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Groton Area offers CNA class

Brittany Hubbard, Groton Area School's Science/Health Science teacher, has been teaching a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class in Groton Area High School. This is the first time such a class has been offered including the option for the students to take the test that would qualify them for work in various health care facilities. All five students taking the class for certification passed and now are qualified to work in nursing homes or similar care facilities.

Two seniors, Shaela McGannon and Camryn Kurtz, and three juniors, Ashley Johnson, Karlie McKane, and Kayleigh McGannon, are the five students that are now certified. There were thirteen students enrolled in the CNA class this semester including those in both the certification and non-certification routes.

The cost for taking the class for certification includes sixteen hours of working in a

nursing home plus a tuition fee of \$450. "For many students, there are options to have the cost of the certification coursework and test covered," Hubbard explained.

"Right now we work with Sun Dial in Bristol, and to a lesser degree, Avantara in Groton," she explained. "Any student enrolling in this course can do so free of charge. The added cost is only for those who take the test to become certified CNA's."

"This is the first time that a CNA class has been taught in Groton," Hubbard added. "All of the information that is taught is good for anyone to know, and the skills that have been learned will be useful their entire lives."

The CNA class in Groton is a one semester class. "We study medical terminology, work on the mannequins, and get to do some procedures on the cadaver," she listed. "We already offer Gateway to CNA, Medical Terminology, and Introduction to Sports Medicine. Next year we plan to add the following health care classes: Introduction to Sports Medicine II and Health Care Career Exploration."

"The students especially like the advantages of learning all of these complicated terms," Hubbard smiled. "Once you learn the meaning of parts of a word, you can apply that knowledge to other words which are similar in spelling."

"Being certified as a CNA makes these students more marketable in the future," she said. "There are very few other high schools in South Dakota who offer programs similar to this one in Groton."

"One of the important advantages of having Toni, a synthetic human, in school is for the students to learn the location and identification of body parts by working on the cadaver," Hubbard stated. "It gives our students real world experience while still in high school."

"Groton is also the only South Dakota school that has Toni, the SynDaver," she said. "Right now Toni is in Florida for refurbishing, an annual necessity for cleaning and repairing. Having Toni available in the classroom for the students to work with is a huge benefit for those going into nursing."

- Dorene Nelson



First semester Gateway to CNA students: R to L: Shaela McGannon, Kayleigh McGannon, Karlie McKane, Emma Kutter, Ashley Johnson, Kate Profeta. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)



Four of the five students who passed the CNA exam: R to L: Camryn Kurtz, Karlie McKane, Shaela McGannon, Kayleigh McGannon (missing Ashley Johnson). (Photo by Dorene Nelson)



Ashley Johnson taking the mannequins blood pressure. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)



Kayleigh McGannon taking Shaela McGannon's blood pressure. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)

Groton school board discusses school hires, coaching agreements, more

A handful of hires and a new elementary science curriculum led topics of discussion at Monday's Groton Area School District Board meeting.

The board approved two resignations and more than three new hires, though one of those hires is a familiar face in the district.

The board approved hiring Mary Johnson as middle school reading and social studies teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Johnson served in that position at the district before, leaving in 2018.

Other hires include Jennifer Kunze and Aleshia Ambricht as special education paraprofessionals at \$15.33 per hour.

The board also hired summer OST staff, including Leah Jones, Mckenna Tietz, Emma Davies, Drake Peterson and Gavin Englund at the

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No More Nickels

Grandma made dandelion wine. I was no more than seven when I first tasted it. And I have searched in the years since to recapture that bitter-sweet taste. I was immortal then and so was Grandma. She could always make more, I might have thought—if my unformed jellied brain had not been enthralled with living.

Much of what Grandma was came from her mother. I knew her as Grandma Joachim. I would visit my great-grandmother almost daily when the school day was done. She made "Russian Tea" from the chamomile that grew around the tiny trailer house that was her home. She made cookies for me while I paged through picture books filled with somber faces I would never know. Yet their blood runs through my veins.

The highlight of the visit was the nickel that she would pull from her coin purse.

I was a mercenary visitor.

When Grandma Joachim died, it was her daughter who took my hand and led me to the casket. As Grandma Bender and I looked down at the shell of what had been, she squeezed my hand. "No more nickels," she said.

My memories of Grandma Bender are much more vivid. We had more time together. I spent summers there and would have grown fat on the rich German delicacies had Grandpa and Grandma not seen to it that I develop my skills as a bale hauler.

Nobody worked harder than Grandma.

One day, out in the field, we came upon a very young rabbit—its mother was dead. Grandma picked it up, and when I realized she meant to dispatch it, I pleaded for its life. I lost the case and the bunny lost its life. She thought it better to end its life with a quick twist of the neck than have it starve or become a meal for a fox.

But Grandma was far from heartless. If you were quick, you could catch her eyes smiling. She could spot a drinker a mile away, and when Grandpa walked in the door after a social visit at George's Bar, she would chew him out for



That's Life

by Tony Bender

having "chicken eyes." She ended every argument with Grandpa with a simple statement: "Ach Benny, you're so dumb."

Theirs was not a romantic partnership. Grandpa tells me that when he asked her to marry him, all she did was shrug her shoulders as if to say, "Well, I'm not doing anything else for the rest of my life." With a simple shrug of the shoulders, my father came into existence as did I some years later.

At Christmas, she would get modern kitchen conveniences from her thoughtful children and grandchildren. But at the end of the day the new mixers and toaster ovens would be stowed in the attic with last year's loot. "She was saving it for nice," she told us. We still quote her today.

Today when any Bender gets a gift you can see a glint come to his eye and a grin to his face. "I'm gonna save it for nice," is the punch line that always gets a laugh.

A beautiful crocheted doily lies on my old oak table. Grandma made one for all of us grandkids, I've had it for years, but only lately could I bring myself to put it on display. I guess I was saving it for nice. Grandma left us dozens of crocheted masterpieces. And for two years after her death we dined on her famous kuchen and homemade noodles. The freezer was one of the only modern appliances she ever used.

Her whole life was a service to those she loved and when a stroke took the use of her hands she felt useless. "I wish I could die," she told me. "Well Grandma, I can't say I would wish otherwise if I were you," I replied. "Besides, as stubborn as you are, you'll probably get your way."

She cried.

"But I'm stubborn too, Grandma," I amended.

There was no merciful hand to ease her suffering as she had ended the life of a small rabbit all those years ago. A few months later when Grandma got her wish, no one held my hand as I took my last look. But as we waited for the minister to begin the service, Mom leaned over and whispered in my ear.

"No more nickels," she said.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

It's official, Justin Jefferson is going to be a Minnesota Viking for many more years! Even though I knew the news was coming, it was still stressful waiting for the official announcement. And finally, after nearly a year of speculation, the Vikings announced they had signed Justin Jefferson to a four-year, \$140 million extension that will keep him in Minnesota through the 2028 season. The contract also makes Jefferson the highest-paid non-quarterback in the NFL, and he's worth every penny.

The other exciting news coming out of Minnesota was the announcement of new alternate jerseys the team will debut this season. Called the "Winter Warrior" jerseys, they feature an all-white look, including a white helmet which will mark the first time in team history they will have worn a helmet that isn't purple. The team announced they will wear the alternate jerseys for the week 15 matchup against the Chicago Bears, and you can see the jerseys for yourself on the Vikings' website.

Let's get into the roster breakdown, which will focus on the wide receiver position. (Did the Vikings wait to announce the Justin Jefferson signing until last week so that it would coincide with our roster breakdown getting to the WR position? I guess we'll never know)

Justin Jefferson – The best WR in the NFL, Jefferson is the focal point of the Vikings' offense. While some speculate that his production will slip this season because Kirk Cousins is no longer on the roster, it's worth noting that he still managed to put up over 1,000 yards in only nine games last season, with four different QBs throwing him the ball.

Jordan Addison – The 2021 Biletnikoff Award winner, given to the best WR in college football, was outstanding as a rookie. Despite missing his starting QB and being forced into the team's WR1 spot for most of the season, Addison still managed to catch 70 passes for 911 yards and 10 touchdowns. With Jefferson back, the QB position somewhat settled, and a year of professional play under his belt, Addison should continue his ascension.

This is where it gets tricky. After the top two, the Vikings don't have a clear-cut WR3 right now. And with T.J. Hockenson possibly missing part of the season as he recovers from injury, the Vikings will need someone to step up and fill the void.

Brandon Powell – Just looking at last year's numbers, Powell will be in the conversation for the WR3 spot. He was fourth on the team with 324 receiving yards in 2023, and with K.J. Osborn gone, that moves him up a spot.

Jalen Nailor – Taken in the 2022 draft, Nailor is a player the coaching staff hopes has a breakout year and becomes a reliable third or fourth option for the team.

Trishton Jackson – Mostly relegated to special teams last season, Jackson will have an outside chance of becoming the team's WR3 or WR4.

Trent Sherfield – Since entering the league in 2018, Sherfield has bounced around the league and is on his fifth team. Sherfield is a very good special teams player, and will likely make the roster because of his abilities there.

If I had to guess, I'd say the six receivers listed above have the best shot of making the final 53-man roster. However, there are currently six other receivers on the Vikings' roster right now. Devron Harper, Lucky Jackson, Ty James, Jashaun Jones, Malik Knowles, and Thayer Thomas still have time to impress the coaching staff enough to get some playing time in 2024. However, I wouldn't be surprised if the Vikings decide to bring in a free-agent WR to compete for the WR3 spot.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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**JUNE 4, 2024 - GENERAL MEETING**

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 Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PROCLAMATION FOR MEN'S HEALTH WEEK: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #30-24 OFFICIAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK PROCLAMATION BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS: Men's Health Month is part of an ongoing international effort to educate men, boys, and their families about receiving regular disease prevention screenings and living healthier lifestyles; and

WHEREAS: Nationwide, life expectancy for men averages five years fewer than that of women, with men experiencing higher rates of health problems such as diabetes, obesity, cancer, heart disease, and premature mortality; and,

WHEREAS: The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on men's health in the United States, dropping men's life expectancy by two years; and,

WHEREAS: Men's Health Month is a time for the public to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys while encouraging fathers to be role models for their children through preventive health screenings, healthy living and seeking needed help; and

WHEREAS: The growing epidemic of suicide and substance abuse requires special effort to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression and mental stress in boys and men; and

WHEREAS: The centerpiece of Men's Health Month is National Men's Health Week, a special awareness period passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton on May 31, 1994.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission of Brown County, South Dakota declares the

Week of June 10th through 16th, 2024

to be

"MEN'S HEALTH WEEK"

DONE AT THE BROWN COUNTY COURTHOUSE THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024

Seconded by Commissioner Dennert. Roll call vote: Commissioners Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye and Wiese-aye. Resolution adopted.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the May 28, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims/payroll: **CLAIMS:** Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$578.01. Professional Fees: Aberdeen ED \$5,046.22; Aberdeen Family YMCA \$204,450.96; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$2,894.23; Brick's TV and Appliance \$2,077.50; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$310.00; Helms & Associates \$5,104.09; Houston Engineering, Inc \$9,780.03; IMEG Corp \$2,505.15; Jeremy Lund-Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$19.05; Lewis & Clark BHS \$426.00; Mark Katterhagen \$24.00; Motorola Solutions, Inc \$8,750.00; Valerie Larson \$24.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$150.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$301.50; Youngberg Law, Prof. LLC \$448.50. Publishing: Friends of SDPB-Underwriting \$2,000.00; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$949.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Custom Installation Solutions \$120.00; Dakota Supply Group \$109.10; Double D Body Shop \$895.48; Fire Safety First LLC \$755.00; Graham Tire Inc \$333.50; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$1,114.13; House of Glass \$490.27; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$425.63; Lawson Products, Inc \$31.74; Sewer Duck, Inc \$1,125.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$111.08. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$77.34;

Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$719.92; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Century Business Products \$267.59; Cole Paper Inc \$807.37; Crescent Electric Supply Co \$906.51; Farm Power Mfg. \$27.56; Fastenal Company \$686.79; FedEx \$56.79; Fire Safety First LLC \$736.40; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$2.89; Geffdog Designs \$15.00; GovConnection Inc. \$719.75; Government Forms & Supplies \$123.54; Great Western Tire \$9,780.60; Integrated Weed Control Inc \$2,000.00; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$59,643.85; Lawson Products, Inc \$376.03; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$92.66; McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions \$624.77; Menards \$172.89; Midwest Pump & Tank \$168.64; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC \$1,046.10; Steven Lust Automotive \$44.95; Van Diest Supply Company \$9,638.07; Vinyl FX, LLC \$1,285.00; Webster Scale \$2,202.00. Travel & Conference: Dave Lunzman \$512.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$184.63; CenturyLink \$270.53; CenturyLink-Lumen \$201.40; Midcontinent Communications \$327.44; Northwestern Energy \$3,946.76. Machinery & Equipment: SpraySync \$12,865.00.

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$4,376.30; Auditor \$9,850.83; Treasurer \$17,265.65; SA \$36,909.77; Maintenance \$11,875.07; Assessor \$15,380.00; Register of Deeds \$10,406.84; VSO \$4,491.55; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,172.67; HR \$4,960.63; Sheriff \$51,309.51; Jail \$66,791.35; Coroner \$1,229.12; Court Security \$9,110.39; JDC \$32,326.29; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$13,364.78; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,976.32; Fair Board \$5,272.33; 4-H \$986.80; Weed \$5,166.97; Planning & Zoning \$7,703.94; Highway \$55,664.38; Dispatch \$31,937.24; Emergency \$5,186.66; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,999.85; Landfill \$18,689.23; FICA \$27,863.83; Medicare \$6,516.51; Health Insurance-Wellmark BCBS \$128,022.83; Dental Insurance-Delta \$8,539.92; Life Insurance-Dearborn \$1,089.70; Retirement-SDRS \$85,214.89. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- Retraction of Resignation of Adelaide Mouna, Brown County State's Attorney Victim's Witness Specialist; FT - effective May 31, 2024.

- Resignation of Mark Anderson, Brown County Deputy State's Attorney; FT - effective June 1, 2024. Request to fill.

- Re-hire of Kendall Titze as Brown County Highway Seasonal, FT; starting wage \$21.29/hr. - effective June 3, 2024.

- Hiring of Timothy Borg as Brown County Highway Seasonal, FT; starting wage \$17.00/hr. - effective June 3, 2024.

- Hiring of Brett Provins as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$21.29/hr. - effective June 3, 2024.

- Promotion of Ross Aldentaler from Brown County Senior Deputy State's Attorney to Brown County Chief Deputy State's Attorney-Civil; wage \$3,679.76/pay period - effective June 9, 2024.

- Promotion of Jennifer Stoddard from Brown County Senior Deputy State's Attorney to Brown County Chief Deputy State's Attorney-Criminal; wage \$3,679.76/pay period - effective June 9, 2024.

- Promotion of Karla Nelson from Brown County Deputy State's Attorney to Brown County Senior Deputy State's Attorney; wage \$3,317.50/pay period - effective June 9, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRANSFER VEHICLE: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to transfer the 2007 Ford Explorer from DOE to IT. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Kristin Boeshans, Dacotah Prairie Museum to attend SD 2024 Civics & History Summit on June 3-4, 2024 in Sioux Falls, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following Lease Agreements: 3M for lease of the Club House on September 14, 2024 for 50th Anniversary Event; Jerry & Kathy Bjerke for lease of the Club House on September 20, 2025 for a wedding. All mem-

bers present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application submitted by Dacotah Prairie Museum Foundation, Inc. for a lottery to be held on June 8, 2024 at the Odde Ice Center to raise funds for Museum Camps, Programs and Exhibits. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal 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 Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:13 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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**JUNE 7, 2024 - CANVASS OF JUNE 4, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION**

Brown County Commissioners Chairman Duane Sutton, Mike Gage, and Drew Dennert convened for the purpose of canvassing the June 4, 2024 Primary Election, as authorized by SDCL 12-20-36 at 10:00 a.m. on June 7, 2024 in the Commission's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Vice-Chairman Doug Fjeldheim and Commissioner Mike Wiese were absent. American Pledge was led by Commissioner Sutton.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the Official Canvass, as follows:

Democratic Presidential Candidate

Mariann Williamson105
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.524
Dean Phillips111

Armando Perez-Serrato 38

State Senator-District 03
Katherine (Katie) Washnok.....1,201
Carl Perry1,313

State Senator-District 23
Steven Ray Roseland 78
Mark Lapka106

State Representative-District 01
Logan Manhart655
Tamara St. John349
Christopher Reder576

State Representative-District 23
Spencer Gosch115
Scott Moore121
James D. Wangness 64

County Commissioner At Large
Duane Sutton2,134
Tyler Dinger2,335
Michael W. Carlsen1,589

Precinct Committeewoman - Precinct 02
Carol Schaunaman100
Jaclynn Marie Donne 15

Note: There were 5 provisional ballots and 4 of the 5 are included in these totals.
POST-ELECTION DRAW: Commissioner Dennert drew VC-4 - Columbia, which only had 70 ballots cast, so drew a second one which is VC-7 - Stratford. Auditor Heupel shared the State-wide race will be the Democratic Presidential Race. Commissioner Dennert drew District 23 for the Local race which was no votes cast, so redrew and picked District 1 - State Representative Race. The Post Election Audit will be on Monday, June 24, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Canvass Meeting for the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**ORDINANCE NO. 776 An Ordinance entitled "Amending Rates for Groton Municipal Utility Customers" to be effective July 1, 2024.**

Be it ordained by the City of Groton, South Dakota that Ordinance No. 8-1-4 be amended to read as follows:

8-1-4 Rates.

Rates for the use of utilities furnished by the City shall be established by Ordinance by the Groton City Council.

Section 5. Sewer Rates:

Sewer fees will be based on the average water usage during November, December, January, February, March, and April. This charge will be discontinued only if the water line has been capped.

Minimum Bill (Connection Charge): \$20.00/month plus

Usage Charge: \$5.00/month per 1,000 gallons

Passed First Reading: 5/21/2024

Passed Second Reading: 6/4/2024

Published: 6/11/2024

Effective: 7/1/2024

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

ATTEST:
Douglas J. Heinrich, Finance Officer

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**City of Columbia Council Meeting - June 5, 2024**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Jeremy Dosch, Emily Eichler, Scott Meints
Community: Cheryl Kampa

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cara Dennert pointed out that there were a couple corrections to the posted agenda. The voucher amount to Menards was supposed to be 227.34 and two bills came in after posting - Stockwell Engineering for 3125.00 and Public Health Laboratory for 168.00. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were handed out from the May 1st meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: : JVT - fire prevention - 201.91; Web Water - fire prevention - 50.64; Northwestern Energy - electricity - 1658.23; Double D Lot Services - 4492.00; Jeremy Dosch- May wages -419.99; Cara Dennert - May wages- 1235.25; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz - legal fees -1213.45 - Runnings - shop supplies - 113.55; Menards - shop supplies - 209.77-227.34; GDI - publication -46.08; Dacotah Bank - shop supplies - 67.84; USPS - 340.00 - 5 rolls of postage stamps; Double D Lot Services - 5907.00; Stockwell Engineering-3125.00 - wastewater facility plan; Public Health Lab. - sample analysis - 168.00

Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the vouchers as corrected. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORESPONDENCE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The council is asking for another grant application from the Columbia Foundation for the security system cameras to be used in the new parks. Corey reviewed the information regarding the trade/purchase of the John Deere mower/maintenance vehicle. The cost for the city will be \$5249.12 Emily Eichler made a motion to make the deal. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Nuisances - There are a couple problem residences in town that need to be addressed. There is also a lot of tall weeds

that need to be taken care of.

Streets - Corey has repaired some of the potholes on the streets using his own equipment. He read the proposed vacation of the alleyway between James Street and Broadway Street, running north and south from 2nd Avenue NW to 3rd Avenue NW. The council had a first reading of an alleyway vacation on the lot belonging to the Fire Department and the Columbia Congregational Church. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to go ahead with the vacation. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried. Scott brought a bid from Newman for replacing various signs around town that were missing. After discussion, the council decided to go ahead with the order.
Parks - nothing further
Lagoon/sewer - nothing
Rubble Site - The city needs to get a track hoe in to stack the site properly before a burn.

NEW BUSINESS - Jeremy Dosch took his oath of office as a councilman. Cheryl Kampa was present representing the Columbia Social Opportunities Group. She discussed the upcoming Columbia Fest. The parade route has been changed to start on the south end of town. There will be a car show, kid's games & inflatables, food trucks, Fire Dept. foam shooter, talent show, all school reunion and concert by Bad Dawg. The county is on the schedule to spray for mosquitos in town tomorrow. Cara is checking into the State's Mosquito Grant.

FINANCIAL REPORT -Cara presented bank balances. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

May 31, 2024 balances: SF - \$70,668.61; SF Money Market - \$151,074.87;

GF - \$169,756.40; GF Money Market - \$50,691.64; CD Money Market - \$32,348.98;

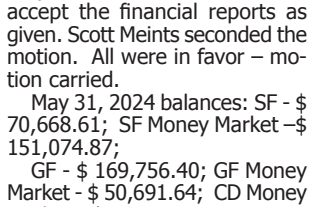
FIT - \$15,141.67; Cash on hand - \$0

Next City Council Meeting - June 19, 2024 7:00 p.m. (2nd reading for alleyway vacation)

Next Regular City Council Meeting - July 10, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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**1 - ORIGINAL PETITION FOR VACATION**

TO THE HONORABLE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, BROWN COUNTY, SD:

That the petitioners herein respectfully represent that they are the electors residing in the organized Incorporated City of Columbia, Brown County, State of South Dakota; and as residence and electors of said City, they feel that the public convenience and necessity will be better served by Vacating the alley right-of-way area described as being located, to-wit:

The alleyway between James Street and Broadway Street, on plat #33, "Peck's Addition to Columbia, Brown County, Dakota" with Lots 201-232, that were filed on July 21, 1883, running north and south from 2nd Avenue NW to 3rd Avenue NW.

That said public alleyway being approximately 16 feet wide and 375 feet in length.

This previously platted alleyway is not developed or improved as a usable alleyway, so it would be in the best interest of the public that this alleyway be vacated.

Whereas, said petitioners request the council of the City of Columbia to vote on this proposal at the next regular meeting and petitioners herein state that the public convenience or necessity will be better served by this proposed Vacation. This petition is submitted pursuant to SDCL 31-3-6.

The owners of lot parcels are parallel and adjacent to which this alleyway passes are:

NAME, ADDRESS, DATE
Congregational Christian Church 301 N Broadway; Columbia, SD 57433, 05/20/24
Civic School Auditorium Assc. General Delivery; Columbia, SD 57433, 05/20/24

Columbia Area Rural Fire 39620 124th Street; Columbia, SD 57433, 05/20/24

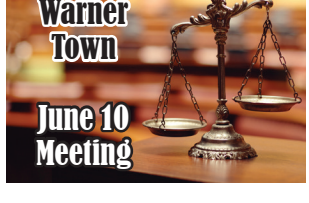
Wherefore, the petitioners pray that the council of the City of Columbia, by Resolution, determine that the public interest will be better served by the Vacation of this alleyway area and makes its Order Vacating the same.

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**TOWN OF WARNER MINUTES FOR MONDAY, JUNE 10th, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Evans, Gaylon Townsend, Stewart Nelson, Nichol Townsend, Dave Fair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Townsend to approve the minutes from May 8th, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: MSC: Townsend/Evans. Checking: Town \$436,373.93; Water \$919,655.01; Sewer \$181,923.26. CDs: Town \$32,529.82; Water \$49,533.78; Sewer \$28,029.36.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: MSC: Fair/Evans.

AGTEGRA (fuel) \$252.30, **Office Max (supplies)** \$67.37, **Warner Post Office (lab test postage)** \$9.5, **USDA (water & sewer loans)** \$2083, **WEB Water (city water)** \$6059.68, **Badger Meter (meter reads)** \$11.04, **Country Concrete (repairs)** \$7255, **Dakota Supply Group (supplies)** \$478.34, **Dependable Sanitation (garbage service)** \$2652, **3E (maintenance)** \$1204.53, **Groton Independent (advertising)** \$25.94, **Hofer's Repair (supplies & GEHL rent)** \$3011.03, **House of Glass (supplies & repairs)** \$3997.57, **Hase Plumbing, Heating & Air (repairs)** \$130, **J. Gross Equipment (supplies/parts)** \$189.90, **Lyle Signs (supplies)** \$316.29, **Lynn Aman (janitorial)** \$75, **MACS (supplies)** \$97.89, **Menards (supplies)** \$70.96, **Midcontinent (phone & internet)** \$281.75, **Northwestern Energy (electricity)** \$1835.91, **Runnings (supplies)** \$272.64, **Sewer Duck (maintenance)** \$152, **US Treasury** \$10.21, **USA Blue Book (supplies)** \$145.50, **SD DANR (water fees)** \$230, **SD Dept of Rev (Sales Tax)** \$207.51, **Town of Warner (Water/Sewer)** \$439.27, **SD Retirement Fund** \$524.04, **Payroll Taxes** \$1231.33, **PAYROLL:** Stewart Nelson \$3479.84, Barb Breidenbach \$38.79, Terry Evans \$454.37, Dave Fair \$62.79, Linda Johansen \$187.47, Gaylon Townsend \$53.56, Nichol Townsend \$724.67, Paul T. Vetch \$38.79.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shop Repairs will begin as soon as possible.

West Nile Virus Grant Application has been completed and submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

The purchase of a new street sweeper was discussed and approved. MSC: Fair/Townsend

Street repairs were discussed.

Patching will begin as soon as possible. Chip sealing will be done on Northrop Lane, 1st Avenue NE and part of the SW section of town.

Surface Water Discharge Permit was reviewed.

SDPAA Insurance Policy was reviewed and updated. To be submitted by June 18th.

Delinquencies: 6 were noted and notices will be posted on doors. Two are already shut off.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: July 10th, 2024 at 7 PM at the Warner Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Dave Fair, Chairman; Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer

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June 4, 2024
 The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Babcock, Wambach, Wells, Nehls, and Councilman Bahr presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Kellie Locke, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, Todd Gay, Paul Kosel, Robert Kadoun and Don Kadoun.

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

Discussion took place regarding the removal of the barn at 5 E. Railroad Ave with Robert Kadoun and Don Kadoun.

Robert Kadoun and Don Kadoun exited the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding sidewalk replacement at City Hall.

Department reports were reviewed and discussed.

Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr and Todd Gay exited the meeting.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 776 – Sewer Rates was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Wambach. All members present voted aye.

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

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

Payroll, \$11,088.66, Employee salaries; Executive, \$559.27; Public Safety, \$10,529.39; City of Groton, \$45.00, Youth pool pass refund applied to utility bill; Aaron Severson, \$2,400.00, Jr. Legion 2024 Umpire Pay - 15 Home Games @ \$160/game; Amanda Zimmerman, \$640.00, U10 Blue 2024 Umpire Pay - 8 Games @ \$80/game; Chad Locken, \$800.00, U10 White 2024 Umpire Pay - 10 Games @ \$80/game; April Abeln, \$960.00, U12 White 2024 Umpire Pay - 12 Games @ \$80/game; Matt Locke, \$480.00, U12 Red 2024 Umpire Pay - 6 Games @ \$80/game; Spencer Locke, \$2,720.00, Jr. Teener 2024 Umpire Pay - 17 games @ \$160/game; Seth Erickson, \$1,760.00, Legion 2024 Umpire Pay - 11 games @ \$160/game; Dacotah Bank, \$3,595.28, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; AFLAC, \$314.98, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$13,438.95, Employee insurance; Reliance Standard Life Insurance, \$82.70, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Jaelyn Iverson, \$800.00, 2024 Girls' softball umpire pay - all teams - \$40/game; Stacy Mayou, \$306.81, Med flex; US Bank, \$37,354.32, DW #5 & DW #6 loan payments; SD Retirement System, \$10,701.68, Employee retirement; Dwight Zerr, \$78.29, Med flex; City of Groton, \$397.12, Family Crisis utility payment; Payment Service Network, \$202.50, Gateway and e-bill fees; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Harve's Sport Shop, \$2,112.71, Scorebooks, ball buckets, catcher's sets, DOL-A baseballs, D1-HS baseballs - All Baseball Teams; Runnings, \$439.90, Gear lube - City Shop, new weed trimmer - Baseball; Angerhofer Concrete Products, \$17.50, 1x sandblasted brick w/ name - Swimming Pool; Red Horse Inn, \$75.00, One night hotel stay - Family Crisis; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; Geffdog Designs, LLC, \$40.00, 2x memorial plaques - Doug Ehrenberg Sr.; Coca-Cola Bottling Co., \$251.00, Soda/drink purchases - Swimming Pool;

Railroad Management Co., LLC, \$758.19, Water pipeline annual crossing fee; SD DANR, \$600.00, 2024 drinking water fee; Irby, Inc., \$6,963.75, Wire pull lube, split bolts, lineman's pliers w/ threaded cleaner, eyenuts, box pad, cabinets, junctions, wire - Electric Dept.; Harry Implement, Inc., \$534.22, Hose end, skid loader grapple fork parts, fuel filters, air filters, coolant - Street Dept.; Chuck Padfield, \$704.42, Reimbursement for baseball concession supplies; Menards, \$23.00, Water fountain fittings - Baseball; NW Energy, \$12.77, Natural gas service - PD generator; O' Reilly Auto Parts, \$40.03, Oil filters - Street Dept.; Border States Industries Inc., \$571.20, FR Clothing - Electric Dept.; Cole Papers, Inc., \$155.04, Trash can liners - City Hall & Park; S&S Lumber Co., \$1,236.19, Cut keys, gloves, BlackJack tubes, utility knives, spray foam, garbage can, cable ties, trimmer line, gear oil, scrub brush, chain snaps, garden hose, white paint, roller covers, tarp, tape, drop cloth, brushes, safety glasses, silicone, hooks, screw eyes, screws, field marker, grinding wheels, vinyl tubing, hose clamps, adapters, threaded cap, brass nipple, WD40, 2 gallon sprayer, concrete caulk, basketball nets, drill bit set, floor dry, spray paint, duct seal, coupler, chain hoist for overhead door at shop, scrapers, putty knife, bungee cords, metric bolts - Multiple Depts.; Team Lab Chemical Corp., \$925.00, 50lb pail of sewer chemicals; Darrel's Sinclair, \$357.90, 2 new batteries - Electric Dept.; VESTIS (formerly Aramark), \$67.26, Rug rent - City Hall; Farmers Union Co-Op Assoc., \$708.34, Fuel - Cemetery and Ballpark; McGannon Plumbing & Heating, \$1,029.74, Maintenance/repairs to boiler and bathrooms - Swimming Pool; Drew Johnson, \$1,200.00, Legal services - May 2024; Dennis "Mike" Olson, \$996.99, Code enforcement services - 5/4/24 through 6/3/24; Dave's Marine, \$1,458.00, (2) pebble beach wave dock benches - Dohman Family; Moved by Nehls and seconded by Babcock to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
 Kellie Locke, Assistant Finance Officer
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 COUNTY OF BROWN
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 FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 A&N 23-81 A&N 24-4
 NOTICE OF REVIEW HEARING
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
 OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE
 INTEREST OF
 K.S., B.S. AND B.N., MINOR
 CHILDREN,
 AND CONCERNING KEYAH
 NGUYEN, PASANG SENLOUAN-
 GRAT, AND JAVIER REYES, RE-
 SPONDENTS.

TO: Javier Reyes
 Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a REVIEW HEARING on the 5th day of August, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. of said day, before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
 Dated this 5th Day of June, 2024.

/s/ Karla Nelson, Deputy
 Brown County States Attorney
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3.99-3.50: Logan Ringgenberg, Lexi Osterman, Colby Dunker, Lane Tietz, Ava Wienk, Jacob Zak, Austin Aberle, Shea Jandel, Karsyn Jangula

3.49-3.00: Carly Guthmiller, Jackson Garstecki, Kate Profeta, Dillon Abeln, Bryson Wambach

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Gretchen Dinger, Axel Warrington, Faith Traphagen, Elizabeth Flihs, Blake Pauli, Emma Kutter, Diego Eduardo Nava Remigio, Logan Pearson, Laila Roberts, Payton Mitchell

3.99-3.50: Brooklyn Hansen, Kennedy Hansen, Kaden Kampa, Kayla Lehr, Korbin Kucker, Carter Simon, Turner Thompson, Jeslyn Kosel, Abby Yeadon

3.49-3.00: Easten Ekern, Corbin Weismantel, Ashlyn Feser, Brevin Flihs, Kellen Antonsen

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Carly Gilbert, Jerica Locke, Jaedyn Penning, Nathan Unzen

3.99-3.50: Mia Crank, Ryder Johnson, Raelee Lilly, Gage Sippel, Talli Wright, Rylee Dunker, Karsten Flihs, Aiden Meyers, De Eh Tha Say, Keegen Tracy, Natalia Warrington, Paisley Mitchell, Hannah Sandness

3.49-3.00: Garrett Schultz, Olivia Stiegelmeier, Benjamin Hoeft, Cali Tollifson, Logan Warrington, Breslyn Jeschke, Cambria Bonn, Jayden Schwan, Karter Moody, London Bahr

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Kira Clocksene, Teagan Hanten, Carlee Johnson, Emerlee Jones, Ashlynn Warrington, Colt Williamson

3.99-3.50: Liby Althoff, Brody Lord, McKenna Tietz, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy, Blake Lord, Zander Harry, Halee Harder, Gavin Kroll, Avery Crank, Hailey Pauli

3.49-3.00: Aiden Strom, Skyler Kramer, Addison Hoffman Wipf, Leah Jones, Claire Schuelke, Dylan Alexander Lopez Marin, Alyssa Beauchamp, Brenna Imrie, Walker Zoellner, Jackson Hopfinger

Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: Makenna Krause

3.99-3.50: Layne Johnson, Thomas Schuster, Mya Feser, Kyleigh Kroll, Addison Hoeft, Chesney Weber, Rylen Ekern, Sydney Locke, Ryder Schelle, Rylie Rose, Elizabeth Cole, Ruelle Gilbert, Ethan Kroll, Taryn Thompson, Jace Johnson, Gracie Pearson, Easton Weber, Wyatt Wambach, Alex Abeln

3.49-3.00: John Bisbee, Brysen Sandness, Kinsley Rowen, Karson Zak, Brayden Barrera, Ella Kettner, Audrey Davis, Aimee Heilman, Kason Oswald

Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: Neely Althoff, Wesley Borg, Madison Herrick, Brooklyn Spanier, Novalea Warrington

3.99-3.50: Aspen Beto, Abby Fjeldheim, Zachary Flihs, Tevan Hanson, Asher Johnson, Kolton Antonsen, Lincoln Shilhanek, Logan Olson, Arianna Dinger, Savannah Beauchamp, Connor Kroll, Madison Little, Jordan Schwan, Aurora Washenberger

3.49-3.00: Adeline Kotzer, Sydney Holmes, Wesley Morehouse, Kenzey Anderson, Samuel Crank, Kaedynce Bonn, Tenley Frost, Grayson Flores

Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: Axel Abeln, Hudson Eichler, Amelia Ewalt, Gavin Hanten, Liam Johnson, Liam Lord

3.99-3.50: Asher Zimmerman, Haden Harder, Jameson Penning, Ryder Schwan, Sophia Flihs, Trey Tietz, Elias Heilman, Trayce Schelle, Ilyanna Dallaire, Dawson Feist, Keegan Kucker, Kyson Kucker, Nolan Bahr, Andi Gauer, Peyton Castles, Jace Hofer

3.49-3.00: Major Dolan, Rowan Patterson, Tucker Leicht, Wyatt Morehouse, Gavin Younger, Kinzleigh Furman

South Dakota State announces spring 2024 dean's list

BROOKINGS, S.D. (06/10/2024)-- More than 3,300 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance over the spring 2024 semester at South Dakota State University by being named to the dean's list.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with F, I, U, RI or RU grades are not eligible regardless of system term GPA attained. Note that this report includes courses that were taken at other South Dakota institutions this term. A minimum of 12 credits within the 100-699 course range must be taken. A student who passes pregeneral education courses may still qualify, if the student has 12 other credits that do fall within the 100-699 range.

Overall, 3,378 students from 40 states and 37 foreign nations are on the list. More than 1,400 students received a 4.0 GPA, and those are indicated with an asterisk.

Congratulations to these distinguished scholars on earning this academic achievement.

Jackson Dinger of Groton, South Dakota (57445), a student in SDSU's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions.

Tessa Erdmann of Groton, South Dakota (57445), a student in SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

Caleb Hanten of Groton, South Dakota (57445), a student in SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

Kaycie Hawkins of Groton, South Dakota (57445), a student in SDSU's Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering.

Trista Keith of Groton, South Dakota (57445), a student in SDSU's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions.

Tanae Lipp of Groton, South Dakota (57445), a student in SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Alyssa Locke of Groton, South Dakota (57445), a student in SDSU's College of Nursing.

Hailey Monson of Groton, South Dakota (57445), a student in SDSU's College of Nursing.

Sage Mortenson of Groton, South Dakota (57445), a student in SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

KaSandra Pappas of Groton, South Dakota (57445), a student in SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

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The Life of Rory McKittrick



Rory Allen McKittrick, 61, unexpectedly passed away in his home on June 1, 2024.

Rory was a devoted son and brother, a loving father, adored uncle to many nieces and nephews, and a gushing grandfather to his granddaughter Brooke and newest grandson, Cooper. While many people gain their identity through work, Rory's identity was truly rooted in these roles and it was here that that he showed what a wonderful and kind man he was.

Rory would describe himself as an introvert, but there was no person he could not hold a riveting conversation with. While Rory had many talents, the gift of conversation and making people feel valued were two of his best. He could hold a conversation with anyone, about anything, and his many life adventures ensured each conversation would be injected with a great story (somehow Bruce Springsteen, baseball, hunting, or fishing would often be part of those stories).

Rory was born September 4, 1962, to Roger & Luetta (Gooding) McKittrick. He grew up with three brothers, Randy, Lonnie, and Wade, whom he loved unconditionally. Over the years, Rory loved watching their families grow and spending time with each of them. After high school, Rory accepted a scholarship at Northern State University to play baseball and study business administration/computer science. He loved to learn and therefore poured himself into his studies. When not attending class, studying, or supervising the computer lab, he could be found training on and off the baseball field. Rory was a humble but talented pitcher for the Northern State Wolves. He led the Wolves in E.R.A, strikeouts, and was an all-district selection in 1983. Rory's baseball career carried over to a brief stint with the Atlanta Braves single A minor league team. His passion for sports, exercising, and being active continued throughout his life. His family jokes that over the past few years his "coffee group" were the people at the local gym that he exercised with and spent time shooting the bull with in the sauna.

After making the decision to leave baseball, he pursued and received his master's in business administration at the University of South Dakota. His career evolved from a store manager into the world of technology. He began as an entry level programmer and eventually rose into a variety of management positions where he led and motivated members of his teams in the development of complex logistical and coding algorithms. The communicator and leader in Rory truly shined in these positions.

Rory's greatest passions, however, were his family and caring for those around him. After his youngest son Connor left for college, Rory moved to Sartell, Minnesota, to be closer to his brothers and father, Roger. This proved to be one of the best changes in Rory's life. He integrated into the Sartell community, befriending all he met and making large impressions on the lives of those around him. Rory adored spending time with his brother Wade & his family on the water fishing and spending evenings at the cabin. He was known as "Uncle Woory" by his grandnephews, Bennet and Will. Rory looked forward to unprompted visits for burgers and movie nights out with his dad and organizing trips to concerts and shows with his mother Luetta. Many evenings were also spent discussing all aspects of life with his older brother Randy. Of course, in each of these events, countless stories of his granddaughter Brooke were the frequent topic of conversation. Rory truly loved his family!

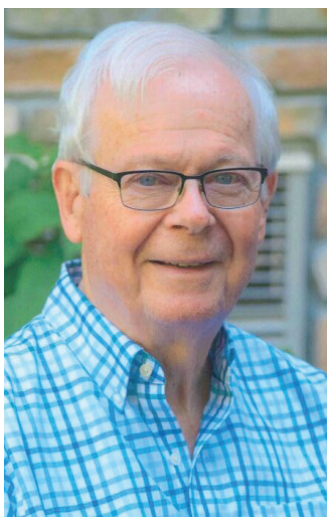
After Rory's passing, his family saw firsthand how beloved a member of the Sartell community he truly was. One only need to stop at his favorite spot to eat in town, The Blue Line, to hear heartfelt stories of how Rory was always a friendly face and so full of interesting stories he couldn't wait to share. He was equally loved by his neighbors who considered Rory extended family. He made lasting impressions by attending college sporting events, dog sitting, and being a friend for anyone around him. The phrase, "The world would be such a better place if there were more Rory's in it", was something his family was told numerous times in the week since his passing. Rory was a genuine man, with many talents, who displayed unparalleled kindness to all. He will be missed, more than words can describe.

His memory, smile, and laugh will survive through his two sons, Chase (Jordan) and Connor (Amanda), two beloved grandchildren Brooke & Cooper, mother Luetta, father Roger, brothers Randy (Lisa) and Wade (Cindy), sister-in-law Kris (Lonnie), and his many beloved nieces and nephews, Brandi, Megan, Deres, Kayla, Hayden, Morgan, Austin, Parker, and Nick.

Rory is preceded in death by his brother, Lonnie McKittrick, paternal grandparents, Glen and Mildred (Sigdestad) McKittrick, maternal grandparents, William Harold and Geraldine (Smith) Gooding, and stepmother Dorothy McKittrick.

A celebration of life will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in Groton, South Dakota, on June 29th, at 10:00 am. The family welcomes all of Rory's friends to attend a celebration of his life, to share stories and honor the great man and storyteller he was. The family is establishing a memorial college baseball scholarship at Northern State University in Rory's honor to sustain his legacy.

The Life of Gary Allen Ruckdaschel



Gary was a longtime member of Messiah Church in Plymouth, MN, and he was Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club in Aberdeen, SD.

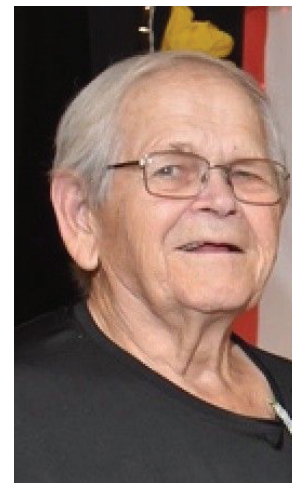
Survived by wife, Nancy; son, John Ruckdaschel (Jeff LaRoche); sister, Cathy (Richard) Larson; nieces and nephews, Stacey Iwerks, Kristi Fluharty, Lisa Southwick, Steve and Mike Hogg, Jessica Thomas and David Larson, and their many children and grandchildren.

Preceded in death by daughter, Carrie Ruckdaschel; parents, Abe and Dorothy; brother, Dennis; grandparents, Alfred and Lena Larson; uncle, Vernon Larson.

Celebration of Gary's Life will be held from 2-4 PM on Friday, June 21 at Groton United Methodist Church, 906 N. 1st Street, Groton, SD. Gary will be laid to rest in Groton Union Cemetery, Groton, SD.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners (IOCP), 1605 County Rd. 101, Plymouth, MN 55447 (iocp.org).

The Life of Merle Harder



Merle E. Harder passed away Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD at the age of 78. A Memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, June 30th at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Jeremy Yeadon and Rev. Craig Crams will officiate. Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel

is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to services.

Merle was born to Frank and Lois (Christopher) Harder on August 16th, 1945. He grew up a farm boy with his parents and two brothers.

After graduation from high school, Merle set out for Seattle, Washington where he worked for Boeing aircraft. After two years, he realized he missed his home, so he moved back to Wolsey. He worked at Goodyear Tire in Huron, SD.

In 1974 he met the love of his life, Janet Rohwer. They were united in marriage on December 27th, 1975 at St. John's Lutheran church in Groton. They lived on a farm in Wolsey while Janet finished her classes at NSU and began teaching music in Tulare.

The following year, they moved to Groton to take over farming for Janet's parents, Lawrence and Annabeth Rohwer. Merle farmed, drove school bus, and finally became the Building and Grounds Supervisor for the Groton school system.

Merle loved serving and helping people. He served as a volunteer firefighter for 17 years. He held various positions in the fire department. He was elected to serve on the Groton city council for 11 years. After 26 years working in the Groton school system, he retired to their home on Enemy Swim Lake.

Merle could oftentimes be found in his shop fixing broken and worn-out toys or building something creative. He loved collecting old toys, old fishing gear, and old tools. One of his favorite pastimes was fishing, especially with his buddy, Haden. He liked playing cards. Many hands of pinochle were played with friends! In his younger years, he enjoyed going deer hunting out west with his hunting buddies. And, everyone knew his love for Elvis and his music!!

Merle was a happy soul who loved life! He enjoyed being with people of all ages. He loved to visit and make people smile and laugh. He never met a stranger who didn't become a friend! Merle's biggest joy was his family. He was in his glory when his family could be all around him. He loved playing with his grandchildren and watching them grow up. They were his pride and joy!

Merle is survived by his wife, Janet, and his four sons; Brian and Michelle Harder, Corey and Brenda Harder, TJ and Marcy Harder, and Adam Harder and April Abeln. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren; Courtney Roundtree, Malorie Harder, McKayla Harder and Tony Muesch, Maggie Harder, Rayce Harder and Serenity Johnson, Alexis Harder and Wyatt Lone, Halee Harder, Haden Harder, and Axel Abeln. Merle was also blessed with one great grandchild, Gideon Roundtree. He is also survived by two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, two nieces, two nephews, numerous cousins, one uncle, and one aunt.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lois Harder; his brothers, Frankie Harder and Keith and Lilly Harder; one sister-in-law and one brother-in-law.

School Board

Continued from front

student worker rate of \$11.75 per hour in May and June and \$12 per hour in July and August. Janice Hoffman, Camryn Kurtz, Shaylee Peterson, Bryson Wambach, Kyleigh Englund and Mckayla Johnston were hired at the adult worker rate of \$14.74 per hour in May and June, and \$15.33 per hour in July and August, with a \$2 per hour differential for certified teachers.

Teachers hired for additional roles for the next school year include Caitlyn Fischbach as assistant volleyball coach and Landon Brown as show choir director.

The board approved two resignations on Monday.

Chris Kucker resigned as girls soccer coach, writing that he has enjoyed the past nine years as coach, but wants to focus on family. He added, "the program is in perfect shape for someone to carry the torch for our returning state championship runner ups."

The board also approved the resignation of Chattarida Sukhmon, special education paraprofessional.

Agreements for a handful of coaches and advisers were also approved.

- Amanda Bisbee as thespian adviser for three months at a total annual salary of \$2,340.
- Madisen Bjerke as assistant cheer coach for four months at a total annual salary of \$819.
- Brian Dolan as head boys basketball coach for four months at a total annual salary of \$5,616.
- Joni Groeblichhoff as Co-DI coordinator for 12 months at a total annual salary of \$1,170.
- Chelsea Hanson as head volleyball coach for four months at a total annual salary of \$5,148.
- Matt Locke as head girls basketball coach for four months at a total annual salary of \$5,616.
- Brenda Madsen as senior class adviser for 12 months at a total annual salary of \$468.
- Julie Milbrandt as Co-DI coordinator for eight months at a total annual salary of \$1,170.
- Aubray Miller as cheerleading coach for seven months at a total annual salary of \$2,340.
- Ryan Olson as head boys soccer coach.
- Kristi Peterson as yearbook adviser for 12 months at a total annual salary of \$3,744.
- Kelby Tracy as junior high girls volleyball coach for three months at a total annual salary of \$2,340.
- Trent Traphagen as assistant girls basketball coach for four months at a total annual salary of \$3,744.
- Darin Zoellner as head wrestling coach for four months at a total annual salary of \$5,616.
- Troy Zoellner as junior high wrestling coach for four months at a total annual salary of \$2,340.

The board approved a new elementary school science curriculum as the current curriculum subscription is set to expire.

The new curriculum subscription is set to last for six years, with 300 student licenses per year. Those licenses include consumable work books and technology subscriptions, said Elementary School Principal Brett Schwan. The new curriculum is elevateScience from Savvas, the same publishing company used by the elementary school for its math curriculum.

The total cost for the six-year period is about \$63,000, and elementary teachers said the new curriculum seems to align well with the curriculum in place, Schwan said.

More items of interest include authorizing the business manager to publish the proposed 2025 fiscal year budget and schedule a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. July 8.

The district is also looking at adding a feature to the current Groton Area School District app that would allow teachers, coaches, parents and students to communicate. The goal is to start rolling it out in mid-July, said Superintendent Joe Schwan.

- Elizabeth Varin

Groton Chamber of Commerce

June 5, 2024

12pm City Hall

- Individuals present: Hannah Gruenwald, Katelyn Nehlich, Topper Tastad, Ashley Bentz, April Abeln and Douglas Heinrich
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Heinrich and seconded by Tastad. All members present voted aye.
- Treasurer's report was given. Dacotah Bank checking account balance is \$37,607.50. \$2,374.80 is in the Bucks account. Abeln will check to see why the Princess Prom donation check hasn't cleared. The report was approved by Tastad and seconded by Abeln. All members present voted aye.
- Information on the Spirit of Dakota Award was passed around as well as a thank you from Claire Heinrich, one of our 2024 scholarship recipients.
- Briggs Sperry, the bike recipient from the Lion's Easter Egg Hunt has submitted a receipt and has been reimbursed.
- BK Custom T's created 3 designs for our 2024 Chamber shirts. It was decided to offer all 3 designs since there will be online ordering available. Abeln will see what other styles are available. It was decided to table discussion on where proceeds will go until we hear if we are awarded the POET grant.
- Nehlich's Dacotah Bank Give Where You Live monetary donation will be given to the Chamber again this year.
- Designs for tumblers were handed out. Abeln will reach out to Aberdeen Awards for a quote for the tumblers with a handle. Tumblers may also be sold this year instead of just being used for gifts.
- Heinrich and Abeln completed the POET Community Grant application for Main Street flags.
- A quote for garbage cans like Dairy Queens was received for \$5323 for 4 units.
- Tastad gave a report on the finished bench restoration project and requested \$3600 for supplies and labor for the completed benches. Motion by Heinrich and seconded by Nehlich to make that payment. All members present voted aye.
- Main Street planters have been set out by city employees and plants have been planted and donated by Weber Landscaping. Paul Kosel has reached out to businesses to keep them watered.
- Motion by Heinrich and seconded by Abeln to advertise on the top page rotator of the Aberdeen Insider for 1 month for \$376. Gruenwald will ask for more details and suggested Canva.com be used to create an ad.
- Motion by Heinrich and seconded by Nehlich to promote Forever 605 Day with a Facebook giveaway. Viewers are encouraged to like, share, and comment with their favorite SD picture to win a basket of Groton Chamber and Forever 605 goodies. The winner will be drawn at the next meeting.
- Discussion was held on donating to a new event in the city park. Event will be held July 27th and will include a rib fest, cornhole tournament, beer gardens and possible band. More information will be available at the next meeting regarding sponsorship.
- Subway is reopening under new owners, Beau and Chelsea Larson from Webster's Subway. A grand opening is set for June 12th from 10am-8pm. Abeln will check with them on a business welcome.
- Hope Block would like to step down from Facebook Coordinator, but a replacement has not been found.
- Next Meeting: July 3rd, 2024, at City Hall at 12:00pm

Upcoming events

- 06/08/2024 Inaugural Groton Day of Baseball/Softball
- 06/14/2024 SDSU Alumni & Friends Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 12pm Shotgun Start
- 06/17/2024 Women's 2-Person Scramble at Olive Grove 9am Registration 10am Shotgun Start
- 06/20/2024 Transit Fundraiser at the Community Center 5-7pm (Thursday Mid-June)
- 06/22/2024 Groton Triathlon 9am-5pm
- 06/22/2024 U8 Youth Baseball Tourney
- 06/24/2024 JVT Blood Drive at the Community Center 1:15-6pm
- 06/29/2024 U10 Youth Baseball Tourney
- 06/30/2024 U12 Youth Baseball Tourney
- 07/04/2024 His & Hers Firecracker Tourney at Olive Grove 9am Registration 10am Start (4th of July)

Queen of Hearts

Week 14 of the Queen of Hearts drawing was held Thursday with the jackpot of \$20,979. Ticket sales for the were \$1,855. The name drawn was Heather Merkel with chose card number 2, it was the Three of Hearts. She won the consolation prize of \$185.

— King Crossword —
Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



Supreme Court Should Embrace Transparency

Rising concerns about the U.S. Supreme Court's lack of impartiality amid increasing calls for judicial recusals, reforms and transparency form a historical backdrop of anxiety as Americans are once more bracing themselves for a landmark ruling that will have a direct bearing on the future of our constitutional democracy, the Bill of Rights and the rule of law. In this case, Trump v. United States, the question is whether the president enjoys absolute immunity from criminal prosecution.

The Court will render a decision that may determine, as former President Donald Trump asserts, that the nation's chief executive should possess constitutional authority to order the assassination of his political opponents. The citizenry's anticipation of this historic decision, expected any hour in the final days of the Court's Term, has generated nationwide demands for transparency in the work of the High Bench at a juncture when public respect for governmental institutions, including the Court itself, is in sharp decline.

This is not the first time that the nation has anxiously held its breath while awaiting the Court's seminal rulings on matters that could re-shape our legal landscape and the future of the country. With Brown v. Bd. of Education (1954), Americans understood that a decision banning segregation in public schools would shake southern culture to its core and open avenues for racial equality promised by the 14th Amendment. In the Pentagon Papers Case (1971), everyone knew that the future of freedom of the press and the status of the First Amendment were at stake. In Roe v. Wade (1973) and Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization (2022), the fundamental question of a woman's right to govern her own reproductive organs was in the hands of nine justices.

The public's heightened anxiety about judicial decisions that might displace the pillars of our nation can be allayed, to some degree, if there is among the citizenry, a respectable level of confidence in the work of the Court-- that it is above the fray and not a tool of political bias, and that its opinions are grounded in facts and law and are well-reasoned and defensible.

Public confidence in the Court can be bolstered through transparency. While the Justices do most of their work behind the scenes—in chambers and judicial conference—the reputations of the individual justices and hence the institution are well-served if citizens believe that rulings are not the product of judicial bias. Wise judges will recuse themselves from cases if there is even the "appearance" of bias. As Justice Felix Frankfurter wrote, "justice must satisfy the appearance of justice."

In this current climate, two Justices -- Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito -- are laboring -- fairly or unfairly -- under suspicions that their votes and perhaps opinions in the presidential immunity case promoted by Trump will be partisan. Thomas and Alito have rejected calls for their recusal and the fraught politics of the issue has ensnared the Court in a storm of controversy and doubt at a time when its reputation can least afford it.

As with most governmental problems, the remedy for institutional damage to the Court is transparency, with the focus on judicial recusal, to borrow from the federal code—28 U.S.C. Section 455—whenever a judge's impartiality "might reasonably be questioned." The Justices themselves can shoulder the responsibility for asking colleagues to withdraw if they refuse to recognize the basis for public perception of bias. Additional measures seem necessary to remove from the Justices themselves the sole responsibility for deciding when recusal is the right call.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse's proposal, the "Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal and Transparency Act of 2023," which has been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, would require the Justices to adopt a code of conduct, create a mechanism to investigate alleged violations of the code, improve disclosure and transparency expectations and require Justices to publicly explain their recusal decisions. At a time when public confidence in the Court has declined, we need a measure to restore its reputation. This bill is a good start. It promotes the nation's commitment to the rule of law and confidence in the Court.

The benefit of an explanation for a Justice's refusal to withdraw from a case is transparency, precisely what the Court and the country need at this juncture in American history.

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Getting to the Top of Things!

Happy Father's Day and I'm not kidding!

For Dad on Father's Day

Here is the list that tells about Dads:

A Dad is a...

- F** rfai = fair, nif = ~~fin~~
- A** twicae = active, mdnola = ~~almond~~
- T** estesa = teases, wgit = ~~twid~~
- H** sleph = helps, khon = ~~honk~~
- E** engeercit = energetic, lef = ~~elf~~
- R** dsaeer = reads, trboo = ~~robot~~

My Dad likes to cook outside. He is the King of the Grill!

Dad! Grandpa!

Grandpa

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Being with Dad is a lot of fun.



Grilled hot dogs are a delicious extra!



Kids: color stuff in!



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For Dad on Father's Day

Things to do... ..to celebrate.

With Dad:

- swim
- relax
- movie
- picnic
- long talk
- hike; stroll
- go-kart rides
- miniature golf
- do something new
- wash, wax, buff car

For Dad:

- welcome him when he comes home from work
- chip in for cool sunglasses
- coffee, quiet, newspaper
- make a card or cake
- clean and wash car
- breakfast in bed
- hang hammock
- clean playroom
- take out trash

Father's Day is a special day. It is a time to show Dads everywhere how much we care about them.

Here is a list of things to help you think about something special that you can do to celebrate Father's Day. Read the list. Could these surprises also be done on *another* day to treat your father?

C'mon...stop playing video games long enough to at least make Dad a nice Father's Day card!

Happy Father's Day and we're not kidding!

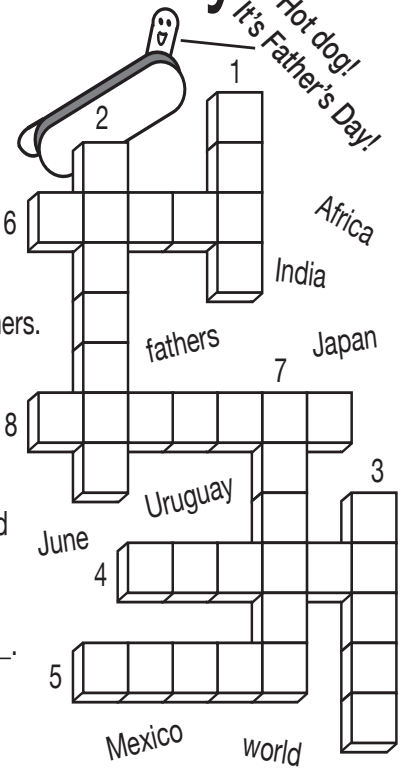
Fill in the spaces with vowels to spell out how we feel about our Dads.

My Dad likes to cook outside. He is the **K__ng of the Gr__ll!**

Just like my Dad, I can see well at night and have excellent hearing.

Father's Day:

- is held on the third Sunday in _____ in the USA, but may be on a different date in other countries.
- is a day to honor our _____ and grandfathers.
- is celebrated in many countries around the _____.
- in _____ is full of fun runs, pot-luck lunches and presents or hand-made artwork for dads.
- is a newer idea in _____. Children may give cards or flowers to their dads. Families may eat out at a restaurant or go to a movie together.
- in _____ (Chichi no hi) may include gifts of fancy beef (like Kobe beef) or eel for dads. Children may make an origami paper item with a message or put a little gift inside it.
- in South _____ is celebrated by people going fishing during the day and having a seafood feast at dinnertime.
- in _____ is sometimes celebrated by families hanging a skeleton outside of their homes to represent "Padre Esqueleto" or "Father Skeleton."



hardworking
handsome
listening
helpful
strong
loving
caring
gentle
there
kind
firm
fun

Can you find and circle all of these words that tell about Dads?

Getting to the Top of Things!

My Dad wears more than one hat. He teaches fire safety and is a volunteer fireman too!



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L N O I L K A O R T N V W S
I K Y E U T E P A Q E S N R

A Dad is a...

Every dad does things differently. Each has his own style. When you finish this puzzle you will have a list that tells about Dads.

- Study each picture. Write the beginning letter of each picture in the box.
- Next, unscramble the words (they begin with the letter in the box).
- One word in each group does not tell anything about fathers. Cross out that word. The first one is done for you.



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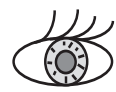
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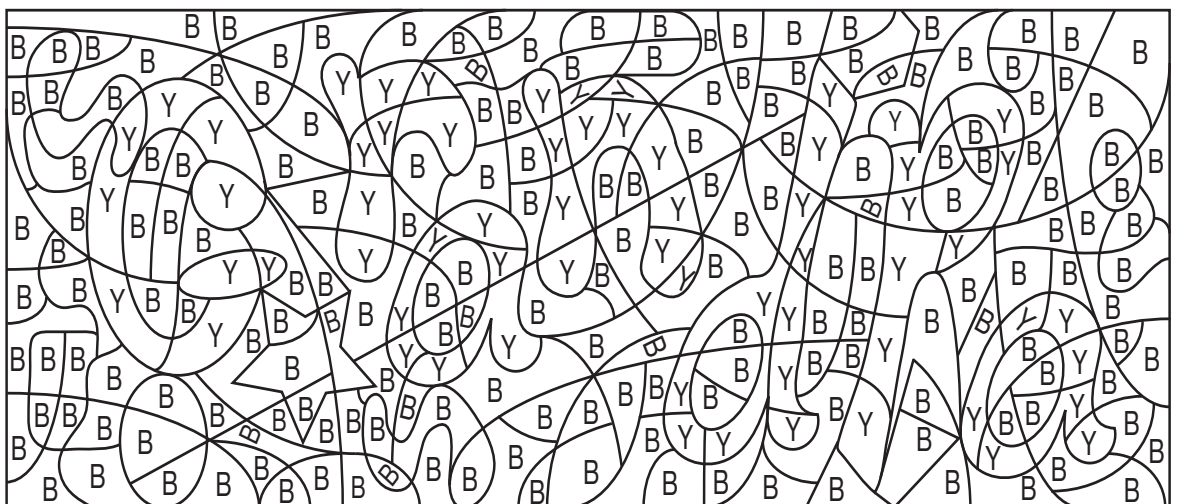
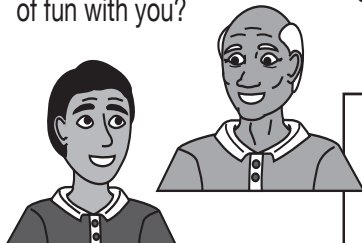
Who is This Great Guy?

Who is... older than Dad, a great guy too, likes to have lots of fun with you?

Use crayons, pencils or markers to color in this puzzle to find out who this great guy is:

Color Key:

B = Blue
Y = Yellow



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Groton Jr Teeners Walk It Off Against Britton Jr Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr Teeners took Wednesday's game in dramatic fashion, with a 10-8 walk-off victory over Britton Jr Teeners. The game was tied at eight in the bottom of the seventh when an error scored two runs.

Britton Jr Teeners got on the board in the top of the first inning after Ben Suther singled, Drew Heitmann walked, and Chaz Vietor was struck by a pitch, each scoring one run.

Britton Jr Teeners added to their early lead in the top of the second inning after Mitch Burger singled, and Suther grounded out, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr Teeners tied the game in the bottom of the third thanks to a single by Layne Johnson, and an error.

In the bottom of the fourth, Groton Jr Teeners broke up the tie when John Bisbee doubled, scoring one run. Then an error followed to extend the lead to 7-5.

Britton Jr Teeners captured the lead, 8-7, in the top of the seventh after Groton Jr Teeners committed an error, Groton Jr Teeners committed an error, and Jack Teveldal singled, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr Teeners captured the lead, 10-8, in the bottom of the seventh when one run scored on another play, and an error scored two runs.

Alex Abeln earned the win for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The starting pitcher allowed eight hits and five runs over five and one-third innings, striking out eight and walking two. Heitmann led things off on the bump for Britton Jr Teeners. The righty gave up five hits and five runs (three earned) over three innings, striking out three and walking two. Ryder Schelle appeared in relief for Groton Jr Teeners 14U.

Groton Jr Teeners piled up 10 hits in the game. Number seven hitter, Ethan Kroll, showed the depth of Groton Jr Teeners 14U's lineup, by leading them with two hits in three at bats. Johnson, Kroll, Schelle, and Bisbee each drove in one run for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Groton Jr Teeners had a strong eye at the plate, piling up six walks for the game.

Britton Jr Teeners piled up 10 hits in the game. Suther provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Britton Jr Teeners with two runs batted in. They went 2-for-4 on the day. Burger went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Britton Jr Teeners in hits.

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Groton Jr Teeners With Tough Game Against Britton Jr Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr Teeners had trouble keeping up with Britton Jr Teeners in a 20-7 loss on Wednesday.

Britton Jr Teeners got on the board in the top of the first inning after Mitch Burger grounded out, and Colton Chapin walked, each scoring one run.

Britton Jr Teeners added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Ben Suther hit an inside the park home run, and Luke Bosse grounded out, each scoring two runs.

Groton Jr Teeners scored six runs on three hits in the bottom of the fifth inning. Ethan Kroll singled, scoring two runs, a passed ball scored one run, Sam Crank drew a walk, scoring one run, and an error scored two runs.

Britton Jr Teeners scored 10 runs on two hits in the top of the sixth inning. An error scored two runs, Bosse drew a walk, scoring one run, Burger scored after tagging up, Joel Quezada drew a walk, scoring one run, Carter Nelson was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Drew Heitmann was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Carter Grobe drew a walk, scoring one run, and Suther singled, scoring two runs.

Lincoln Kilker earned the win for Britton Jr Teeners. The right-handed pitcher allowed three hits and one run (zero earned) over four innings, striking out three and walking three. Lincoln Shilhanek started the game for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. They gave up three hits and six runs (one earned) over three innings, striking out none and walking three.

Leadoff hitter Alex Abeln led Groton Jr Teeners with two hits in two at bats. Kroll led Groton Jr Teeners with two runs batted in. They went 1-for-2 on the day. Ryder Schelle stole two bases. Groton Jr Teeners worked the count all day, collecting six walks. Groton Jr Teeners stole seven bases in the game. Groton Jr Teeners turned one double play in the game.

Suther provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Britton Jr Teeners with seven runs batted in. The third baseman went 3-for-4 on the day. Burger collected two hits for Britton Jr Teeners in five at bats. Britton Jr Teeners had a strong eye at the plate, piling up 13 walks for the game. Bosse, Chapin, and Grobe led the team with two walks each. Burger stole two bases. Britton Jr Teeners stole seven bases in the game.

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Groton Jr Teeners 14U Claim Victory Over Redfield

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr Teeners 14U were triumphant over Redfield 5-4 on Saturday.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Layne Johnson grounded out, and Jordan Schwan walked, each scoring one run.

Redfield took the lead, 4-3, in the top of the seventh thanks to singles by Neil Salmen, Zachary Bonin, and David Bixler.

Redfield committed an error, which helped Groton Jr Teeners 14U tie the game at four in the bottom of the seventh.

Kolton Antonsen earned the win for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The reliever gave up seven hits and four runs (three earned) over two innings, striking out none and walking one. Jackson Rude took the loss for Redfield. The reliever went three and one-third innings, allowing three runs (zero earned) on four hits, striking out two and walking three. Braeden Flihs began the game for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The right-handed pitcher gave up zero hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out seven and walking four. Salmen stepped on the hill first for Redfield. The starting pitcher allowed two hits and two runs (zero earned) over three innings, striking out seven and walking five.

Alex Abeln set the tone at the top of the lineup, leading Groton Jr Teeners 14U with two hits in three at bats. Johnson and Antonsen each drove in one run for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Schwan paced Groton Jr Teeners 14U with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, accumulating eight walks for the game. Schwan and Abeln each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Groton Jr Teeners 14U turned one double play in the game.

Bixler, Salmen, Bonin, and Derrick Bogart each drove in one run for Redfield. Bonin went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Redfield in hits. Rude stole two bases. Redfield turned one double play in the game.

Groton Post 39 Win In Fashion, Walk It Off Over W.I.N.

By GameChanger Media

It came down to the wire on Saturday, as Groton Post 39 grabbed the victory in walk-off fashion, 5-4, over Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion. Groton Post 39 were down 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning when Colby Dunker singled, scoring two runs.

Ryan Groeblichhoff struck out 11 batters on the day. They also gave up six hits and three runs over six innings while walking three.

Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion opened the scoring in the first after an error scored one run.

An error gave Groton Post 39 the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the second.

Quinton Fischbach lined out, which helped Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion tie the game at two in the top of the fifth.

A ground out by Dillon Abeln gave Groton Post 39 the lead, 3-2, in the bottom of the fifth.

A single by Fischbach gave Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion the lead, 4-3, in the top of the seventh.

Jarret Erdmann earned the win for Groton Post 39. The reliever allowed one hit and one run over one inning, striking out two and walking one. Samuel Vetter took the loss for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion. They went one inning, giving up two runs on two hits, striking out one and walking two. Devon Fischbach stepped on the bump first for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion. The right-handed pitcher surrendered four hits and three runs (one earned) over five innings, striking out three and walking six.

Dunker drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Post 39 with two runs batted in. The outfielder went 2-for-2 on the day. Dunker and Brevin Flihs each collected two hits for Groton Post 39. Groton Post 39 had patience at the plate, accumulating eight walks for the game. Abeln, Dunker, and Gavin Englund led the team with two walks each.

Fischbach and Vetter were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion while hitting back-to-back. Fischbach led Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion with three runs batted in. The infielder went 2-for-4 on the day. Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion turned one double play in the game.

Next up for Groton Post 39 is a game against Post 260 on Friday. Copyright © 2024 GameChanger Media, Inc. All rights reserved. Any reuse or republication of this story must include the preceding attribution and is subject to the Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. Terms of Use, License Agreement, and Privacy Policy.

Groton Locke Electric 2024 Triumph Over Merchants

By GameChanger Media

Groton Locke Electric 2024 took down Merchants 4-1 on Sunday.

Merchants opened the scoring in the second after Ethan Beyers singled, scoring one run.

Merchants committed an error, which helped Groton Locke Electric 2024 tie the game at one in the bottom of the second.

In the bottom of the third inning, Groton Locke Electric 2024 went back into the lead after Ty Sieber scored after tagging up, and Brian Hansen singled, each scoring one run.

Chandler Larson earned the win for Groton Locke Electric 2024. The right-handed pitcher allowed three hits and one run over seven innings, striking out six and walking five. Kyle Beardsley took the loss

for Merchants. The starting pitcher went two innings, allowing three runs (two earned) on three hits, striking out two and walking three. Alex Morris collected the save.

Morris provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Locke Electric 2024 with two runs batted in. Ben Althoff and Hansen each collected two hits for Groton Locke Electric 2024. Dylan Frey paced Groton Locke Electric 2024 with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, collecting 12 walks for the game.

Greg Heyne, Carter Lane, and Beyers each collected one hit for Merchants. Beyers went 1-for-4 at the plate as the second baseman led the team with one run batted in. Merchants had a strong eye at the plate, piling up seven walks for the game. Merchants turned two double plays in the game.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Fall After Strong Showing By Watertown Post 17 Jr. Legion

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 had trouble keeping up with Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion in a 12-2 loss on Monday.

Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion opened the scoring in the first after Cain Everson hit a sacrifice fly, scoring one run.

Karsten Flihs walked, which helped Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 tie the game at one in the top of the second.

A single by Carter Buiser gave Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the third.

Nicholas Morris walked, which helped Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 tie the game at two in the top of the fourth.

Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the fourth, scoring five runs on two hits to take a 7-2 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was an error that drove in three.

Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion scored five runs on four hits in the bottom of the sixth inning. Buiser doubled, scoring two runs, Everson scored after tagging up, and Carter Simon induced Lincoln Schutt to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

Gavin Englund started on the mound for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher gave up 11 hits and 12 runs (six earned) over five and one-third innings, striking out three and walking two. Buiser led things off on the mound for Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion. The righty allowed four hits and one run over three innings, striking out seven and walking three.

Lincoln Krause and Englund each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Flihs and Morris each drove in one run for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39.

Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion accumulated 11 hits in the game. Cole Hansen led Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion with three hits in four at bats from the leadoff position. Buiser collected two hits for Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion in four at bats. Hansen stole two bases.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 will travel to Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion for their next game on Monday.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Stymied By Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 had trouble keeping up with Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion in an 11-2 loss on Monday.

Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion opened the scoring in the bottom of the second thanks to two errors. Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion first got on the board when an error scored two runs.

Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion added one run in the third. Max Martenson grounded out, making the score 4-0.

Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion scored five runs on four hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Carter Buiser singled, scoring one run, an error scored two runs, and Kooper Heiser singled, scoring two runs.

Karsten Flihs pitched three and one-third innings in relief for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. They allowed seven hits and seven runs (three earned) while, striking out two and walking four. Kellen Antonsen opened the game for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. They allowed four hits and four runs (zero earned) over two and two-thirds innings, striking out none and walking one. Ashton Rabine stepped on the mound first for Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion. They allowed five hits and two runs (one earned) over seven innings, striking out eight and walking five.

Leadoff hitter Lincoln Krause led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two hits in three at bats. Nicholas Morris went 1-for-3 at the plate as the catcher led the team with one run batted in. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 turned two double plays in the game.

Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion collected 11 hits in the game. Heiser, the number seven hitter for Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion, led the way with two runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Leadoff hitter Jackson McClemans led Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion with three hits in five at bats. Jaxon Falak collected two hits for Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion in four at bats. Watertown Post 17 Junior Legion turned one double play in the game.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 welcome Crusaders on Wednesday for their next game.

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Powerful Pitching Performance From TC Schuster Carries Groton Jr Teeners 14U Past Webster VFW Post 4690

By GameChanger Media

TC Schuster struck out 12 batters as the righty led Groton Jr Teeners 14U past VFW Post 4690 14-1 on Monday. Schuster gave up one hit and one run over five innings while walking four.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U won thanks in part to eight runs in the third inning. Layne Johnson singled, scoring one run, Braeden Flihs tripled, scoring one run, Ethan Kroll hit a sacrifice fly, scoring one run, Jordan Schwan tripled, scoring one run, Shaydon Wood drew a walk, scoring one run, Schuster tripled, scoring two runs, and Ryder Schelle doubled, scoring one run.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Schelle drew a walk, scoring one run, and Flihs grounded out, scoring one run.

A ground out by Wood extended the Groton Jr Teeners 14U lead to 4-1 in the bottom of the second inning.

Hudson Lesnar took the loss for VFW Post 4690. They went two innings, giving up four runs on two hits, striking out none and walking four.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U piled up 11 hits in the game. Johnson, Schelle, and Alex Abeln each collected two hits for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Schuster and Flihs each drove in two runs for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Schuster, Lincoln Shilhaneck, Schelle, Abeln, and John Bisbee each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Groton Jr Teeners 14U had a strong eye at the plate, collecting eight walks for the game. Groton Jr Teeners 14U stole 15 bases in the game. Groton Jr Teeners 14U were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Abeln had the most chances in the field with 12.

Tucker Acree went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead VFW Post 4690 in hits. Nathan Hubsch stole two bases.

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Jordan Schwan's Clutch Hitting Propels Groton Jr Teeners 14U To Victory Over Webster VFW Post 4690

By GameChanger Media

Jordan Schwan drove in five runs on two hits to lead Groton Jr Teeners 14U past VFW Post 4690 16-6 on Monday. Schwan doubled in the second inning, scoring three runs, and hit a home run to left field in the second inning, scoring three.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U won thanks in part to 13 runs in the second inning. Shaydon Wood drew a walk, scoring one run, Schwan doubled, scoring three runs, Kolton Antonsen singled, scoring one run, Layne Johnson singled, scoring one run, John Bisbee singled, scoring one run, Zach Flihs singled, scoring two runs, Wood singled, scoring one run, and Schwan homered to left field, scoring three runs.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Bisbee singled, and Sam Crank grounded out, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U added one run in the third. Kason Oswald singled, making the score 16-5.

Bisbee earned the win for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The starting pitcher allowed seven hits and six runs over four innings, striking out two and walking four. Dylan Rasmus took the loss for VFW Post 4690. The right-handed pitcher went two-thirds of an inning, surrendering nine runs on eight hits, striking out none and walking none. Zayden Finch stepped on the mound first for VFW Post 4690. The righty allowed two hits and six runs over one inning, striking out one and walking four.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U piled up 12 hits in the game. Wood, Schwan, Flihs, and Bisbee each collected two hits for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Ethan Kroll led Groton Jr Teeners 14U with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, collecting six walks for the game. Kroll and Antonsen each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Groton Jr Teeners 14U stole six bases in the game. Groton Jr Teeners 14U turned one double play in the game.

Hudson Lesnar drove the middle of the lineup, leading VFW Post 4690 with two runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 2-for-2 on the day. Lesnar and Tucker Acree each collected two hits for VFW Post 4690.

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Dear EarthTalk: Which of the big tech companies are considered the greenest now? – B.P. via email

As global demand for sustainable practices intensifies, the race among major tech companies to adopt green practices has become highly competitive. Many tech giants, including Microsoft, Apple and Google are pursuing demanding sustainability goals.

Microsoft has set the most ambitious target: to run entirely on renewable energy by 2025, to go carbon-negative by 2030, and to neutralize all past emissions dating back to 1975 by 2050. Also, Microsoft has mandated its suppliers report their emissions since 2021 and has implemented a carbon tax on its supply chain. In May 2024, the company signed the largest corporate clean energy deal, purchasing 10.5 gigawatts of carbon-free power from Brookfield Renewable Partners. Microsoft already sources electricity from solar and wind farms across America, Europe and Asia.

Transparency distinguishes Microsoft from other major tech companies: It has openly invested in carbon offset projects, such as installing clean stoves in Kenya and protecting Indonesian forests, and has supported renewable energy infrastructure, including backup generation for Wyoming solar grids and energy storage batteries in Ireland. In 2020, Microsoft founded the Climate Innovation Fund, investing \$1 billion in over 35 companies developing climate technology solutions for underserved communities.

Apple differs in that it mainly makes physical products. Apple hopes to limit its annual carbon emissions to less than 10 million 'unavoidable' metric tons by 2030 and reach zero net emissions via carbon offsets and removal. In 2022, Apple's carbon footprint was a staggering 22.5 million metric tons, 75 percent produced during manufacturing and 20 percent generated during product use and transportation.

Since production accounts for most of Apple's emissions, the company has prioritized material and energy sourcing. The 2019 MacBook Air's external enclosure is 100 percent recycled aluminum, reducing the product's carbon footprint by nearly half. Also, Apple is developing more durable and energy-efficient products and powering its production lines, offices and data centers with clean energy. And Apple has many carbon offset/removal projects, mostly to protect and restore wetlands, grasslands and forests.

Google has striven to neutralize its carbon emissions since its founding in 1998, and aims to exceed carbon neutrality by becoming carbon-free by 2030. Its carbon-free plan includes three phases: offsetting, reducing and eliminating emissions. For two decades, Google has used "high-quality" carbon offsets and renewable energy. However, Google's lack of clarity about what constitutes "high-quality" makes it difficult to verify their sustainability claims. Since 2017, Google has increased reliance on wind and solar power and hopes to power all facilities soon with locally sourced carbon-free electricity. Sun and wind energy can be unpredictable and insufficient for large-scale tech operations. To address this, Google collaborated with its subsidiary DeepMind to develop machine learning systems that forecast wind farm output up to 36 hours in advance and worked with local authorities to optimize solar panel placement.

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"How to Prevent Sudden Death"

My first experience with cardiopulmonary resuscitation was during the summer of 1969. I was an orderly in a Minneapolis intensive care unit (ICU) when my patient stopped breathing. I called for help and provided mouth-to-mouth breathing until the team arrived. Later the doctor told me I saved the patient's life, further convincing me that medicine was my life's purpose.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is the act of rhythmically pushing on the chest and breathing into the mouth of a person whose heartbeat and breathing has ceased. CPR can result in enough circulation to keep the victim alive until spontaneous circulation and breathing resumes.

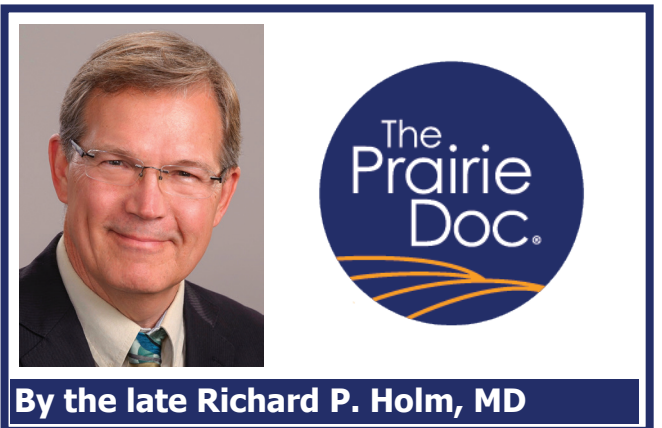
In 1740, the French described how mouth-to-mouth breathing sometimes saved drowned people, and, through the early 1900s, mouth-to-mouth breaths were given to bring lifeless newborns around. In the mid-1950s, two anesthesiologists, Dr. Elam and Dr. Safar, with help from the Red Cross, began promoting mouth-to-mouth resuscitation for adults discovered in cardiac arrest. In 1960, chest compressions were proven valuable in preserving circulation, especially to the brain, and even more important for survival than artificial respiration.

In 1947 a Cleveland surgeon used an internal (open chest) defibrillator to save a 14-year-old boy, and in 1955, Boston cardiologist, Paul Zoll, developed the now popular external (on skin) defibrillator. Studies show that the defibrillator is even more important than chest compression. With available automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and education on how to perform CPR and use AED devices, we have even better outcomes.

For those having a cardiac arrest, the sooner they get defibrillation, effective CPR, and a 911 call for help, the greater the chance of functional recovery. Out-of-hospital successful survival after CPR is about ten percent but increases to 35 percent when the arrest is witnessed and the victim is provided early defibrillation. The sad news is that more than 50 percent of those who could benefit will not have CPR because bystanders fear they might do something wrong. The big mistake is NOT TO TRY.

Simple, first-level, CPR courses are available for anyone interested in every community and through the internet, while AED devices are popping up in almost every community gathering area. Please notice where they are placed. Trust me, if someone has a cardiac arrest, and you try to help, you might just save a life.

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Claire Marie Heinrich with Highest Honor

Parents: Crystal McGiboney and Kevin Heinrich
Hometown: Groton, SD
Siblings: Douglas Hienrich-29, Madelyn Heinrich-11
Hobbies: watching movies, reading, baking, hanging out with my family
School/Community Activities: FCCLA officer and member
Favorite High School Memory: The times spent gossiping and laughing with the whole class during school, bus rides for trips
Future Plans: I am going to attend the University of North Dakota and major in nursing (get Bachelor of Science in Nursing)



Hannah Lucille Monson with Highest Honor

Parents: Lyncee and Nick Monson
Hometown: Groton, but live in the country near Ferney
Siblings: Hailey Monson-21
Hobbies: Cooking, camping, hanging out at the lake, and going on drives
School/Community Activities: Cheer, FFA, FCCLA, Carnival of Silver Skates, National Honor Society
Favorite High School Memory: I cannot narrow down my four years in high school to just one memory, however, Ag III my junior year was definitely best for conversations.
Future Plans: SDSU for Nursing



Emily Marie Clark with Highest Honor

Parents: Shane and Laura Clark
Hometown: Groton, SD
Siblings: Ethan Clark-20
Hobbies: playing piano, running, exercising, drawing/arts and crafts, watching sports, going to basketball games, going to football games, being with friends, being with family
School/Community activities: High School Band Percussionist, Show Choir Pit Band, Flex Band, Drumline, Junior Drumline Assistant Director, Basketball, Cross Country, School Play-Tech, Emmanuel Lutheran Luther League, National Honor Society, Piano, Student Council- Freshman year
Favorite High School Memory: Running cross country my last years of high school
Future Plans: to attend the University of North Dakota for Physical Therapy



Lydia Jae Meier with Highest Honor

Parents: Anna and Brett Schwan
Hometown: Groton
Siblings: Ryder-12, Ivan-11, Stella-20
Hobbies: Hanging out with family and friends, traveling, baking, watching movies, attending concerts, playing and watching sports
School/Community Activities: Volleyball, youth volleyball coach, communion server at Avantara, Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS) Student leader
Favorite High School Memory: Junior and Senior Prom and going to the cadaver lab with my biology class
Future Plans: Attend Northern State University to pursue a nursing degree



Ashlyn Ryan Sperry with Highest Honor

Parents: Amanda and Ryan Sperry
Hometown: Groton
Siblings: Owen -15
Hobbies: Riding horse, hunting, fishing, going to the lake, spending time with friends and family
School/Community Activities: Trap shooting, FCCLA, FFA and FCS
Favorite High School Memory: Spending time in Mr. Franken's Ag class with friends
Future Plans: I plan to attend SDSU in the fall and major in Animal Science. After that I plan to further my major education and go on to be a veterinarian with hopes of attending the University of Minnesota within their 2+2 Program



Holden Douglas Sippel with Highest Honor

Parents: Doug Sippel and Crystal Strom
Hometown: Groton
Siblings: Gage Spipel
Hobbies: hunting, fishing, going to the lake, watching movies, hanging with friends, and playing sports
School/Community Activities: Football, basketball, track, Spring baseball manager
Favorite High School Memory: Playing sports, making friends, and going to state twice for basketball
Future Plans: To attend SDSU and major in Exercise Science



Kyleigh Rebecca Englund with Highest Honor

Parents: Brandon Englund and Brenda Englund

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Gavin Englund (10th grade)-16, Regan Englund (3rd grade)-9

Hobbies: Hanging out with family and friends, fishing, going to the lake

School/Community Activities: FFA, FCCLA, FCA

Favorite High School Memory: Homecoming, it is always such a spirit filled and exciting time

Future Plans: Attend Lake Area Technical College and study livestock production and management. After college have a career in livestock production or livestock nutrition



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Hometown: Groton, South Dakota

Siblings: Kaitie Osterman, Loren Osterman, Jessica Osterman, Michelle Wasland *all older

Hobbies: showing livestock, riding horse, judging livestock, outdoor activities

School/Community Activities: FFA, basketball, volleyball, 4-H, PigPals, South Dakota Jr. Beef Ambassador, National Honor Society, South Dakota Jr. Point and Show Association, South Dakota Jr. Shorthorn Association

Favorite High School Memory: My favorite high school memory is FFA week, serving the teachers breakfast and helping with Ag Safety Day at the elementary school.

Future Plans: I plan to attend Lake Area Technical College and my focus of study is livestock Production and management.



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Camryn Renee Ione Kurtz with Highest Honor

Parents: Diane and Ryan Kurtz

Hometown: Groton, SD

Siblings: Kasey Kurtz, Courtney Kolbeck, Kaden Kurtz

Hobbies: Eating, sleeping, and going on walks with my family

School/Community Activities: I participate in show choir, dance team, chamber choir, and FCCLA

Favorite High School Memory: Senior prom, and attending after prom because I got to go rock wall climbing

Future Plans: I plan on attending USD in the fall and major in English



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Cadence Ann Feist with Honor

Parents: Jason and Dannielle Pullan and Cory Feist

Hometown: Columbia, SD

Siblings: Cameron Fiest-15, Caelynn Pullan-11, Colton-10

Hobbies: Hunting, Pierpont Fire Dept. Cadet, raising livestock, sewing

School/Community Activities: Cheerleading, dance, ice skating, trap shooting, FFA, FCCLA, color guard, flex band, pit band, yearbook, Fellowship of Christian Students

Favorite High School Memory: My favorite high school memory is going to Rapid for state FFA my freshman year, and also going to state basketball sophomore and senior year.

Future Plans: My future plans are to be a Human Resource Specialist in the Army National Guard. I will be starting at SDSU in January majoring in Animal Science /Pre-Vet. I will one day be a large animal veterinarian.



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Aigail Elizabeth Jensen with Honor

Parents: Robin Jensen and Lynn Jensen

Siblings: Kayla Jensen

Hobbies: Cheer, getting outside, hiking, shopping

School/Community Activities: FCCLA, cheer

Favorite High School Memory: going to state basketball

Future Plans: attend northern State University and study pre-nursing



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Sydney Leicht with Honor

Parents: Nick and Sadie Leicht

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Regan Leicht-21, Riley Leicht-19, Tucker Leicht-12

Hobbies: making tiktoks, working out, hanging out with friends and family

School/Community Activities: Volleyball, basketball, FCCLA, yearbook, church youth group

Favorite High School Memory: Achieving 1,000 digs for volleyball during the game when we beat Northwestern

Future Plans: Attend Northern State University and major in Business Finance



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Anna Rae Fjeldheim

with Honor

Parents: Ryan and Sue Fjeldheim

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Abby-14, Drew-11

Hobbies: Volleyball, staying active, going to the lake, hanging out with friends, making TikToks and baby sitting

School/Community Activities: Volleyball, track, FCCLA, FCS, yearbook, National Honor Society, carnival of Silver Skates, SEAs Youth Group

Favorite High School Memory: All the homecomings and my senior year volleyball season

Future Plans: Northern State University to get a degree in Elementary Education and minor in coaching



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Anna Jo Bisbee

with Honor

Parents: Amanda Bisbee and Tony Bisbee

Hometown: Columbia, SD

Siblings: John Bisbee-14, Cole Bisbee-19

Hobbies: Singing, dancing, drying flowers, crocheting, cheer, and reading

School/Community Activities: Cheer, dance team, theater, choir, Chamber choir, FCS (Fellowship of Christian Students), Miss Wolf Pack's Teen

Favorite High School Memory: Being a part of the cheer team and winning the Spirit of Six award at state basketball

Future Plans: Go to Northern for a K-12 music education major and English minor. Become a K-12 music teacher



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Faith Katrine Flihs

with Honor

Parents: Rachel Otter and Bret Flihs

Hometown: Groton

Hobbies: Rodeo, hunting, fishing, reading, drawing, painting, hanging with friends, and working on the farm

School/Community Activities: HS Band percussionist, track and field, HS rodeo 4-H showing and rodeo, Cresbard American Legion Aux. Jr. member, Lazy Farmers, 4-H club member, student council for four years, Nat. Honor Society, FFA and Groton Area Sr. Snow Queen

Favorite High School Memory: National and State FFA conventions with Mr. Franken and Mrs. Furman my senior year

Future Plans: I plan to attend Mitchell Tech. for a degree in animal service. After graduating from Mithcell I plan to come back and farm



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Dillon Isaac Abeln

with Honor

Parents: Isaac and Nikki Abeln

Hometown: Columbia, SD

Siblings: Alex Abeln-14

Hobbies: hunting, fishing

School/Community Activities: Baseball

Favorite High School Memory: Lane cutting Braxton's hair

Future Plans: Attend NDSU for business



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Bradin Gary Althoff

with Honor

Parents: Scott and Dana Althoff

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Liby, Neely

Hobbies: fishing

School/Community Activities: baseball

Favorite High School Memory: getting 2nd in state baseball

Future Plans: Attend DWU and play baseball there



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Congratulations Graduates!
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Lane Ryan Thomas Tietz

with Honor

Parents: Tom and Lindsey Tietz

Hometown: Putney, SD

Siblings: Trey Tietz-12, McKenna Tietz-15

Hobbies: Lifting weights, basketball, fishing, hunting, hanging out with friends

School/Community Activities: basketball, football, 4-H, FCS

Favorite High School Memory: Making the state basketball tournament my sophomore and senior seasons

Future Plans: Attend Dakota State University to play basketball



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Colby Craig Dunker

with Honor

Parents: Craig and Tasha Dunker

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Rylee-16, Brynlee-11

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, golfing, going to the lake, playing cards

School/Community Activities: Baseball, basketball, football, track

Favorite High School Memory: Sophomore basketball season was very memorable it was the first state tournament appearance Groton-boys have had in 20+ years. We also did a fun haircut on a teammate

Future Plans: Attend Lake Area Tech then eventually come back and work in my family farm



Austin James Aberle

Parents: Kristi Jones, (Late) Roger Aberle

Hometown: Groton, SD

Siblings: Kaili Prentice (Aberle) -27

Hobbies: bowfishing, snowmobiling

School/Community Activities: Groton Area High School

Favorite High School Memory: getting a dog on my senior year of high school

Future Plans: going to Lake Area Tech in Watertown, SD planning on going for Aviation (Professional fixed wing pilot)



Jackson Alexander Garstecki

Parents: Jackie and Tony Mulder and Marcus and Kacie Garstecki

Hometown: Bath

Siblings: Knox-11, Snickers-9

Hobbies: Working, playing hockey

School/Community Activities: Hockey

Favorite High School Memory: Getting 3rd at state hockey this year

Future Plans: Attend USD for Communications



Carly Diane Guthmiller

Parents: Joel and Tina Guthmiller

Siblings: Cade and Cassidy

Hobbies: golfing, hanging out with friends and family, driving around

School/Community Activities: Volleyball, golf, FCCLA, Silver Skates

Favorite High School Memory: Bus rides with friends to games

Future Plans: Attending NSU for Business, Appoise Esthetics School



Layne Michael Hanson

Parents: Shawn and Jeff Hanson

Hometown: Bath

Hobbies: outdoors, working, fishing and hunting, hanging with friends, trap shooting

School/Community Activities: trap shooting, FFA

Favorite High School Memory: All homecomings and FFA

Future Plans: SDSU to major in Ag systems tech



Braxton Michael Imrie

Parents: Mike, Dawn

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Brooklyn-19 and Brenna-15

Hobbies: hunting, fishing, and playing cards with friends, hanging out with friends

School/Community Activities: Basketball, soccer

Favorite High School Memory: Basketball bus rides with the boys

Future Plans: Undecided



Shea Leigh Jandel

Parents: Cole and Heather Jandel
Hometown: Bath
Siblings: Kya-22, Rease-20
Hobbies: hanging out with friends and driving around
School/Community Activities: Cheerleading and FFA
Favorite High School Memory: The fun bus rides to and from school trips and cheering at state basketball
Future Plans: I will be joining the Air Force



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Karsyn Leigh Jangula

Parents: Jerrad Jangula and Carla Sperry
Siblings: Ryder Jangula-15, Briggs Sperry-7
Hobbies: hanging out with friends and family, shopping, eating, hanging out with my dog Jake, going to the Lake
School/Community Activities: FCCLA, yearbook committee
Favorite High School Memory: homecoming week every year especially Jungle Days
Future Plans: Going to Lake Area Tech to become an Occupational Therapy Assistant



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Jayla Marie Jones

Parents: Jarrett and Stacy Jones
Hometown: Bath, SD
Siblings: Makayla Jones-23, Delayne Jones-16, Porter Jones-14
Hobbies: Rodeoing and training horses
School/Community activities: FFA and High School Rodeo
Favorite High School Memory: My favorite high school memory is travelling with my FFA chapter to Indianapolis for FFA Nationals junior year
Future Plans: I plan to attend Lake Area Tech in Watertown and major in livestock production and management and specializing in equine. After college I plan to open an equine boarding, rehabilitation, conditioning, training, and breeding facility



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Tristan Scott Kampa

Parents: Scott and Myndi Kampa
Hometown: Groton
Siblings: Jaeger Kampa-17
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, underwater basket weaving, spending time in library studying
School/Community Activities: Trap
Favorite High School Memory: Buring out lots up
Future Plans: Energy operations at LATC



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Elijah Jeremiah Lich

Parents: Mikaela Schulz, Aaron Sattler
Hometown: Conde
Hobbies: Playing games, listening to music
Favorite High School Memory: When Michael brought his party bus to school
Future Plans: Continue with workforce and then study coding



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Shaela Rae McGannon

Parents: Jessica Schmieg, Todd Mc Gannon
Hometown: Aberdeen
Siblings: Tristan-16
Hobbies: Painting, being at the lake, fishing, being with family, play softball
School/Community Activities: FCCLA, Track
Favorite High School Memory: Homecoming week, Jungle Days, and playing games with our class
Future Plans: Live in Aberdeen and work. Attend Northern State University




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Michael Fredrick Powers-Dinger

Parents: Kayle and Emmy Dinger
Hometown: Hecla
Hobbies: lake and snowmobiling
School/Community Activities: trap
Future Plans: Lake Area Ag Business then farming

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Emma Jo Schinkel

Parents: Marjae and Dan Schinkel
Hometown: Groton
Siblings: Danielle Schinkel-26, Jasmine Groft-24, Anthony Shinkel-22
Hobbies: Watching Netflix, hanging out with friends, spending time with family, going to the lake, working, and spending time with my animals
School/Community Activities: FFA, FC-CLA, Cheer, volleyball team manager, Nation Honor Society
Favorite High School Memory: Cheering @ State basketball and getting to interact with the crowd there.
Future Plans: I will be attending Lake Area Tech in Watertown to earn a degree in Nursing.






Congratulations Graduates!


Kate Nicole Profeta

Parents: Sherri Profeta
Hometown: Groton
Siblings: Justin Perkins-35, Jordan Perkins-33, Madison Vornhagen-28
Hobbies: I love to go on walks, be outside, enjoy being with friends and family, being at the lake, coloring and trying new things
School/Community Activities: Dance Team
Favorite High School Memory: Dancing at NSU for their basketball games
Future Plans: Attend Lake Area Tech in Watertown for Medical Assisting

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Tyton Harvest Stange

Parents: Darin and Dee Stange
Siblings: Kristen, Bryce, Harleigh and Kayde
Hobbies: hanging out with friend and family and driving around
School/Community Activities: Trap-shooting
Favorite High School Memory: 1st day of 6th grade when Lance Hawkins was my teacher
Future Plans: go to LATC for Ag Business, after that go work on the farm




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Logan Michael Ringgenberg

Parents: Mike and Molly Ringgenberg
Hometown: Columbia
Siblings: Baily-29, Kaitlyn-25
Hobbies: Sports, hunting, fishing, playing cards with the boys, spending time with family
School/Community Activities: Football, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, FFA, 4-H, member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbia
Favorite High School Memory: Going to state basketball tournament for basketball twice.
Future Plans: Enlisted in Army National Guard and going to basic training then attending SDSU in the spring semester majoring in Agricultural science.



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Bryson Clinton Wambach

Parents: Richel Wambach, Jason Wambach
Hometown: Ipswich
Siblings: Wyatt-15, Grace-20
Hobbies: Videos games, trap shooting, learning, basketball
School/Community Activities: Trap shooting, St. Elizabeth Ann Sedon CCD
Favorite High School Memory: Washington D.C trip
Future Plans: Attend NSU and get on Elem-ed degree and then maybe teach elementary or middle school




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Ava Elizabeth Wienk

Parents: Bret and Lisa Wienk
Hometown: Aberdeen
Siblings: Bradyn Wienk-16
Hobbies: Going camping, going for walks, and spending time with friends and family
School/Community Activities: FFA, FC-CLA, 4-H, Dance
Favorite High School Memory: Going to homecoming games and prom
Future Plans: I plan on going to Lake Area Technical college to study Human Services under mental Health



Jacob Matthew Zak

Parents: Jessie and Kristi Zak
Hometown: Groton, SD
Siblings: Jayden Zak-20, Karson Zak-15
Hobbies: Golfing, fishing, basketball, soccer, and hanging out with friends and family
School/Community Activities: Basketball, soccer, Thunder basketball
Future Plans: Landscape Design/Architecture



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 Emily Clark, Faith Flihs, Lexi Osterman, Cadence Feist; Not Pictured: Kate Profeta.



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 Holden Sippel



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 Bradin Althoff



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 Emily Clark



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 Lexi Osterman



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 Cadence Feist and Ashlyn Sperry



FCCLA Service Award

Back Left: Anna Fjeldheim, Sydney Leicht, Claire Heinrich, Hannah Monson, Emma Schinkel; Front Left: Karsyn Jangula, Abby Jensen, Cadence Feist, Camryn Kurtz, Ashlyn Sperry; Not pictured: Carly Guthmiller.



South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship

Back Left: Holden Sippel, Bradin Althoff, Bryson Wambach; Front Left: Anna Fjeldheim, Kyleigh Englund, Anna Bisbee, Ashlyn Sperry



Doug Doeden Memorial Scholarship

Anna Fjeldheim



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Cadence Feist



Groton STEM Scholarship & Gwendolyn O' Connor Broman Scholarship

Claire Heinrich



Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Harms, Emma Schinkel, Anna Fjeldheim, Mike Harms.



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Lane Tietz, Karsyn Jangula, Colby Dunker



Principal Student Service Award

Emily Clark, Anna Bisbee, Ashlyn Sperry, & Anna Fjeldheim



Don Bartz Memorial Scholarship

Anna Bisbee, Jackson Garstecki, Abby Jensen



Groton Area Teaching Scholarship

Anna Bisbee, Anna Fjeldheim, Byson Wambach



12th Grade Principal Honor Roll

These students have been on the Honor Roll every quarter of their High School career. Back Left: Kyleigh Englund, Lexi Osterman, Colby Dunker, Bradin Althoff, Dillon Abeln, Holden Sippel, Lane Tietz; Middle Left: Emily Clark, Lydia Meier, Anna Fjeldheim, Claire Heinrich, Hannah Monson, Emma Schinkel, Sydney Leicht; Front Left: Faith Fleihs, Cadence Feist, Abby Jensen, Camryn Kurtz, Ashlyn Sperry.



8th Grade Principal Honor Roll

These students have been on Honor Roll every quarter for their 7th grade & 8th Grade year. Back Left: Easton Weber, Jace Johnson, Ryder Schelle, Layne Johnson, Ethan Kroll, Karson Zak, Wyatt Wambach, TC Schuster; Middle Left: John Bisbee, Libby Coke, Rylie Rose, Addison Hoeft, Mya Feser, Chesney Weber, Kyleigh Kroll; Front Left: Sydney Locke, Rylen Ekern, Ruelle Gilbert, Makenna Krause, Brysen Sandness; Not pictured: Taryn Thompson.



6th Grade Principal Honor Roll

These students have been on the Honor Roll every quarter of their 6th grade year. Back Left: Sophia Fleihs, Axel Abeln, Illyanna Dallarie, Ryder Schwan, Trayce Schelle, Liam Lord; Middle Left: Liam Johnson, Andi Gauer, Keegan Kucker, Asher Zimmerman, Haden Harder, Trey Tietz, Gavin Hanten; Front Left: Amelia Ewalt, Rown Patterson, Jameson Penning, Hudson Eichler.



President's Award for Educational Excellence

Back Left: Kyleigh Englund, Lexi Osterman, Holden Sippel, Bradin Althoff, Dillon Abeln; **Middle Left:** Anna Bisbee, Emily Clark, Lydia Meier, Claire Heinrich, Ashlyn Sperry, Hannah Monson, Sydney Leicht; **Front Left:** Anna Fjeldheim, Faith Flihs, Cadence Feist, Abby Jensen, Camryn Kurtz.



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South Dakota Regent Scholar Diploma

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Edna Bugner Scholarship
Emily Clark & Anna Fjeldheim



Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship

Back Left: Layne Hanson, Lexi Osterman, Kyleigh Englund, Ava Wienk, Logan Ringgenberg; **Front Left:** Faith Flihs, Cadence Feist, Hannah Monson, Ashlyn Sperry.



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Colby Dunker & Ashlyn Sperry



Groton Area Class of 1969 Scholarship

Students Pictured: Camryn Kurtz, Kyleigh Englund, Anna Fjeldheim
Students not pictured: Holden Sippel & Faith Flihs

Along with members of the class of 1969.



Beck Memorial Scholarship
Holden Sippel & Diann Morehouse



These students wearing their Red, White, & Blue graduation cords representing their commitment into the Military.
 Logan Riggerberg (South Dakota National Guard), Cadence Feist (South Dakota ROTC National Guard), Shae Jandel (United States Air Force), Layne Hanson (South Dakota National Guard).



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 Ashlyn Sperry, Logan Ringgenberg, Jesse & Julie Morehouse.



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Groton American Legion Post 39 Scholarship
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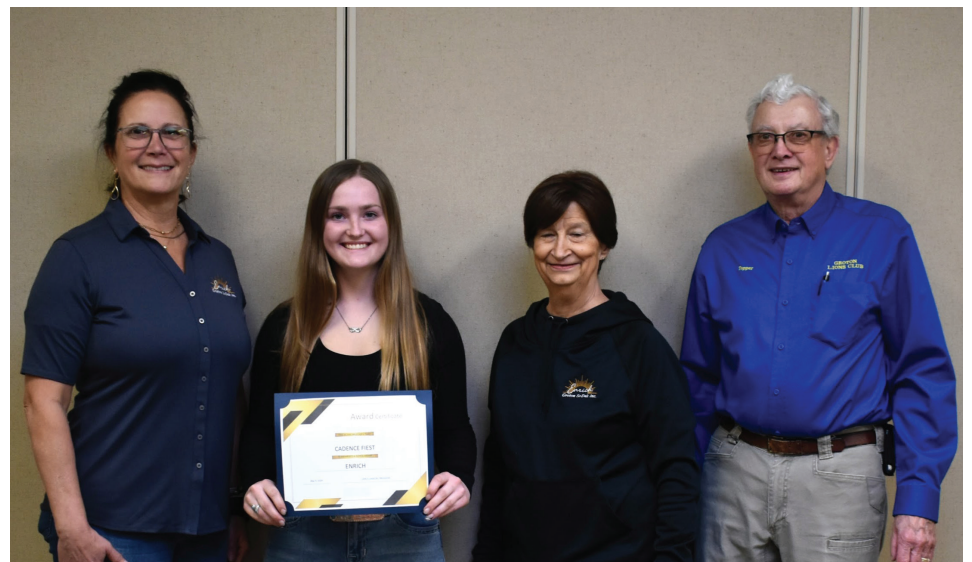
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Emily Clark & Tom Heinz**



**PEO Scholarship
Ashlyn Sperry & Emily Sternhagen**



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Ashley Bentz, Katelyn Nehlich, Emily Clark, Ashlyn Sperry, Claire Heinrich,
Doug Heinrich**



**Kay & David Donovan
Memorial Scholarship
Dick Donovan & Cadence Feist**



**Dacotah Bank Scholarship
Katelyn Nehlich, Ashlyn Sperry, Anna Fjeldheim, Karsyn Jangula, Claire Heinrich,
Heidi Locke**



**Groton Lion's Scholarship
Students: Shaela McGannon, Karsyn Jangula, Ava Weink
Along with members of the Groton's Lion's Club.**



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Cadence Feist & Claire Heinrich**