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Groton Team places fifth at Mobridge
Kevin Nehls and Chris Kassube of Groton Area placed fifth at the Mobridge Fishing Tournament held recently. (Photo from Mobridge Fishing Tournament Facebook Page)

SD Health Department Announces Beginning Stages of Priority Group 1D for Next Week

PIERRE, S.D. – Today, the South Dakota Department of Health is announcing that starting on Monday, January 18, 2021, the Department of Health and its health partners across the state will start vaccinating a prioritized population group, within Group 1D, of the state's vaccination plan. This first prioritized population group will be those 80 and over, as well as high-risk individuals and will be expanded to other groups within 1D as vaccines become available. The modification comes amidst the federal government's plan to release vaccines to states to speed up vaccinations nationwide.

"Given the progress we've seen in groups A through C, we are confident that with an increase in vaccine allocations, we can move into a limited population of group 1D. We will begin with those 80 and over and high-risk individuals, and from this starting point, adjust accordingly as allocation permits," said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Secretary of Health. "We want to reassure those who've already received their first dose, and those in groups A through C who are already in the queue, that their second-dose will be available."

In addition to the release of COVID-19 vaccines, Operation Warp Speed announced it is changing how it will allocate such vaccines to states. Federal officials will increase weekly allocation to states based on the size of a state's 65+ population and take into consideration how quickly each state is administering the vaccine to the general public. Currently, South Dakota has been receiving an average of 11,000 doses a week and has administered over 47,950 doses.

"Given our strong partnerships with stakeholders, and the non-stop efforts of our healthcare systems, the Department of Health is proud to say that South Dakota remains among the top states in the country in vaccination efforts-- Shots in arms, that's our goal," added Malsam-Rysdon.

Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 14

5 p.m.: Boys Basketball hosts Aberdeen Roncalli with C game at 5 p.m. followed by JV and then varsity

Friday, Jan. 15

5 p.m.: Girls Basketball at Roncalli with C game followed by JV and then varsity

Saturday, Jan. 16

10 a.m.: Wrestling at Potter County Invitational (Gettysburg)

Monday, Jan. 18

5:30 p.m.: Junior High Boys Basketball hosts Aberdeen Christian with 7th grade at 5:30 p.m. followed by 8th grade at 6:30

6:30 p.m.: Girls Basketball at Langford Area with JV followed by Varsity

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Doubleheader basketball at Ipswich with girls JV starting at 4 p.m. followed by boys JV, girls varsity and boys varsity.

Junior high boys basketball at Waubay with 7th grade at 4 p.m. and 8th grade at 8 p.m.

5 p.m.: Wrestling Quad at Groton (with Britton-Hecla, Clark/Willow Lake, Hamlin)



Pipe Work Being Done

Work has resumed as the site of the new water tower. The underground piping system that will go from the tower to the new building was put together. Once it is ready and the hole is dug, the whole piping system will be placed in the ground. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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ADULT PHEASANT HENS available. Call 605-680-0071 for information.

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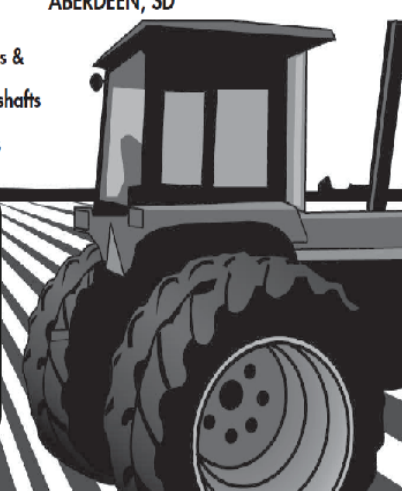
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Groton City Jan. 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2021
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 pm at the Community Center for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Kappes, Wells, Fliehs, Babcock, and Blackmun presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Paul Kosel, and James Valley representatives: James Groft, Pat Schumacher, Cody Hanten, Jeff Evenson and Jason Hill.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Fliehs and seconded by Babcock. All members voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.

Payroll, \$20,284.59, Employee salaries; Executive, \$577.19; Administrative, \$2,628.52; Public Safety, \$8,607.96; Public Works, \$8,470.92; Dacotah Bank, \$6,735.44, SS and WH; Dakotaland FCU, \$850.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$466.66, HSA Contributions; Aflac, \$289.12, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$216.12, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$95.54, Employee insurance; Employer's Mutual, \$77.30, Employee insurance; Titles of Dakota, \$250.00, O&E report for City Hall; Dakota Pump & Control, \$500.00, Repair hydromatic at Abeln; Drew Johnson, \$1,600.00, Legal fees 12/20; A&B Business, \$310.61, Copier rent; Farmers Union, \$1,175.00, Fuel; Clark Engineering, \$11,627.00, Engineering for water project; Colonial Research, \$409.25, Sanitizer stands at the community center; SD Dept of Health, \$119.00, Water testing; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$420.00, Employee retirement; Aramark, \$48.59, Rug rent; NW Energy, \$11.89, Natural gas; NECOG, \$1,664.68, 2021 dues; SD Retailers Association, \$150.00, 2021 Dues; Locke Electric, \$365.28, Flag light

Pursuant to SDCL 6-1-10 the following list of employees and volunteers were approved on a motion by Kappes and seconded by Fliehs. All members voted aye. Scott Hanlon (625 monthly plus 125 per special meeting, 300 full day meeting, 100 per half day meeting), Jon Cutler, Shirley Wells, Karyn Babcock, David Blackmun, Emily Kappes, Kristie Fliehs (3,000 annually plus 125 per special meeting, 300 full day meeting, 100 per half day meeting). Board of Equalization (200 annually). Planning and Zoning commission Gordon Nelson, Les Hinds, Jeff Steen, Chris Khali, Doug Hamilton (35 per meeting and 75 per special meeting). Hope Block (24.45 hourly), April Abeln (23.68 hourly), Kellie Locke (19.00 hourly), Terry Herron (30.61 hourly), Dwight Zerr (27.22 hourly), Branden Abeln (25.19 hourly), Paul Kosel (26.61 hourly), Landon Johnson (23.74 hourly), Dan Sunne (36.96 hourly), Stacy Mayou (29.99 hourly), Jerry Bjerke (27.09 hourly), Justin Cleveland (26.13 hourly), Anthony Garcia (25.24 hourly). A complete list of volunteers will be kept at City Hall.

Department reports were reviewed, and Kosel reported on the difficulty of making ice at the skating rink due to warm weather.

Scott Hanlon entered the meeting at 7:12 pm and takes over presiding.

James Valley representatives explained their plans for upgrades in the Groton community in 2021. Plans involve digging in new fibers and adding pedestals. Representatives left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to set the 2021 election date to April 13, 2021. All members voted aye. Jon Cutler, Shirley Wells, Karyn Babcock and Emily Kappes have terms ending.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:54pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:46pm.

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Babcock to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Hope Block, Finance Officer
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Brown County Rental Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ROAD CONTRACTORS AND MACHINERY DEALERS:

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:46 A.M. on January 26, 2021. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2021. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces, Brown County Landfill Forces and the Brown County Fairground Forces to complete the projects. Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening. Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance. Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" to be opened January 26, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Westport Town Jan. 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting
January 4th, 2021

The Town of Westport met on January 6th, 2020 with Derek Schoenfelder, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General
NWPS (\$375.18), Groton Independent (\$21.74), SD Unemployment Insurance (\$13.10), US treasury (\$1,210.63) & US treasury (\$79.35), SD municipal League (\$173.41), Hall Sand & Gravel (\$1,832.25) Runnings (\$200.00).

Sewer
NWPS (\$43.27), DENR (\$50.00), NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13)

Water
WEB (\$1,471.74), Dept. of Health (\$30.00) SDDENR (\$50.00), & Water Maintenance District (\$408.16)

Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Derek Schoenfelder.

The following deposits were presented:

City General
Brown County Collections (\$1,362.35), State of SD (\$8,947.77), Interest (\$3.62).

Sewer
Resident Payments - (\$2,000.00).

Water
Resident Payments - (\$3,568.72).

NEW BUSINESS:
Sewer ordinance #12 was read and approved. It will raise the sewer rates to \$39.00 a month to meet with the new surcharge for the loan on the lift station.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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Brown County Jan. 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 5, 2021 - REORGANIZATION MEETING

This being the reorganization meeting of the Brown County Commission for year 2021, said Board convened at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Present were Commissioners Dennis Feickert, Doug Fjeldheim, Rachel Kippley, Duane Sutton and Mike Wiese.

Commissioner Feickert led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Timothy Daub with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hecla led the group in prayer.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor called for nominations for Brown County Commission Chair for year 2021, pursuant to SDCL 7-8-15.

Commissioner Kippley nominated Doug Fjeldheim for Chair. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Doug Fjeldheim 2021 Chair of the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Feickert nominated Rachel Kippley for Vice Chair. Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rachel Kippley Vice Chair 2021 of the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of December 29, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims and payroll: PAYROLL: Commission \$4,285.10; Elections (Voucher) \$0.00; Auditor \$8,192.72; Treasurer \$13,495.38; SA \$22,539.13; SVAWA \$1,730.76; Maintenance \$8,146.85; Assessor \$14,402.13; Register of Deeds \$8,983.40; VSO \$4,343.84; GIS \$2,387.50; IT \$7,308.97; HR \$2,173.85; Sheriff \$43,892.70; Jail \$57,434.17; Coroner \$2,850.00; Court Security \$6,048.51; JDC \$26,115.52; Welfare \$2,077.70; Museum \$8,199.61; Parks/Fairgrounds \$3,379.35; Fair Board \$3,938.96; 4-H \$614.00; Weed \$825.02; Planning & Zoning \$5,160.32; Highway \$37,158.85; Dispatch \$27,421.22; Emergency \$4,119.58; Teen Court \$600.40; JDAI \$1,769.23; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,894.04; Landfill \$13,117.13; Matching Benefits: FICA @ \$21,386.57; Medicare \$5,001.76; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$117,399.52; Delta Dental @ \$6,923.70; Dearborn Life Insurance @ \$1,033.94; SDRS Retirement @ \$63,950.01. CLAIMS: Machinery & Equipment: RDO Equipment Co \$342,229.00. Professional Fees: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$355.00; Clark Engineering Corporation \$493.25; Dware Inc \$4,350.00; Christopher A. Haar \$105.80; Kuck Law Office \$40.60; SD Assoc. of County Commissioners \$6,711.00; SD Assoc. of County Weed & Pest \$50.00; SD Assoc. of County Officials \$3,082.17; State of South Dakota \$3,335.19; SD State's Attorney Assoc. \$1,746.00; SDAE4-HP \$120.00; State Bar of South Dakota \$1,535.00; Taliaferro Law Office \$85.74; Tschetter & Adams Law Office \$575.55; Tyler Technologies Inc \$17,697.40; Sara Zahn \$196.40. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$3,054.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$4,838.12; Climate Control \$340.00; Crawford Truck & Equipment \$12.35; Gary Lee Fischer \$288.00; Ecoblab Pest Elimination \$117.60; Great Western Tire Inc \$10.00; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$1,085.00; Honeywell International Inc \$5,751.33; Lawson Products Inc \$11.99; Lien Transportation Company \$252.50; Nelson Sales & Service LLC \$199.00; Quality Welding \$70.00. Supplies: 3D Specialties Inc \$5,607.00; Agtegra Cooperative \$814.55; Ameripride Services Inc \$75.43; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Crawford Truck & Equipment \$812.73; Fastenal Co. \$38.40; Gillund Enterprises \$418.32; Great Western Tire Inc \$2,368.72; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$8,091.35; Lawson Products Inc \$116.28; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$127.50; Mac's Inc \$27.74; Menards \$3.17; Midstates Printing \$230.00; National Assoc of CVSO \$100.00;

Nelson Sales & Service LLC \$201.22; Performance Oil & Lube \$290.00; Quality Welding \$18.66; Runnings \$47.97; Share Corp \$186.00; Walth Safety Service \$42.50. Travel & Conference: Stan Beckler \$18.33; Darwin Bettman \$15.24; Doug Fjeldheim \$195.52; Patrick Keatts \$22.74; Rachel Kippley \$147.11; Dale Kurth \$112.53; David North \$105.48; Jerome T. Streckfuss \$34.98; Duane Sutton \$94.94. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$179.10; Midcontinent Communications \$124.37; Montana Dakota Utilities Co. \$39.63; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$8,013.88; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$160.04; Other: SDML Worker's Compensation Fund \$136,822.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following: RECOGNIZED HOLIDAYS: New Year' Day (January 1st), Martin Luther King Jr. Day (3rd Monday in January) President's Day (3rd Monday in February) Memorial Day (last Monday in May) Independence Day (July 4th) Labor Day (1st Monday in September) Native American's Day (2nd Monday in October) Veteran's Day (November 11th) Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November) Christmas Day (December 25th). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to include the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday for 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to appoint Dirk Rogers as Highway Superintendent, effective January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022, per SDCL 31-11-1. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID DATES SET: HIGHWAY RENTALS, GRAVEL, ROAD OIL, HOT MIX, AND MILLING:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for the following items: Highway Equipment Rental, Gravel, Road Oil, Hot Mix, and Milling at 8:46 a.m., on January 26, 2021 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTRACT - HIGHWAY ROOFING BID:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize chair sign contract with Hub City Roofing for highway roofing project per bid awarded December 29, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DOE CLOTHING POLICY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve request submitted by Gene Loeschke, DOE, for 2021 clothing allowance @ \$140.00 for each employee in the Equalization Office, per Employee Policy C-12. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF UNIFORM ALLOWANCE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the sheriff uniform request as budgeted for in the 2021 budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:

Moved by Feickert seconded by Wiese to designate the following as the official Brown County newspapers for year 2021 (SDCL 7-18-3): Aberdeen American News, Aberdeen, SD; The Groton Independent, Groton, SD. These are the only two official newspapers in Brown County for 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEPOSITORIES:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to designate the following as official depositories for Brown County public funds for year 2021 (SDCL 7-2-13), with funds deposited in the name of Patty VanMeter, Brown County Treasurer: Dacotah Bank; US Bank; First Savings of Beresford, Hecla Branch of Hecla; Bank North of Warner; Bank North of Warner, Aberdeen Branch; First State Bank of Claremont, Groton Branch; First National Bank of Frederick; Plains Commerce Bank; Great Western Bank; Great Plains Bank; CorTrust. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF DEPUTIES:

Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #1-21

WHEREAS, SDCL Chapter 7-7-20 mandates the designation of the number of deputies and clerks for various offices by the

Board of County Commissioners, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following deputies and clerks are authorized at the discretion of the County Officials for County offices: Auditor - 2 Chief Deputy, 2 Deputies; Treasurer - 2 Chief Deputies, 5 Deputies, 1 part-time Clerk; Register of Deeds - 1 Chief Deputy, 4 Deputies. All extra help hired by County Officials must first be approved by the County Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

INVESTMENT POLICY:

Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #2-21

WHEREAS, the nature of tax collections and other revenue is such that cash on deposit in the County's depositories at times exceeds the requirement for current expenditures; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to invest these monies not required for immediate expenditure. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Treasurer is hereby directed to invest Brown County public funds at the highest rate of interest possible at said time on available monies at financial institutions, as designated by the Brown County Commission, and FURTHER, to furnish quarterly reports detailing same, as authorized by SDCL 4-5-8. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

INTEREST POLICY:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Policy in regard to interest earned from deposits and investments: State law allows income from deposits and investments to be credited to either the General Fund or the fund making the investment. The County's policy is to credit all income from deposits and investments to the General Fund during the year, except for interest earned on specific certificates of deposits for the Solid Waste Fund. USGAAP requires income from deposits and investments to be reported in the fund whose assets generated that income. Where the governing board has discretion to credit investment income to a fund other than the fund that provided the resources for investment, a transfer to the designated fund is reported when authorized by the Commission. Fund transfers of investment earnings to the General Fund shall not occur in 2021, all funds shall receive the income generated from the assets of the fund. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXPENSE POLICY:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to set the following expense rates for Brown County employees for year 2021: Meal reimbursement made only for out of County travel: Breakfast \$ 6.00(in-state) \$10.00(out-of-state) Lunch \$14.00(in-state) \$18.00(out-of-state) Dinner \$20.00(in-state) \$28.00(out-of-state) Total \$40.00(in-state) \$56.00(out-of-state) Qualifying time for meal allowances: Breakfast-leave before 5:31a.m -return after 7:59a.m.; Lunch-leave before 11:30 a.m.-return after 12:59p.m.; Dinner-leave before 5:31p.m.-return after 7:59 p.m. Lodging reimbursed at actual cost, receipt required (if possible have direct billing, as County tax exempt). Reimbursement for use of personal vehicle for County business, as follows: All county employees and officials shall be paid for traveling expenses for each mile traveled in the discharge of their official duties at 47 cents per mile. Miles to be determined by the assistance of Map Quest or similar web site; Odometer readings required for all destinations not available on web site; Odometer reading only required once to establish routine destination routes, i.e. per diem for board members. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXPENSE POLICY - ELECTION OFFICIALS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to set \$250.00 as the one-day fee for vote center officials working on Election Day, \$15.00 per hour for absentee vote center officials working on Election Day, \$20.00 for vote center officials attending Election School, and to set minimum mileage at five miles when claimed by vote center/absentee ballot official. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TAX DEED NOTICES:

Commissioner Feick-

ert, offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #3-21

WHEREAS, Brown County has acquired tax certificates on property with delinquent real estate taxes for which tax deeds and notices can be served. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Commission authorizes the County Treasurer, Patty VanMeter to request States Attorney Ernest Thompson and States Attorney Office personnel to act as agents to process said tax deeds and notices. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

COUNTY RENTAL RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to establish rental rates and fee schedule for 2021: County wide rental and fee schedule is on file at the Auditor's office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEERS/WORKER COMPENSATION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following list of volunteers for work comp purposes: (CERT, Citizens Corp, Dive Team, Chaplains, Fair, Museum, 4-H Promotion/Expansion): Adams, John; Adams, Marie; Anderson, Terry; Bacon, Erin; Bakeberg, Richard; Banker, Diana; Berreth, Becky; Bierman, Chad; Bierman, Sandra; Bohling, Jan; Bohling, Paul; Bray, Robert; Buchanan, Mercedes; Connelly, Michael; Cunningham, Luanne; Cunningham, Ryan; Dennert, Casey; DeVore, Douglas; Dreesen, Marvin; Erickson, Curtis; Fleury, Sara; Gisi, Steve; Grebner, Scott R; Halsey, Joshua; Helm, Gerald; Helm, Pat; Hepola, Heide; Herman, Janet; Hettich, Trixie; Huber, Nicholas; Huber, Weylin; Hughes, Keith; Humphries, Richard; Imber, Randy; Imrie, Charla; Johnson, Michele; Kost, Michael; Kost, Ron; Kramer, Kasia; Kuntz, Jason; LaCroix, Brian; Little, Alexandra; Little, Jared; Mathern, Tim; Mayer, Douglas; Mayer, Gretchen; McCleary, Rachel; McGuire, David; McNickle, Cathy; Mehlhaff, Wendy; Meints, Carla; Meints, Trevor; Meyer, David; Meyer, Maria; Moser, David; Muller, Joseph; Musel, Mark; Nichols, Roberta; O'Donnell, Deb; Opp, Gayle; Paepke, Barb; Paepke, Tom; Pigors, Cindy; Pigors, Rick; Pletten, Lois; Radke, Nancy; Rau, Bryan L; Reierson, Douglas A; Robinson, Bonnie; Robinson, Freddie; Sasieta, Jorge; Schaffer, Jean; Schlosser, Dan; Schlosser, Deb; Schneider, Kimberly; Schrenk, Nancy; Sharp, Brian; Sharp, Donna; Sharp, Gary; Sharp, Gretchen; Shishnia, Mark; Smid, Dale; Smid, Pam; Steckelberg, Amanda L; Steckelberg, Mike L; Swallow, Jesse; Swank, Jeff; Swank, Karen; Swanson, Chip; Swanson, Lowell; Swanson, Marian; Swenson, Connie; Swisher, Sara; Torbert, James; Ullrich, Brandon; Ullrich, Mike; Waletich, Tom; Waltman, Janice; Wanttie, Thomas; Warrey, Alisha; Wiscaron, Pam; Wollman, Cara; York, Scott; Brad King-sitter, Brain LaCroix; Fr. George Parmeter; George Shaver; Jay Rossman; Joann Lehrkamp, Jon Droege. Roland Moerke, Mark Stoks, Freddie Robinson, Tony Jones, Heather Allemang, Dave Lunzman, Scott Meints, Gayle Bortnem; Lee Schinkel; Chuck Welke; Kathy Johnson; Jennifer Dix; Rose Kraft; Anderson, Trent; Bade, Casey; Bade, Rodney; Blachford, Clayton; Bonn, Cody; Dunbar, Michael; Kost, Mike; McGuire, Dave; Toennies, Brett; Vilhauer, Jason; Breedlove, Dawn; Erickson, Kristie; Eisenbeisz, Michelle "Shelly"; Ganje, Don; Gonsoir, Kristen; Guthmiller, Dwight; Herman-Schumacher, Sarah; Kippley, Jeff; Magas, Randy; Magas, Stephanie; Malsam, Jeff; Markley, Greg; Miller, Tom; Moen, Suzanne; Nehls, Mike; Paepke, Tom; Pigors, Rick; Radke, Nancy; Russell, Mike; Sombke, Clint; Sombke, "Mel" Melanie; Swenson, Ryan; Tollefson, Jayson; Taylor Gosch, Kristin Johnson, Nathan Miller, Tessa Erdmann, Colin Sprinkel, Adam Franken, Becky Erickson, Ashley Smith, Tom Paepke. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL 2021:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to assign Chair Fjeldheim, and Vice Chair Kippley as representative to Communication Council per agreement. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BOARD BOOK INCLUDING COMMISSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT 2021:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the Board

Book for 2021 including board appointments and commission committee assignments: County Board appointments for 2021 include Dacotah Prairie Museum Board for 1st three year term: Jennifer Dix and Rose Kraft; FSA appointment: Commissioner Rachel Kippley; Planning and Zoning Board reappointment to a 5 year term: David North and Dale Kurth. Commission Committee assignments are as follows for 2021: Duane Sutton - Aberdeen Development Corporation, NECOG, CART, Fair Board, SD Public Assurance Alliance, Dacotah Prairie Museum Board, Liaison 4-H Leaders Association/Promotion & Expansion Committee alternate, Edwards Preserve Nature Area, SDACC Catastrophic Legal Board, Centennial Village Liaison; Doug Fjeldheim - Airport Board, NECOG, Sick Leave Bank, Communications Council, Alternate for Aberdeen/Brown County Regional Railroad Authority; Rachel Kippley - Risk Management Committee, Legislative Contact, Planning & Zoning Board, JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative), Senior Citizens Board, Communications Council, FSA representative, 4-H Leaders Association/Promotion & Expansion; Mike Wiese - Range Fire Suppression, Union Negotiations, Liaison to Welfare, LEPC, Aberdeen/Brown County Regional RR Authority, Glacial Lakes; Dennis Feickert - Weed & Pest Control Board, County Buildings, Union Negotiations, Grow SD (NES-DCAP), Fair Board, NE Mental Health Center. Full board book is on file for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:35 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of 183.95. 19646.

Brown County Gravel Bid Notice

NOTICE TO GRAVEL PRODUCTION CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS:

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota until the hour of 8:46 A.M. on January 26, 2021 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing and delivery of ONE (1) YEARS SUPPLY OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GRAVEL MATERIALS. Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of the bid opening. Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in accordance with the bid as accepted or as required by the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent. Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON GRAVEL AGGREGATE MATERIALS" to be opened January 26, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Section 320.5 - Basis of Payment: "A" - Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for Maintenance and Construction. The accepted quantities of Asphalt Plant Mix will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton.

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Brown County Gravel Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX SUPPLIERS:

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By Jordan Wright

For the first time in NFL history, there were six playoff games on wildcard weekend. Thanks to the league adding an extra playoff spot this season, seven teams from each conference made it to the post-season. With only the top spot securing a bye week, we were gifted to a weekend filled with football. We'll break down those games, but first...

Minnesota Vikings' news and notes

Rookie receiver Justin Jefferson had a phenomenal year, and he has been rewarded with one of the highest honors a player, regardless of years in the league, can receive. Jefferson was named to the Associated Press 2020 All-Pro Second Team, meaning he was recognized as one of the best receivers in the entire league. He is also a finalist for the Offensive Rookie of the Year Award, which will undoubtedly come down to two players, Jefferson and LA Chargers' rookie quarterback Justin Herbert.

Vikings' offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak hasn't made up his mind as to whether he'll be back next season, but two coaches who definitely won't be back are defensive assistant Dom Capers and special teams coordinator Marwan Maalouf. That should come as no surprise, however, as the

Vikings' defense and special teams were horrible for large stretches of the 2020 season.

Wildcard weekend

The NFL postseason began on Saturday with the Indianapolis Colts heading to Buffalo to battle the Bills. Buffalo hadn't won a playoff game in a quarter of a century, but that drought is over thanks to a 27-24 win over the Colts. Former Vikings Stefon Diggs has been lighting it up in Buffalo, which led to him leading the league in catches and receiving yards this season, and he didn't disappoint in the postseason as he caught six passes for 128 yards and a touchdown.

The second game of the day saw the Los Angeles Rams head to Seattle and beat the Seahawks 30-20. With both of these teams being in the same division, they are well acquainted with each other by this point. The Rams weren't able to get anything going in the passing game, but leaned on a running game (43 carries, 164 yards) and their defense to shut down Russell Wilson and the Seahawks (Wilson went 11/27 for 174 yards, two touchdowns and a pick-six, and was also sacked five times).

The final game on Saturday was the Tampa Bay Buccaneers against the Washington Football Team. Tom Brady threw for 381 yards and two touchdowns, but it was the quarterback for Washington who stole the show. Former Viking Taylor Heinicke was thrust into the lineup because of an injury to Alex Smith, and Heinicke completed 26 of 44 passes for 306 yards, one touchdown and one interception. He also led the team in rushing yards, picking up 46 yards on the ground. While that was a great story, it wasn't enough to overcome the greatest quarterback in NFL history, as the Bucs won 31-23.

Sunday started with a familiar matchup, as the Baltimore Ravens traveled to Tennessee to take on

the Titans. These two teams met last postseason, when the Titans came to Baltimore and left with a win. This year, the Ravens repaid the favor, and will be heading back home after a 20-13 road playoff win. Lamar Jackson, the 2019 NFL MVP, finally got his first playoff win – partly because of his running ability (16 carries, 136 yards, one TD), and partly because the Ravens' defense was able to shut down Derrick Henry. Henry ran for over 2,000 yards this season, but was held to only 40 yards on 18 carries Sunday.

The next game was Chicago at New Orleans, with the Saints beating the Bears 21-9. The score is misleading, as this game simply wasn't competitive. The Bears didn't even get into the endzone until the final play of the game, which was a 19-yard pass from Mitch Trubisky to Jimmy Graham. Bears' RB David Montgomery was on a hot streak coming into this game, but the Saints held him to 31 yards on 12 carries.

The final game of the weekend featured the Cleveland Browns at the Pittsburgh Steelers. Pittsburgh were heavy favorites, but Baker Mayfield put the Browns on his back, completing 21 of 34 passes for 263 yards and three touchdowns in a 48-37 win. Steelers' QB Ben Roethlisberger threw for over 500 yards and had four touchdowns, but also threw four interceptions in a disappointing loss for a team that was undefeated through their first 11 games of the season.

Divisional round schedule

Saturday: LA Rams @ GB Packers, followed by BAL Ravens @ BUF Bills

Sunday: CLE Browns @ KC Chiefs, followed by TB Buccaneers @ NO Saints

Check back next week, as we break down the divisional round of the playoffs, along with any Vikings news and notes. Skol!

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The Bumblebee Rides Again

Tony is taking some time off. Here's one of our favorites from 2010.

The kid never really seemed to catch a break. That's how it seemed from the beginning, back in 1968. The doctors couldn't get him breathing, and for years we held our collective breath for years wondering if he would make it at all.

This list of operations he endured grew over the years. Major heart surgery two, maybe three times. You forget. They put his legs in casts and braces almost immediately to straighten clubfeet. He had an operation to address a lazy eye. Still, in spite of all the time he spent in antiseptic rooms from Aberdeen to the Mayo Clinic, he smiled, his pixie features inspiring us to keep going.

The tap-tap-tap of his casts against the old linoleum floor was steadier than his heartbeat. Later, he would wear out even the best rocking chairs because he just had to be in motion. Lifetime guarantee? Ha!

What Mike had was genetic and rare—William's Syndrome—a neurodevelopmental disorder often accompanied by other complications. Everything came hard. Imagine the hardest things you've ever had to do and then imagine it being 10, or a 100 times more difficult. That's how it was, and sometimes Mike got frustrated—we sure did—but that big smile kept us all going. He painstakingly learned to walk, tie his shoes and other things we all take for granted. He would never get beyond the very rudimentary basics of reading and math, but he accomplished more than we imagined he could.

We were blessed to live in a town like Frederick, SD. Friends and neighbors nurtured Mike as their own and watched out for him. But he was determined to live independently, so off he went to Aberdeen to the Adjustment Training Center, a terrific organization that nurtures the development of people like Mike. They helped Mike polish the skills for independent living, first in group homes, supervised apartments, and then, finally in a small home with a large cat he could call his home. There was always oversight from a caseworker—and from Mom, of course—to make sure groceries didn't consist of just licorice, pizza and Pepsi.

Mike was common sight, breezing through the neighborhood on a yellow and white Honda moped called the Bumblebee—or was until his wings were clipped about six months ago. And that's where this particular story begins. South Dakota has a little-known law that requires a moped operator to have an actual motor vehicle license, something Mike just couldn't handle. We learned of the restriction about six months ago.

After years of freedom and no tickets, just like that, Mike was grounded, his ability to drive to work, to the store, to even go to church restricted. Well, you can't fight city hall—or in this case, state government, can you? Tell that to my Mom and my brother, Scott, who sent letters to just about every public official in South Dakota with the rank above dog-catcher. Certainly Mike had proved his ability



That's Life by Tony Bender

to safely operate a moped. Putting him behind the wheel of two tons of steel just to be afforded the privilege of driving a glorified bicycle? It was too much to ask. We wondered how many other people across the state had been, unfairly, we thought, restricted by this rule.

The Aberdeen American News put Mike on the front page standing forlornly beside his idle Bumble Bee, the very scooter he had driven at the head of the parade each year for the classic car and motorcycle show. Mike took great pride in leading those rumbling Harley Davidsons and their hairy passengers down Main Street. Leader of the Pack, baby!

It was a very disillusioning time. Mike had come so far, and now was being asked to take a giant leap backward. But then, a glimmer of hope. Governor Dennis Daugaard agreed the law was flawed. Until the legislature could address it, he granted an exception for Mike—if he could pass the on his Moped. Mike studied hard—got a little grouchy, even, from the constant quizzing. With a case worker reading him the questions, Mike missed passing the written test by one point! But he passed the second time.

My brother-in-law Dennis accompanied Mike on another scooter, and they drove the streets for weeks, practicing to make sure Mike understood every nuance of driving, until finally, two weeks ago, Mike took the test on his moped. And passed. "Woo-who!"

Naturally, the newspapers followed up with the good news. It even made the Baltimore Sun! The Bumble Bee rides again. Scott blew a paycheck on more postage to send letters of thanks to every public official in South Dakota with the exception of one particularly snide pencil-pusher at the licensing division. (If I were a proctologist, I would set up shop near the DMV for obvious reasons.)

I have a feeling the law will be changed in the next legislative session, granting some independence to some who don't have it now. I can't help but being inspired. It seems that after all those years we spent teaching Mike he has taught us more.

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COVID-19 VACCINE

Priority Groups for Phase 1

- + Frontline Healthcare Workers (working in an emergency department, ICU, COVID unit, or general acute care)
- + Long-Term Care Facility Healthcare Workers



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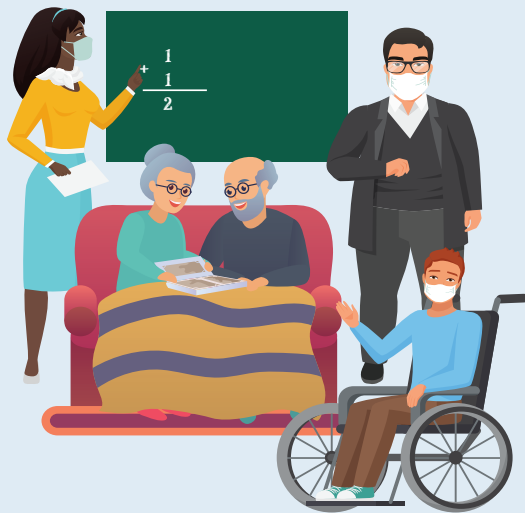
- + Long-Term Care Residents (nursing home and assisted living)



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WE ARE CURRENTLY HERE

- + Other healthcare workers, including laboratory and clinic staff
- + Public Health Workers
- + Emergency Medical Services
- + Law Enforcement
- + Correctional Officers



D

STARTING MONDAY, JANUARY 18

- + Persons Aged 65 Years and Older Starting w/those 80 years of age and over (age to be lowered in coming weeks)
- + High Risk Patients - dialysis, post-transplant, and active cancer
- + High Risk Residents in Congregate Settings, Residents in Licensed Independent Living Facilities, and Residents of Licensed Group Homes
- + Persons with 2 or More Underlying Medical Conditions
- + Teachers and Other School/College Staff
- + Funeral Service Workers

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- + Fire Service Personnel
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Expected Vaccine Availability in South Dakota

| Phase | Population Group | January | February | March | April | May-December |
|---------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1A | Frontline healthcare workers and long-term care facility healthcare workers | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| 1B | Long-term care residents | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| 1C | EMS, public health workers, and other healthcare workers (lab & clinic staff) | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| | Law enforcement, correctional officers | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| 1D | Persons aged 65 years and older Starting w/those 80 years of age and older (Age to be lowered in coming weeks) | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| | High risk patients - dialysis, post-transplant, and active cancer | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| | High risk residents in congregate settings | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| 1D | Persons with 2 or more underlying medical conditions | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| | Teachers and other school/college staff | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| | Funeral service workers | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| 1E | Fire service personnel | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| | Includes public-facing workers in essential and critical infrastructure | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| Phase 2 | All others 16 years and older | Available | Available | Available | Available | Available |

Estimated Vaccine Availability

Note: Tribal vaccine allocation & administration is handled by the IHS. Veteran vaccine allocation & administration is handled by the VA.

Due to limited allocation of the vaccine, the South Dakota Department of Health will use COVID-19 infection rates and will follow recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to guide which counties will receive the vaccine first. AS OF 01-13-21

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Football classifications approved, appeals heard

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — After months of study, the South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors approved a football classification system at its meeting on Wednesday. It also heard five classification appeals from member schools.

The seven classification system would include in 11AAA the eight schools with the highest male average daily membership and O’Gorman High School which always petitions to play in a higher classification.

The next 11 schools by male average daily membership would make up the 11AA classification. The next 14 schools would be in 11A and the remaining schools with an average daily membership down to 56.001 would be in 11B.

The top third of teams under 56.0 ADM would be in 9AA; the next third would be 9A and the bottom third would be 9B.

SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand creates the football schedules. Asked for his opinion of the classification system, Krogstrand said, “At the end of the day, it’s functional.” Noting that a variety of other systems were proposed, he added, “This is the last man standing.”

Football classification systems must maintain safety by having schools of like size play each other.

“We’re comfortable with the enrollment differentials,” said SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos. “We’re comfortable with those ratios across the board.”

After approving the classification system, the board heard five appeals. The Arlington/Lake Preston cooperative sought to remain in nine-man football after being classified as having enough male students to play 11-man football.

The cooperative sought to disallow the count of two Apostolic Lutheran students who aren’t allowed to participate in sports and a student who has health concerns and severe disabilities.

Krogstrand explained that the board has allowed religious exemptions in the past. The appeal was approved on a vote of 7-1.

The board rejected an appeal from Scotland/Menno, a new football cooperative which sought to be classified in nine-man football rather than going up to 11-man.

“We did sell it as nine-man football,” according to Menno Superintendent Tom Rice, explaining the way the cooperative was presented to school board members.

The cooperative sought a reduction in its 58.042 ADM by discounting two special needs students listed in the Scotland rolls but schooled in Sioux Falls and one student who didn’t come to school.

Krogstrand said it’s not uncommon for bigger schools and reservation schools to have truant students. He said the cooperative would have the option to stay in nine-man but forego postseason play.

Rice said in a case like that, he’d have to ask, “Why the heck are we playing?”

A motion to approve the appeal died for a lack of a second and was rejected.

The board unanimously approved an appeal from Bon Homme which had four students counted as juniors who would not have any eligibility to play football next year.

Without the four students, the ADM for Bon Homme would be 53, allowing them to play nine-man football.

Facilities, rather than student numbers was the basis for an appeal from the Dakota Hills football cooperative that includes Wilmot, Waubay and Summit.

Summit Superintendent Mike Schmidt said the cooperative would prefer to play nine-man football rather than move up to 11-man because the 80-yard field at Wilmot is built for nine-man football.

“Our biggest concern is the facility,” Schmidt said. Citing the pandemic, Schmidt said, “We were just thinking this was a little bit of an emergency.”

Wilmot Superintendent Larry Hulscher said preliminary estimates are more than \$10,000 to move lights and fencing to increase the size of the football field. He explained that home games are split in the cooperative with two in Wilmot and two in Waubay. Summit does not have a football field.

SDHSAA board chairman Craig Cassens of Faulkton said all the home games could be played in Waubay.

“It would not be a popular decision,” Cassens said. “I understand that.”

Board member Jerry Rasmussen of Dakota Valley noted that the season was still six months away and asked if the work in Wilmot could be finished in time.

“I believe that we could probably get it done this summer,” Hulscher said, noting that more time would allow the district to look at the bigger picture and perhaps relocate the field.

The appeal was denied when no one on the board made a motion for approval.

The Hamlin School District asked to remain in Class 9AA football as more than 50 percent of the school’s enrollment do not participate in athletic programs because of their religious beliefs. The appeal was approved on a 7-1 vote.

Here’s what the four 11-man classes will look like...

Class 11AAA (nine teams) – Sioux Falls Jefferson, Sioux Falls Lincoln, Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Sioux Falls Washington, Rapid City Stevens, Rapid City Central, Brandon Valley, Harrisburg, and O’Gorman (petition up)

Class 11AA (11 teams) – Brookings, Yankton, Mitchell, Douglas, Pierre, Sturgis, Huron, Spearfish, Tea Area, Aberdeen Central, and Watertown

Class 11A (14 teams) – Belle Fourche, West Central, Vermillion, Lennox, Sioux Falls Christian, Dakota Valley, Madison, Milbank, Canton, Chamberlain, Tri-Valley, Custer, Dell Rapids, and Sisseton

Class 11B (29 teams) – Beresford, Hot Springs, Lead-Deadwood, Flandreau, Elk Point-Jefferson, Redfield, Winner, Wagner, Sioux Valley, Mobridge-Pollock, Rapid City Christian, Baltic, Hill City, Groton Area, Parker, Bennett County, Deuel, Webster Area, Aberdeen Roncalli, Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan, McCook Central/Montrose, Miller/Highmore-Harrod, Clark/Willow Lake, Tripp-Delmont/Armour/AC/DC, Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central, Dakota Hills, Scotland/Menno, St. Thomas More (petitioned up), and Mt. Vernon/Plankinton (petitioned up)

The 9-man classifications are expected to be released in the next week or so, but by a rough count, they’ll have around 61 teams. As mentioned by multiple sources to this point, if 9-man football, which currently has three classes in South Dakota, stays below 64 teams for two consecutive classification cycles, the number of 9-man classes will move from three to two.

Regardless of all the debate about reducing the number of high school football classes in South Dakota, it could be forced into a change as early as 2024, or unless additional changes to policy are made. The current classification cycle is for just one-year, but the next cycle is planned for a two-year window.

Special thanks to Brian Haenchen of The Argus Leader for assisting in the confirmation of these classifications.

Wrestling Results from Wolsey-Wessington Quad

Groton Area 39, Deuel 18

106: Jaxon Quail (Deuel) wins by forfeit

113: Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Hayden Landmark (Deuel) (Fall 0:33)

126: Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) wins by forfeit

132: Easten Ekern (Groton Area) wins by forfeit

138: Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) over Tucker Adkins (Deuel) (Fall 1:02)

145: Korbin Whitley (Deuel) wins by forfeit

160: Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) over Brian Blachford (Deuel) (Fall 0:28)

170: Dominic Constant (Deuel) wins by forfeit

195: Lane Krueger (Groton Area) over Justin Granum (Deuel) (Dec 8-2)

285: Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) wins by forfeit

Sioux Valley 40, Groton Area 18

106: Tate Steffensen (Sioux Valley) wins by forfeit

120: Dragr Monson (Groton Area) wins by forfeit

126: Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) over Zane Miller (Sioux Valley) (Fall 0:14)

132: Easten Ekern (Groton Area) wins by forfeit

138: Skylar Trygstad (Sioux Valley) over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) (Fall 3:10)

152: Russell Sheets (Sioux Valley) wins by forfeit

160: Seth Heidenreich (Sioux Valley) over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) (Fall 2:40)

170: Joe Hornick (Sioux Valley) wins by forfeit

182: Owen VandeWeerd (Sioux Valley) wins by forfeit

195: Lane Krueger (Groton Area) over Dillen Sheely (Sioux Valley) (Fall 3:38)

285: Connor Logan (Sioux Valley) over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) (MD 8-0)

Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington 48, Groton Area 16

113: Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Kaydin Carter (WS-W-WW) (MD 10-1)

120: Cale Mohling (WS-W-WW) wins by forfeit

126: Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) over Troy Fastnacht (WS-W-WW) (Fall 1:28)

132: Joey Hoverson (WS-W-WW) over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) (Fall 0:16)

138: Tyson Eddy (WS-W-WW) over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) (Fall 0:38)

145: Brayden Labore (WS-W-WW) wins by forfeit

152: Keegan Haider (WS-W-WW) wins by forfeit

160: Carter Grohs (WS-W-WW) over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) (Fall 3:39)

170: Eric Klanchnik (WS-W-WW) wins by forfeit

182: Tyler Eddy (WS-W-WW) wins by forfeit

195: Lane Krueger (Groton Area) over Brock Stevens (WS-W-WW) (Fall 5:40)

285: Quinton Christensen (WS-W-WW) over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) (Fall 1:45)

Groton Area basketball teams go 3-3 with Sisseton

Groton Area's basketball teams played Sisseton last week with the boys having a three-game win at home and the girls having a three-game loss at Sisseton.

Groton Area advances to 4-1 on the season with a 51-43 win in the varsity game. Groton Area held an 8-6 lead after the first quarter. After the game was tied at 13, Sisseton scored eight straight points to take a 21-13 lead. The Tigers rallied back to within three at half time, 23-20, and then tied the game early in the third quarter at 23 and 25. Sisseton then scored nine straight points to take a 34-25 lead, then Groton Area scored nine straight points of its own to tie the game at 34. Sisseton led, 36-34, at the end of the third quarter. Jayden Zak sparked the Tigers in the fourth quarter, scoring all 10 of his points in that quarter as Groton went on to win, 51-43.

Four players hit double figures for the Tigers with Lane Tietz having 12 and Jayden Zak, Jacob Zak and Tate Larson each having 10, Wyatt Hearnen had four, Favian Sanchez three and Tristan Traphagen two. Making three-pointers were Jayden Zak and Tietz each with two and Sanchez and Larson each having one.

Xavier Donnell led Sisseton with 15 points while Anthony Tchida and Dylan Goodhart each had 13 and Levi Greseth added two.

Groton Area made 19 of 36 field goals for 52 percent and was seven of 12 from the line and had 13 turnovers. Sisseton was 19 of 49 from the field for 39 percent and was five of 11 from the line and had 12 turnovers.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 30-21. Sisseton held a 3-2 lead after the first quarter and Groton led at half time, 13-6. The Tigers went ahead, 25-17 at the end of the third quarter. The main highlight was at one point, Wyatt Hearnen scored three baskets in a matter of a few seconds right before half time. He led the Tigers in scoring with 18 points while Favian Sanchez had eight and Teylor Diegel and Colby Dunker each had two points. Riley Bravebull led Sisseton with nine points.

Groton Area led at the quarterbreaks in the C game, 11-7, 18-15 and 35-27 en route to a 44-31 win. Logan Ringgenberg led the Tigers with 20 points while Teylor Diegel had nine points, Holden Sippel had five, Colby Dunker four and Dillon Abeln and Cade Larson each had three points. Ethan DeSpiegler and Nate Tchida each had seven points for Sisseton.

Kenzie McInerney had her moment in the girls varsity game as she also scored three baskets in a matter of seconds in the first quarter with a three-pointer and two two-pointers. Sisseton held a 14-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. The game was tied three times and there were four lead changes early in the second quarter before Sisseton went on a 12-point run and ended up with a 29-21 lead at half time. Sisseton had 10-point run in the third quarter and led, 44-32 at the break. Sisseton went on to win, 56-45.

Sisseton had 28 team fouls which put the Tigers at the line 39 times and made 11 free throws. Groton Area had 18 team fouls as Sisseton was 11 of 20 from the line. In field goals, Groton Area was 15 of 59 for 25 percent and Sisseton was 20 of 51 for 39 percent.

McInerney led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Brooke Gengerke with seven, Allyssa Locke had five, Kennedy Hanson four, Aspen Johnson three and Sydney Leicht and Jaedyn Penning each had two points. Sisseton was led by Chloe Langager with 21 points.

Groton Area took a 14-6 lead after the first quarter in the junior varsity game and Sisseton led at half time, 18-16. The Redmen held on to a 26-23 lead at the end of the third quarter and went on to win, 36-28. Groton Area was one of seven from the line in the fourth quarter while Sisseton was three of four.

Sydney Leicht led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Jerica Locke with five, Anna Fjeldheim and Elizabeth Flihs each had three,

Brooklyn Hanson, Kennedy Hanson and Jaedyn Penning each had two points and Emma Schinkel had a free throw. Rylie Huff led Sisseton with 11 points and Krista Langager added 10.

Sisseton led at the quarter stops at 13-3, 15-7 and 20-15 en route to a 33-20 C game win. Brooklyn Hansen led the Tigers with nine points while Jerica Locke and Mia Crank each had four, Elizabeth Flihs had two and Laila Roberts added one.

All four games were broadcast live on GDIL-IVE.COM. The varsity sponsors were Bierman Farm Service, Jark Real Estate, Harr Motors - Bary Keith, Bahr Spray Foam, Allied Climate Professionals- Kevin Nehls, S.D. Army National Guard, John Sieh Agency, Groton Vet Clinic, Blocker Construction, Locke Electric, Thunder Seed with John Wheeting and Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc. The White House Inn sponsored the girls C game, Ed and Connie Stauch sponsored the girls junior varsity game, Bob and Vicki Walter sponsored the boys C game and Wyatt Hearnen's grandparents from Arizona, Marilyn and Jerry Hearnen, sponsored the boys junior varsity game.

LATC Fall Presidents List

WATERTOWN, SD... Michael Cartney, Lake Area Technical College 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 *.

Alicia Gauer*, Clark Gibbs and Hannah Lewandowski of Groton; and Cole Johnson, Bristol.

Brown County Milling Bid Notice

NOTICE TO MILLING/RECLAIMING CONTRACTORS:

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:46am on January 26, 2021. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Milling/Reclaiming Equipment for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2021. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces. Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening. Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance. Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR MILLING/RECLAIMING" to be opened January 26, 2021 at 8:46am. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Bids

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When the Heart Whispers

One definition of the word murmur is "to express one's discontent in a subdued manner." So, it makes sense that a heart murmur is often a soft-spoken signal that something may be going on in the heart. The heart does not always shout

to get our attention like it does with a heart attack. Sometimes it quietly whispers to those who will listen that there might be an issue. The murmur itself is not the problem, rather, the murmur is telling us to look for one.

Some murmurs are called innocent or benign. These are murmurs when the heart is normal, but the blood is flowing over the valves rapidly which causes a sound. About forty to forty-five percent of children will have a murmur at some point in their life. No treatment is needed for these murmurs and children will often outgrow them, but up to ten percent of them do persist into adulthood.

Murmurs that indicate more serious issues are often associated with valve disorders in the heart. The valves are the areas that open when the chamber of the heart beats and close when the heart is between beats, to allow the chambers to relax and refill with blood. Sometimes a valve does not fully close, or it will balloon backwards and allow blood to backflow across the valve. This back flow causes a murmur. This is called valve prolapse that leads to blood regurgitation or "regurg" which requires medical attention.

A different type of murmur is caused by mitral or aortic valve stenosis. Stenosis is when the valve does not fully open, so the same amount of blood is forcing itself through a narrower opening in the same amount of time as it does in a normal valve. That extra pressure causes the murmur because the heart must work harder to push the blood through the valve. Over time if this is untreated it can lead to damage of the heart muscles.

The most common murmur is aortic sclerosis, which happens when the aortic valve develops scarring, stiffening, or thickening. This can occur with age or after infections such as rheumatic fever or endocarditis. This is not dangerous by itself, but if it progresses to stenosis, it can be cause for concern.

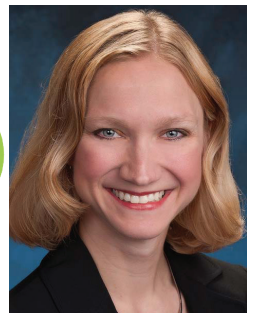
Often when a doctor hears a murmur, we may want to get a better look with a special ultrasound called an echocardiogram to see if we can find the cause of the noise. Once the cause is found, a follow up plan can be made.

When the heart whispers, we must always listen. By doing so, we may avoid further discontent, forcing the heart to raise its voice over a larger problem.

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The Life of Sandra Mayou

Private services for Sandra "Sandi" Mayou, 56, of Groton were held Tuesday, January 12th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Kari Foss officiated. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Lutheran Cemetery, rural Britton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Services were live streamed at GDILIVE.COM to keep her co-workers and friends safe.

Sandi passed away January 7, 2021 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Sandra Ann was born on January 16, 1964 in Britton to Burdean and Sharon (Person) Chapin. She attended Elementary School in Kidder and graduated from Britton High School in 1982. Sandi attended SDSU, studying Nutrition. Sandi later returned to USD and completed her degree in Nursing. She was employed at Avera St. Lukes where she worked in the Emergency Department as a Supervisor and also as a Care Flight Nurse for 10 years. She was a PICC/Procedure nurse and SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) program nurse.. This past year, Sandi was awarded Nurse of the Year for District 4. On November 27, 2011 she joined in marriage with Stacy Mayou and together they made their home in Groton.

Sandi was involved in several organizations, including the ENA where she served as a delegate. Others included a Diversity Group, American Nurses Association, and SDNA. She also volunteered her time with Groton Fire & Rescue, SDNA First Aid Station and Safe Harbor. Sandi enjoyed golfing, refinishing furniture & woodwork, gardening and tend-



ing to her flowers. She loved time spent with her family, traveling, motor cycle trips, music concerts, dinner theaters and time spent at Four Mile Lake. Sandi was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Celebrating her life is her husband, Stacy of Groton, her children; Amanda Kern of Minneapolis, Aaron (Melissa Sletto) Kern of Minneapolis, Emily (Nathan) Skadsen of Sioux Falls, Alexander (Rachel Krakow) Kern of Aberdeen, a baby grandchild due in April, her step-daughters, Tonya Mayou and Hayley Mayou both of Salem, her siblings; Douglas Chapin of Britton, Kent (Nancy) Chapin of Aberdeen, Marie (Jeffrey) Loutsch of Milbank and, her in-laws parents, Delbert & Sherry Mayou of Rosholt and in-laws, Scott (Lisa Doll) Mayou of Rosholt and Brenda Lohrenz of Chaska, MN.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her brother-in-law, Greg. Honorary Casketbearers were Sandi's many Co-Workers; her Avera St. Lukes family.

Casketbearers were Christopher Loutsch, Aaron Kern, Nathan Loutsch, Alexander Kern, Nathaniel Steinlicht and Eric Chapin.

The Life of Zachary Kern



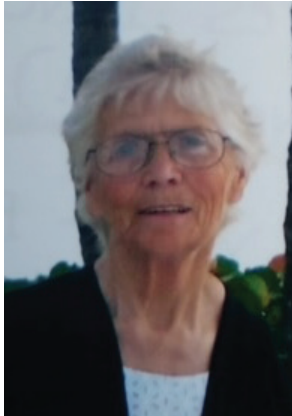
Zachary Kern passed away on December 26th, 2020 at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 59. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later time, when it will be safer for everyone to gather and honor his memory. More information will be provided when available. Please go to www.georgeboom.com for more information.

Zach was born on February 14, 1961 in Faulk County. He spent much of his life in service to others. He was a served in the U.S. Army and then as a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He found joy in working to help veterans find jobs and was interested in pursuing a masters degree in order to be able to help more people. He was always there for everybody.

Zach leaves behind his children - Amanda, Aaron and Melissa, Emily and Nate, and Alex and Rachel - and his siblings - Grant, Crystal and Doug, Tracy, Paige and Kelly, and Troy and Rose. He also leaves behind many cherished friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Donald and Marlene and his sister Denise.

In lieu of flowers or cards, the family would love for donations to be made in Zach's name to organizations helping wounded or disabled veterans.

The Life of Delores Leonhardt



Delores Leonhardt, 88, entered heavens gates on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Sun Dial Manor in Bristol.

Delores Beverly (Shannon) Leonhardt was born on March 1, 1932 on the farm near Crandall to John and Mary (Hutchinson) Shannon. She attended country school and later Bristol High School. As a child, she helped her dad on the family farm, where she would develop a passion for the land and its animals. On September 18, 1949, she was united in marriage with George Leonhardt in Groton. Together, they farmed for many years, along with raising

livestock, and a family.

Delores was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton. She was actively involved in the Salvation Army, the Alliance for Mental Health support group in Aberdeen, served on the Board for the Scotland cemetery and she took pride in decorating the gravesites every Memorial Day. She loved attending church and supporting her family at school and life events.

Celebrating her life is her daughter, Eretta Dargatz of Waubay and her grandchildren: Brenda Kennedy, Shelley (Loren) Steiner, Melissa (Horacio) Figueroa, Karla (Andrew) Smith, Dylan Deaver, Katie Leonhardt, Amy Leonhardt, Addie Leonhardt, 14 great grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, and sister-in-law Lorene Blocker.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband George, and her son Daniel (Danny) Leonhardt, brothers William (Billy) Shannon, Norman Shannon, sister Betty (Shannon) Raethke Brauntner, brothers-in-law Floyd Leonhardt and Delbert Leonhardt, father-in-law Hans Leonhardt, and mother-in-law Ella (Bahr) Leonhardt.

Services for Delores Leonhardt, 88, of Groton were held Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Andrew Wolfram officiated. Burial followed in Scotland Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Services were live streamed at GDILIVE.COM.

Honorary Pallbearers were all of Delores's Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews.

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