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Prioritizing building projects, classroom space issues discussed during Monday's school board meeting

by Elizabeth Varin

The Groton Area School District board held vague discussion about evaluating and prioritizing building projects at Monday's meeting.

A recent Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee meeting between board members Tigh Fliehs, TJ Harder, Grant Rix and Superintendent Joe Schwan rekindled discussion about turning the football field into a multi-use sports complex.

If the district wants to move forward with projects like changing out the ground to turf or leveling the field, it's going to have to be a board decision, Fliehs said.

Harder added he thinks they should put a timeline together for fundraising efforts and see what interest there is.

While a bulk of discussion at the committee meeting was about the athletic complex, the board will have to lead a multi-year discussion and plan on retrofitting areas of the middle/high school, said Superintendent Schwan. It's important to start looking at what the scope of that will be, what the public will support, what a modern school design looks like, what technology should be included and what needs the district may face.

The biggest need through multiple areas of the district is a lack of space, he said. The board will have to look at what to do with older parts of the building in the not-to-distant future.

It will be at least two years of planning, plus maybe a year to discuss it with local stakeholders, Schwan said. Something like that would have to go to a bond vote.

Middle/high school Principal Shelby Edwards added the district will start having problems that are going to force the board to make decisions.

It's a great idea to start planning, said board member Nick Strom. Interest rates may be on a downward slope after recent historically high rates.

"You can't take advantage of any of that stuff if you're not planning," he said. "I think it's a good idea to start, even if we're not doing anything for years. We'd be ready to act if there's a time there is something financing-wise."

Board member Fliehs asked Business Manager Becky Hubsch to share how much is available in the capital outlay fund. She replied that administrators are working on the budget now, including reviewing some of the capital outlay five-year plan.

Schwan asked the board to give them a couple of days to finish reviewing those funds and see what impacts may come as the state legislation session ends.

Problems with space coming

Middle and high school English/language arts teachers presented an overview of their curriculum and issues on the horizon.

Sarah Hanten, high school English teacher; Diane Kurtz, middle school/high school English teacher; and Mary Johnson, middle school reading/social studies teacher, presented an overview of their classes and upcoming challenges they face. One major concern is a lack

Two Groton Area DI teams advance to state

The East Region Destination Imagination Tournament was held Saturday in Webster with two Groton Area teams taking first place. These two teams will advance to the state competition April 5 in Pierre.

The Improvisational Challenge Team "Triple As" composed of Ava Strom, Aryanna Cutler, Freddy Cole, Aschar Warrington and Conrad Rix took first. Their team manager is Julie Milbrandt.

The Fine Arts Challenge Team "The Seven Pentagoni Pickles" also took first with team members Jernie Weig, Willow Cowan, Taylor Fliehs, Calvin Locken, Rowan Hanson, Titan Johnson and Gideon Rix. Their team manager is Julie Milbrandt.

Two non-competing teams took part in the tournament as they presented their solutions to their challenges.



These Groton Area DI teams are state bound

Fine Arts Challenge Team "The Seven Pentagoni Pickles"- Receiving 1st Place: Jernie Weig, Willow Cowan, Taylor Fliehs, Calvin Locken, in front-Rowan Hanson, not pictured Titan Johnson, Gideon Rix, Team Manager Julie Milbrandt.

(Photo from Groton Area Destination Imagination Facebook Page)



Improvisational Challenge Team "Triple A's"-Receiving 1st Place: Ava Strom, Aryanna Cutler, Freddy Cole, Aschar Warrington, not pictured Conrad Rix and Team Manager Julie Milbrandt.

(Photo from Groton Area Destination Imagination Facebook Page)

of classroom space, especially with larger classes moving to the middle/high school.

Kurtz said she currently has 36 seventh graders, 38 eighth graders and 41 ninth graders, with each grade level split into two sections. The current sixth-grade class is quite a bit larger, with about 55 students.

There's not enough room in her classroom for more desks, Kurtz said. It's going to be a huge issue.

The issue stems from a decade ago when English teacher positions were cut, she said. Now, instead of three sections per grade, students are split between two sections, and

Kurtz's and Johnson's classrooms are small.

Yeigh resigns as instrumental music teacher

The board accepted the resignation of Desiree Yeigh, 5-12 instrumental music teacher, at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

In a letter to the board, Yeigh said she has accepted a teaching position in Aberdeen, where her family currently lives.

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Early Learning Challenge Team” Go Lightning”-Landon Buntrock, Ivy Cole, Emme Fliehs, Zoey Strom, not pictured Roscoe Rix, Team Manager Becah Fliehs. (Photo from Groton Area Destination Imagination Facebook Page)



Early Learning Challenge Team “Funtunz”-Aspen Cowan, Laker Hanson, Sunny Washenberger, Nova Washenberger, Mya Fliehs, Jorie Locken, not pictured Team Manager Laura Arth. (Photo from Groton Area Destination Imagination Facebook Page)

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Weekly Vikings Roundup
By Jordan Wright

After an active and impactful first week of free agency, the Minnesota Vikings decided to keep spending, bringing in three more players to provide depth and experience on special teams. Two of those players are wide receivers Tim Jones and Rondale Moore. Jones, a former undrafted rookie who played for the Jacksonville Jaguars since 2021 will fill the role vacated by Trent Sherfield when he left for the Denver Broncos. Moore, on the other hand, is a speedy receiver who will battle Jalen Nailor for the WR3 spot. The third player the Vikings brought in recently is cornerback Jeff Okudah. The former Detroit Lion was the third overall pick in 2020, and although he has great size and speed, he hasn't been able to put it all together in the NFL yet. The Vikings are taking a low-risk gamble here, but the payoff could be huge.

As we continue the 2024 roster breakdown, we pivot to the defensive side of the ball. The Vikings' starting defensive line last season consisted of Harrison Phillips, Jonathan Bullard, and Jerry Tillery, while Jalen Redmond, Levi Drake Rodriguez, and Taki Taimani were the primary backups.

Harrison Phillips was the best defensive lineman on the team last season and everyone knew it, so opposing teams simply had to double-team him every play and essentially negate the entire position group. Phillips will be back in 2025, and he's now joined by two Pro Bowl defensive tackles (Jonathan Allen and Javon Hargrave).

Despite starting all 17 games for the Vikings last season, Jonathan Bullard is still a free agent. I'm guessing the Vikings have an offer out to Bullard, and he's just waiting to see if he can get a better one on the market. I wouldn't be surprised if he's back next season, although in a backup role.

Jerry Tillery was signed last offseason, hoping a change of scenery would help the former first-round pick take his game up a notch. He had a good (but not great) season for the Vikings in 2024, and he turned that into a new contract with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Jalen Redmond was a pleasant surprise last season, gradually earning more playing time as the season progressed and even

getting two starts. Redmond will be back as a backup this season, but as of right now he's the top backup, so he should see the field often.

The Vikings spent a seventh-round pick on Levi Drake Rodriguez last year. LDR showed flashes in training camp and the preseason, but once the regular season began, he only played in two games. However, after playing college ball at Texas A&M-Commerce, the Vikings knew he would be a work in progress.

Taki Taimani was an undrafted free agent who got into seven games last season. The former Oregon Duck will once again battle it out with LDR for depth chart positioning.

One of the biggest weak spots on the Vikings' roster last season was the defensive line, so the team went out and spent big bucks to bring in some big names. The unit will undoubtedly be improved in 2025, but one area that could be addressed is the nose tackle position. The Vikings don't have a true nose tackle on the roster, and I'd love for them to bring in a big body to make big plays against the run and at the goal line. Skol!

School Board

Continued from front

The district is now accepting applications for the 5-12 instrumental music teacher, as well as other open positions including first grade teacher, maintenance team member, activity trip bus driver and more.

- Groton resident Beverly Sombke addressed the board during the public comment session of the meeting. Sombke fell in December 2023 because of an issue with a grate near the school arena. She thanked the board for fixing the problem that caused her fall. "I don't want anyone else to go through that," she said. She also thanked the board for taking care of her medical bills from that incident.

- Middle school/high school Principal Shelby Edwards reported the last day for seniors will be May 8. Also, prom is scheduled for April 12.

- The board approved volunteer track coaches Carla Tracy and Bruce Babcock.

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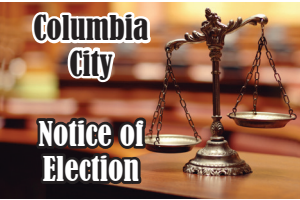
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MARCH 18, 2025 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE #290 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #290. Applicant Brown County Planning & Zoning to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Municipal District (M) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Description of property: Lot 1, "First Replat of Dahme Northview Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 1-T123N-R64W and the SW1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 1-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (3015 N Dakota Street & 295 24th Avenue NE, Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #291 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #291. Application has been made by Petitioner North Western Energy – Robert Gehm/ Owners: Donald Young and Harlan Young to Rezone Lot 1 and Lot 3 from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Heavy Industrial District (H-I); Rezone Lot 2 from Multi-Zone District (M-Z) to Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P). The rezones are to bring these three parcels into compliance for a future electric generating station on Lot 1, leaving public utilities on Lot 2, and a future liquefied natural gas plant on Lot 3. Description of properties: Proposed Lot 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3, "NWE Generation Addition" in Section 25-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (Lot 1 = 440 SW 135th St; Lot 2 = 270 SW 135th St; Lot 3 = 90 SW 135th St; Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY FAIR CONTRACTS: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager presented Brown County Fair Contracts asking for approval and authorizing Chairman to sign them for Avery Anna, Uncle Kracker, 38 Special and Red-

ferrin. Moved by Commission Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the following the 2025 Brown County Fair Contracts: Avery Anna to perform on Wednesday, August 13 for \$25,000.00; Uncle Kracker to perform on Friday, August 15th for \$40,000.00; 38 Special to perform on Friday, August 15th for \$75,000.00; and Redferrin to perform on Saturday, August 16th for \$20,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BOARD MEMBERS: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager asked for the Commission to approve the list of Junior Fair Board Members for 2025 Brown County Fair that she presented. Rachel shared that they go through an interview process, the parents sign off on have a release of liability, if they are returning member, they don't go through the interview process because they have proven they can handle the workload. Commissioner Dinger asked for Rachel to share what their roles are: Rachel informed them that the members are given a list of committees and then they rank them based on their interests; then Fair Board tries to match them with projects they are interested in, which doesn't always happen but the kids are willing to learn and try new things; they work right alongside the Fair Board Members, they have an app they use to inform them of projects and when having a work day, etc.; in the past they have required 50 hours but they are changing that up this year a little bit (Ex. Driving in fence posts for an hour could be equivalent to 5 hours of sitting on the computer sometimes) then they receive a list of activities to help with during Fair week, which is immensely helpful because they never have enough volunteers for all the slots. Commissioner Sutton commented a good way to groom future Fair Board Members. Commissioner Gage mentioned they were behind doing the hot dog eating contest last year. Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the following Junior Fair Board Members: First Year Members: Iszabell Helm, Addison Hoeft, Kylee Hoffman, Briella Klipfel, Paisley Mitchell and Taryn Thompson; Second Year Members: Jax Holmes, Amara Klipfel, and Gentry Pigors; Third Year Members: Noah Kippley, Titus Kippley, Payton Mitchell and Sascha Usselman. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager shared a Thank-You to the Highway Department for hauling gravel out to the four main roads in the primitive area and working on some drainage there also. They are also prepping the site for the new Small Animal Barn. Rachel informed them some people stepped forward to help them out with the wash rack at the Beef Barn, when they looked at replacing them it would cost \$200,000.00 so what they are doing is the precast concrete blocks to do the wall and have some partnerships to do a chunk of it, won't be the whole thing but will be a huge improvement.

DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR PRECINCTS: Lynn Heupel Auditor shared four different maps with possible options that Scott Madson, GIS Coordinator helped her with based on census data and trying to lower the number of precincts within City of Aberdeen due to response from SB 103, which would eliminate Counties being able to use Vote Centers on Election Day. The bill was presented the to Senate State Affairs Committee during Legislative Session, which was passed and sent to the floor. The Senate floor voted it down 13 yays – 22 nays. So, in response to this Auditor Heupel and the Commission have been discussing reducing the number of precincts only within the City of Aberdeen. Brown County currently has 22 precincts and 11 of those precincts are within the City of Aberdeen. Rich Hilgeman, Chairman for the Brown County Republicans was in attendance and voiced concerns by reducing the number of precincts that is less Committeeman and Committeewomen the Republican Party would have at State Convention. Commissioner Gage asked for clarification that is doesn't affect the number of votes that Brown County receives, Rich responded no it does not. Commissioners Gage and Sutton were in favor of Option #3, where it would reduce the precincts to 4, followed the Aberdeen City Council Boundaries/Districts and the number of people were as follows: Precinct 1 = 6981; Precinct 2 = 7208; Precinct 3 = 7148; Precinct 4 = 7146. Commissioner Dennert and Rich Hilgeman were

in favor of Option #4, reduce the precincts to 6, combining some of the smaller precincts and the number of people were as follows: Precinct 1 = 3451; Precinct 2 = 4708; Precinct 3 = 5103; Precinct 4 = 5017; Precinct 5 = 5099; Precinct 6=5105. Senator Perry commented that he would like to see things left as they are since the bill didn't pass; Representative Novstrup mentioned he agreed with Senator Perry. No decision has to be made right now, if the Commission decides to change the number of precincts, it needs to be done with a Resolution and at least 100 days before an Election. Maps are available to view at the Brown County Auditor's Office during normal business hours.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Avera Medical Group Radiology \$33.21; Avera St. Lukes \$123.57; Avera St Lukes Hospital \$2,446.19; CGI LLC \$117.19; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$1,020.00; Cogley Law Office \$240.00; Dependable Sanitation Inc \$26,290.80; IMEG Corp \$5,000.00; Jerald M. McNeary \$444.00; Kelli Lardy \$901.60; Lenling Law Office \$640.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$225.00; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$936.25; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$675.00; Sanford Health \$2,434.29; Spitzer Miller Funeral Home \$1,800.00; Taliaferro Law Firm PC \$4,260.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$50.00; Yankton Medical Clinic \$528.02; Zylstra Investigation \$1,965.00. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$416.99; McQuillen Creative Group Inc \$64.68. Rentals: Vestis \$266.48. Repairs & Maintenance: Frederick Fire Department \$2,000.00; Kirk's Auto \$37.55; Pierson Ford Lincoln Inc \$537.41; Pomp's Tire Service Inc \$260.54; Premier Auto \$659.10; Safety Service \$1,265.30; Steven Lust Automotive \$107.67; Valvoline Inc \$37.84; Western States Fire Protection \$1,550.00. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$426.36; Amazon Capital Services Inc \$142.84; Avera LTC Pharmacy \$7.48; Big State Industrial Supply Inc \$452.64; Bob Barker Company Inc \$471.28; Brown County Sheriff's Office \$4.28; Central Network Retail Group LLC \$1,198.85; Century Business Products \$971.53; Cole Papers Inc \$1,687.34; Dakota Oil \$655.05; Kirk's Auto \$35.28; Menards \$9.97; Midstates Group \$56.25; NVC \$29.42; Pantorium Cleaners \$540.00; Performance Oil \$431.90; Pierson Ford Lincoln Inc \$366.94; Safety Service \$500.00; Schwan Welding \$345.24; Valvoline Inc \$87.92. Travel & Conference: SD Assoc of County Commissioners \$20.00. Utilities: CenturyLink \$582.61; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$855.67; City of Hecla \$238.22; Dependable Sanitation Inc \$184.00; Northern Electric \$93.50; Northwestern Energy \$4,254.48; NVC \$3,131.86; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$123.52; Verizon Wireless \$2,316.31. Others: Grand Jury Participants \$163.18; Office of Child & Family Services \$10,646.50; SD Assoc of County Officials \$590.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

o.....Resignation of Joshua Walberg, Brown County Chief Deputy Auditor; FT – effective March 11, 2025. Request to fill.
o.....Promotion of Jerry Bjerke from Brown County Highway Truck Driver to Brown County Road & Bridge Crew Leader, FT; starting wage \$24.21/hr. – effective March 16, 2025.

o.....Adding the following volunteer bar tenders to the approved list of Work Comp Purposes:

- o.....Roxie Bjorklund
- o.....Val Daschel
- o.....Jo Miller
- o.....Jane Johnson

oAdding the following Jr. Fair Board Members to the approved list for Work Comp Purposes:

- o.....Iszabell Helm
- o.....Addison Hoeft
- o.....Kylee Hoffman
- o.....Jax Holmes
- o.....Noah Kippley
- o.....Titus Kippley
- o.....Amara Klipfel
- o.....Briella Klipfel
- o.....Paisley Mitchell
- o.....Payton Mitchell
- o.....Gentry Pigors
- o.....Taryn Thompson
- o.....Sascha Usselman

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Travel Requests: C. Scott Bader from Planning & Zoning to attend SD Planners Assoc. "West River Talks" Mini-Conference in Spearfish, SD on March 12, 2025; Ryan McClain & James Marnette, Brown County Jail to attend Statewide 24-7 Sobriety Program Training in Oacoma, SD on May 14-15, 2025; Jon Lemke & Keith Baker, Sheriff's Office to attend 2025 SD Sheriff's Conference in Deadwood, SD on April 14-16, 2025; Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent to attend Short Course in Deadwood, SD on March 18-20, 2025; Jon Florey & Nick Juenger to attend ATSSA Conference in Fargo, ND on March 17-19, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize Auditor Heupel to sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following Lease Agreement: Aberdeen Area Humane Society for lease of Holum Expo Building on May 2-3, 2025, for the Spring Second Paw Sale. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Senator Perry shared that HB 1052 was signed by the Governor to protect the property rights for the landowners and keep the local control.

Chairman Sutton shared he serves on the 911 Coordination Board; on behalf of the Coordination Board, he wanted to thank all the Legislatures for their overwhelming support of SB 37 that eliminate the sunset on the 911 surcharge. Then told them if they are open to touring our 911 Call Center, they would gladly show it to them.

District 3 Representative Novstrup shared that they fully funded the Restoration of the Richmond Dam. Another interesting fact was in the past, they would be delivering the General Bill – Appropriations on day 40, late at night. This year it was delivered on day 35 and that is the first time in history. Representative Novstrup also shared that they were talking about cutting the maintenance & repair on state buildings – meaning campuses; proposal was to cut in half to balance the budget but instead they ended up allocating an extra \$11 Million, which will be good for Northern State University.

Senator Perry also mentioned that SD Public Broadcasting was going to see funding cut but we the Legislators were able to put that back in as well. He commented that District 3 Representative Schaeffbauer had a couple good bills that passed as well, and it was a good successful year for the Legislators.

Carson Stange from Stratford to discuss drain tile regulations. Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director stated we do not permit drain tile. Carson asked if they all agreed that there is no regulation. Chairman Sutton stated that since nothing on the books means they felt it was up to the landowners, Scott said it was a decision made in the past by the Commission. Carson encouraged them to put some regulations on and have a conversation about it and invited the Commissioners to come out to his place and discuss why there should be some regulations because the downstream landowners have rights too. Carson knows it is a big task to regulate it because he has looked into it and how other counties are handling it. Commissioner Dennert took his contact information and Chairman Sutton encouraged him to meet with Scott to discuss his suggestions or ideas, then Scott could determine whether to bring to the Commission or not.

Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager wanted to get the Commissions thoughts on having a campground host volunteer spot, like the State Parks. They are allowed to stay for free, check in campers, check the bathrooms, and do things like that. Since no one was opposed, they will do some research and put something together.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown

County Commission at 10:25 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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March 18, 2025

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Babcock, Nehls, Wells, Wambach, and President Bahr presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Paul Kosel, Terry Herron, Todd Gay, Stacy Mayou, Elizabeth Varin, Joseph Schwan, TJ Harder, Collin Jensen, Dave Skoglund, Corey VanVlack, Eric Lange, and Michael Henneberry.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to approve the agenda with the change of moving the opening of sealed bids for 2025 street resurfacing and 2025 gravel quotes to be before utility metering solutions. All members present voted aye.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

Discussion took place regarding increased police presence at the Groton School.

Mayou, Schwan, and Harder exited the meeting.

Three sealed bids were submitted for the 2025 Street Resurfacing Project – Midwest Coatings Company, Inc. at \$4.80 per sq. yd. for prime coat and \$3.65 per sq. yd. for seal coat, Jensen Rock and Sand, Inc. at \$4.22 per sq. yd. for prime coat and \$3.21 per sq. yd. for seal coat, and Bituminous Paving, Inc. at \$3.00 per sq. yd. for prime coat and \$3.55 per sq. yd. for seal coat. Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to award the project to Jensen Rock and Sand, Inc. All members present voted aye.

Jensen exited the meeting.

One gravel quote was received from Krueger Brothers Gravel and Dirt at \$21.60 per yard. Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to accept the gravel quote from Krueger Brothers Gravel and Dirt. All members present voted aye.

Skoglund, VanVlack, Lange, and Henneberry discussed and provided a presentation for a water and electric metering solution.

Skoglund, VanVlack, Lange, Henneberry, Gay, Kosel, and Heron exited the meeting.

Update was provided on the status of the park saferoom project.

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

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

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

Payroll, \$29,204.99, Employee salaries; Culture & Recreation, \$221.00, ; Administrative, \$5,153.51, ; Public Safety, \$8,514.36, ; Public Works, \$15,316.12, ; City of Groton, \$508.07, Utility deposits applied to bills; Mackenzie Patton, \$128.12, Utility deposit refund; Monte and Sandy Sippel, \$163.81, Utility deposit refund; USPS, \$303.89, Utility billing postage; SD State Treasurer, \$10,372.83, Sales and excise tax for February 2025; WEB Water, \$19,277.39, Water services - February 2025; Dacotah Bank, \$6,673.97, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$450.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$810.41, HSA contributions; Stacy Mayou, \$35.00, Rubble site permit refund; Dacotah Bank, \$3,345.84, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$100.00, HSA contributions; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease; Runnings, \$140.66, Grease, adaptor, coupler - City Shop; April Abeln, \$28.00, Mileage reimbursement - Geffdow to retrieve signs; Dakota Supply Group, \$249.89, LED light for City Hall parking lot; VESTIS, \$67.26, Rug rent - City Hall; Heartland Energy, \$70,318.42,

Power services - February 2025; WAPA, \$28,464.05, Power services - February 2025; Jesse Anderson, \$131.60, Meal/mileage reimbursement - Huron Federal Surplus trip & SDARWS Water Distribution class/exam in Aberdeen; Branden Abeln, \$14.00, Meal reimbursement - Huron Federal Surplus trip; A&B Business Solutions, \$378.66, Printer lease - City Hall; Stan Houston Equipment Co., \$242.75, Sealant/caulk - Swimming Pool; J's Superior Cleaning, \$200.00, Commercial cleaning services - City Hall; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,144.20, Garbage hauling; The Groton Independent, \$166.16, Publishing costs; Badger Meter, Inc., \$163.38, Cellular service fee - Water Metering; Sanitation Products, Inc., \$1,658.62, Parts for street sweeper - Street Dept. ; Autotzone, Inc., \$148.74, Sensor, oil, cabin air filter - Multiple Depts.; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc., \$10.37, Elbow fittings - Street Dept.; Glenn Bitz, \$155.00, City Hall window cleaning; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC., \$33.18, Magnetic soldering clamp - City Shop; Jensen, Dave Skoglund, Corey VanVlack, Eric Lange, and Michael Henneberry.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 787 – Amending Rates for Groton Municipal Electric Customers was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Wells. All members present voted aye.

Reminder: Applications are open for the following summer recreational positions: Baseball Coordinator, Softball Coordinator, Girls' Softball Coaches (U8/U12/U14), Day Baseball/ Softball Coach, Concessions Manager, Public Works Laborer/ Park Caretaker, Cemetery Caretaker, Swimming Pool Lifeguards, Baseball Groundskeepers, and Baseball Gatekeepers.

Varin exited the meeting
Moved by Wambach and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:33pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:03pm.

Varin reentered the meeting.
Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to hire the following summer recreational employees: Matt Locke – Baseball Coordinator, Jaclyn Iverson – Softball Coordinator, Reilly Fuhrmann – U12 Softball Coach, Gavin Englund – Baseball Groundskeeper, Braxton Imrie – Baseball Groundskeeper, Nicholas Groeblichhoff – Baseball Groundskeeper, Makenna Krause – Baseball Gatekeeper, Rebecca Padfield – Baseball Concessions, Brian Gravatt – Cemetery Caretaker, Aaron Severson – Public Works Laborer/ Park Caretaker, and Tricia Keith – Swimming Pool Co-Manager. Additionally, the following applicants were hired as Swimming Pool Lifeguards: Karla Pasteur, Kelli Hanson, Cody Swanson, Tanae Lipp, Anna Fjeldheim, Abby Fjeldheim, Gretchen Dinger, Kinsley Rowen, Jayden Schwan, Rylie Rose, Carly Gilbert, Gracie Pearson, Samuel Crank, Hannah Sandness, and Rylen Ekern. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. All members present voted aye.

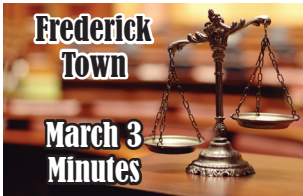
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2024 Warner Annual Report

Exhibit 1

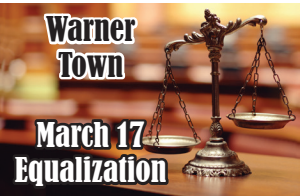
MUNICIPALITY OF WARNER STATEMENT OF FUND CASH BALANCES ALL FUNDS December 31, 2024				
	General Fund	Other Water Fund	Enterprise Sewer Fund	Funds Total
Cash Assets:				
Cash in Checking Accounts.....	324,105.99	77,809.20	188,708.21	590,623.40
Savings Certificates.....	32,978.33	50,140.44	28,375.31	111,494.08
101 FUND CASH BALANCES.....	357,084.32	127,949.64	217,083.52	702,117.48
Municipal funds are deposited or invested with the following depositories:				
				702,117.48
				702,117.48
MUNICIPALITY OF WARNER STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL FUNDS For the Year Ended December 31, 2024				
	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Funds Total
Receipts (Source):				
311 Property Taxes	89,846.40			89,846.40
313 Sales Tax	99,577.70			99,577.70
311-319 Other Taxes	349.87			349.87
320 Licenses and Permits	111,661.00			111,661.00
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax.....	1,311.76			1,311.76
335.2 Prorate License Fees.....	767.69			767.69
335.3 Liquor Tax Reversion	3,317.02			3,317.02
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%)	4,565.16			4,565.16
and Bridge Fund.....	14,966.64			14,966.64
338.1 County Road Tax (25%).....	212.00			212.00
338.3 County Wheel Tax	226.07			226.07
331-339 Other Intergovernmental Revenue.....	1,440.00			1,440.00
341-349 Charges for Goods and Services	3,000.00			3,000.00
361 Investment Earnings	1,560.82			1,560.82
362 Rentals.....	1,195.21	500.00		1,695.21
363-369 Other Revenues.....	62,856.87			62,856.87
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
330 Operating Grants.....	1,554.42			1,554.42
371 Surcharge as Security of Debt.....			43,039.84	43,039.84
372-389 Enterprise Operating Revenue (380).....	145,561.72	60,054.48		205,616.20
Total Receipts.....	396,854.21	147,616.14	103,094.32	647,564.67
Disbursements (Function):				
411-419 General Government.....	85,402.04			85,402.04
422 Fire	3,828.83			3,828.83
431 Highways and Streets	180,782.60			180,782.60
432 Sanitation	33,631.13			33,631.13
451-459 Culture-Recreation.....	60,616.87			60,616.87
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
410 Personal Services	15,813.20	15,968.89		31,782.09
420 Other Expenses.....	96,194.07	18,697.40		114,891.47
426 Supplies and Materials	29,344.01	6,798.93		36,142.94
Total Disbursements	364,261.47	141,351.28	41,465.22	547,077.97
441 Debt Service-Principal.....	14,519.44	26,921.25		41,440.69
442 Debt Service-Interest	6,960.56	15,122.11		22,082.67
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements and Transfers.....	32,592.74	(15,215.14)	19,585.74	36,963.34
Fund Cash Balance-beginning, as previously reported	266,242.45	97,432.59	169,668.03	533,343.07
Restatement due to:				
Outstanding Checks 2024 + Outstanding 2023 Checks Cleared in 2024.....	25,270.80	(4,408.25)	(545.56)	20,316.99
Savings Certificates.....	32,978.33	50,140.44	28,375.31	111,494.08
Fund Cash Balance- beginning, as restated.....	324,491.58	143,164.78	197,497.78	665,154.14
FUND CASH BALANCE December 31, 2024	357,084.32	127,949.64	217,083.52	702,117.48
Do amounts equal Exhibit 1				
Fund Cash Balance?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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City of Frederick
March 3, 2024 Minutes
Frederick’s town board meeting was held Monday March 3, 2025 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Troy Millard, and Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine. Also attending the meeting was Marty Morlock. Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
The minutes of the February meeting was read and approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The March accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,515.42; Badger Meter fees Swr \$136.28; Brown County Sheriff’s Office deputy svcs Gen’l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products copies Gen’l \$25; Dahme Construction repair Wtr \$8,877.48; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,621; DRN Readitech service FO \$21.07; EFPTS taxes Gen’l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$886.62; Farmer’s Union Oil propane Gen’l/EBL \$1842.72; Frederick Area Ambulance 2025 assessment Fire/Amb \$500; FDC Gen’l \$1,200; GDI minutes Gen’l \$24.56; J. Kosters wage Gen’l \$46.17; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,512.20; JVT Gen’l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$293.80; M. Cox wage

EBL \$650.69; M. Heine wage FO \$1,264.90; O. Morlock wage CC \$23.09; R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr \$240.11; S. Campbell wage Gen’l \$69.26; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen’l \$62.92; SD Mun League dues Gen’l \$426; T. Millard wage Gen’l \$46.17; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; WEB Water Wtr \$5,925.32;
OLD BUSINESS
Campbell provided a utility report. The board discussed the possibility of adding water service to the west side of Maple River. Marty Morlock turned in a petition for the 3-year term board vacancy. Motion to approve the replat of the Schlosser-Sumption 3rd edition as approved by the planning and zoning committee in the February meeting made by Campbell/ Millard; motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS
Equalization week is March 17-21, 2025 and meetings will be held in the Community Center beginning on Monday, March 17th at 7 PM. Motion to act as a passthrough agent for the Frederick Athletic Association and Alpha Circle for grants through North Brown Community Foundation and Wayside Cemetery Foundation, respectively made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.
The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 7th at 7PM. Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Campbell at 7:48PM; motion carried.
M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer
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Town of Warner
Equalization meeting
The Town of Warner equalization meeting was held in the Warner Community Center on Monday, March 17th, 2025 from 7PM to 8PM.
Members present were Gaylon Townsend and Terry Evans.
No one appeared before the Board to appeal their assessment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8PM.
Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer
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Stratford Town Board Meeting of Equalization
March 17th, 2025
6:30pm Prickett called meeting to order with Schley, Engelhardt and Kwak in attendance. Current assessment values and permits reviewed. No appeals presented. CLOSING:
A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to adjourn the meeting.
-Anna Kwak; Finance Officer
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2024 Westport Annual Report

Exhibit 1

MUNICIPALITY OF Westport SD STATEMENT OF FUND CASH BALANCES ALL FUNDS 31-Dec-24					
	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Surcharge Fund	Total
Cash Assets:					
Cash in Checking Accounts.....	242,366.00	109,803.00	184,602.00	17,405.00	554,176.00
Change and Petty Cash					0.00
Passbook Savings					0.00
Savings Certificates.....					0.00
101 FUND CASH BALANCES.....	242,366.00	109,803.00	184,602.00	17,405.00	554,176.00
(Note 1).....					
Municipal funds are deposited or invested with the following depositories:					
					242,366.00
					109,803.00
					184,602.00
					17,405.00
					554,176.00
Note 1: These amounts must equal the amounts stated on the bottom line of Exhibit II					
MUNICIPALITY OF Westport SD STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL FUNDS For the Year Ended December 31, 2024					
	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Surcharge Fund	Total
Receipts (Source):					
311 Property Taxes	12,192.00				12,192.00
313 Sales Tax	38,596.00				38,596.00
311-319 Other Taxes (319)	68.00				68.00
320 Licenses and Permits	1,000.00				1,000.00
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax.....	192.00				192.00
335.2 Prorate License Fees.....	331.00				331.00
335.3 Liquor Tax Reversion	3,048.00				3,048.00
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%) ..	2,151.00				2,151.00
335.6 Fire Insurance Premium Reversion	28.00				28.00
335.8 Local Government Highway and Bridge Fund	5,076.00				5,076.00
338.3 County Wheel Tax	97.00				97.00
331-339 Other Intergovernmental Revenue (339)	2,030.00				2,030.00
362 Rentals.....	225.00				225.00
363-369 Other Revenues (369).....	2,960.00				2,960.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS					
372-389 Enterprise Operating Revenue (380) .	44,984.00	8,594.00	21,840.00		75,418.00
Total Receipts.....	67,994.00	44,984.00	8,594.00	21,840.00	143,412.00
Disbursements (Function):					
411-419 General Government (414).....	32,440.00				32,440.00
431 Highways and Streets (includes snow removal & street lights)....	10,560.00				10,560.00
433-439 Other Public Works (435)	1,350.00				1,350.00
490-493 Miscellaneous (492)	10,446.00				10,446.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS					
410 Personal Services	29591.00				29,591.00
420 Other Expenses.....	21597.00		247.00	18620.00	40,464.00
426 Supplies and Materials	26052.00		2302.00		28,354.00
Total Disbursements	84387.00	47649.00	2549.00	18620.00	153205.00
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements and Transfers	(16393.00)	(2665.00)	6045.00	3220.00	(9793.00)
Fund Cash Balance-beginning, as restated.....	258759.00	112468.00	178557.00	14185.00	0.00
FUND CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2024.....	242366.00	109803.00	184602.00	17405.00	554,176.00
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MINUTES FOR THE CITY OF GROTON LOCAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
The City of Groton Local Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 9:06pm at 120 N Main Street. Board members present were Council members: Jason Wambach, Shirley Wells, Karyn Babcock, Brian Bahr, and Kevin Nehls. Also present was Douglas Heinrich - Finance Officer.
There were no written notices of appeal in objection to property assessments. The board reviewed the property assessment list and had one recommendation for Brown County to review the property at LT 10 BK 43 3RD ADD owned by Mark Abeln Farms LLC due to structure removal. The board recommended a change in total property valuation from \$100,187 to \$22,313.
The Groton City Local Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:13 PM.
ATTEST:
Brian Bahr, President
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer
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City of Columbia Council Special Meeting– March 20, 2025
CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell (via phone), Emily Eichler, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints
Mayor Corey Mitchell called the City of Columbia Equalization meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts.
There were no phone calls made to set hearing times for the meeting. No residents of the city attended the meeting to discuss the 2025 assessments. Cara will file the necessary papers with the County.
Mayor Corey adjourned the meeting.
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Notice of Hearing upon Application for a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council on the 1st day of April, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Groton City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider a special event alcoholic beverage license for Fireman’s Fun Night at Groton Fire Hall, 305 E Railroad Ave, in the City of Groton, South Dakota on April 12, 2025.
Any person interested in the approval or rejection of any such application may appear and be heard.
Dated at Groton, South Dakota, this 21st day of March, 2025.
Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer
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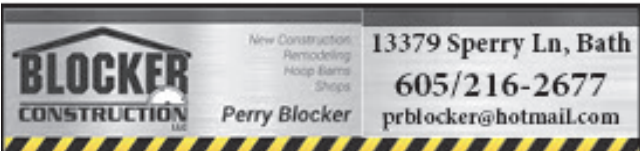
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April 2025 Groton Community Calendar

Tuesday, April 1
Senior Menu: Hamburger gravy on rice, corn, peaches, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Egg Omelets
School Lunch: Hot dogs, chips.
NSU Indoor Track Meet, 3 p.m.
City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 2
Senior Menu: Chicken cordon blue hotdish, Capri blend, vanilla pudding with oranges, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Cereal.
School Lunch: Chicken piccata, rice.
Groton Chamber meeting, City Hall, noon
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.; Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.; Soup Supper, 6 p.m. (League is host); worship, 7 p.m.
Groton United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Groton C&MA: Kid’s Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 3
Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potato with gravy, carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick.
School Lunch: Chickennuggets, mashed potatoes.
State FFA Convention, SDSU
Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.

Friday, April 4
Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, parsley buttered potatoes mixed vegetables, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Egg bake.
School Lunch: Fish nuggets, tri taters.
State FFA Convention, SDSU

Saturday, April 5
State FFA Convention, SDSU
Dueling Duo at Groton Legion, 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 6
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Last day of Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Worship with communion at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.
POPS Concert, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Pancake Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Groton Community Center
Baseball at Redfield, Varsity at 2 p.m., JV at 4 p.m.

Monday, April 7
Senior Menu: Ham with pineapple, au gratin, glazed carrots, Easter cake, dinner roll.
School Breakfast: French toast.
School Lunch: Chicken pasta, cooked broccoli.
Smarter Balance Testing for Grades 6-8 and 11 (ELA and Math)
Baseball at Madison, 7 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 8
Senior Menu: BBQ riblet on bun, mac n’ cheese, winter blend, pears, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Scones.

School Lunch: Tacos
Smarter Balance Testing for Grades 6-8 and 11 (ELA and Math)
Track at Ipswich, 2 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Council, 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 9
Senior Menu: Roast beef, masehd potatoes with gravy, monterey blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Oatmeal.
School Lunch: Cheese nachos, salas, refried beans.
Smarter Balance Testing for Grades 6-8 and 11 (ELA and Math)
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.; Soup Supper, 6 p.m. (Sunday School is host), worship, 7 p.m.
Groton United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid’s Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 10
Senior Menu: Taco salad with chips, Mexican rice with black beans, cherry fluff, breadstick.
School Breakfast: Biscuits.
School Lunch: Hamburgers, fries.
Smarter Balance Testing for Grades 6-8 and 11 (ELA and Math)
Track at Mobridge-Pollock, 11 a.m.
Groton Lions Club meeting, 6 p.m. 104 N Main

Friday, April 11
Senior Menu: Chicken tetazzine, peas, pineapple, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Egg Omelets.
School Lunch: Tuna. Noodle hot dish, green beans.
Smarter Balance Testing for Grades 6-8 and 11 (ELA and Math)

Saturday, April 12
Prom
Lions Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., city park
Firemen’s Spring Social, 7 p.m., Groton Fire Hall

Sunday, April 13
PALM SUNDAY
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m. (Procession of the Palms by youth)
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday School sing in church, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; Easter Cantata with Aberdeen Alliance joining Groton in Groton, 6:30 p.m. Title is “Calvary’s Love Story.”
Baseball at Clark, 3:30 p.m.
JV Baseball at Sisseton, 2 p.m. (DH)

Monday, April 14
Senior Menu: Spanish rice, green beans, peaches, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.
School Lunch: French bread pizza, peas.
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Smarter Balance Testing for grades 5, 8 11 (Science)
Groton Senior Citizens Meet, 1 p.m., Groton Community Center
Baseball at Northville, 5;30 p.m. (DH)
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 15
Senior Menu: Ham rotini bake, peas and carrots, five cup salad, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Waffles.
School Lunch: Sloppy joes, baked beans.
Smarter Balance Testing for grades 5, 8 11 (Science)
Track at Clear Lake, 2 p.m.
Junior HIgh Track at Milbank, 4 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Senior Menu: Ranch chicken, wild rice, cata-lina blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Muffins.
School Lunch: Chicken pot pie, biscuits.
Smarter Balance Testing for grades 5, 8 11 (Science)
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.; Stations of the Cross at Catholic Church)
Groton United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid’s Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
Senior Menu: Breaded chicken sandwich, tri-taters, mixed vegetables, cake with strawberries.
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
School Lunch: Lasagna bake, garlic toast, corn.
Smarter Balance Testing for grades 5, 8 11 (Science)
Track at Milbank, 3:30 p.m.
Junior High Track at Sisseton, 2 p.m.
Girls Golf at Mobridge-Pollock, 10 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 7 p.m.
United Methodist: Maundy Thursday service at Conde, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 18
GOOD FRIDAY
Groton C&MA: Service, 7 p.m.
NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 7 p.m.
United Methodist: Good Friday service at Britton, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Sunday, April 20
EASTER
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 7 a.m.; Breakfast by league; Worship with communion, 9:30 a.m.; 1st communion for fifth graders.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; No Sunday School; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Easter Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. (No Sunday School)

Monday, April 21
Senior Menu: Chicken and rice casserole, broccoli, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.
NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
Groton Senior Citizens Meet, 1 p.m., Groton Community Center
Baseball at Miller, Varsity at 6 p.m.; JV at 8 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 22
Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, baby carrots, waldorf salad, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Egg omelets.
School Lunch: Pasta with meat sauce.
Smarter Balance Testing. Grades 3-5 (ELA and Math)
Girls Golf at Milbank, 10 a.m.
Track at Britton-Hecla, 2 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 23
Senior Menu: Lasagna bake, tossed salad, fresh fruit, garlic toast.
School Breakfast: Cereal.
School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans.
Smarter Balance Testing. Grades 3-5 (ELA and Math)
FCCLA Banquet, 6 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.
Groton United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid’s Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 24
Senior Menu: Bratwurst on bun, sauerkraut, corn, fruited Jell-O.
School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick.
School Lunch: Chicken and noodles, mixed vegetables.
Smarter Balance Testing. Grades 3-5 (ELA and Math)

Track at Redfield, 10 a.m.
Middle School Spring Concert, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 25
Senior Menu: Chicken caccalatore, rice pilaf, Italian belnd, apple sauce, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Egg bake.
School Lunch: Beef vegetable soup, sandwich.
Smarter Balance Testing. Grades 3-5 (ELA and Math)
Junior High Track at Groton Area, 2 p.m.
Baseball hosts. Warner/Ipswich/Northwestern/Frederick, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 26
Track at Ipswich, 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 27
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.
Baseball at Canova, 2 p.m.
JV Baseball hosts Sioux Valley, 2 p.m. (DH)

Monday, April 28
Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, fruit, cookie, breadstick.
School Breakfast: French toast.
School Lunch: Corn dogs, baked beans.
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Junior High Track at Britton-Hecla, 3:30 p.m.
Groton Senior Citizens Meet, Noon Potluck., Groton Community Center
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 29
Senior Menu: Scallped potato with ham, mixed vegetables, mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Scones.
School Lunch: Chicken strips, fries.
Track at Groton Area, 11 a.m.
Elementary Spring Concert, 7 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 30
Senior Menu: Pork chop, creamy noodles, winter blend, pineapple, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Oatmeal.
School Lunch: Quesadilla, santa fe corn.
Baseball hosts Sioux Valley, 6 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.
Groton United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid’s Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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Traphagen, Tietz are winners at NSU Indoor Track Meet

The first track meet of the season was held Tuesday with two Groton Area athletes taking first place. Faith Traphagen won the 800m run and McKenna Tietz won the 55m hurdles. Ashlynn Warrington took third in the 400m dash. Placing fourth were Jayden Schwan in the 800m and 1600m run events, Laila Roberts in the 200m dash, Ryelle Gilbert in the 1600m run and Emerlee Jones in the triple jump.

Boy's Division

55 Meter Dash: 16. Brevin Fliehs, 7.15; 22. Lincoln Krause, 7.22
200 Meters: 21. Lincoln Krause, 26.21; 28. Brevin Fliehs, 26.51
400 Meters: 12. Tristin McGannon, 1:01.28
800 Meters: 4. Jayden Schwan, 2:13.65
1600 Meters: 4. Jayden Schwan, 5:12.73
Shot Put - 12lb: 19. Karter Moody, 36' 5"
Long Jump: 27. Tristin McGannon, 15' 11.5"
Triple Jump: 14. Tristin McGannon, 30' 11.75"

Girl's Division

55 Meter Dash: 5. MaKenna Krause, 7.84; 7. McKenna Tietz, 7.87; 9. Rylee Dunker, 7.93; 10. Laila Roberts, 7.94; 50. Elizabeth Fliehs, 8.78
200 Meters: 4. Laila Roberts, 28.81; 6. McKenna Tietz, 29.11; 7. MaKenna Krause, 29.22; 8. Taryn Traphagen, 29.29; 14. Rylee Dunker, 29.68; 39. Talli Wright, 32.25; 43. Elizabeth Fliehs, 32.42
400 Meters: 3. Ashlynn Warrington, 1:09.50; 9. Taryn Traphagen, 1:12.81
800 Meters: 1. Faith Traphagen, 2:35.07; 4. Ryelle Gilbert, 2:39.40
1600 Meters: 4. Ryelle Gilbert, 6:14.49
55m Hurdles - 33": 1. McKenna Tietz, 9.64; 6. Talli Wright, 10.72; 8. Emerlee Jones, 11.07; 12. Teagan Hanten, 11.51; 15. Hannah Sandness, 11.57
Shot Put - 4kg: 6. Emma Kutter, 31' 6.75"; 35. Ashley Johnson, 24' 11.25"; 40. Avery Crank, 23' 9.5"
High Jump: 8. Emerlee Jones, 4' 2"
Long Jump: 15. Teagan Hanten, 12' 6.75"; 19. Addison Hoffman, 12' 1.25"
Triple Jump: 4. Emerlee Jones, 28' 9.25"; 7. Teagan Hanten, 26' 1.5"

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #18 Results

Team Standings: Cheetahs 11, Chipmunks 10, Jackelopes 9, Coyotes 9, Shihtzus 6, Foxes 3
Men's High Games: Vern Meyers 250, Butch Farmen 222, Brad Larson 203
Women's High Games: Vicki Walter 181, Sam Bahr 173, Michelle Johnson 171
Men's High Series: Vern Meyers 571, Butch Farmen 553, Brad Larson 522
Women's High Series: Sam Bahr 484, Vicki Walter 475, Lori Giedt 425

Important Dates:

Our last week of League is April 9th!
Championship Bowling (Bowl-off between the three winning teams from each third) will happen sometime between the 10th and the 16th!
Fun Night/End of the Year Party = April 16th!

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