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Remembering Our American Veterans



Doug Hamilton

by Laila Roberts

Hi, I am Laila Roberts, and I am going to introduce to you Doug Hamilton.

Doug Hamilton grew up in Redfield, South Dakota. Doug is the child of the late Claude and Delores Hamilton and brother to Roger Hamilton and late Pat Hamilton. He has only had three jobs in his life, which he is proud of.

His first job was working at a grocery store, stocking shelves. And his last job being at Northern Electric, working there for 40 years before retiring.

Doug was an average student, who did not see a career choice in Redfield that was promising. He saw the navy as an opportunity to have schooling without going to college. Doug enlisted on July 8, 1970. He went to Basic Training in San Diego, California. Doug says that if you didn't volunteer or speak out loud, then you were fine. If you did end up getting in trouble, you would have to clean the bathrooms. He says that basics teach you how to be regimented and how to be disciplined. He also went to Port Hueneme, California, for his construction Electrician Class "A" School.

Doug went to 6 duty stations. These included: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO); Gulf Port, Mississippi; Diego Garcia; British Indian Ocean Territory (B.I.O.T.); Guam; and the Philippines. At the GTMO, Base Maintenance, Diego Garcia, and B.I.O.T., he did electrical wiring of housing units, installed runway lighting and wiring at the communication sites. At Guam, Base Maintenance, Philippines, he finished wiring the Rec. Center. Doug never was sent on a ship, but his work was very vital for his squad.

Doug had some memorable experiences while he was on duty. He got to see The Bob Hope Christmas Show twice. When he was at B.I.O.T., his entertainments were playing softball, running, and SCUBA diving. While he was playing softball, Doug ended up breaking his leg. Another fun fact about Doug was that he was considered a "Sea Bee." This was a term they used for the navy. Sea Bees always protected each other.

Through his experiences in the Navy, Doug got to travel the world. The countries he went to were Japan, Thailand, Turkey, Spain, Puerto Rico, and Saipan. When Doug was asked about the food choices, he said it had its good and bad days. In Diego, Garcia, he said the food was terrible. Between all the physical activities and the terrible food, Doug ended up losing 80lbs. Along with that, Doug had very little contact with his family. Back in the day, they did not have email so he had to use snail mail and occasionally could have a phone call. While he was in Saipan, he got to talk on the landline once. Doug ended up being on the TV, which was a shock to his parents. Since they had little communication with Doug, it was a huge surprise when they saw him on TV.

Doug did not receive any medals or awards for his service, but he will proudly admit his father got all the awards for him. Doug's dad was in WWII, and he received a Bronze Star, along with General Patton.

Doug was discharged on June 7, 1974 and went to work for Spink Electric Co-op in Redfield. That is now considered Northern Electric in Bath. Doug worked there for 40 years, before retiring. He has been married to Wanda for 48 years and has had three children. They all graduated from Groton and gave him 6 beautiful grandchildren. Doug is also a 50-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and 38 of those years have been with Groton Legion Post #39.

He was an American Legion baseball commissioner, but now he leads the baseball program for Groton.

Doug's words for his experience are, "Respect others and take nothing for granted. Having been at duty stations where there was limited electricity and running water, you appreciate what we have. Rely on other people to survive or get by." Along with that, if you are uncertain on what to do, Doug says the military is a great opportunity to travel and see the world. There are so many more educational opportunities now than there were in the past.

Doug, would you please stand. On behalf of the community and nation, with our deepest appreciation, we honor your service with this quilt of honor.



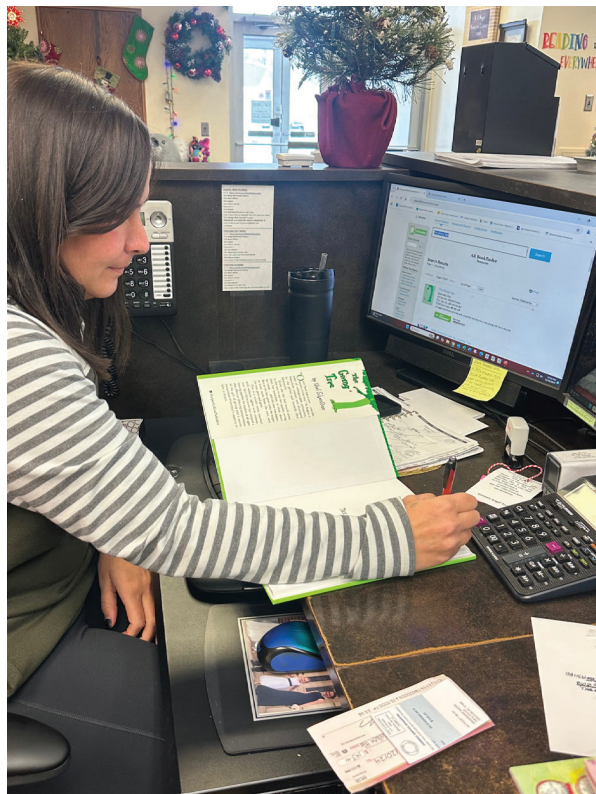
Doug Hamilton (center) pictured with Laila Roberts (right) and Legion Auxiliary member Tami Zimney. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

Clint Jacobson is featured on Page 10



Skating Rink taking shape

The Groton Skating Rink is taking shape as water has been added to the pond and is freezing rapidly with the recent cold temperature. So far about 80,000 gallons of water has been added to the pond. This will be the earliest that ice has been made at the skating rink.



AR Books at Wage Memorial Library

Librarian Kellie Locke is taking the guess work out of Accelerated Reading Books at the Wage Memorial Library. She has gone through all the children's books and has put down on the front inside cover the book level, AR points and AR quiz. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

It might have been closer than it should have, but the Minnesota Vikings escaped Chicago with a 30-27 win over the Bears. After going 3-0 in three straight road games, the Vikings are 9-2 and are keeping pace with the division-leading Detroit Lions (10-1).

The game started well for the Vikings. The Bears got the opening kickoff, and the Vikings' defense held them to a three-and-out. The Vikings got the ball and were moving it well, going 72 yards in six plays, thanks in large part to Aaron Jones, who had three carries for 56 yards. However, on the seventh play of the drive, Jones fumbled the ball at the two-yard line. After the two teams traded punts, the Bears went on a 7-play, 79-yard drive that found the endzone, marking the first time all season the Bears scored first. With less than a minute left in the first quarter, the Vikings wasted no time, as a 15-yard run by Cam Akers, a penalty on Chicago, and a 45-yard pass to Jordan Addison got the ball to the two-yard line as the quarter ended.

One play into the second quarter, Addison caught a touchdown pass to even the score 7-7. Chicago answered with a 10-play drive, but for the second time in consecutive weeks, they had a field goal attempt blocked. With the ball back near midfield, the Vikings marched down the field (with help from a 35-yard pass interference penalty on Chicago), and on 2nd & goal from the five, Sam Darnold hit Jalen

Nailor for a TD, making the score 14-7. Both teams traded punts again, then Chicago moved the ball to the Vikings' 31-yard line and kicked a field goal as time expired in the first half, cutting the Vikings' lead to four.

The Vikings got the ball to start the second half and managed to get three points on the drive thanks to a 40-yard field goal from John Parker Romo. The Bears turned the ball over on downs on their next possession, followed by three straight punts. The Vikings got a lucky break when Chicago muffed a punt, giving the ball to the good guys at the 15-yard line. Five plays later Aaron Jones crossed the goalline, making the score 24-10. Chicago was forced to punt to close out the third quarter, and with a two-score lead and the ball heading into the fourth quarter, this game seemed well in hand.

The Vikings moved the ball to Chicago's 36-yard line, but a failed fourth down attempt gave the ball back to the Bears, who went on a 10-play, 64-yard drive that found the endzone. A failed two-point conversion, however, kept the score 24-16. The Vikings answered with a field goal drive to make it a two-score game again with less than two minutes left on the clock. The Vikings went into prevent mode, which allowed Caleb Williams to drive the Bears down for a quick touchdown, and this time they made the two-point conversion, making the score 27-24. With only 22 seconds left on the clock, however, all the Vikings needed to do was secure the onside kick attempt and the

game would be over. Unfortunately, this is the Vikings we're talking about. There hadn't been a successful onside recovery in the NFL this season, but a mental gaff by a Vikings player resulted in the Bears recovering the attempt. A 27-yard pass and a spiked ball later, the Bears kicked a field goal to even the score as time expired, and we were heading to overtime.

The Bears won the coin toss and elected to receive the ball, but the Vikings' defense forced a three-and-out. 10 plays and 68 yards later, John Parker Romo kicked a 29-yard field goal to win the game.

Sam Darnold completed 22 of 34 passes for 330 yards and two touchdowns. Aaron Jones carried the ball 22 times for 106 yards and a touchdown. The Bears' game plan on defense was to shut Justin Jefferson down, and although it was successful, it freed up Jordan Addison (8 catches for 162 yards and a touchdown) and T.J. Hockenson (7 catches for 114 yards). Defensively, Harrison Smith led the team with 11 tackles. Jonathan Greenard had two sacks and two tackles for a loss, and Andrew Van Ginkel had a sack as well.

Looking ahead, the Vikings host the Arizona Cardinals (6-4). While the Vikings are the better team, sometimes coming home after a long road trip can lead to unpredictable results. If the defense can keep QB Kyler Murray in check, the Vikings should be able to hit double-digit wins. Skol!

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The Gladiators won the Ezra Award for Innovation at the Tiger Nation Qualifier on November 23rd. Left to right are Haden Harder, Garrett Schultz, Rylee Hofer and Jameson Penning. (Courtesy Photo)

Gladiators win Ezra Award at Harrisburg Robotics Tournament

Groton Robotics has had an exciting beginning of the 2024-2025 season! First going out to Box Elder, SD – Groton Robotics competed at Douglas High Stakes on October 26th. Recently they competed again in Harrisburg on November 23rd. This year, the newly built robots have several objectives. #1 Stacking rings and moving the targets to the proper locations. #2 Climbing – elevating their robot in the last 30 seconds in order to score points. #3 Strategy. There are ways to add points to your score or subtract points from the opponents scoring, it's just figuring out how to do it with the Offensive and Defensive plans in place!

These kids are performing against kids from around the state and region, such as Harrisburg, Omaha, Rapid City, Gillette, WY, Mitchell. They are holding their own and we're looking forward to continued progress throughout the season! Our next tournament will be held at the Corn Palace on December 7th.

9050F – Gladiators: Garrett Schultz, Lead – Rylee Hofer, Jameson Penning and Haden Harder

Douglas High Stakes: Qualifiers Rank - 12 out of 24. Won Round of 16, Won quarterfinal, loss 17-8 semifinal.

Harrisburg: Won the 2024 Ezra Award for Innovation! Qualifier Rank 2nd out of 21. Won quarterfinals, semifinal loss of 15-23.

9050E - Galaxy- Axel Warrington and Corbin Weismantel, Co-Lead, Ilyanna Dallaire and Ayce Warrington

Douglas High Stakes: Qualifiers Rank – 3rd out of 24. Loss quarterfinal 14-20.

Harrisburg: Qualifiers Rank 15th out of 21. Loss quarterfinal match 8-50.

9050B – Gearheads: Logan and Kira Warrington, Co-Lead, Peyton Padfield, Emmett Zoellner

Douglas High Stakes: Qualifiers Rank – 18th out of 24. Won Round of 16, Loss 39 to 9 in the Quarter Final.

Harrisburg: Qualifiers Rank 11th out of 21. Loss in quarterfinal match 7 to 40.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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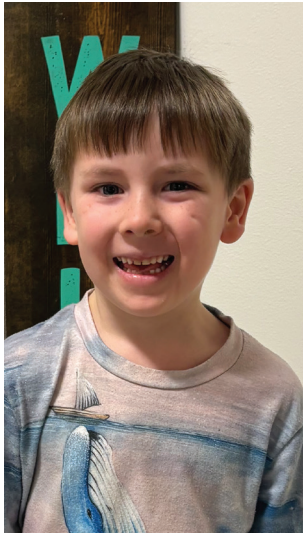
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Groton Area Junior Kindergarteners are thankful for . . .



Lucas Davis, son of Anthony and Christine Davis – I am thankful for my mommy, daddy, and sisters because they love me.



River Anderson, daughter of Taylor and Laura Anderson – I am thankful for my house because it is cozy, and my family lives there.



Collyns Dunbar, daughter of Michael and Kassie Dunbar – I am thankful for food because it tastes good and makes me strong.



Isaac Flihs, son of Blake and Danielle Flihs – I am thankful for my remote-control dinosaurs and combine because I like them.



Whitton Freeland, son of Justin and Jessica Freeland – I am thankful for my mom because she makes good food and my dad because he lets me drive the tractor.



Alandra Graff, daughter of Michelle Barrow and Wesley Graff – I am thankful for my bed because I like to sleep in it with my stuffed animals.



Ronnie Gruenstein, son of Kaitlin Roemmick – I am thankful for my uncle and aunt because they watch me and take me lots of places.



Faith Johnson, daughter of Matt and Casey Johnson – I am thankful for my friends because they are nice and play Legos with me.



Blake Locke, daughter of Mitchell and Heidi Locke – I am thankful for my family because they love me and take care of me.



Memphis Monson, son of Cody and Michele Monson – I am thankful for my friends because they play outside with me and give me toys.



Beau Traphagen, son of Trent and Heather Traphagen – I am thankful for my mommy and daddy because I like them, and they give me hugs when I go to bed.



Max Wieseler, son of Michael and Emily Wieseler – I am thankful for the Groton pool because we do not have to drive a long way to swim.

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November 19, 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.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Senator Elect, Carl Perry shared with the Commission the pre-high school students Young Citizen and Youth of the Month Awards that were announced at the Exchange Club of Aberdeen Youth Awards Ceremony on November 18th.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

POST ELECTION AUDIT MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the Post Election Audit Minutes of November 14, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen ED \$113.54; Avera Medical Group Radiology \$8.12; Board of Police Commissioners \$658.83; Boyce Law Firm \$270.00; Certified Languages International LLC \$1,110.15; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$9,523.81;

Cogley Law Office Prof LLC \$9,523.81; Dakota Group LLC \$2,500.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$9,523.81; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$12,870.00; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$295.38; Jerald McNeary \$9,523.81; John Noyes – Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$9,523.81; Koletzky Law Office, Prof. LLC \$253.00; Kristi Brandt \$207.00; Kuck Law Office \$9,523.81; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Lincoln County Auditor \$425.17; Network Center, Inc \$6,005.14; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$225.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$98.00; SD Dept of Health \$1,200.00; SDH-SC \$600.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$9,523.81; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$567.13; Verisma System Inc \$143.57; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$100.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$255.50. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$301.55; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$88.76; Moberge Tribune \$27.72; West River Eagle \$15.33. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Ace Refrigeration, LLC \$138.72; Gary's Auto Body & Accessories \$1,036.94; Heartland Heating and Cooling, LLC \$1,626.13; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$584.78; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$406.00; Titan Machinery \$4,880.71; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$4,358.00. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$1,432.95; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$82.40; Austin Ball \$27.16; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$1,408.70; Century Business Products \$2,100.10; Cole Paper Inc \$2,448.36; Crescent Electric Supply Co \$199.00; Dakota Electronics \$1,268.88; Dakota Supply Group \$457.00; Farm Power Mfg \$63.15; Geffdog Designs \$79.00; Hall Sand & Gravel, Inc \$60,387.24; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$56.00; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$700.15; K&S Plumbing \$164.73; Karen Swank \$45.00; Kessler's \$249.42; Menards \$35.17; Midstates Group

\$483.45; NVC \$28.46; Performance Oil \$417.46; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$224.32; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC \$10,000.00; Safety Service \$370.00; Share Corporation \$608.40; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,951.46; Titan Machinery \$1,349.65. Travel & Conference: Anissa Stange \$26.40; Becky Berreth \$64.45; Best Western Ramkota Hotel – Rapid City \$964.40; Cheryl Fjeldheim \$19.70; Jan Erickson \$25.33; Kelly Clark \$26.93; Lisa Ham \$19.56; Lynn Butler \$13.40; Lynn Heupel \$207.10; Marcia Haaland \$50.38; Russell Metz \$14.00; Sarah Swenson \$14.00; Tonya Zinter \$36.05. Utilities: CenturyLink \$567.41; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$468.21; City of Hecla \$151.13; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$360.00; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$165.33; James Valley Telecommunications \$219.10; Northern Electric \$93.50; Northwestern Energy \$709.16; NVC \$2,933.52; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$356.78; Verizon Wireless \$4,642.92. Other: Safe Harbor \$742.55.

Payroll: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$26,788.29; Auditor \$9,398.80; Treasurer \$17,270.43; SA \$33,174.56; Maintenance \$11,778.71; Assessor \$15,716.77; Register of Deeds \$10,406.83; VSO \$4,478.89; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,322.67; HR \$4,960.64; Sheriff \$48,546.34; Jail \$66,510.12; Coroner \$899.37; Court Security \$9,441.79; JDC/HD \$31,730.59; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$12,395.10; Fairgrounds/Parks \$5,191.94; Fair \$4,636.34; 4-H \$830.79; Weed \$5,208.11; P&Z \$7,635.85; Highway \$50,236.42; Dispatch \$35,041.27; EM \$5,208.67; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,820.17; Landfill \$20,910.69. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to acknowledge and approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:
o Hiring of Kayleene Holzer as Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT; starting wage \$22.37/hr. – effective November 25, 2024.

o Transfer of Hayden Poddoll from Brown County Jail 911 Communications Officer to Brown County 911 Shift Supervisor, FT; starting wage \$26.59/hr.

– effective November 24, 2024.
o Resignation of Troy Grote, Brown County Highway Truck Driver, FT; effective November 22, 2024. Request to fill.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, 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.

ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following abatement or refund: Abatements: Parcel #17449: Tax Yr. 2024 - \$93.78; Tax Yr. 2023 - \$86.74; Tax Yr. 2022 - \$86.74; Tax Yr. 2021 - \$86.74; Tax Yr. 2020 - \$86.74. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following travel request: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, to attend Asphalt Conference Planning Committee on November 18, 2024 in Brookings, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Wiese informed the commission that concerns were brought to his attention from Township Officials regarding road signs being pushed over by large harvest equipment and overweight vehicles being on posted township roads. Follow-up will be made to the Highway Department to make sure they are aware and also a follow-up with the Township officials.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:45 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sara Swisher, Chief Deputy Auditor
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2025
Appropriation
Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 780

2025 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the city of Groton that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

	General Fund	Gross Rec Tax (BBB)	Airport Fund	Fam Crisis	Debt Service	Total
Governmental Funds						
410 General Government						
411 Legislative	25,900.00					25,900.00
411.5 Contingency.....	50,000.00					50,000.00
412 Executive.....	9,000.00					9,000.00
413 Elections.....	1,450.00					1,450.00
414 Financial Administration	408,485.00					408,485.00
419 Other	38,750.00					38,750.00
Total General Government.....	\$533,585.00					\$533,585.00
420 Public Safety						
421 Police	465,350.00					465,350.00
423 Building Inspection.....	10,000.00					10,000.00
429 Other Inspection	500.00					500.00
Total Public Safety	\$475,850.00					\$475,850.00
430 Public Works						
431 Highways and Streets.....	431,975.00					431,975.00
432 Weed Control.....	2,750.00					2,750.00
435 Airport.....		31,700.00				31,700.00
437 Cemeteries	14,150.00					14,150.00
439 Transit.....	2,500.00					2,500.00
Total Public Works	\$451,375.00	31,700.00				\$483,075.00
440 Health and Welfare						
441 Health	5,500.00	1,650.00				7,150.00
Total Health and Welfare.....	\$5,500.00	1,650.00				\$7,150.00
450 Culture and Recreation						
451 Recreation:.....						317,325.00
Skating.....	7,300.00					
Soccer.....	1,500.00					
Swimming Pool	145,950.00					
Golf						
Basketball.....	250.00					
Tennis	250.00					
Baseball	162,075.00					
452 Parks.....	28,020.00					28,020.00
455 Libraries	10,750.00					10,750.00
456 Community Center	6,750.00					6,750.00
Total Culture and Recreation.....	\$362,845.00					\$362,845.00
465 Economic Development and Assistance						
	23,570.00					23,570.00
Total Conservation and Development ..	\$23,570.00					\$23,570.00
470 Debt Service Refinance						
471 Principal			150,000.00			150,000.00
472 Interest			87,500.00			87,500.00
Total Debt Service			\$237,500.00			\$237,500.00
480 Intergovernmental Expenditures						
490 Miscellaneous						
499 Liquor licenses						
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510 Other Financing Uses						
511 Operating Transfer--Out.....						-
Total 2025 Appropriations	\$1,852,725.00	\$31,700.00	\$1,650.00	\$237,500.00	\$2,123,575.00	
Total Appropriations and Accumulations	\$1,852,725.00	\$31,700.00	\$1,650.00	\$237,500.00	\$2,123,575.00	

Note 1: The amounts shown here should not reflect accumulations to-date nor should it reflect the total to be accumulated. It should only report the amount to be accumulated in the budget year that you are working on.

Part II (9-22-1)
(9-21-19)
(9-21-20)

The following designates the fund or funds that money derived from the following sources is applied to.

	General Fund	Gross Rec Tax (BBB)	Airport Fund	Fam Crisis	Debt Service	Total
Governmental Funds						
Unassigned Fund Balance	137,681.00		8,200.00		228,550.00	374,431.00
310 Taxes	1,428,500.00	30,000.00				1,458,500.00
320 Licenses and Permits	18,500.00					18,500.00
330 Intergovernmental Revenue... ..	105,289.00					105,289.00
340 Charges for Goods and Services.....	118,605.00					118,605.00
350 Fines and Forfeits.....	300.00					300.00
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	15,500.00			8,950.00		24,450.00
390 Other Sources			23,500.00			23,500.00
Total Means of Finance	\$1,824,375.00	\$30,000.00	\$31,700.00	\$-	\$237,500.00	\$2,123,575.00
Proprietary and Fiduciary Funds						
Beginning Unrestricted Cash						
Estimated Revenue			1,865,150.00	553,300.00	301,100.00	137,350.00
Transfer In						
Other Financing Sources						
TOTAL AVAILABLE.....			1,865,150.00	553,300.00	301,100.00	137,350.00
Less Appropriations (Expenses).....			1,961,500.00	346,250.00	241,300.00	134,400.00
Less Debt Service				86,000.00		
Less Transfer Out						
ESTIMATED NET POSITION RETAINED.....			\$(96,350.00)	\$121,050.00	\$59,800.00	\$2,950.00

The finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the County Auditor. The amount of tax levy request is \$563,748, and the amount of opt out request is \$230,000. The total request being \$793,748.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas J. Heinrich, Finance Officer
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COUNTY OF BROWN
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IN CIRCUIT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

A&N 24-70
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATORY HEARING
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF
A. L., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING DORI LLOYD AND RAYNARD LEBEAU, RESPONDENTS.
TO: Dori Lloyd
Please take notice and be

advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for an Adjudicatory Hearing on the 20th day of December, 2024 from the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
Failure to appear at these Adjudicatory Proceedings shall be deemed an admission.

Dated this 20 day of November, 2024.
Karla Nelson, Deputy Brown County States Attorney
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Sometimes, life can put us in troubled situations and sadness. However, giving thanks no matter the situation links us directly to God and the angels. So take time to appreciate the craziness that life comes with and our lives will be filled with more joy. Happy Thanksgiving from

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Groton City
Budget Billing Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 781
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, TO ADOPT A BUDGET BILLING PROGRAM FOR UTILITY SERVICES FOR GROTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES CUSTOMERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT:

Section 1. Budget Billing Program.

Residential (single-family or multi-family) utility customers, desiring to equalize their utility payments through the year using an estimate based on the previous twelve (12) consecutive months usage, may apply for participation in the Budget Billing Program. Customers remain fully responsible for the full account balance based on actual usage. Customers desiring to apply for the Budget Billing Program must do so by contacting the City of Groton's utility billing personnel. Application shall be made on a form furnished by the City of Groton. All other provisions of Chapter 8-1 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 2. Duration of Budget Billing Program and Renewal.

The duration of the Budget Billing Program shall be for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months and shall be reviewed, recalculated, and renewed annually at a time determined by the City as outlined in Section 4. Method of Payment Calculation.

Section 3. Eligibility Requirements - Initial enrollment, enrollment renewal & enrollment continuation.

To qualify for enrollment and continued participation in the Budget Billing Program, customers must meet the following eligibility requirements:

a) The customer must be a residential, single and/or multi-family unit utility customer;

however, multi-family units must have two dwellings or less.

b) The customer must have a twelve (12) consecutive month billing history for the subject property prior to initial enrollment.

c) The customer must have a current account at the time of application.

d) The customer must pay any outstanding balance accrued during the previous period at the time of renewal to continue enrollment in the Budget Billing Program.

e) Any credit balance will be included in the recalculation of the budget agreement.

f) The customer must have zero late fees on their account within the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period.

g) The customer must not have any payments returned for insufficient funds within the preceding twelve (12) month period at the time of enrollment.

h) The customer must be the owner of the subject property.

i) Lessees of the property shall not be eligible for participation in the program, unless approved by property owner.

j) Commercial and business customers shall not be eligible for participation in the program.

k) Customers involuntarily removed from the program are ineligible to participate for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, at which time enrollment can be reconsidered if all other requirements are met.

Section 4. Method of Payment Calculation.

The City shall calculate the customer's monthly payment at enrollment based on the average usage of metered services of the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period. Usage-based and fixed charges shall be assessed at the rates in place on date of calculation. The customer may request the calculation prior to enrollment for the purpose of determining whether to enroll. The acceptance of the minimum budget payment as calculated by the City, or a greater amount as specified by the customer, shall be required as monthly payment amount, and said payment amount shall become binding

until recalculated annually at a time determined by the City.

Section 5. Late Fees & Delinquent Accounts

Each monthly payment under the Budget Payment Plan must be paid by the 25th of the month. Late fee provisions and their applicability, shall apply to customers enrolled in the Budget Billing Program. In the event a customer is involuntarily terminated from the program as defined in Section 6, the full account balance will be due with the next utility bill to avoid disconnection of services. The customer will not be eligible for reenrollment in the program for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of delinquency, provided all other terms for participation are met.

Section 6. Termination of Participation in Budget Billing Program.

At the time of termination from the program, whether voluntary or involuntary, the balance of the utility account becomes due with the next utility bill. The customer remains responsible for the full account balance based on actual usage.

Voluntary termination of participation in the Budget Billing Program, shall occur at the written request of the participant in the program.

Involuntary termination of participation in the Budget Billing Program shall occur when any one of the following instance(s)/ conditions have been met:

a) When the ownership of the property or utility account changes;

b) When customer ceases to be a Groton Municipal Utilities customer;

c) When one (1) occurrence of late payments occur within a twelve (12) month period;

d) When one (1) returned payment is received;

e) When (1) non-sufficient payment is made;

f) When services are disconnected due to delinquency.

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Passed Second Reading:

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Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Attest

Douglas J. Heinrich, Finance Officer

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Groton City
2025 Salary Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 782

An Ordinance entitled "The 2025 Salary Ordinance" to amend Ordinance No. 772, being an ordinance regulating the salaries of the elective and appointive officers and employees of the City of Groton.

BE IT ORDAINED BY The City Council of the City of Groton that the 2025 salaries and time of payment are as follows for the elected and appointed officers and employees:

Mayor: \$625.00, Monthly
Council Members: \$3,000.00 Yearly, \$125.00 Per special City Council Meeting

Board of Equalization: \$200.00, Yearly

Planning & Zoning Commission: \$35.00, Per meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission: \$70.00, Per special meeting

Elected Officials: \$300.00, Per full day of additional authorized meetings

Elected Officials: \$100.00, Per half day of additional authorized meetings

Finance Officer: \$32.00, Hourly

Deputy Finance Officer: \$30.28, Hourly

Asst Finance Officer: \$25.05, Hourly

Public Works Coordinator, St & Water Supt.: \$38.69, Hourly

Wastewater Superintendent: \$34.58, Hourly

Asst Street Superintendent: \$32.13, Hourly

Public Works Laborer: \$31.35, Hourly

Public works on call: \$200.00, Weekly

Technology Specialist: \$33.84, Hourly

Electric Superintendent: \$59.66, Hourly

Electric Lineman: \$43.92, Hourly

Electric Department on call: \$200.00, Weekly

Police Chief: \$37.93, Hourly

Police Officer & Assistant Chief: \$34.54, Hourly

Police Officer Level 1: \$32.28, Hourly

Police Officer Level 2: \$31.52, Hourly

Full time permanent employee individual health insurance premium will be covered by the City of Groton, along with \$300 per month toward a dependent's insurance coverage provided by the City.

The city will contribute to a med flex account at a 2 to 1 city/employee match, with a maximum city contribution of \$400.

The city will contribute \$2 for every \$1 the employee contributes up to \$1000 to their health savings account under the HSA health insurance option only.

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Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #1 Results

Team Standings: Coyotes 3, Cheetahs 3, Jackelopes 2, Shihtzus 2, Chipmunks 1, Foxes 1

Men's High Games: Lance Frohling 224, Brad Larson 200, Butch Farmen 197

Women's High Games: Michelle Johnson 176, Alexa Schuring 162, Nancy Radke 158

Men's High Series: Lance Frohling 538, Randy Stanley 520, Brad Larson and Butch Farmen 512

Women's High Series: Nancy Radke 462, Michelle Johnson 407, Alexa Schuring 391

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #2 Results

Team Standings: Coyotes 6, Chipmunks 5, Foxes 4, Cheetahs 4, Jackelopes 3, Shihtzus 2

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 210, Brad Larson 201, Larry Frohling 185

Women's High Games: Darci Spanier 177, Sue Stanley 171, Vicki Walter 167

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 536, Butch Farmen 523, Randy Stanley 497

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter 464, Darci Spanier 439, Brenda Waage 424

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #3 Results

Team Standings: Coyotes 9, Cheetahs 8, Chipmunks 7, Foxes 6, Jackelopes 4, Shihtzus 2

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 236, Brad Larson 192, Brody Sombke 187

Women's High Games: Sue Stanley 167, Dar Larson 154, Darci Spanier 149

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 547, Lance Frohling 536, Brody Sombke 509

Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 442, Dar Larson 433, Darci Spanier 419

May your blessings be multiplied this year and throughout all your life.



Happy Thanksgiving

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Westport Town
Nov. 20 Meeting

Town of Westport Special Meeting

The Town of Westport met on November 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. with Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat and Deb Schlosser present.

New Business: Shane Storm motioned, seconded by Troy Tschappat to approve the contract with Water District Maintenance, LLC to maintain state water compliance for the city of Westport. Contract ends 12:00 am on March 31, 2025.

Meeting dismissed at 7:10 p.m.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

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Snow Queen Contest is Sunday

The 79th Groton Area Snow Queen Contest will be held on Sunday, December 1st in the GHS Old Gymnasium at 4:30pm. The contest will feature three high school seniors and seven high school freshmen vying for the Senior and Junior Snow Queen Titles, the crowning of a kindergarten prince and princess, a talent contest that will exhibit a senior and five junior talent entries, ice cream refreshments, and the unveiling of the mystery frosty (\$100 Chamber Bucks for the correct guess – must be present to win)! The Groton Area Snow Queen Committee welcomes all to come and enjoy the show!

Senior Candidates



Rebecca Poor,
daughter of
David and
Anissa Poor



Gretchen Dinger,
daughter of
Weston Dinger
and Elizabeth
Bahr



Abby Yeadon,
daughter of
Jeremy and
Diane Yeadon

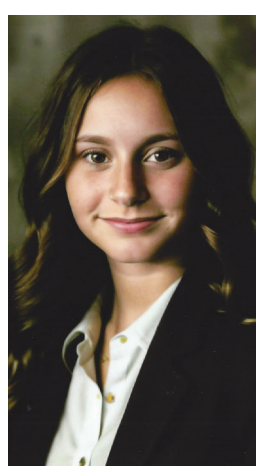
Freshmen Candidates



Gracie Pearson,
daughter of
Lucas and
Trish Pearson



Elizabeth Cole,
daughter of
Charles and
Carrie Cole



Taryn Thompson,
daughter of
Mark and June
Thompson



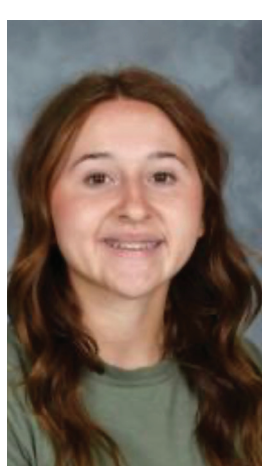
Kyleigh Kroll,
daughter of
John and
Katie Kroll



Addison Hoeft,
daughter of
Travis and
Tiffany Hoeft



Chesney Weber,
daughter of
Jeremy and
Samantha
Weber



Sydney Locke,
daughter
of Matt and
Tammy Locke

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Groton Community December Calendar of Events

Sunday, Dec. 1

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion: St. John's at 9 a.m.; Zion at 11 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; No Sunday School; Choir, 6 p.m.
FFA State LDE, Rapid City
Pancake Sunday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Groton Community Center (proceeds benefit the Historical Society's jail restoration).
Snow Queen Contest, 4:30 p.m., GHS Gym.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. (Daniel and Karla Grenz will be speaking); worship, 10:30 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: Worship with communion: Conde at 8:30 a.m.; Groton at 10:30 a.m.; No Sunday School, Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 2

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, garlic bread, fruit.
School Breakfast: French Toast.
School Lunch: Chicken patty, sweet potato puffs.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
First day of allowable boys' basketball practice
FFA State LDE in Rapid City
JH and JV Boys Wrestling Invitational at Faulkton
JH GBB at Clark (7th at 6 p.m., 8th at 7 p.m.)
Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Groton Community Center

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potato with gravy, winter blend, pears, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Scones
School Lunch: Pasta with meat sauce, bread stick.
St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas Party, noon.
JH GBB hosts Redfield (7th at 6:15 p.m.; 8th at 7:15 p.m.)
City Council meeting, 7 p.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

Groton United Methodist: Bible Study with Pastor Rob, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, mixed vegetables, pineapple, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Oatmeal.
School Lunch: Cheese stuffed breadstick, Marinara Sauce.
St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; DFC Youth supper, 6 p.m.; Advent Service, 7 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.; Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.
Groton Chamber Board Meeting, 6 p.m., at the Jungle
Groton United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Senior Menu: Chicken cordon bleu hot dish, catalina blend, oranges, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Biscuits.
School Lunch: Italian Rice Bake, corn.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.
MS/HS Christmas Program, 7 p.m., GHS Gym

Friday, Dec. 6

Senior Menu: New England Ham Dinner, California blend, peaches, dinner roll.
School Breakfast: Breakfast cookie.
School Lunch: Potato soup, ham sandwich.
St. John's Lutheran: Preschool Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
GBB hosts Timber Lake (C game at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., varsity to follow)
Girls Varsity Wrestling at Watertown, 4 p.m.
Christmas Tour of Trees at Wage Memorial Library, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7

St. John's Lutheran: Christmas Season Parents Day Out, 1-5 p.m.
Girls Varsity Wrestling at Dell Rapids, 9 a.m.
Boys Varsity Wrestling at Clark Tourney, 9:30 a.m.
JH GBB Jamboree at Groton Area, 10 a.m.
Olive Grove Holiday Party, 6 p.m. to midnight.
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 209 N Main

Groton Robotics is in Mitchell.

Sunday, Dec. 8

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m.; Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.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.
Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS), 3:16 p.m., GHS Conference Room
United Methodist: Conde worship at 8:30 a.m.; Groton worship at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School Christmas Practice with snack, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 9


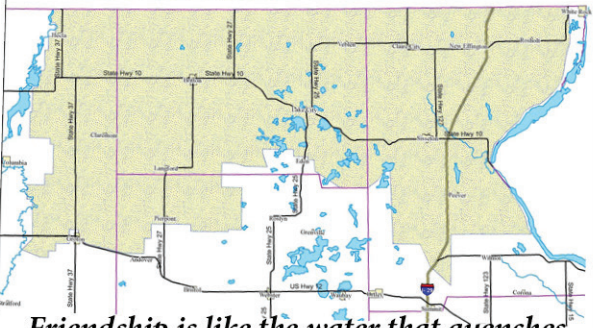
Senior Menu: Beef noodle stroganoff, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, cookie, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.
School Lunch: Corndogs, baked beans.
Groton Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
JH Boys Wrestling at Sisseton, 5 p.m.
JH GBB hosts Northwestern, one combined 6-quarter game, 6:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Groton Community Center

Tuesday, Dec. 10


Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin, winter blend, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Lunch: Waffles.
School Breakfast: Chicken strips, waffle fries.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Church Council, 6 p.m.
JH Boys Wrestling at Pierre, 4 p.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
Groton United Methodist: Bible Study with Pastor Rob, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Senior Menu: Ham and raisin sauce, baked sweet potato, cheesy green beans, Jell-O cake, dinner roll.
School Breakfast: Muffins.
School Lunch: Cheese quesadilla, refried

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St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; DFC Youth supper, 6 p.m.; Advent Service, 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Caroling, 6 p.m.

Groton United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12

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

School Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza.

School Lunch: Chicken alfredo, cooked broccoli.

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

Friday, Dec. 13

Senior Menu: Potato soup, ham salad croissant, Monterey blend, fruit.

School Breakfast: Egg wraps.

School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, cooked carrots.

Girls Varsity Wrestling at Rapid City

Basketball Double Header at Hamlin (Boys C at 4 p.m., Girls JV at 4 p.m.; Boys JV at 5 p.m., Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow

Saturday, Dec. 14

Girls Varsity Wrestling at Rapid City

Santa Day at Professional Management Services, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

Sunday, Dec. 15

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sunday School kids practice for program. 9 a.m.; Sunday School Christmas Proram, 10:30 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.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.; Christmas program and dinner, 5 p.m.

United Methodist: Conde worship at 8:30 a.m.; Groton Sunday School program at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School Christmas Practice, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Lunch at Groton, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 16

Senior Menu: Chicken tetrazzine, peas and carrots, pineapple tidbits, breadsticks.

School Breakfast: Breakfast sliders.

School Lunch: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes.

Groton Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.

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

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

JH GBB at Sisseton, one game at 4 p.m.; Boys JH Wrestling at Webster, 4:30 p.m.; Boys JV Invitational Wrestling at Madison, 5 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Senior Menu: Beef and broccoli stir fry, rice, mixed vegetables, firve cup salad, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Oatmeal.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, chips.

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.

Basketball Doubleheader - Hosts Sisseton: Boys C at 4 p.m. and Girls C at 5 p.m. in the

gym; Girls JV at 4 p.m. and Boys JV at 5 p.m. followed by girls varsity and boys varsity in the Arena.

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

Groton United Methodist: Bible Study with Pastor Rob, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, oriental blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Cereal.

School Lunch: Sweet and sour pork, rice.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; DFC Youth supper, 6 p.m.; Advent Service, 7 p.m.

Groton United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19

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

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick.

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, tater tots.

JH GBB at Aberdeen Roncalli

NEC Boys and Girls Wrestling at Groton Area, 4 p.m.

Holiday Light Contest

Friday, Dec. 20

Senior Menu: Bean and ham soup, egg salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, fruit.

School Breakfast: Egg bake.

School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans.

End of Second Quarter

Elementary Christmas Program, 1 p.m., in the Arena.

Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.

Basketball hosts West Central: Gym: Boys C at 4 p.m.; Girls C at 5:15 p.m.; Arena: Girls JV at 4 p.m., Boys JV at 5:15 p.m.; followed by girls varsity and boys varsity.

Saturday, Dec. 21

FIRST DAY OF WINTER

Girls Varsity Wrestling vs. South Border at Ashley, N.D., 9 a.m.

Boys Varsity Wrestling at Sioux Valley Tourney, 10 a.m.

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

Sunday, Dec. 22

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's at 9 a.m.; at Zion at 11 a.m.; Voter's Meeting, 9:45 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; No Sunday School, Choir, 6 p.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: Worship at Conde, 8:30 a.m., at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 23

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

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

Groton Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center with a noon potluck.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, mixed vegetables, biscuit, fruit.

St. John's Lutheran: Christmas Eve Service, 4 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

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

Pantry is closed.

United Methodist: Groton Service at 5 p.m. Conde Service at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

St. John's Lutheran: Christmas Day Service at Zion, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 26

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle hot dish with peas, California blend, peaches, whole wheat bread.

Friday, Dec. 27

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, rice, Normandy blend, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

Saturday, Dec. 28

The Doubleheader with Dakota Valley will now just be a Boys Basketball game at Dakota Valley on Saturday, January 18th

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

Sunday, Dec. 29

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; No Sunday School.

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

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United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:30 a.m., at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 30

Senior Menu: Chicken alredo, broccoli, pineapple, breadstick.

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

Girls Varsity Wrestling at Sioux Falls Lincoln.

Boys Basketball at Westber: C at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 31

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

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

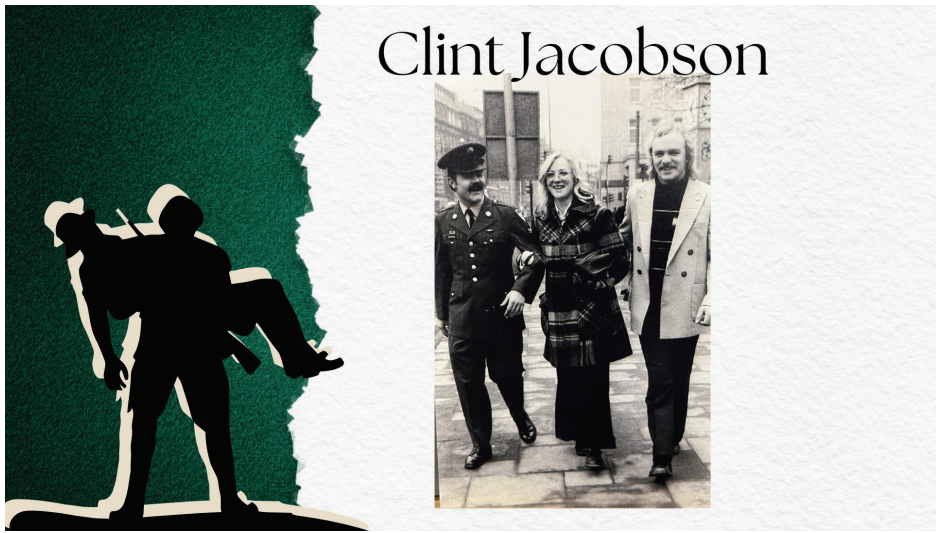


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by Tali Wright

Clint Jacobson was inducted into the military on February 16, 1971, by the "Draft". Clint received a letter from the President which opened by saying, "Greetings, you are ordered to be inducted into the armed forces." While in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, he was sworn into the US Army. Clint married his wife, Audrey Jacobson, on September 9, 1977, after which they had their son, Clint L. Jacobson.



Clint Jacobson (center) pictured with Tali Wright (right) and Legion Auxiliary member Laila Roberts. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

Clint did not pick the branch he was in. His basic training was in Fort Lewis, Washington, and he was flown from Sioux Falls to Fort Lewis. Clint stated that basic training can be stressful with all of the rules and military talk that you're not used to, but eventually you fall in, and it goes from there with the training. Clint's basic training took about 9 weeks, with the first week being called the zero week in which you get orientated by receiving haircuts, military clothing, and equipment. It consists of much training to include exercising, running, and learning about everything. You must become proficient with your M-16 rifle and attend many training courses. The one training session Clint remembers was the tear gas training, in which they were ushered into a small building with gas masks on, then required to remove them and sing, "Mary had a Little Lamb". Clint said by the time you were allowed to exit, you knew all about the gas and that you didn't want it anymore. Every day seemed to get better for Clint and eventually he graduated and felt much accomplished. It made him feel like a real soldier at that point in his life, because he was.

When asked, "When and where did you serve?" Clint responded by saying, "I served my AIT training in Fort Sil, Oklahoma, where we were to learn about cannons. The military name for this is 13 alpha 10. You study the cannons and jobs that it takes to fire them in different situations and learn about forward observers, etc. Since computers weren't available yet." In addition to Clint's training, he was picked to have a second military occupational school. This was because Clint was able to type quite proficiently and was used to office duties. As a result, he became the Battery Clerk and took care of most of the paperwork coming and going. Clint says it was a lot. During this time, Clint was stationed at Fork Sill, Oklahoma, for about 9 months and then transferred to Stocker Busch, Kaserne, in Northern Germany with the same job as a Battery Clerk, since they had just lost their current one getting out of the Army. This was HHD US Army and was a NATO base with only about 200 Americans and fully supported by

Belgians as far as Jeeps, Trucks, and equipment. The base consisted of the Headquarters and also had an area called, "down below," where the nuclear warheads were. Clint said this area was very secretive and unless you worked with them, no one could talk about it. Clint also wanted to mention that it felt good to be a part of the military and serve his country, the wonderful USA.

During Clint's time in the Army, he met many friends and great people. Some of these people have been lifelong friends and several years ago, Clint and some others, along with their wives, met in Las Vegas for a get together. Clint said this was really something because he hadn't seen his buddies for 43 years. Clint said it was wonderful. When asked what he did for entertainment, Clint said there was much to do in Germany and many sights to see. Clint had a car there, which was a 1965 Karmanghia, so he could get around quite well. As for humorous events, Clint said there were many, but most should not be talked about. Clint had lots of fun and there were many nice times. An unusual event that Clint had was in 1972. Clint had a friend. They went to Munich for the Olympics. This was very special to Clint. While he and his friend were there, there was a terrorist attack that killed some people. Clint didn't know this happened until he got back to base. Clint also went to the concentration camp, Dachau, where the Jews were persecuted during World War II. "It was very strange and quiet to tour because of all of the killing and pain that had happened there," said Clint, "The posters with photos were everywhere in three languages: German, English, and French." Clint believes the reason the camp was not destroyed is so people will remember it and never let it happen again.

During Clint's service, he traveled to Paris, France; North Africa; Belgium; and Spain. The supplies he needed were readily available for him. Clint stayed in touch with his father and sisters by letters. Telephone calls were much too expensive at the time, so he took many pictures and sent them to his family, which they enjoyed.

Clint was not in the combat zone, but he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Expert M-16, and attended the Basic Leadership School. He also has a letter of Commendation from his commanding officer, Captain Ralph E. Fleetham.

After Clint was released from duty, he returned to his father's home near Groton, South Dakota, where he was living. During Clint's time in the Army, his mother sadly passed away from cancer. Shortly after returning home, Clint got a job as a firefighter working for the Aberdeen Fire Department. He later went to Forestry School in Montana after which he became involved in the Insurance Industry and has also been in some farming for the rest of his life.

Clint Jacobson is a 50-year member of the Groton American Legion Post 39. The service affected his life positively and he has no regrets of going into the service. Clint believes it helped him in many ways that he hadn't dreamed possible.

Clint's message to young adults who are contemplating entering the military is, "It can be very rewarding, but also hard. Think it over and visit veterans about your goals and ambitions."

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- 28 Basking venue
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- 34 TV's Danson
- 36 Autobahn auto
- 37 Open-mouthed
- 39 Swiss cheese
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- 12 Banner at a new store
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- 21 "Kidnapped" monogram
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- 6 Sneeze sound
- 7 Basis for repeat purchases
- 8 Hosp. workers
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- 38 Football's Manning
- 40 Boom times
- 42 Discard
- 45 - St. Vincent Millay
- 47 "Nopel!"
- 48 Algeria's neighbor
- 49 Artist
- 50 Mondrian
- 51 "CSI" ailer
- 52 Altar constellation
- 54 Novelist Rand

We the People

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



By David Adler

Trump's Demand for Recess Appointments Brings Constitution and Senate's Role into Sharp Focus

The Recess Appointment power, seldom at the forefront of national discussion, resurfaced last week as a headline topic when President-elect Donald Trump declared that those Republicans seeking the title of Senate Majority Leader "must" agree that his nominations for the U.S. Cabinet should be installed as recess appointments, a move that would bypass approval by the U.S. Senate. The unprecedented command from a president-in-waiting to an independent, co-equal branch of government raised the spectre of the Senate surrendering a fundamental power that the Framers of the Constitution believed marked an essential distinction between a monarchy and a republic, to do the bidding of Trump, while ditching its supervisory constitutional role to grant advice and consent on cabinet nominations. Essentially, Trump has asked the GOP-controlled Senate to adjourn as soon as it convenes in January to enable him to fill cabinet posts without the constitutionally prescribed process of "advice and consent," which involves scrutiny of the nominees' credentials and qualifications, including rigorous confirmation hearings that reflect penetrating questions and testimony from friendly and opposition witnesses.

Article 2, section 2 of the Constitution creates a joint appointment power, shared equally between the president and the Senate. The Framers of the Constitution rejected the English model, which placed in the monarchy the unilateral power both to create offices and make appointments to fill them. The Framers were familiar with the King's incautious and corrupt exercise of the twin powers and took measures to divide the appointment authority. Accordingly, the creation of an office, including a cabinet post, requires statutory enactment. The authority to fill the posts is a two-step process. The president nominates and the Senate exercises its advice and consent power, the authority, as the Supreme Court has said, to grant or withhold its approval.

The Framers' decision to create a shared appointment power reflected their commitment to collective decision-making, what they regarded as the cardinal principle of republicanism—the belief that the collective wisdom of the many is superior to the judgment of a single person. Delegates to the Constitutional Convention applied the same reasoning to the treaty-making power, acknowledging their deep-seated fear of unilateral executive power and confidence in collective decision-making, an approach that promotes the merits of discussion and debate and the doctrine of checks and balances. No delegate believed in the infallibility of a president.

The Framers knew the Senate would not always be in session and that vacancies in office might "happen," which could not await the Senate's return, thus necessitating a recess appointment. The Constitution provides that the president may fill those vacancies by granting commissions which will expire at the end of the next session of Congress. President-elect Trump's directive, if followed, would mean his nominees would serve for two years, at which point the Senate would have to assess their qualifications as part of their advice and consent role unless, of course, the Senate was asked again to acquiesce to another round of recess appointments.

In the nation's early history, congressional sessions lasted only a few months, and presidents often made recess appointments during the long periods when Congress was in recess or adjournment. Historically, controversy has erupted when the two branches, not in sync on nominations, have played a cat and mouse game to control the vacancy. A president, for example, facing the possibility that the Senate might reject his nominee, could wait for the Senate to take a recess and then fill the vacant office to circumvent the Senate. And the Senate, realizing that a president would resort to such tactics, might avoid taking recess altogether by holding pro forma sessions that might last just three days, thus frustrating a presidential recess appointment. This play involves calling the Senate into session and adjourning a minute later.

Aside from those ploys, in which both Republicans and Democrats have engaged, what distinguishes President Trump's plan is that no President-elect has ever asked the Senate, upon assuming office, to lay down its constitutional power to advise and consent and stand aside while the cabinet is installed without any vetting of the nominees' credentials. The Constitution was not written for the government, but rather for the people. A Senate that stands aside is transforming the jointly held appointment power into a unilateral presidential power, precisely what the Framers of the Constitution feared and rejected.

David Adler is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality and civic education. This column is made possible with the support of the South Dakota Humanities Council, South Dakota NewsMedia Association and this newspaper.

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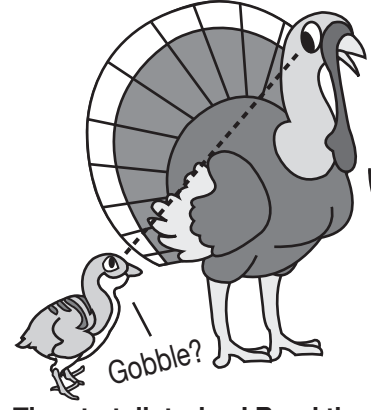
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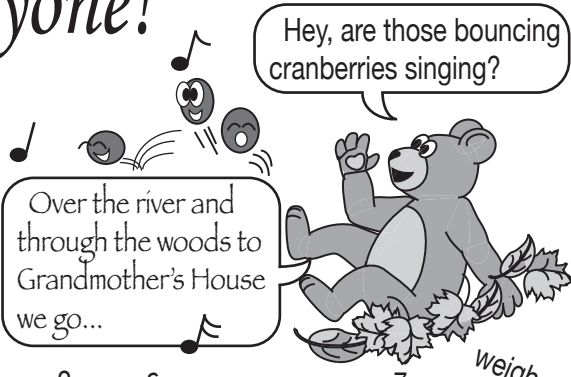
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Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!



Hey little guy! Some day you will have my job hosting Thanksgiving. So, **Let's Talk Turkey!** Have you ever heard people say that phrase? They mean that they want to talk in a plain way or get down to business.

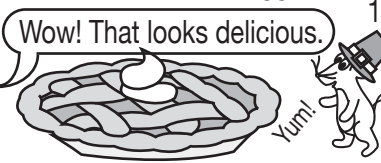
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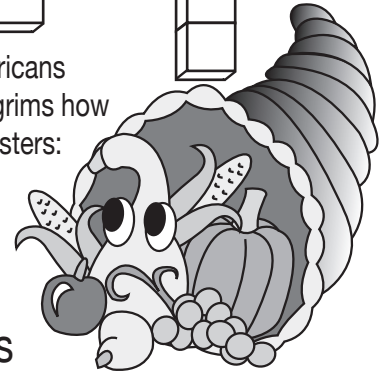
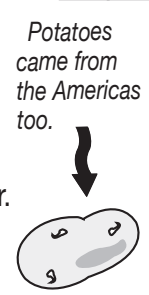
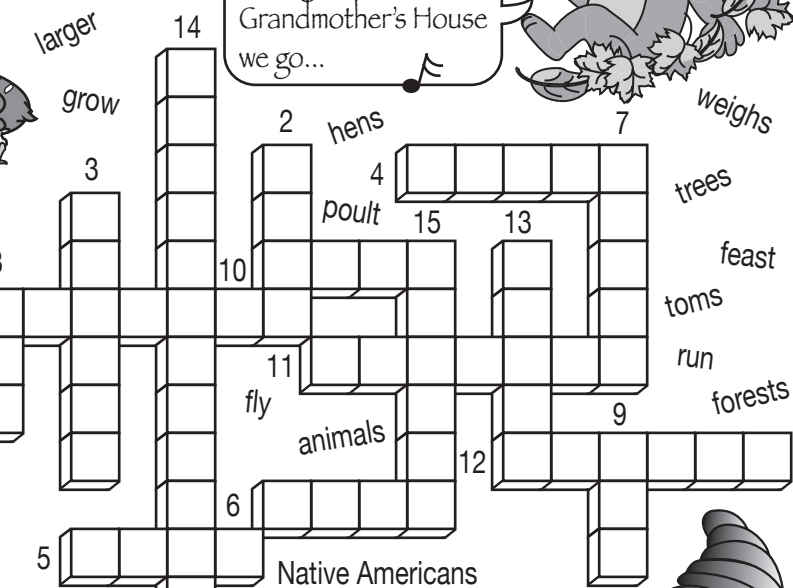
Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's House we go...

Time to talk turkey! Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with everything "turkey":

- The turkey comes from the _____ of North America.
- In a year, a female turkey can lay between 80-100 _____ – about 1,000 per lifetime.
- Turkey eggs are brown and speckled. They are _____ than chicken eggs.
- A baby turkey is called a _____.
- Female turkeys are called _____.
- Male turkeys are called _____.
- Turkeys sometimes sleep in _____.
- Only wild turkeys can _____. They travel short distances, up to 55 miles per hour!
- If you scare a turkey, it can _____ up to 20 miles per hour.
- Male turkeys can _____ to 4 feet long, and females to 3 feet long (including tail).
- Wild turkeys eat plants and _____: nuts, seeds, flowers, ants, grasshoppers, small frogs and lizards.
- In diaries describing the Pilgrims' "Thanksgiving," it doesn't say that the Pilgrims and Indians ate _____, but only "wild fowl."
- Since the Wampanoag People – the Native Americans who ate the harvest _____ with the Pilgrims – ate wild turkey, it is thought that they introduced it to the Pilgrims.
- Today, it is thought that at least 90% of families enjoy turkey for their _____ dinner.
- The average wild turkey _____ about 12 pounds while a turkey sold in the supermarket averages about 15 pounds.



Fill in the blanks to spell the 3 sisters:



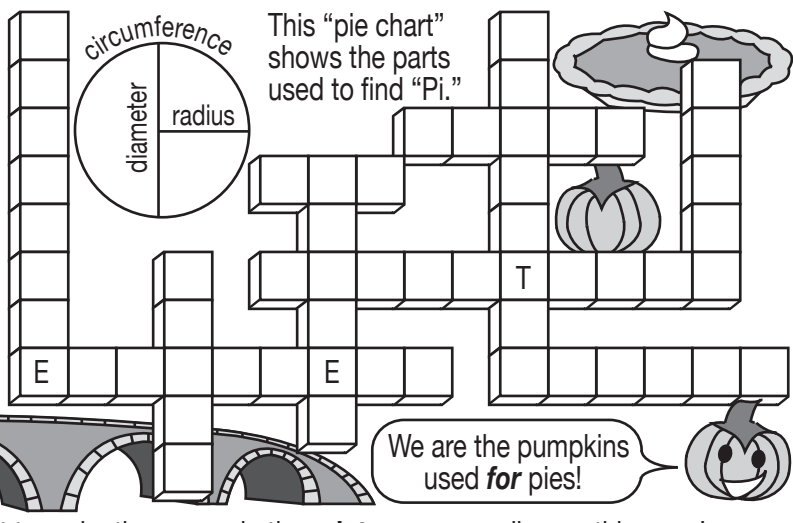
Gobbling Pi(e)!

Have you ever heard of **Pi**? I don't mean the apple or pumpkin kind! I'm talking about the **Pi** used in math. Pi is a *number*. It's the number you get when you divide the "line around" the outside of a circle by the "line going across" the middle point of the circle. Pi is the same for every circle! Pi is the number 3.14159...the numbers to the right side of the decimal point never end – they go on and on forever. Even supercomputers have not found the last number in Pi.

Why do people care about Pi? It can tell you the area of a circle or the volume of a sphere (basketballs and soccer balls are spheres). Why should you have to learn about Pi? Because Pi is used in the math people use to design or build everyday things we need, such as machines.

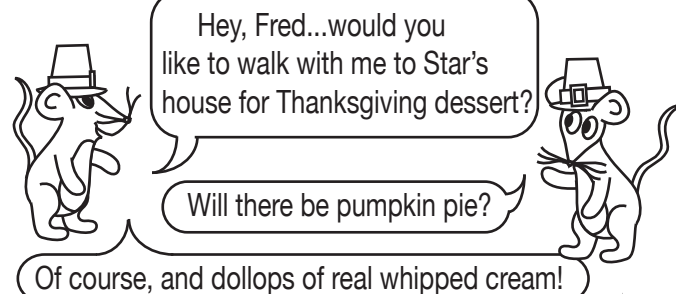
Read these statements to learn how Pi helps us. Then fill in the puzzle with the words in bold print:

- Architects use Pi to design patterns like curves and **arches** in houses and buildings.
- Scientists** use Pi to learn how molecules work in our body, which helps them design new medicines.

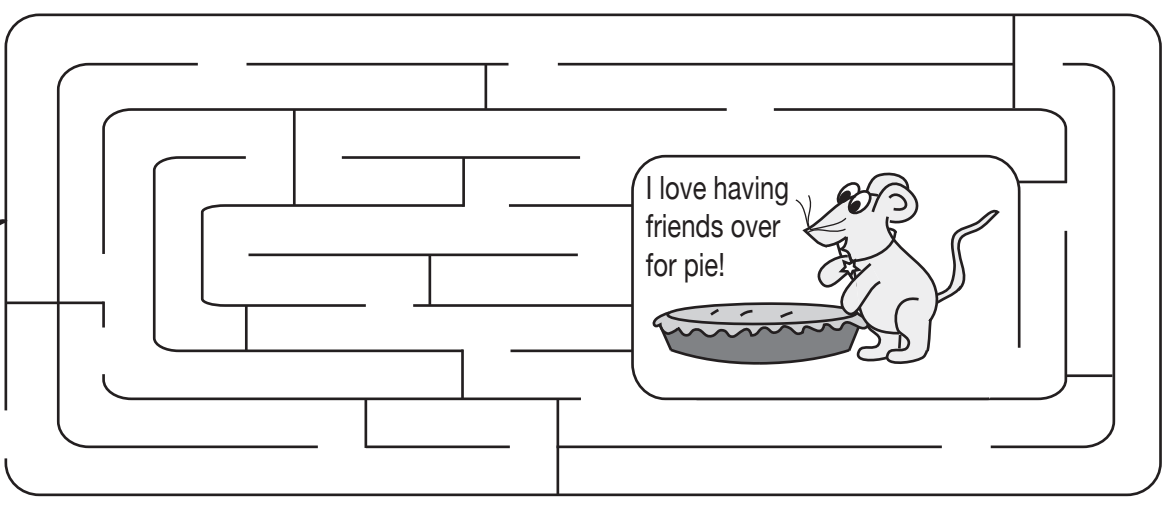


- Designers use it to make the curves in the **print** you are reading on this page!
- Engineers** use it to design every part of a bridge: arches, beams, wires.
- Parts of a **car** – steering wheel, engine belts, tires and gears – are designed using Pi.
- When an **airplane** travels around the earth it is on the path of an arc. The path must be figured out in order to know how much fuel the plane will need.
- The **computer** program an artist uses to create 3-D drawings and artwork will use Pi.
- TVs and **radios** are designed using Pi to let them receive programs over the air.
- Sports stadiums and their **domes** were figured out and built using math with Pi!
- Your bicycle tires and **gears** were designed using math that has Pi in it.

Joining Friends for Dessert!

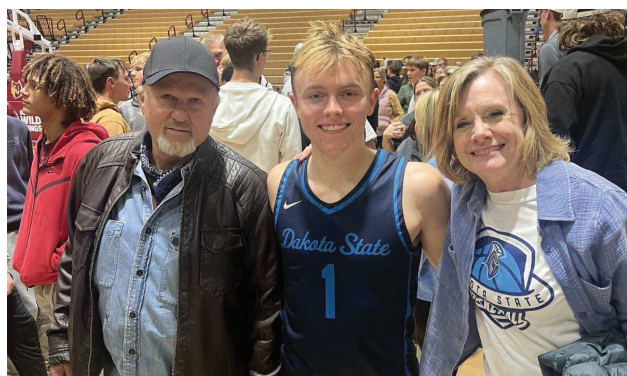


Of course, and dollops of real whipped cream! Help Little Mouse and Fred find their way to Star's house.





Lane Tietz's proud family. L-R father Tom, sister McKenna, Lane, mother Lindsey, and brother Trey Tietz. (Courtesy photo)

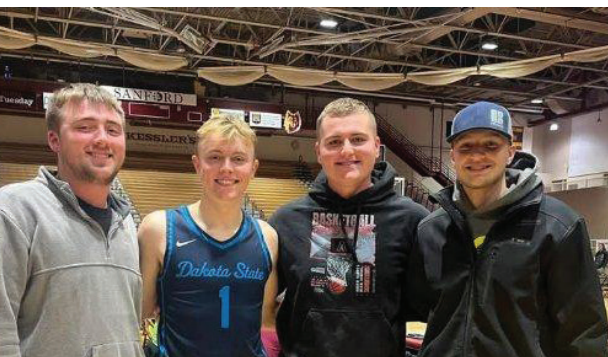


Left Photo: Proud grandparents, Bob and Renee Swisher. (Courtesy photo)

Lane Tietz plays at NSU-Dakota State game in Aberdeen



Lane Tietz returns to the court in a Dakota State Trojan uniform. His former Groton Area classmates met up after the game with Northern State. (Courtesy photo)



Former Groton seniors pose with Lane. L-R Colby Dunker, Lane Tietz, Logan Ringgenberg and Jacob Zak. (Courtesy photo)



Lane Tietz dribbles down court against the Northern State Wolves in the Barnett Center. (Courtesy photo)



90th Birthday Card Shower

A card shower is requested for Darrell Henderson on his 90th birthday, December 1, 2024. Darrell and Deanna have two children: Jeffrey and Beth, with Jeff's wife, Joyce, and grandson, Dustin, and a great granddaughter, Avianna.

Cards may be sent to:
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Wedding Reception

A wedding reception will be held for Julianna (Kosel) and Isaac Moll on Saturday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Paul and Tina Kosel home, 110 N Washington St. The reception will be held in the garage.

The couple was married on July 30, 2024 at Sarasota, Fla. Julianna and Isaac are coming home for the Thanksgiving break.



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Dear EarthTalk: Now that we are a few decades into the process of removing dams, how are the fish ecosystems doing?
-- H.F., Boulder, CO

Dams, often built to generate hydroelectric power, store water and control floods, have significant negative impacts. They disrupt natural river flows, fragment habitats and alter the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of their river. When ecosystems are functioning properly, they support a wide variety of plant and animal life, providing crucial benefits to the environment and local communities. A healthy river is marked by clean water, diverse plant and fish life and the ability to transport sediments that replenish beaches and floodplains, all working together sustain life and adapt to ecosystem changes.

As the dam removal process has progressed in the U.S., scientists have seen significant improvements in waterway ecosystems. A long-term study that monitored the Cedar River in Washington state after dam removal showed a remarkable recovery in local fish populations. In the 20 years following the removal of the dam, chinook salmon, coho salmon and mountain whitefish returned to pre-dam population levels. The chinook salmon reached the river's carrying capacity—the maximum number of fish the river can support. Also, salmon diversity tripled. This demonstrates the long-term benefits of river restoration through dam removal and highlights the potential for ecosystems to recover when natural flow is restored.

In another example, the removal of dams along the Klamath River in California is also helping restore native fish populations. While the deconstruction of the dams initially led to the death of non-native fish species, it paved the way for native fish—like chinook salmon and

steelhead—to migrate upstream for the first time in over 60 years, offering hope that the river will once again become a thriving ecosystem for its native species. According to Bob Pagliuco, a NOAA marine habitat resource specialist, the Klamath River will soon see the return of these iconic fish species to areas where they had been absent for decades.

Dam removal has benefits beyond increased fish populations, allowing for vegetation re-growth, natural sediment transport, better water quality and safe spaces for fish from predators.

Despite these benefits, dam removal remains controversial. But by raising awareness, advocating for policy change and engaging the public through protests, the tide can be turned. Supporting legislation like the Clean Water Act is also crucial. By staying informed and actively participating, we can ensure the long-term health of our rivers and a future with thriving ecosystems and abundant wildlife.

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and enhanced relationships? Would you believe that the Mayo Clinic and Harvard University, as well as other scientist all say these benefits can be yours with very little effort. And it doesn't require a change in your diet or excessive exercise!

So, what is this magical therapy? GRATITUDE!!

Gratitude comes from the Latin word gratia, which means grace, graciousness or gratefulness. Psychologist's Robert Emmons of University of California, Davis and Michael McCullough, University of Miami, were early researchers in this field. They found that 10 weeks of practicing gratitude can result in the outcomes listed above as well as: an increased happiness score, increased optimism, increased exercise, decreased physician visits, increased focus, increased patience and strengthened social connections. Wow, who doesn't want these health and relationship benefits?

Gratitude is like a muscle that you can build with exercise and practice. There are many ways to increase your gratitude muscle such as writing thank you notes, saying thank you to others in person or just mentally, writing a gratitude journal, praying and meditating. Other experts mention benefits from a brief, positive chat with a friend, a kind gesture toward a stranger and a peaceful stroll in nature. A change in mindset can help you feel better, for example feeling grateful for a helpful friend rather than feeling frustrated that you can do the task alone.

Lets get started on this journey of gratitude. Thank you for reading this essay and for watching On Call with the Prairie Doc. Thanks to all of my friends and family for the love and support you give me daily. Thanks to my church family for your spiritual support.

Now it is your turn....

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