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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 event.

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

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 should be filled with the gratitude that those fallen veterans, and their supporting families and communities, helped enable and shape a better country, one that remains the most innovative country on this planet."

"And we should be optimistic and hopeful for 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)

in the clutter of social media and endless news from wide-ranging perspectives, we can look 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 remember 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 Wegner, give a 21-gun salute during the Groton Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



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Dreams For Sale



That's Life by Tony Bender

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 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.

The auctioneer was optimistic the day we signed the contract. Said it should be a barn-

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 a damn stops once in a while to watch the 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 offensive-minded 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 Mullens 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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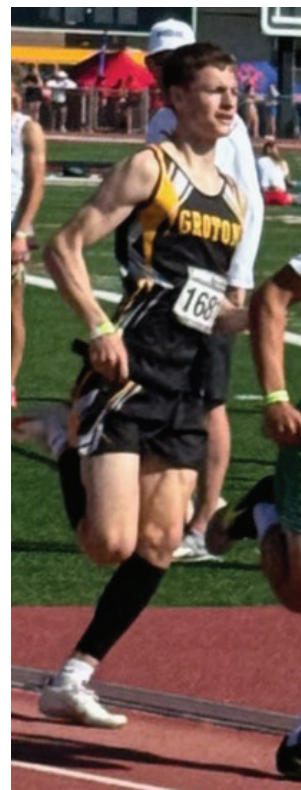
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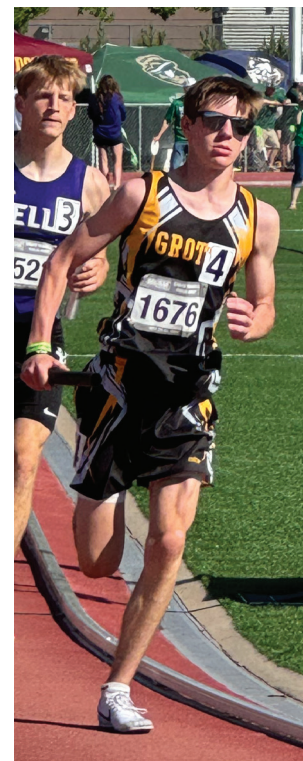
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Groton throwing coach Aaron Helvig poises with third place State Javelin Senior Colby Dunker. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Keegen Tracy running third leg of the Boys Sprint Relay finals. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Blake Pauli runs the anchor leg of the Boys Sprint Medley final. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)

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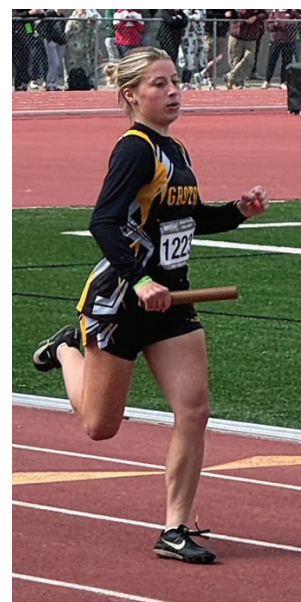


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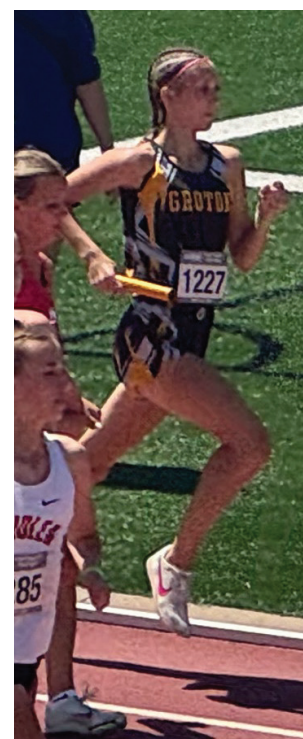
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Kella Tracy hands off to Taryn Traphagen in the 1600m Relay. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Laila Roberts 1600m Relay
(Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)

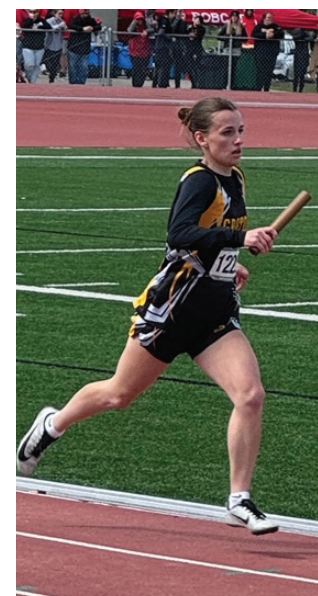


Taryn Traphagen leads off the Girls 3200 meter Relay finals. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)

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, CADENCE	25	25	50
MITCHELL, PAYTON	24	25	49
HOLMES, ASHTON	23	25	48
MOREHOUSE, WESLEY	24	24	48
SCEPANIAC, ISAIHAH	23	25	48
MITCHELL, PAISLEY	23	24	47
KAMPA, JAEGER	23	23	46
SMITH, TREY	24	22	46
POWERS-DINGER, MICHAEL	20	23	43
SPERRY, OWEN	22	21	43
WAMBACH, BRYSON	21	21	42
FLIEHS, FAITH	20	21	41
THOMPSON, TARYN	22	19	41
LEICHT, TUCKER	21	19	40
SPERRY, ASHLYN	19	19	38
KUTTER, IAN	16	19	35
SCEPANIAC, NOAH	21	14	35
STANGE, TYTON	18	17	35
FROST, CHARLIE	19	16	35
HOLMES, SYDNEY	19	15	34
KOTZER, ADELIN	12	17	29
PIGORS, GENTRY	14	15	29
RUDEBUSCH, JACLYN	2	2	4



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.



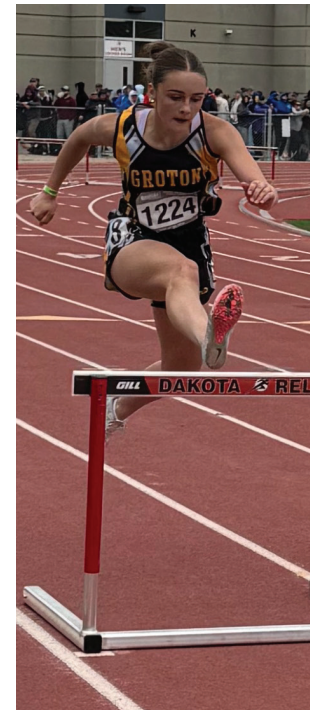
Colby Dunker throwing the Javelin at the State Track meet. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



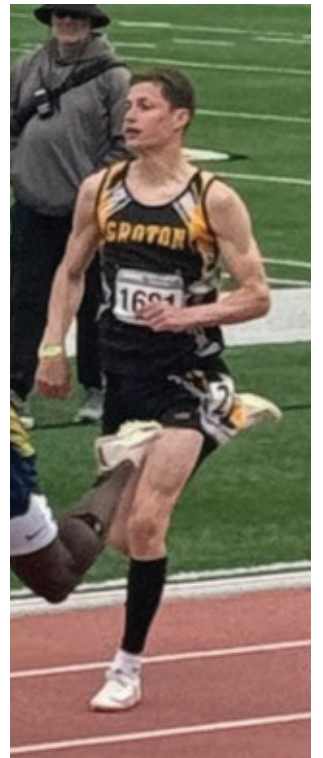
Marty Weismantel presents Groton Area senior Colby Dunker third place in the State Boys Javelin. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Groton Area throwing Coach Aaron Helvig posed 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 Prelims. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Keegen Tracy runs in the State A 100m finals Saturday. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



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

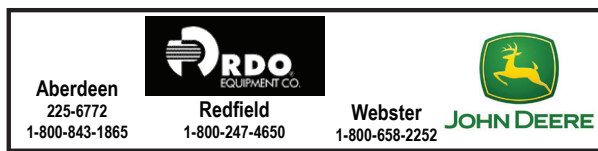


Ashlynn Warrington anchors Girls 3200 Meter Relay at the South Dakota State Track & Field meet. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



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

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Groton June Community Calendar

Saturday, June 1

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 2

Junior Legion at Moberge 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.
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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 Moberge 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 8 p.m.
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.

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 message)

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

Senior Menu: Chicken pasta salad, grape juice, dinner roll, apple crisp, carrots and peas.

Junior Legion at Clark Tournament

Junior Teeners at Aberdeen Smitty's, 5 p.m. (2)

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 Tournay

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.; 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 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 7 p.m. (2))

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

Groton Senior Citizens meet at the Groton 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 game.

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 casserole, 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 Tournay

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.

Sunday, June 30

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

U12 All - Groton Tournay

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 at St. John's, 9 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 & Stephanie Sombke, 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 great-grandparents Gerald & Anna Rix, Richard & Darlene Jones, Fred & Carol Wolken and Dallas & Carol Sombke.

Casketbearers will be Bryan Sombke, Brett Sombke, Mike Baumgarn and Brandon Johnson.

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.


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

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The Groton American Legion Post #39 honor guard performed at the Andover Catholic Cemetery on Memorial Day.
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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 pronoun
- 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 container
- 47 Without a sound
- 49 Aromas
- 52 Ornate vase
- 53 Bit of physics

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- 54 Illuminated
- 55 "A spider!"
- 56 Summer on the Seine
- 57 Very small
- 9 Leg bone
- 10 Pleasantly warm
- 11 Make — of (bungle)
- 17 "Peter Pan" author
- 19 Swiss money
- 21 Hosp. hook-ups
- 22 Corp. boss
- 24 Summer cooler
- 26 Spinach-eating sailor
- 28 German sausage
- 30 Granola grain
- 32 Man of La Mancha
- 33 Web address
- 34 Fair hirer, in ads
- 36 Boosler of comedy
- 38 Chef's hat
- 39 Accustom
- 40 Lose a starting contest
- 42 Letter-shaped hardware
- 45 Coagulate
- 46 "Garfield" dog
- 48 Cravat
- 50 Ske-daddle
- 51 CIA operative

DOWN

- 1 Tavern
- 2 Jurist Lance
- 3 Savory brunch pies
- 4 Celestial bear
- 5 January, to Juana
- 6 Find not guilty
- 7 Painter
- 8 Prefix with night or light

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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 Cemetery. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

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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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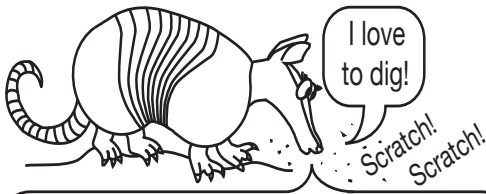
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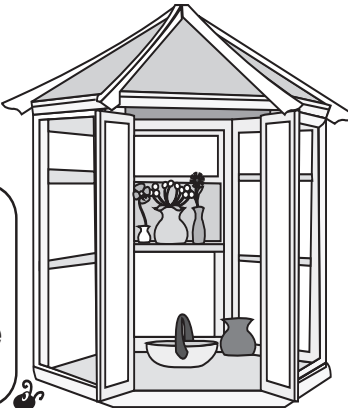
Plans for Planting!

Gardens and Farmers' Fields



Plants grow naturally around the world. They grow where they can survive. You will find a water lily in a swampy area, a cactus in a desert and a pine tree near the top of a mountain. Sometimes we want to enjoy different kinds of plants in our own yards or homes, so we help them grow and thrive by adapting the environments in our gardens to their needs. What does your family plant?

Can you find and circle 8 words that have 4 or more syllables?



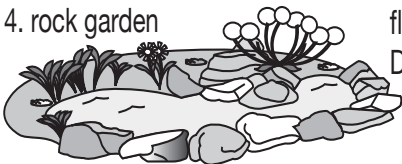
Do you have a "green" thumb?

We love to have plants around us all year long! We can build structures like hothouses that let us garden even in cold, snowy weather. Many cities, towns and businesses have special gardens. **Can you match these words to their definitions?**

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| 1. garden | A. enclosed glass or plastic shelter for growing plants |
| 2. greenhouse | B. land where fruit trees are grown |
| 3. orchard | C. land where vegetables, fruits, flowers are grown |
| 4. terrarium | D. see-through box used for growing plants |

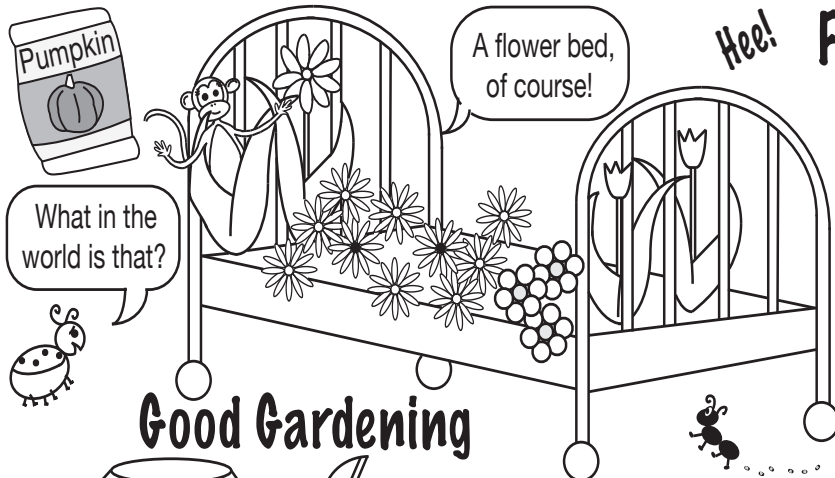
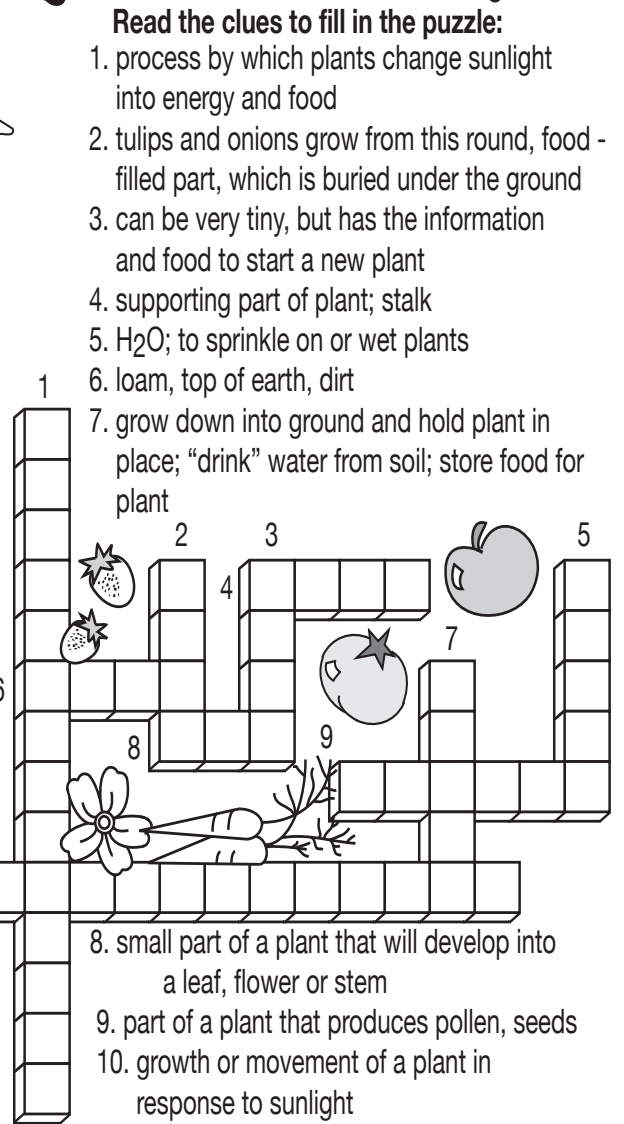
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| 1. flower bed | A. stones mixed with plants in this space can look very attractive |
| 2. arboretum | B. heated shelter for plants |
| 3. hothouse | C. area with different kinds of flowers planted together |
| 4. rock garden | D. place where plants and trees are grown, studied, displayed; they may be rare or unusual species |



Wow! I spot a couple of hard words. If you get stuck, ask Mom or Dad!

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| photosynthesis | bulb |
| flower | roots |
| water | seed |
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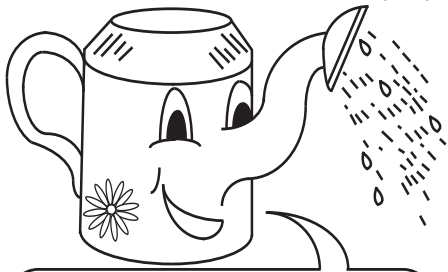


What in the world is that?

A flower bed, of course!

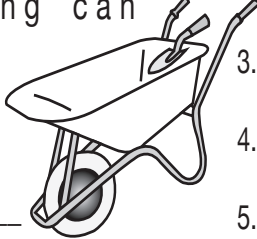
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Good Gardening



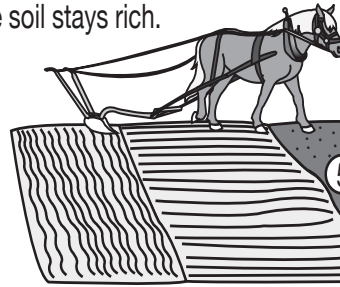
To enjoy gardening you will need some tools and equipment. **Can you fill in the missing letters to name the tools used in my garden?**

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2. pi _ chfor _
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8. garden _ _ o _ es



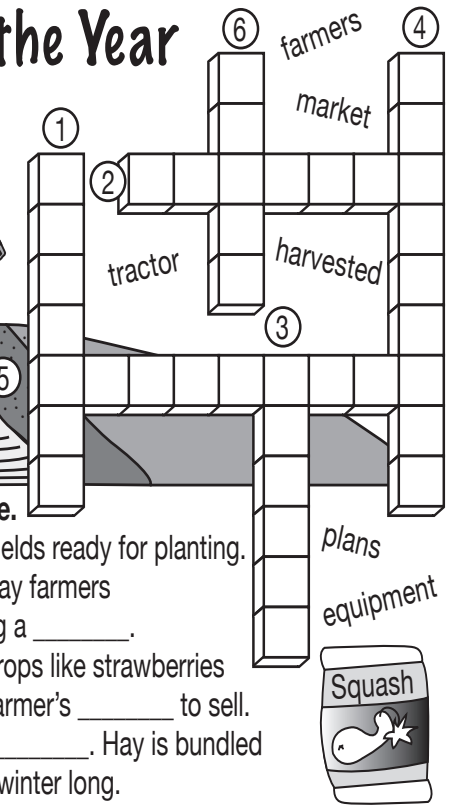
Farming All Around the Year

Farmers have to plan what they will grow in their fields each year. They often change or rotate their crops so that the soil stays rich.



Read each clue to fill in the puzzle.

1. In the spring, _____ get their fields ready for planting.
2. Horses are hard workers, but today farmers get fields ready much faster using a _____.
3. In the summer, farmers harvest crops like strawberries and corn and bring them to the farmer's _____ to sell.
4. In the fall, apples and grains are _____. Hay is bundled to store for the animals to eat all winter long.
5. In the winter, farmers check all their _____ and do needed repairs.
6. Then, they have to make their _____ for their next growing season!



Planting New Words!

I love flowers...I'm a bzzzzzzzzzzz bee!



Farmers are the 'bees knees'!

'Bees knees' is an old saying that was used to mean that something was 'cool' or good!

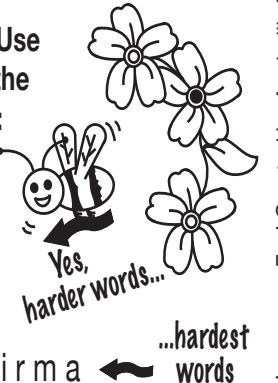
The word "plant" has several meanings. Can you match each "plant" phrase to its meaning?

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. farmers plant seeds | A. placed firmly on the ground |
| 2. the batter planted his feet | B. a living thing |
| 3. crooks plant stolen money | C. put in the ground |
| 4. he works at the plant | D. hide |
| 5. a plant for her window | E. factory |

Not so hard words...

Each spring farmers plant their fields. Use letters from the word "fields" to name the places where farmers plant their crops:

- | | |
|------------|--------------------|
| 1. groun _ | 6. _ o a m |
| 2. _ o _ _ | 7. tur _ _ |
| 3. _ a n _ | 8. t _ r r a _ n |
| 4. _ _ rt | 9. _ o _ _ |
| 5. _ arth | 10. terra _ _ irma |



Yes, harder words...

...hardest words

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.

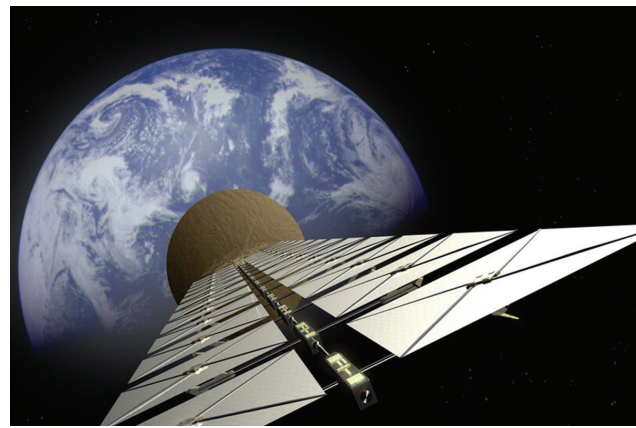
There are different designs, but the principles are similar: A large satellite transforms solar power into electricity using photovoltaic cells made of material that generates voltage and electric current when exposed to light. The power is then beamed down to earth by microwaves (or lasers) to dedicated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



Based on Science, Built on Trust



Joanie Holm, RN, CNP

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 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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