



The Groton Robotics Team of Travis Townsend, Tanner McGannon and Danny Feist took first place at the GT Robotics January 2019 VEX Robotics Tournament held Saturday at the GHS Gym. The teams of G.A.T. Wrenches and G-Force were the champions. G.A.T. Wrenches also won the Excellence Award. The Gear Heads were tournament finalists. Three teams from Eureka, five from Groton, four from Britton-Hecla and one from Sioux Falls were in attendance. The weather limited the number of teams in attendance. (Photo from Beverly McGannon's facebook page)



This photo from Kim Weber's Facebook page features the Groton Area and Aberdeen Roncalli student section together for a photo after the game on Thursday. Both towns wore camouflage in support of Hunter Schaller. Perhaps it was best said on the Groton Basketball Facebook Page: "Sometimes there's things way bigger than any game!!! Awesome support!! We are pulling for you Hunter. #All4Hunt."



The eastern sky was red and it cast a red tent on the steam from the ethanol plant west of Groton. (Photo by Jay Peterson)

Peterson Farms Seed Hires Jade Albrecht



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Four receive scholarships at South Dakota State

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Jan. 22, 2019 – South Dakota State University students Kathleen Groeblichhoff, Katherine LaMee, Keri Pappas and Maggie Simon are among those receiving scholarships this academic year. They are from Groton and graduated from Groton High School.

Groeblichhoff, a senior pharmacy major, is the recipient of the Aberdeen District South Dakota Pharmacists Association Scholarship and the Oliver G. and Nelle K. Anderson Scholarship. She is the daughter of Matthew and Joni Groeblichhoff.

LaMee, a senior majoring in family and consumer sciences education, is receiving the Donna (Varcoe) Schultz Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of William and Laurie LaMee.

Pappas, a sophomore human biology major, is the recipient of the Norma P. Christopherson Endowed Scholarship in Biology and Microbiology. She is the daughter of Kelly and Valerie Pappas. At State, she has been involved in Jackrabbit Forensics team, Lead State, Pre-Professional Club, American Medical School Association, Microbiology Club, Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College, Peer Tutor, Hyde Hall government and is a learning assistant for Biology 151.

Simon, a junior agricultural business major, is receiving the Janssen Family Economics Scholarship in Memory of Harry and Veletta Janssen. She is the daughter of Steve and Peggy Simon and is involved in the Sigma Alpha sorority and State A Thon.

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DeHoet had double-double night against Northwestern

Northwestern watched an insurmountable lead take a free fall in the third quarter, but the Wildcats hung on to win with a late surge, 63-56.

Northwestern took a 12-8 first quarter lead and outscored Groton Area in the second quarter, 25-11, to take a 37-19 lead at half time.

The Tigers scored the first 10 points of the third quarter and then closed to within six, 39-33. The Wildcats surged ahead with an eight point run to lead it, 47-33 at the end of the third quarter.

Once again, Groton Area rallied to close to within six, 54-48, and again at 60-54.

Brodyn DeHoet had a double-double night with 16 points and 18 rebounds. Treyton Diegel added 15 points followed by Jonathon Doeden with nine, Austin Jones had six points and seven rebounds, and Cade Guthmiller and Kaden Kurtz each had five points.

Four players did all of the scoring for Northwestern with Zach Clemens having 33 points, Caleb Schentzel had 15, Jarret Haven had 11 and Dalton Peterson had four points.

Groton Area made 19 of 62 field goals for 31 percent while Northwestern made 23 of 57 for 40 percent. The Tigers made 13 of 23 free throws for 56 percent off of Northwestern's 18 team fouls. Northwestern made 15 of 24 free throws for 63 percent off of Groton Area's 22 team fouls. Fouling out were Groton's Guthmiller and DeHoet and Northwestern's Gavin Bohl.

Groton Area was five of 21 in three-pointers for 24 percent with DeHoet and Diegel each marking two and Guthmiller one. Northwestern was two of 12 for 17 percent with Clemens and Schentzel each making one.

Both teams had 38 rebounds. Diegel and Kurtz each had two of the team's eight assists. Groton Area had 10 turnovers with three of them being steals. Northwestern had 11 turnovers with four of them being steals as Kurtz had two steals.

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The Tigers are now 4-7 on the season and will be at Clark on Friday.

Northwestern won the junior varsity game in overtime, 40-37. Chandler Larson led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Jayden Zak with six, Cyruss DeHoet with five, Abdimalik Mohamed and Isaac Smith with four each, Jackson Cogley had three and Lane Tietz and Jace Kroll each had two points. DeHoet and Larson each made one three-pointer. Zak and Mohamed each had five rebounds and Larson had four steals.

Groton Area won the C game, 35-33. Jordan Bjerke led the Tigers with 20 points followed by Jackson Cogley and Cole Simon with five each, Wyatt Hearnen had three and Kannon Coats added two points. Bjerke made two three-pointers and Simon made one. Hearnen had four rebounds, Cogley had two assists and three steals.

Clark/Willow Lake girls win

Clark/Willow Lake came to town Tuesday evening where the Cyclones posted a 53-40 win over the Lady Tigers. Clark/Willow Lake led at the quarterstops at 12-11, 25-13 and 40-25.

Gracie Traphagen led the Tigers with eight points followed by Eliza Wannier and Jennie Doeden with six each, Miranda Hanson had five, Kaycie Hawkins four, Tady Glover, Kenzie McInerney and Allyssa Locke with three each and Maddie Bjerke added two points.

Janae Kolden led the Cyclones with 18 points followed by Abbie Bratland with 16, Charity Kabwe six, Saylor Burke five, Jaycie Forbes three, Olivia Sass two and Chayla Vig and Allison Kannegieter with one apiece.

Groton made 40 percent of its field goals and was one of two from the line off of the Cyclone's 10 team fouls. Clark/Willow Lake made 12 of 19 free throws off of Groton Area's 14 team fouls. The Tigers had 16 turnovers while the Cyclones had eight.

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Groton Area won the JV game, 24-17.



**Northwestern 63
Groton Area 56**

Roncalli boys pull away from Groton Area in the second half

Aberdeen Roncalli pulled away in the second half to defeat the Groton Area Tigers in boys' basketball action played in Groton Thursday night, 59-43.

Groton Area took a 5-0 lead before Roncalli quickly rallied to take the lead. The game was tied three times as the Cavalier took a 15-12 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 32-26 lead at halftime. The Cavaliers outscored the Tigers, 11-5, to take a 43-31 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Groton Area had 16 turnovers while Roncalli had seven. The Tigers shot 25 percent in the first quarter, 75 percent in the second quarter, 15 percent in the third quarter and 33 percent in the fourth quarter. For the game, The Tigers were 15 of 45 for 33 percent. Roncalli made 43 percent in the first quarter, 46 percent in the second quarter, 44 percent in the third quarter and 43 percent in the fourth quarter. The Cavaliers made 22 of 50 shots for 44 percent. Cade Guthmiller and Treyton Diegel each made one three-pointers while the Cavaliers made six three-pointers. From the line, Groton Area made 10 of 17 shots for 58 percent off of Roncalli's 18 team fouls. Roncalli made 11 of 13 free throws for 85 percent off of Groton Area's 12 team fouls.

Brodyn DeHoet led the Tigers with 17 points followed by Jonathan Doeden with eight, Treyton Diegel had five, Jayden Zak and Austin Jones each had four, Cade Guthmiller had three and Kaden Kurtz had two points.

Brady Morgan led the Cavaliers with 20 points followed by Isaac VanOrman with 12, Brandon Fauth 10, Harrison Reede had six, Salesi Mouna had four, Grayden, Jacob O'Keefe and Max Reede each had two points and Sam Sather had one point.

Groton Area had more rebounds, 30-23, with Kurtz having eight and DeHoet seven. Jones had a block and Doeden had three of the team's seven assists. Groton Area had one steal while Roncalli had 13.

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Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 40-29. Jayden Zak led the Tigers with nine points followed by Cyruss DeHoet and Chandler Larson with four apiece, Lucas Simon and Lane Tietz each had three and Tristan Traphagen, Jace Krol and Abdimalik Mohamed each had two points.

Roncalli won the C game, 42-33. Cole Simon led Groton Area with 11 points followed by Jackson Cogley with 10, Wyatt Hearnen had five, Kannon Coats, Lane Tietz and Tate Larson each had two and Jordan Bjerke added a free throw.

Roncalli girls win non-conference game over Tigers

Aberdeen Roncalli's girls' basketball team defeated Groton Area Friday night in Aberdeen, 62-21. This was a non-conference game. This will also be the last year that Groton Area and Aberdeen Roncalli will play each other twice during the regular season.

The Cavaliers scored 17 straight points in the first quarter to take a 21-7 lead at the break. The Tigers made three of 11 field goals for 27 percent and Roncalli made nine of 16 for 56 percent. Both teams doubled their scores in the second quarter as Roncalli took a 42-14 lead at half time. In the second quarter, Groton Area made three of 12 field goals for 25 percent and Roncalli made five of seven for 71 percent. Neither team shot well or scored much in the third quarter as the score was 49-16 going into the fourth quarter. Groton Area made one of seven field goals for 14 percent and Roncalli made two of nine for 22 percent. Both teams subbed down for most of the fourth quarter as Groton Area made two of six field goals for 33 percent and Roncalli made four of six for 67 percent.

Groton Area had 14 team fouls which allowed the Cavaliers to make 12 of 15 free throws for 80 percent. The Cavaliers had seven team fouls as Groton missed two free throws. The Tigers had 10 turnovers with the Cavaliers having five. Groton Area had nine rebounds with Jennie Doeden having five and the Tigers had four steals and three assists.

Scoring for the Tigers had Jennie Doeden and Allyssa Locke with four points apiece, Payton Maine, Miranda Hanson and Maddie Bjerke each had three points and Kaycie Hawkins and Gracie Traphagen each had two points. The Cavaliers were led by Mariah Winegar with 13 points followed by Megan Streier and Jori Ewart each with 12, Madelyn Bragg had 11, Jami Ewart and Abby Hanson each had six and Allison Dix added two points.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center. Groton Area is now 4-6 on the season and will host Clark/Willow Lake on Tuesday. Roncalli is 8-2 and will host Hamlin on Tuesday.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 33-13. Scoring for Groton Area: Gracie Traphagen 3, Brooke Gengerke 3, Allyssa Locke 2, Kenzie McInerney 2, Hannah Gustafson 2, and Maddie Bjerke 1.



**Roncalli 59
Groton Area 43**



**Roncalli 62
Groton Area 21**



**Clark/WL 53
Groton Area 40**

Jobs abound, but low wages hamper South Dakota workforce

By: Bart Pfankuch

This report was produced by South Dakota News Watch, a non-profit news organization. Find more in-depth reporting at www.sdnews-watch.org.

Jobs are plentiful in South Dakota, but most positions pay far below the national average and lower than neighboring states.

In fact, South Dakota has the third-lowest average wage for employed people in the country behind only Arkansas and Mississippi. A News Watch analysis shows that the lowest-paying jobs — in office support, food service and sales — dominate the state workforce.

Despite attempts to lure new employers and improve pay for workers, the state has made little progress over the past few decades. After languishing near the bottom for years, the state had the lowest average pay in the nation in 2008 and has moved up only two spots since then.

The News Watch analysis of 2017 wage data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics within the U.S. Department of Labor showed that:

- Roughly 21 percent of employed South Dakota residents, about 87,000 people, make under \$30,000 a year; 41 percent of employed South Dakota residents, about 169,400 people, make under \$35,000 a year, and 71 percent of employed South Dakota residents, about 292,000 people, make under \$40,000 a year.

- Out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, South Dakota is third lowest in average annual pay at \$40,770, with the national average at \$55,470. The state is also at or near the bottom nationally for average pay in several occupational sectors, including office and administrative support (51st), architecture/engineering (51st), education (50th), production workers (50th), life/physical/social sciences (50th), construction and extraction (50th), arts/design/sports/media (50th), computer and mathematical (49th), community and social services (48th), legal (47th), transportation and materials movement (45th), community and social services (47th) and business and financial operations (44th).

- While doctors, medical specialists, dentists and CEOs are among the highest paid, the support staffs that work for them are among the lowest paid.

The numbers also show that South Dakota's employment base is dominated by low-wage support service and food industry jobs. The three largest employment groups are office administration and support (15.3% of all jobs, \$31,340 average annual salary), sales/related occupations (11.3% of all jobs, \$37,130 average annual salary) and food preparation/serving (10.2% of all jobs, \$22,610 average annual salary).

People who don't have technical training or a college degree are at a huge wage disadvantage in South Dakota, according to the federal wage data.

New Republican Gov. Kristi Noem, acknowledging the need for wage improvement, advocated in her first statewide address for the creation of new apprenticeship programs and job-skills training in the state K-12 education system that could increase opportunities and job-readiness of high school graduates.

"South Dakota does a lot of things right, but our economy has fallen behind," Noem wrote to News Watch in an email.

Noem said she will work to remove barriers to business expansion and growth, and also seek ways to improve opportunities for South Dakota workers to better themselves.

"I want to make South Dakota a state where if those wage earners have the drive and

desire to earn more, they can," Noem wrote.

The state received some good news in January when the TruShrimp aquaculture company announced it would build a shrimp farm in Madison and eventually create up to 150 jobs, though state officials refuse to release what those jobs may pay.

In the meantime, thousands of South Dakota residents are among the working poor who take on a second job or need assistance to make ends meet, and it appears there is no easy answer to raising salaries in a rapid, meaningful way.

"There's an awful lot of people in south Dakota who are really struggling and working hard to make ends meet," said state Sen. Reynold Nesiba, D-Sioux Falls, who is an economics professor at Augustana University. "It seems like there's a race going on between prosperity and poverty in South Dakota and I think poverty is winning."



Austin Shook, 20, is in the final year of a diesel mechanic program at Western Dakota Tech and also works at a truck stop. Once he graduates, he plans to seek work in Wyoming where his research shows he can make \$50,000 a year to start instead of about \$35,000 a year he would make in South Dakota.

Photo: Bart Pfankuch

Moving away for better pay

South Dakota's history of poor pay stems from several factors. The rural nature of the state tends to limit business opportunities. The state has only limited manufacturing employers, a minimum of white-collar jobs outside the Sioux Falls area, and an economy focused largely on tourism and the service industry. A shortage of highly educated workers hampers efforts to lure high-tech employers while low union membership reduces the ability of workers to organize and demand higher pay.

One consequence of low wages is that highly skilled and well-educated workers, including teachers and professionals, flee South Dakota for other states in order to make more money.

Nesiba said his two adult sons are both computer software developers who moved away for better jobs in other states.

"I would love to have them back here, but I can't imagine there will ever be jobs that pay enough to entice them to come back to South Dakota," Nesiba said. "With higher levels of student loan debt, and combine that with lower wages, and you can see why many of our best and brightest are leaving for other states. It's a chronic problem for us to be able to attract and retain a workforce in South Dakota, and a lot of that is about wages."

Beyond college graduates, other skilled workers are leaving the state for higher salaries.

Austin Shook, 20, is a native of Edgemont, S.D., who now lives in Rapid City where he

attends Western Dakota Tech in the diesel mechanic program.

Shook now works at the Boss Truck Stop off Interstate 90 west of Rapid City, where he makes \$13 an hour, or about \$32,000 a year after bonuses. He said many young adults and some middle-aged students at the technical school are working full time and make less than \$30,000 a year. He said full-time mechanics he knows are paid between \$35,000 and \$40,000 a year in western South Dakota.

"With a house and family and kids, I don't know how they're making it on that," Shook said.

His plan is to finish his associate's degree in May and then immediately apply for jobs at coal mining operations in and around Gillette, Wyoming where he knows he can make \$50,000 a year to start with the potential to earn about \$75,000 a year as he gains experience.

"I don't dislike it here but there's much better jobs elsewhere," Shook said. "For now, I'm stable but later down the road in life, I don't know if I could make it on the salaries paid around here."

Finding a job is not hard in South Dakota, where the November 2018 unemployment rate was 3.0 percent, 11th lowest in the nation but still higher than the neighboring states of Iowa (2.4%) and Minnesota, Nebraska and North Dakota (all 2.8%).

Finding a job that carries benefits and provides a livable wage is tougher, however.

Lisa Johnson, manager of the state Job Service offices in Watertown and Sisseton, said a wide range of positions are typically open in northeastern South Dakota.

In mid-January, a job offerings analysis showed 428 position open in Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin and Roberts counties, with the top occupational groups with openings as production, sales and related, education/training/library and farming/fishing/forestry.

Johnson, who said her agency does not track or list pay rates for open positions, said finding a job that pays a livable wage varies by job-seeker depending on their age, experience, skill set and education level.

"It's hard to put a number on that because every city in South Dakota is different, though housing is high all over, so it depends on what that person's mindset is and what is a good job to them and what lifestyle they want," said Johnson. "For somebody who just wants a place to live and have a car, that number is different than somebody who might have a college degree and wants to own a home."

South Dakota consistently ranks low among all states for its tax burden, though the sales tax that funds much of government is regressive in nature in that people from all income levels pay the same rate. As far as overall cost of living, South Dakota falls into the middle of the pack nationally.

The cost-of-living index allows for comparison among states on the prices of a variety of goods and services such as food, housing and transportation. A lower number and ranking indicates a lower cost of living. For example, to buy a \$1 item would cost 98 cents in South Dakota compared to the rest of the nation, while that same item would cost about \$1.08 in Montana. In the rankings, South Dakota has the 24th lowest cost-of-living index in the country, while Wyoming has the fifth-lowest in the country and Montana had the 34th lowest, making it comparably the most expensive state in the region, according to data from the Council for Community and Economic Research.

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The wage data for South Dakota looks bad overall but may obscure just how tough things are in some specific areas.

Low wages and high housing costs force many workers in the tourism town of Custer in the southern Black Hills to struggle financially or find creative ways to get by, said Mayor Corbin Herman.

"It's something I think about every day," Herman said.

The cost of living in Custer is so high, Herman said, that a \$30,000 annual salary doesn't go far.

"If I'm making the same wage in Custer as somebody in a similar town in eastern South Dakota, I'm probably making half of what they're making or a third less," he said. "I think it's that drastic."

As mayor, Herman said there is little local governments can do to raise salaries but he is working to lower rents and the overall cost of living in the town of about 2,000 people. For now, he said, the situation is almost untenable for many in the service and restaurant industries that prevail in the town that over the years has lost major employers such as a sawmill, a state hospital and the Star Academy for youthful offenders.

"You can't pay somebody \$70,000 a year to flip burgers, but you still need the worker and that worker still needs a place to live," Herman said. "The employees get a little bit more creative; maybe four or five will live in small house or rent a trailer home outside town to make ends meet."

As is common elsewhere in South Dakota, poor pay levels in Custer are often accompanied by a lack of benefits provided to workers, Herman said.

"I would be doubtful that there's a lot of health insurance and retirement options out there for them," he said. "I feel bad for the people who are living at that level."

Improving education will lead to more skilled workers that will encourage businesses to increase wages, leading to more spending overall and a reduced need for government assistance, Nesiba said.

Noem said the credit card industry coming to the state in the '80s was the last "big thing." "It's time to start looking for the next "big thing," she said.

She said the state will:

- Identify targeted industries and market to attract the most innovative companies in those sectors.

- Over the next six weeks, GOED [the Governor's Office of Economic Development] will develop and roll out a new, more user-friendly website that is more responsive to the needs of existing South Dakota businesses and those interested in moving here.

- Draw on traditional strengths as an agricultural state by seeking out more value-added processing opportunities. We'll enhance outlets that will benefit farmers and small communities.

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Identifying new opportunities will generate high-paying jobs and build an economy to bolster South Dakota's business environment for the next generation for a better life, she said.



Robin Baldwin has a stable job at a Sioux Falls animal hospital but her annual salary does not leave room for medical benefits, savings or a retirement plan. Photo: Courtesy of Robin Baldwin

Success takes commitment

For those at the lower end of the wage scale in South Dakota, basic survival takes commitment and fortitude.

Robin Baldwin of Sioux Falls is a Michigan native who moved to South Dakota in 1993 to be closer to her mother. Armed with a high school degree and one year of college, she worked several years as a waitress before getting married and staying home to raise her three children and another unrelated child

whose mother was murdered.

She spent eight years as a stay-at-home mother before a divorce forced her to reenter the workplace. Baldwin sought help by getting job skills and placement assistance through two intensive programs run by Dress for Success Sioux Falls. The nonprofit group provides women with the attire, job skills, mentoring, financial literacy training and emotional support to find and keep a good job and has clients that range in age from 18 to 78, said Lori Strasburg, a program manager at the group.

With that training, Baldwin, 45, landed a job at a veterinary office in Sioux Falls as a receptionist and a full-time wage of \$10 an hour, or about \$21,000 a year.

Not long after landing the position and obtaining a steady income, Baldwin said she lost her rent subsidy from the Sioux Falls Housing Authority and later was dropped from the federal food stamps program and lost Medicaid coverage for her son who has Type 1 diabetes.

Baldwin received raises at the vet clinic to \$11.50 an hour and now makes \$14.50 an hour, or about \$32,000 gross pay a year. Like other support staff workers in South Dakota, she finds that her net pay of about \$2,000 a month doesn't go far.

She pays \$795 a month in rent; chips in \$100 a month to help her son, now an adult living outside the home, buy insulin; has utility bills of about \$235 a month; and spends about \$400 a month on groceries. She rarely eats out, shares a cell phone with one of her sons

and drives a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am that is only somewhat reliable. She said she cannot afford to join her company medical plan and is unable to afford a \$350-a-month health insurance plan offered on the federal Affordable Healthcare Act marketplace.

Her regular monthly bills allow her about \$400 a month for gas and other expenses, but nothing for savings or retirement. "I try to save but it seems like something always knocks you back and you have to pay for that," Baldwin said.

Strasburg said many of the women she assists have child-care challenges, transportation issues and a lack of job skills or experience, so even a job that pays well below the statewide average of \$40,770 a year would be a big step up.

"A \$30,000 job, sadly, would be a good place to start for these ladies," she said.

When Baldwin was asked to describe her current financial situation while making about \$32,000 a year, she said, "I'm doing the best that I can, and striving."

Baldwin worries most about the long-term health of herself and her sons, but also whether her car will start or about what would happen if she suffered a crisis like a broken leg or other acute medical of financial issue.

"I would be up the river," she said. "I have thought about a setback and that worries me because I don't have any backup for support."

Baldwin said she joked to her son the other day that maybe she should quit work and go back on government housing, food and medical assistance. "When I wasn't working, at least I knew there was going to be food on the table and a roof over our heads," she said.

That notion was quickly rejected. She said she enjoys her work and is now seeking a higher-paying administrative job in the health care industry. She would love to someday go back to technical school and obtain a business degree of some sort.

She also insists on being a positive role model for children and other people she knows who are living on the margins.

"With working, it feels good to pay my own way," Baldwin said. "I feel really independent and proud of myself for how far I've come, and I don't want to go back."

LOWEST AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE IN GREAT PLAIN

Here is a look at how the annual average salary for employed residents of South Dakota compared to neighboring states and the 50 states and the District of Columbia in 2017.

State.	Avg annual salary	National Rank
Minnesota	\$52,730	13th
U.S average.	\$50,620	—
North Dakota	\$48,130	24th
Wyoming	\$47,650	25th
Nebraska	\$45,530	31st
Iowa	\$44,730	37th
Montana	\$42,400	44th
South Dakota	\$40,770	49th

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017 data

Focusing on education and workforce development

Nesiba said improving wages will require more effort on the part of lawmakers to expand educational opportunities both at four-year colleges and at technical schools. He supports implementation of government-assisted pre-kindergarten programs that are common in other states. And he wants the focus on workforce development to include more efforts to lure high-paying companies to the state.

"As a policymaker, education is economic development, and we shouldn't be distracted from that," he said.

WHO MAKES WHAT IN SOUTH DAKOTA?

This chart includes a breakdown of all jobs in South Dakota by category with the average annual salary and the occupational category's percentage of the overall jobs in the state in 2017.

Job category.	# of jobs.	Avg salary	% of jobs
All jobs	413,100	\$40,770	100%
Management	11,820	\$104,770	2.9%
Biz/finance	19,110	\$63,290	4.6%
Computer/math	8,040	\$64,020	1.9%
Architecture/eng.	4,750	\$67,040	1.1%
Life/social science	3,920	\$54,400	1.0%
Comm/Soc. svcs	6,370	\$39,920	1.5%
Legal occupations	1,810	\$74,830	0.4%
Educ./library	24,410	\$41,260	6.0%
Arts/design/media	5,340	\$38,460	1.3%
Healthcare/tech.	30,750	\$71,080	7.4%
Healthcare support	10,680	\$28,780	2.6%
Food prep/serving	42,030	\$22,610	10.2%
Bldg clean/maint.	17,260	\$25,850	4.2%
Personal care/serv.	15,020	\$25,440	3.6%
Sales/related occup.	46,720	\$37,130	11.3%
Office support	63,290	\$31,340	15.3%
Farm/fish/forestry	1,640	\$30,400	0.4%
Const./extraction	22,020	\$39,320	5.3%
Install/repair	16,150	\$45,850	3.9%
Production	32,120	\$34,020	7.8%
Transport/move	29,850	\$33,800	7.2%

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017 data

ABOUT BART PFANKUCH: Bart Pfankuch, Rapid City, S.D., is an investigative reporter for South Dakota News Watch. A Wisconsin native, he is a former editor of the Rapid City Journal. Bart has spent almost 30 years as a reporter and editor.

Brown County Jan. 15, 2019

General Meeting

JANUARY 15, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: SDML Worker's Comp Fund \$143,476.00; Association of Public Safety \$1,035.00; Avera St. Lukes \$3,134.33; BMI Music License \$349.00; Carrels & Bain Family Dental \$133.61; Cogley Law Office \$1,112.10; D-N-D Inc \$214.27; Dakota Counseling Group \$2,100.00; Day County Treasurer \$275.00; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$312.00; Ryan S. Dell, LLC \$6,372.60; Dohrer Law Office \$1,036.80; Dware Inc \$3,025.00; Helms & Associates \$6,341.75; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kuck Law Office \$3,944.00; Language Line Services Inc \$517.41; Lewis & Clark BHS \$825.00; Lucy Lewno \$160.00; Lexisnexis Risk Data Management \$93.85; Darcy Lockwood \$15.00; MOCIC \$150.00; Sanford Clinic \$2,873.71; Sanford Health \$1,206.93; Sanford Health Occupational \$130.00; SD Association of County Commissioners \$3,523.06; SD Association of County Highway Superintendents \$275.00; SD Department of Health \$4,990.75; SD Sheriff's Assoc \$1,595.93; Siegel Barnett & Schutz \$3,741.20; Jennifer Stoddard \$1,316.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$197.95; Taliaferro Law Firm \$2,628.80; West Payment Center \$165.00; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$50.00; Luther Yellow Robe \$5,000.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$ 1,021.67; Hub City Radio \$600.00; Rapid City Journal \$25.13.

Rentals: Roland L. Moerke \$261.20.

Repairs & Maintenance: Clark Engineering Inc \$1,967.69; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$2,663.86; Roland L. Moerke \$1,074.45; Day County Treasurer \$169.01; Diesel Machinery \$2,150.00; Farnams Genuine Parts Inc. \$71.88; GCR Tires & Service \$27.00; Habitat Management Solutions \$1,350.00; Hanlon Brothers \$2,080.00; Honeywell International \$27,651.91; Huff Construction Inc \$2,234.29; Lynn D. Arment \$869.50; Lien Transportation Co. \$3,180.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$11.00; Pierson Ford Lincoln Mercury \$48.45; Hayden F. Pigors \$200.00; Powerplan \$48.62; Steven Lust Automotive \$102.50; Transource Truck & Equipment \$11,490.57; Walth Safety Service \$10.90.

Supplies: Aberdeen American News \$215.25; Ategra Cooperative \$28,167.88; Ameripride Services \$67.75; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Bonnie Bitz \$72.00; Butler Machinery \$144.32; Cartney Bearing \$61.34; Cash-Wa Distributing \$5,764.66; Century Business Products \$797.08; CAN Surety \$50.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$1,608.66; Dacotah Prairie Mercantile \$19.90; Dakota Counseling Group \$1,800.00; Dakota Fluid Power Inc \$19.63; Dean Foods North Central \$730.48; Diesel Machinery \$43.24; Earthgrains Baking Co. \$748.90; Arlin Zoeller \$685.00; Farnams Genuine Parts Inc. \$45.99; Full Circle Ag \$1,417.24; MB LLC \$550.98; Govconnection Inc. \$1,490.04; Heartland Paper \$1,750.30; Lynn D. Arment \$335.74; Ken's Superfair Foods \$122.54; Kesslers \$8.29; Lang's Audio TV & Appliance \$50.00; Lucy Lewno \$6.47; Menards \$15.97; Midstates Printing \$256.00; Nelson Sales & Service \$383.40; Northern Valley Communications \$26.16; Pharmchem \$28.55; Pitney Bowes \$15,000.00; Powerplan \$455.44; Premier Biotech Inc \$115.23; CNH Industrial America LLC \$124.67; Satellite Tracking of People \$175.50; Patricia M. Dennert \$78.00; Sherwin Williams \$871.10; Transource Truck & Equipment \$381.93; Trinity Industries Inc \$400.00; Ryan Vogel \$15.85; West Payment Center \$99.78; Steve Westby \$30.00; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$247.81.

Travel & Conference: Aber-

deen Fire & Rescue \$1,470.00.

Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$280.50; Qwest Corporation \$2,307.45; City of Hecla \$185.30; Economy Propane LLC \$626.40; State of South Dakota \$77.07; Northern Electric Coop \$185.52; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$740.92; Northern Valley Communications \$2,911.88; Town of Frederick \$50.00; Verizon Wireless \$3,337.25; Web Water Development \$78.97.

Other: James River \$1,108.19; NESDCAP \$2,500.00; Safe Harbor \$775.00; SD Association of County Officials \$934.00; SD Department of Revenue & Regulation \$428,312.39; SD Attorney General's Office \$422.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve classification change for Landfill Employees Barry Braaten and Jason Kallenberger from Labor Grade 4 Step 2 @ \$18.73 per hour to Labor Grade 4 Step 7 @ \$19.23 per hour, effective January 13, 2019.

Approve classification change for Technology Support Specialist Cory Lane from Step 5 @ \$23.63 per hour to Step 7 @ \$24.54 per hour, effective January 13, 2019.

Acknowledge resignation of Landfill Employee Russell Jones, effective January 11, 2019; and further approve request to fill vacancy.

Approve hiring Rhonda Kvernig as part-time Scale Operator at the Landfill, effective January 14, 2019 at \$15.66 per hour.

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of December 2018: Kendell Titze – 90 @ \$49.05, Dirk Rogers – 760 @ \$414.20, Mike Scott – 180 @ \$98.10, Gary Vetter – 112 @ \$61.04.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

INTEREST STATEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to accept for filing the October – December 2018 Interest Statement in amount of \$39,201.61, submitted by County Treasurer Sheila Enderson. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the December 2018 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$12,713,122.98 (total amount of actual cash @ \$4,021.65, Cash items (bad checks) @ \$978.35, US Bank @ \$21,299.68, Dacotah Bank @ \$5,540,594.22, Petty Cash/Change Funds @ \$2,600.00, Fund Investments @ \$7,143,629.08). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following Abatements: Aberdeen Downtown Apartments @ \$17,976.90, Engel Music Inc @ \$1,948.25 (historical freeze missed); Karen Smith @ \$40.96 (mobile home gone); Camlin Investments @ \$69.87; Aberdeen Christian School @ \$8.24 (tax exempt); Aberdeen City @ \$1,791.47 (tax exempt); Geraldine Dunker @ \$13.57 (assessment error); Arrow Enterprises @ \$467.36 ('02 Schult); Arrow Enterprises @ \$360.26 ('02 Fleetwood 16x68); Arrow Enterprises @ \$400.44 ('02 Fleetwood 16x76) mobile homes gone; Northwestern Energy @ \$0.91 (exempt); Terry Lout @ \$211.00 (mobile home gone); Harlan Bistodeau @ \$45.06 (Langford School Bond); Aberdeen Aqua Addicts Ski Team @ \$2,104.96 (tax exempt). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF/JAIL/JDC CLOTHING POLICY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the 2019 Employee Clothing Policy, submitted by Mark Milbrandt for the Sheriff Department, Jail and JDC/HD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JAIL CONTRACT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair sign Contract with Edmunds County for housing Brown County inmates at the Faulk County Jail at \$65.00 per inmate per day or partial day. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with Butler Machinery for Annual Inspection of the Generator located at 124 S First Street in amount of \$1,471.00 for 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve

and authorize the Chair sign Agreement dated January 9, 2019 with NorthWestern Energy to provide a natural gas supply and management service providing for the purchase and delivery of fixed price natural gas volumes, effective November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEED: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign Quit Claim Deed for the following property sold by tax deed on January 14, 2019: Derrick Wellman – Lt 2 Blk 9 Garden Park Addition to Aberdeen, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County, SD @ \$5,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 131 – FIRST READING: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve First Reading of Ordinance #131, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.14 (HC) Highway Commercial District: Levey's Outlot 4 in the SE ¼ of Sec 24-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13397 382nd Avenue). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 132 – FIRST READING: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve First Reading of Ordinance #132, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: E ½ NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Sec 26-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12825 393rd Avenue). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CDBG SAFE HARBOR ADMINISTRATION CLOSE-OUT DOCUMENTS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign the Administrative Close-Out Documentation for South Dakota CDBG Grant #1515-105 for the Safe Harbor Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT SECURITY UPDATE: Sheriff Mark Milbrandt, Judge Tony Portra, Chief Deputy Sheriff Dave Lunzmann and Court Security Officer Terry Evans presented an update on the success of the Court Security station installed in the main Courthouse Foyer.

AG LAND DISCUSSION: Attorney Reed Rasmussen and several area residents met to discuss an option to resolve the Ag Land Assessment lawsuit. The Commission took no action until further research on the option is complete.

PARI-MUTUAL HORSE RACING: NE Area Horse Racing Representatives Kent Larson and Bubby Haar met to assure the Commission that the group will honor all aspects of the lease of Fairgrounds facilities whether or not the Pari-mutual horse racing event occurs in May 2019.

TAX DEED CONTRACT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to authorize Sheila Enderson enter into a contract on the following property located in Aberdeen City, effective upon receipt of down payment @ \$14,276.52; and further pay \$1,200.00 per month, effective February, 2019: Lots 1-3 Blk 22 1st Addition to Aberdeen (302 2nd Street S). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to consult with attorney, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) and to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to hold semi-annual Department Head meetings in 2019 (not quarterly as in 2018). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:43 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Wrestling Results Clark/Willow Lake, SD 60.0 Groton Area, SD 18.0

113: Dragr Monson (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
170: Brandon Gehrke (Clark/Willow Lake) over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) (Fall 1:54)
195: Caleb Orris (Clark/Willow Lake) over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) (Fall 1:07)
220: Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) win by forfeit.

Groton Area, SD 30.0 Hamlin, SD 6.0

113: Dragr Monson (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
170: Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
182: Evin Nehls (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
220: Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) over logan sikkink (Hamlin) (Fall 0:44)
285: Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.

Monson, Locke take first at Kingsbury Wrestling Tournament

Drager Monson at 113 pounds and Wyatt Locke at 285 pounds both placed first at the Kingsbury Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in Arlington. Also wrestling were Grady O'Neill and Adrian Knutson.

113: Dragr Monson (23-8) placed 1st and scored 25.5 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 23-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 23-8 won by fall over Josh Long (Sisseton) 8-17 (Fall 0:31)

Semifinal - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 23-8 won by tech fall over Hunter Witte (Flandreau) 9-11 (TF-1.5 2:51 (15-0))

1st Place Match - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 23-8 won by fall over Dylan Zell (Kingsbury County) 16-11 (Fall 2:48)

182: Grady O'Neill (8-14) scored 6.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 8-14 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 8-14 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Marion/Freeman) 12-8 (For.)

Semifinal - Jacob Schoon (Brookings) 23-0 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 8-14 (Fall 1:25)

Cons. Semi - Zavier Centeno (Parker) 12-14 won by decision over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 8-14 (Dec 7-2)

285: Adrian Knutson (11-13)

Champ. Round 1 - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 11-13 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Sioux Falls Washington) 5-18 (For.)

Quarterfinal - Tucker Christie (Brookings) 14-10 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 11-13 (Fall 1:49)

Cons. Round 2 - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 11-13 won by fall over Jason Ebeling (Parker) 0-9 (Fall 1:00)

Cons. Round 3 - Geoff Dunkelberger (Parker) 11-24 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 11-13 (Fall 1:44)

285: Wyatt Locke (16-2) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 16-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 16-2 won by fall over Geoff Dunkelberger (Parker) 11-24 (Fall 2:23)

Semifinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 16-2 won by decision over Tucker Christie (Brookings) 14-10 (Dec 3-1)

1st Place Match - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 16-2 won by fall over Jadeon Biggers (Lyman County) 21-8 (Fall 0:54)

Frederick Town

Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY
MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
1 YEAR TERM
2 YEAR TERM

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26, 2018, and petitions may be filed in the Finance Office located at 406 ½ 3rd Avenue, Frederick, SD, (behind the Community Center) between the hours of 9:15 AM and 11 AM (Central Standard Time) on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Final day for turning in petition is February 23, 2018, when the Finance Office will be open until 5:00 PM.

Diane Bruns
Frederick Finance Officer
(0123.0130)

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Frederick School

Notice of Vacancy

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

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

Alex Hart, board member, 3

year term
Richard Achen, board member, 2 year term

Richard Schlosser, board member, 2 year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 25, 2019 and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at 202 E Main St, Frederick, SD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., central time, not later than February 22, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 22, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Janel Wagner
Business Manager
(0123.0130)

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Claremont Town

Notice of Vacancy

Town of Claremont
Notice of Vacancy

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present form office. Three year trustee term currently held by Shane Johnson. Circulation of nominating petition may begin on 1-25-19 and petitions may be filed with the finance officer at 507 6th St. in Claremont, SD 57432. Petitions must be filed not later than 5 pm on 2-22-19.

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Groton School

Notice of Vacancy

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

The following school board positions will become vacant July 1, 2019, due to the expiration of the present terms of office of the following school board members:

Clint Fjelstad, 3-year term
Deborah Gengerke, 3-year term

Merle Harder, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 25, 2019, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at Groton Area High School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., central standard time not later than February 22, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 22, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Michael J. Weber, Business Official

Groton Area School District
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LATI President's List

WATERTOWN, SD... Michael Cartney, Lake Area Technical Institute President, announces the current President's List. The President's List is a list of outstanding students who, through their initiative and ability, have indicated a seriousness of purpose in their educational program. The President's List is limited to full-time students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0. Students with a 4.0 have been noted by an *.

Local students on the President's List are Paityn Bonn*, Conde; Keegan Schelle, Groton; Willow Seurer, Groton; Zachary Sumption, Frederick; Spenser Vetter, Frederick; McKayla Jensen, Columbia; James Erickson*, Langford; Shelby Everson*, Langford; Tyler Heilman*, Westport; and Emmalea Watje, Andover.

2018-2019 Fall SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Awards

Initiated during the 1996-97 school year, the SDHSAA ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TEAM AWARD program is designed to recognize varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups for their academic excellence.

The South Dakota High School Activities Association believes that high school students learn in two distinct ways; inside the classroom and outside the classroom – on the stage and/or athletic field. This academic program creates a positive environment for school teams to have its members excel in the classroom. This program is also meant to motivate students toward academic excellence and to promote academic encouragement from teammates.

All varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups that achieve a combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher are eligible to receive the SDHSAA ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TEAM AWARD. With the completion of all the SDHSAA fall activities, the SDHSAA announces the following schools and their teams who have received the "Academic Achievement Team Awards" for the 2018-2019 Fall Season.

Frederick Area: Volleyball Team and Football Team.

Groton Area: Girls Soccer Team, Boys Cross Country Team, Football Cheerleaders, Girls Cross Country Team and Volleyball Team.

Langford Area: All-State Chorus, Girls Cross Country Team, Oral Interpretation, Football Cheerleaders, Volleyball Team and Football Team.

Warner: Football Cheerleaders, Volleyball Team, Oral Interpretation, Girls Cross Country Team, Boys Cross Country Team and All-State Chorus.

Northern State University fall 2018 Dean's List

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., has released the dean's list for the fall 2018 semester.

Students who have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester are eligible for the dean's list.

Local students on the NSU Dean's List are:

Full-time students, 3.50-3.99: Jayleen Lier, Jessica Pruitt and Dustin Stephenson, Bath; Hattie Weismantel, Columbia; Dallas Johnson, Frederick; Jasmine Schaller and Megan Unzen, Groton; Zachariah Fries, Langford; Alexis Boesl and Ryder Carey, Warner; Meghan Conn, Kaitlyn Goehring and Trevor Goehring, Westport.

Full-time students, 4.00: Andrew Buechler, Bath; Haley Grandpre, Conde; Kiana Kokales, Breanna Marzahn and Carly Wheeting, Groton; Wendy Barrett, Bo Fries and Chance Olson, Langford; Peyton Ellingson, Taylor Ellingson Schreiber and Justin Waldner, Stratford; Courtney Bladow and Jack Braun, Warner; Lucas Fredrick, Westport.

Part-time students, 3.50-3.99: Britni Carlson, Groton.

Part-time students, 4.00: Courtney Ullrich, Bath.

Dakota State 2018 Fall Honors List

MADISON, S.D., January 14, 2019 – A total of 595 full-time and 202 part-time students qualified for the President's Academic Honors list for the 2018 fall semester at Dakota State University (DSU) in Madison, S.D.

Tanner Peck of Warner achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 to qualify for the honors list.

NDSU Dean's List

Fargo, N.D., Jan. 11 — Area South Dakota students were among the 4,125 North Dakota State University students to be placed on the fall 2018 dean's list.

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

Erika D. Herr, Bristol, Exercise Science; and Derrek B. Tuszka, Warner, Crop and Weed Sciences, were named to the Dean's List.

USD Announces Fall 2018 Dean's List and Academic Honors

VERMILLION, S.D. – The University of South Dakota announced its Academic Honors and Dean's List to recognize over 2,200 students for their high academic achievement during the Fall 2018 semester.

Full-time, undergraduate students are named to the Dean's List if they received a 3.5 GPA for courses they took in the Fall 2018 semester and had no incomplete or failing grades. For part-time students, those with fewer than 12 credit hours, the recognition is called Academic Honors.

Students on the Dean's List are Samuel Sanderson, Claremont; Michaela M Podoll, Frederick; Jackson R. Oliver, Kari L Hanson, Lexi N Gustafson, Lucas J Sternhagen, Luke B Smith, Madison Sippel, Marlee E Jones, Mason R Madsen and Taylor A Gustafson, all of Groton; Bess C Seaman, Warner.

Those on the Academic Honors List are Natalia C Dohman, Groton; Tyler Kann, Langford.

SDSU Fall Dean's List BROOKINGS, S.D. - The following students have been named to the dean's list for academic excellence after the fall 2018 semester at South Dakota State University. To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk received a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Students from 36 states and 30 foreign nations are on the list.

Students with F, I, U, RI or RU grades are not eligible regardless of system term GPA attained. Note that these criteria include courses that were taken at other South Dakota institutions this term. A minimum of 12 credits within the 100-699 course range must be taken. A student who passes pregeneral education courses may still qualify, if the student has 12 other credits that do fall within the 100-699 range.

Those on the Dean's List are Jaden Lee Oliver, James Lee Thompson, Faith Emily Crissman*, Jessica Jean Adler, Macy Quinn Knecht, Kelby Nathan Hawkins, Maggie Ann Simon, Keri Jo Pappas*, Ashley Elizabeth Gibbs*, Maryn Renee Howard, Nicole Grand Lewandowsk* and Erin Elizabeth Smith*, all of Groton; Katherine Ann LaMee, Andover; Jack Allan Carlson, Bristol; Dylan Michael Frey*, Claremont; Cory Wren Murphy*, Frederick; Cassidy Opal Kann, Langford; and Brady Jake Hallenbeck, Warner.

Groton Area 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Seniors

4.0 GPA: Taylor Holm, Jillian Barton, AnneMarie Smith, Emily Thompson, Kaitlyn Kassube, Alexis Simon, Cassandra Townsend, Payton Maine, Kaitlyn Anderson, Ashley Garduno, Samantha Geffre, Tylan Glover, Kylie Kassube

3.99-3.50: Micah Poor, Samantha Menzia, Wyatt Locke, Miranda Hanson, Alexa Hickenbotham, Megan Crosby, Jennie Doeden

3.49-3.00: Emily Blocker, Shannon Wiedrick, Jeremy Johnson, Jodi Hinman, Shyla Larson, Clark Gibbs, Korbin Blackmun

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Kaycie Hawkins, Kaylin Kucker, Kayla Jensen, Nicole Marzahn, KaSandra Pappas

3.99-3.50: Rylee Rosenau, Jaime Ruiz de Medina Maroto, Payton Colestock, Indigo Rogers, Todyn Glover

3.49-3.00: Caitlynn Barse, Benjamin Higgins, Austin Jones, Kya Jandel

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Samantha Pappas, Isaac Smith, Erin Unzen

3.99-3.50: Sage Mortenson, Alexa Herr, Grace Wambach, Alexis Hanten, Alyssa Fordham, Grace Wiedrick, Steven Paulson, Jasmine Gengerke, Tanae Lipp, Paloma Fernandez Gonzalez, Hailey Monson, Regan Leicht, Eh Tha You Say

3.49-3.00: Dragr Monson, Brooklyn Gilbert, Braden Freeman, Tessa Erdmann, Jacob Thorn, Trey Gengerke, Lucas Simon, Alex Morris, Tucker Carda, Kannon Coats, Chandler Larson, Gabriella Merkel

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Allyssa Locke, Stella Meier

3.99-3.50: Travis Townsend, Madeline Fliehs, Trista Keith, Seth Johnson, Jordan Bjerke

3.49-3.00: Pierce Kettering, Kansas Kroll, Madisen Bjerke, Kaden Kurtz, Jace Kroll, Julianna Kosel, Alexander Dutchuk, Landon Kokales, Kennedy Anderson, Kody Lehr, Hannah Gustafson, Rease Jandel, Michal Tabke

Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: None

3.99-3.50: Carter Barse, Ethan Clark, Jackson Dinger, Caleb Hanten, Jacob Lewandowski, Cadance Tullis, Kaleb Antonsen, Isaac Higgins, Cole Bisbee, Brooke Gengerke, Aspen Johnson, Cole Simon, Andrew Marzahn, Shaylee Peterson, Elliana Weismantel, Shallyn Foertsch

3.49-3.00: Kamryn Fliehs, Tate Larson, Sierra Ehresmann, Gracie Traphagen, Jacelynn Gleason, Ava Kramer, Cade Larson, Brenna Carda, Porter Johnson, Ashtyn Bahr

Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: None

3.99-3.50: Claire Heinrich, Holden Sippel, Emily Clark, Kyleigh Englund, Lydia Meier, Hannah Monson, Ashlyn Sperry, Anna Fjeldheim, Cadence Feist, Abigail Jensen, Jaycie Lier, Emma Schinkel, Colby Dunker, Lane Tietz

3.49-3.00: Karsyn Jangula, Dillon Abeln, Bradin Althoff, Sara Menzia, Lexi Osterman, Camryn Kurtz, Anna Bisbee, Jackson Garstecki, Faith Fliehs, Bryson Wambach, Sydney Leicht

Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: None

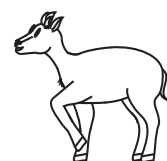
3.99-3.50: Gretchen Dinger, Axel Warrington, Elizabeth Fliehs, Payton Mitchell, Alexis Geffre, Jeslyn Kosel

3.49-3.00: Blake Pauli, Ashlyn Feser, Carter Simon, Blake Dennert, Emma Kutter, Emily Overacker, Turner Thompson, Laila Roberts

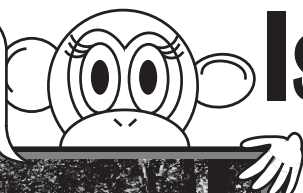
MTI Fall President's List

A total of 347 students at Mitchell Technical Institute have been placed on the Fall Semester 2018 President's List, according to MTI President Mark Wilson. Students must earn a term GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and complete at least 12 hours of academic work during the semester. Tevin Abeln, Dillon Freeman and Peyton Jondahl all of Groton, McClain Lone, Bristol, were named to the President's List.

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Check out my Punxsutawney Trip Log on our web site.



Is Spring on its Way?



Punxsutawney Phil will tell us!

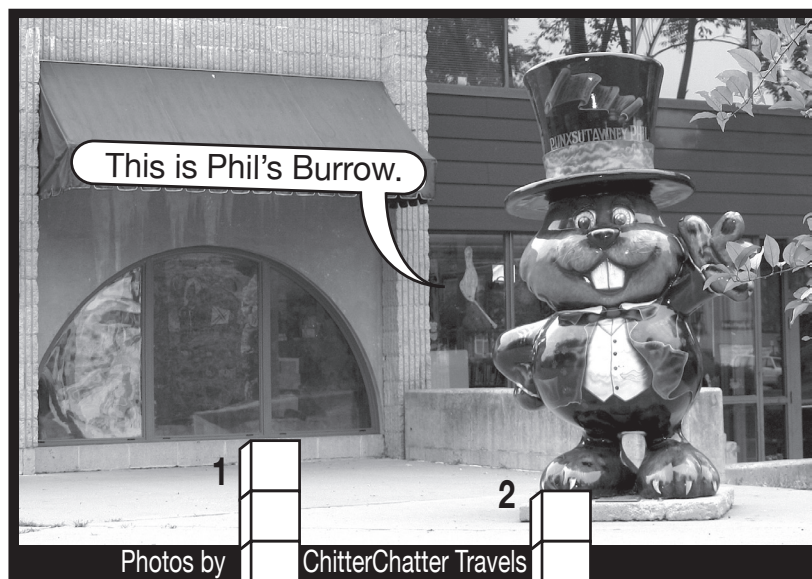
On February 2nd, all eyes will be on Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog who predicts whether spring and warmer weather will come soon, or winter and the cold weather will stay awhile longer.

How does he do this? Well, legend holds that when the groundhog pokes out of his hole, if the sun is shining, he will see his shadow, be frightened and dive back into his burrow to wait out six more weeks of winter. But, if he sees clouds when he comes out of his hole, he will not be afraid and we will know that spring is near!

A Groundhog:

- usually weighs about 12 _____
- burrows _____ with its curved claws to make a home
- can see well and has very good _____
- is also known as a _____
- is an excellent _____
- sometimes makes a _____ noise
- can be found in woods, fields and _____
- can live to be about 6-8 _____ old
- hibernates – its body temperature drops and its _____ nearly stops
- can climb into _____ to take naps
- is the only animal with its own national _____
- is an herbivore, which means it only eats _____

★ **Gobbler's Knob** in Punxsutawney, PA, is where everyone gathers to watch Phil "make his prediction"!



Photos by ChitterChatter Travels

Punxsutawney Phil lives all year... at the library... in what is called "Phil's Burrow"!

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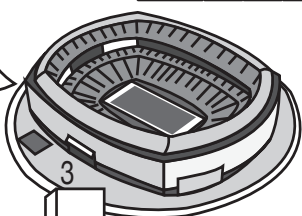
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I can't wait for the Super Bowl...chips, veggie platters, dips, giant sandwiches...

...hot wings, nachos, friends and family! 7

SUPER BOWL



This year's Super Bowl is being played at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia.

- the first _____ was on January 15, 1967
- the _____ Super Bowl was won by the Green Bay Packers
- Vince Lombardi was the first head _____ to win a Super Bowl
- the _____ given to the winner is made of 7 pounds of sterling silver
- it is the most-_____ TV sporting event with more than 100 million viewers
- _____ of the 2 major football conferences (AFC/NFC) play in the Super Bowl
- 120 _____ are used in the Super Bowl – (54 per team and 12 Kicker Balls)
- aside from Thanksgiving, the most _____ is eaten by Americans on Super Bowl Sunday

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Super Bowl

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about the Super Bowl:

Groundhog's Diary

Read the groundhog's diary, then find and circle the words in bold print in the puzzle.

When I come out of hibernation I'll see if it is **cloudy** or if the **sun** is shining. If it's sunny, I'll see my **shadow** and know that Winter is going to last longer.

If it's cloudy, I'll **predict** that **Spring** is coming soon. I think I might be a help to **farmers** and other **people** who wonder when warmer weather will arrive.

Families, and **news** reporters travel to see me and to join in the **fun**.

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Where did my shadow go?



Groundhog Forecaster

Can you help Groundhog hike his way out of his burrow to see if the sun is shining? Use the color key to see if it is sunny or cloudy:

Y = Yellow W = White
G = Gray B = Black

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Frederick Town Ord. 209 Sewer Rates

ORDINANCE NO. 209
WHEREAS, it has been found that the present sewer rates are deemed inadequate for operation and maintenance for the City of Frederick due to current Wastewater Project.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Frederick will increase the charge for the monthly cost of the sewer rate from \$22.00 to \$33.00. This new rate becomes effective February 1, 2019, following passage of SECOND READING.
Upon being put to a vote the above ORDINANCE will be adopted.
/s/ R. Scott Campbell, Board Chairman
ATTEST:
/s/ Diane Bruns, Finance Officer
First Reading: January 7, 2019
Second Reading: January 17, 2019
Published: January 23, 2019
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Groton Prairie Mixed

Jan. 17 Team Standings: Foxes 35, Chipmunks 35, Cheetahs 34½, Shih Tzus 31, Coyotes 23, Jackelopes 21½

Men's High Games: Roger Colestock 242, Brad Waage 236, 234, 216, Roger Spanier, Brad Larson 207

Women's High Games: Darci Spanier 195, 174, Vicki Walter 176, Nicole Kassube 167

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 686, Roger Colestock 622, Roger Spanier 550

Women's High Series: Darci Spanier 529, Sue Stanley 489, Vicki Walter 470

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THEME: GRAMMY AWARDS

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Lazy Farmers 4-H

The December 9, 2018 meeting of the Lazy Farmers was held at Kayde Stange's farm. The meeting was called to order by Devan Howard. Cami Craig led us in the US pledge and Kayde Stange led us in the 4-H pledge. The club held their annual Christmas party at the Stange farm. There were no talks or demonstrations. The next meeting will be held January the 6th at 3 pm at Jameson Stanges house.
Respectfully, Faith Fliehs reporter

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This is Phil's Burrow.

SUPER BOWL History



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Groton Area Schedule of Events

Thursday, January 24, 2019

4:00pm: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Northeast Conference @ Deuel.

Friday, January 25, 2019

Lewis and Clark Debate at Yankton High School

Boys basketball at Clark (7th grade at 4 p.m., 8th grade game at 5 p.m., junior varsity at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity game.)

Saturday, January 26, 2019

5:30 p.m.: Dak 12 vs. NEC Class at Madison. Groton Area vs. Vermilion.

Lewis and Clark Debate at Yankton High School

10:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Britton-Hecla School, Canton, Clark/Willow Lake, Ellendale/Edgeley-Kulm, Huron, Ipswich, Milbank, Sioux Falls Bishop O'Gorman, Tiospa Zina, Viborg-Hurley, Warner, Warner-Northwestern, Watertown (SD), Webster Area High School, Wolsey-Wessington @ Groton Area High School. Seeding Meeting at 8:45am. Skin Checks at 9am

Sunday, January 27, 2019

2:00pm- 6:00pm: Open Gym at GHS Arena (Grades JK-8 2pm - 4pm; Grades 6-12 4pm - 6pm)

2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.: Carnival of Silver Skates

Monday, January 28, 2019

6:00pm: Wrestling: Boys JH Tournament vs. Ipswich @ Ipswich

6:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Northwestern @ Groton

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

3:30 p.m.: Upper Dakota Conference Congressional Debate at Groton

5:00pm: Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Langford @ Langford

6:30pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Langford @ Langford

Thursday, January 31, 2019

4:00pm: Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Webster Area High School @ Webster Armory (7th grade at 4 p.m., 8th grade at 5 p.m.)

6:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Tiospa Zina @ Groton Area High School

Friday, February 1, 2019

5:15pm: Basketball: Boys C Game vs. Tiospa Zina @ Tiospa Zina High School followed by JV and Varsity games.

The Life of Linda Dobbins



Services for Linda Dobbins, 70, of Groton will be 11 a.m., Thursday January 24, 2019 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. The Rev. Bill Duncan will officiate. Burial will follow in Summit at a later date.

Linda passed away January 18, 2019 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Linda Fay Clark was born on December 19, 1948 in Sisseton, SD to Edwin and Mavis (Anderson) Clark. She grew up on a farm north of Summit and attended school in Summit. Linda later helped on the family farm following her dad's passing. She married James Brotzel and together they had two daughters, Tracey and Tina. On January 17, 1976 Linda was united in marriage to Leslie Dobbins in Aberdeen, SD. They welcomed daughters, Trixy, Teresa, Paula and a son, Perryn. In

1979, the couple moved to a farm near Groton and resided there for 10 years, later moving into Groton. Linda worked at several cafés including the Blue Buffalo Café, Andover Café and Hub City Livestock/Stockman's, where she affectionately earned the nickname "Grandma Moo."

Linda enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and especially loved traveling with them. She was involved with Community Event Pick-Ups for the Lions, Kiwanis and Exchange Club. Linda was an animal lover and her dogs held a special place in her heart.

Celebrating her life are her children: Tracey (Jack) Lowery of Summit, Tina (Paul) Kosel of Groton, Trixy Schwabe of Groton, Teresa (Ron) Lutz of Henry, Paula (Dean) Kramer of Aberdeen and Perryn (Angela) Dobbins of Groton, 15 grandchildren, her brother, Robert Clark of Groton and sister, Judy (Doug) Orton of Boise, Idaho.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband, Leslie.

Honorary Casketbearers will be her grandchildren: Jack, Jr., James, Jeffery, Dominique, Douglas, Danielle, Mackenzie, Logan, Julianna, Jeslyn, Hunter, Crystal, Jaden, Toby and Rachel.

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Death Notice: Denny Davies
Dennis "Denny" Davies, 63, of Groton passed away January 22, 2019 at his home. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

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