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at the Dacotah Prairie Museum in Aberdeen. Created to augment the Spark! Places of Innovation traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Museums on Main Street GDILIVE.COM video) program, this exhibit celebrates the vibrancy of a local small town: Groton, SD. The exhibit is shown in three parts: Past, Present, and Future; and it fills three adjacent galleries on the museum's second floor. It will be on display through **December 28, 2024.** (Photo by Alaina Perry)

The video of the Groton program held at the Dacotah Prairie Museum on Saturday can viewed in the GDILIVE video archives. After logging in, click on Archived Videos in the left menu bar, then click on 2024-25 School Year and look for the link under Saturday, Oct. 26.



Groton Mayor Scott Hanlon thanked the Groton community for making The Pantry and the Community Thrift Store a reality. Pat Miller talked about The Pantry. She said, "Kindness, giving and supporting your neighbors have been going on for years in the Groton community. It is a way of life. The Pantry is there to keep food on the table and keep your children fed. We have 60 to 90 family visits per month. Back to school shopping is another thing we sponsor. We had 60 students who came to fill their school bags. The Pantry will continue to be a staple in the Groton community."



Diane Warrington, who oversees the thrift store in Groton, said, "A big shout out to the people of Groton who donated their time, talent and gifts. We are so very blessed. Because of our past, and our present, Groton has a mighty good looking future. Thank you today to the Brown County Museum for their extraordinary work that you put together to get this exhibit going for us. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" (Photo lifted from

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Groton Area October Students of the Month



Emma Kutter Senior



Rylee Dunker Junior



Ashlynn Warrington Sophomore



TC Schuster **Freshman**



Neely Althoff Eighth Grade



Hudson Eichler Seventh Grade



Sixth Grade

Groton Area School works to ensure that all levels of academic instruction also include the necessary life skills teaching, practicing, and modeling that encourages essential personal life habits that are universally understood to facilitate helping our students become good human beings and citizens.

It is learning with our heads, hearts, and hands to be caring and civil, to make healthy decisions, to effectively problem solve, to be respectful and responsible, to be good citizens, and to be empathetic and ethical individuals.

Students are selected based on individual student growth in the areas of: positive behavior, citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards.

Not in Kansas anymore

I was reminded by an e-mail from a friend that May 31, 2017 marked the eighth anniversary of Dr. George Tiller's assassination. I realized then that it was time for me to finally write about the reality that life is rarely starkly black and white but a palate of grays.

echo in my head. That wail.

real. Nothing seemed real.



That's
Life
by Tony Bender

I still remember the wail I heard from the cell phone as my wife drove from the hospital in Bismarck. "There's something wrong with the baby!" Those words

The woman doing the ultrasound — typically performed around 20 weeks — had seen something awful and had abruptly left the

room, leaving my wife alone, scared.

The physician returned, and even though two subsequent ultrasounds would reveal how clear-cut the diagnosis was — our baby had half a heart — we were told a second opinion, two weeks out in Fargo, was necessary. Already we had the sense that our obstetrician at that Catholic hospital was running out the clock. That's how it felt. I don't know if it was

We had 14 days to consider our options, to absorb the pain, with little support or information. Arduous searches on our dial-up connection — this was 18 years ago — offered little hope. An experimental series of operations by a doctor in the Northwest, had minimal success rates. If survival is always success. The process seemed torturous.

By the time the second physician confirmed the condition was "not compatible with life," our options had been legally restricted by a relentless clock. It felt like a noose was being tightened by a system bowing to politics, indifferent to mercy.

We had terrible options — the desperate series of operations that almost certainly would drag out the inevitable. ... The Fargo hospital had offered to allow our child to die in the delivery room. Small mercies. But would they really stand by and do nothing? We'd lost trust in the medical community. Was it worth the risk to physical and mental health?

I know what I felt. My God, what was my wife feeling?

Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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The doctor made some calls. There were only a few possibilities for an abortion at that stage of the pregnancy. In America. After Roe v. Wade. Only one accepted us, the clinic in Wichita, Kansas.

We kissed our young son, Dylan, goodbye, and with the weight of some family members who opposed our decision bearing down on us, drove south to a man Bill O' Reilly called "Dr. Tiller, the Baby Killer." When you frame it that way, it's easy to draw black and white lines. But our world was gray.

The clinic was a fortress. It had withstood a bomb, and Dr. Tiller had already survived five bullets. Even today, abortion providers wear Kevlar vests. In America. Land of the Free. For sure, Home of the Brave.

Each day, the clinic was surrounded by protesters. "There's still time to save your baby," they yelled. Oh, were it true.

We had opted for an intact delivery. Over days, using natural methods, labor would be induced. But first, another ultrasound to confirm what we already knew. An injection stilled what there was of our baby's heart. My wife was under conscious sedation during the process, merciful and logical, I suppose. There's no turning back.

After our baby was euthanized, she wondered, "When do you suppose they're going to do it?"

"They already have," I answered in that motel room. And then I wept.

There were other couples from across America, each carrying their own personal tragedy into a room where we met each day for counseling from Dr. Tiller. Among the refugees was a young lawyer and his wife from Pennsylvania. Their daughter, Olivia, was missing a brain.

It dawns on me that we were clinging to each other like shipwreck victims.

One by one, the women went into labor and then went home to heal. We were the last. Gunnar was stillborn the day before my birthday. Dr. Tiller, who was ordained, performed a baptism as I held the tiny cold body of my son. It was hard to let him go.

As we drove back to our living son, my wife began to emerge from the fog and grapple with her grief. We were at different stages in the process.

The ashes arrived in a small brown package. Dust. We held a small funeral, conducted by an understanding minister, and scattered the ashes at the base of a freshly planted weeping willow, forever known to us as Gunnar's Tree. My wife framed the tiny ink footprints they gave us and later had them replicated in a tattoo.

Two physician friends told us we had made the right choice. That eased some of the pain, doubt and guilt. Our new obstetrician encouraged us to not give up, and we didn't. India was born full of life in 2000.

On May 31, 2009, we heard the news. George Tiller had been gunned down while ushering. In church. In America. And I wept.

Our marriage ended in 2016. I got the footprints and the tree. I tucked the footprints into a drawer months ago. Time to move on, right? Sometimes I look at that splendid tree and don't associate it with heartbreak. Should I feel bad about that? Another gray area, I suppose. Other times I wonder if I really ever left Kansas.

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FOR SALE Day County, South Dakota

SW1/4-13-124-58 and SE1/4-17-123-58 and, Day County, SD. Sealed bids shall be submitted no later than November 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Additional terms of sale are stated in bid form which may be obtained from Robert M. Ronayne, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 759, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57402-0759, by calling (605) 225-0100 or by email at kara@ronaynela-woffice.com. (1024.11.06)

Weekly Vikings RoundupBy Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings were defeated in a head-to-head matchup against the Los Angeles Rams last Thursday 20-30. It marks the second straight loss by the Vikings, after starting the season strong 5-0. Not only did the Vikings lose the game, their confidence, and the fans' trust, but they also lost their second-best player for the rest of the season.

The game started well for both teams. The Vikings got the ball first and drove 70 yards down the field for a touchdown. Not wanting to be outdone, the Rams responded with a 70-yard touchdown drive of their own. On the Vikings' next possession, they fired right back with a 70-yard TD drive. Then the Rams evened the score with a... you guessed it, 70-yard TD drive. Four possessions, four touchdown drives of 70 yards.

The Vikings were the first ones to falter, as their first drive in the second quarter went three-and-out. However, as the first half was all about parity, the Rams were also forced to punt on their next possession. The two teams traded two punts in the second quarter, with the Vikings having the ball last with about 35 seconds left before halftime. Since the Vikings had all three timeouts in their pocket, they tried a running play to Aaron Jones. The thought was if they could pop a big run, they could call a timeout and try to get into field goal range. If they didn't pop a big run, they could just kneel the ball and go into halftime. What's the worst that could happen? Turns out, the worst that could happen was losing their second-best player, left tackle Christian Darrisaw, to a knee injury that will sideline him for the rest of the season...

The Rams got the ball to begin the second half, but cornerback Byron Murphy intercepted Matthew Stafford to get the ball back for the good guys. Three plays later, the Vikings were at the Rams' four-yard line, but they were unable to get the ball across the goal line and had to settle for a field goal. The Rams responded with a touchdown, giving them their first lead of the day 21-17. Down four, the Vikings could only manage a field goal on their next drive, then the defense gave up a fourth 70-yard TD drive, and suddenly the Vikings were down 20-28. After trading punts, the Vikings got the ball back at their five-yard line with less than two minutes to go. Sam Darnold was sacked for a safety on 2nd down (on a play where the refs missed the most egregious facemask penalty in the history of facemask penalties), and the Vikings were forced to kick the ball to Los Angeles with about a minute and a half left on the clock. Game over, Vikings 20 Rams 30.

Up next, the Vikings host the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday Night Football. The Colts have had an up-and-down season, and despite being 4-3, every game of theirs has been a one-score finish.

The biggest thing for the Vikings going forward will be how they overcome the loss of left tackle Christian Darrisaw, who is the second-best player on the team and one of the best LTs in the NFL. Offensive lineman Dalton Risner should be making his first appearance after beginning the season on injured reserve, so it will be interesting to see how the Vikinas shake up the line. They may move left guard Blake Brandel to left tackle and put Risner in the vacated guard spot. It's also possible they decide to play David Quessenberry at LT and replace right guard Ed Ingram (who is one of the lowest-graded guards in the league) with Risner. There are a few possibilities, but there is no doubt losing Darrisaw is a huge blow to a Vikings team that is suddenly showing signs of decline.



Staff Choice: Greyson Warrington, 5th grade - a sta**dium.** (Photo by Alaina Perry)



Dawson Feist, 7th grade lights at the soccer field MAYOR'S CHOICE, MOST **SUSTAINABLE.** (Photo by Alaina Perry)



Hazel Nea, 4th grade community center MAYOR'S CHOICE, HONORABLE MEN-**TION.** (Photo by Alaina Perry)



PAST (Dacotah Gallery): The impetus for development of an exhibit centered on the town of Groton was a 2023 donation 47

glass plate negatives, ca. 1890s, to the DPM Collection by Curt Rowell, from the estate of H.T. Foss. Forty digitally rendered photographic images reproduced from these negatives provide the viewer of the exhibit a detailed glimpse at buildings, people, and life in the early days of Groton. In addition to the digital reprints and collection artifacts, two enlargements produced using traditional gelatin silver darkroom processing will be shown (gelatin silver enlargements are loaned by photographer, archivist, and H.T. Foss Glass Plate Collection donor Curt Rowell). (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.



Staff Choice: Hudson Eichler, 7th grade – bakery/meeting place. (Photo by Alaina Perry)



Wesley Borg, 8th grade -Cabela's MAYOR'S CHOICE, **BIGGEST IDEA.** (Photo by Alaina Perry)



Staff Choice: Ava Strom, 3rd grade - Hospital/Clinic. (Photo by Alaina Perry)



PRESENT: (Prairie Landing Gallery) Photojournalist Jay Kirschenmann of Aberdeen has spent the and explaining their past year getting to know the businesses, people, and community events of Groton as a representative of Dacotah Prairie Museum. His research, photos, and interviews illustrating a year in the life of this Brown County community are presented in the Groton Present portion of the ex**hibit.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



Gracelynn Mullner, 7th grade - homeless shelter MAYOR'S CHOICE, HONORABLE MEN-**TION.** (Photo by Alaina Perry)

Groton Day at the Dacotah Prairie Museum



Staff Choice: Hayden Hubbart, 5th grade - vibrant and colorful main street. (Photo by Alaina Perry)



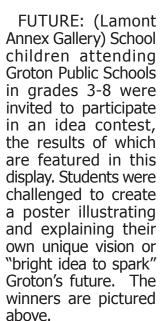
Staff Choice: Bless Moo, 4th grade – community garden. (Photo by Alaina Perry)

Those not present:

STAFF CHOICE

Hazel Hill, 4th grade – outdoor movie theater Knox Mulder, 6th grade – slim chicken with layout Amelia Ewalt, 7th grade – recycling center Luke Gauer, 8th grade – dirt bike rentals Abby Fjeldheim, 8th grade - Baller Boutique

Madison Herrick, 8th grade - crafty cove MAYOR'S CHOICE, BEST DESIGN





Elda Stange, Groton's oldest resident at 100 years old, was on hand for the **Groton Day at the Dacotah Prairie Museum.** (Photo by Alaina Perry)

Weekly SUDOKU — King Crossword — 4 7 2 6 8 1 5 9 9 6 5 1 4 3 8 7 8 5 1 3 9 7 6 4 2 1 4 7 2 5 8 9 3 2 9 1 8 3 7 6 4 8 3 9 4 6 2 1 5 7 2 8 5 1 4 3 6 4 3 8 6 7 9 5 2 1

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

later than: 5:00 PM, November 11th,

Submit to the Town of Stratford, via:

Town of Stratford Attn: Snow Removal 293 Rondell Ave Stratford, SD 57474

Email: stratford1906@gmail. Drop Box: Community Center

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

Anna Kwak, Finance Officer 605-622-0166

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXCEP-TION HEARING

The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on November 14, 2024, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD for a special exception of Part 16, Section 16.0103 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Larry and Kathy Harry for a secondary structure on a separate lot in a Residential (R1) District at 906 N 2nd Street, legally described as Lots 1-2, Block 23, Randalls Addition, City of Groton, Brown County, South Dakota.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this special exception may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Douglas Heinrich Zoning Administrator

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXCEP-TION HEARING

The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on November 14, 2024, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD for a special exception of Part 6, Section 6.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Larry and Kathy Harry for the purpose of using a portion of their shop as a single-family dwelling in a Highway Commercial Zone at 1319 N Broadway Street, legally described as Outlot 1 of Olsons, City of Groton, Brown County, South Dakota.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this special exception may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Douglas Heinrich Zoning Administrator

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN

ÍN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

NOTICE OF REVIEW HEARING THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE
INTEREST OF

C.J., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING TAYLOR NICOLE JORGENSON AND MICHAEL BIG EAGLE, RESPONDENTS,

TO: Michael Big Eagle

Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a Notice of Continued Advisory Hearing on December 5th, 2024 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, outh Dakota.

Dated this 30th day of Octo-

ber, 2024. Karla Nelson, Deputy Brown County States Attorney Published October 30, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$11.04 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 23878



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

ÍN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

NOTICE OF REVIEW HEARING THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF

C.J., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING TAYLOR NICOLE JORGENSON AND MICHAEL BIG EAGLE, RESPONDENTS.

TO: Taylor Jorgenson Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a Notice of Review Hearing on December 5th, 2024 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse,

Dated this 22nd day of Octo-

Brown County States Attorney Published October 30, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$10.73 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicno-tices.com. 23879



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15 N Main St. - Ste. 101

The sidewalk on the north side of

City Hall was removed on Friday by Joe Foertsch. The sidewalk will be replaced

and the sump pump that has run on the

north side out to the street will be redi-

rected directly to the storm sewer drain. Assisting with the sump pump project

were Dwight Zerr, Jessie Anderson, Paul Kosel and Joe Foertsch. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C. 1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204



225 Brown County Hwy 19 South Aberdeen: 605/725-4900



October 22, 2024 - GENERAL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Wiese moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Gage. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried.
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Wiese wanted to recognize Robin Bobzien, Aberdeen City Manager for his honor of being named the Outstanding City Manager of the Year since he was in attendance. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

(RFP) FOR INDIGENT COUNSEL: Time and place, to open, read and consider request proposals from attorneys to provide legal services to fulfill Brown County's statutory obligations as set forth in SDCL 23A-40-6 and 23A-40-7 and other such instances in which the appointment of legal counsel at the expense of the County has been mandated by statue. It is Brown County's intent to enter into a one-year contract which will commence on January 1, 2025. No proposals were received. Chairman Sutton stated that we are in the process of setting up a Public Defender's Office, applications are due on Friday, then the Committee that was formed with meet with those people, so we will see how it turns out.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPAN-CY FOR NORTHWESTERN EN-FRGY: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following applica-tion submitted by NorthWestern Energy for occupancy of Brown County Highway #13, in Section 23-T124-R65 Brown County, South Dakota for gas line under the road to increase pressure to North side of Richmond Lake. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY FOR ARLEN MCNEIL: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following application submitted by Arlen McNeil for occupancy of Brown County Highway #23, in Section 4, T121-R62 Brown County, South Dakota for inlet for Drain Tile. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCU-PANCY FOR NORTHERN ELEC-TRIC: Moved by Commissioner Wiese seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following applications submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Highway #12W in Section 18-T123N-R64W Brown County, South Dakota for primary electrical and Brown County Highway #13 in Section 6-T123N-R63W Brown County, South Dakota for primary electrical. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
MINUTES: Moved by Commis-

sioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2024. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.
CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Professional Fees: Bovce Law Firm \$120.00; Dependable Sanitation Inc \$32,268.60; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$15,480.00; Gellhaus & Gellhaus P.C. \$1,874.50; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt LLC \$200.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$388.00; Satellite Tracking of People LLC \$1,940.25; Tyler Technologies Inc \$43,299.46. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$832.39. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; H&H Farms \$250.00; Les Frohling \$200.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$207.36; Ron Jacobson \$250.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean All LLC \$741.01; Artz Equipment \$102.90; B&B Contracting Inc \$2,415.00; Da-kota Doors Inc \$9.06; Double D Body Shop \$231.92; Gardner Locksmithing \$90.00; Hoven Auto Repair Inc \$78.48; Hub City Roofing \$1,275.00; K&S Plumbing Inc \$1,044.67; Pomp's Tire Service Inc \$28.62; Sewer Duck \$375.00. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$958.81; Amazon Capi-tal Services Inc \$165.98; Artz Equipment \$2,941.90; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$143.19; Black Hills Land & RV Rentals LLC \$4,073.56; Bob Barker Company Inc \$674.37; Cartney Bearing \$639.37; Century Business

Products \$1,797.97; Cole Papers \$3,114,43; Creative Products Sourcing Inc \$285.08; Dakota Doors Inc \$444.00; Dakota Oil \$5,268.25; Deluxe Small Business Sales Inc \$787.62; Farm & Home Publishers LTD \$1,755.00; FedEx \$35.70; Fire Safety First LLC \$119.03; GovConnection Inc \$140.11; HOH Water Technology \$1,347.91; Hoven Auto Repair Inc \$98.00; Interstate Batteries of South Dakota \$325.90; Kessler's \$83.95; Lien Trans portation Company \$54,274.20; Menards \$69.80; NVC \$28.98; Performance Oil \$89.92; Pharm-Chem Inc \$830.70; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$209.94; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,951.46; Trav's Outfitter Inc \$1,130.95; Van Diest Supply Company \$21,130.00. Travel & Conference: Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center at Cedar Shores \$940.48; Code 2 Canine Services LLC \$325.00. Utilities: Aberdeen Clean All LLC \$370.50; Dependable Sanitation Inc \$360.00; Northwestern Energy \$1,149.97; NVC \$777.22; Version Wireless \$3,916.00. Other: Safe Harbor \$1,293.32.

Payroll: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$5,742.02; Auditor \$10,102.93; Treasurer Adultor \$10,102.93, Reastler \$17,227.41; SA \$33,147.25; Maintenance \$11,803.55; As-sessor \$15,484.93; Register of Deeds \$10,406.83; VSO \$4,491.56; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,322.67; HR \$4,960.63; Sheriff \$47,696.75; Jail \$65,926.64; Coroner \$899.37; Court Security \$9,146.71; JDC \$31,354.15; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$12,505.23; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,117.94; Fair Board \$4,336.33; 4-H \$830.80; Weed \$5,309.34 Planning & Zoning \$7,635.85; Highway \$61,638.86; Dispatch \$37,372.41; Emergency \$5,208.67; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,648.05; Landfill \$18,633.66; FICA \$26,747.50; Medicare \$6,255.49; Discovery-HSA \$2,369.15. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

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

oResignation of Tina Jacobs, Brown County Jail Detention Officer; PT – effective October 14, 2024. Request to fill.

O...... Last day for seasonal worker, Nancy Radke, Brown County Fairgrounds; effective October 2, 2024

o.....Return of John Weig as Brown County Fairgrounds worker, seasonal temporary from October 15, 2024 to October 18, 2024; wage \$15.50/hr.

o Governor granted State Holiday off: Monday, December 23, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following requests: Rachel Kippley & McKenzie Bierman, Fair Dept. to travel to Rapid City, SD for the Rocky Mountain Assoc. of Fairs Convention on November 13-16, 2024; Dirk Rogers, John Florey & Josh Mathews, Highway Dept. to travel to Sioux Falls, SD for the Local Roads Conference on October 21-23, 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 pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. ZONING ORDINANCE – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinance to be held on November 12, 2024 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #283, applicant Larkota Acres – Briann & Lisa Larson for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agricul-ture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 thru 12, "Larkota First Addition" in the N1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 3-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38504, 38507, 38512, 38515 & 38518, 38523, 38526, 38529, 38532, 38535, 38538 & 38541 Larkota Drive; Warner Twp.). All members présent voting aye.

Motion carried.
PRAIRIE'S EDGE SIXTEENTH
ADDITION PLAT:
RESOLUTION #55-24

Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing Prairie's Edge Sixteenth Addition in the NW 1/4 of Section 8-T123N-R63W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted. LARKOTA ACRES FIRST ADDI-

TION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #56-24 Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing Larkota Acres First Addition in the N ½ SW ¼ of Section 3-T121N-R64W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota , having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Fjeldheim. All_members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

SC KRUEGER ADDITION PLAT: RESOLUTION #57-24 Commissioner Wiese brought

the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing SC Krueger Addition in the W ½ of Section 13-Township 121 North, Range 61 West of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota , having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Gage All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

JEREMY JOHNSON ADDITION TO COLUMBIA PLAT:

RESOLUTION #58-24

It was moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim and seconded by Dennert and motion carried, that the plat as shown hereon and as described on the accompanying plat of "Jeremy Johnson Addition to Columbia", in the NE ¼ of Section 29, Township 125 North, Range 62 West of the 5TH P.M., in Brown County, South Dakota, be approved and accepted and the County Auditor is hereby instructed to endorse on such plat a copy of this resolution and to certify the same. Resolution adopted.

COLUMBIA 20S OUTLOT PLAT: RESOLUTION #59-24

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Com-mission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Columbia 20S Outlot to the City of Columbia in the S ½ SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 125 North, Range 62 West of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

KNECHT FIRST ADDITION TO HOUGHTON PLAT: RESOLUTION #60-24

Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing Knecht First Addition to Houghton in the NE ¼ of Section 6-T126N-R61Wof the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota , having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof" Seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.
MOPAR FIRST ADDITION

RESOLUTION #61-24 Commissioner Dennert ought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing Mopar First Addition in the N ½ NW ¼ of Section 17-T124N-R62W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota , having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted. NEW ANGUS SECOND SUBDI-

VISION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #62-24 Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "New Angus Second Subdivision in the N1/2 of Section 36, Township 132 North Pages 64 Worth ship 123 North, Range 64 West of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye.

Resolution adopted.
OTHER BUSINESS: Senator Elect, Carl Perry shared the following awards given out by the Aberdeen Exchange Club: Young

Citizen Awards - Gianna Cihak & Ericka Dix from Aberdeen Roncalli; Alainna Flannigan & Jaden Voehl from Holgate; Brandon Sieh & Hattie Buckmeier from Simmons and Carter Ingemansen from Aberdeen Christian; Youth of the Month Awards went to Felipe Gonzales from Aberdeen Central; Ava Hanson from Aberdeen Roncalli and Alicia Davis from Aberdeen Christian.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to go into Executive Session for Personnel per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:50 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County

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NOTICE

Application has been made by Larkota Acres - Briann & Lisa Larson to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 12, 2024 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use:

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Warner Twp.).
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 283.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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County Notice of General Election

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELEC-TION

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 Evént 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 CenterHecla Community Center

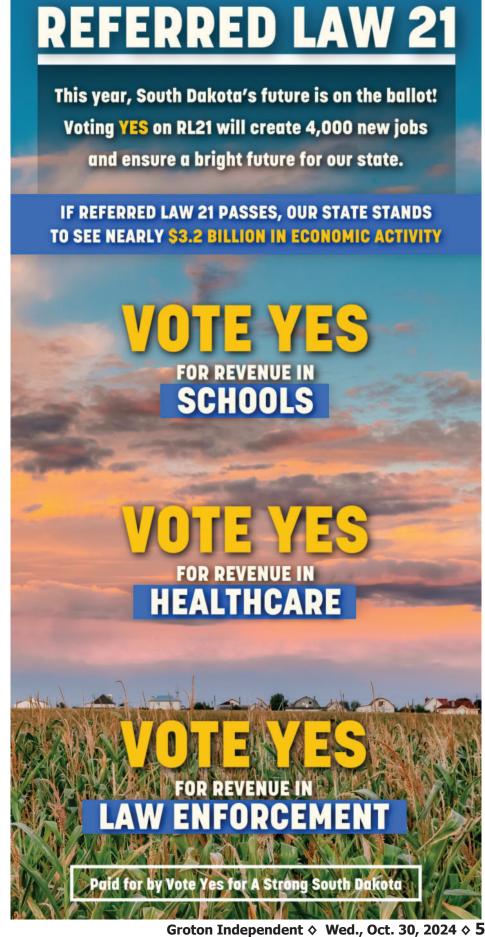
 - Stratford Community Center
 - Warner Community Center Westport Community Center

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

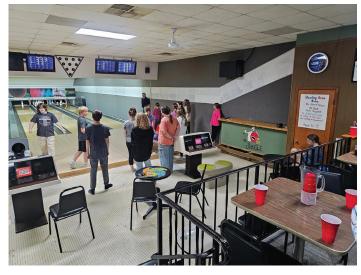
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Fellowship of Christian Students help clean ditches

The October service project for FCS (Fellowship of Christian Students) was spent cleaning up the ditches for the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Numerous students met on a Sunday afternoon with their gloves ready to clean up Highway 37 north of Groton. Afterwards, the students enjoyed pizza and bowling at the Jungle Lanes and Lounge.













Groton Youth Rally set for Wed., Nov. 6 The Groton Youth Rally with

The Groton Youth Rally with Bryan Drake, and illusionist and speaker will be Nov. 6th at the Groton Area High School at 7pm and doors open at 6:30pm. Free admission! All ages welcome! Sponsored by the Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church.

Contact Pastor Josh Jetto at 605-397-2696 with any questions.

Bryan Drake is an excellent communicator. His passion for Jesus is contagious. He is not just a stage performer but he interacts with people at the event. Bryan leaves everyone with minds blown, but also his act connects with his spiritual walk with Christ and will bring a powerful gospel message.

Service Notice: Donald Pasch

Donald Pasch of Watertown, SD passed away at the age of 65 on Saturday, October 26, 2024 in Watertown.

Memorial services will be 2:00pm, with visitation one hour prior to the service, on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Cornerstone Church in Watertown, SD.

Interment will be at Groton Cemetery in Groton, SD.

For more information go to www.wightandcomes.com.

NOTICE OF SALE

November 9th, 2024, at 10:00 AM

State Nebraska Bank & Trust vs Brian Dolan & Kristen Dolan (06CIV22-000424-01)

2012 Chevy Avalanche





An Execution of Judgement in the above referenced matter was received by the Brown County Sheriff's Office on January 3rd, 2024. The amount of the Judgment is \$33,157.48, \$260.50 Cost, \$373.39 Pre-Judgement interest, plus continuing costs, and interest, as provided by law. This amount does not include Sheriff's Office fees and costs related to this matter. The property to be sold pursuant to the Execution is: 2012 Chevy Avalanche, VIN 3GNTKFE79CG124632. Odometer Reading: 206,206.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE AUCTIONED AND SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, WITH THE SALE BEING FINAL, SOLD AS IS WITH NO WARRANTIES EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED. CASH IS REQUIRED ON THE DAY OF SALE.

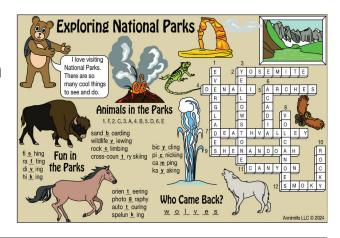
The sale will be held at the Brown County Court House, 101 1st Ave SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401 on November 9th, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

DAVE LUNZMAN, SHERIFF OF BROWN COUNTY. By: Nate Smith, Deputy, 605-626-7100 ext. 509.

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St. Thomas More wins first round playoff game over **Groton Area**

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Korbin Kucker tries to gain tacklers a few yards on this run. (Photo

by Paul Kosel)

Ehresmann with nine, Korbin Kucker eight, Brevin Fliehs six and Teylor Diegel three.

St. Thomas More had twice as many penalties as Groton Area, seven for 70 yards to three for 35 yards. Groton Area lost two of three fumbles and St. Thomas More lost one fumble that was recovered by Korbin Kucker.

Noah Wald completed six of 11 passes for 87 yards for one touchdown and two interceptions, both by Teylor Deigel. Receivers for

the Cavaliers were Broeden Sales with three catches for 42 yards and one touchdown and Reeve Ross had two for 31 yards.

In rushing, St. Thomas More had just one more carry than Groton, 34-33, but with its big plays had Dawson Inhofer with seven carries for 168 yards and two touchdowns, Grayden Juve had 12 carries for 100 yards and two touchdowns, Josh Elder had six carries for 24 yards and one touchdown and Joseph Gracometto had three carries for 22 yards.

Leading tacklers for St. Thomas More were Joseph Giacometto with 13 while Josh Elder had six and Brody Lee and Broeden Sales each had four.

One PAT for Groton Area was a two point attempt that failed, but Joao Nunes kicked the PAT for the second touchdown.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Agtegra, Avantara Groton,

Bary Keith of Valley Plains Equipment, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Dan Richardt from Groton Ford, Groton Ag Partners, Groton American Legion, Groton Dairy Queen, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Krueger Brothers, R&M Farms/Rix Farms, Subway of Groton and The Meathouse in Andover. Justin Olson provided the play-by-play and Jeslyn Kosel operated the camera and Paul Kosel in charge of the technology.

- Paul Kosel









St. Thomas More came to Groton Area on Thursday for

The Cavaliers scored touchdowns on plays of 57, 54, 49, 32, 13 and 4 yards, racking up 333 yard rushing and 87 yards

passing with 19 first downs. St. Thomas More scored once

in each the first and second quarters and twice in each the

Groton Area had 14 first downs, 98 yards rushing (Korbin Kucker 18-53, Christian Ehresmann 11-41, 1 touchdown; Brevin Fliehs 4-4), and Korbin Kucker completed six of 16

passes for 68 yards with one touchdown and one intercep-

the first round of the football playoffs and went home with

Keegen Tracy makes the catch to get a first down. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

State Cross Country Results

The State Cross Country Meet was held Saturday in Rapid City with Groton Area having three runnings taking part in the event.

In the girls 5K race, Faith Traphagen finished 36th with a time of 20:59.24 and Rylee Gilbert finished 82nd with a time of 22:35.79.

In the boys 5K race, Jayden Schwan placed 107th with a time of 20:56.67

The Pantry September Report

In September, The Pantry - Groton, SD had 74 visits. That number included 65 children, 72 adults, and 39 seniors. 1,942 lbs. were given out with 1,888 lbs. donated to The Pantry - Groton, SD. There are 13 signed up for senior food boxes.

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The following rates are for Classifieds published in both the Groton Daily Independent and the Groton Independent. Cut rate in half if you just want it in the GDI or just the weekly.

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Groton Community November Calendar

Friday, Nov. 1

Senior Menu: Pork cutlet, creamy noodles, California blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg wraps.

School Lunch: Sweet and sour chicken, rice.

Saturday, Nov. 2

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 209 N Main

Sunday, Nov. 3

Standard Time: Turn clocks back one hour Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Milestones 2nd and 3rd graders, Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John's, 9 a.m., and at Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

United Methodist: Worship with communion at Conde, 8:30 a.m., and at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

SEAS Fall Dinner, 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 4

Senior Menu: Chicken Alfredo, California blend, pineapple, breadstick

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. School Lunch: Corn dogs, baked beans. Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Groton Community

JH GBB at Warner, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

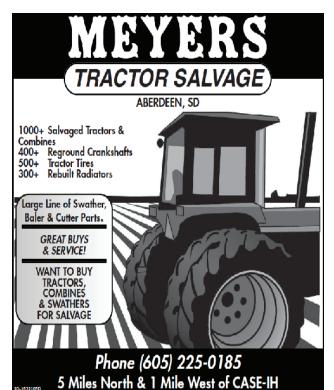
Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin, tropical fruit, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread. School Breakfast: Egg omelets.

School Lunch: Chicken strips, waffle fries. St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid, LWML, 1:30

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m. Common Cents Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 209 N Main.

Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Groton Community Center

Region 1A Volleyball City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.



Tuesday, Nov. 12

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham,

School Breakfast: Scones. School Lunch: Hot dogs, fries.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, sweet potato, capri blend, peach crisp.

School Breakfast: Cereal.

School Lunch: Quesadilla, Santa Fe Corn. Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.; Confirmation with students and parents, 6 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m. United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Budget/financing meeting for 2025, 7 p.m.

Groton Chamber meeting, noon, City Hall Youth Rally, 7 p.m., GHS Gym

Thursday, Nov. 7

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, three bean salad, fruit, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick. School Lunch: Taco burgers, tater tos. Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m. Region 1A Volleyball

Friday, Nov. 8

Senior Menu: Beef and broccoli stir fry, rice, cauliflower, five cup salad, whole wheat bread. School Breakfast: Egg bake.

School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, locally grown roasted squash.

Saturday, Nov. 9

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 209 N Main

Sunday, Nov. 10

Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS), 3:16 p.m., GHS Conference Room

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m., and at Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:30 a.m., and at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School Christmas Practice, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

United Methodist Fall Dinner, 11 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 11 Senior Menu: Goulash, mixed vegetables, oranges, breadsticks

School Breakfast: French toast.

School Lunch: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes.

VETERAN'S DAY

Veteran's Day Program, 2 p.m., GHS Arena FFA District 1 LDE, Doland

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. United Methodist: PEO Meeting (outside group), 7 p.m.

Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Groton Community Center

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

peas, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Council, 6 p.m. United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m. Common Cents Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 209 N Main.

Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Groton Community Center

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School Board Meeting, 7 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Senior Menu: Turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, glazed baby carrots, pumpkin bar, dinner roll.

School Breakfast: Oatmeal.

School Lunch: Beef stew with a biscuit.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, time to be determined.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m. United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Groton C&MA: Missions Night with Mike Picconatto (for all ages), 7 p.m.

FCCLA Food Drive, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 14

Senior Menu: Chicken cacciatore, rice pilaf, Italian blend, apple sauce, whole wheat bread. School Breakfast: Biscuits.

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, wedge fries. JH GBB hosts Webster (7th at 4 p.m., 8th

Groton Lions Club meeting, 6 p.m., 104 N Main

Friday, Nov. 15

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, sweet potato, Normandy blend, chocolate pudding with banana, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast cookie.

School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans.

Saturday, Nov. 16

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 209 N Main

JH GBB Jamboree at Roscoe Groton Legion Turkey Party, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 17

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John's, 9 a.m., and at Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:30 a.m., and at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School Christmas Practice, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Monday, Nov. 18

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, biscuit, peas and carrots, fruit.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.

School Lunch: Lasagna bake, garlic toast.

St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.

Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Groton Community Center

First allowable day of wrestling practice Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle hot dish with peas, mixed vegetables, apple crips, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Waffles.

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School Lunch: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberries.

St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 12:30 p.m. United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m. Common Cents Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 209 N Main.

Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Groton Community

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage hot dish. corn, pears, muffin.

School Breakfast: Cereal. School Lunch: Tacos.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, time to be determined; League, 6:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m. United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.

Groton C&MA: Kids' Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study at 7 pm.

Thursday, Nov. 21

Senior Menu: Ham rotini bake, capri blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick. School Lunch: Glazed ham, baby bakers. Emmanuel Lutheran: WELCA: Praise and Thanksgiving, 1:30 p.m. (Program - Sarah, Hostess - Nigeria)

State Volleyball Tournament in Sioux Falls

Friday, Nov. 22

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg bake.

School Lunch: Stromboli squares, mixed vegetables.

State Volleyball Tournament in Sioux Falls JH GBB hosts Milbank (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)

Saturday, Nov. 23

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 209 N Main

State Volleyball Tournament in Sioux Falls

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Sunday, Nov. 24

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Congregational meeting, League Pie Auction; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m., and at Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, fruit. 9:45 a.m.

United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:30 a.m., and at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School Christmas Practice,

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

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

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

Monday, Nov. 25

Senior Menu: Spanish rice, green beans, peaches, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast sliders. School Lunch: French bread pizza, peas.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Groton Community

First allowable day for girls baseketball JH GBB at Britton (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)

Fall Sports Awards Night, 7 p.m,, GHS Gym Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, potluck at noon

Tuesday, Nov. 26

Senior Menu: Macaroni and cheese with kielbasa, Italian blend, vanilla pudding with oranges, whole wheat read.

Senior Menu: Egg omelets.

School Lunch: Sloppy joes, fries.

United Methodist: No Bible Study

Common Cents Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 209 N Main.

Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Groton Community

Wednesday, Nov. 27

Senior Menu: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw,

Emmanuel Lutheran: No Confirmation

St. John's Lutheran: Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour,

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, Nov. 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Groton Community Center

Friday, Nov. 29

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, Nov. 30

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 209 N Main



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Netters end regular season with three set thriller win over Faulkton

It was an intense match as the regular season for the Lady Tigers came to an end Monday night with a 3-0 win over Faulkton Area. The match was played in Faulkton.

"I love the atmosphere over here," said Coach Chelsea Hanson. "You really have to depend on your teammates because there's times you can't hear them. The volleys were long and I can't wait to see how many digs we had. It was a great way to end the regular season." Groton Area had 150 swings at the ball and the Trojans had 86 digs. Faulkton had 147 swings with Groton Area having 68 digs.

The first set was tied nine times with three lead changes at the end resulting in the set going extra points before Groton Area pulled out a 27-25 win. The Tigers jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second sent and went on to win, 25-19. The third set was tied seven times with the lead changing hands five times before Groton Area had a seven point run at the end and went on to win, 25-19.

Jaedyn Penning led Groton Area with eight kills (25 of 41 in hitting), one ace serve (22 of 22 at the serving line) and one block. Rylee Dunker also had eight kills and had four assisted blocks. Taryn Traphagen had seven kills (21 of 22 in hitting) and one block. Chesney Weber had seven kills and 18 assists. Faith Traphagen had four kills and one block. Kella Tracy had two kills and one assisted block. Elizabeth Fliehs had two ace serves (seven of eight in serving) and had 13 assists while Laila Roberts had one ace serve, serving 11 of 11 times, and had 16 digs. Jerica Locke had 19 digs.

Carley Cotton led Faulkton with 15 kills (48 of 56 in hitting) and had 23 digs while Presleigh Martinmaas had five kills, one ace serve (nine of nine from the serving line) and two assisted blocks, Jaymi Seen had five kills (19 of 20 in attacks), had 23 digs and one block, Anika Mueller had 17 digs, two kills and one ace serve (20 of 21 in serving) and Claire Cotton had two kills and was 120 of 120 in sets with 23 assists.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, losing the first set, 25-16, winning the second set that had six lead changes and was tied seven times, 25-23, and won the third set that was tied four times with two lead changes, 15-12.

Emerlee Jones had seven kills, Makenna Krause had five kills and one ace serve, McKenna Tietz and Kella Tracy each had four kills and one ace serve, Talli Wright had two kills, two ace serves and one block, LIby Althoff had two ace serves and one kill and Sydney Locke had one kill.

Austina Sorensen led Faulkton with six kills while Raegan Geditz had five kills, Brooklyn Mueller had five kills and two ace serves, Khloe Kaup had two kills and one ace serve, Eleanor Hanson had two ace serves and Rhyann Roseland had one ace serve.

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Groton Area is now 18-6 on the season. The Tigers are the number one team in the region and will play in the second round of the regionals next Thursday, Nov. 7, in Groton.

- Paul Kosel

Netters have clean sweep over Redfield

Groton Area's volleyball team posted a clean sweep win over Redfield in all three matches Friday in Groton.

The varsity team won, 24-21, 25-14 and 25-18.

Scoring for Groton Area:

Laila Roberts: 3 kills, 2 ace serves, 1 assisted block, 13 digs.

Sydney Locke: 2 ace serves.

Tarvn Traphagen: 4 kills, 1 sol

Taryn Traphagen: 4 kills, 1 solo block.

Chesney Weber: 12 kills, 2 ace serves, 6 assists.

Kella Tracy: 2 kills.

Emma Kutter: 1 kill.

Elizabeth Fliehs: 1 ace serve, 17 assists.

Jerica Locke: 2 ace serves, 14 dias.

Rylee Dunker: 6 kills, 1 solo block, 1 assisted block.

Jaedyn Penning: 4 kills, 3 ace serves, 6 digs.

Scoring for Redfield:

Kinley Smith: 3 kills, 1 solo and 1 assisted block.

Layla Hardie: 1 ace serve. Cecilia Suchor: 4 kills. Hayden Gall: 8 assists. Kendyl Siebrecht: 18 digs. Katryn Evans: 8 digs.



Emily Clark returned home for the weekend and she played in the GHS Pep Band Friday night. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-16 and 25-21. McKenna Tietz and Emerlee Jones each had seven kills, Liby Althoff had five ace serves and one kill, Talli Wright had three ace serves and one kill, and Kella Tracy and Makenna Krause each had one kill.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-17 and 25-13.

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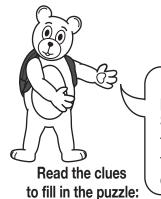
There was lots of activities going on Friday during the volleyball match as Groton Area had a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jerica Locke and Laila Roberts get wrapped up during the volleyball match with Redfield. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Laila Roberts
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Exploring National Parks

I love visiting National Parks. The U.S. Parks system preserves over 400 sites across the country. From Sequoia National Park (in California), with its giant sequoia trees that are so large that you can drive a car through them, to Assateague Island on the east coast, where you can see horses running wild and free on the beaches.

1. largest subtropical wilderness in U.S.; in Florida; more insects than any other kind of animals; 'clouds' of birds migrating may block out the sun here

2. known for waterfalls; California; people flocked to this area during gold rush

home to Old Faithful and the largest collection of geysers and hot springs in the world (WY, MT, ID); grizzly bears, elk, wolves, herds of bison, bighorn sheep, bears

4. Alaskan park; home to America's highest peak at 20,320 feet; still home to Alaskan Natives who make use of all the lands

5. in Utah; over 2,000 natural stone arches in this park; balancing rocks show off red rock against the beautiful blue sky

6. Cadillac Mountain in Maine; the tallest on the eastern coast; Oct. 7th to March 6th it is the first spot in the U.S. where people can see the sunrise

7. in California/Nevada; recorded heat over 120 degrees F for 43 days straight; Badwater Basin is the lowest place in U.S. – 282 feet below sea level

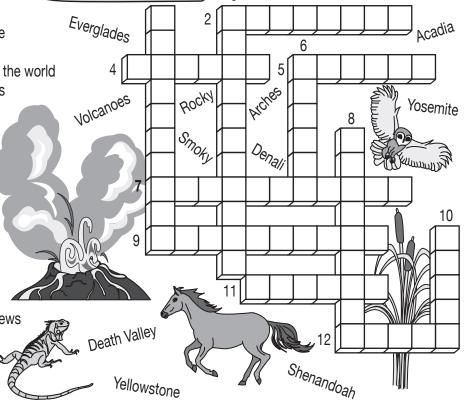
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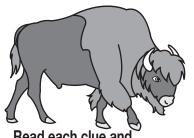
9. many rock formations in _____ park (Virginia) are over a billion years old; there are many relics from the Native Americans who once called this home

0. _____ Mountain park in Colorado; 300 miles of hiking trails; fantastic views

11. the Grand _____ (Arizona) shows the history of the earth through its many layers; 277 miles long, up to 18 miles wide and over a mile deep

12. Great _____ Mountains (NC, TN) is America's most visited National park; lots of wildlife; has largest blocks of old growth forest in North America





Read each clue and match the description to the animals it describes:

Animals in the Parks

The Great Smoky Mountains
National Park has about "...65 species of mammals, over 200 varieties of birds, 67 native fish species, and more than 80 types of reptiles and amphibians!" It is estimated that there are 1,500 American Black Bears living there. Check out these other parks!

Wild horses on an island (MD, VA) where they still run free. They have a diet of salt marsh plants and brush.

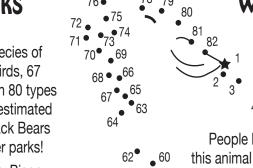
2. Brought to America by Spanish explorers to eat and to clear land. Live in Pinnacles National Park in California.

Yellowstone (WY) is the only place these have lived since prehistoric times. Largest land mammals in North America.

4. Reptiles that have lighter skin and narrower snout than an alligator. Their 4th lower teeth show when their mouths are closed. They live in the Everglades (FL).

5. These water mammals are some of the smartest animals on the planet. They swim in Biscayne National Park (FL).

6. These felines hunt alone at night. They perk up their tall ears in Badlands National Park in South Dakota.



F. Chincoteague Ponies or

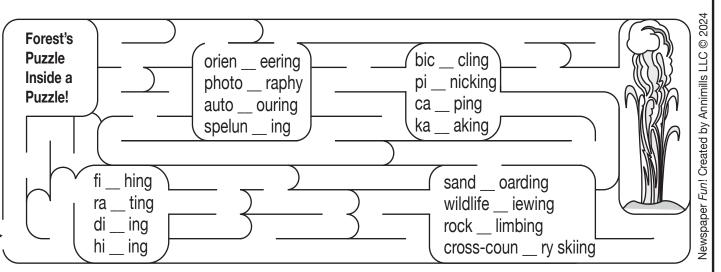
Assateague Horses

Who Came Back? These animals were considered to be a threat in U.S. Parks and were removed. Loss of habitat and disease also caused their numbers to fall. By the early 1900's they were almost gone.

People began to change their minds about • 10 this animal and brought 41 from Canada (and A. Bison Montana) and released them into Yellowstone. 59 B. American Crocodiles 57 C. Wild Pigs **Follow Unscramble** the dots to the letters to fill D. Atlantic see who this in the blanks: **Bottlenose Dolphins** animal is: E. Bobcats (Lynx)

There are tons of fun sports and activities that you can do in U.S. National Parks. Today I'm hiking to see the famous geyser called Old Faithful because it has continual eruptions.

Help Forest find Old Faithful.
Fill in the blanks to spell out park activities as you go!



Dear EarthTalk: What are some video games that educate young people about environmental issues? Concerned parent, Skokie, IL

As the climate crisis gets more pressing, video games are emerging as powerful tools to educate young people about environmental issues. Games offer an interactive, engaging platform where players can explore complex challenges like climate change, conservation and sustainability. This trend harnesses the immersive nature of gaming to make learning more accessible and impactful, letting young players make decisions that mirror real-world environmental consequences of human actions.

One standout game in this genre is "Fate of the World" (available on PC and Mac), which places players in charge of managing the Earth's resources and climate while addressing the needs of a growing global population. It highlights the difficulty of balancing development with conservation and emphasizes how every decision—whether political, social or environmental—has consequences. It fosters critical thinking by allowing players to test strategies, from implementing renewable energy to enforcing strict regulations.

"Ice Flows," available on iOS, Android and the web, focuses on the effects of climate change

in Antarctica. Players simulate the behavior of Antarctic ice sheets and observe how climate change affects global Fate of the World sea levels. This game introduces young players to polar environments, offering a tangible way to understand the consequences of global warming in one of the world's most vulnerable regions.

"Save the Rhino" tackles wildlife conservation. Available on iOS and Android, in this game players control animals like rhinos and elephants, bringing attention to the ongoing threat of poaching. This direct engagement with the animals themselves fosters empathy and a deeper understanding of the poaching crisis, showing players how conservation efforts can positively affect wildlife.

"Plasticity" (for PC) tackles a world overwhelmed by plastic waste. It encourages players to reflect on the long-term impact of plastic consumption and pollution by navigating a future dystopia caused by neglect, driving home the importance of individual and collective respon-

sibility in addressing the crises.

By using interactive gameplay, simulations and storytelling, these games encourage critical thinking and problem-solving, making abstract concepts like climate change and resource management more tangible. The use of technology, such as AI and simulations, brings the consequences of human behavior to life in an immersive and engaging way. As this trend continues, the development of augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) technologies promises even more immersive environmental education experiences.

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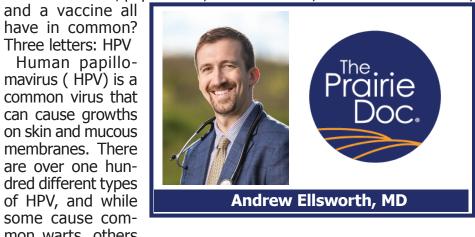
"HPV causes cancer, and can be prevented"

environmental issues.

What do warts, pap smears, cervical cancer, head and neck cancer, and a vaccine all

Three letters: HPV Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a common virus that can cause growths on skin and mucous membranes. There are over one hun-

dred different types of HPV, and while some cause common warts, others can cause cancer.



"Fate of the World" is one of several video

games that help teach players about climate and

HPV may be spread by skin to skin contact. The virus can enter your body through even the smallest tear in your skin. Warts caused by HPV can be contagious, either through direct contact with a wart or when someone touches something already touched by a wart. Genital or oral HPV infections can spread through sexual contact or through skin to skin contact in the genital region, anus, mouth, or back of the throat.

Unfortunately it can be difficult to prevent HPV infections that cause common warts. It is helpful to avoid picking at a wart to avoid spreading it. Plantar warts located on the bottom of your feet can be prevented by wearing shoes or sandals in public pools and locker rooms.

The treatment of common warts can be difficult as well. Some warts go away on their own, while others may grow despite attempts at treatment. No treatment is perfect. Persistence, however, is a key for success. Whether you treat a wart with an over-the-counter method such as salicylic acid, or go to the doctor to have it frozen, be prepared to treat the wart several times in consecutive months for full resolution.

Genital warts can be prevented by abstinence, and limited by being in a mutually monogamous relationship, limiting your sexual partners, and using a condom, which can form a barrier for HPV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Thankfully, there is a vaccine which is very effective at decreasing the risk of cancers caused by HPV such as cervical cancer and some cancers in the mouth and back of the throat. It can also decrease the risk of genital warts and genital cancers. The HPV vaccine is recommended for girls and boys often at ages 11 or 12 and can be given as early as age 9 and up to age 45. It is most effective before exposure to HPV. The immune response is better at a younger age, so when given before age 15, only two shots are recommended in the series, while three shots are recommended if started after age 15.

For decades, women have undergone pap smears to help catch cervical cancer in the early stages for better detection and treatment. The HPV vaccine can prevent the underlying cause of cervical cancer, can decrease the need for pap smears, and has been effective in decreasing rates of cervical cancer.

Once one of the most common causes of death for American women, cervical cancer death rates were cut in half starting in the mid 1970's with better detection and screening from pap smears. Now, a recent study in Scotland detected ZERO cases of cervical cancer in women born between 1988-1996 who were fully vaccinated against HPV before age 14. This highlights the effectiveness and benefit of the HPV vaccine.

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