

# The Groton Independent

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## Gonsoir receives Presidential Award for Excellence Award; legislative discussion highlights school board meeting

by Elizabeth Varin

The Groton Area School Board celebrated excellence and tackled other agenda items during its meeting Monday night.

High school science teacher Kristen Gonsoir was recognized Monday for receiving the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the nation's highest honor for educators in these fields. Gonsoir has taught at the high school for 32 years. (See the White House Press Release below)

Teachers are selected based on their distinction in the classroom and dedication to improving STEM education, according to the press release from the White House. Gonsoir was among the more than 300 teachers and mentors from around the nation to be honored for their vital role that America's teachers and mentors play in shaping the next generation of technical leaders, including scientists, engineers, explorers and innovators.

"I have been blessed to spend the past 32 years doing what I love: sharing my love of learning and science with others," Gonsoir said in a statement. "The greatest moments of my day are seeing students have 'Aha' moments and then sharing that excitement. Being a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching winner is my 'Aha' moment of unbridled excitement! I learned so much about my teaching and its impact during the application process; being selected is the icing on an already delicious cake."

The school board congratulated Gonsoir after Superintendent Joe Schwan told them about the award, which was announced earlier in the day.

"It's a very incredible accomplishment for her," Schwan said. "We're proud of her and we're happy she's one of ours."

In addition to celebrating this achievement, the board turned its attention to legislative matters as the state legislature prepares to convene Tuesday. Schwan updated the board on bills that could impact education in the state, including House Bills 1009, 1017, 1019, 1020, 1035, 1039, 1040 and 1048. Also included on the list were Senate Bills 21, 51 and 55.

The bills cover a variety of issues, including educational vouchers, school security enhancements, reducing the state's contribution to a subsidized high school dual credit program, displaying the Ten Commandments in school and property tax levies.

- The board adopted the 2025-2026 school calendar, which includes August 19 as the first day of school, various in-service dates and the last day of school scheduled for May 14, 2026.

- A date has been set for school board elections. There will be voting precincts in Andover, Bristol, Columbia and Groton for the April 8 election. Voting will be for three seats that are currently held by Tigh Flihs, Travis Harder and Deb Gengerke. Those wishing to run for a position can start circulating petitions to be on the ballot on January 31, said Business Manager Becky Hubsch. Those with questions can reach out to her at [Becky.Hubsch@k12.sd.us](mailto:Becky.Hubsch@k12.sd.us).

- The board approved hiring Kelly Oswald as a special education paraprofessional. Oswald is new to the area and has been a substitute at the district, Schwan said. She's been doing a fantastic job so far, he added.

- The board approved a service contract with OTIS Elevator to complete routine maintenance and inspection.

- The board approved a proposal from ARS Roofing for roof inspections at both the middle/high school and elementary school.

## President Biden Honors More Than 300 Americans with Nation's Highest Award for Science and Mathematics Teachers and Mentors

Today, President Biden announced 336 teachers and mentors from around the nation as recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) and the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM). These awards honor the vital role that America's teachers and mentors play in shaping the next generation of technical leaders, including scientists, engineers, explorers, and innovators.

### Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)

Established in 1983, PAEMST is the highest award K-12 math and science teachers can receive from the U.S. government. Award recipients over the years represent schools and organizations from all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) schools, and the U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands).

Nominees complete a rigorous application process to demonstrate deep content knowledge and an ability to adapt to a broad range of learners and teaching environments.

A panel of distinguished mathematicians, scientists, and educators at the state and national levels assess nominations before recommending awardees to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Teachers are selected based on their distinction in the classroom and dedication to improving STEM education.

### Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM)

Established by Congress in 1995, this award has honored the hard work and dedication mentors exhibit in broadening participation in STEM pathways. This award honors individuals and organizations that have demonstrated excellence in mentoring individuals from groups that are underrepresented in STEM education and the workforce. Colleagues, administrators, and students nominate individuals and organizations for exemplary mentoring sustained over a minimum of five years.

A national selection committee assesses the nominations before recommending awardees to the National Science Foundation and OSTP.

The National Science Foundation, which manages PAEMST and PAESMEM on behalf of OSTP, provides each recipient \$10,000.



Kristen Gonsoir



Kelly Oswald

## Oswald is new high school para

by Dorene Nelson

Kelly Oswald has recently been hired as a paraprofessional at Groton Area High School. She works in the special education department, helping students in middle and high school.

"I started working here as a substitute in November," Oswald explained, "then when an opening occurred, I applied and was hired in January."

"I enjoy working with a team of others in the school, so this is the perfect job for me," she smiled. "I help the students with reading and various one-on-one projects. Sometimes I also have to do some disciplining to get the students back on task!"

"One of the hardest parts of this job is helping the students work through their emotions as they struggle with their school work and self-esteem," Oswald explained. "The best part of this job is watching their victories when they work hard and finally succeed."

"I have both a cosmetology license and an associate degree in early childhood," she listed. "I checked both areas before applying for and being hired here in the school system."

Oswald and her husband moved to Groton from Wisconsin to be near his son who is a freshman in Groton High School. Her husband is currently employed at Groton Ford.

## Fellowship of Christian Students have been busy

Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS) partake in a community service project each month. Students gather together typically for a couple hours on a Saturday or Sunday giving back to those in need, those that might need encouragement or a project that needs a few more volunteers. While our youth see the value and impact of these projects, they also find it a way to hang out with their friends outside of school hours. Recent projects have included: November - replacing laces for ice skates at the Groton community ice rink; December - Caroling for a Cause, where students visited members around town, singing and sharing holiday joy to those that could use the encouragement during the season; December - ringing the bells for Salvation Army; January - filling BAGS for a program in which sends food home with kids in our school that need a meal over the weekends.



**New laces on ice skates**



**Ringing bells for Salvation Army**



**Caroling Group**



**Students line up to fill bags for the BAGS Program**



**Bags filled**



**Dinger is state second runner-up**  
Gretchen Dinger was chosen as the second runner-up at the South Dakota Snow Queen festival held Saturday in Aberdeen. (Photo from Elizabeth Bahr's Facebook Page)

## USD Announces Fall 2024 Dean's List and Academic Honors

VERMILLION, S.D. – More than 2,500 students at the University of South Dakota are being honored for their high achievement during the fall 2024 semester with the release of the Dean's List and Academic Honors.

Full-time, undergraduate students are named to the Dean's List if they received a 3.5 GPA for courses they took in the fall 2024 semester, and they had no incomplete or failing grades. For part-time students, those with fewer than 12 credit hours, the recognition is called Academic Honors.

### Dean's List

Max Henry Duerre Bristol  
Megan Kathryn Gustafson, Claremont  
Elliana Marie Weismantel, Columbia  
Jacob Kenneth Lewandowski, Groton  
Shaylee Kristine Peterson, Groton

### Academic Recognition - Fall 2024

Madison Jayden Peckham Bristol

## Death Notice: Elroy "Sarge" Likness

Elroy "Sarge" Likness, 85, of Andover passed away Monday, January 13th at Avantara Groton. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

## Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #8 Results

Team Standings: Shihtzus 4, Chipmunks 3, Jackelopes 2, Cheetahs 2, Coyotes 1, Foxes 0  
Men's High Games: Vern Meyers 237 & 211, Doug Jorgensen 218, Brad Waage 205 & 202  
Women's High Games: Sam Bahr 188 & 186, Darci Spanier 170 & 168, Vicki Walter 166  
Men's High Series: Vern Meyers 646, Brad Waage 554, Brad Larson 503  
Women's High Series: Sam Bahr 525, Darci Spanier 490, Vicki Walter 458

Week 8 Fun Game – Most 9 Spares – Jackelopes with 21!

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The Groton Area Dance Team performed at half time of the boys basketball game Saturday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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By Lucie Winborne

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- \* In Switzerland, it is illegal to mow a front lawn while dressed as Elvis Presley.
- \* Have a yen for learning about things that go bump in the night? You can get a Ph.D in parapsychology at the University of Edinburgh.
- \* Red Bull energy drink was originally called Red Water Buffalo.
- \* There was a Russian game show that would have you steal a car, and if you didn't get caught by the police within 35 minutes, you'd win the car. Otherwise, you would be arrested.
- \* Benjamin Franklin invented a mechanical arm for reaching books on high shelves.
- \* When English Romantic poet William Blake was only 4 years old he claimed to see God through a window. Throughout the rest of his life, Blake said he often communed with angels, and he incorporated these visions into his art.
- \* Sulfhemoglobinemia is a condition that causes a person to develop green blood.
- \* Translated literally, the Japanese words for wrist and ankle are "hand neck" and "foot neck."
- \* In 2015, two brothers from Spain attempted to sell a fake portrait by Francisco de Goya to a sheikh for a cool 1.5 million euros, only to discover that he'd paid them in photocopied money. The pair were arrested when they tried to deposit their ill-gotten gains in a Geneva bank.
- \* A study done by the University of Glasgow found that dogs appear to prefer reggae and soft rock over other genres of music.
- \* The first mention of the word "pizza" was in a Latin text written in southern Italy in 997 CE.
- \* The eponymous character in Dolly Parton's hit song "Jolene" was based on a bank teller who flirted mercilessly with Dolly's husband.

Thought for the Day: "It ain't what they call you, it's what you answer to." -- W.C. Fields  
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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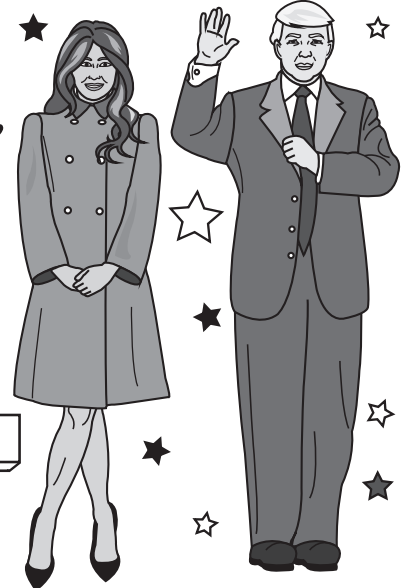


Kids: color stuff in!



I love flying over all the events!

## Presidential Inauguration! 2025



On January 20, 2025, Donald Trump will become our country's 47th president. That date, **Inauguration Day**, is when a newly elected president officially takes office. President Trump's first day will be very busy - full of speeches, services, parades, parties and dancing. Every four years, millions of people around the world watch Inauguration events on television. Will you be watching?



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with some fun things to know about Donald Trump.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 47th U.S. President in 2024
- \_\_\_\_\_ person to take the oath (78 years, 220 days old at Inauguration)
- earlier, served as 45th \_\_\_\_\_ of the U.S.
- born in \_\_\_\_\_, New York in 1946
- \_\_\_\_\_, Mary Anne Macleod Trump, came to America from Scotland in 1930

When Presidents change, the movers shift everything in and out of the White House in about five hours!



Crossword puzzle grid with clues:

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- \_\_\_\_\_, Fred Trump, was a real estate man from Queens, N.Y.
- earned a \_\_\_\_\_ degree from the University of Pennsylvania
- married to Melania Trump, the second \_\_\_\_\_ Lady born outside the U.S.; born in Slovenia
- has five \_\_\_\_\_; Barron, his youngest son, is 18 and can speak in the Slovenian language
- enjoys the \_\_\_\_\_ *All Quiet on the Western Front*
- favorite \_\_\_\_\_: the 1941 classic, *Citizen Kane*
- enjoys fast \_\_\_\_\_; likes steaks well done
- has a star on Hollywood Walk of \_\_\_\_\_ for TV work
- famous businessman; owns golf courses, \_\_\_\_\_
- played baseball, football and soccer in high school, but now enjoys \_\_\_\_\_



My name is Andrew Jackson. When I became President in 1829 my Inauguration Day did not go smoothly. A swarm of supporters came into the White House to celebrate. There were so many people that it was hard to move. Plates, glasses and furniture were damaged or broken. I left the party to sleep in a nearby hotel!



## A Packed Schedule!



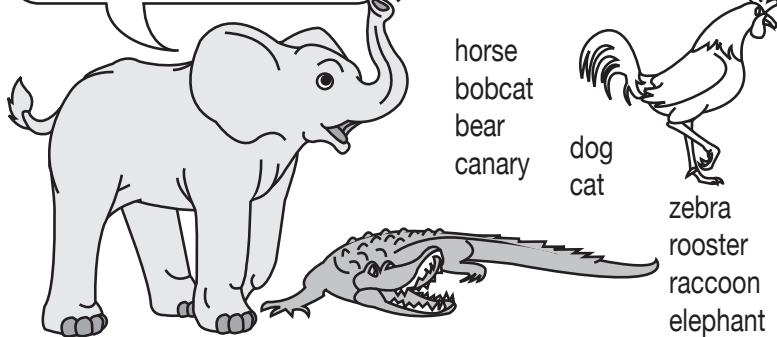
Here is a schedule of what usually happens on **Inauguration Day** for a President-elect and his family. **Match each event to its description:**

- Wreath** Laying Ceremony
- Vice President's** Swearing-In ceremony
- President's** Swearing-In ceremony
- Inaugural **Address**
- Departure** of the outgoing President
- Inaugural **Luncheon**
- Inaugural **Parade**
- Inaugural **Balls**
- National **Prayer** Service

- New President and First Lady escort former President and First Lady from the Capitol.
- President-elect gives an oath pledging to serve the American people. This is the moment when the President-elect becomes the President!
- Vice President-elect gives oath to uphold American values.
- Many groups in Washington D.C. hold fancy celebrations in the evening.
- This is held after ceremonies are over; more people are expected to attend this than any other event; balloons and confetti will rain onto the streets.
- President and Vice President go to a religious service at Washington National Cathedral.
- President-elect visits Arlington National Cemetery, lays flowers to honor fallen soldiers.
- Food prepared to the taste of incoming President; served to politicians, family and friends.
- After being sworn in, new President speaks to the American people of future plans.

Lots of different pets have lived at the White House. Can you find and circle these?

## Pets at the White House

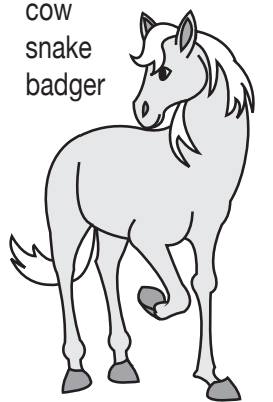


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**Claremont Town**  
**Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF CLAREMONT

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office currently held by Bob Thompson

Trustee - Three Year Term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on 1-24-2025 and filed with the Finance Officer by 2-21-2025 at 606 6th Ave. no later than 5 p.m.

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**Columbia City**  
**Notice of Vacancy**

Notice of Vacancy Municipality of Columbia

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office:

Columbia City Council  
Corey Mitchell, Columbia City Mayor, 2-year term  
Trevor Meints, Columbia City Council Member, 3-year term  
Emily Eichler, Columbia City Council Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31st, 2025. If you need a petition, please call the city office and one will be mailed to you. Petitions can be left in the drop box at the city office. Final day for turning in a petition is February 28th, 2025.

Cara Dennert  
Finance Officer  
City of Columbia  
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**Frederick Town**  
**Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Frederick Board Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31, 2025 and petitions may be picked up and filed with the finance officer. Finance Officer may be contacted Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the First National Bank of Frederick 314 Main Street. Final day for turning in petitions is February 28, 2025 by 5:00pm. Finance Officer will be at the Finance Office, located at 406 3rd Avenue, Frederick, SD from 4:00-5:00 pm on the final day.

Jennifer Morlock  
Frederick Finance Officer  
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**Westport Town**  
**Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF WESTPORT

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

Shane Storm 3 yrs term, Troy Tschappat 2 yrs term.

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31st, 2025 and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 29 East Main Street Westport SD between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. or by calling 228-3703, (central standard or central daylight) time not later than the 28th day of February, 2025 at 5:00pm.

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**Groton City**  
**Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elected officer.

Scott Hanlon – Mayor – 3-year term  
Kevin Nehls – Councilperson Ward 1 – 1-year term  
Shirley Wells – Councilperson Ward 2 – 2-year term  
Karyn Babcock – Councilperson Ward 3 – 2-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31st, 2025, and petitions may be filed at City Hall located at 120 N Main St., Groton, SD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central standard time not later than the 28th day of February, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer  
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**Notice of Vacancy**

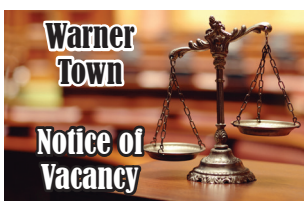
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GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

The following school board positions will become vacant on July 1, 2025, due to the expiration of the present terms of office of the following school board members:

Tigh Fliehs, 3-year term  
Deborah Gengerke, 3-year term  
Travis Harder, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31, 2025, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at Groton Area High School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., central standard time not later than February 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Becky Hubsch, Business Official  
Groton Area School District  
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**Warner Town**  
**Notice of Vacancy**

Notice of Vacancy Municipality of Warner, SD

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer: Trustee, Terry Evans. This is for a three-year term.

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31st, 2025. Petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer located in the Warner Community Center, 11 West Main Street, Warner SD 57479 between the hours of 9:00AM and 12PM, Monday, Thursday or Friday and no later than Friday, February 28th, 2025 at 5 PM central time.

Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer  
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## Girls NEC Standings

Roncalli	3-0	7-1
Hamlin	2-0	6-2
Groton Area	3-1	6-2
Clark/Willow Lake	2-1	6-2
Deuel	1-1	2-5
Milbank	2-1	3-3
Webster Area	3-2	4-4
Britton-Hecla	2-2	2-8
Redfield	1-4	1-6
Sisseton	0-2	3-4
Tiospa Zina	0-4	3-4

Hamlin 44, Groton Area 41  
Groton Area 48, Sisseton 45  
Groton Area 51, Redfield 9  
Roncalli 64, Redfield 10  
Roncalli 61, Webster Area 22  
Britton-Hecla 43, Tiospa Zina 29  
Webster Area 50, Britton-Hecla 29  
Deuel 53, Britton-Hecla 45  
Clark/Willow Lake 72, Milbank 39  
Redfield at Deuel Postponed to Feb. 17  
Milbank 61, Britton-Hecla 23  
Webster 51, Tiospa Zina 43  
Groton Area 32, Clark/Willow Lake 30  
Britton-Hecla 36, Redfield 26  
Webster 47, Deuel 29  
Hamlin 62, Tiospa Zina 25  
Roncalli 54, Sisseton 42  
Milbank 70, Tiospa Zina 21  
Clark/Willow Lake 53, Webster Area 27

### Jan. 16

Groton Area at Tiospa Zina  
Milbank at Redfield  
Hamlin at Webster Area

### Jan. 17

Clark/Willow Lake vs. Deuel at Willow Lake

### Jan. 21

Tiospa Zina at Roncalli

### Jan. 23

Groton Area at Milbank  
Roncalli vs Clark/Willow Lake at Clark  
Redfield at Hamlin  
Webster Area at Sisseton  
Tiospa Zina at Deuel

## Boys NEC Standings

Deuel	2-0	6-1
Hamlin	2-0	5-2
Roncalli	2-0	3-5
Groton Area	4-1	5-3
Clark/Willow Lake	2-1	6-1
Milbank	1-1	1-5
Britton-Hecla	3-2	6-2
Webster Area	1-5	2-7
Sisseton	0-1	1-3
Redfield	0-2	0-5
Tiospa Zina	0-3	0-8

Hamlin 69, Groton Area 41  
Groton Area 73, Sisseton 41  
Groton Area 76, Webster Area 46  
Groton Area 86, Redfield 11  
Roncalli 61, Redfield 34  
Roncalli 72, Webster Area 32  
Britton-Hecla 67, Tiospa Zina 38  
Britton-Hecla 56, Webster Area 46  
Deuel 73, Britton-Hecla 53  
Clark/Willow Lake 52, Milbank 35  
Redfield at Deuel postponed to Feb. 17  
Milbank 56, Britton-Hecla 43  
Webster 78, Tiospa Zina 38  
Groton Area 49, Clark/Willow Lake 48  
Britton-Hecla 74, Redfield 49  
Deuel 64, Webster 48  
Hamlin 84, Tiospa Zina 26  
Clark/Willow Lake 70, Webster Area 34

### Jan. 16

Groton Area at Tiospa Zina  
Sisseton at Roncalli  
Milbank at Redfield  
Hamlin at Webster Area

### Jan. 17

Deuel vs. Clark/Willow Lake at Willow Lake

### Jan. 21

Tiospa Zina at Roncalli

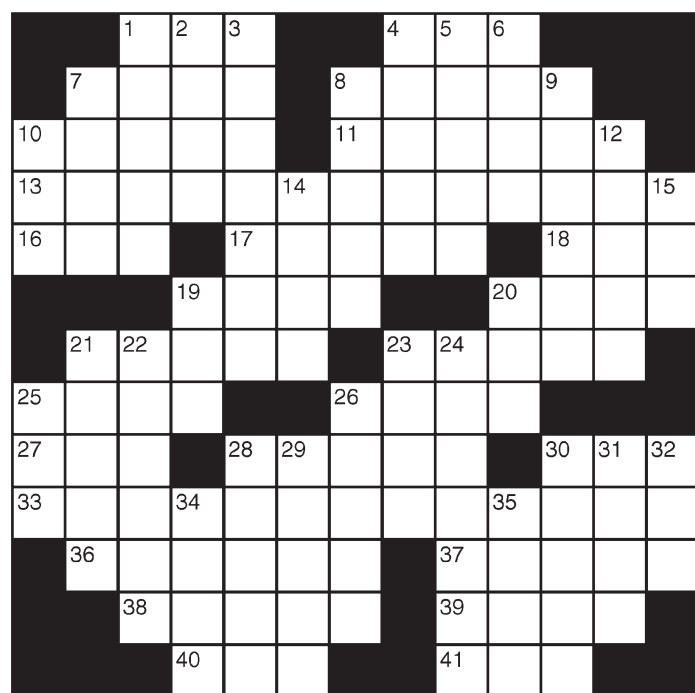
### Jan. 23

Groton Area at Milbank  
Roncalli vs. Clark/Willow Lake at Clark  
Redfield at Hamlin  
Webster Area at Sisseton  
Tiospa Zina at Deuel

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Kitten's cry
- 4 Bit of advice
- 7 Prop for Sherlock
- 8 Vice President Burr
- 10 Ancient Greek region
- 11 Future ferns
- 13 Mental agility
- 16 Rds.
- 17 Pitchers
- 18 Stickum
- 19 Unpaid TV ads
- 20 Close
- 21 Revue segments
- 23 Lover's meeting
- 25 Smack a baseball
- 26 1982 sci-fi film
- 27 Signing need
- 28 "— of One's Own"
- 30 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 33 Burger King, for one
- 36 Kilt pattern
- 37 Lubricated
- 38 Canary snacks



- 39 Hosp. scans
- 40 Triage ctrs.
- 41 Salty expanse
- 9 Stallion sounds
- 10 Mensa stats
- 12 Animal's nose
- 14 "Jabberwocky" starter
- 15 Inherited
- 19 Peach center
- 20 Wd. from Roget
- 21 Hard work
- 22 Sunflower State
- 23 Walked (on)
- 24 Date movies, for short
- 25 Beach lotion letters
- 26 Animated figures
- 28 Pursuing
- 29 Highways
- 30 Sasha's sister
- 31 Alliances
- 32 Moreover
- 34 Sloth's home
- 35 Employ

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## Conde National League

**Jan. 13 Team Standings:** Braves 19, Giants 15, Mets 13, Cubs 12, Pirates 8, Stooges 5

**Men's High Games:** Chad Furney 211, Aaron Severson 195, Butch Farmen 186

**Men's High Series:** Chad Furney 513, Butch Farmen 509, Aaron Severson 500

**Women's High Games:** Suzi Easthouse 169, Vickie Kramp 156, Nancy Radke 155

**Women's High Series:** Suzi Easthouse 433, Vickie Kramp 422, Nancy Radke 419

## Groton Chiropractic Clinic

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

# Wrestling squad takes second at Jesse James Invite

The Groton Area boys wrestling team took second place at the Jesse James Invitational wrestling meet held Saturday in Garretson.

Christian Ehresmann took first place at 157 pounds, Donavon Block, Walker Zoellner and Korbin Kucker all placed second, in third place were Keegan Kucker, Kyson Kucker, Ben Hoeft and Gavin Englund; Layne Johnson placed fourth; in fifth place were Kason Oswald, Charlie Forst and Karter Moody; and in sixth place were Chris Schwab and Isaiah Scepaniak.

**Team Points:** 1. Tri-Valley 280.0; 2. Groton Area 224.5; 3. Beresford/Alcester-Hudson 187.5; 4. Elk Point-Jefferson 166.0; 5. Flandreau 162.0; 6. Garretson 145.0; 7. Lennox 132.5; 8. Marion/Freeman 75.0; 9. Chester Area 56.0; 10. Baltic 16.0; 11. Scotland 9.0; 12. Hanson 6.0.

## **157: Christian Ehresmann (12-2) placed 1st and scored 30.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 12-2 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Elk Point-Jefferson) 0-4 (For.)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 12-2 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Tri-Valley) 0-2 (For.)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 12-2 won by fall over Caden Schurch (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 11-12 (Fall 2:43)

1st Place Match - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 12-2 won by fall over Treyson Richter (Tri-Valley) 14-3 (Fall 1:19)

## **132: Donavon Block (11-5) placed 2nd and scored 22.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 11-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 11-5 won by fall over Austin Bata (Elk Point-Jefferson) 1-4 (Fall 2:51)

Semifinal - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 11-5 won by fall over gabriel frias (Flandreau) 15-10 (Fall 5:51)

1st Place Match - Dexton Miller (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 13-3 won by fall over Donavon Block (Groton Area) 11-5 (Fall 3:32)

## **150: Walker Zoellner (12-5) placed 2nd and scored 24.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 12-5 won by fall over Nick Prouty (Elk Point-Jefferson) 4-13 (Fall 2:55)

Quarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 12-5 won by fall over Major Richter (Tri-Valley) 5-10 (Fall 3:56)

Semifinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 12-5 won by fall over Karzen Sommervold (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 13-10 (Fall 1:07)

1st Place Match - Ramsey Williams (Lennox) 19-4 won by tech fall over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 12-5 (TF-1.5 4:18 (20-3))

## **175: Korbin Kucker (13-2) placed 2nd and scored 22.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 13-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 13-2 won by fall over James Wirth (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 0-2 (Fall 2:47)

Semifinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 13-2 won by fall over Justin Klein (Flandreau) 18-7 (Fall 1:33)

1st Place Match - Landyn Reiser (Tri-Valley) 17-1 won by major decision over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 13-2 (MD 10-1)

## **113: Keegan Kucker (12-6) placed 3rd and scored 17.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Keegan Kucker (Groton Area) 12-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Keegan Kucker (Groton Area) 12-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Bennett Farley (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 12-9 won by decision over Keegan Kucker (Groton Area) 12-6 (Dec 11-5)

Cons. Semi - Keegan Kucker (Groton Area) 12-6 won by major decision over Kamryn Dice (Elk Point-Jefferson) 11-11 (MD 13-0)

3rd Place Match - Keegan Kucker (Groton Area) 12-6 won by fall over Legend Frederick (Tri-Valley) 9-5 (Fall 2:37)

## **120: Kyson Kucker (11-4) placed 3rd and scored 18.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Kyson Kucker (Groton Area) 11-4 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Kyson Kucker (Groton Area) 11-4 won by fall over Lukas Ludwig (Garretson) 2-8 (Fall 1:43)

Semifinal - Teague Bergjord (Flandreau) 16-6 won by fall over Kyson Kucker (Groton Area) 11-4 (Fall 5:29)

Cons. Semi - Kyson Kucker (Groton Area) 11-4 won by fall over CJ Peterson (Chester Area) 7-9 (Fall 2:22)

3rd Place Match - Kyson Kucker (Groton Area) 11-4 won by decision over Cade Aasheim (Lennox) 7-10 (Dec 9-8)

## **165: Ben Hoeft (12-9) placed 3rd and scored 17.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 12-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 12-9 won by decision over Jesus Mendoza (Tri-Valley) 2-4 (Dec 5-0)

Semifinal - Brock Bonte (Garretson) 14-5 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 12-9 (Fall 1:29)

Cons. Semi - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 12-9 won by fall over Corbin Buum (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 1-13 (Fall 2:21)

3rd Place Match - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 12-9 won by major decision over Hayden Pearson (Flandreau) 5-9 (MD 10-2)

## **285: Gavin Englund (12-3) placed 3rd and scored 20.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 12-3 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 12-3 won by fall over Oliver Nedved (Baltic) 0-7 (Fall 2:15)

Semifinal - Luke Nehlich (Tri-Valley) 13-5 won by decision over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 12-3 (Dec 9-7)

Cons. Semi - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 12-3 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 (Fall 0:06)

3rd Place Match - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 12-3 won by fall over Addison Peterson (Elk Point-Jefferson) 10-12 (Fall 4:44)

## **190: Layne Johnson (3-10) placed 4th and scored 16.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 3-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Nate Haar (Lennox) 6-5 won by fall over Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 3-10 (Fall 2:53)

Cons. Round 2 - Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 3-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 3-10 won by fall over Jackson Runyon (Scotland) 0-8 (Fall 1:54)

Cons. Semi - Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 3-10 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-5 (Fall 1:47)

3rd Place Match - Nate Haar (Lennox) 6-5 won by fall over Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 3-10 (Fall 0:20)

## **138: Kason Oswald (5-8) placed 5th and scored 13.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Kason Oswald (Groton Area) 5-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Landry Sims (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 5-6 won by fall over Kason Oswald (Groton Area) 5-8 (Fall 1:22)

Cons. Round 2 - Kason Oswald (Groton Area) 5-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Kason Oswald (Groton Area) 5-8 won by fall over Talon Miller (Garretson) 3-6 (Fall 1:46)

Cons. Semi - Drew Chester (Garretson) 3-4 won by decision over Kason Oswald (Groton Area) 5-8 (Dec 13-12)

5th Place Match - Kason Oswald (Groton Area) 5-8 won by fall over Will Sly (Tri-Valley) 2-9 (Fall 4:57)

## **215: Charlie Frost (9-7) placed 5th and scored 11.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 9-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 9-7 won by decision over Ruben Chicoine (Elk Point-Jefferson) 4-9 (Dec 12-8)

Semifinal - Aiden Hilbelink (Chester Area) 15-4 won by fall over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 9-7 (Fall 3:33)

Cons. Semi - Emory Lefers (Lennox) 2-4 won by fall over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 9-7 (Fall 0:48)

5th Place Match - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 9-7 won by fall over Ruben Chicoine (Elk Point-Jefferson) 4-9 (Fall 2:51)

## **285: Karter Moody (7-4) placed 5th.**

Champ. Round 1 - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Addison Peterson (Elk Point-Jefferson) 10-12 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 (Fall 3:54)

Cons. Round 2 - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 won by tech fall over Connor Neumayr (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 3-10 (TF-1.5 3:29 (20-1))

Cons. Semi - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 12-3 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 (Fall 0:06)

5th Place Match - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 won by fall over Titon Peters (Flandreau) 3-3 (Fall 2:12)

## **144: Chris Schwab (8-10) placed 6th and scored 9.5 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Owen Rigg (Elk Point-Jefferson) 3-4 won by fall over Chris Schwab (Groton Area) 8-10 (Fall 3:00)

Cons. Round 1 - Chris Schwab (Groton Area) 8-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Chris Schwab (Groton Area) 8-10 won by tech fall over Gavin Denherder (Garretson) 6-7 (TF-1.5 3:00 (16-1))

Cons. Round 3 - Chris Schwab (Groton Area) 8-10 won by fall over Justin Mundt (Garretson) 1-2 (Fall 0:39)

Cons. Semi - Owen Rigg (Elk Point-Jefferson) 3-4 won by major decision over Chris Schwab (Groton Area) 8-10 (MD 22-13)

5th Place Match - Jackson Williams (Tri-Valley) 8-10 won by fall over Chris Schwab (Groton Area) 8-10 (Fall 4:18)

### **190: Isaiah Scepaniak (1-5) placed 6th.**

Champ. Round 1 - Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-5 won by fall over Westin Switzer (Hanson) 2-7 (Fall 3:00)

Semifinal - Gunner Ewing (Elk Point-Jefferson) 18-3 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-5 (Fall 1:02)

Cons. Semi - Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 3-10 won by fall over Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-5 (Fall 1:47)

5th Place Match - Rhyder Behnke (Flandreau) 3-11 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-5 (Fall 2:34)

### **126: Noah Scepaniak (6-8) scored 5.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 6-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Chase Arend (Garretson) 9-8 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 6-8 (Fall 3:12)

Cons. Round 2 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 6-8 won by fall over Justin Del Cid (Baltic) 1-6 (Fall 1:21)

Cons. Round 3 - Kedren Fergen (Lennox) 8-13 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 6-8 (Fall 2:33)

### **132: Greyson Flores (0-6).**

Champ. Round 1 - Greyson Flores (Groton Area) 0-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Dexton Miller (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 13-3 won by fall over Greyson Flores (Groton Area) 0-6 (Fall 2:41)

Cons. Round 2 - Greyson Flores (Groton Area) 0-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Bence Bonte (Garretson) 8-9 won by decision over Greyson Flores (Groton Area) 0-6 (Dec 11-10)

## **Krueger places first at Lyman Tournament**

Liza Krueger took first place at the Mid Dakota Bride of the Monster girls wrestling tournament held Saturday at Lyman High School.

### **100: Liza Krueger (26-2) placed 1st and scored 26.5 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 26-2 won by tech fall over Lizzy Fees (Faith) 1-2 (TF-1.5 2:07 (17-2))

Quarterfinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 26-2 won by fall over Jewel Gannon (Canton) 14-8 (Fall 3:25)

Semifinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 26-2 won by major decision over Emery Voelker (Tea Area) 7-4 (MD 14-0)

1st Place Match - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 26-2 won by decision over Shaylee Speck (Pierre T.F. Riggs) 13-3 (Dec 6-0)

## **GHS Girls Basketball**

# **Lennox Orioles Outlast Groton Tigers in Saturday Showdown**

The Groton Area Tigers hosted the Lennox Orioles on Saturday in an exciting girls' basketball matchup, but it was Lennox who emerged victorious with a 49-39 win. The game was a back-and-forth battle featuring numerous lead changes, gritty defense, and clutch shooting from both teams.

### **First Quarter: A Tight Start**

The game tipped off with both teams trading early baskets, and the lead changed hands twice in the first quarter. Lennox edged ahead, shooting an efficient 56% (5-of-9) from the field to Groton's 38% (5-of-13). By the quarter's end, the Orioles held a narrow 13-11 lead.

### **Second Quarter: Orioles Surge Ahead**

The second quarter saw Lennox extend their advantage with strong defense and timely scoring. They opened up a 10-point lead at 23-13, taking control of the game. Groton managed to trim the deficit slightly before halftime, thanks in part to Riley Dunker, who powered the Tigers with 10 first-half points. Despite their efforts, the Tigers struggled to find consistency, shooting just 25% (3-of-12) in the quarter. Lennox, shooting 44% (4-of-9), took a 23-18 lead into the break.

### **Third Quarter: Tigers Fight Back**

After halftime, the Tigers came roaring back. The Hanson sisters, Kennedy and Brooklyn, ignited the offense with back-to-back three-pointers, tying the game at 24. Groton even grabbed a brief 26-24 lead before the game turned into a seesaw battle. The lead changed hands five times before Lennox closed the quarter with a slim 37-34 advantage. Groton shot an impressive 50% (6-of-12) in the third quarter, while Lennox was held to 38% (3-of-8).

### **Fourth Quarter: Lennox Closes the Door**

Despite Groton's momentum in the third quarter, Lennox controlled the fourth. Their efficient shooting (44%, 4-of-9) and ability to capitalize at the free-throw line sealed the game. Groton struggled to find their rhythm offensively, shooting just 28% (2-of-7). Lennox's poise under pressure allowed them to extend their lead and secure the 49-39 victory.

### **Key Statistics and Performers**

Both teams made 16 field goals, but Lennox's edge came from beyond the arc and at the free-throw line. The Orioles sank one more three-pointer than the Tigers and converted 9-of-14 free throws (64%) compared to Groton's 1-of-2. Groton's 22 team fouls played a pivotal role in the outcome.

Taryn Traphagen led the Tigers with 11 points, including three three-pointers, and added one block. Rylee Dunker contributed 10 points, all in the first half, while Kennedy Hansen added 7. Jaedyn Penning and Faith Traphagen chipped in 4 points each, and Brooklyn Hansen finished with 3 points. The Tigers tallied 11 assists, 9 steals, and 13 turnovers, 8 of which came in the second half.

In an interview with GDILIVE.COM, Coach Matt Locke said, "It came down to exactly what we thought, what we said it was going to come down to. It was their dribble drive and us being able to stay in front of them, and when we didn't, they made us pay."

"We had a long time there in the first half when we didn't get much done on offense again. You have to give Lennox credit, too. They practice every day and play, too. We had the game scouted correctly. I mean, it just... We said that it's going to come down to whether or not we can stay in front of them. And when they do their dribble drive, if they get good looks for threes, they made more threes."

Lennox made seven three-pointers in the game. "That's more than they made in the three games that I watched. We knew it was going to be a battle, and that's what it was. It was a hard-fought battle. There were too many spurts of back-to-back-to-back bad possessions, whether it's on an offense or defense. We eliminated that for the most part previously, and then tonight we kind of went back to that. I'll have to go back and watch it again."

### **What's Next**

Groton will look to bounce back in their next game, while Lennox aims to build on their strong performance. The Tigers will travel to Tiospa Zina on Thursday as part of a doubleheader, then will play Dakota Valley at the Hanson Classic in Mitchell at 4 p.m. on Saturday while the boys travel to Dakota Valley on the same day.

Trayn Traphagen: 11 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal, 3 fouls, 1 block.

Rylee Dunker: 10 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2 fouls.

Kennedy Hansen: 7 points, 1 rebound, 5 fouls.

Jaedyn Penning: 4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 fouls.

Faith Traphagen: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 foul.

Brooklyn Hansen: 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 foul.

Jerica Locke: 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 3 fouls.

Laila Roberts: 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 foul.

Chesney Weber: 1 rebound, 1 steal, 1 foul.

3-Pointers: Taryn Traphagen-3, Kennedy Hansen-2, Brooklyn Hansen-1.

2-Pointers: 10-29 34%, 3-pointers: 6-17 35%, Free Throws: 1-2 50%, 19 rebounds, 13 turnovers, 11 assists, 9 steals, 22 fouls, 1 block.

Libby Kranz led Lennox with 18 points followed by Andie Peters with nine, Bergan Musser eight, Tori Gerdes five, Karlie Bosma and Ryan Hanssen each had three and Gavyn Herlyn added two points.

Total Field Goals: 16-35 45%, Free Throws: 9-14 64%, 10 fouls, 15 turnovers.

Lennox's balanced attack and defensive intensity improved their record to 5-4 on the season, while Groton dropped to 5-2.

Lennox won the junior varsity game, 34-29. Sydney Locke led Groton Area with 11 points followed by Chesney Weber with seven, McKenna Tietz five, Kella Tracy four and Talli Wright two.

Both games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The junior varsity game was sponsored by Adam and Nicole Wright. The varsity game sponsors were Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Locke Electric, Krueger Brothers, R&M Farms/Rix Farms and The Meathouse in Andover. Shane Clark did the play-by-play of both girls games with Jeslyn running the camera.



**Laila Roberts dribbles around her Lennox defender.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

- Story compiled by ChatGPT

# Lennox Orioles Dominate Offensive Boards to Hold Off Groton Area Tigers 63-55



**Gage Sippel puts up this shot in the Lennox game. Sippel had the season's first double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

heading into halftime. The Tigers shot 38% (5 of 13) in the quarter and leaned on solid teamwork, but Lennox's offensive surge signaled a shift in momentum.

### Third Quarter: Momentum Swings Back and Forth

Lennox carried their second-quarter momentum into the third, scoring the first basket to take a 29-27 lead. The Tigers fought back, tying the game at 32 and briefly reclaiming the lead at 43-42 with 1:22 left in the quarter. Groton built a four-point cushion at 46-42, but the Orioles closed the quarter on a 5-0 run to take a slim 47-46 lead. Lennox shot an impressive 62% (8 of 13) in the period, while Groton managed 39% (7 of 18), keeping the game competitive.

### Fourth Quarter: Lennox Secures the Win

The final quarter featured four early lead changes, with Groton's last advantage coming at 51-50. From there, Lennox took control, seizing a 53-51 lead and dominating the offensive boards to extend their advantage. The Tigers struggled to find their rhythm offensively, shooting just 25% (3 of 12) in the quarter, while Lennox hit 50% (6 of 12). The Orioles' ability to capitalize on second-chance opportunities sealed their 63-55 victory.

### Key Performances

For Lennox, Tate Gerdes delivered a stellar performance with 28 points, leading all scorers. Boston Katzer added 15 points, while Leighton Smith chipped in 8, and Drake Mikkelsen and Teegan Musser each contributed 6. The Orioles' relentless pursuit of offensive rebounds was a critical factor, as they overcame their struggles at the free-throw line (5 of 16, 31%).

Groton was led by Ryder Johnson's 25 points before he fouled out late in the game. Gage Sippel notched Groton Area's first double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds, while Keegen Tracy added 8 points and a team-high 7 assists. Karson Zak scored 7 points, and Turner Thompson added 2. Sippel's defensive presence was notable with 4 blocks, while Johnson added 2. Despite their strong effort, the Tigers were undone by 16 turnovers and missed opportunities late in the game.

### Season Update

The win improved Lennox's record to 6-1, while Groton dropped to 5-3. The Tigers will look to bounce back in their next matchup as they aim to regain their winning form. Meanwhile, Lennox continues to build momentum as one of the top teams in the state.

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In an interview with GDILIVE.COM, Coach Brian Dolan said, "We're a better team today than when we got on the bus yesterday. We knew this was going to be a tough Friday, Saturday. We got a split. So on to the next."

The Tigers had a tough time containing Lennox's Tate Gerdes who finished with 28 points including five three-pointers. Dolan said, "He's a heck of a basketball player. If we can't stop him and he can shoot it like that, then you're in trouble. He's a heck of an athlete. And he got the better of us today. We had a little slow feet. You know, but again, the kids tried. They played hard, and I think they've represented this community very well the last 24 hours. And like I said, we're better than we were when we got on the bus yesterday. And now, we get tomorrow off then three days of practice to get ready for TZ. Then

we have a big one next Saturday, Dakota Valley, and we'll be better for that one. So we're just going to keep doing what we do. Very proud of the kids. I'm very proud of them. They have nothing to hang their heads, nothing. All I can tell them is thank you because they've given us, the coaches, everything they had in their gas tank the last 24 hours- everything they've had, and what else can we ask for?"

Ryder Johnson: 25 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 5 fouls, 2 blocks.

Gage Sippel: 10 points, 10 rebounds, 4 fouls, 4 blocks.

Keegen Tracy: 8 points, 2 rebounds, 7 assists, 3 steals, 2 fouls.

Karson Zak: 7 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals, 3 fouls.

Becker Bosma: 3 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2 fouls.

Turner Thompson: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 3 fouls.

Jayden Schwan: 1 rebound.

Blake Pauli: 1 rebound.

3-pointers: Johnson-4, Tracy-2, Sippel-1, Bosma-1.

2-Pointers: 12-25 48%, 3-Pointers: 8-25 32%, Free Throws: 7-13 54%, 28 rebounds, 16 turnovers, 14 assists, 7 steals, 19 fouls, 6 blocks.

Scoring for Lennox: Tate Gerdes 28, Boston Katzer 15, Layton Smith 8, Drake Mikkelsen 6, Teegan Musser 6.

Total Field Goals: 26-52 50%, Free Throws: 5-16 31%, 16 fouls, 14 rebounds.

Lennox won the junior varsity game, 43-36, leading at the quarter-stops at 19-2, 26-12 and 35-21.

Jayden Schwan led Groton Area with 14 points followed by Asher Johnson with 12, Anthony Tracy eight and Ethan Koll 2.

Eli Plank led Lennox with 16 points.

Lennox won the C game, 52-42. The game was tied at nine after the first period and Groton Area held a 26-23 lead at half time. There were five lead changes and the game was tied once as Lennox took a 38-37 lead into the fourth quarter and went on to win, 52-42.

Asher Johnson led Groton Area with 18 points followed by Anthony Tracy with 10, Conner Kroll six. Jordan Schwan and Jace Johnson with three each and Ryder Schelle added two points.

Preston Sandal led Lennox with 16 points while Mavrick Stockwell had 14 and Justin Butler added 11.

All three games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The junior varsity and C games were sponsored by The Johnson Agency. The varsity game sponsors were Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Locke Electric, Krueger Brothers, R&M Farms/Rix Farms and The Meathouse in Andover. Paul Kosel did the play-by-play of all three games with Jeslyn running the camera of the junior varsity and varsity games.

## Zak's Late Free Throws Propel Groton Area to Stunning 49-48 Win

In an electrifying boys' basketball matchup, Karson Zak etched his name into Groton Area basketball lore by sinking two clutch free throws with 1.7 seconds remaining to lift the Tigers to a dramatic 49-48 victory over the previously unbeaten Clark/Willow Lake Cyclones. The win nearly mirrored the Lady Tiger's win the night before as a three-pointer lifted Groton Area to the win with 1.7 seconds left in that game.

The Cyclones controlled much of the game, jumping to an early 6-0 lead and finishing the first quarter with a 16-10 advantage after a 7-0 run. By halftime, Clark/Willow Lake appeared firmly in command with a 27-15 lead, thanks to strong shooting and solid defense. Groton Area was just one of nine shooting for 11 percent while the Cyclones were four of nine for 44 percent.

Groton's offense came alive in the third quarter, fueled by Gage Sippel, who scored 8 of his 11 points during the period. Groton Area made seven of 11 field goals in the quarter for 64 percent while Clark/Willow Lake made four of 13 shots for 31 percent. The Tigers cut the Cyclones' lead to 36-29 heading into the final quarter, setting the stage for a thrilling finish.

Trailing 47-39 late in the fourth quarter, Groton dug deep and roared back with an 8-0 run to tie the game at 47. With just 4.5 seconds left, Clark/Willow Lake's Sullivan Felberg hit one of two free throws to give the Cyclones a 48-47 lead.

On the ensuing inbound play, Clark/Willow Lake committed a critical foul, sending Zak to the line with just 1.7 seconds left on the clock. The tension in the gym was palpable as the freshman guard stepped up. With the game—and perhaps the race for the conference title hanging in the balance, Zak delivered, sinking both free throws to give Groton a one-point lead.

A desperation shot by Clark/Willow Lake at the buzzer missed, sealing the Tigers' stunning comeback victory.

Zak's late-game heroics capped an impressive overall performance by Groton, who shot 54% from two-point range and capitalized on Clark/Willow Lake's 17 team fouls, converting 11 of 15 free throws. The Cyclones, despite shooting 47% from the line on 21 attempts, struggled to maintain their composure in crunch time, committing 17 turnovers.

Ryder Johnson led all scorers with 19 points for Groton, while Sippel added 11, and Zak finished with 10, including the two biggest points of the night. Clark/Willow Lake was paced by Sullivan Felberg's 17 points, with Bo Begeman contributing 11 and Emmerson Larson adding 10.

The win improves Groton's record to 5-2 and hands Clark/Willow Lake their first loss of the season, dropping them to 5-1.

- Story compiled by ChatGPT

Ryder Johnson: 19 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 fouls.

Gage Sippel: 11 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 5 fouls, 2 blocks.

Karson Zak: 10 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals, 1 foul, 1 block.

Blake Pauli: 3 points, 1 rebound.

Keegen Tracy: 3 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 3 fouls.

Becker Bosma: 3 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 2 fouls.

Jayden Schwan: 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2 fouls.

Ethan Kroll: 2 fouls.

Totals: 2 pointers: 13-24 54%, 3-pointers: 4-19 21%, Free Throws: 11-15 73%, 21 rebounds, 11 turnovers, 10 assists, 8 steals, 19 fouls, 3 blocks.

Clark/Willow Lake: Sullivan Felberg 17 points, Bo Begeman 11, Emerson Larson 10, Chris Bevers 7, Joey Ries 2, Griffin Musser 1.

Field Goals: 16-50 32%, Free Throws: 10-21 47%, 17 fouls, 13 turnovers, 41 rebounds, 9 steals, 2 blocks, 7 assists.

Clark/Willow Lake won the junior varsity game, 30-24. Groton Area had a nine point run in the first half and led it, 11-6, at half time. Clark/Willow Lake scored 10 straight points in the third quarter to take a 23-17 lead. Groton Area closed to within four points late in the game, but was unable to close the gap.

Groton Area Scoring: Anthony Tracy 6, Jace Johnson 5, Asher Johnson 5, Jayden Schwan 2, Ryder Schelle 2, Ethan Kroll 2, Jordan Schwan 2.

Clark/Willow Lake Scoring: Jacob Steen 10, Joey Ries 7, William Hovde 6, Miles Olson 2, Talen Huber 1.

Groton Area had a 22-point run in the second half to beat the Cyclones in the C game, 36-22. Clark/Willow Lake led after the first quarter, 7-4, and at half time, 12-8. Groton led at the end of the third quarter, 27-16. The Tigers trailed, 16-8, and then had the 22-point run to take a 30-16 lead.

Groton Area Scoring: Anthony Tracy 18, Asher Johnson 11, Ryder Schelle 5, Zac Fliehs 2.

Clark/Willow Lake Scoring: Wyatt Schlagel 6, Jaden LaPlante 5, Max Bratland 4, Trigg Felberg 4, Aiden Nelson 3.

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## Traphagen's Last-Second Heroics Propel Groton Area to Dramatic Victory Over Clark-Willow Lake

The Northeast Conference clash between Groton Area and Clark-Willow Lake came down to the wire, but it was Taryn Traphagen's clutch three-pointer with just 1.7 seconds remaining that secured a thrilling 32-30 win for the Tigers.

The game started with both teams locked in a back-and-forth battle. The lead changed hands three times in the first quarter, with neither team able to gain a significant edge. The quarter ended tied at 12, showcasing efficient shooting from Clark-Willow Lake, who hit 50% of their shots (5-of-10), compared to Groton's 31% (5-of-16).

The second quarter saw Clark-Willow Lake assert themselves defensively, holding Groton Area to just one field goal in nine attempts (11%). Despite their own shooting struggles (18%), the Cyclones built a four-point halftime lead at 19-15. Brynn Roehrich was key for Clark-Willow Lake, pacing her team with nine points on the night.

The Cyclones came out strong in the third quarter, extending their lead to 23-15, the largest of the game. However, Groton Area refused to back down. Behind gritty defense and persistence on the boards, the Tigers slowly chipped away, closing the gap to 25-23 by the end of the quarter. Jerrica Locke and Riley Dunker were instrumental, combining for 22 rebounds on the night, with Locke adding seven points and Dunker chipping in eight.

The fourth quarter turned into a tense battle of wills. Groton Area tied the game three times, at 25, 27, and 29, as both teams struggled to find consistent offense. The Tigers' defense held the Cyclones to just 17% shooting (2-of-12) in the final frame, while Groton shot a steady 36% (4-of-11).

With the game tied at 30 and the clock winding down, the Tigers put the ball in the hands of their playmaker, Taryn Traphagen. In the game's defining moment, Traphagen calmly drained a three-pointer from the right wing with just 1.7 seconds left, sending the Groton fans into a frenzy. A desperation heave from Clark-Willow Lake fell short, sealing the win for Groton Area.

While no player scored in double figures for Groton Area, the team's balanced effort and relentless rebounding made the difference. The Tigers capitalized on Clark-Willow Lake's 12 team fouls, sinking three crucial free throws, and limited their turnovers to stay in the game.

Clark-Willow Lake, who entered the game undefeated in Northeast Conference play, suffered their first conference loss and dropped to 5-2 on the season. Despite their solid defense, their 28% shooting (11-of-38) and 40% free-throw shooting (4-of-10) ultimately hampered their chances.

With the win, Groton Area improved to 6-1 on the season, showcas-

ing their resilience and ability to perform under pressure. The Tigers will look to build on this momentum as they continue their campaign against Lennox on Saturday, while Clark-Willow Lake, now 5-2, will aim to bounce back in their next outing by hosting Webster Area on Saturday at Willow Lake.

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The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Locke Electric, Krueger Brothers, R&M Farms/Rix Farms, The Meathouse in Andover. Paul Kosel and Jeslyn Kosel were on hand for the event.



**Taryn Traphagen made this 3-pointer with 1.7 seconds left in the game to lift Groton Area to a 32-30 win over Clark/Willow Lake. Defending Traphagen is Clark/Willow Lake's Shelby Begeman.**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area:

Rylee Dunker: 8 points 10 rebounds, 1 steal, 3 fouls, 1 block.

Jerica Locke: 7 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 3 fouls.

Jaedyn Penning: 4 points, 3 rebounds, 3 fouls.

Kennedy Hansen: 4 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 1 steal, 3 fouls.

Brooklyn Hansen: 3 points, 2 rebounds.

Faith Traphagen: 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 foul.

Taryn Traphagen: 3 points, 1 assist, 1 steal.

Laila Roberts: 1 rebound, 2 fouls, 1 block.

Chesney Weber: 3 rebounds, 1 steal.

Totals: 2-pointers: 10-34 29%, 3-pointers: 3-15 20%, Free Throws: 3-8 38%, 34 rebounds, 13 turnovers, 6 assists, 7 steals, 15 fouls, 2 blocks.

Clark/Willow Lake: Brynn Roehrich 9, Johanna Vandersnick 8, Tehya Vig 7, Kamryn Nesheim 6.

Field Goals: 11-38 28%, Free Throws: 4-10 40%, 12 fouls, 10 turnovers.

Groton Area made it a clean sweep with subvarsity wins as well. Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 34-15. The Tigers had a 7-2 lead at the end of the first quarter, had an eight point run at the end of the second quarter to take a 22-8 lead at halftime, and led, 29-14, at the end of the third quarter.

Groton Area scoring: Talli Wright 11, Chesney Weber 7, Ashlynn Warrington 6, Sydney Locke 3, Taryn Traphagen 3, Mia Crank 2, Teagan Hanten 2.

Clark/Willow Lake: Jenny Bevers 6, Lexie Schmidt 5, Maddie Brenden 3, Ella Sass 1.

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The Groton Area C team led at the quarterstops at 8-4, 15-11 and 24-15 en route to a 28-21 win.

Groton Area scoring: Kella Tracy 11, Makenna Krause 4, Ashlynn Warrington 4, Emerlee Jones 3, Sydney Locke 2, Brenna Imrie 2, Tevan Hanson 2.

Clark/Willow Lake: Ella Sass 6, Brenna Ahrens 5, Gracie Larson 4, Faith Roehrich 4, Alayna Arthur 2.

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# Weekly Vikings Roundup: Playoff edition

By Jordan Wright

After winning 14 games during the regular season, then losing to the Detroit Lions in week 18, the Vikings were forced to go on the road for the first round of the playoffs. This would be a rematch of the October 14th game which ended in a 20-30 loss for the Vikings. However, because of the wildfires in California, the game was moved to Arizona, so there wasn't a true home-field advantage for LA. It didn't matter though, as the Rams proceeded to demolish the Vikings 27-9.

The Vikings won the coin toss and deferred, so LA got the ball to begin the game. It only took them seven plays to travel 70 yards and find paydirt, taking a 7-0 lead. The Vikings ran three plays on their first drive, accumulated zero yards, and punted the ball right back. Eight plays and 62 yards later, the Rams kicked a field goal to extend the lead to 10-0.

## Sarah Sippel Named to Southeast Tech President's List

SIOUX FALLS, SD (01/08/2025)-- Sarah Sippel of Groton was named to the Southeast Technical College President's List for the fall 2024 semester. To be named to the President's List, students must be seeking a degree and have a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Sippel is enrolled in STC's Surgical Technology program.

## Outage in north part of Groton

The north part of Groton experienced a power outage Wednesday morning, Jan. 8 when an insulator came off of a crossarm pin which then created a short. The breakers tripped in the substation. Once the repairs were done, the breakers were closed in again and power was restored.

## "The Seven Warning Signs of Cancer"

Recently I was working with my son's scout troop to help them achieve the personal fitness merit badge. This merit badge has

many requirements including discussions about healthy habits, diet, and exercise. The scouts keep track of their exercise over a 12 week period and log everything they eat over a few days as well. One of the discussions covers the seven warning signs of cancer.

This is a simple list of concerning symptoms to watch out for and reasons to go see a doctor. Indeed, with each of these I am reminded of patients that caught their cancer diagnoses early enough to get the treatments they needed. While having any of these symptoms certainly does not mean someone has cancer, it would be wise to seek medical attention.

One warning sign is a change in bowel or bladder habits. These could be signs of colon or bladder cancer.

A second sign is abnormal bleeding. Blood in the stool and blood in the urine are symptoms to get checked out soon. Abnormal uterine bleeding, which may include heavy or irregular periods, and bleeding after menopause, deserve more attention as well.

If you experience a sore that does not heal on the skin or in the mouth, or see changes to moles or other skin lesions, then these may be a third sign of cancer that warrant an examination and possibly a biopsy to evaluate for skin cancer.

Abnormal lumps or bumps is a fourth sign. If you experience a breast lump or thickening or change in breast tissue, please get this checked out as it could be a sign of breast cancer. A lump in the testicle could be a sign of testicular cancer. Persistent swollen lymph nodes warrant further attention.

Unintentional weight loss is a fifth reason to see your doctor. While efforts at a healthy diet and exercise are good reasons to lose weight, bad reasons can include thyroid problems, depression, diabetes, and cancer.

Trouble swallowing or ongoing indigestion or heartburn is a sixth sign that could be a sign of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, or stomach.

Finally, a seventh set of symptoms to watch for include a chronic cough or hoarseness that persists for a month or more. These could be a sign of throat or lung cancer, and warrant further evaluation.

This list could be longer and more detailed, and having any of these symptoms can often be caused by benign, common reasons that are nothing to worry about. However, it is important to see your trusted physician or other medical provider if you experience any of the above symptoms. Please, do not delay and wait for a symptom to pass on its own. Your body is giving you a chance to get evaluated and help yourself. Pay attention!

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