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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.'



Kristen Gonsoir



Kelly Oswald

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 Fliehs, 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.

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 ieaders, 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.

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

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

middle and high school.

"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





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

Bags filled



sen 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!

December Pantry Stats The Pantry - Groton, SD had

56 visits in December, Household members were 51 children, 56 adults, and 25 seniors. 1,060lbs were donated and 1,590lbs dispersed. There are 14 signed up for senior food boxes.

We continue to serve the needs of our Groton SD Community through the food pantry and our many other acts of giving and enrichment and are so grateful for the support we receive!

If information is needed about any of our programs, please contact April at City Hall 605-397-8422, Nancy at 605-397-7097, or Diane at 605-216-2350.









2025-2026 Groton Area School District

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Groton Area Second Quarter Honor Roll

4.0 GPA: Payton Mitchell, Gretchen Dinger, Faith Traphagen, Axel Warrington, Elizabeth Fliehs, Blake Pauli, Diego Eduardo Nava Remigio, Emma Kutter, Kennedy Hansen, Kayla Lehr, Laila Roberts,

3.99-3.50: Brooklyn Hansen, Logan Pearson, Ashly Johnson, Turner Thompson, Abby Yeadon, Kaden Kampa, Corbin Weismantel, Christian Ehresmann, Brevin Fliehs, Jeslyn Kosel, Korbin Kucker

3.49-3.00: Easten Ekern, Carter Simon, Ashlyn Feser, Aiden Heathcote, Drew Thurston, Kellen Antonsen, Blake Dennert, Emma Bahr, Teylor Diegel

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Nathan Unzen, Carly Gilbert, Jaedyn Penning, Ryder Johnson, Gage Sippel, De Eh Tha Say, Mia Crank, Karsten Fliehs, Jerica Locke, Rylee Dunker, Raelee Lilly, Keegen Tracy, Natalia Warrington, Talli Wright

3.99-3.50: Becker Bosma, London Bahr, Paisley Mitchell, Jayden Schwan, Karter Moody, Olivia Stiegelmeier, Logan Warrington, Aiden Meyers, Hannah Sandness, Garrett Schultz,

3.49-3.00: Drake Peterson, Cali Tollifson, Lincoln Krause, Lucas Carda, Breslyn Jeschke, Cambria Bonn

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Kira Clocksene, Teagan Hanten, Carlee Johnson, Brody Lord, Ashlynn Warrington

3.99-3.50: Liby Althoff, McKenna Tietz, Taryn Traphagen, Halee Harder, Colt Williamson, Brenna Imrie, Gavin Kroll, Kella Tracy, Walker Zoellner, Avery Crank, Emerlee Jones, Leah Jones, Claire Schuelke

3.49-3.00: Jackson Hopfinger, Addison Hoffman Wipf, Hailey Pauli, Aiden Strom, Zander Harry, Blake Lord, Hayden Zoellner, Dylan Alexander Lopez Marin, Logan Clocksene

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Elizabeth Cole, Makenna Krause, Sydney Locke, Thomas Schuster

3.99-3.50: Layne Johnson, Kyleigh Kroll, Ethan Kroll, Chesney Weber, Mya Feser, Jace Johnson, Easton Weber, Taryn Thompson, Rylen Ekern, Ryder Schuelle, Addison Hoeft, Brayden Barrera, Rylie Rose

3.49-3.00: Karson Zak, Thomas Aalseth, Gracie Pearson, Brysen Sandness, Alex Abeln, Kinsley Rowen, Braeden Fliehs, Trinity Dallaire

Eighth Grade

4.0 GPA: Neely Althoff, Wesley Borg, Zachary Fliehs, Tevan Hanson, Asher Johnson, Brooklyn Spainer, Novalea Warrington

3.99-3.50: Aspen Beto, Abby Fjeldheim, Kolton Antonsen, Madison Herrick, Lincoln Shilhanek, Sydney Holmes, Jordan Schwan, Samuel

Crank, Connor Kroll

Important Dates

3.49-3.00: Raquel Tracy, Arianna Dinger, Logan Olson, Kaedynce Bonn, Wesley Morehouse, Kyrie Yeigh, Mathias Walters Weidner, Tenley Frost, Aurora Washenberger

Seventh Grade

4.0 GPA: Hudson Eichler, Amelia Ewalt, Sophia Fliehs, Gavin Hanten, Liam Johnson, Liam Lord

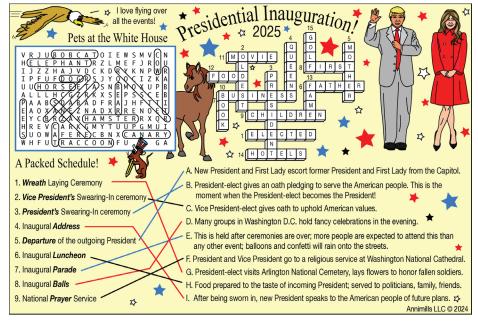
3.99-3.50: Axel Abeln, Asher Zimmerman, Andi Gauer, Ryder Schwan, Trey Tietz, Keegan Kucker, Jameson Penning, Illyanna Dallaire, Trayce Schelle

3.49-3.00: Nolan Bahr, Haden Harder, Rowan Patterson, Major Dolan, Dawson Feist, Elias Heilman, Kyson Kucker

Sixth Grade

4.0 GPA: Gracie Borg, Lillian Davis, Brynlee Dunker, Ayce Warrington 3.99-3.50: Liby Johnson, Rylee Stoltenburg, Amara El Salahy, Easton Larson, Victoria Schuster, Brinley Guthmiller, Rylee Hofer, Zoe Olson, Taylynn Traphagen, Mason Locke, Kinley Sandness, Addison Steffes, Hank Hill, Knox Mulder, Ambrielle Feist, Bella Barrera, Hadley Heilman, Charli Jacobsen, Kendyll Kroll, Maycee Moody, Drew Fjeldheim, Andi Iverson, Mya Moody

3.49-3.00: Parker Zoellner, Rylan Blackwood, Keith Furman, Ivan Schwan, Grahm Rose, Emmett Zoellner, Colton Morehouse, Kinton Tracy, Preston Hinkelman



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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * 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 (c) 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.



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SEEKING OT, SCHOOL PSYCH, and SLP in NE South Dakota for 2025-2026 school year. Individuals moving into our area get signing bonus. For more info visit nesc.k12.sd.us or call (605)783-3607. EOE.

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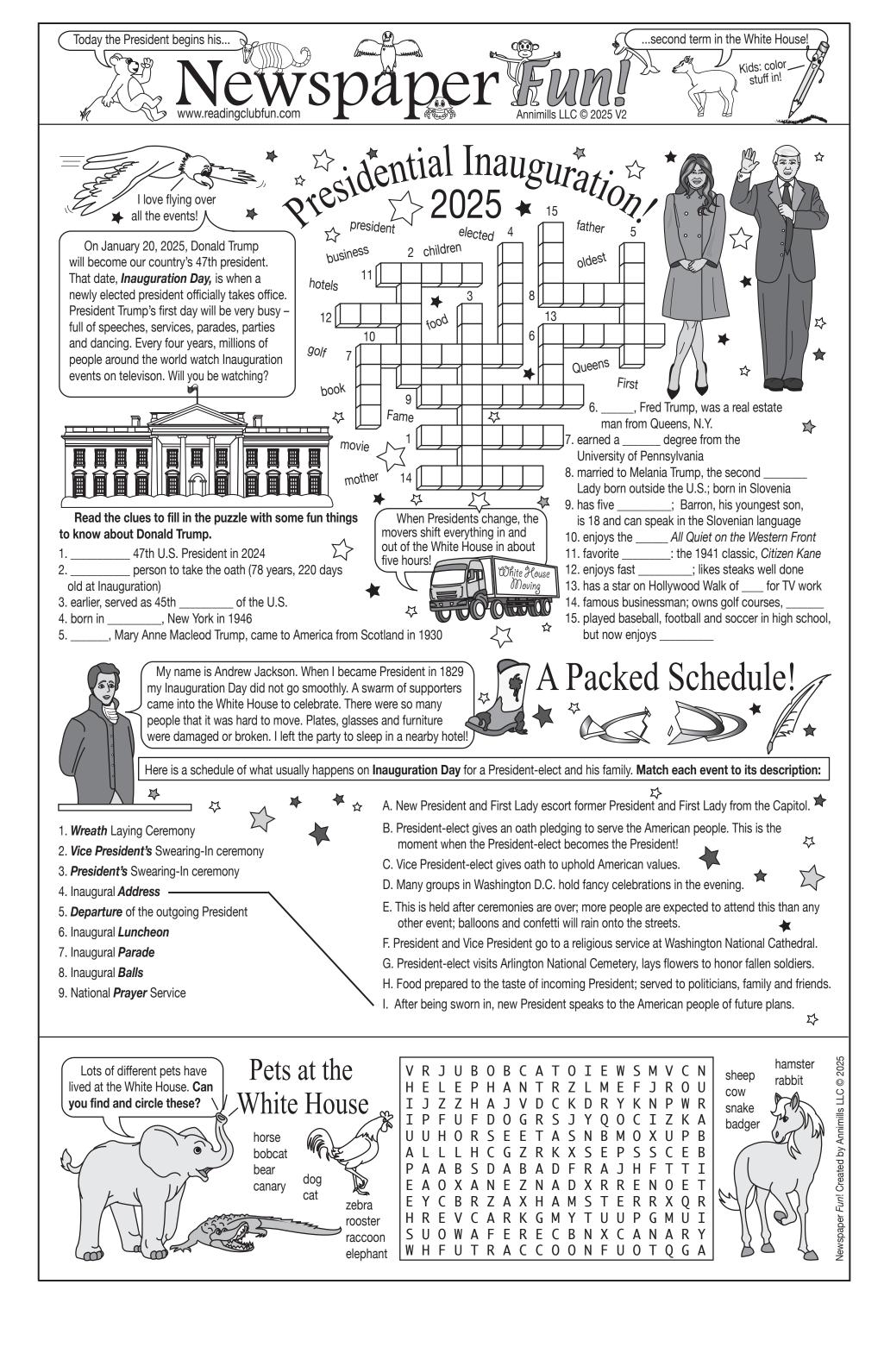
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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JANUARY 7, 2024 - REORGA-NIZATION MEETING

Meeting called to order by Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Drew Dennert, Kyler Dinger, Mike Wiese, Mike Gage, and Duane Sutton. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fr. Samson with St. Mary's Church opened the meeting with a reading from scripture and a blessing for the Commission.

ADMINISTER OATHS: Auditor Heupel Administered the Oaths of Office to Commissioners Sutton and Dinger and State's At-

torney, Karly Winter. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2025: Auditor Heupel called for nominations for the 2025 Chairperson of the Brown County Board of Commissioners. pursuant to SDCL 7-8-15. Commissioner Gage nominated Commissioner Sutton as 2025 Chairman, which was seconded by Wiese. Commissioner Dennert moved that nominations cease, and a unani-mous ballot be cast for Commissioner Sutton as 2025 Chairman of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sutton called for nominations for the 2025 Vice-Chairperson of the Brown County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Dennert nominated Commissioner Gage as 2025 Vice-Chairman, which was seconded by Dinger. Commissioner Wiese moved that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Gage as 2025 Vice-Chairman of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the agenda for the January 7, 2025 meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

UPDATE BOARD BOOK: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger that 2025 Commission Committee Appointments be as follows: Commissioner Dennert: County Buildings: GROW SD NESDCAP Fair Board; Legislative Contract; NE Mental Health Center Board, Weed & Pest Board Liaison and Alternate for Union Negotiations. Commissioner Dinger: Aberdeen/Brown County Regional RR Authority; Airport Board; CART; Farm Service Agency (FSA); NECOG and Sick Leave Bank. Commissioner Gage: 4-H Leader's Association/Promotion & Expansion Liaison; Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI); Planning & Zoning Board Liaison; Risk Management Committee: Senior Citizens Board and Alternate for Legislative Contact. Commissioner Sutton: Centennial Village Liaison: Dacotah Prairie Museum Board Liaison; Edwards Preserve Nature Area; Fair Board Liaison; SDACC Catastrophic Legal Board; SD Public Assurance Alliance and Alternate for the 4-H Leader's Association/Promotion & Expansion. Commissioner Wiese: Aberdeen Development Corporation; Glacial Lakes; Local Emergency Performance Committee (LEPC); Range Fire Suppression; Union Negotiations; Welfare Liaison and Alternate for the Aberdeen/Brown County Regional Railroad Authority, All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXPENSE POLICY – BROWN COUNTY BOARDS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to increase the Weed & Pest Board per diem from \$40.00 per meeting to \$50.00 per meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger approve the following expense policy for County Boards: Dacotah Prairie Museum and Fair Board No Per Diem; Planning and Zoning Board - \$75.00 for each meeting attended and if reside outside City Limits of Aberdeen, naid mileage at 67 cents per mile and have expenses paid for by Brown County Planning and Zoning Department if attend the State Conference; Weed & Pest Board - \$50 for each meeting attended and if reside outside City Limits of Aberdeen, paid mileage at 67 cents per mile. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADA COORDINATOR: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, sec-

onded by Gage to approve leaving Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent as the ADA Coordinator. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve Dirk Rogers as Brown County Highway Superintendent from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026 per SDCL 31-11-1 (twoyear term). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
INVESTMENT POLICY/OF-

FICIAL BANK DEPOSITORIES:

Commissioner Wiese brought he following resolution: RESOLUTION #2025-01

WHEREAS, the nature of tax collections and other revenue is such that cash on deposit in the County's depositories at times exceeds the requirement for current expenditures; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to invest these monies not required for

mmediate expenditure NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Brown County reasurer is hereby directed to invest Brown County public funds at the highest rate of interest possible at said time on available monies at financial institutions [Dacotah Bank, ast Branch; Dacotah Bank, Groton Branch; First National Bank of Frederick; First Savings of Beresford, Hecla Branch; Bank North Warner, Warner Branch; Bank North Waner, Aberdeen Branch; Plains Commerce Bank; US Bank; Great Plains and Cort-Trust (Swanson)] as designated by the Brown County Commission, and FURTHER, to furnish quarterly

reports detailing same, as authorized by SDCL 4-5-8.
Dated at Aberdeen, South

Dakota, this 7th day of January,

Seconded by Commissioner

Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Resolution ad-

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to designate Aberdeen Insider McQuillen Creative Group) and Groton Independent as the of-ficial Brown County newspapers

TAX DEED NOTICES Commissioner Wiese brought ne following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2025-02 WHEREAS, Brown County has acquired tax certificates on property with delinquent real estate taxes for which tax deeds and

notices can be served.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown Coun-Commission authorizes the County Treasurer, Patty VanMeter to request States Attorney, Karly Winter, and States Attorney Office personnel to act as agents to process said tax deeds and

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 7th day of January,

Seconded by Commissioner

Koll call vote: Dennert-aye; Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Resolution ad-

VOLUNTEERS FOR WORK COMP PURPOSES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Cert volunteers: Erin Bacon, Clayton Blachfod, Bethany Curtis, Scott Grebner, Joshua Halsey, Janet Herman, Tina Hubert, Weylin Hubert, Charla Imrie, Michele Johnson, Jason Kuntz, Brian LaCroix, Alexandra Little, Jared Little, Douglas Mayer, David McGuire, Cathy McNickle, Wendy Mehlhaff, Carla Meints, Trevor Meints, David Meyer, Maria Mever, Mark Musel, Roberta Nichols, Gayle Opp, Cindy Pigors, Rick Pigors, Nancy Radke, Bryan L Rau, Trenia Rexinger, Bonnie Robinson, Freddie Robinson, Mark Shishnia, Shane Schlichen-Mark Shishnia, Shahe Schilchen-mayer, Kim Schneider, Donna Sharp, Brian Sharp, Gretchan Sharp, Dale Smid, Pam Smid, Amanda L Steckelberg, Mike L Steckelberg, Sara Street, Lowell Swanson, Sara Swisher, Mike Ullrich, Jason Villhauer, Janice Waltman, Thomas Wanttie and Scott York, All members present Scott York. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wi-

ese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Chaplain volunteers: Kendall Aldinger and George Shaver. All members present voting aye. Motion

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Citizens Corp Council volunteers for three-year terms: Terms Expire: December 31, 2026 - Law Enforcement Representative: Dave Lunzman; American Red Cross Representative: Heather Allemang; **Emergency Management Repre**sentative: Scott Meints; At Large Representative: Josh Halsey. Terms Expire: December 31, 2027 - Salvation Army Representative: Tony Jones; At Large Representativés: Becky Berreth Brian Sharp and Thomas Wanttie. Terms Expire: December 31, 2025 - Hub Area Radio Club Representative: Roland Moerke; First Responder: Mark Stoks; At Large Representatives: Trevor Meints & Freddie Robinson. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Dive Team volunteers and the Dive Team Recovery Rates: Trent Anderson; Casey Bade; Rodney Bade; Thomas Bentz; Clayton Blachford; Cody Bonn; Michael Dunbar; Mike Kost; Dave McGuire; Brenden Miller; Brett Toennies; and Jason Vilhauer. The Brown County Dive Rescue Team will, upon request, asset in recovering property lost beneath the surface of the water. The charges for said services are as follows: In conditions involving open water the team will charge \$200 per diver per hour. Open water operations require minimum of at least two divers. In conditions involving ice diving operations, Ice diving operations require a minimum of at least five divers. (3 active and 2 standby). The team will charge \$250 per active diver per hour and \$125 per standby diver per hour. These charges will start once the divers are dressed and ready. Per diem and mileage, as set by the Brown County Commission for the current year. These will be charged starting from 22 Court Street to the scene and back. The money received for the above listed charges will be given to Brown County and will be used to help support the operational costs of the Brown County Dive Rescue Геат. Team Leaders are Scott Meints and Dave Lunzman. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Fair Board volunteers: Conald Burgard, Aaron Dosch, Michelle "Shelly" Eisenbeisz, Dylan Frey, Joel Green, Dwight Guthmiller, Nichole Hacker, Jeff Kippley, Greg Markley, Trevor Meints, Katie Moulsoff, Brodie Mueller, Terry Nash, Eric Pigors, Nancy Radke, Rhonda Retzlaff, Mike Russell, Ethan Sass, Alemita Shelton, Clint Sombke, Dan Stevens, Ryan Swenson, Jayson Tollefson, and Joyce Voeller. Manager is Rachel Kippley, Assistant Manager is McKenzie Bierman, and Administrative Assistant is Stacey Usselman. Commission Representatives Sutton and Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve the following appointments to the Communications Council: County Commission Chair: Duane Sutton and Vice-Chair: Mike Gage, per agreement. Overseer of Communications Center: Dave Lunzman; Director: Kent Jones and Assistant Director: Sarah Jesz. All members present voting aye. Motion

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Dacotah Prairie Museum Board: Ginny Lewis, Past President-Term Expires December 27, 2027; Alan Neville, President-Term Expires December 31, 2028; Jennifer Dix, Vice-President-Term Ex-pires December 31, 2026; Sadie Frey, Member-At-Large-Term Expires December 31, 2029; Elisa Sand, Member-At-Large-Term Expires December 31, 2029; Amy Bertsch, Member-At-Large-Term Expires December 31, 2023; Rose Kraft, Member-At-Large-Term Expires December 31, 2026. Commissioner Representative is Duane Sutton. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the 2025 Planning and Zoning Board which consist of Stan Beckler, David North, Patrick Keatts, Dale Kurth, James Meyers, and Carrie Weisenburger; Alternate is Paul Johnson. Commissioner Representative is Mike Gage. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the 2025 Weed & Pest Board which consists of Dennis Feickert, Duane Jark, Troy Knecht and Tyler Bierman. Commissioner Representative is Drew Dennert. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the 2025 4-H Promotion and Expansion Committee as follows: 4-H Adults: Kristin Johnson, Nathan Miller, and Sadie VanderWal; 4-H Youth: Noah Miller, Anna Johnson, Sophia Fogarty, and Logan Warrington; Non-4-H Adults: Adam Franken, Ashley Dunham, Becky Erickson, and Mikayla Weisser; Ag Representative: Connie Groop. Commissioner Representative is Mike Sage and Commission Sutton is the Alternate. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to appoint Commissioner Kyler Dinger as the Commission Representative for NECOG and Farm Safety Agency (FSA). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. RANGE FIRE SUPPRESSION

ASSISTANCE: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the Range Fire Suppression Assistance members for 2025 be Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director and Patti Woods, Emergency Management Assistant. Commissioner Representative is Mike Wiese. All members present

oting aye. Motion carried.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPRE-SENTATIVES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following mem-bers of the Safety Committee: Highway Superintendent, Dirk Rogers; Sheriff or Designated Representative, Dave Lunzman; Maintenance Superintendent, Judy Dosch; Landfill Manager, Mike Scott; Fairgrounds Manager, Rachel Kippley; Emergency Manager, Scott Meints and Record Keeper, Patti Woods.

SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE AL-IANCE REPRESENTATIVES: Moved by Commission Weise, seconded by Gage to approve the SD Public Assurance Alli-ance Member Representative as Chairman Sutton and Alternate/ County Auditor, Lynn Heupel. All members present voting aye.

HOMELAND SECURITY RE-GIONAL REVIEW BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to appoint Scott Meints, Director of Emerency Management and Dave Lunzman, Sheriff to represent Brown County for the Homeland ecurity Regional Review Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HOUSING & REDEVELOP-MENT COMMISSION OF BROWN COUNTY: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following members of the Housing & Redevelopment Commission: Marty Sabolo, Chairman-Term Expires December 31, 2028; Karl Albers, /ice-Chairman & Tréasurer-Term Expires December 31, 2029; Kathy Zerr, Secretary-Term Expires December 31, 2025; Jeff Mitchell, Commissioner-Term Expires December 31, 2026 and Clark Thares, Commissioner-Term Expires December 31, 2027. All members present vot-

ing aye. Motion carried. REGIONAL RAILROAD AU-THORITY COMMISSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to appoint Commissioner Kyler Dinger as Brown County Representative with Commissioner Mike Wiese as the Alternate. All members present voting aye. Motion car-

DEPT. OF EQUALIZATION (DOE) FEES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following fees for DOE: Copies: Rate is 25 cents per page. Receipt will be issued for of each set of copies. Property owners may receive complimentary copies if they are of or about their own parcel Proceeds will be deposited with the County Treasurer into the

Transfer of Mass information to a private outside entity: \$500 w/ taxes included. Information Technology downloads pertinent information from BC Connect or DEVNET to a flash drive, which is mailed to the requesting entity or uploaded to their site upon receipt of payment. Payment is deposited with the County Treasurer into the general fund. We typically get two of these requests annually but have had as many as four requests in a year. This will also include smaller data dumps that are sorted for the recipient.

Beacon Subscriptions: See below Web access agreement. We currently have 76 active paying Beacon accounts, accounting for \$19,105.28 received annually. This money is deposited with the County Treasurer into the general fund.

Tax estimates for real estate transfer closings: These are tax estimates we perform for our local title company and realtors so they can calculate appropriate tax credits between buyers and sellers upon real estate transfers. If we receive a request to do a tax estimate, we will have it ready by five (5) days after we receive the request. These will be charged a total of \$25.00 (in-cluding sales tax) to perform the request. If the request is needed with less than 5 days-notice, the charge will be a total of \$40.00 (including sales tax). These fees will need to be paid at the time the estimates are returned to the customer, as we are not allowed to maintain accounts receivable

status.

Website Access Agreement: The Brown County website provides real estate information from the convenience of a personal computer 24-hours a day, '-days a week. Access is allowed by a username and password. There is a fee for access, which covers the expense to provide this service. Fees are based on the number of users and must be paid in advance. Prices have been adjusted as of July , 2023, to reflect the change in state tax rate. Fee Schedule/ Annual Fee: (Based on number of users): 1-5 people/\$319.50; 6-10 people/\$511.20; 11 + people/\$766.80. Temporary User: 1 Month/\$106.50. \$26.63 Setup Fee. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIRGROUNDS RENTAL RATES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to establish the following Fairgrounds rental rates:

WINTER STORAGE SPACE RENTAL: October 15 to April 1st - Prepaid Lease -No Refunds - Indoor storage is \$12.00 per linear foot for each unit, including trailer hitch and any overhang. All lengths will be rounded up to the next foot. Outdoor storage

is a flat \$200 per item fee. BARN RENTAL: Beef Barn \$300, Hog and Sheep Barn \$150, Open Class Sheep Barn \$100, West Sheep Barn \$100, Poultry Barn \$100. Half price for days

CLUB HOUSE: 120' X 80' Per day \$400.00 and \$200 per day for days over two. Wedding Rate is \$500 for 3

days (Friday 8 AM until Monday 8 AM) - \$50 each additional day needed for set-up or teardown. Clean-up additional \$100.00 if

EXPO ADDITION: 90' x 240'-Per day \$300.00 - Per day for days over two \$150.00 If fairgrounds personnel need to clean up after the activity...... Clean-up/horse shows \$300.00 - Cleanup/other activities.....\$175.00

HOLUM EXPO BUILDING: 120' x 240' - Per day \$500.00 plus utilities - Per day for days over two \$250.00 plus utilities. If fairgrounds personnel need to clean-up after the activity...... Clean-up/horse shows and bull riding \$300.00 - Clean-up/other Activities.... \$175.00

HORSE STALLS: Set up fee per stall.... \$12.00 CORRAL PANELS: Trailer - per

day.... \$50.00 (Trailer holds 40 panels). Lessee liable for any damages occurring between pickup and return by lessee, plus \$1.00 per mile round trip transportation cost.

HORSE ARENA: 174' x 240'...\$75.00 per show. Smaller groups will be charged on an ndividual basis.

PORTABLE STAGE: 12' X 30' each or 12' X 60' for both - Not to go out of County-except for Governmental Agencies -Per event \$175.00/each. Lessee liable for any damages occurring between pickup and return by lessee, plus \$1.00 per mile round trip transportation cost.

PEOPLE MOVERS: - \$100.00 per event. Lessee liable for any damages occurring between pickup and return by lessee, plus \$1.00 per mile round trip transportation cost. Trailer required for transport out of town. BLEACHERS: — Bleachers

won't leave the fairgrounds. \$25 per set per event.

BENCHES, CHAIRS, TABLES,

PICNIC TABLES, TRASH BAR-REL: \$3.00 per bench per event. \$2.00 per chair per event. \$10 per table per event. \$25.00 per picnic table per event, \$3.00 per trash barrel per event. Items will not go out of county. Lessee liable for any damages occurring between pickup and return by lessee, plus \$1.00 per mile round

trip transportation cost.
JERSEY BARRIERS: \$25.00 per barrier per event. Barriers will not go out of county. Lessee liable for any damages occurring between pickup and return by lessee, plus \$1.00 per mile round trip transportation cost.

CAMPGROUND: (Non-Special Event): \$25.00 per day, \$150.00 per week, \$600 per month (up to 30 days) for pads with power and water. \$30.00 per day, \$180.00 per week, \$700 per month (up to 30 days) for pads with power, water and sewer drops. This includes a 5.7% State Sales Tax. 232 pads with water and power and 36 with power, water, and sewer. All south campgrounds have both

50-amp and 30-amp plug-ins. SPECIAL EVENT WEEKLY CAMPGROUND RATES: \$100 Primitive; \$180 4-H, Centennial, Go-Kart; \$200 Cottonwood, NEC, Back 40; and \$250 4-H Plus, Evergreen, West Hill (availability based on event). Daily rate for non-reservation camping- \$35 full hook up and \$30 water/

power only.
NON-PROFIT RENTAL POLICY: Rental of Brown County facilities or items: Any nonprofit entity interested in leasing an avail able facility from Brown County may at the time of completing

the lease application request a reduced rate on the lease. The rate after adjustment will be fifty percent of the current rental rate. Each request for reduction must be indicated when filling out the application to be considered. Every request will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis by the Brown County Commission.

A non-monetary form of reimbursement may be negotiated, such as voluntéering for various responsibilities during the annual Brown County Fair. The Brown County Fair and Fairgrounds Manager can provide a list of tasks needed to be filled. The essee will sign a commitment form if agreeing to complete the task, and if not fulfilled, will be billed the amount that would have been charged at the time of leasing the facility or items. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
RICHMOND YOUTH CAMP

RENTAL RATES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to establish the following Richmond Youth Camp rental rates:

Daily Rates:

 Lodge Only: \$225 per day
 Dorm Only: \$100 per dorm
 dormitories available and each one sleeps 36)

• Infirmary Cabin: \$50 per day (Sleeps 8)

Group Rates:

*Apply to camps or events with 2-night minimum

Group Rates (30 people or less) include a multi-building

Lodge only \$225/night
Lodge & 1 Dorm \$300/night
Lodge & 2 Dorms \$375/night Lodge & 3 Dorms \$450/night

If over 30 people, additional individual rates apply beginning at 31st person:

Youth: \$7.00 per person per night (Age 17 and under) Adult: \$10.00 per person per night (Ages 18 and older) Deposit: A \$225.00 deposit

required to guarantee all dates. This deposit will only be refunded (or applied to total bill) if the camp is left in a clean and orderly manner and there is no damage. If the cost to clean and repair damage exceed the amount of the deposit, any additional repairs or cleaning costs will be billed. Signed lease, deposit, and proof of insurance shall be sent to: Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste. 1,

Aberdeen, SD 57401 Cleanup: \$100.00 for the Lodge and \$100 for each of the dorms. Absolutely No Pets allowed in any of the build-ings! For further information on Richmond Lake Youth Camp, please visit our web site: http:// www.brown.sd.us/department/ fairgrounds-parks/richmondlake-youth-camp

All members present voting

ye. Motion carried.
PLANNING & ZONING FEES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to establish the Planning & Zoning Fees for

Application Fee Schedule:

 Appeal Zoning Administrator \$300.00 (to the Zoning BOA) Appeal Zoning Board of Adjustment Decision - \$300.00 (To Circuit Court – Paperwork Prep)

• Appeal Board of Commissioners Decision - \$300.00 (To

Circuit Court – Paperwork Prep)

• Rezone Parcel Application \$350.00

• Preliminary Plat Application \$25.00 Vacation of an Existing Plat

Application - \$100.00 Preliminary & Final Plat Application (Combined) - \$150.00

 Variance General Application \$125.00 Variance To Structure Set-

backs Application - \$125.00
• Variance To Shelterbelt Setbacks Application - \$125.00 Variance To Approach Separation Distance Application -

• Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) - \$325.00 • Conditional Use Petition – Standard Application - \$225.00

 Conditional Use Petition Wind Energy Application

• Conditional Use Petition – Solar Energy Farm Application

• Conditional Use Petition District Options Application

Conditional Use Petition –
 Cannabis Regulations Application

 Conditional Use Petition -**New Communication Towers** Application - \$225.00

 Conditional Use Petition -New Sign And/Or Sign Structure Application - \$225.00

• Conditional Use Petition – Any Pipeline or Elec. Trans. Line Application - \$500.00 Permit Fee Schedule:

 Moving Permit - \$10.00 Demolition Permit - \$10.00 Sign: Face Replacement -

Sign: New Construction Set

\$100.00

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 Fence Permit (For Inside Community, Not Rural) - \$10.00 • Flood Plain Development

Permit (FPDP) o \$20.00 Alone o \$10.00 With Permit

Construction Permit Fee Schedule: • Permit: \$25.00 minimum fee for any construction from \$0.00

to \$10,000.00 Permit: \$3.00 per \$1,000.00 of valuation of project construction after \$10,000.00

Penalty - Administrative Fee: Failing to obtain a PERMIT prior

to construction - \$50.00.
• Penalty - Surcharge: Construction has commenced prior to an Approved Permit application. Penalty fee is equal to 1/2% times total project valuation: Ex. 0.50% x \$400,000.00 =

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
BROWN COUNTY WEED &

PEST CONTROL APPLICATION COSTS-2025: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to establish the following Weed & Pest Control Application rates for 2025:

Private Acreage Spraying: Labor & Equipment Charges: (1 hour minimum)

Labor Charge/ \acute{H} our = \$35.00 Equipment Charge/Hour =

Total Charges/Hour = \$100.00/hour + \$50.00 setup and travel fee/spray rig + chemi-

Government Agency Costs/ Acre Sprayed:

Labor & Equipment Charges: (1 hour minimum) Labor Charge/Hour = \$35.00

Equipment Charge/Hour \$55.00

Total Charges/Hour = \$90.00/hour + \$50.00 setup and travel fee/spray rig Township R-O-W Spraying:

Labor & Equipment Charges: (1 hour minimum)

Townships aré charged for hours on the job site. The Weed Board absorbs Labor & Equipment costs for travel time to and

from the job site. Labor Charge/Hour = \$35.00 Equipment Charge/Hour =

Total Charges/Hour = \$80.00/hour

Mosquito Control: Labor & Equipment Charges:

(1 hour minimum) FOGGING:

Labor Charge/Hour = \$40.00 Equipment Charge/Hour =

Total Charges/Hour = \$90.00/hour + chemical MISTING:

Labor Charge/Hour = \$40.00 Equipment Charge/Hour =

Total Charges/Hour = \$90.00/hour + \$30.00 setup and travel fee + chemical

All members present voting aye. Motion carried. **DESIGNATION OF DEPUTIES:**

Commissioner Wiese brought the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #2025-03

WHEREAS, SDCL Chapter 7-20 mandates the designation of the number of deputies and clerks for various offices by the Board of County Commissioners,

THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the following deputies and clerks are authorized at the discretion of the County Officials for County offices: Auditor - 2 Chief Deputies, 2 Senior Deputies; Treasurer - 1 Chief Deputies, 1 Revenue Specialist, 6 Deputies (1 part-time); Reg-ister of Deeds - 1 Chief Deputy, 3 Deputies. All extra help hired by County Officials must first be approved by the County Com-

mission.
Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 7th day of January,

Seconded by Commissioner

Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Suttonaye; Wiese-aye. Resolution ad-

opted. INTEREST POLICY:

Commissioner Wiese brought the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #2025-04

WHEREAS, to approve the following Policy in regard to interest earned from deposits and investments: State law allows income from deposits and investments to be credited to either the General Fund or the fund making the investment.

WHEREAS, The County's policy is to credit all income from deposits and investments to the General Fund during the year, except for interest earned on specific certificates of deposits for the Solid Waste Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, USGAAP requires in-come from deposits and investments to be reported in the fund whose assets generated that income. Where the governing board has discretion to credit investment income to a fund other than the fund that provided the resources for investment, a

transfer to the designated fund is reported when authorized by the Commission. Fund transfers of investment earnings to the General Fund shall not occur in 2025, all funds shall receive the income generated from the assets of the fund.

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 7th day of January,

Seconded by Commissioner

Koll call vote: Dennert-aye; Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Resolution ad-

EXPENSE POLICY - EMPLOY-EES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the following expenses rates for Brown County employees for fiscal year 2025

Meal Reimbursement made only for County travel:

In-State Out-of-State Leave Before Return After

Breakfast \$6.00 \$10.00 5:31 Lunch \$14.00 \$18.00 11:31 AM 12:59 PM

Dinner \$20.00 \$28.00 5:31 PM 7:59 PM

\$40.00 \$56.00

Lodging reimbursed at actual

cost, receipt required (if possible, have direct billing, as County tax

Reimbursement for use of personal vehicle for County business, as follows: All county employees and officials, except the Sheriff shall be paid for traveling expenses for each mile traveled in the discharge of their official duties at 67 cents per mile. Miles to be determined by the assistance of Map Quest or similar web site; Odometer readings required for all destinations not available on web site: Odometer reading only required once to establish routine destination routes, i.e., per diem for board members. All members present voting aye. Motion carried

EXPENSE POLICY - ELECTION OFFICIALS:

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #2025-05

WHEREAS, SDCL 12-15-11 states that each vote center superintendent and vote center deputy shall receive a fee to be established annually by resolution of the board of county commissioners at its first regular meeting each year. The person delivering the poll books and ballot boxes to the proper authority at the county seat shall receive the county rate for mileage as established pursuant to SDCL 7-7-24, for miles necessarily traveled in going to and return-

ing from making the delivery. WHEREAS, SDCL 12-15-1.3 states that in addition to the vote center election board, the person in charge of the election may appoint a person to be designated as the vote center assistant. The vote center assistant may not perform any of the duties of the vote center superintendent or vote center deputies unless specified by statue. The vote center assistant may assist with setting up the polling place, directing voters to the proper election board, and providing instruction on the use of the electronic ballot marking system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RÉSÓLVED that the following rates will be paid to election workers:

Attendance at Election School(s) \$25.00 per person Election Workers – Day of

Election \$275.00 per person Absentee Board per hour

Temporary Election Workers \$15.50 per hour Post Election Audit Board

\$15.50 per hour State Rate will be paid for mileage Currently \$0.67 per mile Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 7th day of January, 2025.

Seconded by Commissioner Dennert.
Roll call vote: Dennert-aye;

Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Resolution ad-

PUBLIC COMMENT: Senator Elect, Carl Perry informed that Thursday, January 9th Brown County Republicans will have their Reagan Luncheon at noon at Pizza Ranch, and that Brown County Officials/Department Heads will be giving an update. Then he also shared that District 3 Representative, Brandei Schaefbauer and himself would be on KDSN with Scott Sundberg for an interview at noon today.

Dirk Rogers, Highway Su-perintendent wanted to let the Commissioners know that there is going to be legislation to extend the RAIF Program and that Townships are wanting a half million out of our County Road & Bridge money. Dirk is going to visit with the other Highway Superintendents and try to get this stopped.

ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL CONTROL:

Commissioner Dennert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #2025-06

Brown County Local Control

WHEREAS: Local control is a key principle of the United States of America and South Dakota.

WHEREAS: South Dakota has a long history of allowing Counties, Municipalities, and Townships to adopt local zoning ordinances that ben-efit local jurisdictions and the

WHEREAS: Potential legislation threatens local control over

matters of planning and zoning. WHEREAS: Such legislation limiting the ability of local government to evaluate and regulate compatible land uses would by extension interfere with the opportunity for local citizens to have a voice in local planning and zoning matters.

WHEREAS: On April 25th, 2023, Ordinance #243 was unanimously passed by the board of Brown County Com-

WHEREAS: Ordinance #243 requires a 1,500-foot setback from certain pipeline facilities. WHEREAS: Ordinance #243

was strongly supported by many of the citizens of Brown County who made their voices heard during the public hearing.

WHEREAS: The board of Brown County Commissioners continues to support Counties, Municipalities, and Townships having the authority to adopt appropriate regulations for each unique jurisdiction. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-

SOLVED by the Board of Brown County Commissioners that we oppose any legislation that limits or eliminates the local control of Counties, Municipalities, and Townships in matters of planning

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 7th day of January,

Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Dennert-aye;

Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Resolution adopted. ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR EMINENT DOMAIN:

Commissioner Dennert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #2025-07

A Resolution Urging the South Dakota Legislature to Pass Emi-nent Domain Reform Prohibiting the Use of Eminent Domain for Private Gain

WHEREAS, the principle of eminent domain allows government entities to acquire private property for public use, with just compensation to property owners, as authorized by the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article VI, Section 13 of the South Da-kota Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the use of eminent domain is intended to serve public purposes such as infrastructure development, schools roads, and utilities that benefit the general public; and

WHEREAS, recent proposals in South Dakota have raised concerns regarding the use of eminent domain to transfer private property to for-profit entities or private developers for projects that primarily benefit private interests rather than the public at large; and

WHEREAS, such use of eminent domain threatens the fundamental rights of property owners, undermines public trust, and raises questions about the fairness and necessity of such

WHEREAS, the Brown County Board of Commissioners supports the protection of private property rights and opposes the abuse of eminent domain powers

for private economic gain; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the Board strongly urges the South Dakota Legislature to enact reforms to the state's eminent domain laws to prohibit the use of eminent domain for private gain and to ensure that such powers are used solely for public purposes

as defined by law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board encourages the Legislature to establish clear and strict criteria for the application of eminent domain, safeguarding the rights of property owners and reinforcing public accountability; and

IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Brown County Board of Commissioners directs the Auditor to transmit copies of this resolution to all members of the South Dakota State Legislature, the Office of the Governor, and

other relevant stakeholders.
Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 7th day of January,

Seconded by Commissioner

Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Suttonaye; Wiese-aye. Resolution adopted.

TRANSFER OF 2002 PICK-UP: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve transferring the 2002

Pick-up from Maintenance to Fairgrounds. All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of December 31, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. CLAIMS: Moved by Com-

missioner Gage, seconded by

Wiese to approve the following claims: Workers Compensa-

tion: SDML Worker's Compensa-

tion \$175,956.00. Professional

Fees: Aberdeen Area Cham-

ber of Commerce \$890.00; Ac

tive Data Systems \$17,570.00; Association of South Dakota

County Weed & Pest Boards

\$200.00; CenturyLink-Lumen \$187.42; CGI, LLC \$1,495.00; DEVNET \$3,789.84; D-Ware, Inc \$4,700.00; Helms & Associates \$135.00; IMEG Corp \$29,750.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb, LLP \$468.75; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$474.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$848.25; Schnei-der Geospatial, LLC \$3,060.00; SD Assoc. of County Officials \$3,261.63; SD Dept. of Trans-portation \$359.38; SD Sheriff's Association \$1,649.03; SDAAO \$450.00; SDACC \$9,942.00; SDACHS \$350.00; Sewer Duck, Inc \$85.00; State Bar of South Dakota \$2,865.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$70.25; Tyler Technologies, Inc. \$1,500.00; Valstone Corporation, Inc. \$5,104.00. Publishing: McQuillen Creative Group, Inc. \$1,747.20; Midstates Group \$1,140.00. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. \$53.60. Repairs & Mainte-nance: Ace Refrigeration, LLC \$767.04; Dakota Supply Group \$5,202.86; Election Systems & Software \$7,281.22; Lawson Products, Inc \$.86; Lenslock Inc \$30,170.00; Olson's Pest Technicians \$260.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$517.16; RDO Equipment Co \$3,559.08; Safety Service \$500.00; Sanitation Products, Inc. \$25.52; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc. \$38,027.84; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc. \$244.33. Supplies: Amazon Capi tal Services, Inc. \$184.03; Auto Value Aberdeen \$67.69; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$518.30; Brian Koens \$133.06; Butler Machin-ery Company \$845.25; Century Business Products \$2,676.28 Christina M. Flack \$853.24 Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$484.15; Crescent Electric Supply Co \$245.24; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$913.17; Dakota Mailing & Shipping Equipment \$508.00; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$1,344.07; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$124.95; Lawson Products, Inc. \$12.46; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$61.22; Mack's Auto, Inc. \$1,708.00; Mariann Malsom \$116.70; Menards \$321.47; Midstates Group \$50.55; Napa Central \$83.88; Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$32.00; Performance Oil \$430.50; RDO Equipment Co \$22.85; Runnings \$199.99; Sanitation Products, Inc. \$260.84; Share Corporation \$382.80; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$150.15; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,951.46; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc. \$4,218.49; Tri-State Water 35.00; US Foods \$11,619.13; WEB Water Bottling Company \$27.75. Travel & Conference: Association of South Dakota County Weed & Pest Boards \$525.00; IAFE \$940.00; SDACC \$125.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$186.80; CenturyLink \$366.39; Midconti-nent Communications \$327.44; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$49.97; Northwestern Energy \$11,777.68; Town of Frederick \$77.00. Other: Grassland Hutterian Brethren Inc. \$4,000.00; WEX Health, Inc. \$4,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried HR REPORT: Moved by Com-

missioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:
• Promotion of Dorene Bor-

chard from Brown County Chief Deputy Treasurer to Brown County Revenue Specialist, starting wage \$34.20/hour-effective January 1, 2025.

• Amendment on wages ef-

fective for December 22, 2024: o Jolene Forsting-submit-ted \$30.08/hr. and should be

o Adelaide Mounga-submitted \$26.62/hr. and should be \$26.72/

o Monty Forsting-submitted \$19.84/hr. and should be o Gene Loeschke-submitted \$37.15/hr. and should be \$37.75/

o Ermalinda Marcuson-sub-mitted \$29.49/hr. and should be

All members present voting aye. Motion carried. CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved

by Commissioner Wiese, sec-onded by Gage to approve and authorizé Auditor Heupel to sign Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to acknowl-edge the Landfill Tonnage Report for December 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion car-

AUDITOR REPORT OF AC-COUNTS FOR NOVEMBER/DE-CEMBER 2024: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for November 2024 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$24,283,334.01; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,100,447.42 Total Certificates of Deposit \$8,398,681.71; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$33,790,163.14; General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$21,237,073.40; Road & Bridge Fund \$716,841.40; Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$94,262.03; Emergency & Disaster \$86,563.19; Domestic Abuse \$515.00; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$120,214.14; Truancy Court \$135.68; 24/7 Sobriety \$41,294.65; ROD M&P \$101,987.36; Rural Access Infrastructure \$551,894.22 TIF Debt Service \$58,170.08; Landfill + cash change \$6,707,971.35; Landfill – restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust and Agency Funds \$4,073,262.53; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$33,790,163.14. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Auditor Heupel shared that December was not finalized in time for the meeting.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the follówing Travel Requests: Derek Hoefert, Sheriff's Office to attend Desert Snow Hands-On Criminal Interdiction Workshop in West Fargo, ND on May 20-22, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGE-MENT PERORMANCE GRANT: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 1st quarter LEMPG Grant Report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS LAW BOOKS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to surplus the Law Books from the Court Room. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: District 3 Representative, Brandie Schaef-bauer thanked the Commissioners for standing up for Citizens of Brown County and appreciate the Resolutions that Commissioner Dennert brought, and their legislators will do the best they can to uphold them. Commissioner Dennert thanked the Legislators that were in the room for all that they have done and for supporting the Commissioners as well

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive ses-

sion closed with no action taken. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:52 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids for the 2025 roof repairs on February 4, 2025, at 7:00pm at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD. Received sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The work on this project

includes roof repairs at the following locations:

• Main Pump House, 10 E

Railroad Avenue Cemetery Repair Shop, 1509

N Broadway
• Police Department, 209 N

Main Street • City Shop, 10 E Railroad

Avenue Community Center, 109 N

3rd Street Park Restrooms, 802 N 3rd

• Picnic Shelter at Park, 802 N 3rd Street Swimming Pool Bathhouse,

228 E 11th Avenue

• Gazebo at Swimming Pool,

228 E 11th Avenue Storage Shed at Swimming Pool, 228 E 11th Avenue

City Hall/Wage Memorial

Library, 120 N Main Street
All work areas are located within the City limits of Groton, Plans and specifications may

be examined at the following locations: City Hall, 120 N Main Street,

Groton, SD

Questions or requests for further information should be directed to the City Finance Office, 605-397-8422, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.

The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD. January 2, 2025

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Town of Westport General Meeting

January 6, 2025 The Town of Westport met on January 6, 2025 with Mitch Wil-son, Shane Storm, Troy Tschap-

and Deb Schlosser present. The following bills were presented:

City General: NW Energy utilities (\$693.64), Groton In-dependent- December minutes and special liquor license notice (\$1.25), Deb Schlosser-payroll (\$300.00), Gappa Electric-town hall work (\$1,860.22), Dakota Supply Group-town hall work (\$152.85), Dakota Ink and Tonèr-printer supplies (\$365.92), US Treasury-4th quarter taxes (\$895.19), SD Unemployment -taxes (\$14.92), US Treasury-federal unemployment tax

Sewer: NW Energy-Lift Station utilities (\$59.26), DANR-NPDES Municipal Dues (\$50.00)

Water: Public Health ratory-water testing (\$15.00), WEB-water (\$2,180.87).

Shane Storm motioned, second by Troy Tschappat to pay The following deposits were

presented: City General: State of SD (\$2536.21), Brown County Collections (\$1393.53), Interest (\$115.90), Hall rental (\$50.00),

Building permits (\$30.00) Sewer: Resident Payments (\$2669.10)

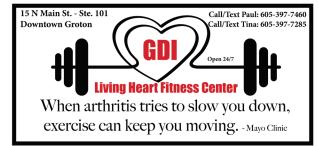
Water: Resident Payments (\$4007.66) Old Business: none

New Business: Shane Storm motioned, second by Troy Tschappat to approve 2025 Dakota Pump and Control Contract. Motion by Troy Tschappat, second by Shane Storm to increase mower contract to \$17 per hour for 2025. Mitch is having trouble with the water reader. It was recommended by Banyon to

replace it with a tablet. Salaries for 2025: Mitch Wilson, \$50 per meeting, \$200/ month for water reading/billing; Shane Storm, \$50 per meeting; Troy Tschappat, \$50 per meeting; Deb Schlosser, \$300/month for Finance Officer.

Meeting dismissed at 7:25

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January 7, 2025

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Nehls, Babcock, Cutler, Wambach, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Todd Gay, Dwight Zerr, Elizabeth Varin.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Nehls to approve the agenda with the change of removing agenda item no. 3. All members present voted aye.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Elizabeth Varin provided an invite to Groton Development Corporation's meeting on January 16, 2025, at the Groton American Legion.

Department reports were reviewed and discussed.

Delinquent utility bill notices were discussed.

Zerr and Gay exited the meet-

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to adjust the skating rink rules to be closed when wind chill is -20 or below and remove the 2 inches or more of snow provision. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to authorize bidding to begin for 2025 city roof repairs. Sealed bids are to be

opened on February 4th, 2025, at 7:00pm. All members present voted ave. Moved by Wambach and seconded by Babcock to approve the employee salaries and volunteer list. All members present voted ave. Pursuant to SDCL 6-1-10, the list of employee salaries and volunteers is as follows: Scott Hanlon - \$625/month, \$125/special meeting, \$300/ full-day meeting, \$100/half-day meeting. Board of Equalization \$200/year. Council Members: Brian Bahr, Karyn Babcock, Shirley Wells, Jon Cutler, Kevin Nehls, and Jason Wambach \$3,000/year, \$125/special meeting, \$300/full-day meeting, \$100/half-day meeting. Planning and Zoning Commission - \$35/ meeting, \$70/special meeting. Finance Officer, Douglas Heinrich - \$32/hour. Deputy Finance Officer, April Abeln - \$30.28/ hour. Assistant Finance Officer.

Kellie Locke - \$25.05/hour. Public Works Coordinator, Street/ Water Superintendent, Terry Herron - \$38.69/hour. Wastewater Superintendent, Dwight Zerr - \$34.58/hour, Assistant Street Superintendent, Branden \$32.13/hour. Public Works Laborer, Jesse Anderson \$31.35/hour. Technology Specialist, Paul Kosel - \$33.84/hour. Electric Superintendent, Todd Gay - \$59.66/hour. Electric Lineman, Landon Johnson - \$43.92/ hour. Police Chief, Stacy Mayou \$37.93/hour. Police Officer and Assistant Chief, Justin Cleveland \$34.54/hour, Police Officer

be kept at City Hall. Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to approve the 2025 fee schedule. All members present

Level 1, Thomas Strickland

\$32.28/hour. Police Officer Level

2, Benjamin Smith - \$31.52/hour.

A complete list of volunteers will

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Nehls to approve the municipal election date as April 8, 2025. All members present voted aye. The following individuals have terms ending: Scott Hanlon -Mayor, Kevin Nehls – Ward 1, Shirley Wells - Ward 2, and Karyn Babcock – Ward 3.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 784 - Water Rates was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Wambach. All members present voted ave.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 785 - Sewer Rates was approved on a motion by Cutler and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted ave.

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

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Babcock to authorize the fóllowing bills for payment. All

members present voted aye. Payroll, \$51,851.15, Employee salaries; Executive, \$559.27, Culture and Recreation, \$581.71. Administrative, \$9,492.85, ; Public Safety, \$11,803.92, ; Public Works, \$29,413.40, ; Dacotah Bank, \$6,329.91, Withholding/ SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU \$450.00, Employee savings: Dacotah Bank, \$647.90, HSA contributions; Stacy Mayou, \$66.26, Med flex - final for 2024; City of Groton, \$225.00, Holiday Lighting Contest prizes - Kappes, Stanley, Kenny; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; Dacotah Bank, \$4,040.63, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Aflac, \$435.76, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$14,403.02, Employee insurance; Reliance Standard Life Insurance, \$88.10, Employee insurance; April Abeln, \$31.95, Med flex; Dacotah Bank, \$6,393.99, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$450.00, Employee sav ings; Dacotah Bank, \$810.41, HSA contributions; Dwight Zerr, \$81.32. Med flex - final for 2024; SD State Retirement, \$11,937.28, Employee retirement; Payment Service Network, Inc., \$205.50, PSN Gateway and eBill fees; Stacy Mayou, \$155.20, Med flex; Douglas Heinrich, \$82.85, Med flex; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$390.00, Supplemental retirement; SD Retailers Association, \$195.00, Membership dues for 2025: A&B Business Solutions. \$378.66, Printer lease - City Hall; AutoZone, Inc., \$31.37, Agri filters for road grader, oil filters City Shop; Colonial Research Chemical Corp., \$325.89, Ice melt; April Abeln, \$26.80, Mileage reimbursement - Aberdeen, SD to takedown tree at Dakota Prairie Museum; NW Energy, \$12.28, Natural gas service - PD; Badger Meter, \$163.70, Cellular service fee - Water Metering; Krueger Brothers, \$8,019.40, Crushed gravel - Street Dept.; SD DANR, \$1,500.00, Annual discharge permit; Apptegy, Inc., \$8,900.00, Annual fee for city website and alerts system; Glenn Bitz, \$150.00, Commercial window cleaning - City Hall; SD Department of Health, \$244.00, Water/wastewater testing; Jerry's Electric, Inc., \$73,780.00, x8 padmount tranformers - Electric Dept.; Cannon Technologies (Eaton), \$4,770.00, Annual metering/LM support

\$136.62, Mileage reimbursement for GDC Sessions 4-7; Dennis "Mike" Olson , \$2,500.00, 2025 code enforcement retainer fee; Colliers Securities, \$300.00, Annual fee for CD services; Northeast Council of Governments, \$1,777.30, 2025 dues; J's Superior Cleaning, \$200.00, Commercial cleaning services - City Hall: The Groton Independent. \$182.35. Publishing costs: Dollar General, \$31.85, Toilet paper, garbage bags, cleaning supplies, toilet bowl cleaner - Multiple Depts.; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., \$209.96, Cylinder lease x2 - City Shop; Drew Johnson, \$900.00, Legal services - December 2024; RDO Equipment Co., \$504.97, Blades and filters - Street Dept. Ken's Fair Foods, \$464.95, Fuel purchases, coffee, foam cups, bottled water, paper towels, cocoa mix - Multiple Depts. ; OverDrive, \$600.00, Annual fee for Libby - Library; S&S Lumber Co., \$244.05, Keypad doorlock, floor dry, casing, ice melt, new key, batteries, air ends, light bulb - Multiple Depts.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Cutler to begin accepting applications for the following summer recreational positions: Baseball Coordinator, Softball Coordinator, Legion Coach, Jr. Legion Coach, Jr. Teener Coach, Girls' Softball Coaches (U8/U10/ U12/U14), Day Baseball/Softball Coach, Concessions Manager, and Swimming Pool Manager. All members present voted aye.

Varin exited the meeting. Moved by Cutler and seconded by Nehls to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:00pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:39pm.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Douglas Heinrich, Finance

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City of Columbia Council Meetng – January 8, 2025 CALL MEETING TO ORDER –

7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Emily Eichler via zoom, Jeremy Dosch, Scott

Community: Ben Jeffrey Corev Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the agenda. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corev Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were handed out from the Dec. 3rd meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion

Warrant Vouchers: Northwestern Energy – electricity – Scott Meints made a motion 1375.33; Web – fire prevention to accept the financial reports as 53.93; JVT - fire prevention -

216.96; Agtregra - fuel- 602.46; Grand Slam Computers - office computer – 666.88; Farm Tire Service – skid steer tires – 1760.00; Ken's Fairway – gift cards/wages – 400.00; Jeremy Dosch– Dec. wages -419.99 Cara Dennert – Dec. wages– 1235.25; Dacotah Bank - shop supplies -712.37; Public Health Laboratory – well water test – 7.00; United States Treasury 941x 3rd Q 2024 underpayment 3.10; United States Treasury -941 4th Q 2024 – taxes 2053.59; Jeremy Dosch - council wages 4th Q – 222.35; Trevor Meints – council wages 4th Q – 222.35; Emily Eichler – council wages 4th Q - 222.35; Corey Mitchell - council wages 4th Q 255.26; Scott Meints - street wages and council wages 4th Q – 292.35; SD Unemployment Insurance – 4th Q insurance

electricity – 2053.40 Scott Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

33.23; Northwestern Energy

COMMUNITY COMMENTS CORRESPONDENCE: emails from Ted Dickey regarding sewer application, holiday cards from B&B Contracting and Stockwell Engineering, follow up report from Code Enforcement

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Wastewater and drainage plans for State Water plan - state funding amounts will be announced in March.

Nuisances - The board discussed the report & proposed contract with Code Enforcement Specialists. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to continue to contract with Code Enforcement Specialists. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Streets – no report Parks – The council discussed turning off some of the holiday

Lagoon/Sewer - Delinquent sewer accounts were also discussed. There will be \$10 late fees on any past due bills.

Rubble Site -Shane will be down this Saturday to pile up

site for burning. NEW BUSINESS - Ben Jeffery was present to discuss the possible annexation of some land on the northwest edge of town. The council members will check with some county officials to determine if that is possible. Yearly declarations were discussed. Scott Meints made a motion to keep Groton Independent as our newspaper for publications, Dacotah Bank as our financial institution. He also made a motion to increase Jeremy Dosch's salary to \$18 an hour and Cara Dennert's salary to \$1600 a month. Emily Eichler seconded the motions. All were in favor motions carried. Corey Mitchell. Trevor Meints, and Emily Eichler were given petitions as they are up for reelection this year. Anyone who would like to run for council may request a petition.

FINANCIAL REPORT presented bank balances. W2s were handed out to the council. The 3rd quarter 941 was missing 3.10 in Federal Withholding. 941x form will be sent in with payment. The 4th guarter 941 was also finished and ready to be sent in. Cara is working on the annual report. There is one final CD that will come due next week. Cara will transfer those funds to our CD money market account.

Scott Meints made a motion given. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor motion carried.

December 31, 2024, balances: SF - \$ 73,933.79; SF Money Market -\$ 151,916.04;

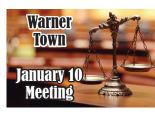
GF - \$ 152,447.58; GF Money Market - \$ 50,973.88; CD Money Market - \$ 32,529.09

FIT - \$ 15,564.34; Cash on hand - \$0 Next Regular City Council

Meeting – February 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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TOWN OF WARNER MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2024

MEMBERS_PRESENT: Gaylon Townsend, Terry Evans, Dave Fair, Stewart Nelson and Nichol Townsend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Fair to approve the minutes from December 11th, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: MSC: Townsend/Fair. Checking: Town \$324,105.99; Water \$77,809.20; Sewer \$188,708.21. CDs: Town \$32,978.33; Water \$50,140.44; Sewer \$28,375.31

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAY-MENT: MSC: Fair/Evans. Amazon (supplies) \$12.68,

Cenex (gas) \$73.90 Norton (antivirus fee) \$69.02, Office Max (supplies) \$47.98, US Bank (loan payment) \$9631.84, USDA (loan payments) \$2083, WEB Water \$5012.50, Badger Meter (meter reads & annual service fee) \$419.04, Dakota Supply Group (supplies) \$19.73, Dependable Sanitation \$2640, Groton Independent (advertising) \$35.87, Hofer's Repair (supplies), Lynn Aman (CC cleaning) \$75, MACS (supplies) \$196.20, Menards (supplies) \$62.50, Midcontinent (shop & office service) \$296, Northwestern Energy \$26.62.52 Runnings (supplies) \$149.55, SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems (annual fee) \$410, SD Dept of Rev/Lab \$15, SD Dept of Rev/ Sales Tax \$191.27, SD Federal Property Agency (supplies) \$105, SD One Call \$27.30, Town Water/Sewer \$178.75, TranSource (supplies) \$65.29, Vosika Warner Storage Units (rent) \$2700, Stewart Nelson \$3578.20, Barb Breidenbach \$38.79, Terry Evans \$55.41, Dave Fair \$64.64, Linda Johannsen \$43.41. Justin Mc-Cord \$38.79, Gaylon Townsend \$55.41, Nichól Townsend \$600.05, Paul T. Vetch \$38.79, SD Retirement Fund \$539.76, Payroll Taxes \$1148.76

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance Final Reading was approved. MSC: Fair/ Townsend, Ordinance #12-23 2023 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance. Be it ordained by the Town of Warner that the following sums be appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality. 101-GEN-ERAL FUND: 101-00000-General \$1122.21, 101-41920-Office \$220.62,101-43100-Streets \$28,111.72, 101-43150-Storm Drains \$1142.44, 101-43160-Street Lights \$2378.46, 101-43230-Garbage \$7131.13, 101-45200-Parks \$6585.66. Total Appropriations \$46,692.24. Source of Funding: Transfer from other departments: 101-00000-General \$1611.95, 101-41110-General \$637.32, 101-41150-General \$8693, 101-41410-General \$1000, 101-41420-General

101-41440-General \$2.76, 101-41900-Shop \$4772.83 101-41950-Planning and Zoning

101-42200-Fire \$3871.17, 101-45600-Community Center \$1638.79, Undesignated Fund Balance \$23,814.70, Total Source of funding - \$46,692.24. First Reading 12-11-2024, Second Reading 1-8-2025. Published 1-2025. Signed: David Fair, Chairman. Attest: Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer.

2025 Wages: Maintenance: Stewart Nelson \$53,974.14 annual salary. Finance Officer: Nichol Townsend \$23 hourly wage. Planning & Zoning: Linda Johannsen, Chairman \$50 per meeting plus \$52 per month for writing Building Permits. Barb Breidenbach \$50 per meeting, Paul Vetch \$50 per meeting, Justin McCord \$50 per meeting. Board of Trustees: Chairman Dave Fair \$70 per meeting, Terry Evans \$60 per meeting, Gaylon Townsend \$60 per meeting. Certified Employees (Water, Sewer, CDL) \$18 per hour. Mowers and all other temporary workers \$16 per hour.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint 2025 Chairman for Board of Trustees: Dave Fair was appointed as Chairman. MSC: Evans/Townsend. Appoint 2025 Finance Officer:

Nichol Townsend was appointed. MSC: Fair/Evans. Appoint Official Bank Deposi-

tory: MSC: Townsend/Fair to appoint BankNorth of Warner. 2025 Newspaper Designation:

MSC Fair/Evans to designate The Groton Independent.

Trustee Vacancy: The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer: Trustee, Terrence 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

Code Enforcement was discussed. Town of Warner will not be hiring an outside party at this time.

Delinquencies: 8 were noted and notices will be posted on doors. Three have already been shut off.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, February 12th, 2025 at 7PM in the Warner Community

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Dave Fair, Chairman; Nichol

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2025 **GETTYSBURG NO TILL EVENT**

(Yukon) - Electric Dept.; Avera

Occupational Medicine, \$135.00,

Employee drug/alcohol screen-

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. CST CC Bar, 112 S. Exene Street, Gettysburg, SD

> Giving Clarity to the Estate Planning and **Generational Transition Process** Alan Hojer, SD Ag Foundation

AGENDA INCLUDES:

The War Against Weeds in No Till - Dr. Joseph Ikley, NDSU

Don't Forget the Basics - Dr. Dwayne Beck, SDSU Professor Emeritus

For more details visit SDNoTill.com

Pre-registration is requested by Jan. 24. Please email pcconservationdist@gmail.com; or call 605-769-4431.

Seating is limited. CCA credits will be available.

Agricultural Estate & Succession Planning for South Dakota Producers

Sustaining the Legacy

My kids all get along, I don't need an estate plan . . . or maybe I do.

Aberdeen February 4, 11 and 18, 2025 Seating limited.

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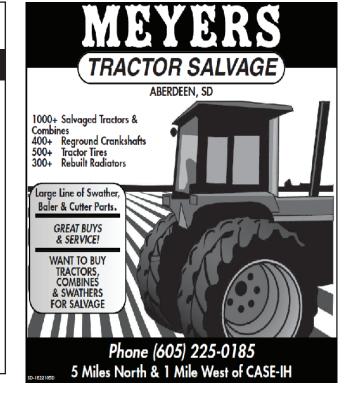
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NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF CLARE-

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office currently held by Bob Thompson Trustée - Thrée Year Tem

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

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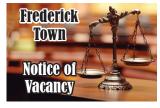
Notice of Vacancy Municipality of Columbia The following offices will be-come vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office:

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

Council Member, 3-year term Circulation of nominating peti-tions 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

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NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF FRED-

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

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NOTICE OF VACANCY MU-NICIPALITY OF WESTPORT

he following offices will be-come vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

Shane Storm 3 vrs term, Trov 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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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

Kevin Nehls - Councilperson

Ward 1 – 1-year term Shirley Wells – Councilperson

Ward 2 – 2-year term Karyn Babcock - Councilperson Ward 3 – 2-vear 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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GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 06-6

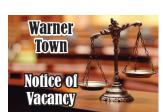
The following school board positions will become vacant on July 1, 2025, due to the expiration of the present terms of office of the following school board members:

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 n.m. or mailed by registered mail not later than February 25, 2025, at

5:00 p.m. Becky Hubsch, Business Official

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Notice of Vacancy

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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

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Girls NEC Standings

Roncalli	3-0	/-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

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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

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Deuel vs. Clark/Willow Lake at Willow Lake

Tiospa Zina at Roncalli

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

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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 Oliver Nedved (Baltic) 0-7 (Fall 2:15) team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 12-2 won by Englund (Groton Area) 12-3 (Dec 9-7) forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Elk Point-Jefferson) 0-4 (For.)

Ouarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 12-2 won by forfeit Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 (Fall 0:06) over Forfeit Forfeit (Tri-Valley) 0-2 (For.)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 12-2 won by fall over Addison Peterson (Elk Point-Jefferson) 10-12 (Fall 4:44) 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 () (Bye) points.

Champ. Round 1 - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 11-5 received a bye (Groton Area) 3-10 (Fall 2:53) () (Bye)

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

Semifinal - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 11-5 won by fall over gabriel Jackson Runyon (Scotland) 0-8 (Fall 1:54) 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)

Ouarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 12-5 won by fall over () (Bye) 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

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 (Bye) points.

() (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Kyson Kucker (Groton Area) 11-4 won by fall over Lukas Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 (Fall 0:06) Ludwig (Garretson) 2-8 (Fall 1:43)

Semifinal - Teague Bergjord (Flandreau) 16-6 won by fall over Kyson Titon Peters (Flandreau) 3-3 (Fall 2:12) 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 ()

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)

Ouarterfinal - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 12-3 won by fall over

Semifinal - Luke Nehlich (Tri-Valley) 13-5 won by decision over Gavin

Cons. Semi - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 12-3 won by fall over

3rd Place Match - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 12-3 won by fall over

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

Quarterfinal - Nate Haar (Lennox) 6-5 won by fall over Layne Johnson

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

Cons. Round 3 - Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 3-10 won by fall over

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

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 ()

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 ()

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 ()

Cons. Round 3 - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 won by tech fall over Champ. Round 1 - Kyson Kucker (Groton Area) 11-4 received a bye 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

5th Place Match - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 7-4 won by fall over

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 mentum in the third Chris Schwab (Groton Area) 8-10 (Fall 4:18) quarter, Lennox con-

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 (Lepnox) 8-13 won by fall over Noah

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 () (Bve)

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

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 - Lizá Krueger (Grotón 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 freethrow 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



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

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.

- Story compiled by ChatGPT 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 Han-

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 addded 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.

GHS Boys Basketball

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 doubledouble with 10 points and 10 rebounds. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The Groton Area Tigers came out strong against the visiting Lennox Orioles, but the Orioles' dominance on the offensive glass and timely scoring helped them secure a hard-fought 63-55 victory in a tightly contested matchup.

First Quarter: Groton Takes Control Early

Groton got off to a hot start, jumping out to a 5-0 lead and finishing the first quarter ahead 14-7. The Tigers were efficient offensively, shooting 45% (5 of 11) from the field, while Lennox struggled, hitting just 21% (3 of 14). Groton's strong defensive presence and rebounding set the tone early, as they looked poised to dictate the pace of the game.

Second Quarter: Lennox Strikes Back

The second quarter saw the Orioles come alive with a 14-point run, erasing the Tigers' lead and going ahead 23-19. Groton quickly rallied to reclaim the lead at 25-23, but Lennox's sharp shooting (69% on 9 of 13 attempts) tied the game at 27

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 Zac 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.

- Story compiled by ChatGPT 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. Doland 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 quarterstops 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 ing their resilience and their first loss of the season, dropping them to 5-1. ability to perform un-

- 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, Emmerson Larson 10, Chris Bevers 7, Joey Ries 2, Griffin Musser 1.

Field Goals: 16-50 32%, Free Throws: 10-21 47%, 17 fouls, 13 turn-overs, 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 tric, Krueger Brothers, 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. tric, Krueger Brothers, R&M Farms/Rix Farms, The Meathouse in Andover. Paul Kosel and Jeslyn Kosel were on

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

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

All games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The C game was sponsored by Larry and Val Fliehs. An anonymous donor sponsored the junior varsity game. The varsity game was 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 and The Meathouse in Andover.

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-

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.

- Story compiled by ChatGPT

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 Elec-R&M Farms/Rix Farms, The Meathouse in Andover. Paul Kosel and Jeslyn Kosel were on



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 blokc. 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 ouls, 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 turn-oves.

Groton Area made it a clean sweek 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 a 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.

The game on GDILIVE.COM was sponsored by Locke Electric.



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 Vikings finally got something going on their second drive of the game, picking up 54 yards on nine plays before settling for a field goal to cut the Rams lead to seven. On the Rams' next possession, the Vikings' defense finally showed some signs of life and forced a three-and-out. Unfortunately, Sam Darnold threw an interception on the next series, giving the ball right back to LA, but they couldn't do anything with the ball, and they punted the ball right back. The Vikings offense, absent for most of the game up to this point, was putting a drive together... until Darnold was sacked and fumbled the ball, which a Rams player picked up and returned for a TD, extending their lead 17-3. On the Vikings' next drive, facing 4th&2, Darnold was sacked for the billionth time. The Rams capitalized on the turnover, finding the endzone again to extend the lead 24-3 going into halftime.

At this point, I'm jealous of anyone who was able to turn the game off and go about their lives.

LA started the scoring in the second half with a field goal. The Vikings managed to score a touchdown on the following possession, their first TD since week 17 against the Packers. The two-point conversion failed though, keeping the score 27-9. The Vikings' defense forced a punt by the Rams, and the Vikings had one last chance to make this a respectable game. A Darnold sack on 3rd&8 ended any and all hope for the purple and gold. You could almost see the players deflate. They threw the towel in – on the game, on the season, on any chance at self-respect.

Heading into the game, there were a ton of questions about the Vikings and Sam Darnold. Should the Vikings re-sign him? Should they franchise-tag him? Should they let him walk and let J.J. McCarthy take over? After Monday's game, it's clear that this team isn't ready to compete for a championship, and Darnold sure as heck isn't the QB to lead them to Valhalla.

"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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