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To the Public Notice Committee:

No community, large or small likes to shine a bad light upon themselves, nor do they want to hide public information from the public. The Grenville Town Board at their March 7, 2016 meeting and minutes given to the newspaper for publication discussed the State of South Dakota Legislative Audit.

In the minutes it was written by the clerk, "The review contained findings from their investigation of employee dishonesty. The report is posted on the State of South Dakota website and can viewed there. A copy is also available for viewing at Grenville Town Hall for anyone who like to look at it."

Grenville is town of less than 300 people and their clerk is only part time, mainly taking meeting minutes and paying bills with no regular hours of operation.

Many people who looked at the legal may have thought there was a case of simple dishonesty or even an error in judgment.

Reporter & Farmer reporter Amanda Fanger did search it out on the state website, as well as receiving a copy of the audit that found not only dishonesty, but embezzlement of nearly \$72,000 in funds. Like all of Fanger's work, she took that extra step to get the real story and comments from the board. In the legal notice there was no indication of seeking prosecution. Without Fanger looking at the legals and seeking more information than provided in the Grenville legal minutes, the public may not have been aware of the embezzlement. The paper is proud of all our writers, who go the extra mile. It is because of her work that the other communities we serve know that we are watching legals even when we cannot be at a meeting personally and seek out questions. Fanger's dedication to journalism and knowing the importance of legal notices drove her to uncover this embezzlement and grand theft story that was listed as dishonesty.

We are proud to submit Amanda Fanger for her story and work on public notices.

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