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Ceremony brings memories of sacrifices made for freedom

On a windy mid-day Monday, community members gathered to pay tribute to the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives in services to the nation.

The American Legion Post 39 hosted its annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Groton Union Cemetery.

"This is way different than Veterans Day," said Post Commander Bruce Babcock. "On Veterans Day you honor the living. But Memorial Day is honoring those who have served and they've passed...

"I think it's good for the public to come, and we always have a great turnout here in Groton," he added.

Eight deceased Groton area veterans were added to the Honor Roll this year, including Robert "Jack" Oliver, Terry Furman, Leslie Dohman, Charles Robinson, Douglas Ehrenberg, Dennis Furman, Harlan Grote and Gerald Rossow. Two were added from the Legion Auxiliary: Ruth Pray and Marjorie Overacker.

Following the reading of the Honor Roll, which totaled 321 names this year, the Honor Guard gave a salute, including the playing of Taps and a 21-gun salute.

"It almost makes me shed a tear," Babcock said of the emotional ending of the event.

There was more than ceremony to Monday's

"I really like that we can get our local guys who have served to come and speak," Babcock

This year's speaker was retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Roderick C. Zastrow. The Columbia native called on attendees to remember the sacrifices made.

"Today is a hallowed day on which we gather each year to remember those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our nation," he said. "It is entirely proper that we Americans stop on this one day each year to do as the holiday namesake implies - to memorialize, that is, to remember, and to never forget the sacrifices so many have given so that we, the living, the descendants of those who paid for our freedom in their blood in earlier times may indeed seek life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as our forefathers intended."

Zastrow recounted sacrifices that had been



Retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Roderick C. Zastrow speaks to the crowd at Monday's Memorial Day Ceremony at Groton Union Cemetery. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

made through American history to ensure citizens' freedom.

"While Memorial Day is filled with the sobering remembrances of those who have fallen, it should also be filled with gratitude and optimism," he said. "Today and every day, we in the clutter of social media and endless news and communities, helped enable and shape a better country, one that remains the most innovative country on this planet.

a better future knowing that the same values of integrity, selflessness and excellence, along with a strong work ethic, are what created and shaped this country then, now and in going forward," he continued. "While we can get lost



Crowd members stand while Taps is played during the Groton Memorial Day Ceremony held Monday. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Tami Zimney, at the microphone, and Debra McKiver took turns reading the honor roll during the Memorial Day Ceremony held Monday at Groton Union **Cemetery.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

should be filled with the gratitude that those from wide-ranging perspectives, we can look fallen veterans, and their supporting families forward to each day knowing that our men and women in uniform, day in and day out, honor the fallen, as we do here today, by preserving the peace and freedoms that those we re-"And we should be optimistic and hopeful for member and honor here today selflessly gave.

"May God bless those we remember today, may God bless our men and women in uniform and their families, and may God Bless America," he said.

- Elizabeth Varin



Members of the American Legion Post 39 Honor Guard, which includes Les Hinds, Ron Falk, Aaron Grant, Steve Dresach, Bruce Babcock, Dale Kurth, Roger Overacker, Dave McGannon, Ed Stauch, Alan Bell, Robert Voss and Robert McGannon, Ed Stauch, Alan Bell, Robert Voss and Robert Wegner, give a 21-gun salute during the Groton Memorial Day Wegner, give a 21-gun salute during the Groton Memorial Ceremony on Monday. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Members of the American Legion Post 39 Honor Guard, which includes Les Hinds, Ron Falk, Aaron Grant, Steve Dresach, Bruce Babcock, Dale Kurth, Roger Overacker, Dave Day Ceremony on Monday. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

Dreams For Sale

Dreams for sale. Those are my dreams for sale today, mister.

You know, when I called the auctioneer, this day seemed so far away. I stalled for days before I called.

It's hard selling your dreams.

I remember so well the day we bought this place. I remember like a proud



That's Life by Tony Bender

papa the day we bought that Versatile. It's all been years ago, but inside I still feel like that young man who built this farm.

But when I look in the mirror, I see the years. I didn't sleep much last night. I worried that the weather would be bad, that things wouldn't sell well. And I was half afraid that things would sell at all.

But there's no turning back.

The neighbors are here and so are relatives from far and wide. It's like a funeral except brown Key coveralls and six buckle overshoes are uniform of the day. But nobody died. And 300 strangers won't come to my funeral.

Move along, folks.

Nothing to see here.

Man's just selling his dreams.

We didn't miss the dairy herd when we sold it a year ago. They kept us from a thousand functions and now there is more time for kids and grandkids. Man, they grow up fast.

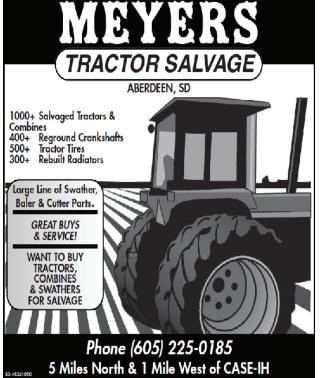
But the finality of selling those tractors and all that haying equipment is starting to sink in. Of course, no one can tell except my wife. She's the one who wears her heart on her sleeve today. Her eyes are red and her voice hoarse. Says she's got a cold. But I think she's going to miss that old grain truck. Sure, it smokes to beat the band, and the passenger side door flies open on left turns like a wounded duck trying to soar, but that truck is like a homely sister. You love her just the same.

But don't judge the quality of my equipment by that truck, mister. I took care of my machines. They were shedded and serviced regularly. I didn't take care of myself nearly as well.

I know it might sound a little weird, but I feel like I'm sending puppies to strangers. I want my machines to have a good home.

It's gotten to the point of embarrassment the way the auctioneer keeps bragging up my equipment. He calls me a proud man. A man who took pride in keeping up his equipment. But it's the God's-honest truth. I even hauled that Versatile in to the shop last week just to make sure it was 100 percent perfect; even though, I knew it was. I don't want anyone to feel cheated.

Man's reputation is something sacred.



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burner of a sale. But today he backed off of his prediction a little. But we'll just have to see what happens.

Besides, when a guy's selling his dreams... Well...ain't no price you can put on that.

As I watch the men slog through the mud today, I know I'm doing the right thing. The time is right. Weather's been uncooperative the last couple years. Too wet. Cattle price is iffy. And milk prices? Don't even want to talk about it.

It's not like it used to be. It's not automatic. Sons don't take over the farm much anymore. The dream business has changed.

But when I see young farmers in spirited bidding for my equipment, it makes me feel good. They're counting the hours saved if they can put two seed drills in the field come snow melt. That swather is a bargain and Junior ought to be able to handle it by June.

That's the way I was. Seemed like I had a year-round sunburn on my neck. Gosh, those were the days. We were quite a team, me and the wife. We had rhythm that was a beautiful thing at harvest. She'd haul one truck to the elevator, and I'd be topping off another when she pulled back into the field. Pert'near always in step. Like Fred and Ginger of the spring wheat.

Now, the dance belongs to the bidders. They look at each other across the crowd, a cross between gunslingers and bashful beaus at their first dance. As the bid escalates, the auctioneer points at them both.

Wanna dance?

Heads nod imperceptibly. Fingers twitch. Eventually, one of them looks at his shoes and wanders away. Guess the old corn head will do for another year.

The auctioneer is glib. When he pitches those five feed bunks, everyone knows two have seen better days. But he gamely marches on, his cadence rat-a-tat-tatting like Gene Krupa. "C'mon boys, them cows don't know the difference between a good one and a broke one. Go ahead and buy 'em. Fool them cows!" The last two go for \$30. They'll make a fine bonfire some day.

After the sale, the auctioneer is beaming. It's been a good sale. He was right all along-the first time. The church ladies have had a big day as well, selling \$2 hot dogs and \$3 burgers and potato salad advertised on every sign with Dan Quayle's extra e. Lotta Republicans here today, but I suppose their money's as good as the next guy's.

Well, nice talkin to you, mister. But I gotta go now. The guy who bought the 2+2, wants me to pull it into the shed for the night. Lotta room in there today.

I know my wife will be watching from the kitchen as I drive it for the last time. Tonight, when we're finally alone, that's when we'll talk, and we'll assure each other that selling our dreams today was the right thing to do.

Now, I ain't no poet. But any farmer worth The auctioneer was optimistic the day we a damn stops once in a while to watch the signed the contract. Said it should be a barn- sun rise and see the poetry around him. I'll try to express what's on my mind to her tonight. I guess I want her to know that while we sold our dreams today, we're keeping the memories.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup **By Jordan Wright**

Starting this week, we will be taking a look at the Vikings' roster for the upcoming 2024 NFL season. We start with the quarterback position, which is undoubtedly the most important position on the team. For the past six seasons, the Vikings have had incredible stability at QB thanks to Kirk Cousins. Unfortunately, that stability didn't lead to much post-season success, which is why the team decided to move on.

Enter J.J. McCarthy

The highest-drafted quarterback in Minnesota Vikings' history, McCarthy will look to lead the Vikings to Valhalla and bring the team their first Super Bowl win. Since becoming a starter in high school, and then into his college career at Michigan, McCarthy has an impressive 63-3 record – including a 27-1 record at Michigan that culminated in a Championship just a few short months ago. He has the third-best winning percentage by a QB in college football history and the best since 1971. There is no doubt the kid can win.

Unfortunately, McCarthy also enters the league with many question marks. He is only 21 years old, and while he did start 28 games at Michigan, he was rarely asked to be anything more than a game manager. There were only four games where he was asked to throw more than 30 passes, and one of those games was in a loss to TCU during the 2022 playoffs. To put that into perspective, Kirk Cousins only threw less than 30 passes in three games under head coach Kevin O'Connell. It's worrying that in the National Championship game, he only completed 10 of 18 passes for 140 yards and zero touchdowns. Will McCarthy be able to become more than a game manager in the NFL? Will he be able to put the team on his back? Simply put, we just don't know. However, Kevin O'Connell is a former NFL QB who played for Bill Belichick in New England, so if he thinks McCarthy has what it takes to lead an NFL team, who am I to disagree?

While McCarthy will have all eyes trained on him this offseason, it will likely be Sam Darnold who begins the season as the team's starter. Darnold was brought in to be a stop-gap QB who can step in and hopefully do a good enough job that the young, inexperienced rookie doesn't have to play before he is ready.

Darnold is only 26 years old and was the third overall pick of the 2018 NFL Draft (New York Jets). He has all the tools necessary to play at a high level in the NFL, but he's been on some terrible teams and was never able to just ease into his professional career. In three seasons with the Jets, Darnold had a record of 13-25. After New York drafted his replacement, Darnold went to Carolina where he started 17 games and had an 8-9 record. After Carolina drafted his replacement, he went to San Francisco to be a backup. He knows this is his last shot to prove to the NFL that he can be a starting quarterback, so I have no doubt he will give it everything he has. With an offensiveminded head coach and a great supporting cast, I expect Darnold will surpass expectations. I just wish the Vikings had signed him to more than one year, because if he does as well as I expect, it would've been nice to be able to trade him and pick up some draft picks.

Besides McCarthy and Darnold, the team also has Nick Mullens and Jaren Hall, who will be competing for the third spot on the roster. If everything is equal, Hall will have the advantage of being a recent draft pick, which means Mullins will be the odd man out and will likely be cut if he can't be traded for a late-round pick.



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MAY 21, 2024 - GENERAL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Wiese moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave the Commissioners an update on the

Richmond Road Project.

SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING: Time and place, as advertised to consider applications for a Temporary Special Event Alcohol License Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following application: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen, SD for Business After Hours to be held at Budget Furniture, LT 1 Budget Furniture – Schumaker SD NW 22-123-63 (Old Schumaker) Brown County, SD. Special Event Alcohol License effective July 11, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL SCALE PROJECT PAYMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Landfill Scale Project Payment to Webster Scale for \$\$173,297.23. All member present voting aye.

Motion carried.

COURTROOM COMPRES-SORS: Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent and Randy Zens, Building Asst. Superintendent met with the Commission to discuss needing to replace compressors for the 3rd floor Courtroom. They presented 2 quotes to install two compressors: Woodman Refrigeration for \$11,576.00 and Jake's Heating & Cooling for \$12,750.00. Judy's recommendation was to go with Woodman Refrigeration. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to accept the quote from Woodman Refrigeration for \$11,576.00 to install two compressors. All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the May 14, 2024 General Meeting Minutes.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried. CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Insurance: Insurance Plus \$176.00. Professional Fees: Brown County Treasurer \$23.20; Bridgeway Counseling Center, Inc \$5,000.00; Calleen Thorn Misterek \$83.30; Cass County, MN Sheriff's Office \$170.00; CGI, LLC \$220.63; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$8,333.33; CIOX Health \$27.06; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$8,333.33 Computer Forensic Resources \$4,749.55; Dependable Sanita-Office, PC \$8,333.33; Houston Engineering, Inc \$17,167.06; Jerald M. McNeary \$8,333.33; Jeremy Lund - Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$8,333.33; John Noyes - Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$8,333.33; Kristi Brandt \$86.25; Kuck Law Office \$8,333.33; Sanford Health \$2,374.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,628.25; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office \$18.00; SD Dept of Health \$1,895.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$8,333.33; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$291.80; Winona County Sheriff's Office \$80.00. Publishing: Gannett South Da-kota LocaliQ \$22.76; Groton Daily Independent \$415.86; Lakota Times \$65.92; Mobridge Tribune \$13.23. Rentals: Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$103.68. Repairs & Maintenance: Da-kota Supply Group \$824.22; Day County Treasurer \$886.09; Don Schlosser \$150.00; Gary's Engine and Repair \$139.50; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$2,177.73; Nardini Fire Equipment \$468.00; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$312.75; Olson's Pest Technicians \$190.00; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$879.35; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$18.00; SD Dept of Public Safety \$240.00; Sewer Duck \$85.00; Sound Decisions \$15.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$76.62. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$599.79; Amazon Capital

Services, Inc \$168.85; Avera LTC

Pharmacy Aberdeen \$688.26; Black Book \$235.00; Century Business Products \$698.17; Cole Paper Inc \$1,528.26; Dakota Electronics \$44.00; Erin Spencer \$100.00; Geffdog Designs \$320.18; GovConnection, Inc \$170.80; Jebro Inc \$17,991.91; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$258.00; Menards \$68.91; Midstates Group \$262.46; Performance Oil \$431.94; Pheasantland Industries \$6.840.00: Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc \$78.99; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$159.04; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$171.60; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$699.00; Shop 4-H/National 4-H Council \$60.85; Sound Decisions \$109.99; Steven Lust Automotive \$53.95; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,951.46: WEB Water Bottling Company \$27.75. Travel & Conference: Lynn Heupel \$219.38; Mariann Malsom \$435.20; Patricia Van-Meter \$169.32; Sara Swisher \$143.00. Utilities: A-1 Sanitation & Recycling \$283.45; Century-Link \$666.70; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$519.47; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$532.00; James Valley Communication \$209.10; Northwestern Energy \$786.01; NVC \$3,755.52; Verizon Wireless \$5,084.40. Improvements Other Than Buildings: Webster Scale \$173,297.23.

Commission Payroll: \$4,753.89; Elections \$4,271.62; Auditor \$9,850.83; Treasurer \$17,284.76; SA \$35,602.59; Maintenance \$11,635.07; Assessor \$15,370.29; Register of Deeds \$10,406.85; VSO \$4,485.23; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,322.67; HR \$5,128.08; Sheriff \$52,556.75; Jail \$67,318.77; Coroner \$1,121.85; Court Security \$7,202.86; JDC \$32,058.63; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$12,442.05; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,584.82; Fair Board \$4,336.33; 4-H \$830.80; Weed \$5,204.97 Planning & Zoning \$7,635.85; Highway \$59,172.64; Dispatch \$33,049.64; Emergen-cy \$5,208.68; 24/7 Sobriety 2,879.37; Landfill \$21,794.16; Meal Benefits \$390.00; FICA \$26,942,49; Medicare \$6,301.09 and Discovery (HSA) \$1,739.78. All members present voting aye. Motion carried

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

 Resignation of Emmanuel Muniz, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT – effective May 16, 2024. Request to fill.

 Resignation of Kandi Shantz, Brown County Jail Control Room Attendant, PT – effective May 15,

2024. Request to fill. · Hiring of Kirsten Bluestone as Brown County Sheriff's Office Records Technician, FT; starting wage \$19.29/hr. – effective June

All members present voting

aye. Motion carried. LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following Lease Agreements: Dacotah Bank for lease of the Club House on June 22, 2024 for Employee Appreciation Event; Heidi Klein for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on June 20-23, 2024 for a Family Reunion; CEF of SD for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on July 15-21, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE PERMIT HEARING: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising public hearing for the following Special Alcohol License Permit: Richmond Lake Association, Aberdeen SD for Poker Run to be held at Richmond Pavilion, Richmond Resort Outlot 2 in the NE 1/4 Section 25-T124N-R65W Brown County, SD on June 11, 2024. (Special License effective July 20, 2024). All members present voting aye. Motion car-

SURPLUS SHERIFF'S VEHI-CLE: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to declare 2018 Ford Explorer Surplus Property and be traded in for \$2000.00 credit at Karl's Emergency Vehicles in Des Moines, IA. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. AUDITORS REPORT OF AC-COUNTS FOR APRIL 2024: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for April 2024 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700,00: Total Checking Account Balances \$43,782,661.67; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,950,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$6,313,982.63; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$52,054,791.72. Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$19,476,755.53; Road & Bridge Fund \$5,109,452.80; Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$598,249.65; Emergency & Disaster \$153,052.78; Domestic Abuse \$670.00; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$50,230.63; Truancy Court \$135.68; 24/7 So-briety \$83,028.85; ROD M&P 90,682.62; Rural Access In frastructure \$383,322.39; TIF Debt Service \$482,617.76; Landfill + cash change \$6,562,366.03; Landfill - restricted \$1,766,062.21; Trust and Agency Funds \$19,064,194,893 Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$52,054,791.72. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

VEHICLE TRANSFER: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve of the transfer of 2013 Ford Explorer from Brown County Sheriff's Office to Brown County Assessor's Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: Chairman Sutton motioned to recess for the Rededication of the Freedom Shrine

by the Exchange Club. Chairman Sutton called the meeting back to order.

OTHER BUSINESS: none **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved** by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to go into Executive Session for Personnel per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fieldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:07 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following Temporary Special Event Alcohol Licensé Application for Malt Beverage and Wine to be used by Richmond Lake Association will be held on June 11, 2024 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register complaint on their approval may appear.

Richmond Lake Association, Aberdeen, SD for Poker Run to be held at Richmond Pavilion, Richmond Resort Outlot 2 in the NE 1/4 Section 25-T124N-R65W Brown County, SD. Temporary Special Event Alcohol License effective July 20, 2024.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown

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May 21, 2024

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Wambach, Wells, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also présent were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Terry Herron, Elizabeth Varin, Kami Lipp, Tricia Keith, Emma Schinkel, Marjae Schinkel, Dan Schinkel, Patty Brooks, Craig Brooks, Kim Bowman, Mike Olson, Joseph Schwan, Whitney Sombke, and Becah Fliehs.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Nehls to approve the agenda with no changes or additions. All members present

voted ave. Public comments were wel-

comed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

Patty Brooks and Kim Bowman from the American Red Cross and Kami Lipp presented Emma Schinkel with a Lifesaving Award for her efforts during the 2023 pool season in rescuing a young boy struggling to swim.

The Schinkels, Brookses, Bowman, Keith, and Lipp exited the meeting.

Discussion took place regard ing code enforcement. Mike Olson provided the council with an update on the various properties found to be in violation of city ordinance(s).

Olson exited the meeting.

The soccer complex maintenance and lease agreement between Groton High School. Groton Soccer Association, and the City of Groton was discussed. Sombke, Schwan, and Fliehs

exited the meeting.

The Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License for Groton Amateur Baseball games on 6/9, 6/23, 7/7, and 7/24 at the Groton Baseball Complex was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted aye

The first reading of Ordinance No. 776 - Sewer Rates was approved on a motion by Wambach and seconded by Wells. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to update the 2024 committee representative list. All members present voted aye. The updated committee representative list is as follows:

2024 Committee Representa-

NECOG Representative: Bab-Planning & Zoning Represen-

tative: Bahr Committees: Chairman, Co-Chairman

Electric, Transit, Insect & Weed Control, Airport: Cutler,

Water, Swimming Pool, Skating, Economic Development: Babcock, Nehls

Streets, Baseball, Storm Drainage, Other Rec (Tennis, Basketball, Golf): Wambach,

Wastewater, Cemetery, Civil Defense, Community Center: Bahr, Nehls

Finance Office, Legal, Library, Insurance, General Admin, Elections, Code Enforcement: Wamback, Babcock

Solid Waste, Rubble Site, Parks, Forestry, Liquor: Bahr,

Police: Cutler, Nehls

The April finance report was approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted ave.

The updated fees for the rubble site were approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Wambach. All members present voted ave.

Herron exited the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted ave.

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

Payroll, \$52,208.49, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$9,487.66, ; Public Safety, \$9,683.32, ; Culture & Recreation, \$7,978.88, ; Public Works, \$25,058.63, ; USPS, \$292.77, Utility billing postage; City of Groton, \$125.42, Utility deposits applied to bills; Kelsea Heintzman, \$240.33, Utility deposit refund; Jessica Anderson, \$134.25, Utility deposit refund; Dacotah Bank, \$6,377.61, With-holding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$647.90, HSA contributions; SD State Treasurer, \$9,810.14, Sales & Excise Tax - April 2024; Stacy Mayou, \$724.06, Med flex; Dacotah Bank, \$3,149.15, With-holding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Dacotah Bank, \$6,891.29, With-holding/SS/Medicare; Dakota-land FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$647.90, HSA contributions; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Dollar General, \$142.15, Bottled water, coffee, creamer, new wall clock, cleaning products, toilet paper, table covers, nose tissue - Multiple Depts. ; Fliehs Sales & Service, \$77.74, New blower belt - Baseball; A-1 Sanitation & Recycling, LLC, \$1,754.96, Groton City-wide cleanup; Sanitation Products, Inc., \$550.00, Broom for sweeper - Street Dept.; Groton Autoworks, LLC. \$1,466.00, Repairs to 2004 GMC pickup - Street Dept.; BK Cus-

tom T's & More, \$340.00, 2024

t-ball shirts; Harve's Pro Prints, \$1,499.75, New Jr. Teener jerseys; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,638.10, Fuel purchases, parts for mower, car wash, diesel exhaust fluid: Dacotah Bank Visa, \$2,980.18, Floor liners for new PD Tahoe, various book purchases, mural paint for sidewalk, paper trimmer, rubber cement, sewer sample postage, fuel purchases, DARE supplies, water sample postage, hotel stay for training, tools, folding tables, rubble site annual cloud storage fee, Jr. Legion insurance, U12/U10/ Jr. Teener baseball registration pool rescue equipment - Multiple Depts. ; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,182.96, Garbage hauling; Colonial Research Chemical Corp., \$425.02, Grease - Street Dept.; Branden Abeln, \$115.84, Employee mileage/ meal reimbursement - Watertown, SD - Water Distribution Training; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Inc., \$26.05, 10' PTO cable - Street Dept.; Haider Construction, Inc., \$19,903.60, Boring - 3rd Ave/Garfield St & N Washington St - Electric Dept.; James Valley Telecommunications, \$788.72, Telephone and internet services; C&H Baseball, Inc., \$702.83, Nylon knotted netting - Baseball; Menards, \$99.97, 42" dethatcher - Baseball; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease; True Pitch, LLC, \$2,599.60, Mound clay and tarps - Baseball; Runnings, \$73.43, Shop towels, socket adapters, nylon mason line - Electric Dept.; EcoLab Pest Elimination, \$112.36, Rubble Site rodent control; SD Department of Health, \$426.00, Water & wastewater testing; NW Energy, \$31.22, Natural gas service water tower; Geffdog Designs, LLC, \$152.00, Baseball banner Hefty Seeds; Groton Daily Independent, \$91.12, Publishing costs; Schwan Welding & Boiler Repair, \$2,337.96, Installation of new mounts on payloader

Varin exited the meeting.

Street Dept.:

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:29pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:40pm. Moved by Wells and seconded

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by Wambach to adjourn the

meeting at 8:40pm. All members

present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

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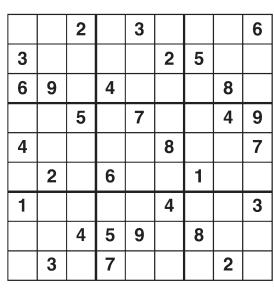
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by Linda Thistle



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Groton throwing coach Aaron Helvig poises with third place State Javelin Senior Colby Dunker. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



ning third leg of the the Boys Sprint Boys Sprint Relay Medley final. (Photo finals. (Photo courtesy courtesy Bruce Babcock) Bruce Babcock)



Blake Pauli runs Keegen Tracy run- the anchor leg of

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Kella Tracy hands off to Taryn Traphagen in the 1600m Relay. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Laila Roberts 1600m Relay

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Taryn Traphagen leads off the Girls 3200 meter Relay finals. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)

Fifth Week Trap Shoot

The fifth week of the Trap Shoot League scores have been released with two Groton Area shooters having perfect scores. Turner Thompson had a perfect score for the third consecutive week. Cadence Feist returned to the top with a perfect score. Payton Mitchell was one shot back with a 49.

Name	Rd1	Rd2	Total
THOMPSON, TURNER	25	25	50
FEIST, CADÉNCE	25	25	50
MITCHELL, PAYTON	24	25	49
HOLMES, ÁSHTON	23	25	48
MOREHOUSE, WESLEY	24	24	_
SCEPANIAK, ISAIAH	23	25	_
MITCHELL, PAISLEY	23		_
KAMPA, JAEGER	23		
SMITH, TREY	24	22	46
POWERS-DINGER, MICHAE			_
SPERRY, OWEN	22		43
WAMBACH, BRYSON	21		42
FLIEHS, FAITH	20		41
THOMPSON, TARYN	22		
LEICHT, TUCKER	21	_	40
SPERRY, ASHLYN	19	_	38
KUTTER, IAN	16	_	35
•	21		35
SCEPANIAK, NOAH			
STANGE, TYTON	18		35
FROST, CHARLIE	19	_	
HOLMES, SYDNEY	19	_	_
KOTZER, ADELINE	12		
PIGORS, GENTRY	14	15	29

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Jerica Locke 1600m Relay

(Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)

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Groton places in three events at State Track

Groton Area's track teams placed in three events at the state track meet held last weekend in Sioux Falls.

Colby Dunker placed third in the javelin, Keegen Tracy placed seventh in the 100m dash, and the girls 3200m relay team of Taryn Traphagen, Faith Traphagen, Ryelle Gilbert and Kella Tracy placed eighth.

Boy's Division

100 Meters Class A - Prelims: 5. Keegen Tracy, 1.08.

100 Meters Class A - Finals: 7. Keegen Tracy, 11.58.

SMR 1600m - [200-200-400-800] Class A - Finals: 17. Lane Tietz, Colby Dunker, Keegen Tracy, Blake Pauli, 3:50.31.

200 Meters Class A - Prelims: 10. Keegen Tracy, 23.27.

400 Meters Class A - Prelims: 11. Keegen Tracy, 53.39.

Shot Put - 12lb Class A - Finals: 17. Logan Ringgenberg, 43-05.00

Javelin - 800g Class A - Finals: 3. Colby Dunker 155-00.

Girl's Division

400 Meters Class A - Prelims: 18. Taryn Traphagen, 1:03.49.

300m Hurdles - 30" Class A - Prelims: 20. McKenna Tietz 50.87.

4x100 Relay Class A - Prelims: 13. Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, Rylee Dunker, 52.22.

4x200 Relay Class A - Prelims: 17. Laila Roberts, Jerica Locke, Kella Tracy, Rylee Dunker 1:53.09.

4x400 Relay Class A - Prelims: 12. Laila Roberts, Jerica Locke, Kella Tracy, Taryn Traphagen, 4:20.54.

4x800 Relay Class A - Finals: 8. Taryn Traphagen, Faith Traphagen, Ryelle Gilbert, Kella Tracy, 10:01.34.

SMR 1600m - [200-200-400-800] Class A - Finals: 24. Jerica Locke, Rylee Dunker, Laila Roberts, Ashlynn Warrington, 4:36.21.

Shot Put - 4kg Class A - Finals: 13. Emma Kutter, 33-06.75.



Senior Login Ringgenberg competes in A Boys Shot Put on Saturday. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Colby Dunker throwing the Javelin at the State Track meet. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Marty Weismantel presents Groton Area senior Colby Dunker third place in the State Boys Javelin. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Groton Area throwing Coach Aaron Helvig poised with both Groton Area Boys State A Logan Ringgenberg (below) and Girls State A Emma Cutter (above) in the Shot Put competition. (Photos by Bruce Babcock)



McKenna Tietz in the State 300m Intermediate Hurdles Bruce Babcock)



Keegen Tracy runs in the State A 100 Prelims. (Photo courtesy m finals Saturday.

(Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Lane Tietz hands off to Colby Dunker in the Boys Sprint Relay finals. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Ashlynn Warrington anchors Girls 3200 Meter Relay at the South Dakota State Track & Field meet. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)





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Groton June Community Calendar

Saturday, June 1

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. at 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 2

Junior Legion at Mobridge 5:30 p.m. (2) United Methodist: Worship with communion, at Conde at 8:30 a.m., at Groton at 10:30 a.m., coffee hour at 9:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion at 9 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John's, 9 a.m., and at Zion, 11 a.m.

Monday, June 3

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, Harvard beets, Pineapple tidbits, whole wheat bread.

Legion at Lake Morden, 6 p.m. (2) Junior Teeners hosts W.I.N., 5:30 p.m. (2) U10 R/W hosts Watertown, 6 p.m. (2) U8 R/B at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (4) SB U8 hosts Oakes, 5 p.m. SB U10 Blk hosts Oakes, 6 p.m.

State Golf Meet at Bakker Crossing Golf Course, Sioux Falls

The Pantry at Community Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 4

Senior Menu: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli and carrots, peaches, whole wheat bread.

Legion hosts Redfield, 5:30 p.m. (1) Junior Legion hosts Redfield, 7:30 p.m. (1) U12 R/W hosts Sisseton, 5:30 p.m. (2) SB U14 hosts Miller, 6:30 p.m.

T-Ball G/B practice, 6 p.m.

State Golf Meet at Bakker Crossing Golf Course, Sioux Falls

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry at Community Center, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m. Olive Grove Ladies League, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5

Senior Menu: Turkey sub sandwich with lettuce and tomato, macaroni salad, tropical fruit, mixed vegetables.

Junior Teeners hosts Britton, 5:30 p.m. (2) U12 B/R at Webster, 6 p.m. (2) U10 R/B at Webster, 6 p.m. (2) U8 R/B hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (4) Chamber Meeting, Noon, at City Hall Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle, 5 p.m. Groton CM&A: Family Fun Night, 7 p.m. Olive Grove Men's League Youth Golf Lessons at Olive Grove

Thursday, June 6

Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, vegetable blend Provence, baked apples, dinner roll. U10 B/W at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (2)

SB hosts Ipswich (U8 at 6 p.m. (1), U10 Blk at 6 p.m. (2), U12 at 7 p.m. (2))

T-Ball G/B practice, 6 p.m.

Wage Memorial Library Story Time, 10 a.m. Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.

Friday, June 7

Senior Menu: Taco salad, Mexican rice with beans, breadstick, cherry fluff.

T-Ball G at Andover, 6 p.m. T-Ball B at Claremont, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

Inaugural Groton Day of Baseball/Softball Junior Legion hosts W.I.N., 5 p.m. (1) Legion hosts W.I.N., 7 p.m. (1) Junior Teeners hosts Redfield, 3 p.m. (1) U12 All host Britton U10 All hosts Columbia U8 R/B hosts Britton

SB hosts Britton (U8 at 9 a.m. (2), U10 Gld at 11 a.m. (1), U10 Blk at noon (1), U12 at 1 p.m. (2))

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 9

U12 All at Sisseton Tourney

United Methodist: Worship at Conde at 8:30 a.m., at Groton at 10:30 a.m., coffee hour at 9:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m. Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m., and at Zion, 11 a.m.

Monday, June 10

Senior Menu: Baked cod, macaroni and cheese, spinach salad with tomato, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

Junior Legion at Watertown, 5 p.m. (2) Junior Teeners hosts Webster, 5:30 p.m. (2) U10 R/W hosts Claremont, 5:30 p.m. (2) U8 B hosts Claremont, 5:30 p.m. (2) School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

The Pantry at Community Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

United Methodist: PEO meeting (outside group), 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 11

Senior Menu: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower and broccoli, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

U12 B/W at. Britton, 5:30 p.m. (2) U8 R at Webster, 6 p.m. (2) SB U10 Gold hosts Frederick, 6 p.m. (1) T-Ball G/B scrimmage, 6 p.m. Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3

p.m. to 6 p.m. The Pantry at Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m. Emmanuel Lutheran: Council Meeting, 6 p.m. Olive Grove Ladies League, 6 p.m. Olive Grove Bridge, Noon

Wednesday, June 12

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, frosted brownie, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Junior Legion hosts Mobridge 5:30 p.m. (2) Junior Teeners at Watertown, 5 p.m. (2) U12 W/R hosts Aberdeen 11, 5:30 p.m. (2) U10 B/R hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (2) SB at Ipswich (U8 at 5:30 p.m. (1), U10 Blk at 6:30 p.m. (1), U12 at 7:30 p.m. (1))

Olive Grove Men's League Groton CM&A: Family Fun Night, 7 p.m. **Thursday, June 13**

Senior Menu: Breaded pork cutlet, creamy noodles, tomato spoon salad, peaches, whole wheat bread.

U12 R/B at Aberdeen 12, 5:30 p.m. (2) SB 10 Gld at Webster, 6 p.m. (2)

SB hosts Mellette (U8 at 6 p.m. (1), U10 Blk at 6 p.m. (2), U12 at 7 p.m. (2))

Wage Memorial Library Story Time, 10 a.m. Groton Lions Club Meeting, 6 p.m., at 104 N Main

Youth Golf Lessons at Olive Grove

Friday, June 14 - FLAG DAY

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, acini depepi fruit salad, whole wheat. bread.

Legion hosts Lake Norden, 6 p.m. (2)

T-Ball G/B scrimmage, 6 p.m.

SDSU Alumni and Friends Golf Tourney at Olive Grove

Saturday, June 15

U10 at Milbank Tourney Possible U8 Tourney in Groton

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 16

U8 Older at Milbank Tourney

United Methodist: Worship at Conde at 8:30 a.m., at Groton at 10:30 a.m., coffee hour at 9:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion at 9 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John's, 9 a.m., and at Zion, 11 a.m.

Monday, June 17

Senior Menu: Lasagna bake, tossed salad with dressing, fruit cocktail, cookie, whole wheat bread.

Legion at Battle of Omaha, Neb. Junior Teeners at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (2) U10 B/W hosts Webster, 6 p.m. (2) U8 R/B at Webster, 6 p.m. (4) T-Ball G/B scrimmage, 6 p.m.

Ladies Invitational Golf Tourney at Olive Grove, Registration at 9 a.m., shotgun start at 10 a.m.

The Pantry at Community Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 18

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, biscuit, vegetable Catalina blend, pears, tapioca pudding. Legion at Battle of Omaha, Neb.

U12 B/W at Aberdeen 11, 5:30 p.m. (2) U10 W/R at Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (2)

U8 R/B at Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (4) SB hosts Claremont (U8 at 5 p.m. (1), U10 Gld at 6 p.m. (1), U12 at 7 p.m. (1))

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry at Community Center, 4 p.m. to

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m. Olive Grove Ladies League, 6 p.m. St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 12:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 19

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, mixed vegetables, sunset salad, whole wheat bread.

Legion at Battle of Omaha, Neb.

U12 W/R hosts Watertown, 5:30 p.m. (2)

U10 R/B hosts Milbank, 6 p.m. (2)

SB at Warner (U8 at 5:30 p.m. (1), U10 Blk at 6:30 p.m. (1), U12 at 7:30 p.m. (1))

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at Rosewood Court, 10 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Family Fun Night, 7 p.m. (Julia (Grenz) and Jordan Kroll will be sharing their

Olive Grove Men's League

Thursday, June 20

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable capri blend, apricots, whole wheat bread.

Junior Teeners at Redfield, 5:30 p.m. (2) U12 R/B hosts Aberdeen 11-12, 5:30 p.m. (2) U10 B/W hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (2) U8 R/B at Claremont

SB at Webster (U8 at 6 p.m. (1), U10 Blk at 6 p.m. (2), U12 at 7 p.m. (2))

SB U14 at Oakes, 6 p.m. (1)

Wage Memorial Library Story Time, 10 a.m. Transit Fundraiser, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Groton Community Center

Youth Golf Lessons at Olive Grove

Friday, June 21

juice, dinner roll, apple crisp, carrots and peas. Junior Legion at Clark Tournament

Junior Teeners at Aberdeen Smitty's, 5 p.m.

SB 10 Gld at Frederick 6 p.m. (1) T-Ball G/B scrimmage, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 22

Junior Legion at Clark Tournament Legion at Northville Tournament U8 R/B - Groton Tourney Groton Triathlon, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 23

Junior Legion at Clark Tournament Legion at Northville Tournament

United Methodist: Worship at Conde at 8:30 a.m., at Groton at 10:30 a.m., coffee hour at 9:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m. Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday, June 30 worship, 10:30 a.m. (Julia (Grenz) and Jordan Kroll will be the guest speakers)

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m., and at Zion, 11 a.m.

Monday, June 24

Senior Menu: Sloppy Joe on bun, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole nion at 9 a.m. wheat bread.

Junior Teeners host Watertown, 5 p.m. (2) U12 B/W at Sisseton, 5:30 p.m. (2)

U8 R/B hosts Britton, 5:30 p.m. (4) SB at Mellette (U8 at 6 p.m. (1), U10 Gld at a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

7 p.m. (2))

The Pantry at Community Center, 11 a.m. worship, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community Center, Potluck at noon Blood Drive at the Groton Community Center,

1:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 25

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, vegetable capri blend, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Junior Legion hosts Hamlin, 5:30 p.m. (2) Legion at Webster 5:30 p.m. (2) U12 W/R at Columbia, 7 p.m., 1 7 inning

U10 W/R at Claremont, 5:30 p.m. (2) U8 R hosts Claremont 5:30 p.m. (2) U8 B at Columbia 6 p.m. (2)

SB U18 hosts Claremont, 6 p.m. (1) T-Ball G at Columbia 5 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry at Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m. Olive Grove Ladies League, 6 p.m. Olive Grove Bridge, Noon

Wednesday, June 26

Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, apricots, whole wheat bread.

U12 R/B hosts. Britton, 5:30 p.m. (2) U10 B/R hosts Britton, 5:30 p .m. (2) SB at Claremont (U8 at 5 p.m. (1), U10 Gld at 6 p.m. (1), U12 at 7 p.m. (1)) Olive Grove Men's League

Youth Golf Lessons at Olive Grove Groton CM&A: Family Fun Night, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 27

Senior Menu: Cheeseburger quinoa cas-Senior Menu: Chicken pasta salad, grape serole, cheesy breadstick, steamed Brussel sprouts, fruit.

> Junior Legion at Bryant, 5:30 p.m. (2) Junior Teeners hosts Aberdeen Smitty's, 5 p.m.

> U12 B/W hosts Aberdeen 12, 5:30 p.m. (2) SB at Britton (U10 Blk at 6 p.m. (2), U12 at 6 p.m. (2))

SB U14 hosts Oakes, 6 p.m. (1) Wage Memorial Library Story Time, 10 a.m.

Friday June 28

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, vanilla pudding with mandarin oranges, whole wheat bread.

Legion hosts Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (2) T-Ball B hosts Claremont, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 29

Junior Legion vs. Platte/Geddes at Britton, 9 a.m. (1)

U10 All - Groton Tourney

SB U10 Gld and Blk at Watertown Tournament

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Moose Golf Outing at Olive Grove 10 a.m.

Junior Legion at Britton, 11 a.m. (1), and vs. Mobridge at Britton 3 p.m. (1)

U12 All - Groton Tourney

United Methodist: Worship at Conde at 8:30 a.m., at Groton at 10:30 a.m., coffee hour at 9:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with commu-

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30

Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.;

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 Groton Senior Citizens meet at the Groton a.m., and at Zion, 11 a.m.

The Life of Tayla Sombke



Tayla Darlene Sombke, beloved infant daughter of Bryce and Amber (Wolken) Sombke passed peacefully in the arms of her loving parents on May 23rd, 2024. Tayla was born on May 23rd, 2024 at 1:23am to Bryce and Amber Sombke at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

In the time we were blessed to have Tayla with us, all she experienced was immeasurable love. She received endless amounts of kisses, hugs, holding hands and being told "I Love You". Tayla was deeply loved and brought immense joy to our hearts. Our family is forever changed and forever grateful to have spent this brief, but incredibly meaningful time with Tayla. Tayla will always remain her parents precious baby girl and Henley's little sister.

Private family services will be 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 28th at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Jeremy Yeadon will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Tayla is survived by her loving parents Bryce & Amber Sombke; sister, Henley Sombke of Conde; her maternal grandparents: Elaine & Fred Wolken of Piedmont; paternal grandparents: Doug & Melenie Sombke of Groton; her aunts and uncles: Bryan & Whitney Sombke, Brett & StephanieSombke, Nicole Kotzer, Alana & David White, Wendy & Jamie Howard, Sheila & Jim Otteson, Christa & Mike Sports; cousins: Maryn, Teagan & Drew Sombke, Braxten & Brooks Sombke, Adeline Kotzer, John & Eleanor White, Neva & Theresa Howard, Justin & Casey Taul, Nicholas Lane.

Tayla is being held in Heaven by her greatgrandparents Gerald & Anna Rix, Richard & Darlene Jones, Fred & Carol Wolken and Dallas & Carol Sombke.

Casketbearers will be Bryan Sombke, Brett Sombke, Mike Baumgarn and Brandon John-

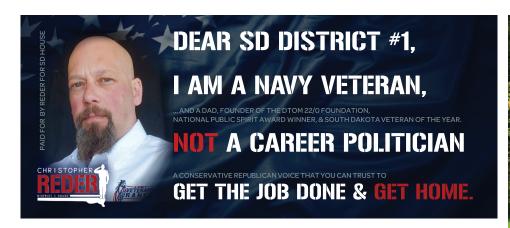
One day we will meet again, a lifetime we will wait. We will know the little angel with outstretched arms at Heaven's beautiful gates.

Tayla, you and your sister Henley are our greatest accomplishments and our truest

Until we meet again, our dearest Tayla, you will forever be loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.







King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Annoyed
- state 6 Suitable
- 9 TV schedule abbr.
- 12 Road reversal
- 13 Cornfield noise
- 14 "- the Walrus'
- 15 Idaho's capital
- 16 Minor complaint
- 18 Vehicle's capacity
- 20 Intends 21 German pro-
- noun 23 "... - quit!"
- 24 Unravels
- 25 Second in
- command 27 Fighting
- 29 "Already?"
- 31 Unparalleled
- 35 Track horse
- 37 Continental currency
- 38 Nepal's neighbor
- 41 D-Day vessel
- 43 -de-France
- 44 Sole
- 45 Litter contain- 5 January, to er
- 47 Without a sound
- 49 Aromas
- 52 Ornate vase
- 53 Bit of physics

- 12 13 15 16 26 29 30 32 33 36 39 42 43 44 45 47 48 49 51 50 52 53 54 56 57 55
- 54 Illuminated 55 "A spider!"
- 56 Summer on the Seine
- 57 Very small

DOWN

- 1 Tavern
- 2 Jurist Lance
- 3 Savory brunch pies
- 4 Celestial bear 24 Summer
- Juana
- 6 Find not guilty 7 Painter
- Cezanne
- 8 Prefix with night or light

- 10 Pleasantly warm
 - 11 Make of (bungle)

9 Leg bone

- 17 "Peter Pan"
- author
- 21 Hosp. hook-
- ups 22 Corp. boss
- cooler
- 26 Spinacheating sailor
- 28 German sausage
- 30 Granola grain
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- 32 Man of La Mancha
- 33 Web address
- 34 Fair hirer, in ads
- 36 Boosler of comedy
- 19 Swiss money 38 Chef's hat
 - 39 Accustom
 - 40 Lose a staring contest
 - 42 Letter-shaped hardware
 - 45 Coagulate
 - 46 "Garfield" dog
 - 48 Cravat
 - 50 Ske-daddle
 - 51 CIA operative



The Groton American Legion Post #39 honor guard performed at the Andover Catholic Cemetery on Memorial Day. (Photo by Debra Lesnar)



Flags for different branches of the U.S. Military surround the American flag during Monday's Groton Memorial Day **Ceremony.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Post 39 Auxiliary members prepared and served lunch after Groton Memorial Day Service. L-R Madeline Grant, Sarah Grant, Coralea, Wolter, Lori Giedt, Deb McKiver, Wendy Cooper, and Berdette Zastrow. (Photo by Karyn Babcock)



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Debra McKiver and Tami Zimney read the honor roll during the Memorial Day Ceremony, held Monday at **Groton Union Cem**etery. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Groton Area Golf Team qualifies for state

Pictured are Carly Guthmiller, Carly Gilbert, Mia Crank, Claire Schuelke and Carlee Johnson. (Courtesy Photo by Joel Guthmiller)

The Groton Area girls golf team qualified for state, placing in the top three in the regional meet held Thursday at the Olive Grove Golf Course in Groton.

Aberdeen Roncalli won the team title with 379 points followed by Madison with 380 and Groton Area with 407. After that it was Milbank with 451 and Sioux Valley with 454.

Carly Guthmiller placed second, just one stroke behind Roncalli's Grace Seyer. Seyer had an 88 and Guthmiller and 89. Carlee Johnson placed 14th with 103, Mia Crank was 16th with a 105, Claire Schuelke was 21st with a 110 and Carly Gilbert was 26th with a 122.









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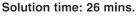
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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING

May 13, 2024 President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. at the Groton Area High School Library Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Gengerke, Lerseth-Fliehs, and Weismantel, Absent: Harder, Pharis, and Rix. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan, Principal Edwards, and Business Manager Hubsch.

Moved by Weismantel, second Lerseth-Fliehs to approve the agenda as amended with consideration of a request from Groton Youth Football for the use of a school bus on May 19 and May 20 to transport students to NSÚ Youth Football Camp. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, no potential conflict disclosure was reported.

Moved by Fliehs, second Lerseth-Fliens to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of April 8, 2024, school board meeting, April 17, 2024, special school board meeting, April 22, 2024 school board meeting, May 7, 2024, special school board meeting, and April 2024

district bills, April 2024 financial report, custodial accounts, and investments, April 2024 school lunch report, April 2024 school transportation report, open enrollment applications #25-01, #25-02, #25-03, #25-04, #25-05, #25-06, #25-07, #25-08 for the 2024-25school year. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Payroll - 296,757.10; Benefits 80,795.06; Advanced Auto - parts, 235.28; Allied Climate Professionals – repairs, 1,636.59; Amazon – supplies, 446.80; Automatic Building Controls - smoke detectors, 132.00; Capitol One - Pops Concert supplies, 47.09; Cole Papers janitor supply/paper, 3,650.34; Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 64,224.52; Darrels . Sinclair – tire repair, 821.76; Decker Equipment - locker parts, 419.79; Dependable Sanitation – garbage, 1,287.00; Full Circle Ag – Oil/Antifreeze, 1,609.40; Geffdog Designs – BBB plaque, 40.00; Groton Area School Food Service-testing snacks, 933.35; Groton Daily Independent - legal publishing, 190.31; Hauff Mid-America – starting rounds, 292.83; Hillyard - janitor supply, 5,528.27; House of Glass – repairs, 824.08; Interstate All Battery – batteries, 407.15; Jeff's District & Drain Maintenance – sewer repairs, 259.00; John Deere Financial - repairs, 340.59; Jones School Supply musić awards, 242.52; Maximum Promotion - banner updates, 253.92; Mid-American Research Chemical – janitor supply, 3,932.25; Northside Implement – repairs, 513.32; Northwestern Energy – utilities,

4,746.55; Sewer Duck - sewer repair, 413.00; Taylor Music repairs/supplies, 263.63. Total General Fund - \$474,243.50.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Custodial Fund – advanced payments. 1,206.20; Hauff Mid-American Sports – track equipment, 1,324.85; Software Unlimited software, 6,450.00; Stan Houston Equipment – bench sander. 649.99; Teacher Innovations planbook additions, 13.50; US Bank - interest expense, 52,492.50.

Total Capital Outlay \$62,137.04.

SPECIAL ED: Net Payroll 44,251.43; Benefits – 13,560.06; Capitol One – preschool supplies, 105.97; Custodial Fund vanced payments, 13,460.70; Parents - mileage, 728.28; Parents – mileage, 489.60. Special Ed - \$72,596.04. Total

FOOD SERVICE: Net Payroll -8,239.22; Benefits – 2,685.95; BIMBO Bakery - food, 519.94; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 3,465.84; East Side Jersey Dairy – milk, 1,499.52; Groton Area School - transfer to fines, 28.35; Performance Foodservice – food, 8,749.52; SD DOE - food, 127.00; US Foods - food, 5,311.35. T Service - \$30,626.69. Total Food

OST: Net Payroll - 2,494.28; Benefits - 650.07; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 905.35. Total OST - \$4,049.70.

DRIVERS ED: Net Payroll -0.00; Benefits – 0.00; Parent refund, 290.00. Total Driver's Ed: \$290.00.

CUSTODIAL FUND: 198,140.09.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 203,190.30; Local Sources, Other -146,745,97; County Sources – 2,464.50; State Sources – 27,094.00; Federal Sources – 7,346.64. Receipts – 386,841.41

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda

Superintendent Schwan reported on information on the General Education Development (GED) testing, ACT testing, NCRC testing, Frontline, Title IX rules, Youth Suicide and Awareness Prevention, ARP ESSER Survey/Safe Return Plans, Year End data submission, summer maintenance team work schedule, and property insurance update.

Principal Schwan reported on DARE Graduation and OST

Business Manager Hubsch reported on integrating a new payment method that will allow online payments for the next school year and informed the board the CNA class had five students pass their written and skills exams to complete their CNA certification.

The board reviewed the Preliminary FY2025 District Budget.

Two bids were considered for the 2024 Elementary roof project, one from ARS for a base bid of \$171,140,00, and another from Hub City Roofing for \$110,000.00. Motion by Weismantel, Second by Fliehs to accept the bid from Hub City Roofing for the Elementary Roof Project. Motion carried.

Motion by Fliehs, second by

Lerseth-Fliehs to approve hiring Brittany Hubbart as HOSA Advisor for the 2024-25 school year at 5% of base salary. Motion carried.

Motion by Weismantel, second by Fliehs to create a HOSA Custodial Account and transfer remaining FBLA funds to the account. Motion carried.

Motion by Weismantel, second hy I erseth- Fliehs to approve establishing the following custodial accounts: Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, Football, Volleyball, and

Music. Motion carried.

Motion by Fliehs, second by Lerseth-Fliehs to cast a ballot for Chris Long as the SDHSAA Board of Directors West River At-Large Representative. Motion carried.

Motion by Fliehs, second by Weismantel, to cast a ballot for Chuck Wilson as the SDHSAA Board of Directors Native American At-Large Representative. Motion carried.

Motion by Weismantel, second by Fliehs to cast YES on the ballot for SDHSAA Constitutional Amendment #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Fliehs, second by Weismantel, approve summer employment agreements of Connect 4Ed Summer School: Special Education Extended School Year (ESY), and Summer Custodial. Motion approved.

President Gengerke called for a recess at 7:58 pm. Gengerke declared the Board out of recess at 8:03pm.

Motion by Weismantel, second by Lerseth-Fliehs to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations at 8:03 pm. Motion carried.

The Board came out of execuve session at 12:02 am.

Motion by Weismantel, second by Lerseth-Fliehs to approve 2024-2025 GASA Negotiated Agreement and issue 2024-2025 auxiliary staff work agreements. Motion carried.

Motion by Fliehs, second by Weismantel to approve resignation from Kyle Gerlach, Assistant Basketball Coach, for the 2024-25 school year pending a suitable

replacement. Motion carried. Motion by Weismantel, second Lerseth Fliehs to approve resignation from Jenna Strom, Assistant Volleyball Coach, for the 2024-25 school year. Mo-

tion carried. Motion by Weismantel, second by Fliehs to approve resignation from Robin Bitz, Special Education Paraprofessional, Motion carried.

Motion by Weismantel, second by Fliehs to approve 2024-2025 Administrative Staff Negotiated Agreement and issue 2024-2025 Administrative Contracts to Joseph Schwan-Superintendent, Brett Schwan-Elementary Principal, Shelby Edwards-Middle/ High School Principal, and Becky Hubsch-Business Manager. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, second Lerseth-Fliehs to adjourn at 12:07 am. Motion carried.

Becky Hubsch, Business Manorah Gengerke, President

The addition of signatures to

this page verifies these minutes as official.

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Apr. 1, 2024	General Fund \$878,188.89	Capital Outlay \$917,714.82	GROTON ARE Special Education \$298,728.41	A SCHOOL DIST Bond Redemption \$64.54	RICT 06-6 FINA Food Service \$180,542.32	NCIAL REPORTS OST \$29,194.79	Driver's Ed \$18,108.33	Custodial \$211,927.84	
Local Sources	\$2,464.50 \$27,094.00	\$83,438.87	\$35,891.42		\$19,223.70	\$6,118.51	\$10,730.00	\$90,195.26	
Federal Sources Sale of Assets Due from Govt Transfer In/Out					\$7,346.64				
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Apr. 30, 2024	\$555,896.97	\$995,758.65	\$275,960.94	\$64.54	\$183,783.99	\$32,115.08	\$28,838.33	\$198,140.09	
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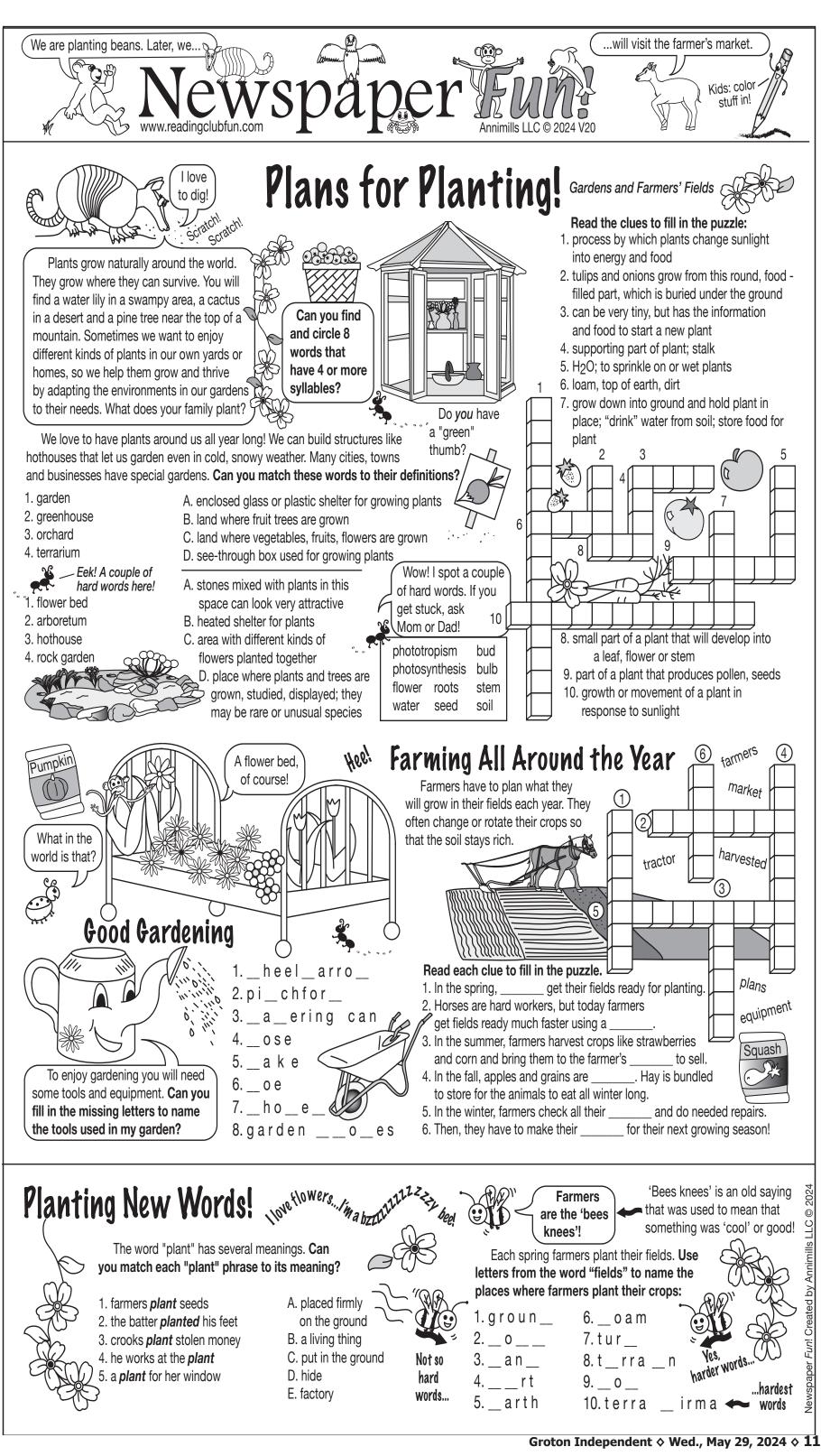
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EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: How feasible is creating orbiting solar plants that can beam energy down to Earth? If it's possible, when can we expect to see such tech implemented? ¬– P.R., via email

In the 1941 short story Reason, science fiction author Isaac Asimov introduces a space station that produces energy by sending microwave beams to the planets. This concept is closer to reality as international space programs and research labs test the technology necessary to bring it to life. Traditional solar technologies convert sunlight into usable energy here on Earth. However, their use is limited to daytime hours and restricted by weather and geography. The idea of an orbiting solar plant bypasses these restrictions, allowing energy harvesting above the clouds.

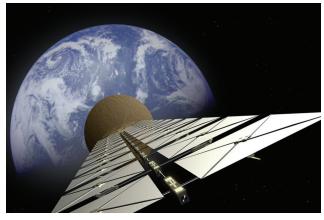
There are different designs, but the principles are similar: A large satellite transforms solar power into electricity using photovoltaic cells made of material that generates voltage and electric current when exposed to light. The power is then beamed down to earth by microwaves (or lasers) to dedicated receiving stations that turn the energy back into electricity to get fed into the local grid.

Entities such as the European Space Agency (ESA), Space Solar (a start-up in the UK), and the California Institute of Technology are investing working on launching this type of project. Besides the obvious benefit of having all sun, all the time, orbiting solar plants have various other benefits. There are no danger-

ous byproducts as there are for other energy production methods: no fly ash from coal or radioactive waste from nuclear power. The entirely renewable—it will not run out in the age of humanity—so it is harmless could help limit the impacts of climate change if adopted on a global scale.

So why don't we already have these powergenerating stations orbiting in space? There are still challenges to overcome. The cost is prohibitive, the structure would need to be about 2,000 metric tons, roughly equivalent to the weight of 286 male African elephants and need to be a mile and a quarter in diameter, with a little over a half-mile-long transmitter. Another challenge is engineering, particularly the parts used for such power-beaming structures. Given the difficulty of reaching the satellites for maintenance and repairs, it is suggested that parts must withstand at least 15 years in space. Additionally, there's a need to improve the efficiency of current wireless power transmission to ensure that all the energy can be collected down to Earth.

There are some significant drawbacks, too. Solar plants orbiting closer to Earth would transmit energy more easily, but light pollution would be difficult for humans and both flora and fauna to cope with. Research also suggests that exposure to artificial light at night



Generating solar power on satellites in space and beaming the power down to earth may not just be the stuff of science fiction only for much longer. Credit: European Space Agency.

can increase health issues in humans, including obesity, depression, diabetes and more.

Whether Asimov's proposal from nearly a century ago will be implemented remains to be seen. The ESA has recently sought ideas to make it more feasible. "The potential of this concept to contribute to long-term sustainable energy is very high," says ESA Engineer Advenit Makaya. For the time being, you can invest in solar power on Earth and keep your eyes on the sky as the technology advances and costs drop.

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"Early intervention"

It has been a few years since my children were babies! Having spent my youth as a babysitter and a career in pediatrics, I was pretty comfortable in





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watching the developmental of babies, toddlers and young children. (Teenagers are another story for another day!!) That isn't always the case for young parents who may not have experience with this age group.

Babies develop in a somewhat predictable fashion. As you think of a newborn, you might think of the poor neck control which changes drastically over the next few weeks to months. Perhaps you think about the cooing, babbling and words that may start in the 8-10 month time frame.

As the parent, grandparent or care provider It is important to know the basic milestones so that you will be aware of a child who may have developmental delays and may need assistance. Early intervention is a system of services that helps babies and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities. Early intervention focuses on helping eligible babies and toddlers learn the basic and brand-new skills that typically develop during the first three years of life, such as:

- physical (reaching, rolling, crawling, and walking);
- cognitive (thinking, learning, solving problems);
- communication (talking, listening, understanding);
 - social/emotional (playing, feeling secure and happy); and
 - self-help (eating, dressing).

The Grants for Infants and Families program (Part C) awards formula grants to the 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Department of the Interior, and Outlying Areas to assist them in implementing statewide systems of coordinated, comprehensive, multidisciplinary, interagency programs and making early intervention services available to children with disabilities, aged birth through two, and their families. Under the program, states are responsible for ensuring that appropriate early intervention services are made available to all eligible birth-through-two-year-olds with disabilities and their families, including Indian children and families who reside on reservations geographically located in the state.

(Center for Disease Control- CDC- Early Intervention website)

To help monitor a child's developmental milestones, the CDC has put out a free development tracker app. The app offers photos and videos to guide you. This is an excellent way to follow your child's progress and intervene if needed. The earlier the intervention, the better for the child.

If you have concerns about your child's development, speak to your primary care provider who will help you with a referral for services.

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