



Clint and Audrey Jacobson (left) hand the keys of their business over to the new owner, JR Johnson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Insurance Agency changes owners

The Property and Casualty portion of the long standing Jacobson Agency of Groton is changing hands from the current owners to the new owner. Clint and Audrey Jacobson are retiring from the property and casualty business effective September 1, 2018. The new owner will be J.R. Johnson of Groton. He will be taking over on the first of September this year and it will be named Farmers Union Insurance, and will still represent all of the current companies and carriers that are presently represented. The office phone number, fax and address will remain the same and the new email will be j.r.johnson@nvc.net.

While it is hard to step down from this and after starting here on June 1, 1983, Clint Jacobson said, "35 years is a good run for anyone. We have thoroughly enjoyed our work and the many, many friends and clients which we have dealt with over the years.

"We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your business and support. We are ready for this part of our journey through whatever life offers."

The new owner does not come to this position unprepared. JR Johnson has been in the banking business for many years prior to entering the insurance business about five years ago. "We sincerely hope that you and the members of the community will continue to support JR and his family as you have ours," Clint said. "It isn't often that you get an agent of JR's age that has a background like his. Groton is very fortunate to have such a young man pursue this business in Groton along with the knowledge and enthusiasm that he possesses. We earnestly wish him all of the best with this new endeavor."

Clint and Audrey Jacobson will retain the life insurance part of their business as well as the real estate portion.

JR is a GHS graduate and is married to Paula, who is a special education teacher for North Central Special Ed Coop and teacher for special needs in Groton's pre-school. They have two children, Ryder, age 10, and Asher, age seven. They live in Groton.

Extension given to jail

Topper Tastad came before the council to ask for an extension on the work for the jail building. His request for an extension from September 30 to November 30 was granted. He said the tuck-pointing of the outside will be done by then. Councilman Jay Peterson questioned Tastad if he was aware of the asbestos in the building. Tastad said he was aware of it.

The 2019 budget was reviewed and given first reading. Taken out of the budget were: Hoop barn for storage of salt sand, \$23,000; Rubber paint for the pool building floor, \$3,700, be done this fall and taken out of this year's budget; Handicap bathroom at the park, \$15,000; Mower for the park, shop and pool, \$7,500; Pull type roller packer, \$8,000; reduced amounts were: Refrigerator for community center reduced from \$1,000 to \$500; Baseball Donation reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,000; Chip seal project reduced from \$110,000 to \$50,000; West side street project from \$500,000 to \$475,000 in anticipation of lower than expected bids; water tower fund reduced from \$100,000 to \$75,000; Web Water down by \$10,000; and \$7,000 out of baseball and \$10,000 out of pool. Not reflected in the budget but considered was the city's health insurance plan. A new plan could save the city \$30,000 a year plus save the employees hundreds of dollars a year.

In the financial report, the city has \$2,379,811.35 available in its various funds.

The September meeting dates will be September 10 and September 24.

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Groton Area hosts Back-To-School Gathering



The Groton Area School District held its back-to-school gathering on Tuesday. Cooking the hamburgers in the top left photo are board members Steve Smith and Clint Fjelstad. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Elementary Principal Brett Schwan getting the lemonade ready. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pictured here are board members Marty Weismantel, Deb Gengerke and Kara Pharis doing the serving. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Tigers took Roncalli to a nearly three hour game

Groton Area's gridiron team opened its season Friday night in Aberdeen as the Tigers dropped a 27-7 game to the Aberdeen Roncalli Cavaliers. The game lasted nearly three hours, getting over at 9:55 p.m., thanks to a total of 22 penalties.

Groton Area threatened to score first as Jonathan Doeden broke free to get down to the 11 yard line. The Tigers were unable to punch it in and the field goal attempt was no good. Groton lost three fumbles with two of them turning into touchdowns for the Cavaliers. Roncalli's lone fumble was picked up by Darien Shabazz who dashed 29 yards for Groton's score with 4:48 left in the game.

Jonathan Doeden had 33 yards passing and 61 yards rushing. Darien Shabazz had 41 yards rushing, 13 yards receiving, 11 tackles and a fumble recovery that led to a touchdown. Wyatt Locke had 12 tackles.

The Tigers will be hosting Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm on Friday in a game scheduled to start at 7 p.m.



Trey Gengerke gets ready to snap the ball for the Tigers. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Jonathan Doeden (6) flings the ball to Darien Shabazz (4). (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Schedule Updates

There will be boys soccer at 5:00 PM on Thursday, 8/23/18, at Groton vs. St. Thomas More.

Volleyball schedule for Thursday, 8/23/18 will be: C game at 5, JV at 6, Varsity to follow.

Soccer schedule for Saturday, September 29 will be: Varsity Boys at 10AM, Varsity Girls at 12PM, Varsity Boys at 2PM – all vs. Belle Fourche at Groton.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings suffered a preseason loss on Saturday, losing to the Jacksonville Jaguars 14-10 at U.S. Bank Stadium. The Vikings played a sloppy game and were outmatched in nearly every important category, including total yards, turnovers, first downs, third-down conversion rate, red zone scoring rate and time of possession. Let's take a look at how the first-team offense and defense performed, as well as some players battling for a roster spot who stood out.

The Vikings' first-team offense played into the second quarter but only produced 33 total yards and three points on their four drives. Cousins, who looked hurried and shaken from the very start, finished with a stat line of three completions on eight attempts for 12 yards. Some of that can be attributed to the offensive line because the team was missing four starters, but Kirk will need to learn to play with a shaky offensive line if he wants to have a good season. Latavius Murray got the start at running back with Dalvin Cook sitting out, but he was unable to get anything going on the ground. He rushed the ball six times but only accumulated 12 yards while also fumbling the twice.

With the offense struggling, the Vikings' first-team defense did their best to carry the load. Most of the starters played through the first quarter and the first two drives were impressive – a three-and-out followed by an interception on the second play of their second drive. On their third and final drive of the game, however, the defense allowed the Jaguars to go 70-yards on twelve plays for a touchdown. Most of those yards (48) came from short passes and screens to Jacksonville running backs, which seem to be a problem area for the Vikings' defense through the first two preseason games.

Players who stood out

Defensive ends Ifeadi Odenigbo and Stephen Weatherly both had great games and appear to have secured roles in the defensive line rotation. Odenigbo was particularly impressive, and he practically lived behind the line of scrimmage. He finished with seven tackles, two sacks, two tackles for a loss and three quarterback hits.

In the middle of the defensive line, defensive tackle Jaleel Johnson created plenty of havoc. Johnson may have secured his role as the first DT off the bench, as the second-year player finished with seven tackles and a tackle for a loss.

Linebacker Eric Wilson and safety Anthony Harris both filled up the stat sheets and both players are making a case to be the primary backup at their respective positions.

First-round rookie cornerback Mike Hughes has been impressive through the first two preseason games. He does a great job of recognizing what route his receiver is running, which is rare for a rookie. He also has impressive speed and change-of-direction agility. He appears to have everything you would want from a cornerback and might work his way into playing time as a rookie.

There wasn't a lot to love about the offensive line play in this game, but one player who stood out was Aviante Collins who has been having a good training camp and got the start on Saturday at right tackle. He also played some left tackle and left guard, providing great versatility for the Vikings.

The competition for the third running back spot is a closely contested battle between Mike Boone and Roc Thomas, and both players had good games against the Jaguars. Boone got 13 carries which was a team high and responded with 91 yards (7 yards per carry). Thomas only got five carries in the game but ran for 25 yards for a respectable five yards per carry, while also catching two passes on four targets. Through two preseason games, Boone has 29 touches for 135 yards and one touchdown, while Thomas has 18 touches for 168 yards and two touchdowns.

Finally, the injury bug really hit the Vikings in the game as six players left the game and three of them needed to be carted off. Mackensie Alexander is the biggest name of the bunch, but his injury doesn't appear to be too serious.

Guthmiller places seventh at Milbank Poet Golf Invitational

Cade Guthmiller placed seventh at the Pine Hills Golf Course on August 16 as the Milbank Poet Invitational golf meet was held. Guthmiller shot an 88 with a 45 in the front half and a 43 in the back half. Tristan Traphagen shot a 60 and a 50 for a score of 110. Lucas Simon shot a 52 and a 66 for a score of 118. Hunter Kassube shot a 71 and a 65 for a score of 136.



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Looking ahead, the Vikings remain home and will play the Seattle Seahawks on Friday, August 24. The game will be at 7pm central time. The third preseason game is known as the dress rehearsal for the regular season, as the starters will likely remain in the game into the third quarter. If you only watch one preseason game, this will be the one to watch. Skol!

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	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS								Proprietary Fund	
	101 General Fund	201 Road and Bridge Fund	207 E911 Fund	226 EM Fund	229 Safe Harbor Fund	230 Teen Court Fund	248 24/7 Sobriety Fund	251 Mod & Preservation Fund	401 Debt Service BCT1 Fund	504 Landfill Solid Waste Fund
100 General Government										
111 Board of County Commissioners	339,512.85									
112 Contingency	250,000.00									
120 Elections	29,934.00									
130 Judicial System	67,200.00									
141 Auditor	336,314.22									
142 Treasurer	542,902.00									
151 States Attorney	941,265.78									
153 Court Appointed Attorney	675,000.00									
154 Abused and Neglected Child Defense	40,000.00									
159 Teen Court						34,961.51				
161 General Government Building	1,128,466.60									
162 Director of Equalization	608,092.33									
163 Register of Deeds	362,166.63							20,000.00		
165 Veterans' Service Officer	159,960.67									
66 Predatory Animal (GFP)	3,915.61									
170 Geographic Information System	105,034.00									
171 Data Processing	627,199.81									
172 Human Resources	112,214.24									
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,329,178.74					34,961.51		20,000.00		
200 Public Safety										
211 Sheriff	1,843,677.99									
212 County Jail	2,230,756.05						107,022.40			
213 Coroner	41,202.75									
214 Court Security	215,229.04									
215 Juvenile Detention	996,982.56									
221 Fire Protection	17,000.00									
222 Emergency & Disaster Services				288,740.96						
225 Communications Center (911)			1,231,715.17							
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	5,344,848.39		1,231,715.17	288,740.96			107,022.40			
300 Public Works										
311 Highways, Roads, & Bridges	9,322,332.86									
322 Solid Wastes										2,515,589.40
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	9,322,332.86									2,515,589.40
400 Health & Welfare										
411 Support of Poor	344,088.44									
421 County Nurse	18,540.00									
424 Ambulance	10,000.00									
433 Care of Aged	0.00									
434 Domestic Abuse					14,000.00					
441 Mentally Ill	180,000.00									
442 Aspire/Live/Dakotabilities	13,200.00									
443 Drug Abuse	29,000.00									
444 Mental Health Centers	37,080.00									
445 Mental Illness Board	20,000.00									
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	651,908.44									14,000.00
500 Culture & Recreation										
511 Public Library	16,000.00									
512 Historical Museum	416,190.94									
521 Recreation Program	5,000.00									
522 Parks	95,992.11									
523 Exhibition Building O & M	401,297.48									
524 County Fair	1,118,724.69									
525 Senior Citizens	3,500.00									
TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION	2,056,705.22									
600 Conservation of Natural Resources										
611 4-H Coordinator	75,069.17									
615 Weed Control	212,001.97									
TOTAL CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	287,071.14									
700 Urban & Economic Development										
711 Planning & Zoning	89,331.00									
712 Urban & Rural Development	27,246.02									
721 Tourism, Ind. & Rec. Development	20,750.00									
TOTAL URBAN & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	137,327.02									
750 Payments to other Governments	40,500.00									
800 Debt Service								904,918.51		
911 Operating Transfers Out	5,037,853.80									2,000,000.00
TOTAL OTHER USES	40,500.00							904,918.51		2,000,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	9,362,832.86		1,231,715.17	288,740.96	14,000.00	34,961.51	107,022.40	20,000.00	904,918.51	4,515,589.40
Cash Balance Applied	1,282,793.80	150,000.00	150,000.00	40,000.00		15,961.51	5,000.00			2,261,449.40
311 Current Property Tax Levy	14,378,613.00									
Less 25% to Cities	(22,171.00)									
311 TIF Property Taxes								855,596.51		
312/319 - Other Taxes	131,600.00	800,000.00								7,000.00
NET TOTAL TAXES	14,488,042.00	800,000.00						855,596.51		7,000.00
320 Licenses & Permits	55,350.00	7,500.00			8,100.00					
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	573,300.00	3,889,750.00	758,107.58	60,000.00	2,900.00	14,000.00				
340 Charges for Goods & Services	2,292,825.00	2,000.00			3,000.00		85,000.00	20,000.00		1,700,000.00
350 Fines & Forfeits	30,850.00									
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	153,150.00	2,000.00	500.00	100.00		500.00				547,140.00
370 Other Financing Sources	2,013,050.00	4,511,582.86	323,107.59	188,640.96		4,500.00	17,022.40		49,322.00	
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	5,118,525.00	8,412,832.86	1,081,715.17	248,740.96	14,000.00	19,000.00	102,022.40			2,247,140.00
SUBTOTAL	20,889,360.80	9,362,832.86	1,231,715.17	288,740.96	14,000.00	34,961.51	107,022.40	20,000.00	904,918.51	4,515,589.40
Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18)	1,044,468.05									
NET MEANS OF FINANCE	19,844,892.75	9,362,832.86	1,231,715.17	288,740.96	14,000.00	34,961.51	107,022.40	20,000.00	904,918.51	4,515,589.40
Proprietary Fund										
Landfill Fund										
Net Assets, Jan 1	5,283,031.61									
Estimated Revenue	1,389,205.96									
Less Expenses	-3,623,708.33									
Net Assets, Dec. 31	3,048,529.24									

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, will meet in the Courthouse at Aberdeen South Dakota on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2019 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 25th day of September, 2018. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

s/ Maxine Fischer, Auditor
 Brown County, SD
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Chanda Nilsson is SDVMA Vice President

The South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association held its 127th Annual Meeting at the Ramkota Convention Center in Sioux Falls August 12th – 15th. The meeting included continuing education opportunities for over 200 veterinarians and veterinary technicians, recognized outstanding accomplishments by professionals in the veterinary fields, and included the annual membership meeting. SDVMA also presented various awards at the meeting to recognize the commitment to, and excellence in veterinary medicine in South Dakota.

The SDVMA Alliance raised over \$6,000 in a benefit auction as part of the event. The money is used for scholarships for veterinary and veterinary technician students.

The following board members were elected for the coming year: Dr. Mark Braunschmidt, Brandon, president; Dr. Ethan Andress, Hettinger, ND, president-elect; Dr. Chanda Nilsson, Groton, vice president; Dr. Carolyn Geis, Emery, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Sandra Wahlert, Hot Springs, District 3 representative. Other board members are Dr. Angela Anderson, Sioux Falls, District 1 representative; Dr. Heidi Sorensen, Watertown, District 2 representative; Dr. Chris Chase, Brookings, AVMA delegate; Dr. Cindy Franklin, Yankton, AVMA alternate delegate; and Dr. Michelle Jensen, Harrisburg, past president.

The 2019 SDVMA annual meeting will be held August 11 – 14 in Sioux Falls.



Chanda Nilsson

The Life of Kenneth Harold Fiedler

Kenneth Harold Fiedler, 76, of Aberdeen, passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 409 3rd Avenue SE, Aberdeen, with Father Mike Kelly as celebrant and Father Patrick Grode and Father Joseph Sheehan con-celebrating.

Entombment followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Aberdeen.

Schrivers' Memorial Mortuary and Crematory, 414 5th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, is in charge of arrangements. Friends may sign Ken's online guestbook and also view his service via the live stream service link at www.schriversmemorial.com.

Memorials can be directed to The Presentation Convent, Roncalli Athletic Department or The Fiedler Family Scholarship at Northern State University.

Kenneth Harold Fiedler was born March 18, 1942, in Bowdle, SD to Harold and Clara (Rosin) Fiedler. He attended school in Java, SD and graduated from Java High School with the Class of 1960.

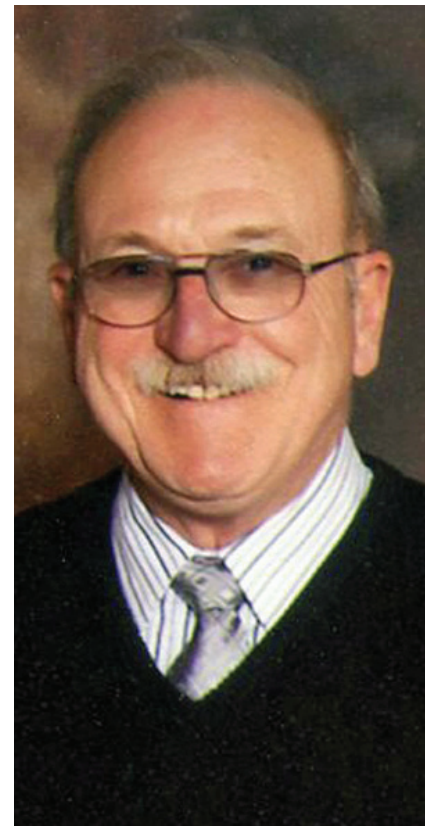
Kenneth was united in marriage to Diane C. Grandpre on September 15, 1962, in Conde, SD. The couple made their home in Java, where in September of 1962, Ken began his career as a jack-of-all-trades at the hometown grocery store – working as a butcher, bagger, stocker, and store cleaner. In 1964, the couple moved to Aberdeen and Ken began working at what is now Ken's SuperFair Foods. His hard work and determination led him to becoming manager of the store in 1967. In 1972, Ken purchased the Aberdeen store, as well as the location in Ipswich, SD. During the next few decades, he added stores in Groton, Watertown, Miller, Eureka, Clark, and Britton, SD. Ken currently owned stores in Aberdeen, Groton, Ipswich, Eureka, Clark, and Britton. Ken and Diane raised three children and shared 43 years of marriage before she passed away on September 26, 2005. He continued to reside in Aberdeen until the time of his death.

Ken was passionate about his business and the community, serving on the United States National Grocers Board of Directors, as President of the South Dakota Retailers Association, President of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, and on the Foundation Boards of both Avera and Northern State University. In 1997, he was honored to be named South Dakota Retailer of the Year. Ken also had the pleasure of serving as "Frosty" for the South Dakota Snow Queen Festival and being named NSU "King of the Gyps".

When he wasn't working, Ken enjoyed spending time outdoors camping, fishing with Homer, Norb, and Wes, hunting, snowmobiling with the Gellings, and doing yard work. He also loved traveling with his wife, Dee, to Hawaii and Las Vegas, as well as taking many trips in their motor coach to Minneapolis. Later in life, Ken enjoyed traveling with his friend, Patty.

Ken loved sports, especially the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings. Closer to home, he enjoyed attending all Roncalli and Northern State University sporting events with the McNearys and the Scheids. Ken was also a fan of Elvis Presley and had a great interest in anything relating to him.

Blessed to have shared in Ken's life are his children: Paula Fiedler of Black Hawk, SD and Kevin (Heidi) Fiedler and Kerry (Keith) Brandenburger, both of Aberdeen; four grandchildren: Conner and Morgan Fiedler and Craig and Madison Brandenburger; and one brother, Ronald



(Margie) Fiedler.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Diane; his parents, Harold and Clara; his brother, Arlo Fiedler; and his niece, Heidi Fiedler.

Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the home of Marg Overacker with Pat Larson assisting. Ten members answered roll call with what they like about Fall. Correspondence included a thank you from Ton and Alesa Mahan for naming their yard "Yard of the week". Unfinished business included the fall board meeting held in Milbank in September 22. New business included decorating main street on September 24, at 1pm beginning at the bank. We also decided to have a mini float in the homecoming parade. The next meeting will be at the Groton Health and Rehab September 17, at 5:30 pm. Linda Anderson and Deb McKiver will host and Pam Rix will give the program. The August program was given by Linda Anderson on the "Easter Egg Plant."

SD37 Flashing Light Schedule

Monday-Friday during school: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Flashing lights will not flash when there is no school, which are: Aug. 31, Sept. 3, Oct. 8, Nov. 21-23, Dec. 24-Jan. 2, Feb. 18, March 14-15, April 19-22

On P-T days when school dismisses at 1:30, lights will flash from 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. (Oct. 11 and Feb. 7)

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