Area Tech Brandyn Anderson Tyler Iverson Brenna Johnson Hannah Lewandowski Hunter Monson Hayden Pigors</p> <p>USD - Vermillion Lexi Gustafson Jackson Oliver Madison Sippel Madilyn Wright</p> <p>Brigham Young Univ. Idaho Emma Donley</p> <p>Black Hills State Univ. Jessie Bjerke</p> <p>Employment Hannah Jensen Kelli Kohrs Aleaya Worlie</p>
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MS/HS Principal Kiersten Sombke read the special awards.



School Board Vice President Marty Weismantel recognized retiring staff members.



Alex Stange had the student-led prayer.



School Board Vice President Marty Weismantel congratulated Renee Swisher for her 27 years of service to the school district. Also recognized were Meri Erickson for her 33 years, for Jane Kroll, Kathryn Bury and Cara Dennert.



Superintendent Joe Schwan gave the welcome.

The Groton Area High School Band had the pre-commencement music, the processional and the recession, under the direction of Austin Fordham.



Jenifer Fjelstad and Marshall Lane were the senior speakers.



The senior vocalists sang, "You're Gonna Miss This."

Jenifer Rose Fjelstad

Highest Honor

Parents: Clint and Tara Fjelstad
Hometown: Groton

Brother: Nathan-19

Hobbies: dance, singing, writing, reading, hanging out with friends

School/community activities: show choir, cheerleading, dance team, oral interpretation, play and one act, cross-country, band, choir, youth group, Destination Imagination, chamber choir

Favorite high school memory: moments on stage with the Prismatic Sensations

Future plans: attend Augustana University for majors in Journalism and French

Awards: National Honor Society, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Associated School Boards Governor's Academic Excellence Recognition, Aberdeen American News Scholastic Star Gold Award, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, President's Award in Education 2018, SD ESA Senior High Youth Award, James Valley Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarship, Groton PAC Community Service Scholarship, SD Farmers Union Insuring a Brighter Future Scholarship, 3M National Merit Scholarship Corporation Special Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Augustana Presidential Scholarship, Augustana Fryxell Scholarship, Augustana ProMusica Scholarship, Groton Area Hopps Dow Scholarship, Clara and Milt Harvey Scholarship, St. Paul's Church Scholarship, Macklamore-Verlarde Burger King Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, American Legion Scholarship, John Westby Memorial Scholarship, Shawn Weismantel Kramer Memorial Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Valedictorian Scholarship.



Alexis Nicole Gustafson

Highest Honor

Parents: John and Beth Gustafson

Hometown: Groton

Sisters: Taylor-21, and Hannah-14

Hobbies: babysitting, hanging out with friends, watching movies, and spending time with family

School/community activities: volleyball, basketball manager, Luther League, 4-H, FBLA, FCCLA, silver skates, piano

Favorite high school memory: having awesome times with friends, doing good for sports

Future plans: planning on attending USD for Nursing school

Awards: National Honor Society, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, President's Award in Education 2018, James Valley Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, University of SD Distinction Scholarship, Groton Area Hopps Dow Scholarship, Groton FCCLA Service Award, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Susan Deanne Weismantel Memorial Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Financial Need Scholarship.



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Madilyn Elizabeth Wright

Highest Honor

Parents: Stephan and Lynn wright

Hometown: Houghton

Brother: Nathan Wright-21

Hobbies: dance, singing, showing cattle in 4-H

School/community activities: show choir, chamber choir, FFA, 4-H dance team, cheerleading, and choir

Favorite high school memory: going on a trip to Florida for show choir

Future plans: I plan to attend the University of South Dakota and getting my Master's degree in Accounting

Awards: South Dakota State FFA Degree, SD Girls State Representative, National Honor Society, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, Aberdeen American News Scholastic Star Silver Award, President's Award in Education 2018, University of SD Promise Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Andover Threshing Association Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Salutatorian Scholarship.



Congratulations Madilyn from Full Circle Ag



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Columbia American Legion Auxiliary - Cara Dennert with recipient Jasmine Schinkel



Groton Chamber of Commerce - Jackson Oliver and Anthony Sippel

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Marshall McGregor Lane

Highest Honor

Parents: Jim and Melodee Lane

Hometown: Groton

Brothers and sister: Logan-21, Lincoln-23, CJ-28, and Jamie-32

Hobbies: listening to music, hanging out with friends, playing video games, playing sports, and working out

School/community activities: show choir, football, basketball, chamber choir, student council, class officer, and school play

Favorite high school memory: playing in the Dome in my junior year

Future plans: go into National Guard and become a Nursing Anesthetist

Awards: Wendy's High School Heisman School Winner 2017, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, President's Award in Education 2018, SD Opportunity Scholarship, SDSU Blue and Yellow Scholarship, SDSU Housing Waiver, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Montgomery GI Bill Military Tuition Benefit, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Trade/Technical/Science or Math Scholarship.



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Madison Rose Sippel Honor

Parents: Monte and Sandi Sippel

Hometown: Groton

Sisters: Alyssa-20, Sarah-15

Hobbies: baking, napping, watching Netflix, playing games, spending time with my family

School/community activities: soccer, volleyball manager, football, cheerleading, wrestling cheerleading, track and field, FCCLA, FBLA, Carnival of Silver skates, National Honor Society

Favorite high school memory: getting to cheer at State football

Future plans: I plan on attending the University of South Dakota

Awards: SD Girls State Representative, National Honor Society, Wendy's High School Heisman School Winner 2017, Wendys High School Heisman State Finalist 2017, Groton CTE Curriculum Scholar, Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, President's Award in Education 2018, University of SD Achievement Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Groton FCCLA Service Award, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial Scholarship, Gwendolyn O'Connor Broman Memorial Scholarship.



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Gia Rose Gengerke Honor

Parents: Shawn and Lara Gengerke

Hometown: Groton

Brother and sister: Jasmine-15, and Ethan-14

Hobbies: baking, carding, reading a good book, and spending time with friends and family

School/community activities: volleyball, track, FBLA, FCCLA, one cause youth group, and student leadership team

Favorite high school memory: winning the NEC-All Conference for volleyball for the first time in school history

Future plans: attend Oral Roberts University and double major in Language interpretation/translation (Spanish) and International Business and ministry

Awards: Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, Oral Roberts University Academic Scholarship, Oral Roberts University Quest Whole Person Scholarship, Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship, Groton Class of 1969 Scholarship.



 **Congratulations Gia**
from Full Circle Ag



Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarships - Sarah Harms, Recipient Hannah Lewandowski, Recipient Erika Herr, Mike Harms



Tom and Barbara Paepke Scholarships - Tom Paepke, Career in Agriculture Scholarship Recipient Brenna Johnson, Fine Arts Scholarship Recipient Jasmine Schinkel, Barbara Paepke

Anthony J. Sippel Honor

Parents: Marc and Franne Sippel
Hometown: Groton
Sister: Camille Sippel-22
Hobbies: snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, baseball, Lake days, and full sends
School/community activities: FFA, baseball, football, basketball



Favorite high school memory: reading Macbeth in Mrs. Hanten's class.

Future plans: attending SDSU and majoring in Ag Business one day want to come back to the family farm

Awards: Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, Full Circle Ag Scholarship, Scottish Rite Book Grant, SD Farm Bureau scholarship, Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Ruden Family Ag Scholarship.



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Alexandra Gaile Stange Honor

Parents: Doug and Vicci Stange
Hometown: Groton
Brother: Jamesen-16
Hobbies: playing piano and guitar, horse back riding, baking, spending time with friends and family



School/community activities: 4-H FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, track, SDHSRA, student council, senior class president, football student manager

Favorite high school memory: homecoming and going to the Dome in 2017

Future plans: attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for a degree in business

Awards: Prudential Spirit of Community School Winner Award 2017, National Honor Society, President's Volunteer Service Award 2017, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2018, University of Nebraska Lincoln Ruth Levenson Scholarship, Statford Theatre Scholarship, Brown County 4H Leaders Association Scholarship, Lazy Farmers 4H Club Scholarship, Groton Irvin and Janice Flihs Family Scholarship, Groton Don Bartz Scholarship.



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Brandyn Lee Anderson

Parents: Todd and Kara Anderson
Hometown: Groton
Brother and sister: Brook Anderson-23, and Heather Phillips
Hobbies: hunting, fishing, hanging with friends



School/community activities: Groton Area, football and wrestling

Favorite high school memory: placing 3rd at State Wrestling or going to the championships in football

Future plans: attend Lake Area for Ag business

Award: Brian Sundstrom Wrestling Memorial Scholarship



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Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarships - Recipient Tyler Iverson, Recipient Emma Donley, Gatlin Johnson, Recipient Hannah Lewandowski



American Legion Citizenship Award

Hannah Lewandowski (right) and Luke Thorson (left), seniors at Groton Area High School, have been selected to receive the 2018 American Legion Citizenship Award. Bob Wegner (center) is representing the Groton American Legion. The basis for the award is honor, courage, scholarship, leadership, and service. Hannah and Luke received medals from the Groton American Legion Post #39.

Hannah plans to attend Lake Area Tech in Watertown and is the daughter of Brad and Rebecca Lewandowski of Groton. Luke plans to attend the University of Minnesota Duluth and is the son of Scott and Ann Thorson of Groton.

Jessica Lynn Bjerke

Parents: Kathy and Jerry Bjerke

Brothers and sisters: cameron Brea, Becca, Tori, Madisen and Jordan

Hobbies: painting, hanging with friends and family, watching Netflix, going to the lake and taking naps

School/community activities: volleyball, basketball, cheer, track, FBLA, FCCLA and a member of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Favorite high school memory: making it to the Sweet 16 two years in a row in volleyball

Future plans: attend Black Hills State University in Spearfish, SD for Business

Awards: Lee Schlager Memorial Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Groton Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship.



Emma Edith Donley

Parents: Don Joann Donely

Hometown: Groton

Brothers and Sisters: John, Kit, Sondra, Jacob, Tama, and Jenn

Hobbies: photography, dance, Art

School/community activities: band/marching band, color guard, 4-H

Favorite high school memory: graduating

Future plans: college in Rexburg, Idaho for Criminal Psychology

Awards: National Honor Society, Renee McKiver Memorial Scholarship, Brown County 4H Leaders Association Scholarship, Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship, Groton Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship.



Erika Dawn Herr

Parents: LaRon and Jolene Herr

Hometown: Bristol

Brother and sister: Sheldon Herr-21, and Alexa Herr-15

Hobbies: Drive-movie theaters, going out with friends, watching Netflix, going out to eat with friends, love to drive, drawing, favorite college North Dakota State University, working out

School/Community Activities: piano, track stats, soccer, certified Nursing Assistant at Bristol Sundial Manor, was a member and officer of Groton FCCLA Chapter, Independent 4-H member of Day County

Favorite high school memory: Senior homecoming 2018. Our principal let us do a barbecue after we got our float done and we had hamburgers, chips, water, Gatorade, and desserts. The entire Senior class pulled together and it turned out to be a great day.

Future plans: I plan on attending North Dakota State University and getting my Bachelor's degree in Nursing. I would like to be in Fargo a couple years after I graduate, and then then come home to be closer to family.

Awards: Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Anthony O'Brokaw Memorial Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Groton Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship.



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Groton Lions Club 2018

Back - Groton Lions Club - Topper Tastad, Karyn Babcock, Madison Sippel, Luke Thorson, Hannah Lewandowski, Larry Wheating

Front - Jessica Bjerke, Erika Herr, Harleigh Stange, Jenifer Fjelstad, Marshall Lane, Lexi Gustafson



Groton FFA Alumni Scholarships - Brenna Johnson and Madilyn Wright



Scottish Rite Book Grant 2018 - Hannah Lewandowski and Anthony Sippel

Tyler J. Iverson

Parents: Karry Iverson

Hometown: Groton

Brothers and sisters: Ashley, Kesley, and Lee

Hobbies: fixing cars, derbies, hunting, and farming

School/Community Activities: Robotics, Threshing Bee

Favorite high school Memory:

joking around with Mrs. Erickson

Future Plans: go to Lake Area Tech for Auto Mechanics and game day start a business

Awards: Kay and David Donovan Memorial Scholarship, Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship.



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Hannah Lynn Jensen

Parents: Nick and Connie Jensen

Hometown: Bristol

Brother: John-21

Hobbies: Listen to music, read, bake, play with pets

School/Community Activities: FCCLA, Westside Wesleyan Youth group, work at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center

Favorite High school memory: FAC trip to Maurice's

Future plans: work at Sun Dial Manor in Bristol



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Brenna Eve Johnson

Parents: Chad and Michelle Johnson

Hometown: Groton

Brother: Porter Johnson

Hobbies: hanging with friends and family, camping, and caring for showing my farm animals

School/community Activities : FFA, 4-H

Favorite high school memory: placing 1st in team for Dairy cattle at State FFA convention

Future plans: attend Lake Area Tech for Agri- Finance

Awards: South Dakota State FFA Degree, South Dakota Famers Union Scholarship, Tom and Barbara Paepke Career in Agriculture Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Great Western Bank Scholarship, Barry Schuring Memorial Scholarship



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Full Circle Ag 2018 - Kelli Erickson, Full Circle Ag, presents the scholarship to Anthony Sippel



Lee Schlagel Memorial Scholarship - Jessica Bjerke



Anthony Sippel - SD Farm Bureau Scholarship



Jenifer Fjelstad - SD ESA Senior High Youth Award Scholarship, 3M National Merit Scholarship, Lazy Special Scholarship, Macklamore-Verlarde Burger King Scholarship



Alex Stange - Stratford Theatre Scholarship, Lazy Farmers 4H Club Scholarship



Groton Hopps Dow Scholarships - Alex Gustafson and Jenifer Fjelstad



Ottertall Power Scholarship - Hunter Monson



Anthony O' Brokaw Scholarship - Erika Herr



SD Farmers Union Scholarships- Brenna Johnson and Jenifer Fjelstad

Brandon M. Keith

Parents: Bary and Trica Keith
Hometown: Groton
Brother and sister: Brady Keith-20, and Trista Keith-14
Hobbies: hanging with the boys
School/community activities: football, basketball, choir
Favorite high school memory: Beat Roncalli to go to the Dome
Future plans: attend SDSU
Awards: Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, Richard Duerre Memorial Scholarship, Groton Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship



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Kelli Jean Kohrs

Parents: Karen and Clayton Johnson
Hometown: Aberdeen
Brother and sisters: Kyle Kohrs-22, Kaitlin Kohrs-19, and Kimberly Kohrs-16
Hobbies: reading, writing, and drawing
School/community activities: show choir
Favorite high school memory: moving to Groton and meeting new people.
Future plans: working



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Hannah Kate Lewandowski

Parents: brad and Becky Lewandowski
Hometown: Groton
Brother and sisters: Sarah-23, Nicole-21, Jacob-13
Hobbies: running, baking, sewing, spending time with friends and family
School/community activities: FCCLA, National Honor Society, Cross Country, cheerleading, show choir
Favorite high school memory: going to Florida with the show choir group
Future plans: attend Lake Area Tech for Nursing
Awards: DAR Good Citizen Award, National Honor Society, American Legion Citizenship Award 2018, Scottish Rite Book Grant, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Groton FCCLA Service Award, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship, Groton Class of 1969 Scholarship, Groton Don Bartz Scholarship



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College Scholarships - These students received college scholarships: Gia Gengerke (Oral Roberts University Academic Scholarship and Quest Whole Person Scholarship), Marshall Lane (SDSU Blue and Yellow Scholarship and Housing Waiver Scholarship), Jenifer Fjelstad (Augustana Presidential, Fryxell, and ProMusica Scholarships) and Alex Stange (University of Nebraska Lincoln Ruth Levenson)



Northern State University - Hattie Weismantel (NSU Wolf PACT and Music Scholarships)



Brian Sundstrom Wrestling Memorial Scholarship - Brandyn Anderson



Rob Luecke Memorial - Gia Gengerke



University of SD Achievement and Distinction Scholarships - These students received scholarships from the University of SD - Madilyn Wright, Alexis Gustafson, Madison Sippel, Jackson Oliver



Jasmine Schinkel - Beck Memorial Scholarship



Ruden Family Agricultural Career Scholarship - Anthony Sippel

Hunter Boone Monson

Parents: Stan Monson and Wendy Monson
Hometown: Groton
Brother: Dragr Monson
Hobbies: Drag racing, and hunting
School/community activities: Robotics
Favorite high school memory: placing 3rd at National Robotics Tournament winning 3 straight track championships shop class
Future plans: Lake Area Tech for Robotics
Awards: Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Ottetail Power Company Scholarship



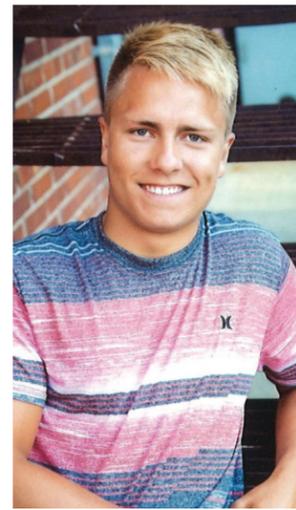
Mary Jane Nelson

Parents: Joe and Belinda Nelson
Hometown: Groton
Brothers and sisters: Nancy, Daisy, Nathan, Christen
Hobbies: swimming, baking, Art, music, photography, cooking
School/community activities: show choir tech. yearbook, dance team
Favorite high school memory: when I first met my friends
Future plans: my plans are to go into the Coast Guard for a Culinary Specialist for 2-3 years and then go to further my Education



Jackson Robert Oliver

Parents: Chad and Stacy Oliver
Hometown: Groton
Sister: Jaden Oliver-20
Hobbies: being with the boys
School/community activities: football, choir
Favorite high school memory: beating Roncalli in football to advance to the state championship game
Future Plans: attend the University of South Dakota for a degree in Sports Marketing and Media
Awards: University of SD Promise Scholarship, Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Groton Sammuli-Rix Scholarship



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Renee McKiver Memorial - Jake McKiver, recipient Emma Donley, Kristi Peterson, Katie Kampa



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Scholarship - Hannah Lewandowski



Richard Duerre Memorial - Brandon Keith



St. Paul's Church Scholarship - Jenifer Fjelstad



Groton Parent Advisory Committee Community Service Scholarship - Jenifer Fjelstad



Vicki Strom Memorial recipient Hattie Weismantel



Jerald W. Peterson Memorial - Erika Herr



Groton Kiwanis Community Service Scholarship - Lee Schinkel, Recipient Hattie Weismantel, Reed Litch

Hayden Fred Pigors

Parents: Fritz Vicki Pigors

Hometown: Ferne-
ney

Brother: Ethan
Pigors-13

Hobbies: Fixing
vehicles and trac-
tors

**School/com-
munity activities:**
Army Reserves

**Favorite high
school memory:**
shop class with Mr.
Donley

Future plans:
finish Army, go to
Lake Area for Preci-
sion Machining work in Aberdeen

Awards: Montgomery GI Bill Military Tu-
ition Benefit



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Cody Kyle Richards

Parents: Scott Richards

Hometown: Gro-
ton

**Brothers and
Sister:** Matthew-21,
Tyler-20, Bryan-20,
and Sheyanne-15

Hobbies: playing
x-Box

**School/ com-
munity activities:**
joining the National
Guard

**Favorite high
school memory:**
playing football my
sophomore year

Future plans: go
to LATI after basic and Ait

Awards: Montgomery GI Bill Military Tu-
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Andrew Garrett Rintala

Parents: Craig Tintala and Charity New-
man

Hometown: Fer-
gus Falls, MN

Sisters: Chelsea
Rental-21, and Cait-
lyn Rogers

Hobbies: listen-
ing to music, hang-
ing out with friends,
fishing, playing bas-
ketball, and being a
hype beast

**School/com-
munity activities:**
football and basket-
ball

**Favorite high
school memory:** waking up on the field
during the Roncalli football game

Future plans: Furthering my basketball
career at Minnesota State Community and
Technical College while pursuing a career in
sports management



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**James Valley Bob Peterson Memorial
Telecommunications Scholarship - Alex-
is Gustafson and Jenifer Fjelstad**



**Brown County 4H Leaders Association
Scholarship - Emma Donley and Alex
Stange**



**Edna Bugner Memorial - Brandon Keith
and Emma Donley**

CTE Scholar



**The GHS 2018 award recipi-
ent is Madison Sippel.**

One Groton Area High School student has qualified for the Groton Area High School CTE scholar designation in 2018. Career and Technical Education scholars are students who have completed approved courses in the technical electives, sciences, and mathematics areas and maintain an overall GPA of 3.0, no final grade below a C (2.0) and must complete four units each of English, mathematics and science, three units of social studies, two units of technical electives, and one-half unit each of fine arts and computer science.



**Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarships - Alexis
Gustafson, Madison Sippel, Hunter Monson**

Jasmine Marlys Schinkel

Parents: Dan and Marjae Schinkel

Hometown: Groton

Brother and sisters: Anthony, Emma, and Danielle

Hobbies: Ice Skating, working at our local pool and OST program. Casting and hanging out with friends

School/community activities: cheer, dance, team, soccer, cheerleading, color guard, chow choir, and FFA

Favorite high school memory: winning state show choir in 2016

Future plans: attend Northern and Major in Elementary Education and minor in Special Education

Awards: Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Columbia American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship, Beck Memorial Scholarship, Tom and Barbara Paepke Fine Arts Scholarship, Groton Masonic Lodge, Groton Area School Employee Teaching Scholarship



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Seric A. Shabazz

Parents: Cheri and Zelos Johnson

Hometown: Groton

Brothers: Bennett-19, Darien-16

Hobbies: hanging with friends, sports, and video games.

School/community activities: involved in basketball, football and choir

Favorite high school memory: beating Roncalli junior year to advance to the Dakota Dome

Future plans: to attend NSU, move to Minnesota and start a family



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Kay and David Donovan Memorial Scholarship - Richard Donovan and scholarship recipient Tyler Iverson

Harleigh Tyann Stange

Parents: Darin and Dee Stange, and Paul Winther

Hometown: Groton

Brothers and sister: Kristen Winther-28, Bryce Winther-22, Kayde Stange-16, and Tyton Stange-12

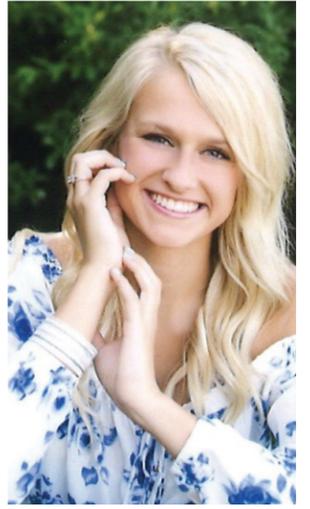
Hobbies: hanging out with friends, and watching movies, playing soccer and running track. I love to watch children to

School/community activities: soccer, basketball, track, volleyball manager, FCCLA member

Favorite high school memory: our Groton football team went to the dome or winning homecoming queen

Future plans: attend NSU and Major in Elementary Education

Award: Groton Lions Club Scholarship



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Gwendolyn O'Connor Broman Memorial - Madison Sippel with Leonard Broman



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Four members of the Class of 2018 have qualified for the SD Opportunity Scholarship. They are Jenifer Fjelstad, Marshall Lane, Madison Sippel, Alexis Gustafson



Groton FCCLA - Hannah Lewandowski, Alexis Gustafson, Madison Sippel

Luke Lorell Thorson

Parents: Scott and Ann Thorson

Hometown: Groton

Brothers and sisters: Sam Thorson-27, Matt Thorson-24, Sydney Thorson-21

Hobbies: lifting weights, watching movies, hanging out with my friends and family

School/community activities: football, baseball, basketball (9,11) track, show choir (9,10,) Living stations of the cross (Church)

Favorite high school memory: playing football at the USD Dome

Future plans: attend University of Minnesota Duluth to Major in Medical Biology

Awards: American Legion Citizenship Award 2018, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Groton Sammuli-Rix Scholarship



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Mitchel Todd Thurston

Parents: Todd Thurston and Debbie Thurston

Hometown: Groton

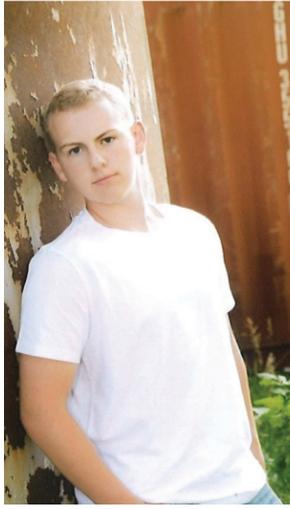
Brothers and sister: Riley-16, Emilie-14, and Drew-11

Hobbies: hanging out with friends and getting duds in fortnite

School/community activities: basketball

Favorite high school memory: giving presentations in Ag class junior year

Future plans: attend NDSU and get a doctors degree in Athletic training



Hattie Ann Weismantel

Parents: Marty and Amy Weismantel

Hometown: Columbia

Sister: Ellianna Weismantel

Hobbies: dance, playing piano, playing guitar and spending time with friends and family

School/community activities: show choir, choir, band, jazz band, Living Art Dance, One Act Play Musical, flag guard, dance team, cheerleading

Favorite high school memory: winning the first state shoe choir completion

Future Plans: I plan to attend Northern State University and majoring in Elementary Education

Awards: SD Girls State Representative, National Honor Society, Principal's Student Service Award 2018, John Phillips Sousa Award 2018, Northern State University Wolf-PACT Scholarship, Northern State University Music Scholarship, Northern State University Scholarship, Groton Kiwanis Community Service Scholarship, Vicki Strom Memorial Scholarship, Groton Phyllis J. Jark Memorial Education Major Scholarship, Groton Community Foundation Scholarship



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Girls State - These seniors attended Girls State in the summer of 2017 - Hattie Weismantel, Madison Sippel, Aleaya Worlie, Madilyn Wright



Jenifer Fjelstad - recieved the John Westby Memorial Scholarship



These students have chosen military service through the National Guard, the Army Reserves, or the Coast Guard - Hayden Pigors, Mary Nelson, Cody Richards, Marshall Lane



Andover Threshing Association - Madilyn Wright



Heinz and Flihs Scholarships
Irvin and Janice Flihs Family Scholarship Recipient Alex Stange and Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial Recipient Madison Sippel

Aleaya Joy Worlie

Parents: Ron and Jean Worlie

Hometown:

Conde

Brothers and sisters: April-30, Aaron-27, Amanda-24, And Alex-20

Hobbies: video games, coloring, drawing, singing and enjoying music

School/ Community Activities: show choir, band, choir,

Favorite high school memory:

when everybody in the lunchroom clapped after Chuck came out and yelled at a few kids.

Future Plans: get a job and place of my own, then be happy.

Award: SD Girls State Representative



Associated School Boards Governor's Academic Excellence Recognition - Jenifer Fjelstad with Governor Dennis Daugaard

The best and brightest from the Class of 2018 were honored for their academic achievements at the 28th Annual Academic Excellence Banquet in Pierre on Monday April 23, 2018. In conjunction with Gov. Dennis Daugaard, the Associated School Boards of South Dakota invited more than 200 students, who were identified as the top one percent of their senior class, from the state's public, private, and tribal schools, to celebrate their academic accomplishments. The event was sponsored by the South Dakota Board of Regents, the South Dakota Community Foundation and the South Dakota Education Association.



President's Volunteer Service Award - Alexandra Stange

President's Volunteer Service Award

Alexandra Stange of Groton, a student at Groton Area High School, has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with the President's Volunteer Service Award. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. Alexandra was nominated for national honors this fall in recognition of her volunteer service.

Alexandra is the daughter of Doug and Vicci Stange of Groton. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska Lincoln and major in business.



Congratulations Aleaya from Full Circle Ag

"We have great students. And, I am so grateful to our scholarship donors. We are very blessed."

- Jodi Sternhagen, GHS Counselor



President's Education Awards Program

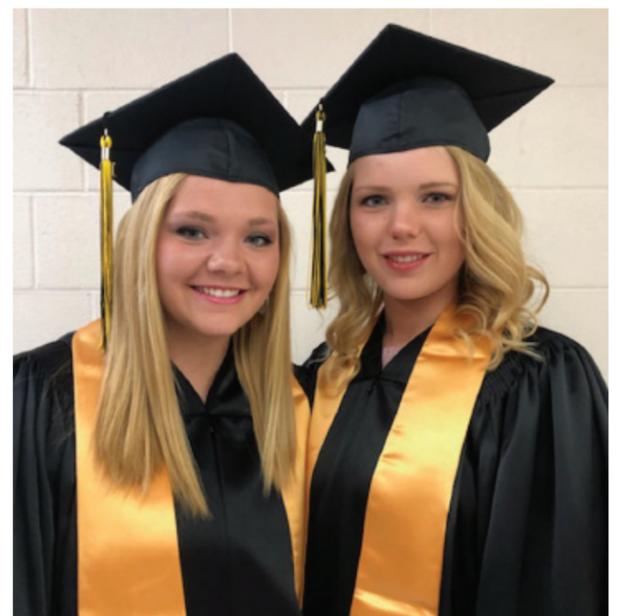
Five students in the Class of 2018 have qualified for the President's Education Awards Program. The awards are an effort by the U.S. Department of Education to recognize outstanding educational achievement and effort. The criteria have been developed to reflect changes occurring in the schools and to provide schools with both clear guidelines and flexibility. They are meant to reflect the state, local and national efforts to raise academic standards as embodied in the National Education goals.

"It is really nice to be able to recognize these seniors. They have worked hard for four years, have exceptional grade point averages, and have performed well on standardized testing," stated Jodi Sternhagen, Groton Area High School Counselor. The President's Award for Educational Excellence is signed by the President, Secretary of Education, and the school principal. Criteria include a grade point average of 3.5 or above and standardized test achievement at the 85th percentile or higher in math or reading.

Those qualifying in the Class of 2018 are Madilyn Wright, Marshall Lane, Madison Sippel, Jenifer Fjelstad, Alexis Gustafson



Sammuli Rix Scholarships - Luke Thorson and Jackson Oliver



Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarships - Jessica Bjerke and Erika Herr



Principal's Honor Roll

Nine seniors in the Class of 2018 have been selected for the Principal's Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the seniors had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for four years.

"This is a very special award," stated Jodi Sternhagen, School Counselor at Groton High School. "These students have worked very hard academically and should be commended." The seniors graduated on May 20, 2018.

This year's seniors on the Principal's Honor Roll are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Jenifer Fjelstad, Madilyn Wright, Madison Sippel and Alexis Gustafson; in front, left to right, are Alex Stange, Brandon Keith, Anthony Sippel and Marshall Lane; and missing is Gia Gengerke.



**Groton Community Foundation and Barry Schuring Memorial
Brenna Johnson (Barry Schuring Memorial) and Hattie Weismantel (Groton Community Foundation)**



**Class of 69 Scholarships
Hannah Lewandowski and Gia Gengerke**



Principal's Student Service Award

Seven seniors at Groton Area High School, have been nominated for the Principal's Student Service Award. To be eligible for this award the students had to document exemplary community service during high school and complete an application and essay. **The award winners**

in 2018 are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Hattie Weismantel, Jasmine Schinkel and Alexis Gustafson; and in front, left to right, are Alexandra Stange, Jenifer Fjelstad, Madison Sippel and Gia Gengerke.

"These students have made significant contributions to our community," stated School Counselor Jodi Sternhagen. "They have always been willing to volunteer when help is needed. When we've needed someone to help with a project, these students have stepped forward. Community service is extremely important in today's world and they have shown that they can make a difference."

The students' service areas included: peer tutoring, participating in the Food Drive, tutoring, helping youth, organizing events, and helping with youth activities such as coaching and refereeing. Each student received a pin from the National Association of Secondary School Principals for service.



Don Bartz Scholarships - Alex Stange and Hannah Lewandowski



**Masonic Lodge and John Westby
Groton John Westby Memorial Jenifer Fjelstad and Groton Masonic Lodge Jasmine Schinkel**



Regents' Scholar Diploma

Four seniors from Groton Area High School are recipients of a Regents' Scholar Diploma awarded by the South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

The diplomas recognize students for academic achievement over the course of their high school career. Students earning the award automatically qualify for entry into any of South Dakota's six state-supported universities.

To earn a Regents' Scholar Diploma, students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average, no final grade below a C (2.0) and must complete four units each of English, mathematics and science, three units of social studies, two units of one modern or classical language and one-half unit each of fine arts and computer science.

The diplomas are signed by Governor Dennis Daugaard, the Secretary of State, the Department of Education Secretary, the South Dakota Board of Education President, and the Board of Regents President.

The 2018 GHS recipients are Marshall Lane, Alexandra Stange, Jenifer Fjelstad, Alexis Gustafson



**Kramer and Weismantel
Susan Deanne Weismantel Memorial -
Alexis Gustafson
Shawn Weismantel Kramer Memorial -
Jenifer Fjelstad**



Principal's Middle School Honor Roll

Eighteen eighth graders in the Class of 2022 have been selected for the Principal's Middle School 8th Grade Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the eighth graders had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for two years.

This year's eighth graders on the Principal's Honor Roll are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Lane Krueger, Pierce Kettering, Trista Keith, Allyssa Locke, Madisen Bjerke, Kennedy Anderson, Rease Jandel, Stella Meier and Hannah Gustafson; and in front, left to right, are Travis Townsend, Seth Johnson, Kaden Kurtz, Madeline Flihs, Jordan Bjerke, Jackson Cogley, Megan Flihs, Kansas Kroll and Julianna Kosel.



Principal's 6th grade Middle School Honor Roll

Twenty-one sixth graders in the Class of 2024 have been selected for the Principal's Middle School 6th Grade Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the sixth graders had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for one year.

This year's sixth graders on the Principal's Honor Roll are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Anna Bisbee, Faith Flihs, Jaycie Lier, Karsyn Jangula, Claire Heinrich, Anna Fjeldheim, Carly Guthmiller, Hannah Monson, Ashlyn Sperry, Lydia Meier, Dillon Abeln and Bryson Wambach; and in front, left to right, are Lexi Osterman, Sara Menzia, Lane Tietz, Emily Clark, Emma Schinkel, Kyleigh Englund, Bradin Althoff, Colby Dunker and Holden Sippel.



Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Memorial Scholarships
Alexis Gustafson - Kuehnert Financial Need, Madilyn Wright - Kuehnert Salutatorian, Kuehnert Valedictorian - Jenifer Fjeldstad, Kuehnert Trade, Technical, Science, Math or Computer - Marshall Lane

City limit map to be corrected

The legal description for the southwest corner of the city will be fixed with a new resolution. The southwest border will extend to Dakota Street. A pair of conflicting city limit maps was a result of legal descriptions that were not accurate.

The city public works department will begin patching streets on Wednesday. The city will be renting a roller for a month to get the streets done which includes the chip seal project.

Councilman David McGannon said that the fence at the cemetery needs attention. "It's a beautiful fence and I'm thinking it's over a hundred years old. It should be sandblasted and power coated."

McGannon also brought up the idea that the golf course could be selling water from its well. BDM would set up a tank or two for refilling of sprayers and other construction projects.

Mike Nehls came before the council to talk about his bid for the county commission. The last time that eastern Brown County had a commissioner was in 1985 when Merrill Rix was on the board.



Proposed shelter a go

A proposed shelter for the east side of the Groton Swimming Pool was approved Monday evening at the City Council Meeting. The proposed project will cost around \$20,000 and bids will be sought for the 20x20 shelter. Money will be used from the Olson Memorial Fund, of which there is still \$30,000 left in that fund.



Emma Donley is concentrating on her project as she was painting images on the door at the pool on Saturday. See photo below of the finished paintings. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Kevin Nehls, Mike Nehls and Jordan Nehls were once again, winners of the Wolves on the Water fishing tournament held Saturday in Mobridge. (Photo from Mike Nehls Facebook Page)

Summary of Severe Storms and Dust Storm

Conditions were favorable for severe thunderstorms during the afternoon of June 1st, 2018, as a warm and very unstable air mass over South Dakota interacted with a cold front. An area of low pressure in northwest South Dakota that morning moved northeast into central North Dakota, dragging a cold front east across South Dakota. Thunderstorms developed ahead of the front and to the west of the Missouri River, producing strong winds and very large hail. There were several reports of hail larger than golf balls around Timber Lake and between 1-1.5" hail in eastern Corson County. As the storms moved east, additional smaller reports of hail were reported in Walworth County, along with a brief tornado near Glenham.

Leading up to the event, conditions were warm and generally dry in the James River Valley during May. Those conditions combined with strong winds from decaying thunderstorms in south central South Dakota to produce a dust storm. South winds of 50 to 80 mph kicked up a significant amount of dirt/dust as the winds moved north, leading to visibilities being reduced to below 1/4 mile in many locations. The reduced visibilities caused a few traffic incidents and the winds knocked down trees, tree branches, and powerlines.



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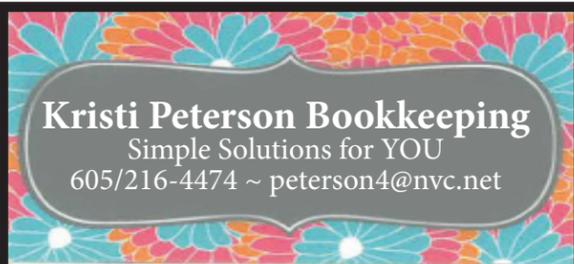
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A trio of young foxes were seen east of Andover on the short cut road going to Pierpont. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

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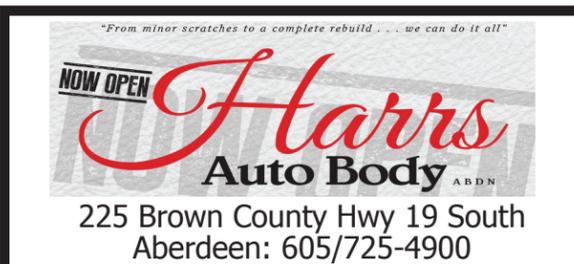
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50th Anniversary of Wednesday Morning Coffee Group

Groton's Wednesday Morning Coffee Group recently celebrated its 50th year together. The ladies take turns hosting the group year round. Usually they get together in each other's homes but do meet at local restaurants or the golf course club house.

Back Row (L to R): Mary Anne Clark, Rose Waage, Carol Dohman, Beverly McGannon, Virginia Abeln, and Jean Olson

Front Row (L to R): Marie Sternhagen, Dodie Neumann, Jan Schelle, and Shirley Larson. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)

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NOTICES

The John and Mary Hoops family Reunion will be held on June 24th at The Groton Community Center. The pot luck dinner is at 12:30 pm with chicken and drinks provided.

Brown County Ord. 119 Ewalt Rezoning

NOTICE

Application has been made by Jeremy Ewalt to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on June 12, 2018 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): N 1/2 of Levey's Outlot 1 in the SE 1/4 of Sec 24-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (13351 382nd Ave)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 119.

ATTEST:

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(0530.0606)

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80th Birthday ...



Joan Kjellsen

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Any questions, contact City Hall 605-397-8422.

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Groton School Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
SPECIAL MEETING
May 29, 2018

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjelstad, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Principals B. Schwan and Sombke and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

No potential conflicts of interest were reported.

Moved by Rix, second Fjelstad to go into executive session at 7:03 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:27 pm.

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve 2018-19 GASA Negotiated Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to issue Auxiliary Staff Work Agreements for 2018-19. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Fjelstad to adjourn at 9:28 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager
Steven R. Smith, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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State of S.D. Estate of Carol Kluge

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Carol Kluge, DECEASED
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on the 1st day of June, 2018, David Kluge, whose address is 1085 S. Myrtle Ave., Kankakee, Illinois 60901, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Carol Kluge.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the appointment of the personal representative on the 1st day of June, 2018, or within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

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Dated this 1st day of June, 2018.

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Brown County Meeting Minutes

MAY 29, 2018 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the General Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2018, with the following correction to the Employee Health Insurance: Wage Works FSA administration fee decreased from \$5.25 to \$4.75. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,395.76; Auditor \$8,151.54; Treasurer \$14,000.34; States Attorney \$22,289.96; SVAWA Grant \$1,721.00; Maintenance \$8,012.49; Assessor \$11,873.61; Register of Deeds \$9,518.95; Veterans Service Office \$4,048.93; GIS \$2,347.50; Information Technology \$8,119.18; Human Resources \$1,919.81; Sheriff Admin \$33,546.36; Jail \$52,720.37; JDC \$23,279.37; Welfare Office \$3,742.79; Museum \$7,898.81; Parks & Fairgrounds \$6,903.85; Fair Board \$3,899.77; 4-H \$642.09; Weed & Pest \$4,635.20; Planning and Zoning \$3,194.84; Highway \$49,038.84; Communications \$25,280.89; Emergency Management \$4,039.58; Teen Court \$174.56; 24/7 \$3,176.09; Landfill \$15,021.78.

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Supplies: A&B Business \$64.20; Active Data Systems \$1,481.08; Asphalt Zipper \$1,620.00; DSG \$32.43; DSS \$790.50; GovConnection \$578.59; Hanlon Brothers \$170,609.76; Heartland Paper \$248.62; Jebro \$11,953.39; Patti Kendall \$34.60; LG Everist \$3,158.05; Marco \$31.84; Menards \$554.15; Quality Welding \$14.66; SD Federal Property Agency \$4,517.00.

Travel & Conference: Patty VanMeter \$156.04; Patti Kendall \$103.40.

Utilities: CenturyLink \$204.03; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$28.84; NWPS \$1,367.36. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Acknowledge amendment to Policy C-9 – under Sundial Time-keeping System (Responsibilities of Employees – Daily Clock In/Out); Policy E-12 – Holidays.

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective June 3, 2018: Stacie Wasem @18.57, Jonathan Lemke @ \$24.07, Brenda Hammrich @ \$21.66, James Harpel @ \$18.23, Becky Desens @ \$15.68, Allen Klinger @ \$18.34.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY APPLICATION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following application: Richmond Lake Association for a lottery to be held at Anchors Away on June 30, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the

Chair sign the following agreements: Aberdeen Area Horseman's Association for lease of the Akkerman Open Horse Arena on June 3rd, June 24th, July 15th and August 5th, 2018; Aberdeen Police Department for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on August 20th – 23rd, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreement: Web Water for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on July 28, 2018 with permission to serve alcoholic beverages. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-abstain, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-absent, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the following applications for renewal of Malt Beverage Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE: P'ZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer's Richmond Resort Subd Lt 1 (Subd OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2) NW ¼ Sec 30-124N-64W). Aberdeen Hockey Association (Odde Ice Arena (Fairgrounds Odde Ice Arena SW ¼ Sec 1-123N-64W). Travis Swenson DBA Elm Lake Resort (Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort Subd SE ¼ Sec 8-128N-65W). Richmond Oasis (Lot 4 Schaeffer Richmond Lake 2nd Addn NW and NE ¼ Sec 25-124N-65W). Marge Frohling DBA The Connection (Lots 10-14 Blk 2, Sec 31-127N-61W, Houghton). Centennial Village Inc (Fairgrounds Centennial Village SW ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W). Bullet Sports LLC (Fairgrounds Grandstand SW ¼ Sec 1-123N-64W). Alan Lanphere DBA Bath Quick Stop (Lot B Weismantels First Subd Lot 1 Ex N 12' Jenkins Subd E ½ SE ¼ Sec 18-123N-62W, Bath). ARR LLC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge (Lodge OL Art Russo OLS in Gov Lt 384 NW 1-127N-62W). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE 271: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Agreement with the SD Department of Transportation for Rehabilitation/Replacement of BRF 6251(00)18-1, Brown County, PCN 06VK, BR #271 ID# 07-200-184, located 4.0 miles North of Columbia. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following applications submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #10 (387th Ave) in Sec 35-T124N-R64W and Brown County Hwy #13 (130th Street) in Sec 36-T124N-R64W, to provide telecommunications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT UPGRADE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve Kent Jones, Communications Director, to purchase HigherGround Hardware Refresh to upgrade the Communication department voice logging recorder system from Commercial Electronics in the amount of \$18,905.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session for contractual matters and consulting with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance (Judy Dosch joined session later). The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:37 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sara Swisher, Brown County Deputy Auditor

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Last week we started the preseason roster breakdown, beginning with the quarterbacks. This week we move on to the running backs and fullbacks.

In 2017, the Minnesota Vikings were seventh in the NFL with 122.3 rushing yards per game. While that stat may lead some to believe the Vikings had a good run game last year, the reality is the Vikings were decent at best on the ground. Perhaps the biggest stat to measure the rushing game is yards per carry, and the Vikings finished 22nd in the league with 3.9 ypc.

The Vikings are hoping Dalvin Cook will be able to come back from a knee injury that derailed a promising start to his rookie season. Before his injury in week 4, Cook was averaging 96 rushing yards per game and an astonishing 4.8 yards per carry. Cook has been seen at the team's Organized Team Activities (OTAs) and appears ready to resume carrying the football for the Vikings. Mike Zimmer certainly believes he will be ready for the start of the season and was quoted as saying "I think he'll probably get some work (at OTAs) and then should be ready to roll for training camp." That's great news for all Vikings fans!

Latavius Murray was signed by the Vikings in free agency last year to be the lead back, but he ended up playing second fiddle to Cook in the first four weeks. This offseason, the Vikings and Murray agreed to restructure his contract, lowering his cap hit so that he could stay on the team as the primary backup. Latavius ended up leading the team in carries (216) and rushing yards (842) last season, while also catching 15 passes for an additional 103 yards through the air. Personally, I have mixed feeling on Murray. He is a big running back (6'3", 230 pounds) yet he falls down at the slightest touch. However, he is a reliable backup and didn't lose a single fumble all season.

The Vikings' top two running back spots are essentially locked down by Cook and Murray, which leaves the final spot up for grabs. Currently, the Vikings have four running backs gunning for that final spot, but that could change before the season if the Vikings decide to bring in another RB after NFL rosters are cut down from 90 to 53 players. As it stands now, however, the four players vying for the spot are:

Mike Boone, undrafted rookie from Cincinnati. He is a workout warrior but failed to put it all together on the field in college. Boone is a long shot to make the final roster or even the practice squad.

Mack Brown, entering his fourth season in the NFL. He has been able to stick around the NFL because he is a grinder who won't win many races but does his job well and is always willing to compete. He is a strong candidate for the third RB spot.

Johnny Stanton, undrafted rookie from Nevada-Las Vegas. He played quarterback in college, but the Vikings are giving him a shot at running back in the NFL because of his athletic profile. He is a practice squad candidate if the team sees some traits they would like to try and develop. Almost no shot at the final 53-man roster.

Roc Thomas, undrafted rookie from Jacksonville State. He is a former five-star recruit coming out of high school and signed with Auburn before transferring to Jacksonville State to get more playing time. Thomas is an explosive athlete who can be a homerun threat every time he touches the ball. If he learns to be a little more patient, he can have a long and productive NFL career. He is my dark horse candidate to be the team's third string running back, but he should certainly get a look at the team's practice squad if he fails to make the final 53.

The Vikings elected not to bring in competition for C.J. Ham at fullback this year. Ham is entering his second year in the NFL after being an undrafted rookie from Augustana. The Vikings used a fullback on 18.28% of the snaps in 2017 (according to Pro Football Reference), but that usage figures to drop significantly in 2018 under new offensive coordinator John DeFilippo. Last year the Eagles didn't even have a fullback on the roster, so it will be interesting to see if the Vikings elect to keep Ham around or if they will cut him to make room for another position.

Have any questions or comments? Reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWright-NFL). Don't miss next week's article, where we will cover the wide receiver position. Skoll!



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Thinking About Health

Rural people most affected by negative health care trends

By Wendell Potter, Rural Health News Service

Recent studies about health care in America show troubling trends, especially in states with large rural and relatively low-income populations.

While the United States continues to spend far more than any other developed country on health care on a per capita basis and as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP), many states, especially in the south and Midwest, are losing ground in key areas that pertain to life expectancy.

The Commonwealth Fund's just-released 2018 Scorecard on State Health System Performance confirmed what other recent studies have shown: Life expectancy in the United States is going down while it continues to go up in other developed countries. And rural areas seem to be disproportionately affected.

Some researchers have used one word to explain the sudden reversal in life expectancy trends in the United States: despair. That's because of the rapidly rising number of suicides and deaths associated with alcohol and drug use in this country. The Commonwealth Fund reported that deaths from suicide, alcohol and drug use have increased 50 percent since 2005.

The Scorecard, which assessed every state and the District of Columbia on 43 measures in five broad categories – access to health care, quality of care, efficiency in care delivery, health outcomes, and income-based health care disparities – wasn't all bad news by any means. In fact, most states made improvements between 2013 and 2016 in some or all of the categories. But several others, Nebraska in particular, saw a worsening in all five.

The states scoring the highest overall were Hawaii (#1), Massachusetts, Minnesota, Vermont, and Utah, while those scoring the lowest were Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Mississippi (#51).

But three of those bottom-ranking states – Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma – were among the five states making the most improvements. At the other end of the spectrum, the five making the fewest improvements were New Hampshire, Utah, Maine, Wyoming, and Nebraska (#51).

The Commonwealth Fund's researchers noted that progress in all categories is certainly possible in coming years but added that unless significant steps are taken, improvements in many states are not likely anytime soon.

"If every state achieved the performance of the top-ranked state on each Scorecard indicator, the gains in health care access, quality, efficiency, and outcomes would be dramatic," the researchers wrote. "At the current rates of improvement, however, it may take many years or decades for states and the nation to see such progress."

That may portend a continuing decline in life expectancy in the United States.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in December that life expectancy in the United States declined for the second year in a row in 2016. U.S. life expectancy peaked at 78.9 years in 2014. It fell to 78.7 in 2015 and to 78.6 in 2016.

As the British Medical Journal pointed out earlier this year, this decline is the culmination of a decades-long trend. In 1960, the United States had the highest life expectancy of any country in the 35-member Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which comprises the world's richest countries. Back then, Americans on average lived 2.4 years longer than residents of the other OECD countries. We started losing ground, though, in the 1980s. Our life expectancy first fell below the OECD average in 1998. Now it is 1.5 years lower than the average of the 35 countries.

Steven H. Woolf, the author of the British Medical Journal article, attributed the decline to "life conditions" that seem to be more challenging to Americans, rural Americans in particular, than they are to residents of other developed countries. He cited the rising number of deaths from opioid overdoses in particular as a symptom of those greater life challenges.

But, he added, "the opioid epidemic is the tip of an iceberg, part of an even larger public health crisis in the U.S.: Death rates from alcohol abuse and suicides have also been rising ... These 'deaths of despair,' as some have called them, are disproportionately affecting white Americans, especially adults aged 25-59 years, those with limited education, and women. The sharpest increases are occurring in rural counties, often in regions with longstanding social and economic challenges."

Meanwhile, the United States spends far more on health care than any other country: \$10,348 per capita annually, which is more than twice as much as the \$5,169 average spent by OECD countries. We spend 31 percent more per capita than the next highest country, Switzerland.

And as noted above, we also spend more on health care – 17.3 percent of GDP, more than twice the 7.9 percent average of comparably developed countries. And the difference is widening every year.

That percentage is expected to keep going up because of constantly rising health care costs and health insurance premiums, although the rate of increase of both has slowed somewhat in recent years. But as

the Kaiser Family Foundation reported last September, the average annual premium for employer-sponsored family coverage reached \$18,764 in 2017. That's a 55 percent increase over 10 years.

So although we are spending more on health care every year and far more than any other developed country, we are getting an increasingly smaller return on that money as measured by most health care outcomes, most notably life expectancy. And residents of many rural communities are especially disadvantaged.

Wendell Potter is a former health insurance executive, author and founder of the journalism nonprofit Tarbell.org.

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Emerald Ash Borer Workshop: What can tree owners do?

SIoux FALLS, SD – Ash tree owners in the Sioux Falls area are encouraged to attend an emerald ash borer (EAB) workshop on Monday, June 11, to learn about the insect and effective treatments.

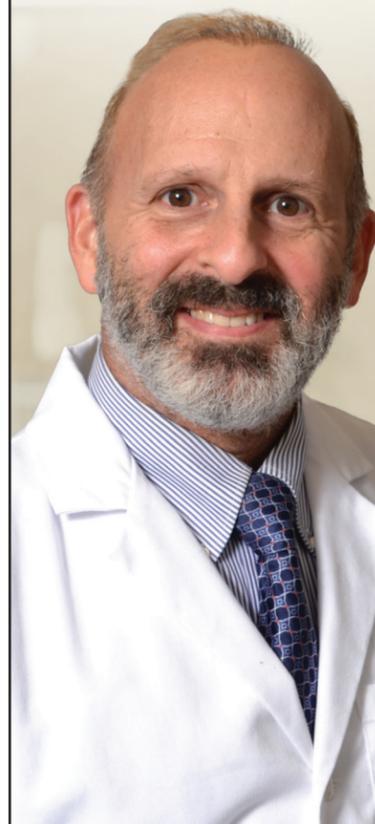
"The emerald ash borer was confirmed in Sioux Falls this spring. This invasive insect is responsible for the loss of more than 100 million ash trees in 33 states," said Dr. John Ball, forest health specialist with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA). "The EAB will kill any ash tree that is not being protected by insecticide treatments. The insect is flying and the time to treat is now."

The workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. CDT at the Cooperative Extension Regional Center, 2001 E. 8th St., in Sioux Falls. The workshop will include presentations on EAB biology, identification, quarantines and other management concerns, followed by treatment demonstrations and an ash identification session.

This event is sponsored by the SDDA, the South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service and the South Dakota Arborist Association. There is no fee or registration for the workshop.

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First Human West Nile Virus Detection Reported

PIERRE, S.D. – A Todd County blood donor is South Dakota's first human West Nile virus (WNV) detection of the season, the state Health Department reported today. The person is in the 30 to 39 age group. "This individual was not ill but was detected through the routine screening of blood donations that takes place to make sure the blood supply is safe," said Dr. Joshua Clayton, State Epidemiologist for the department. "It's a clear indication that mosquito-to-human WNV transmission is taking place and people need to protect themselves."

Clayton said South Dakota has a disproportionately high number of WNV cases compared to other states and he encouraged residents to reduce their risk by taking the following actions:

- Apply mosquito repellents (DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, 2-undecanone or IR3535) to clothes and exposed skin.
- Reduce mosquito exposure by wearing pants and long sleeves when outdoors.
- Limit time outdoors from dusk to dawn when Culex mosquitoes, the primary carrier of WNV in South Dakota, are most active.
- Get rid of standing water that gives mosquitoes a place to breed.
- Regularly change water in bird baths, ornamental fountains and pet dishes.
- Drain water from flower pots and garden containers.
- Discard old tires, buckets, cans or other containers that can hold water.
- Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
- Support local mosquito control efforts.

These precautions are especially important for people at high risk for WNV, including individuals over 50, pregnant women, organ transplant patients, individuals with cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure or kidney disease, and those with a history of alcohol abuse. People with severe or unusual headaches should see their physicians.

May 2018 Climate Summary

May 2018 was either very wet or very dry, depending on your location. While a generally active pattern brought several opportunities for precipitation, Aberdeen recorded their 7th driest May on record with just 0.52" of moisture (1900 holds the record at 0.25"). This is 0.13" less than was recorded in May 2017. However, 2017 was drier than 2018 from January 1st to May 31st in Aberdeen by 0.58" (3.76" below normal vs 3.18" below normal respectively). On the contrary, an exceptionally heavy rainfall event took place across portions of north central South Dakota on May 17th. Training thunderstorms, those which develop and pass over the same areas over extended periods of time, led to extreme rainfall reports including 13.15" four miles northwest of Long Lake, SD. These measurements are being vetted to determine if they meet standards necessary to qualify as South Dakota's state 24 hour precipitation record (currently held by Groton, SD with 8.74" recorded on May 6th, 2007). This heavy rainfall contributed to the failure of the Hiddenwood Lake Dam about 4 miles north of Selby, SD on the morning of May 18th. Several area roadways were submerged as a result. More information on the May 17th event can be found here: https://www.weather.gov/abr/2018May17_18_severe_flooding

May 2018 was very warm across the board, May 24-27th in particular. The following were record daily high temperatures: Watertown reached 96° on the 27th, Sisseton reached 90° on the 24th, 93° on the 25th, and 95° on the 26th, and Aberdeen reached 94° on the 25th, 97° on the 26th and 101° on the 27th. This is only the 4th year on record in Aberdeen when a May day reached at least 100° (once in 2018, 1959 and 1931, and 7 times in 1934). This was the 3rd warmest May on record in Aberdeen (64.5° average temperature vs 1st place 69° in 1934), the 3rd warmest May on record in Sisseton (64.3° average temperature vs 1st place 70.3° in 1934), the 3rd warmest May on record in Wheaton (64.8° vs 1st place 67.1° in 1977, the 4th warmest in Kennebec. This is an abrupt turn-around from just a month ago. Amazingly, Aberdeen recorded their 2nd coldest April on record this year, and both Sisseton and Wheaton recorded their 3rd coldest April on record this year. "Normal" weather is just the average of extremes in the Northern Plains after all.

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