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Pictured are Ryelle Gilbert, Jayden Schwan and Faith Traphagen. (Photo from Groton Area Facebook Page)

## Three advance to State Cross Country

Jayden Schwan, Faith Traphagen and Ryelle Gilbert have qualified for the state cross country meet to be held Saturday at Hart Ranch, Rapid City.

The girls race begins at 1:30 p.m. CT and the boys at 3 p.m. CT.



## SDHSSCA 2024 Class "A" All-State Soccer Team

Groton Area has five soccer players named to the South Dakota High School Soccer Coaches Association All-State Team. They are senior Laila Roberts, first team; senior Brooklyn Hansen, honorable mention; junior Gage Sippel, honorable mention; senior Kennedy Hansen, first team; and sophomore McKenna Tietz, first team. (Photo from Groton Area Facebook Page)

## State Minimum Wage to Increase Jan. 1

PIERRE, S.D. – The state minimum wage for non-tipped employees will increase from \$11.20/hour to \$11.50/hour effective Jan. 1, 2025.

The minimum wage is adjusted annually based on increases in the cost of living, as measured by the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor. South Dakota implements this annual increase as established by SDCL 60-11-3.2, a law passed by the South Dakota Legislature that came into effect on Jan. 1, 2016.

The hourly minimum wage for tipped employees will be \$5.75/hour effective Jan. 1, 2025, half the minimum wage for non-tipped employees. Wages and tips combined must equal at least the minimum wage.



3 year members: (L to R): Aspen Beto and Novalea Warrington

## Northwestern Middle School Music Festival

On Tuesday October 15h, nine Middle School Band Students attended the Northwestern Middle School Music Festival. An impressive fifteen schools attended this event. The band students are chosen from nominations from band directors and then these chosen students spend time working with this year's guest director Toby Rath, Former Band Director from Groton. The choir students were accompanied by Mr. Reid Johnson, also Former Band Director from Groton. Novalea, Wesley, and Liam J. were chosen as first chair section leaders. Aspen and Novalea are also this year's festivals three year members. The students had a wonderful experience, and performed an impressive concert to a gym completely filled with an audience.

**FALL SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT**

MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 25TH  
7PM



Front row (L to R): Ayce Warrington, trombone; Liam Lord, Tuba; Liam Johnson, Alto Sax; Hudson Eichler, Percussion; Bella Barrera, French Horn; and Mr. Reid Johnson (Accompanist); mBack row (L to R): Novalea Warrington, Flute; Aspen Beto, Clarinet; Wesley Borg, Tenor Sax; Kyrie Yeigh, Clarinet; and Mrs. Desiree Yeigh (Director)

Mark your calendars for the Fall Sports Awards Night on Monday, November 25th @ 7pm. We will recognize and honor our Groton Tiger Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Boys and Girls Soccer, and Boys Golf athletes!

## Vote for America

My bedroom window has begun to glow. Groan. I've got problems. It's Sunday morning. I'd really like to sleep in, but my bladder may have something to say about that. Then there's that hunk of goo hung up in my bronchial tubes. All impediments to sleeping in.

If I just don't move maybe that tickle in my chest will subside. Gus the Wonder Pug may even let me sleep in. He instinctively seems to know when it's the weekend. My bladder seems to be quieting down... Dang! It's awake now, and off I go to the bathroom.

When I emerge, I start the coffee and microwave some leftover pizza for Gus. I won't finish it, and it is his favorite food.

Still, I'm unsettled. I know what it is. We all know what it is. Outside my picture window, gold, maroon, and still-green trees capture my gaze for a moment. The gray pall of an early-morning mist has burned off. Autumn's undeniable. Winter's coming.

There's an unspoken heaviness in the ether, the sort of thing we felt on 9/11. Uncertainty. And considering the echoes of January 6, danger. There's a creeping Orwellian feel to the atmosphere. Nearly half of the country, if the polls are to be trusted, are either trying to gaslight the rest into believing Trump's coup didn't happen or that what we saw wasn't what we saw.



## That's Life

by Tony Bender

Try to imagine for a moment that it was Joe Biden who attempted an insurrection against the United States of America. What if it had been Barack Obama? I think we know that their actions would not be so blithely excused. But we're supposed to forget all that. Trump was just kidding.

Even if you believe that, why would you take the chance now? For a better deal on a six-pack? Fifty cents less on gas prices? Name your price. What's the cost of betrayal? Take a moment, spend it with that painting of Washington crossing the Delaware. Does it matter if your grandkids grow up in a democracy? With the freedom your father and grandfather fought for? Do you want your granddaughters to grow up with their bodies regulated by the state? Free women or breeding stock.

Where do you think it stops? It doesn't. Authoritarianism doesn't stop until its defeated.

I don't believe I've ever voted a one-party ticket—I've voted for the candidate—and like the many former members of Trump's administration who now disavow him as a lethal threat, on November 5, I'll vote for my country.

Distracted and disbelieving... that's what I think has happened to my friends and neighbors. They haven't paid attention. They haven't expanded their news sources. They don't grasp how dangerous Donald Trump is. Former Joint Chief of Staff under Trump Mark Milley does. He told Bob Woodward, "No one has ever been as dangerous to this country as Donald Trump. Now I realize he's a total fascist. He is the most dangerous person to this country."

Two weeks. We're living history. Making history. Send your message at the ballot box. Before you vote, though, stop to see the military graves of your forefathers at the cemetery. Listen. Listen to them.

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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

On Sunday, the Detroit Lions clawed their way to a 31-29 victory over the Minnesota Vikings. It was a hard-fought battle that came down to a field goal attempt with only fifteen seconds left on the clock. With the loss, the Vikings fall to 5-1, now second in the NFC North as the Lions hold the tiebreaker.

Detroit started the game with a disastrous opening series, losing 16 yards in their first two plays. On fourth-and-seven, they ran a fake punt that the Vikings easily snuffed out. Dan Campbell's gamble didn't pay off, and the Vikings suddenly had the ball 34 yards away from the endzone and they wasted no time capitalizing. After a short pass to Justin Jefferson, Aaron Jones broke free for a 34-yard touchdown run, giving Minnesota a 7-0 lead.

The Lions' second possession was a three-and-out, and the Vikings got the ball right back. Nine plays later, Will Reichard booted a 57-yard field goal and the Vikings had a 10-point lead. A third straight three-and-out forced by the Vikings' defense led to another Detroit punt, and the Vikings got the ball back with four minutes left in the first quarter.

Up until this point it had been smooth sailing for the Vikings' offense, but soon their warship began to spring leaks, stalling out as Detroit's defense poked holes in their game plan. Penalties on their next drive stalled the offense, and Detroit answered with a five-play, 69-yard touchdown drive, narrowing the score to 10-7. After another Minnesota punt, the Lions struck again, this time with an 83-yard drive to take a 14-10 lead. For the first time since the first quarter of their first game, the Vikings were trailing.

The Vikings began taking back some of the momentum on their next drive, but then an interception by Sam Darnold gave the ball back to the roaring Lions who marched down the field for another TD. After giving up 21 unanswered points, the Vikings went into halftime down 21-10.

Good coaches adapt their strategy throughout the game, which is exactly what Kevin O'Connell did in the second half. The Vikings got the ball to start the third quarter, and nine plays and 80 yards later they found the endzone, cutting Detroit's lead to four. The Lions responded with a nine-play touchdown drive of their own, making the score 28-17. Two field goal drives by the Vikings, sandwiching a Detroit punt, brought the game within one score halfway through the fourth quarter.

Sensing blood in the water, the Vikings' defense picked up their intensity, resulting in a fumble recovered for a touchdown by Ivan Pace Jr. The Vikings failed a two-point conversion, but they still had a 29-28 lead with under six minutes remaining in the game. On 3rd&6 for Detroit, Vikings' legend Andrew Van Ginkel sacked Jared Goff and ended their drive. With the lead and only four minutes left in the game, the Vikings had a chance to put this one away. Unfortunately, an incomplete pass from Darnold to Jefferson on third down stopped the clock and forced the Vikings to punt. Eight plays and 44 yards later, Detroit kicked a 44-yard field goal, giving the Lions a two-point lead and ultimately the win.

Sam Darnold completed 22 of 27 passes for 259 yards, one TD and one INT. Aaron Jones ran for 93 yards and a TD on 14 carries, while adding three catches for 23 yards. Justin Jefferson led the team with seven catches for 81 yards and a TD.

Andrew Van Ginkel had two sacks and three tackles for a loss. Jonathan Greenard and Ivan Pace Jr. each had a sack, with Pace adding a fumble recovery for a TD. Will Reichard was 3/3 on field goals and nailed both of his extra points.

Looking ahead, the Vikings have a short week, traveling to Los Angeles to face the Rams in a Thursday Night matchup. Vikings' head coach Kevin O'Connell is very familiar with the Rams, serving as their offensive coordinator from 2020-2021 and helping them beat the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl LVI. The Rams are coming off a win against the Las Vegas Raiders, and are 2-4 this season.

## Groton Area JH Football Team goes undefeated

The Groton Area junior high football team recently wrapped up an undefeated season. The record is 13-0. All games were combined seventh and eighth grade, except with Milbank and Roncalli where Groton Area played separate seventh and eighth grade games.

- Vs. Ellendale/Edgely-Kulm 34-14
- Vs. Webster 32-0
- Vs. Milbank 7th grade 24-6, 8th grade 30-0
- Vs. Britton/Hecla 44-14
- Vs. Florence/Henry 48-0
- Vs. Webster 24-6
- Vs. Clark/Willow Lake 30-0
- Vs. Oakes 38-14
- Vs. Clark/Willow Lake 32-0
- Vs. Roncalli 7th grade 8-0, 8th grade 24-6
- Vs. Sisseton 38-6



In back, left to right, are Coach Jordan Carson, Zach Flieds, Asher Johnson, Anthony Tracy, Jordan Schwan, Carter Glines, Eli Heilman, Case Reints, Tate Johnson and Coach Lance Hawkins; in the middle row, left to right, are Kyson Kucker, Gavin Hanten, Lincoln Shilhanek, Trayce Schelle, Major Dolan, Ryder Schwan, Ryker Bruns, Kolton Antonsen, Xavier Klebsch and Sam Crank; and in front, left to right are Brantley Belden, Trey Teitz, Asher Zimmerman, Jameson Penning, Eli Heilman, Wesley Borg, Keegan Kucker and Liam Lord. (Courtesy Photo)



## Pep Rally held for Girls Soccer Team

Groton Area will battle Sioux Falls Christian in the state championship game today at 5 p.m. The two teams battled it out in the first game of the season in Groton and it ended up in a 1-1 tie. A pep rally was held Friday morning for a send off for the Lady Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The team used boxes to collect balls and put them into a goal as part of the pep rally. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Groton Area Soccer team was introduced at the pep rally. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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## Groton Area netters beat Deuel in three sets

The Groton Area volleyball team traveled to Clear Lake on Thursday where the Tigers had a clean sweep in all minimum sets.

Groton Area won the varsity match, 25-14, 25-16 and 25-11. Rylee Dunker had 11 kills, two blocks and one assisted block; Chesney Weber had seven kills, one solo and one assisted block; Taryn Traphagen had four kills and one assisted block; Jaedyn Penning had two kills, four ace serves, four assists and six digs; Laila Roberts had three ace serves and one kill; Sydney Locke had five ace serves; Kella Tracy had four kills; Elizabeth Fliehs had one ace serve and 15 assists and Jerica Locke had eight digs.

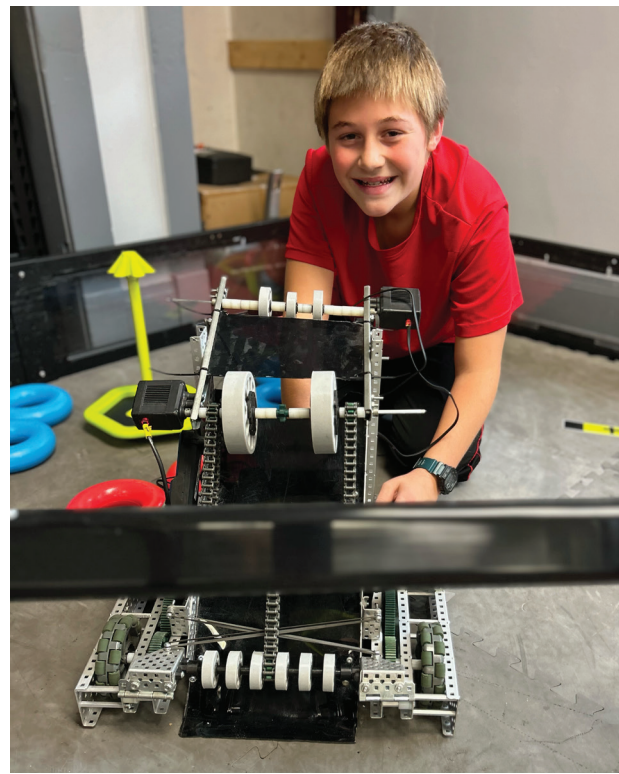
Deuel's Alayna Carlson had four kills; Tory Engebretson had two kills, one block and two ace serves; Claryssa Hanson had two kills and two blocks; Camdyn Peterreins and Emma Sattler each had two kills; Roxanne Raml had one ace serve; Addison Timmons had 10 digs; Ella Kerkvliet six digs and Grayn Gohring had eight assists.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Fans of Jaedyn Penning, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Krueger Brothers, R&M Farms/Rix Farms and The Meathouse in Andover.

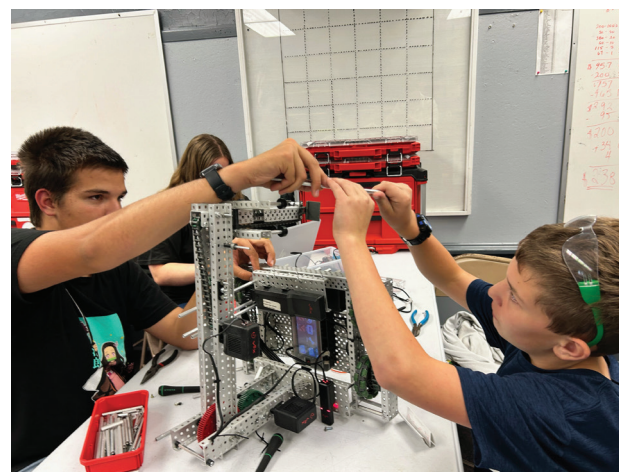
Groton Area won the junior varsity match by identical scores of 25-19 in two sets. Emerlee Jones had six kills, Talli Wright four kills and two ace serves, Kella Tracy three kills and one ace serve, Makenna Kruase had three kills and six ace serves; McKenna Tietz had three kills and Liby Althoff had one kill and two ace serves.

The junior varsity match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Adam and Nicole Wright.

Groton won the C match, 2-0. Next week, Groton Area will host Redfield on Friday.



**9050E -Team Galaxy- Being Represented by Ayce Warrington.** (Courtesy Photo)



**9050B - Gearheads - Being represented by Logan Clocksene- Emmett Zoellner - Kira Clocksene.** (Courtesy Photo)

## Groton Robotics prepare for first tournament

The Groton Robotics program is off to an exciting start this 2024-2025 season! To start we are excited to announce a new annual Robotics scholarship available to Groton Robotics seniors! Thank you to the Groton Community and anonymous donors for helping sponsor this award for the future of this program!

Our first tournament of the season will take place on October 26, 2024 in Box Elder, South Dakota, just outside of Rapid City. The students are putting the final touches to the robots, as well as finishing engineering notebooks. For the first time, the students are sketching their designs digitally using Google slides versus paper form.

Future Tournaments and Events for 2024:  
Box Elder Tournament- 10/26/2024  
Harrisburg Tournament - 11/23/2024  
Mitchell Corn Palace - 12/7/2024

Stay tuned for more events and our annual pancake feed fundraiser in 2025!

## 2025 DOG LICENSES DUE BY 12/31/2024



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The test will be conducted on the 31st day of October 2024, at 8 o'clock a.m. at the following location:

Brown County Auditor's Office  
 25 Market Street, Ste. 1  
 Aberdeen, SD 57401  
 Dated this 23rd day of October 2024.

Lynn Heupel, County Auditor  
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General Fund- NWE Bills: (st lts) \$316.17, (ball pk) 20.23, (tennis) 21.01, (st lts2) 167.90, (hall) 281.01, (sign) 15.25; James Valley (auto): \$44.53; United Fire (auto): \$673.00; Quick-books (auto): \$31.86; Runnings: \$35.88; Lloyd Jark: \$600.00; Groton Independent: \$23.73; \$21.80; \$18.76; \$22.35; \$20.97; \$26.77. -Water Sewer Fund- NWE Bills: (2nd st) \$116.35, (p hse) 12.00; Web Water (auto): \$1,755.16 (174,848gal); USDA RD Loan Payment (auto): \$478.00; NESD Loan Payment (auto): \$383.71; 2024 Water Loan: \$7,375.85; DSG: \$840 (meters); Haar Plumbing: \$394.52

CLOSING:  
 The next board meeting will be held on Nov 12th, 2024, at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to adjourn the meeting.

-Anna Kwak; Finance Officer-  
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## Claremont Town Oct. 8 Meeting

The board of trustees for the town of Claremont met on 10/8/2024 at 8 pm in city hall at 606 6 th Ave. Claremont, SD. President Spencer called the meeting to order with trustees Thompson and Rasmussen present. Also present was Jordan Allbee of Helms and Associates was also present. On a motion to approve the September minutes by Rasmussen and seconded by Thompson. On a motion by Thompson and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed : General: GDI, publishing for storm sewer bids, 158.27; Full Circle Ag, desiel , 242.78; JGE, blade noticed , 291.41; A-1 Sanitation, roll off and mixed waste, 510.60; JVT, phone and internet, 138.22; Post Office, roll of stamps #100, 73.00; SDPAA, insurance, 3,151.05; Northwestern, street lights, 413.08; Northwestern, city hall, 97.67; IRS, 3rd Quarter fed tax , 378.22; Missi Smith, 2 hr. mowing, 29.66; Charla Rye, wage, 500.00; WSSW: BDM, water purchased, 903.75; Northwestern Energy, pump house, 45.85; Northwestern Energy, new Sewer lift, 65.96; Northwestern Energy, storm sewer lift, 19.87; USDA Rural Development, water loan, 576.00; The baseball program asked for a temporary permit to serve alcohol at the Legion Hall for their annual Fund raiser in October 12, 2024. On a motion by Thompson and seconded by Rasmussen the request was approved. Jordan was here to go over the storm water options and select the best option for the town. With no further business before the board a motion was made by Rasmussen to adjourn and seconded by Thompson.

Town of Claremont  
 C.Rye, Finance Officer  
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## Stratford Town 2025 Appropriation

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #130  
 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 130 FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, SD FOR THE YEAR OF 2025

Section .1 That there be and hereby is appropriated by the Board of Trustees of Stratford, S.D.

for the year 2025 the sum of money for the following purposes which are deemed necessary to

defray all the necessary liabilities for the Town of Stratford, S.D.

General Fund: 2025 Administration, salaries, etc: 12,000.00

Street Dept, gravel, lights, etc.: 18,000.00

Town Hall, parks, recreation, etc.: 15,000.00

Fire Dept.: \$7,000.00

Public Health/Code Enforcement: 3,000.00

Property liability and bond Ins.: \$6,000.00

Reserved as required per NESDEC: \$2,000.00

Contingency reserve fund.. Sewer Fund

Maintenance & repair.: \$10,000.00

Sewer loan: \$11,000.00

Bulk Water Purchase: \$25,000.00

Water & Sewer Analysis: \$5,000.00

Reserved as required by NESDEC: \$6,000.00

Total: \$ 120,000.00

Section .2 That for the purpose of defraying the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Stratford

for the year 2025, commencing the 1st of January 2025, that there be levied upon al taxable in the Town of Stratford, S.D. the following taxes to with:

For the general purposes. \$ 33,786.00 For the interest and debt service fund... 1 mil levy

Section .3 That the Finance Officer of the Town of Stratford, S.D. be and hereby is authorized and directed to certify the said tax levy to the County Auditor of Brown County, S.D. that the same be spread and assessed as provided by law.

Passed First Reading: 9-17-2024

Passed Second Reading: 10-15-2024

Attest:  
 Vern Prickett  
 President Board of Trustees  
 Dusty Schley  
 Trustee

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## Stratford Town Snow Removal Bid Notice

Town of Stratford  
 Accepting Snow Removal Bids  
 Written bids to be received to later than:

5:00 PM, November 11th, 2024

Submit to the Town of Stratford, via:

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 Stratford, SD 57474

Email: stratford1906@gmail.com

Drop Box: Community Center payment box

Bids will be opened on November 12th, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center.

Anna Kwak, Finance Officer  
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## Stratford Town Oct. 17 Meeting

Stratford Town Board Meeting  
 October 17th, 2024

6:30pm Prickett called meeting to order with Jark, Schley, and Kwak in attendance.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Jark, carried; to approve the Sept 17th, 2024 minutes as read.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Jark, carried; to approve the financials as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:  
 Updated estimate on repairs \$3,400. Discuss canceling rebuild and purchase new. Will research more details for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:  
 Policy change was discussed regarding active and inactive property classification and fees. New policy to reflect updated fees for each type of property "primitive, preconstruction, and service ready." Draft of new policy will be read at next meeting.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Jark, carried; to update water meter policy stating customers are responsible for any damages to their water meters or its accessories that are caused by negligence, or failure to safeguard the meter and its equipment from hazards.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to address gate valve depths on roads before winter.

Appropriation second reading passed.

Lloyd Jark submits notice of retirement as Town of Stratford trustee effective October 15th, 2024. A motion was made by Prickett; seconded by Schley, carried; to appoint Timothy Engelhardt to fill the seat. Swearing in of Timothy Engelhardt as trustee of the Town of Stratford effective October 15th, 2024.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to approve the following claims for payment:-

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

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General Election - Nov. 5  
 Absentee Voting has begun

GENERAL PUBLICATION BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER:

To vote for a group of presidential electors FILL IN the oval (●) next to the names.

Use only a pencil or pen.

If you make a mistake, give the ballot back and get a new one.

DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race.

For Presidential Electors

You may vote for one slate or leave it blank.

- Harris & Walz Electors Democratic Party
Mary Susanne Larson
Donn Larson
Larry Olsen
Oliver & ter Maat Electors Libertarian Party
Randy "Uriah" Luallin
Gregory Baldwin
Brian DeYoung
Trump & Vance Electors Republican Party
Marty Jackley
Kristi Noem
Larry Rhoden
Kennedy, Jr. & Shanahan Electors Independent
Jordan Thomas
Jared Degraaf
Edward Dykstra

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER:

To vote for a person FILL IN the oval (●) next to the name.

DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race.

For United States Representative

You may vote for one or leave it blank.

- Sheryl Johnson Democratic Party
Dusty Johnson Republican Party

For Public Utilities Commissioner

You may vote for one or leave it blank.

- Forrest Wilson Democratic Party
A. Gideon Oakes Libertarian Party
Kristie Fiegen Republican Party

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District 01 Ballot

For State Senator, District 01

You may vote for one or leave it blank.

- Michael H. Rohl Republican Party

For State Representative, District 01

You may vote for up to two or leave it blank.

- Steven D. McCleerey Democratic Party
Mark Sumption Democratic Party
Josh Dennert Libertarian Party
Tamara Lesnar Libertarian Party
Logan Manhart Republican Party
Christopher Reder Republican Party

District 03 Ballot

For State Senator, District 03

You may vote for one or leave it blank.

- Carl Perry Republican Party

For State Representative, District 03

You may vote for up to two or leave it blank.

- Erin R Rudner Democratic Party
Brandei Schaeftbauer Republican Party
Al Novstrup Republican Party

District 23 Ballot

For State Senator, District 23

You may vote for one or leave it blank.

- Mark Lapka Republican Party

For State Representative, District 23

You may vote for up to two or leave it blank.

- Scott Moore Republican Party
Spencer Gosch Republican Party

NONPOLITICAL BALLOT

Supreme Court Justice Retention

Vote on each justice. Shall the justice of the Supreme Court named on this ballot, whose term expires January 1, 2025, be retained in office?

Justice Scott P. Myren, representing the Fifth Supreme Court District

- Yes
No

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Constitutional Amendments

The following amendments to the State Constitution are submitted to the voters by the Legislature. The amendments will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

Constitutional Amendment E

Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Updating Gender References for Certain Officeholders and Persons.

Attorney General Explanation:

The South Dakota Constitution became effective upon the State joining the United States in 1889. The generic male pronouns he, his, and him are used in the text of the State Constitution to reference certain officeholders or individuals.

This amendment changes the text of the State Constitution to remove the use of generic male pronouns when referencing certain officeholders or individuals. For example, when referencing the Governor, instead of saying "he shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the state," the text will be changed to read "the Governor shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the state." The amendment makes similar changes to other references to the Governor, as well as to references to other officeholders including Lieutenant Governor, Supreme Court Justices, and Circuit Court Judges. The amendment also makes similar changes to references in the Constitution to general classes of people such as persons, electors, and public officers.

- Yes Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.
No Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.

Constitutional Amendment F

Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Authorizing the State to Impose a Work Requirement on Individuals Eligible for Expanded Medicaid Benefits

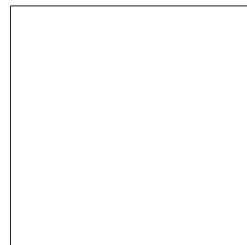
Attorney General Explanation:

The Medicaid program is funded by the State and the federal government to provide medical coverage for certain low-income people who qualify for the program. In 2022, the voters approved a Constitutional provision that expanded Medicaid eligibility for any person over age 18 and under 65 whose income is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level, plus 5% of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size.

This constitutional amendment authorizes the State to impose work requirements on any person eligible to receive benefits under the expanded Medicaid program, except for those persons who are physically or mentally disabled. The amendment does not identify any specific work requirement that may be imposed on those receiving expanded Medicaid benefits. Any work requirement proposed by the State must be approved by the federal government prior to implementation.

- Yes Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.
No Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.

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October 15, 2024
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Babcock, Wells, Cutler, Wambach, Bahr, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Elizabeth Varin, Paul Kosel, Mike Shilhanek, Chris Frost, and Jim Roche.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Babcock to approve the agenda with no additions or changes. All members present voted aye.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Mike Shilhanek addressed the council regarding the recent Groton Development Corporation meeting. Chris Frost addressed the council regarding the skating rink.

Paul Kosel and Jim Roche from Eaton provided the council with information regarding an electric metering solution.

Kosel and Roche exited the meeting.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve Resolution No. 20243 for a general fund contingency transfer. All members present voted aye. Resolution No. 20243 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The City of Groton did approve a line for contingency transfers in the 2024 annual budget in accordance with SDCL 9-21-6.1; and, WHEREAS, The City of Groton finds it necessary to transfer from said contingency line; NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Groton City Council, that the following amount(s) be transferred:

From: General Fund Contingency - 101-41150: \$36,854

To: Streets & Highways - 101-43100: \$12,000

Soccer - 101-45123: \$2,500

Swimming Pool - 101-45124: \$10,000

Baseball Grounds - 101-45140: \$12,354

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Wells to approve the September finance report. All members present voted aye.

Review of surplus property took place. One bid was received for the Snapper Mower in the amount of \$220 from Cody Monson. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wambach to accept the bid from Cody Monson in the amount of \$220. All members present voted aye.

2025 budget discussion took place.

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

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

Payroll, \$31,330.83, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,743.83; Public Safety, \$9,911.83; Public Works, \$15,872.12; Culture & Recreation, \$803.05; City of Groton, \$168.72, Family Crisis utility payment; James Valley Telecommunications, \$132.00, Family Crisis bill payment; Payment Service Network, Inc., \$205.25, Gateway and eBill fees; WEB Water, \$27,293.04, Water services - September 2024; Brown County Treasurer, \$26.70, Title transfer for 2009 Sterling dumptruck; Stacy Mayou, \$234.24, Med flex; SD State Treasurer, \$9,111.76, Sales & Excise Tax - September 2024; Dacotah Bank, \$6,871.77, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotahland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$647.90, HSA contributions; Dacotah Bank, \$3,309.88, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Railroad Management Co., \$1,566.52, Annual power line crossing fees; WESCO Distribution, \$3,270.00, Current transformers - Electric Dept.; Irby, Inc., \$4,669.90, Wedge clamps, clevises, chainsaw tool, line clamps, polymer spool insulator, deadend al clamps, linemens nut runner, utility auger, riser boots, impact wrench, cold shrink end caps, u-guards - Electric Dept.; Cole Papers, Inc., \$81.02, Garbage bags - Community Center; Jayden Schwan, \$336.30, Lifeguard/WSI training reimbursement - Swimming Pool;

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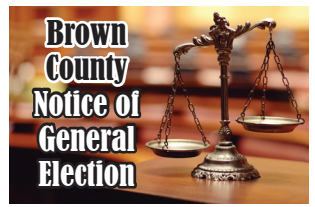
Ashlynn Warrington, \$220.00, Lifeguard training reimbursement - Swimming Pool; Emerlee Jones, \$475.00, Lifeguard/WSI training reimbursement - Swimming Pool; Ecolab Pest Elimination, \$117.98, Rodent control - Rubble Site; South Dakota 811, \$54.60, Message fees July thru September 2024; Heartland Energy, \$47,894.23, Power services - September 2024; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,220.27, Garbage hauling; Darrel's Sinclair, \$196.95, Battery - Street Dept.; Team Lab Chemical Corp., \$1,032.00, Wastewater chemicals; Full Circle Ag, \$477.63, Weed control chemicals; Badger Meter, \$155.66, Cellular service fee - Water Dept.; Dakota Resources, \$102.46, Mileage Reimbursement for Sessions 1-3 - Groton Dev. Corp.; A&B Business Solutions, \$392.86, Printer lease - City Hall; WAPA, \$22,501.95, Power services - September 2024; Groton Chamber of Commerce, \$250.00, 2025 chamber dues; Ken's Food Fair, \$475.96, Fuel purchases - Multiple Depts.; Runnings, \$409.90, Sprayer and mini sweeper - City Shop; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,409.43, Fuel purchases - Multiple Depts.; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$1,358.93, Skate laces, PH buffer kits, book purchase, traffic signal light bulbs, water sample postage, oil sample postage, airport reimbursement paperwork, pole saw replacement chains, fuel purchases, flashlight, candy, tissues, Remote PC annual fee - Multiple Depts; AutoZone, Inc., \$172.37, Oil filters and oil - City Shop & PD; Altec Capital Services, LLC., \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease; The Groton Independent, \$69.23, Publishing costs; James Valley Telecommunications, \$768.34, Telephone and internet services; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Inc., \$63.78, Master disconnect switches - Electric Dept.; Aberdeen FOP Lodge #4, \$100.00, 2025 FOP dues - Police Dept.

Announcement: Downtown Trick or Treat on October 31st, 2024, from 4pm to 6pm. Main Street will be blocked off.

Varin exited the meeting. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:43pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:03pm. Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**

A General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 in all the vote centers in Brown County.

The election polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Central Time on the day of the election.

The Vote Centers in Brown County are as follows:

- In Aberdeen City:
  - AmericInn Event Center
  - Best Western Ramkota Convention Center
  - Brown County Courthouse Community Room.

Rural Sites are as follows:

- Claremont City Hall
- Columbia Legion
- Frederick Community Center
- Groton Community Center
- Hecla Community Center
- Stratford Community Center
- Warner Community Center
- Westport Community Center

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the Brown County

Auditors Office at 605-626-7110 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Lynn Heupel, County Auditor Brown County, SD

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November 5, 2024	South Dakota	Brown County
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<p><b>Constitutional Amendments</b></p> <p>The following amendments to the State Constitution are submitted to the voters by petition. The amendments will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.</p>	<p><b>Initiated Measure 28</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> An Initiated Measure Prohibiting Taxes on Anything Sold for Human Consumption.</p> <p><b>Attorney General Explanation:</b> Currently, the State collects tax on the sale or use of certain goods, including foods and drinks. Many municipalities also collect these taxes.</p>	<p><b>Referred Law 21</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> A Referred Act to Provide New Statutory Requirements for Regulating Linear Transmission Facilities, to Allow Counties to Impose a Surcharge on Certain Pipeline Companies, and to Establish a Landowner Bill of Rights.</p> <p><b>Attorney General Explanation:</b> The Act authorizes counties to impose, for any tax year in which the pipeline operator receives a tax credit, a \$1.00 per foot surcharge on carbon dioxide pipelines. Revenue from the surcharge must be distributed as tax relief to each property owner in the county where the pipeline is installed. Any remaining revenue can be allocated at each county's discretion. No other fee may be imposed except property taxes, or fees associated with road agreements.</p>
<p><b>Constitutional Amendment G</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> An Initiated Amendment Establishing a Right to Abortion in the State Constitution.</p> <p><b>Attorney General Explanation:</b> This initiated amendment establishes a constitutional right to an abortion and provides a legal framework for the regulation of abortion. This framework would override existing laws and regulations concerning abortion.</p> <p>The amendment establishes that during the first trimester a pregnant woman's decision to obtain an abortion may not be regulated nor may regulations be imposed on the carrying out of an abortion.</p> <p>In the second trimester, the amendment allows the regulation of a pregnant woman's abortion decision, and the regulation of carrying out an abortion. Any regulation of a pregnant woman's abortion decision, or of an abortion, during the second trimester must be reasonably related to the physical health of the pregnant woman.</p> <p>In the third trimester, the amendment allows the regulation or prohibition of abortion except in those cases where the abortion is necessary to preserve the life or health of the pregnant woman. Whether an abortion is necessary during the third trimester must be determined by the pregnant woman's physician according to the physician's medical judgment.</p> <p>Judicial clarification of the amendment may be necessary. The Legislature cannot alter the provisions of a constitutional amendment.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.</p>	<p>This initiated measure prohibits the State from collecting sales or use tax on anything sold for human consumption. The measure eliminates these sources of revenue for the State.</p> <p>Human consumption is not defined by state law. However, its common definition includes more than foods and drinks.</p> <p>The measure does not prohibit the collection of sales or use tax on alcoholic beverages or prepared food. Prepared food is defined by law to include food that is sold heated or with utensils.</p> <p>The measure may affect the State's obligations under the tobacco master settlement agreement and the streamlined sales tax agreement. The master settlement agreement resulted from multi-state lawsuits against cigarette manufacturers for the public health effects of smoking. South Dakota's annual share of the master settlement agreement is approximately \$20 million. The streamlined sales tax agreement is a multistate program designed to simplify the collection of sales and use tax for companies selling in multiple jurisdictions.</p> <p>Judicial or legislative clarification of the measure will be necessary.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Note:</b> Beginning July 1, 2025, the State could see a reduction in sales tax revenues of \$123.9 million annually from no longer taxing the sale of anything sold for human consumption, except alcoholic beverages and prepared food. Municipalities could continue to tax anything sold for human consumption.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> Vote "Yes" to adopt the initiated measure.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> Vote "No" to leave South Dakota law as it is.</p>	<p>The Act also imposes certain requirements on carbon dioxide pipelines: pipelines must be installed to a minimum depth; each pipeline operator is responsible for damages to drain tile, and to the surface owner, caused by the pipeline; each operator is also responsible for leaks or failures of the pipeline; and any land agent acting on behalf of the pipeline must be a pipeline employee, State resident, or State licensed real estate agent. The Act also includes requirements that carbon pipeline easements be in writing, and only enforceable for a specified period of time; pipeline operators must initiate business operations within five years of the easement; and each easement is void after five years of nonuse.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> Vote "Yes" to allow the Act of the Legislature to become law.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> Vote "No" to reject the Act of the Legislature.</p>
<p><b>Constitutional Amendment H</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Establishing Top-Two Primary Elections</p> <p><b>Attorney General Explanation:</b> Currently, to appear on the general election ballot, major party candidates for the following offices must participate in a partisan primary election: Governor, State Legislature, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and elected county offices. Only members of the candidate's party may vote for that candidate unless that party has opened the primary to voters not affiliated with the party.</p> <p>Minor party candidates may be chosen by primary or party convention.</p> <p>Unaffiliated candidates (independents) are only required to file nominating petitions to appear on the general election ballot.</p> <p>For the listed offices, this amendment requires one primary election wherein all candidates run against each other in their respective races, including major and minor party and unaffiliated candidates. A candidate may list any party next to their name on the ballot regardless of party affiliation or registration. All voters may vote for any candidate. The two candidates receiving the most votes advance to the general election. If there is more than one candidate to be elected to an office, the number of candidates advancing to the general election is twice the number to be elected.</p> <p>Primary elections may be held for other offices.</p> <p>The amendment may be challenged on constitutional grounds.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Note:</b> Open primaries would require printing additional ballots at a cost of \$0.47 per ballot. The additional cost statewide to counties would currently be approximately \$23,667 for each primary election. The share of the total cost for each county will vary. There is no expected cost to state government.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.</p>	<p><b>Initiated Measure 29</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> An Initiated Measure Legalizing the Recreational Use, Possession, and Distribution of Marijuana.</p> <p><b>Attorney General Explanation:</b> This initiated measure allows individuals 21 years of age or older to possess, grow, ingest, and distribute marijuana or marijuana paraphernalia. Individuals may possess up to two ounces of marijuana in a form other than marijuana concentrate or other marijuana products. Individuals may possess up to six marijuana plants with no more than twelve plants per household. The measure also places limits on the possession of other forms of marijuana and marijuana products.</p> <p>Under the measure, the possession, ingestion, and distribution of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia remains illegal for individuals under the age of 21. Driving under the influence of marijuana remains illegal.</p> <p>The measure restricts where individuals may possess or consume marijuana, such as schools or where tobacco is prohibited.</p> <p>The measure allows employers to restrict an employee's use of marijuana. Property owners may also regulate the use of marijuana on their property.</p> <p>The measure does not affect State laws dealing with hemp. It also does not change laws concerning the State's medical marijuana program.</p> <p>The measure legalizes marijuana-derived substances considered felony controlled substances under State law. Marijuana remains illegal under federal law.</p> <p>Judicial or legislative clarification of this measure may be necessary.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Note:</b> The state and municipalities would collect minimal additional sales tax revenue, as the measure would not decriminalize the sale of cannabis but would decriminalize the sale of cannabis accessories. Counties could see incarceration expenses reduced by \$581,556 every year.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> Vote "Yes" to adopt the initiated measure.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> Vote "No" to leave South Dakota law as it is.</p>	<p><b>Turn page</b></p> <p>Typ:01 Seq:0001 Spl:01</p>
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October 15, 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 Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A Moment of Silence was held in remembrance of former U.S. Senator Tim Johnson.

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

ORDINANCE #279 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #279. Applicant West Lake, LLC to rezone from Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring these parcels into compliance for a future liquor and video lottery establishment: Lots 1 and 2 in the NE1/4 of Section 15-T123N-R64W, Except Highway R.O.W., of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2035 8th Avenue NW; Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #280 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #280.

Applicant T.W., LLC to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Lot 1 and Lot 2, "Wollman Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 29-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39504 129th Street & 12892 395th Avenue; Cambria Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #281 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #281. Applicants Alan & Janet Dixon to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Proposed Lot 4, "Dixon Third Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 15-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39135 138th Street, Gem Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #282 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #282. Applicants are City of Aberdeen and New Angus, LLC to rezone from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) Municipal State and County Use District (M) as requested by the City of Aberdeen: Proposed Lot 2, "New Angus Second Subdivision" in the N1/2 of Section 36-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (Approximately 498 135th Street SE; Aberdeen Township). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2025 FAIR BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the recommendations from the Fair Board an appointment the following for the 2025 Fair Board: New Members for their first 3-year terms - Joel Green, Ethan Sass, Dan Stevens and Alemita Shelton; Re-appoint for their second 3-year terms - Nichole Hacker, Katie Moulsoff and Joyce Voeller; Extended 1-year reappointment for Jayson Tollefson, Greg Markley and Shelly Eisenbeisz. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Jon Lemke, Chief Deputy Sheriff submitted a request to declare the following Taser equipment surplus property in order to sell or transfer the items: 10-X26P Tasers; 16-X26P Cartridges; 11-X26P Holsters; 9-X26P Cartridge Holsters; 16-X2 Tasers; 127-X2 Cartridges; 15-X2 Holsters; 23-X2/X26P Batteries and 2-USB Data port Cables. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to declare this equipment surplus and authorize the Sheriff's Office to sell or transfer the items. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Insurance: \$SD Assoc of County Commissioners \$2,949.00. Professional Fees: Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$9,523.81; CIOX Health \$99.06; Cogley Law Office \$9,523.81; Dakota Trails Investigation \$3,518.57; Dohrer Law Office \$9,523.81; Election Systems & Software \$1,893.10; Jerald M. McNeary \$9,523.81; John Noyes - Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$9,523.81; Kuck Law Office

\$9,523.81; Language Line Services Inc \$513.36; Marco Technologies LLC \$185.00; Medical Waste Transport Inc \$189.30; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$196.00; SD Dept of Health \$1,660.00; SD State 4H Office-Volunteers \$10.00; Taliaferro Law Firm PC \$9,523.81; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$567.13; TJ Counseling \$2,500.00; Abby Barnett \$28.34; Adam Harder \$204.32; Andrew Fischbach \$38.82; Anita Lowry \$72.40; Ann Steele \$27.86; Annie Falk \$117.86; Anton Gross \$129.65; Aschlie Mindt \$25.24; Ashely Kolasch \$22.62; Ashely Patterson \$12.62; Austin Simon \$113.93; Beth Kolb \$12.62; Betty Wolter \$114.32; Bradley Hanson \$168.12; Brandi Hansen \$12.62; Bruce Fenrich \$16.55; Carisa Hopfinger \$12.62; Caroline Sommers \$16.55; Carolyn Geyer \$28.34; Carrie Mestas \$33.10; Catherine Friesen-Eidahl \$40.13; Chad Loebis \$19.17; Cheryl Fehr \$113.93; Christina Heiberger \$12.62; Christopher Harr \$12.62; Christopher Odde \$25.72; Cristina Murphy \$27.86; Daniel Kaiser \$12.62; Daniel Severson \$22.62; Darwin Kern \$17.86; David Harris \$25.24; David Larson \$117.86; Debra Brick \$11.31; Debra Haak \$25.24; Debra Menzel \$13.93; Delbert Kaup \$11.31; Donna Lauseng \$25.24; Doug Stange \$184.67; Dylan Buckingham \$102.62; Eric Hermans \$33.10; Erin Bode \$13.93; Hannah Meier \$16.55; Harlan Bistodeau \$107.86; Heather Eckmann \$22.62; Helen Torrence \$12.62; Holly Descamps \$117.86; James Fryer \$105.24; James Harpel \$25.24; Jance Miller \$12.62; Janene Harry \$90.74; Janet Hughes \$11.31; Janice Ellefson \$29.65; Jared Dell \$172.88; Jeannie Schock \$12.62; Jeffery Howard \$160.26; Jeffrey West \$22.62; Jenna Lopez \$25.24; Jessica Hanson-Gamroth \$22.62; Jessica Zeck \$12.62; Kaitlyn Sumption \$95.98; Karen Sandquist-Fleming \$25.24; Katherine Fabert \$51.92; Kaye Anglin \$25.24; Kaylee Backman \$54.06; Keith Jacobson \$25.24; Kelly Ford \$11.31; Kimberly Schwan \$23.10; Kirsten Hubert \$102.62; Kristi Brownfield \$102.62; Krystina Hauck \$102.62; Laurel Pehl \$12.62; Lauren Wilkinson \$22.62; Lincer Cooks \$22.62; Linda Krogman \$25.24; Lindsay Harrison \$13.93; Lisa Cutler-Sippel \$192.53; Lisa Dennert \$51.92; Lorri Peterson \$25.24; Madeline King Dell \$113.93; Marissa Jondahl \$11.31; Mark Engelhart \$13.93; Mary Blackwell \$33.10; Matthew Luitjens \$11.31; Melissa Johnson \$11.31; Michael Anderson \$21.79; Michael Cardella \$121.79; Micki Daub \$72.88; Nancy Bellikka \$38.34; Nancy Kiesz \$15.24; Nathan Nipp \$13.93; Pamela Breyll \$51.44; Patricia Buechler \$43.58; Patty Kline \$25.24; Peggy Ford \$25.24; Penny Stolle \$36.20; Rabeca Severson

\$16.55; Rob Brandner \$11.31; Robert Rott \$117.86; Robert Socha \$11.31; Robin Mitchell \$101.22; Ryan Marnette \$13.93; Samantha Faehn \$13.93; Sharon Schnabel \$102.62; Shawnee Jakob \$137.51; Sigval Flagtvedt \$12.62; Steven Wilkie \$13.93; Susan Paye \$113.93; Taiten Leesch \$11.31; Tammie Jara-goske \$22.62; Tara Weiszhaar \$27.86; Thaw Htoo \$12.62; Tim Heilman \$27.03; Todd Dahme \$22.62; Todd Voeller \$75.02; Tonya Vilhauer \$117.86; Trekk Hannahs \$28.34; Twila Rausch \$38.34; Tyler Gauer \$22.62; Wayne Dean \$110.48; William Rohl \$12.62. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$152.67; McQuillen Creative Group Inc \$205.52. Rentals: Vestis \$268.48. Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Doors Inc \$252.00; Dakota Supply Group \$2,648.53; Diamond Mowers LLC \$190.61; Diesel Machinery Inc \$8,020.56; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$127.56; HF Jacobs & Son Const Inc \$523.32; Kone \$4,672.92; Mack's Auto Inc \$2,800.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$189.32; Pierson Ford Lincoln Inc \$294.92; Pomp's Tire Service Inc \$1,028.94; Titan Machinery \$729.87; Transource Truck & Equipment Inc \$15,319.01; Woodman Refrigeration \$12,137.00. Supplies: Agtegra \$972.24; Amazon Capital Services Inc \$687.07; Artz Equipment Inc \$2,239.61; Dakota Doors Inc \$291.57; Dakota Electronics \$1,376.89; Dakota Oil \$522.06; Diamond Mowers LLC \$3,060.59; Diesel Machinery Inc \$69.49; Election Systems & Software \$217.47; FedEx \$27.46; HF Jacobs & Son Const Inc \$7,661.82; House of Glass \$11,757.88; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$34,176.25; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$1,299.00; Kessler's \$267.89; Lara Nelson \$91.76; Lien Transportation Company \$165,231.60; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$706.59; Mack's Auto Inc \$944.13; Mac's Inc - Capital One Trade Credit \$88.75; Menards \$62.90; Mid-states Group \$27.00; Performance Crane and Heavy Haul \$3,238.00; Performance Oil \$103.87; Pierson Ford Lincoln Inc \$36.00; Rinse & Go Car Wash \$19.00; Runnings \$1,076.84; Titan Machinery \$370.60; Transource Truck & Equipment Inc \$618.71. Travel & Conference: Lauren Nikolas \$500.00; Sarah J. Jesz \$227.31. Utilities: CenturyLink \$566.21; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$434.84; City of Hecla \$144.76; Midwest Alarm Fire & Security Systems \$306.73; Northern Electric \$93.50; Northwestern Energy \$26.25; Verizon Wireless \$160.04. Other: SD Assoc of County Officials \$808.00; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$4,460.21; SD Dept of Revenue \$3,753.19; WEX Health \$5,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded

by Wiese to acknowledge and approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

o Employment ending for Patricia Slutts, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT - effective October 7, 2024. Request to fill.

o Resignation of Jennifer Gunckel, Brown County Jail Control Room, PT - effective October 1, 2024. Request to fill.

o Adjusted effective date: Hiring of Alexis Kane, Brown County Jail Cook, FT - effective October 11, 2024.

o Promotion of Jillian Klein from Brown County Appraisal Technician to Brown County Appraisal Assistant, starting wage \$20.26/hour - effective October 13, 2024.

o Reclassification of Deputy Director of Equalization from grade 19 to grade 20.

o Job description, title and grade for Fair and Parks Assistant Manager to be placed at 19.

o Job description, title and grade for Human Resources Generalist to be placed at 16 to include senior level incumbents being placed at grade 19.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following travel requests: Dirk Rogers & Josh Mathews, Highway Dept. to travel to Ortonville, MN to look at a road widener on October 9, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Auditor Heupel to 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: Chairman Sutton shared that he was contacted by Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager about storing campers, boats and trailers in the infield. Looking at doing a flat fee of \$200 for the season, since not being stored indoors wouldn't charge by the foot. After some discussion, will need to include in the agreement that the County is not liable for any weather-related damages and that Rachel would include in her fees that are approved at the first meeting in January.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 8:53 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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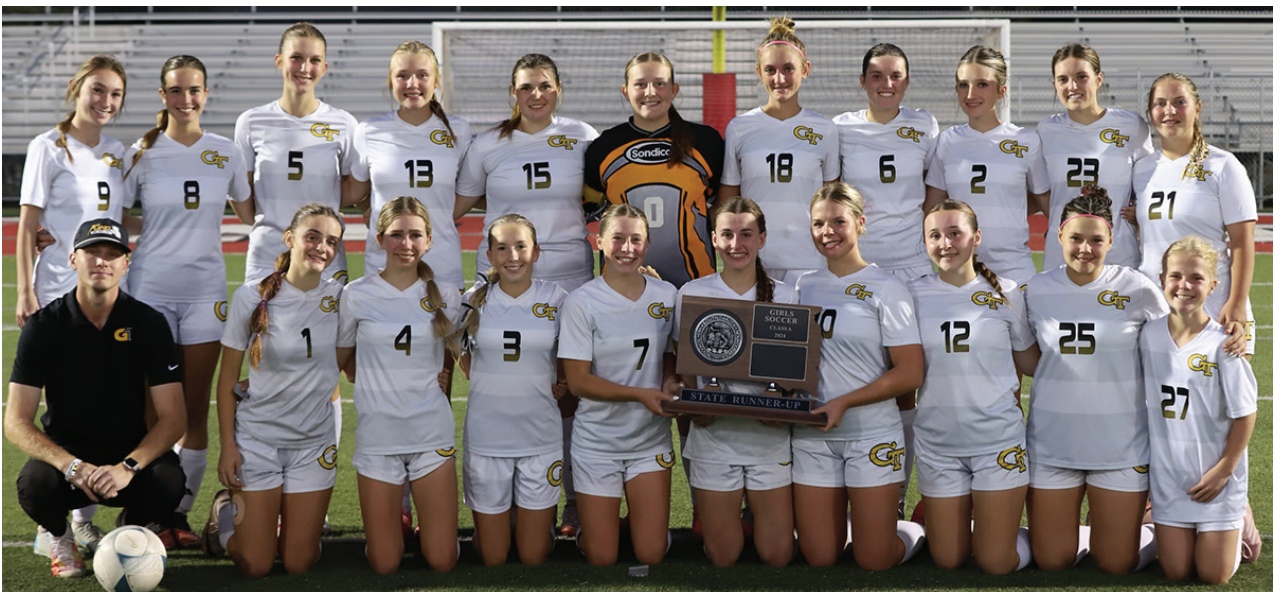
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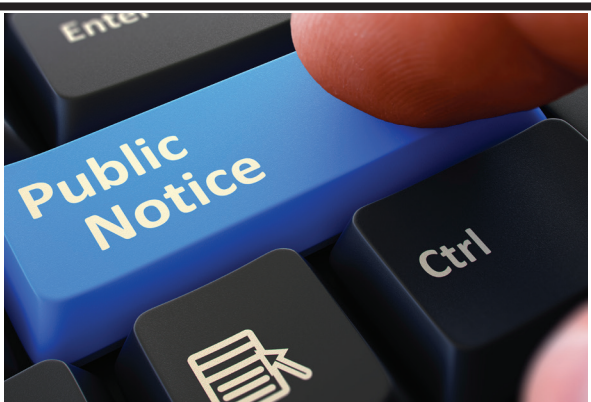


Groton Area's Kennedy Hansen was selected as a defensive player of the game. (Photo by Paula Johnson)



## Girls Soccer finish as State Runner Up

Groton Area's girls soccer team completed a 9-2-1 season with a runner-up finish in the state Class A high school girls soccer championship on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2024, at Yankton High School. Sioux Falls Christian won, 1-0. Pictured in back, left to right, are Kayla Lehr, Gretchen Dinger, Taryn Taphagen, Emerlee Jones, Mia Crank, Jaedyn Penning, Faith Traphagen, Brooklyn Hansen, Brenna Imrie, Kennedy Hansen and Carly Gilbert; in front, left to right, are Coach Matt Baumgartner, McKenna Tietz, Ryelle Gilbert, Addison Hoffman, Laila Roberts, Jerica Locke, Elizabeth Flihs, Sydney Locke, Avery Crank and Amelia Ewalt. (Photo by Paula Johnson)



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2. moan (low, mournful cry)  
3. groan (short, strong sound from pain)  
4. wrack (damage)  
5. night (late part of the day)  
6. chilly (frosty temperature)  
7. toad (hopping animal)  
8. wail (loud cry)  
9. claws (sharp fingernails)  
10. soul (your spirit)

A. clause (extra idea in a contract)  
B. towed (pulled by rope)  
C. rack (stones items)  
D. creek (a stream)  
E. sole (the only one)  
F. grown (gotten bigger)  
G. chill (spicy food)  
H. mown (cut grass)  
I. knight (hero in armor)  
J. whale (largest mammal)

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Daily Fee	\$5.00		

# Darling gets 1,000th career dig; Tigers beat Lions in volleyball

Langford Area's Eliana Darling got her 1,000 career dig Monday in volleyball action played in Groton. Very early in the match she got to the milestone, but the Lions lost the match to Groton Area, 25-12, 25-13 and 25-17.

Chesney Weber led Groton Area with 12 kills, 10 ace serves and nine assists. Taryn Traphagen had six kills and one assisted block. Rylee Dunker had six kills. Faith Traphagen three kills. Elizabeth Fliehs two ace serves, one kill and 15 assists. Jaedyn Penning had three kills, one ace serve and 17 digs. Laila Roberts had one kill, one ace serve and nine digs. Sydney Locke had one ace serve. Jerica Locke had two ace serves and Emma Kutter had one kill and one assisted block.

For the Lions, Emily Olson had four kills and three blocks; Eliana Darling had three kills, one ace serve, 11 digs and one block; Paytyn Marlow had two kills and eight assists; Mariah Tosse had one kill; Lizzie Gustafson had three kills; Autumn Wegleitner had two kills and one ace serve; Clarissa Guy had five assists and eight digs and Alexandria Darling had one kill, one ace serve and 12 digs.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 2-1. The first set was tied 17 times and there were seven lead changes before the Lions rallied to take the set in extra points, 27-25. Groton Area would then go on to win the next two sets, 25-7 and 15-10.

MaKenna Krause had eight kills and one ace serve, Kella Tracy had seven kills and one ace serve, Emerlee Jones had four kills, Libby Cole had three kills, Sydney Locke had three ace serves, Talli Wright had two kills and one ace serve, Liby Althoff had two ace serves and one kill and McKenna Tietz had one kill.

Sophie Rodriguez led Langford Area with two kills and one ace serve while Aubrey Craig and Regan Bruns each had two kills, Brooklynn West had one ace serve and one kill, Brooke Dwight and Kaytlyn Shepherd each had one ace serve and Josie Vander Vorst and Brynn Samson each had one kill.

The varsity match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Fans of Jaedyn Penning, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Krueger Brothers, R&M Farms/Rix Farms and The Meathouse in Andover. The junior varsity match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Adam and Nicole Wright.

Groton Area, now 16-5, will travel to Northwestern and Langford Area, now 8-17, will host Webster Area. Both of those matches are tonight.

- Paul Kosel



The Langford boys hold up a sign reflecting that Eliana Darling got her 1,000 career dig at the volleyball match held Monday in Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Senior members of the Groton Area volleyball program were recognized last night. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Haven powers down 22 points as Northwestern beats Groton Area

Junior Ashley Haven powered down 15 kills, three blocks and four ace serves as Northwestern defeated Groton Area in volleyball action played Tuesday in Mellette, 3-0.

Northwestern won the first set, 25-18, in a game that was tied seven times and there were four lead changes before the Wildcats took over for the win. Groton Area had a six point run in the second set, only to be outdone by Northwestern with an eight point run as the Wildcats won the second set, 25-16. The third set was more intense; although Northwestern jumped out to a 5-0 lead. Groton Area would tie the game at 12 and would take the lead at 14-13. The Tigers kept the lead until it was tied at 24. Northwestern scored the last two points and would win the set, 26-24.

Scoring for Groton Area:

Jaedyn Penning: 7 kills, 3 ace serves, 14 digs; Faith Traphagen: 7 kills, 1 block assist; Chesney Weber: 5 kills, 2 ace serves, 19 assists; Rylee Dunker: 5 kills, 1 block; Taryn Traphagen: 5 kills, 1 block assist; Laila Roberts: 1 kill, 1 ace serve, 10 digs; Jerica Locke: 13 digs; Elizabeth Fliehs: 6 assists.

Scoring for Northwestern Area:

Ashley Haven: 15 kills 4 ace serves, 3 blocks; Breelyn Satter: 6 kills, 3 ace serves; Ella Boekelheide: 4 kills, 1 ace serves, 12 digs, 24 assists; Anna Brumfield: 4 kills, 1 block; Nicolette Nickeson: 2 kills, 10 digs; Payton Grandpre: 1 ace serve.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 2-1. The first set was tied six times and there were two lead changes as Northwestern won it, 25-23. The second set was tied nine times and the lead changed hands seven times as Groton Area won it, 25-22. Groton Area dominated the third set, taking a 14-8 lead and hanging on to win, 15-12.

Emerlee Jones had six kills while Kella Tracy and MaKenna Krause each had five kills, McKenna Tietz had four kills, Talli Wright had four ace serves and one kill, Liby Althoff had five kills and Addison Hoelt had three kills.

Taylor Vetter led Northwestern with 10 kills and one block while Kyara Ratigan had four kills, two blocks and one ace serve; Molly Van Hatten had five kills and one ace serve, Mikaela Schmitt had four kills and two ace serves, Layla Ortmeier had two kills and one ace serve, and Chesnie Heim and Abigail Holmberg each had one kill.

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- 13 Fib
- 14 Sharpen
- 15 Huge kudos
- 17 Assess
- 18 Blue
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- 21 Pretended
- 24 Decorate
- 25 Rascalions
- 26 Campus cafeteria offering
- 30 Carnival city
- 31 Long skirts
- 32 Oklahoma tribe
- 33 '80s arcade game
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- 42 Composer Bartok
- 43 Performance bonus
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- 45 Agt.'s cut
- 46 Hearty brew
- 47 "Tasty!"

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**Rylee Dunker**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Autumn Wegleitner along with Emily Olson (11) and Paytyn Marlow (6)**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Laila Roberts**  
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**Eliana Darling**  
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**Chesney Weber**  
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**Jaedyn Penning**  
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**Emma Kutter with her kill.**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Elizabeth Flihs (10) along with Rylee Dunker.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Jerica Locke**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Taryn Traphagen**  
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**Clarissa Guy**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Lizzie Gustafson**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Alexandria Darling**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

# Gridiron team beats Baltic; host playoff on Thursday

Groton Area's football team took advantage of five interceptions and two fumbles to post a 37-0 win over Baltic. The game was played Friday in Groton.

The Tigers had the first possession, but ended up punting on fourth and 19. Baltic's first drive was thwarted by a Ryder Johnson interception which put Groton Area on the Baltic 44 yard line. The Tigers would score seven plays, 44 yards, three first downs and 3:40 later when Keegen Tracy would have a 19 yard pass play from Korbin Kucker. The PAT kick was no good and the Tigers were on the board, 6-0, 3:28 left in the first quarter.

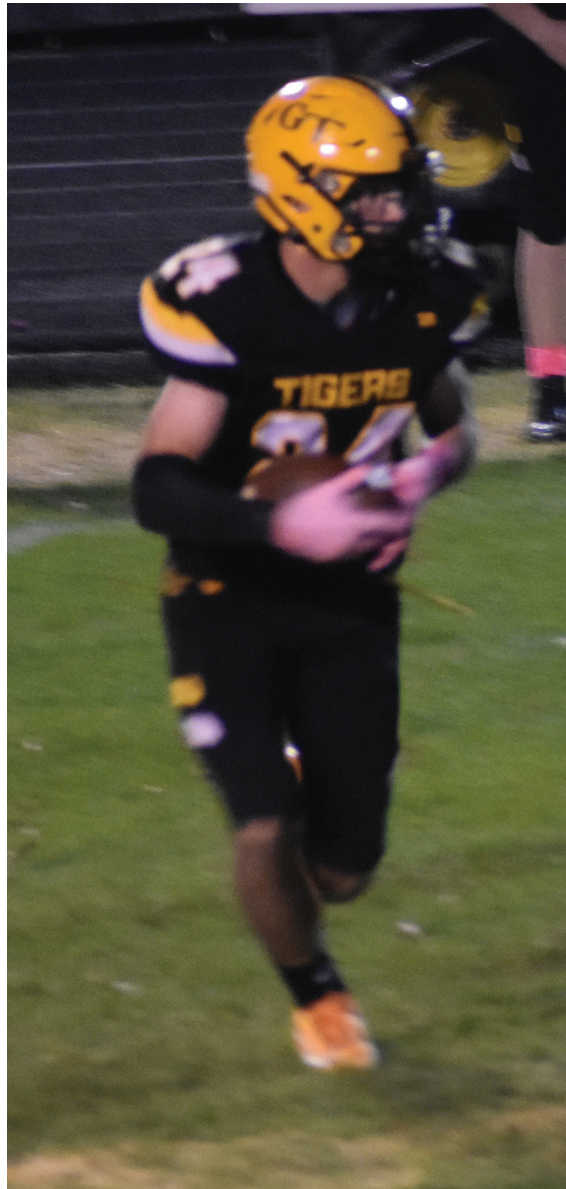
"It's all in the timing," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "If the snap is not good, if the holder does not get the ball on the T just right, you don't get a very good kick. That hurt us against Roncalli. A lot of people don't realize that you have to do all three things right, not to mention that you have the defense coming through as well. Nunes had some good kicks for the field goals. That might come in handy during the playoffs."

Baltic would end up punting on fourth and five with no first downs and the Tigers would take over on the Groton Area 48 yard line. Four plays, one first down, 52 yards and 61 seconds later, Keegen Tracy would score on a 48 yard run. The PAT run attempt failed and it was 12-0 with 52 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Tiger defense would stop the Bulldogs' next drive in two plays as Korbin Kucker would intercept the ball and return the ball to the Bulldog 32 yard line. But the Tiger drive was haunted by two penalties and the Tigers would end up punting on fourth and 22.



**Joao Nunes kicked two field goals in the game with Baltic on Friday.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Christian Ehresmann looks for an opening carrying the football.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Baltic would start out on its own 14 yard line, but three plays later, Teylor Diegel would intercept the ball and return it 20 yards and would end up pitching it off to Gavin Englund at the one yard line who would finish the touchdown play. The PAT kick was no good and the Tigers took an 18-0 lead with 8:22 left in the first half.

Baltic would finally have a drive going, starting at its own 35 yard line. The Bulldogs would get three first downs before ending up punting on fourth and 14. Groton Area's next drive had one first down before the Tigers would end up punting on fourth and five. Baltic would take a knee with 20 seconds left in the half and it remained 18-0 at half time.

Baltic would have the ball first in the third quarter. The Bulldogs got a first down, but ended up punting on fourth and seven. The Tigers would take over on their own 26 yard line. On second and 21, Korbin Kucker would break free and dash 85 yards to score. That drive took 59 seconds in three plays and one first down. Joao Nunes kicked the PAT and the Tigers took a 25-0 lead with 7:50 left in the third quarter.

Baltic failed to get a first down and would end up punting on fourth and six. The Tigers took over on their own 38 yard line. The Tigers got a first down, but on third and seven, Riiker Rogers would intercept the ball and the Bulldogs would take over on the Tiger 34 yard line. Baltic would only have two plays before Brevin Flihs would intercept the ball and return it 70 yards for a touchdown. The PAT kick was no good and the Tigers led, 31-0, with 1:39 left in the third quarter.

Baltic's next drive consisted of just four plays as the Bulldogs punted on fourth and 10. Groton Area took over on the Baltic 20 yard line as the third quarter ended.

Groton Area was deep in Baltic territory and on fourth and two, Joao Nunes would kick a 30 yard field goal as Groton Area took a 34-0 lead with 11:07 left in the game.

Baltic would only have three plays as on the fourth play, Keegen Tracy would intercept the ball and return it 15 yards for a touchdown, only to have the touchdown negated by a penalty. The Tigers would retain possession of the ball at the Baltic 35 yard line. That drive would have one penalty and one first down before Joao Nunes would kick a 33 yard field goal and the Tigers had a 37-0 lead with 4:51 left in the game.

On the kickoff, the Bulldogs would fumble the ball and Skyler Godel would recover the ball for the Tigers on the Baltic 25 yard line. The Tigers went for the conversion on fourth and one, only to have the Baltic defense stop the play and the Bulldogs would have the ball with 2:11 left in the game. The Bulldogs would get a first down before time ran out and the Tigers got a the 37-0 win.

Groton Area had more first downs, 8-5. The Tigers carried the ball 31 times for 207 yard. (Korbin Kucker 12-97, Keegen Tracy 2-45, Christian Ehresmann 5-27, Skyler Godel 5-16, Brevin Flihs 5-19, Ryder Schelle 2-9). Baltic carried the ball 34 times for 95 yards (Aaron Nordbye 12-57, Jackson Goehring 13-21, Riiker Rogers 5-18, Gavin Skotvold 1-0, Dylan Runestad 3-(-1).

Korbin Kucker would complete five of 11 passes for 56 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Receivers were Keegen Tracy 2-30, Ryder Johnson 1-11, Teylor Diegel 1-15 and Brevin Flihs 1-0. Baltic's Gavin Skotvold would complete two of

eight passes for two yards and five interceptions (Teylor Diegel, Brevin Flihs (2), Ryder Johnson and Korbin Kucker). Receivers were Ben Erickson with one catch for four yards and Jackson Goehring one for a minus two yards.

Groton Area had no fumbles while Baltic had four and lost two, recovered by Skyler Godel and Caleb Mertz.

Groton Area had seven penalties for 65 yards and Baltic had three for 25 yards.

Christian Ehresmann led the Tigers in tackles with 13 followed by Keegen Tracy with six and Karter Moody and Brevin Flihs each had five. Riiker Rogers had eight tackles for Baltic while Ryder Siemonsma and Tyler Kennedy each had six.

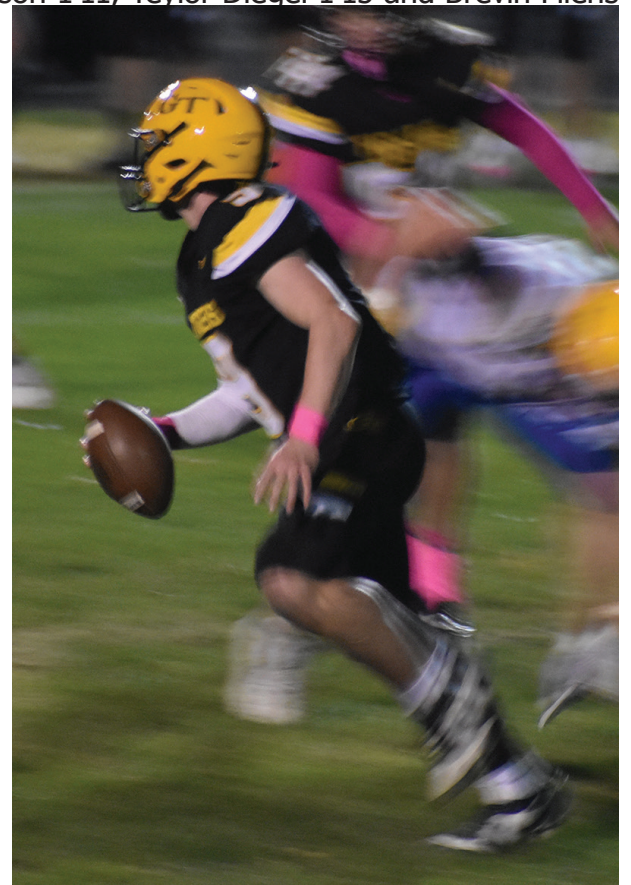
Groton Area is now 6-2 on the season and will be heading to the playoffs. Baltic ends its season at 0-8.

Wanner said that Groton Area is in good shape. "We have seniors and we have experience. "These kids have played together for eight game. We don't have to move people around which is nice when you don't have injuries to tend with. We're executing well and playing well. We know our spots."

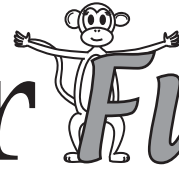
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Groton Area will host St. Thomas More, Thursday, at 6 p.m., in the first round of the playoffs.

- Paul Kosel

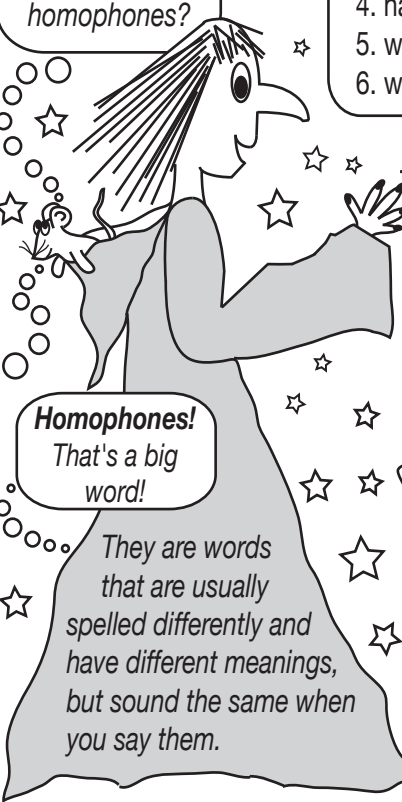


**Quarterback Korbin Kucker gains a few yards after not finding an open receiver.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



## Happy, Creepy Halloween!

Hey! 'Which' and 'witch' - aren't they homophones?



Homophones! That's a big word!

They are words that are usually spelled differently and have different meanings, but sound the same when you say them.

Which of my ideas will you use to brew a safer Halloween? Match the first part of each idea to the second part to make good sense.

- 1. trick-or-treat
- 2. have an adult or a friend
- 3. carry a flashlight
- 4. have Mom or Dad check
- 5. wear
- 6. wearing make-up instead of a mask
- A. to see and be seen
- B. brightly colored clothes
- C. walk with you
- D. only at homes of people you know
- E. will allow you to see things better
- F. all treats before you eat any



The words below are called "homophones" because they sound the same, but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Can you match each word in the first column to its homophone?

### Halloween Homophones

Fill in the blanks to spell 5 words that begin with the letter "h."

- 1. hau \_ted
- 2. hou \_e
- 3. Hallo \_een
- 4. how \_ing
- 5. hair-rai \_ing



- 1. creak (squeaking sound)
- 2. moan (low, mournful cry)
- 3. groan (short, strong sound from pain)
- 4. wrack (damage)
- 5. night (late part of day)
- 6. chilly (frosty temperature)
- 7. toad (hopping animal)
- 8. wail (loud cry)
- 9. claws (sharp fingernails)
- 10. soul (your spirit)



My brother...the not so stealthy ninja guy. Okay, he looks cool.

Skeleton Jokes

- 1. How can you make a skeleton laugh?
- 2. How does a skeleton know it's going to rain?
- 3. Why is a skeleton always hungry?

- A. clause (extra point in a contract)
- B. towed (pulled by rope)
- C. rack (stores items)
- D. creek (a stream)
- E. sole (the only one)
- F. grown (gotten bigger)
- G. chili (spicy food)
- H. mown (cut grass)
- I. knight (hero in armor)
- J. whale (largest mammal)

Skeleton Joke Answers: 1. Tickle his funny bone. 2. He can feel it in his bones. 3. She always feels empty.



King Kong

1. King Kong

2. witch

3. unicorn

4. Loch Ness Monster

5. mummy

6. skeleton

7. ghost

8. werewolf

9. goblins

10. headless horseman

11. vampire

12. Abominable Snowman

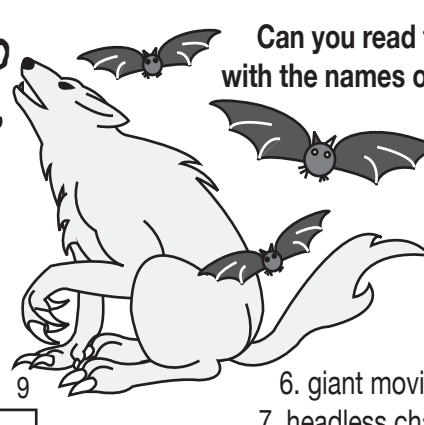
13. devil

14. dragon

15. Bigfoot

## A Howling Halloween!

Don't you love stories and movies filled with flying bats, moaning ghosts, monsters and creatures that make you shiver? On Halloween many people dress in costumes to look like scary creatures.

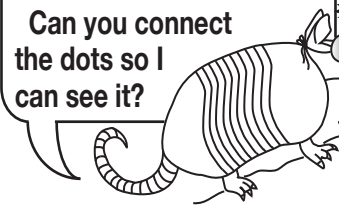


Can you read the clues and fill in the crossword with the names of magical or scary creatures?

- 1. person who practices magic
- 2. supreme spirit of evil
- 3. giant monster that breathes fire
- 4. imaginary horse-like creature with long horn on its forehead
- 5. framework of bones inside us
- 6. giant movie ape that ran wild in New York City
- 7. headless character who rode a charging stallion
- 8. lumberjacks named this mysterious creature after finding huge footprints along the Pacific coast of North America
- 9. small, evil creatures believed to live in dark places
- 10. large creature said to live in a deep lake in Scotland
- 11. Egyptians created this by wrapping a body in specially treated cloth; placing it into a case sealed within a tomb
- 12. in folk tales, a fanged creature that rises at night
- 13. in the Himalayas strange footprints in the snow led to stories of this hairy, ape-like creature
- 14. spirit of a dead person showing itself to a living human
- 15. human being who can change into a wolf

## Whaaaaaat Are They?

Do you like my Halloween mask? This is my first time out on a Halloween night. I like this bright, smiling thing in front of me, but don't know what it is. Can you connect the dots so I can see it?



What did the Jack-O'-Lantern say to the pumpkin? Cut it out!

How did the kid fix his broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch!

Dear EarthTalk: How are efforts to electrify school buses coming along so that our young people aren't exposed to noxious exhaust fumes?

-- Will Durk, Waterbury, CT



**Washington Governor Jay Inslee cut the ribbon for the first electric school bus in his state at Franklin Pierce High School in Tacoma back in June 2019.** Credit: Governor Jay Inslee.

Over 21 million children ride the school bus each day, making student transportation the largest U.S. mass transit system. Some 90 percent of these buses run on diesel, a known carcinogen with serious public health and ecological impacts. Pollution from diesel fumes has been directly linked to increased asthma and reduced cognitive development in children, excessively affecting low-income communities. Says Jessica Keithan, co-founder and director of the Texas Electric School Bus Project, "We're poisoning our kids on the way to school."

Thankfully, advocacy groups across the U.S. have been making great strides in addressing electrification of school buses, from involving underserved communities and educating policymakers to working with school districts on this issue—and prompting action.

The U.S. government has made significant investments to help school districts transition to electric. Through its Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed into law in 2021, the Biden-Harris administration created the Clean School Bus Program, a \$5 billion Environmental Protection Agency- (EPA) funded grant program to replace diesel-run buses with zero-tailpipe-emission, electric vehicles. To date, this program has successfully integrated over 12,000 electric buses into school districts nationwide.

In addition to this noteworthy investment, states across the nation have adopted their own laws to replace diesel-fueled school bus fleets with electric. California, New York and Illinois lead the "charge."

There are inherent roadblocks in mass electrification of school buses. More than 800 school districts have at least one electric school bus in service, but many simply don't have the budget available to commit to more. According to the U.S. House of Representatives Majority Staff Report Examining the EPA's Clean School Bus Program, the long-term fuel maintenance savings are barely worth the up-front investment in electric school buses, which cost an estimated \$350,000 per bus, on top investment needed in a charging infrastructure. The EPA program

tremendously assists districts, but it's only due to run through 2026 or once the \$5 billion is depleted. Also, the politics behind going electric could reduce funding opportunities depending on who is in the White House next year. "If Trump is elected, the fact is that we would lose this funding," says Leah Stokes, an associate professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

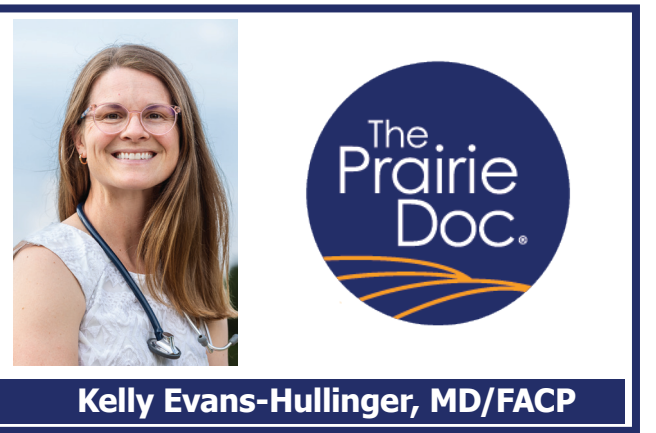
With or without funding, school bus electrification needs to be made more affordable. Shifting from diesel to electric will only happen when leaders at every level understand and rally behind it..

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**"Diabetes"**

By Kelly Evans-Hullinger, MD FACP

The saying goes, "newer isn't always better," and while I typically tend to agree with that, newer might be better when it comes to glucose monitoring technology. In recent years we have seen rapid development and uptake of new types of glucometers, leaving fewer and fewer patients with diabetes using the old standby fingerstick method of blood sugar monitoring.



**Kelly Evans-Hullinger, MD/FACP**

Let me be clear: not every patient with diabetes needs a fancy new continuous glucometer (CGM). The cost might be higher, and there is certainly more data to sort through with a continuous glucometer. So who stands to benefit the most?

The most compelling reason to upgrade to a CGM would be a tendency to get low blood sugars (hypoglycemia), especially if that patient does not get any symptoms or awareness of that. Hypoglycemia can be very dangerous, causing loss of consciousness, seizures, and coma. A CGM can detect a pattern of dropping sugar levels and alarm to a patient's (or their loved one's) device as a signal to preempt a possibly dangerous episode of low blood sugar. Patients at highest risk of this are those on insulin, elderly patients, and those with more complicated or challenging diabetes.

Other reasons for patients to pursue a CGM might vary. Often in patients with poorly controlled diabetes, the data collected by a CGM can aid decision making on changes to medication, diet, and exercise at the right times of day. Some patients just truly hate pricking their fingertips, and using a CGM gives them information they can't otherwise obtain if avoiding fingersticks.

I can think of numerous patients in my own practice whose diabetes was poorly controlled, started using a CGM, then returned to clinic with major improvement in their control as manifested by their hemoglobin A1c lab, even without any changes to their medications. I attribute this to the unavoidable real time feedback a CGM gives, which probably motivates patients to change behavior in diet and exercise in ways that are hard to achieve otherwise.

Continuous glucometers aren't for everyone; some patients have excellent control of their diabetes and no hypoglycemia without this technology, in which case it probably isn't necessary. In patients who do pursue their use, it is important to work with a clinician who can help interpret the data the CGM provides and adjust treatment accordingly. In short, talk to your endocrinologist or primary care provider if you think a CGM might be for you.

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