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Enrich packs Easter food deliveries

Volunteers from Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. teamed up with members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, along with employees from Dacotah Bank and Groton Ag Partners, to pack 58 Easter food delivery bags for families in the Groton SD Community. Deliveries were made with the help of employees from the City of Groton and the Groton Police Department. Pictured in back, left to right, are April Abeln, Diane Warrington, Lindsey Lesnar and Topper Tastad; in front, left to right, are Kari Bartling, Sue Stevenson, Pam Heiser, Ruby Larson, Heidi Locke and Tom Woods. (Courtesy Photo April Abeln)



The Living Stations

Members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church parish presented the Living Stations Wednesday evening at the church. Pictured left to right are Ashley Johnson, Nick Groeblinghoff, Addison Hoffman, Logan Warrington, Libby Cole, Carter Simon, Ashlynn Warrington, Charlie Frost, Rylen Ekern, Blake Lord, Teagan Hanten, Taryn Traphagen, Corbin Weismantel, Talli Wright, Faith Traphagen, Brevin Fliehs, Brody Lord, Walker Zoellner and Liam Lord. (Courtesy Photo)



Enrich volunteers Diane Warrington, Kari Bartling, Pam Heiser, and Topper Tastad organize food for Easter deliveries. Pictured in the back are Tom Woods and Lindsey Lesnar, employees of Groton Ag Partners. Tom, who is also a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, has generously brought along several fellow parishioners to help with past food deliveries. (Courtesy Photo April Abeln)



Groton Area April Students of the Month



Topper Tastad and Tom Woods work together to pack Easter food bags, with each bag tailored to the number of family members. The packing process was made possible through careful pre-planning by Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. board members Diane Warrington, Nancy Larsen and April Abeln. (Courtesy Photo April Abeln) The following have been selected as the Groton's MS/HS April Students of the month. Back Left: Asher Zimmerman (7th), Logan Olson (8th), Keegen Tracy (11th), Breven Fliehs (12th); Front Left: Gracie Pearson (9th), Emerlee Jones (10th), Amara El Salahy (6th)

Groton Area School works to ensure that all levels of academic instruction also include the necessary life skills teaching, practicing, and modeling that encourages essential personal life habits that are universally understood to facilitate helping our students become good human beings and citizens. It is learning with our heads, hearts, and hands to be caring and civil, to make healthy decisions, to effectively problem solve, to be respectful and responsible, to be good citizens, and to be empathetic and ethical individuals. Students are selected based on individual student growth in the areas of: positive behavior, citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and

high academic standards.

Tracy, Tietz are double winners at Milbank

Keegen Tracy and McKenna Teitz were double winners at the South Dakota National Guard Invitational Track Meet held Thursday in Milbank. Tracy won the 100m and 200m dash events while Tietz won both hurdle events. 4x800m relay team was also a winner.

Boy's Division

100 Meters: 1. Keegen Tracy, 11.26

200 Meters: 1. Keegen Tracy, 23.00; 11. Brevin Fliehs, 25.25; 16. Jordan Schwan, 25.53

800 Meters: 3. Blake Pauli, 2:17.36; 14. Kason Oswald, 2:43.07

1600 Meters: 2. Jayden Schwan, 5:08.22 12. Jace Johnson, 5:40.96

300m Hurdles - 36": 6. Tristin McGannon, 51.09

4x100 Relay: 3. (Brevin Fliehs, Jordan Schwan, Ethan Kroll, Lincoln Krause), 48.84.

4x200 Relay: 3. (Brevin Fliehs, Jordan Schwan, Lincoln Krause, Ethan Kroll), 1:42.53. 4x800 Relay: 2. (Jayden Schwan, Jace Johnson, Tristin McGannon, Blake Pauli), 9:09.30.

Shot Put - 12lb: 8. Karter Moody, 37' 10.5" Discus - 1.6kg: 8. Karter Moody, 105' 1" Javelin - 800g: 6. Karter Moody, 113' 11"; 11. TC Schuster, 98' 1"

Long Jump: 2. Ethan Kroll, 19' 3"; 14. Lincoln Krause, 16' 11.5"; 29. Kason Oswald, 14' 0.75"

Girl's Division

200 Meters: 1. Laila Roberts, 27.60

400 Meters: 2. Taryn Traphagen, 1:09.69

800 Meters: 2. Ryelle Gilbert, 2:47.20

1600 Meters: 3. Ryelle Gilbert, 6:08.00; 4. Ashlynn Warrington, 6:15.63

100m Hurdles - 33": 1. McKenna Tietz, 17.59; 5. Ella Kettner, 19.63; 8. Hannah Sandness, 20.08; 9. Talli Wright, 20.18; 10. Emerlee Jones, 20.18; 11. Teagan Hanten, 20.33

300m Hurdles - 30": 1. McKenna Tietz, 52.91; 3. Emerlee Jones, 55.89; 9. Talli Wright, 1:00.47; 10. Ella Kettner, 1:01.51; 11. Teagan Hanten, 1:03.57; 14. Hannah Sandness, 1:07.28

4x100 Relay: 2. (Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, MaKenna Krause), 54.82.

4x200 Relay: 2. (Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, MaKenna Krause), 1:56.36.

4x800 Relay: 1. (Faith Traphagen, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy, Ryelle Gilbert), 10:35.65.

SMR 1600m - [200-200-400-800]: 2. (Laila Roberts, MaKenna Krause, Taryn Traphagen, Faith Traphagen), 4:52.29

Shot Put - 4kg: 3. Emma Kutter, 32' 3.25"; 15. Avery Crank, 25' 6.5"; 17. Libby Cole, 25' 4.5"; 31. Aimee Heilman, 21' 7.25"

Discus - 1kg: 5. Avery Crank, 87' 9"; 6. Emma Kutter, 77' 5"; 22. Libby Cole, 56' 0"; 33. Aimee Heilman, 32' 7" Javelin - 600g: 3. Emma Kutter 74' 8"; 4. Avery Crank 74' 3"; 12. Elizabeth Fliehs 66' 0"; 16. Libby Cole 63' 8"; 19. Addison Hoffman 57'0" High Jump: 7. Emerlee Jones J4' 4" Long Jump: 3. MaKenna Krause 15' 1"; 29. Teagan Hanten 12' 3.25"; 33. Addison Hoffman 11' 10.25"; 35. Rylie Rose 11' 5.25" Triple Jump: 11. Emerlee Jones, 28' 8.5"; 16. Teagan Hanten, 25' 6"

by Dorene Nelson

Groton Area High School offers a variety of business classes. One of these classes, School Internship, offers seniors the opportunity to work in various local businesses of their choice.

GHS School Internship

The purpose of this internship is to teach students responsibility by working for someone other than their family. It helps them learn how to work with the public and with customers who might not be all that agreeable at times.

Internships could also help students decide on a part-time job while they are in college or maybe even help them choose a future occupation.

Brittany Hubbart, a Science and Health Science teacher, organized this experience for the Laila Roberts won the 200m dash and the girls 15 students enrolled in her School Internship class.

> Local business owners, farmers, and day care providers welcome the students' help. The Internship class is open only to seniors who have to find their own sponsor for their workplace.

> All students must be at their chosen place of work during the last period of the school day. The student interns must contact the place they would like to work and have their own personal transportation. The following brief articles are from five of the intern students in her class.

Johnson interns at SD National Guard

Ashley Johnson, daughter of Fred and Melanie Johnson, Groton, has chosen to do her internship with the South Dakota National Guard. "I may eventually join the National Guard full time," Ashley explained, "but only after I've completed my education in law enforcement at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown."

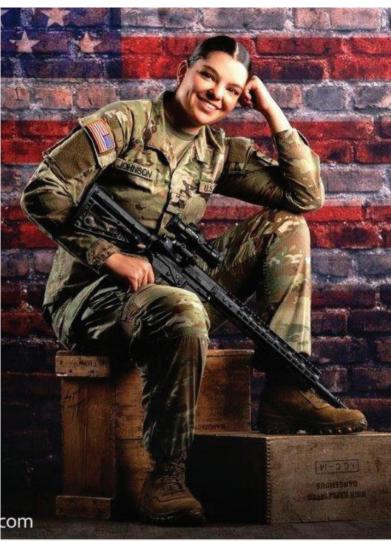
"I'm involved in a variety of extracurricular activities in high school," she added. "I'm the manager for the volleyball team and for girls' basketball. I also am a member of FCCLA and FFA as well as a participant in the throwing events in track."

"As an intern in the National Guard, I've traveled to local schools and to a variety of wrestling events to help set up the mats and talk to the kids about the National Guard," Ashley explained.

"Part of my job there is to organize things and help with a power point presentation. The hardest part of these presentations is getting the kids to listen to the information we are giving," she stated. "I prefer talking to the high school kids one-on-one; that's

much easier than speaking to a large group."





Ashley Johnson

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Toby Doeden makes the political establishment nervous. So what's his next move? BY STU WHITNEY South Dakota News Watch

South Dakota News Watch

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Toby Doeden was in Sioux Falls on April 9 when the Brown County Republican Party posted on Facebook about its Lincoln Day Dinner the following night, promising a "formal candidate announcement for statewide office."

Doeden, an Aberdeen businessman whose deep pockets and conservative activism have sparked speculation about a run for South Dakota governor in 2026, was the first person who came to mind for political enthusiasts.

"My phone started blowing up," said Doeden, who was scheduled to speak at the event. "I called (Brown County GOP chair) Rich Hilgemann and asked him what was going on."

It turned out that the post referred to a lower office, and even that announcement was called off at the last minute, removing some luster from the Lincoln Day gathering.

Still, tongues were wagging, a telling sign in South Dakota politics.

The fact that a social media message sent ripples of intrigue through the state Republican establishment shows how Doeden's influence has risen over the past 15 months amid the party's populist turn.

"He checks a lot of boxes for a candidate," said Carl Perry, a Republican state senator from Aberdeen who served as assistant majority leader in 2025 and was endorsed by Doeden. "He's an independent person who has done well financially and has a great family. I don't know if his ideas will be the ones that the people of South Dakota choose to support, but he's definitely going to get their attention."

Political newcomer means business

Some see Doeden's ascent as a sign of deteriorating public discourse, given his penchant for inflammatory rhetoric and hardball tactics.

Others view his profile as proof that outsiders can make an impact in an arena traditionally controlled by career politicians.

"He seems intent on being a major player," said Jon Schaff, a political science professor at Northern State University in Aberdeen. "That could be as a candidate or behind the scenes raising money and pushing a pugnacious agenda."

Doeden didn't commit either way during a recent interview with News Watch at his newly remodeled house and office on the rural outskirts of Aberdeen.

But he looked like a man who meant business, emboldened by the political tides in South Dakota and national tone-setting of President Donald Trump.

The property has the feel of a command center, with conference rooms and an office suite for Doeden, with plenty of front-facing windows so that he can "see people coming."

The 50-year-old Groton native also showed off a full-sized indoor court for basketball and

a populist wave after "liberal nonsense," as he calls it, "started leaking into South Dakota."

His politics are personality-driven, not policyfocused, though he talks of lower property taxes, limited government and parental choice for schools.

He uses new media to his advantage, bypassing traditional outlets with paid social media posts, video snippets and a podcast called "Unfiltered," in which he rails against the establishment with his newfound interest in public affairs.

"Up until two years ago," Doeden told News Watch, "I was literally the least political person that you've ever met."

His influence so far has been channeled through the self-funded Dakota First Action political action committee, boosting Republicans viewed as "patriots" or "solid conservatives" and berating "RINOs" (Republicans in Name Only).

The PAC took aim at mainstream Republicans during the 2024 primaries and helped defeat 14 incumbents, with Doeden spending more than \$77,000 on targeted text messaging and mailers for 17 candidates.

Those efforts helped swing legislative leadership to the party's right flank, buoyed by grassroots opposition to carbon pipelines and the state's plan to build a prison in rural Lincoln County.

"He was looking for candidates who were committed, Christian and conservative, as well as upholding landowners' rights," said Perry, who defeated Katie Washnok, president of Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, in the primary after Doeden dumped more than \$6,000 into the race.

The intraparty attacks, some of them mischaracterizing legislative votes or positions, rankled party traditionalists. Others noted the irony of Doeden calling people RINOs when his first vote in a Republican primary came in 2024.

"He's a very mad and angry person," said Lee Schoenbeck, a longtime GOP state senator who retired from office last year. "Mad and angry is not a public policy platform. It doesn't educate our children, create jobs or make our communities safer. He will need to set forth a policy platform that is more than just being mad and angry."

Different kind of change agent

Doeden has been open about his interest in running for statewide office in 2026 as part of a "conservative revolution" in South Dakota, if past misdeeds and establishment resistance don't impede his path.

He flirted briefly with a U.S. House run in 2024 before reversing course and forming Dakota First Action, using resources from his car dealerships and real estate holdings, a portfolio built without generational wealth or a college degree.



Businessman Toby Doeden (right) holds a meeting at his home office on the rural outskirts on Aberdeen, S.D., on April 10, 2025. Doeden is considering a run for statewide political office. (Photo: Stu Whitney / South Dakota News Watch)

The Aberdeen Chrysler owner has ruffled feathers with frequent takedowns of Republican standard-bearers, saying that U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson "acts like a liberal, talks like a liberal and, worst of all, votes like a liberal."

A campaign spokesperson for Johnson told News Watch that the congressman "has worked hard during President Trump's first 100 days to advance the Republican agenda of securing the border, getting tough on China and keeping men out of women's sports. South Dakota knows he's a conservative who gets things done. Toby peddles fear and anger. Luckily, there's a limited market for that in our state."

In speaking with News Watch, Doeden criticized the job performance of Gov. Larry Rhoden since taking office in February, citing that as a possible reason for Doeden to enter a high-profile gubernatorial race in the coming months.

Rhoden and Johnson are widely expected to be in that 2026 primary contest, possibly joined by Attorney General Marty Jackley and South Dakota Speaker of the House Jon Hansen, a fellow populist and property rights advocate.

"We're looking ahead to 2026 and trying to figure out where I can be most effective," said Doeden. "I've always been a fighter, and I don't get caught up in what everybody else is going to do."

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pickleball, while a Polaris Ranger utility task vehicle sat waiting in the spacious driveway.

"Believe it not, we do have recreational activity around here," said Doeden, with a self-deprecating nod to his hulking physique, an extension of his days as a football player and shot put standout in high school.

'Mad and angry is not a public policy'

There is a Trumpian aspect to Doeden's methods.

He made waves in the business world before coming to politics as an outsider, latching onto

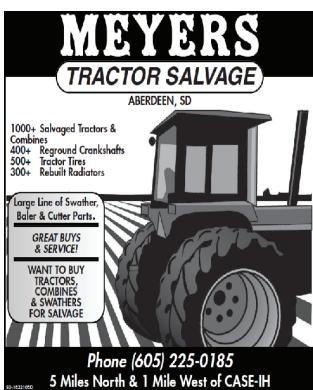
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Out of the eight mock drafts that didn't have the Vikings drop out of the first round, only one had a non-safety connected to the Vikings. Instead, they predicted the Vikings would draft Donovan Jackson, an offensive guard from Ohio State. The Vikings made a concerted effort to bolster their offensive line through free agency, bringing in two new faces (Ryan

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

It's draft week! If you're familiar with my work, you know how much I love the NFL draft. To me, it's like Christmas, but instead of sitting around a tree and waiting to find out what gifts we'll get this year, we'll be sitting around a TV. Most years, it's pretty clear what direction the Vikings are going to go. Last year, for instance, we knew the team was going to take a QB, we just didn't know which one. This year, however, things feel different. There isn't one clear direction the team will go. So today, we take a look at what the "experts" are predicting the Vikings to do.

I looked at 10 different mock drafts from all the big companies. I went in expecting to find a variety of players for the Vikings, but that was not the case at all. In fact, out of the 10 mock drafts I reviewed, six of them had the same player, while a seventh had a different player but at the same position. Two of the mock drafts predicted the Vikings to trade out of the first round altogether. There was only a single mock draft that went against the grain.

Nick Emmanwori, a safety from Georgia, was far and away the most popular pick for the Minnesota Vikings, with 60% of the mock drafts connecting the player and team. And it makes sense, considering the Vikings lost a starting safety in free agency (Camryn Bynum to the Indianapolis Colts). The Vikings' other safety is Harrison Smith, and while I believe the Hitman should end up in the Hall of Fame when it's all said and done, he's getting up there in age. However, it's important to remember that the Vikings also have Josh Metellus who is technically a safety even if he plays every position on defense. The Vikings' safety group also includes Jay Ward, Theo Jackson, and recently signed Bubba Bolden, but none of those players have proven they have what it takes to be a starter in this league.

Nick Emmanwori was a linebacker in high school before moving to safety at South Carolina. He's fast, as evidenced by his 40-yard dash time at the NFL Combine (4.38 seconds). He's also built like a linebacker at 6'3", 220lbs. Put those two together, and you get an imposing safety with huge potential. Also, like Metellus, Emmanwori can be a run-stopping safety who plays in the box – and he's fast enough to be the deep coverage safety.

One mock draft had the Vikings taking a safety, this time however it was Malaki Starks from Georgia. A few years ago the Vikings took a safety from Georgia in the first round, and that player became one of the biggest busts in Vikings' history. And while they are two different players who just happen to play for the same team, it's hard not to compare Starks to former Vikings Lewis Cine. Both players are 6'1" and 200lbs, but Cine had a much better 40-yard dash time than Starks (4.37 vs 4.5). Ultimately I trust the coaching staff to bring in who they think will make an impact, drafting a slower Lewis Cine doesn't make me feel all



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Kelly and Will Fries) to replace Garrett Bradbury and Ed Ingram. However, it's possible the Vikings want to 11 remake the entire interior offensive line by adding someone like Donovan Jackson to

> replace Blake Brandel. Out of the 10 mock drafts I reviewed, two of them had the Vikings moving out of the first round entirely and adding more draft capital. I wouldn't be surprised if the Vikings move down, but I'm not sure Vikings' General Manager Kwesi Adofo-Mensah would move out of the first round altogether since first-round picks come with a fifth-year option, increasing the value of picking in the top 32. No matter what happens, though, I'm looking forward to watching the draft this week (the first round is Thursday evening, rounds two and three will be on Friday, and the last four rounds will be on Saturday). Skol!

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Groton Post #39 Legion Officers sworn into office

Groton American Legion Post 39 held their annual Post election this past Monday. Sworn in for another year term are L-R Brent Wienk, (Finance Officer), Aaron Grant (Vice Commander), and Bruce Babcock (Commander). Not pictured Ben Smith (Adjutant) and Steve Dresbach (Chaplain).

Correction to Prom Photos

We missed one photo and we mis-idenitifed another Prom photo in last week's paper. We apologize for the errors.



Cambria Bonn escorted by Hunter Kern. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Paisley Mitchell escorted by Jaeger Kampa. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Many were lined up moments before 10am in the City Park for the Lions Easter Egg Hunt held April 12th. (Photo by April Abeln)



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Tietz is double winner as girls take second at Britton-Hecla Track Meet

The girls track team took second place at the Britton-Hecla Invitational Meet held Tuesday while the boys team took fifth.

Winners were Keegen Tracy in the 100m dash, Jayden Schwan in the 3200m run, the boys and girls 4x100 relay team, the boys and girls SMR 1600m relay team, MaKenna Krause in the 100m dash, McKenna Tietz won both hurdle events, the girls 4x400m relay team and the girls 4x800m relay team.

Boy's Division

Team Scores: 1. Aberdeen Roncalli 116.5, 2. Wilmot 76, 3. Warner 72, 3. Leola 72, 5. Groton Area 69, 6. Britton-Hecla 64.5, 7. Ellendale 64, 8. Northwestern 46, 9. Tri-State 45, 10. Webster Area 44, 11. Florence/Henry 37, 12. Frederick Area 31, 13. Aberdeen Christian 19, 14. Waubay/Summit 17,

100 Meters: 1. Keegen Tracy, 11.53; 14. Ryder Schelle, 12.54

200 Meters: 26. Jordan Schwan, 26.61; 33. Ryder Schelle, 27.49

400 Meters: 14. Jordan Schwan, 1:00.34; 26. Ryder Schelle, 1:03.64

800 Meters: 4. Jayden Schwan, 2:13.25; 15. Kason Oswald, 2:28.01

1600 Meters: 2. Jayden Schwan, 4:54.86; 14. Jace Johnson, 5:24.87

3200 Meters: 1. Jayden Schwan, 11:09.86

300m Hurdles - 36": 8. Tristin McGannon, 49.80 **4x100 Relay:** 1. (Brevin Fliehs, Jordan Schwan,

Ethan Kroll, Lincoln Krause), 47.17 **4x200 Relay:** 4. (Brevin Fliehs, Jordan Schwan,

Ethan Kroll, Lincoln Krause), 1:39.46. **4x800 Relay:** 2. (Jayden Schwan, Jace Johnson,

Tristin McGannon, Blake Pauli), 8:41.74. **SMR 1600m - [200-200-400-800]:** 1. (Brevin Fliehs, Lincoln Krause, Keegen Tracy, Blake Pauli), 3:48.32.

Long Jump: 8. Ethan Kroll, 18' 1.75"; 26. Kason Oswald, 14' 11.75"

Triple Jump: 8. Ethan Kroll, 35' 5"

Girl's Division

Team Scores: 1. Warner 149.5, 2. Groton Area 132.5, 3. Webster Area 107.25, 4. Britton-Hecla 69, 5. Northwestern 67.5, 6. Aberdeen Roncalli 57, 7. Florence/Henry 47.25, 8. Aberdeen Christian 45, 9. Tri-State 31, 10. Ellendale 14, 11. Langford Area 12, 12. Frederick Area 7, 13. Leola 6, 14. Wilmot 2, 14. Waubay/Summit 2

100 Meters: 1. MaKenna Krause, 13.32; 6. Laila Roberts, 13.87; 23. Elizabeth Fliehs, 15.15

200 Meters: 3. MaKenna Krause, 28.28; 24. Elizabeth Fliehs, 31.72

800 Meters: 2. Ryelle Gilbert, 2:35.20; 5. Ashlynn Warrington, 2:40.59

1600 Meters: 5. Ryelle Gilbert, 5:56.65; 6. Ashlynn Warrington, 5:58.78

100m Hurdles - 33": 1. McKenna Tietz, 17.56; 5. Emerlee Jones, 19.10; 7. Ella Kettner, 19.73; 8. Talli Wright, 19.76; 12. Hannah Sandness, 20.32; 15. Teagan Hanten, 21.18

300m Hurdles - 30": 1. McKenna Tietz, 51.40; 2. Emerlee Jones, 54.96; 4. Talli Wright, 58.11; 9. Ella Kettner, 59.99; 10. Teagan Hanten, 1:00.27; 11.



Three of the six Groton girl hurdlers in the 300m intermediates race. L-R Teagan Hanson, Ella Kettner, and Talli Wright. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)





Groton Sophomore standout McK-

Hannah Sandness, 1:03.46

4x100 Relay: 1. (Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, MaKenna Krause, 51.94.

4x400 Relay: 1. (Laila Roberts, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz), 4:12.87.

4x800 Relay: 1. (Faith Traphagen, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy, Ryelle Gilbert), 10:10.42.

SMR 1600m - [200-200-400-800]: 1. (Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, Taryn Traphagen, Faith Traphagen, 4:35.34.

Shot Put - 4kg: 4. Emma Kutter, 33' 5"; 17. Libby Cole, 27' 1"; 20. Avery Crank, 26' 1"; 31. Ashley Johnson, 23' 7"; 33. Audrey Davis, 23' 5.5"

Discus - 1kg: 10. Avery Crank, 80' 9"; 14. Emma Kutter, 73' 5"; 20. Ashley Johnson, 68' 1"; 31. Libby Cole, 62' 0"; 37. Kyleigh Kroll, 56' 0"

High Jump: 3. Emerlee Jones, 4' 6"

Long Jump: 5. MaKenna Krause, 14' 2"; 18. Teagan Hanten, 12' 7"; 30. Rylie Rose, 10' 11"; 31. Addison Hoffman, 10' 9.5"

Triple Jump: 12. Emerlee Jones, 27' 11.75"; 14. Teagan Hanten, 27' 8"PR

Groton Freshman Kason Oswald running in the highly competitive 800m run. (Photo by Bruce Babcock) enna Tietz placed first in all of her four races Wednesday in Britton. Shown here anchoring the 1st place 4x400m (mile) relay. She also had 1st place finishes in the 4x100m relay, 100m H hurdles, and 300m I hurdles.



Keegen Tracy hands off to Blake Pauli for the last leg of the winning SMR 1600m relay. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Lincoln Krause hands off to Keegen Tracy in the 1st place finish in the SMR 1600m relay. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Long distance standout Ryelle Gilbert placing second in the 800m race. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Jayden Schwan had a great afternoon at the Orville Pfitzer Relays in Britton Tuesday. Jayden placed first in the 3200m, second in the 1600m, and started the first leg of the second finishing 4x800m relay. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Faith Traphagen running the lead leg of the winning girls 4x800m relay. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

The Life of Victoria Sippel



Victoria "Vickie" Lynn Sippel, a beacon of love and friendship, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children on April 13, 2025, in Mankato, Minnesota, at the age of 63. Born on March 30, 1962, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to John "Francis" Luce Sr. and Vivian (Klapperich) Luce, Vickie was a woman whose warmth and thoughtfulness touched all who knew her.

Services were held Tuesday, April 22nd at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Matt Moldstad of Mankato, MN

officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Services were live streamed at GDILIVE.com

Vickie's journey began in Groton, South Dakota, where she graduated from Groton High School in 1980. On April 12, 1980, Vickie was united in marriage to her forever love, Bruce Sippel, and together they welcomed four children into the world. Their life was one of unity and joy and grew amongst many trials and tribulations, raising their family on Bruce's childhood homestead. Vickie relished in the many hours spent diving into her family genealogy, connecting with her roots and sharing the stories she uncovered. She was an avid reader, often losing herself in the pages of her favorite romance and mystery novels, and she found tranquility in her intricate tatting projects.

Her professional path led her to a fulfilling career that started at Dakotah Quilt Industries in Webster, SD, later working for Groton Dairy Queen. She continued on with the Groton Independent, cooking for Burger Night at the Groton Legion, running the Groton Youth Center, and was a dealer in Tupperware and Creative Memories. Vickie culminated her career with Wal-Mart and Ken's in Groton, from which she retired on October 1, 2023. Vickie's work ethic and dedication to her profession were matched only by the love and devotion she had for her family and friends.

Vickie's legacy is celebrated by her children: Emily (Jesse) Wolff of Mankato, MN, Felicia (James) Ethridge of Redfield, SD, and Adam (Bailey) Sippel of Groton, SD. She was the proud grandmother of six grandchildren: Michael, Kaylee, and Claire Wolff, Jaxon, Haven, and Natalie Ethridge, and a loving figure to several fur-grandbabies. Her memory will also be cherished by her brother, Steve (Teresa) Luce of Powder Springs, GA, sister Kathy (Bryan) Evjen of Strandburg, SD, sister, Sherrie (Dean) Van Zee of St. Lawrence, SD, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews and a host of close friends and relatives.

Waiting for her in Heaven are her parents, Francis (1993) and Vivian Luce (2015), her beloved husband Bruce (2023), her daughter Lisa Sippel (1999), her brother John F. Luce Jr. (2005) and her in-laws, Harry (1991) and Lorraine Sippel (2018).

Casketbearers were Adam Sippel, James Ethridge, Jesse Wolff, Jaxon Ethridge, Haven Ethridge and Michael Wolff.

Honorary Casketbearers were Dean Van Zee, Bryan Evjen, Kaylee Wolff, Natalie Ethridge, Claire Wolff, Marcia Olson and Shaun Rickett.

Memorials may be directed to Storybook Land, 225 3rd Ave. SE Aberdeen, SD 57401







Groton Area High School hurdlers attended the NSU Track Clinic Monday evening. Pictured L-R Joel Matehs (NSU Senior), Hannah Sandness, McKenna Tietz, Ella Kettner, Teagan Hanten, Emerlee Jones, Talli Wright, and Renea Taylor (NSU Senior) (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Groton Area Track Athletes attended the Northern State University Track Clinic Monday evening. L-R McKenna Tietz, Teagan Hanten, Hannah Sandness, Talli Wright, Ella Kettner, Emerlee Jones, and Keegen Tracy. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

Groton Hurdlers L-R McKenna Tietz and Emerlee Jones sharpen their skills during the NSU Track Clinic. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

Princess Prom (Photos lifted from **GDILIVE.COM** video)



Groton Junior Snow Queen McKenna Tietz and Senior Snow Queen Gretchen Dinger were on hand for the Princess Prom.



Kate Tarpein escorted by Ryan Tarpein.



Avery Roettle escorted by Cody Roettle.



Molly Swisher escorted by Travis Swisher.



Ivy Cole escorted by Chuck Cole.



Annie & Harper Harry escorted by Kris Harry.



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Emery and Regan Lemke

escorted by Jon Lemke.

Laker Hanson escorted by Justin Hanson.



Magdaline Miller escorted by Jordan Miller.

Harper Cleveland escorted by Justin Cleveland.



Veda & Blakely Stiegelmeier escorted by Jordan Stiegelmeier.

Ellie Lassle escorted by Jake Lassle.



Preslee, Emersyn, Hazel and Wrenley Giedt escorted by Heath Giedt.

Olivia Merkel escorted by Brett Merkel.



Hadlee Ronning escorted by Blake Ronning.





Adaline Petty escorted by Mason Jorgenson.



Kinsley & Kayleigh Raba escorted by Chris Raba.



Peyton & Arya Guthmiller escorted by Dustin Guthmiller.

Kaylee Sippel escorted by John Sippel.





Lexie & Lennox Locke escorted by Spencer Locke.



Paxtyn Menzia escorted by Matt Menzia.



Cicily Duerre escorted by Nathan Duerre.



Elizabeth Haskell escorted by Lance Haskell.



Kinley Haskell escorted by Curtis Haskell.



Vee Fliehs escorted by Tigh Fliehs.



Kaelee & Jaeden Morehouse escorted by Justin Morehouse.





Kinsey Frost escorted by Chris Frost.



Alex Clark escorted by AJ Clark.



Reagen & Madison Harry escorted by Jeff Harry.

Mya and Emme Fliehs escorted by Trey Fliehs.



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Harley & Macee Furman escorted by Derick Furman.



Taylor Fliehs escorted by Lonnie Hoffman.





River Anderson escorted by Taylor Anderson.

Section Contactor

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Aubrie and Collins Traphagen escorted by Trent Traphagen.



KayLynn Furman escorted by Sam Furman.



Emery Blackwood escorted by Bruce Babcock.

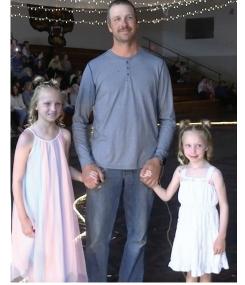


Raven Bahr escorted by Brian Bahr.



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Maya Anderson escorted by Ron Ánderson.

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Nova & Sunny Washenberger escorted by Dan Washenberger.





Ella Clocksene escorted by **BJ Clocksene.**

Madilyn Stahl escorted by Dustin Stahl.

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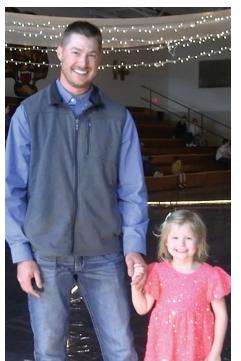
Kevin Kotzer.

Jorie Locken escorted by Chad Locken.

Rylee Tunby escorted by



Willow & Aspen Cowan escorted by Joshua Cowan.



Sawyer Kappes escorted by Andrew Kappes.



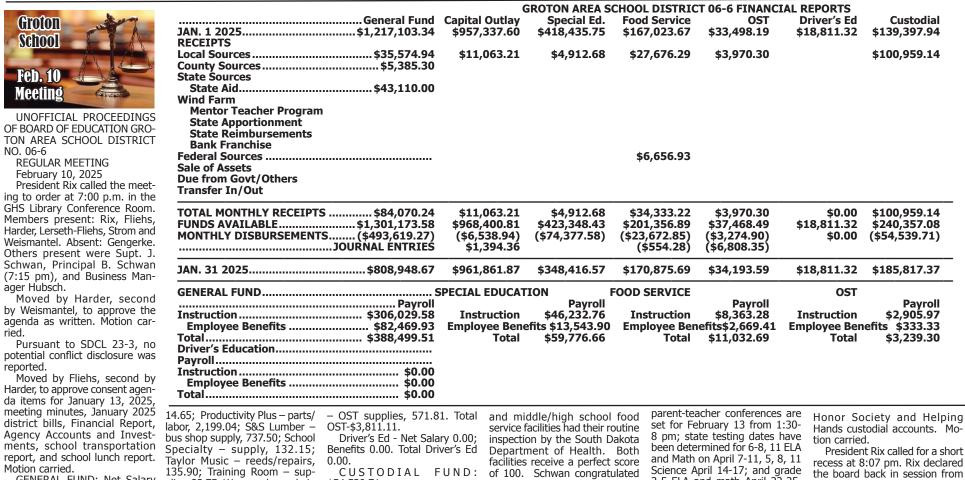
Ava Rose escorted by Ian Rose.



Morgan & Makenna Sternhagen escorted by Tom Sternhagen.



Parker Bierman escorted by



Kris Tunby.





OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GRO-TON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

ing to order at 7:00 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Rix, Fliehs, Harder, Lerseth-Fliehs, Strom and Weismantel. Absent: Gengerke. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan

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reported.

Harder, to approve consent agenda items for January 13, 2025 meeting minutes, January 2025 district bills, Financial Report, Agency Accounts and Investments, school transportation

Motion carried

GENERAL FUND: Net Salarv 306,029.58; Benefits 82,469.93; Allied Climate Professionals repairs, 311.23, Amazon – vari-ous supplies, 419.79; Blick Art Materials - glaze, 72.99; Clear Lake Courier – wrestling brackets, 150.00; Cole Papers – copy paper/janitor supply, 6,486.81; Core Educational Cooperative - online course, 260.00; Custodial Fund – advanced pay-ments, 26,072.62; Dakota Prairie Museum – art entry, 90.00; Dakota Supply – parts, 442.03; Dependable Sanitation – garbage, 1,414.00; Dollar General ag ed supply, 7.00; Farm Tire
 Service – tires, 1,041.22; Groton Area - Robotics food, 236.79; Groton Daily Independent - legal publishing, 218.63; Harlow's parts, 179.15; Hillyard - janitor supplies, 863.22; JW Pepper – music, 40.99; Jones School Supply – honor roll certificates, 90.00; Locke Electric – repairs, 2,654.52; Lori's Pharmacy flowers, 53.50; McLeod's - deposit slips, 233.37; Mid-American Research – janitor supply, 3,075.17; North Central Special Ed - services, 6,250.00; Northside Implement - parts, 300.58; Northwestern Energy - utilities,

plies, 23.75; Wageworks – admin fee, 86.75. Total General Fund-\$442,792.86.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - managed print agreement 2 119 19 Amazon - classroom books, 488.42; Custodial Fund - equipment, 728.09; Follett Content Solutions - books, 460.79; Kristen Gonsoir - subscription reimb, 107.88; House of Glass – doorknobs, 1,124.82; Midstates Group – photo back-drop, 735.00; Scholastic – books, 281.82. Total Capital Outlay \$6,046.01.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary 46,232.76; Benefits 13,543.90, Avera St. Lukes PT/OT 10,514.46; North Central Special Education Cooperative services 37,766.16 Total Special Ed-\$108,057.28.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary 8,363.28; Benefits 2.669.41: Ace Refrigeration repairs, 799.68; Custodial Fund advanced payments, 24.79; East Side Jersey Dairy - milk, 1.268.41: Performance Food Service - food, 7,135.33; SD Dept of Education - food, 1,145.86; US Foods - food, 5,067.74. Total Food Service- \$26,474.50.

OST - Net Salary 2,905.97; Benefits 333.33; Custodial Fund

CUSTODIAL FUND: \$54,539,71

RECEIPTS: Local Sources-83,197.42 Custodial-100,959.14; County Sources - 5,385.30; State Sources – 43,110.00; Federal Sources - 6,656.93. Total Receipts -239,308.79

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no one present, the board continued with the agenda.

Aaron Helvig presented the district's technology updates to the board and suggested more technology-related classes for the future. Jodi Schwan updated the board on High School Dual Credit and stated that 48 students are participating in dual credits this semester.

The second reading took place for the following job descriptions: Teacher, Paraprofessional, and Maintenance Team Member. Motion by Fliehs, second by Weismantel, to approve the updated job descriptions. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: J. Schwan reported on February 10 that the elementary

of 100. Schwan congratulated the food service team members on meeting safety standards. Mr. Schwan attended the Perkins IMPOVE meeting on January 30, learned more about the updates to CTE Clusters, and attended the NSU Teacher Job Fair on January 30. Schwan provided a list of House and Senate Bills that impact education. The board noted that these are the most bills they have seen brought forward towards education, and many are not favorable to public education.

Principal B. Schwan reported 284 Preschool-Fifth Grade, Early Childhood 10 for enrollment. OST will be open on February 13 from 1-6 pm and February 17 from 7 am-6 pm. ELL Tutoring has begun with assistance being offered after school Monday-Thursdays. The in-service day will have Dr. Pirlet from NSU talk about technology in the classroom, and the elementary track and field date has been set for Thursday, May 8, from 12:30-3:00 pm.

Principal Edwards reported 303 students enrolled in 6th-12th grade. Edwards noted the NSU Symphonic Band will be perform-

3-5 ELA and math April 22-25. Grades 8-11 have preregistered for the SY 25-26 school year, and Edwards recognized Gretchen Dinger, who made it to the next round of the Merit Scholarship and was selected as the Dakota News Now Scholar of the Week.

Business manager Hubsch noted that the school board members Gengerke, Fliehs, and Harder's terms are expiring. Petitions can now be circulated and are due to the business office no later than February 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

The board discussed using the LiveTicket TV agreement for the 2025-26 school year. The board agreed to form a subcommittee, Strom and Fliehs, to research available streaming options and return to the board with recommendations on what would be best for the District.

The board conducted their first reading of recommended policy amendments: DID-A Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy and Federal Grants Manual. No action was taken.

Moved by Fliehs, second by Lerseth-Fliehs, to approve the establishment of Tri-M Music the board back in session from recess at 8:11 pm.

Moved by Fliehs, second by erseth-Fliehs, to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL-25-2(1) personnel issues at 8:12 pm. Motion carried.

President Rix declared the board out of executive session at 8:41 pm.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Harder, to approve the resignation of Clayton (Butch) Farmen, maintenance Team Member, Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, second by Harder, to approve Adam Hiermstad as a maintenance team member at \$17.25/hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second by Lerseth-Fliehs, to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Motion carried.

Becky Hubsch, Business Manager

Grant Rix, President The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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ing for students on February 11Groton Independent \diamond Wed., Apr. 23, 2025 \diamond 11



April 15, 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, Sutton and Wiese. Auditor Heupel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC

COMMENT: None PROCLAMATION FOR NA-TIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELE-

COMMUNICATIONS WEEK: Commissioner Dennert offered

the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #2025-18**

PROCLAMATION FOR NA-TIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELE-COMMUNICATIONS WEEK

BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA WHEREAS: Emergencies may

occur at any time that require law, fire or medical services; and WHEREAS When an emer-

gency occurs, the prompt response of law, fire and emergency services medical professionals is critical to the

protection of life and preservation of property; and WHEREAS Public Safety Dis-

patchers are often the first and most crucial contact our citizens have with

emergency services; and WHEREAS The safety of our law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMT's is dependent

upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who con-

tact the Brown County Communications Center; and

WHEREAS Public Safety Dispatchers are the single, vital link for law enforcement, fire, and emergency

medical professionals by monitoring their activities by radio, telephone, and computer, providing

them essential information. and ensuring their safety; and WHEREAS Public Safety Dis-

patchers of the Brown County Communications Center have contributed to

substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients in

Aberdeen, South Dakota; and WHEREAS Each Brown County Communications Public Safety Dispatcher has exhibited compassion,

understanding and professionalism during the performance of their duty in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Commission declares the Week of April 13th through 19th, 2025 to be "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK" In Brown County, South Dakota

In honor of the dispatchers whose commitment, service, and sacrifice keep our county and citizens safe.

Dated this 15th day of April 2025.

Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Dennert-aye; Dingeraye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye and Wiese-aye. Resolution adopted. ORDINANCE #292 - FIRST

READING: Moved by Commis sioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #292, Applicant Donald & Jolene Bonn to rezone from Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 6, "Greg Hoffman Addition" in the E 1/2 of Section 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (126979 West Shore Drive, Ravinia Twp.). All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #293 - FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #293. Applicant Donald & Becky Wegleitner to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: The E 42.5 Rods of the S 77.75 Rods in the NE 1/4 of Section 4-T125N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11831 409th Avenue, Claremont Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. APPLICATION FOR OCCUPAN-

CY FOR TONY MULDER: Moved by Commissioner Wiese seconded by Dinger to approve the following application submitted Tony Mulder for occupancy of Brown County West Shore Drive in Section 14-T124N-R65W, Brown County, South Dakota for extension of existing culvert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UP-DATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave the Commission a Department Update. He shared that they are working on RAIF Culverts on the north side of Mina; B & B Contracting is installing them for the County. Dirk informed the Commission that they didn't receive any bids for the Elm Lake Bridge the second time around so D.O.T. is trying to figure out how to proceed and may tie it to another State project. He discussed the Sand Lake Bridge and setting a bid date at the April 22nd meeting along with discussing load limits. The bridge would be closed for the winter with completion in 2026. In addition to that the Highway Dept. is going to pave Co. 16 this year but not all the way up to bridge. Dirk informed the Commission that they are moving up the project on Co. 14. They are paving west of Mansfield. Once hot mix is ready, they will start asphalt patching. Dirk let them know that he is down a couple guys right now and Jerry & Mike started back at Weed & Pest this week; he shared how valuable those two employees are to him. They plan to start on the guard-Richmond Lake on May 5th rail at and the Dakota Street discussions are moving forward. Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director shared that he has been visiting with Dirk along with School & Public Lands regarding the Spillway project and planned detours . They don't have a detour plan, and no money set aside for detours either. Dirk plans to be reimbursed for taking care of detours and maintaining those roads. Two options will be Brookbrown Road (127th); highway dept. would plow snow but not do any dust proofing and the other option would be down to Co. 13. If you are interested in seeing the plans, you can look at the School and Public Lands website; will begin in 2026 and will be a 2-year project LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGE-

MENT PERFORMANCE GRANT LEMPG) UPDATE: Scott Meints, Èmergency Management Director met with the Commission to share that they were notified that the LEMPG will be cutting another 35% of their funding. These funds are used towards their salary and benefits but not counted on when doing the budget process. They are cutting the exercise requirements at this time, but Scott stated they will continue to do the exercises. He also informed the Commission that the Homeland Security Funds are on hold at this to the inding being cut, Scott asked if the Commission wanted him to continue looking into a Mass Notification System. He did budget around \$15,000.00 for it this year. He shared that they are a couple other departments that may be interested in using the system so in the future they could pos-sibly share the cost. After some discussion, it was decided for Scott to pursue the project and see what he comes up with that would possibly work for other departments. Scott also said that he heard their may be FEMA cuts

but hasn't heard any more.

DISCUSS BURN BAN: Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director informed the Commission he has been getting calls from residents urging for the County to install a burn ban. Yes, it has been dry, but the fires have been grass fires, which are not from a controlled burn. Scott has talked to the Fire Chiefs, and they are OK with not implementing a Burn Ban. Commissioner Wiese shared that the County has an Ordinance in place that automatically implements a burn ban when the fire danger index reaches "very high" or "extreme fire danger" or 'fire weather watch" or "red flag warning" for any or all of Brown County. After more discussion it was decided not to implement a burn ban at this time, but to review the Ordinance and maybe make some adjustments, which could include a fine instead of a misdemeanor along with having a rule of thumb to check the fire index the day of plus up to two davs before.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the contract with NSU Swim Team for Stagehand Services at the Brown County Fair for the Years 2025 @ \$7,700.00, 2026 @ \$8,250.00 and 2027 @ \$8,800.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the contract with Aberdeen Security & Investigations to provide Security at the flat rate of \$28.00 per hour per Guard, All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the General Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve the Brown County Board of Equalization Minutes of April 8, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve the Consolidated Board of Equalization Minutes of April 2025. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Boyce Law Firm \$660.00; Certified Languages \$669.90; Cogley Law Office \$1,524.00; Dependable Sanitation \$32,382.70; Dohrer Law Office \$1,608.00; Election Systems & Software \$463.50; Faulk Co. Sheriff's Office \$3,960.00; Houston Engineering \$14,896.00; Idemia Identity & Security USA \$2,827.00; Jerald McNeary \$492.00; Kelli Lardy \$46.75; Kuck Law Office \$5,096.24; Language Line Services \$552.32; Lauren Nikolas \$1,000.00; LexisNexis \$200.00; MOCIC \$150.00; Network Center \$3,002.57; NE Mental Health Center \$1,050.00; Northern Plain Animal Health \$108.00; Northern State University \$325.25; SD-JPS \$300.00; State of SD PMB 0112 \$635.29; UND Forensic Pathology \$2,771.00; WPRA \$200.00. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$125.40; Mc-Groton Quillen Creative Group \$295.51. Repairs & Maintenance: Bryce Beaman \$200.00; Hase Plumbing \$5,093.48; Hoven Auto Repair \$41.99; Leidholt Electric \$690.37; Matheson Tri-Gas \$209.96; Midwest Pump & Tank \$1,640.54; Pomp's Tire Service \$475.00; Steven Lust utomotive s .58. Supplies Amazon Capital Services \$67.26; Avera LTC Pharmacy \$28.79; Century Business Products \$1,172.03; Contech Engineered Solutions \$25,592.00; Dakota Oil \$1,046.37; Hoven Auto Repair \$56.00; InTab \$701.68; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$11.98; Linde Gas & Equipment \$346.78; Mac's \$20.00; Marco Technologies \$130.08; Menards \$16.84; Nelson Sales & Service \$43.98; Performance Oil \$650.28; Pomp's Tire Service \$1,885.76; S & S Cleaners \$240.00; Samuel Hoppock \$54.11: Steven Lust Automotive \$134.85. Travel & Conference: Becca Tullar \$14.00; Dave Lunzman \$310.00; Heartland Critical Incident Stress Mamt. Network \$420.00; Patricia Van-Meter \$232.40; SD State Uni-

ties: City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$405.01; City of Hecla \$187.30; Economy Propane \$808.50; Northern Electric \$93.50; NWPS \$3,137.90; Town of Freder-ick \$77.00; Verizon Wireless 203.41. Others: Safe Harbor \$507.50; SDACO \$702.00. All members present voting aye. lotion carried.

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

o Employment ending for Luis Rivera Colon, Brown County Jail Detention Officer; FT – effective April 10, 2025. Request to fill.

o Amendment to April 8th HR Report, adjusted pay grade: Officer Manager to be placed at a grade 17.

o Hiring of Riley Burnett as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$21.93/ hr. – effective April 14, 2025.

o Hiring of Karry Geuther a Brown County Jail Detention Officer. FT: starting wage \$21.93/ effective April 30, 2025.

o Promotion of Sandra Woyassek from Brown County Sheriff Office Administrative Coordinator to Brown County Sheriff Office Manager, FT; starting wage \$30.98/hr. – effective April 13, 2025.

o Hiring of Carrie Cordie as Brown County Deputy Treasurer, FT; starting wage \$20.87/hr. – effective April 14, 2025

o Approve personal miles driven for January 2025 at .67 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthew 252 miles at \$168.84; Matt Heupel 95 miles at \$63.65; John Florey 132 miles at \$88.44; Mike Scott 110 miles at \$73.70.

o Approve personal miles driven for February 2025 at .67 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthew 192 miles at \$128.64; Matt Heupel 90 miles at \$60.30; John Florey 114 miles at \$76.38; Mike Scott 90 miles at \$60.30.

o Approve personal miles driven for March 2025 at .67 per mile as follows: Joshua Mat-thew 264 miles at \$176.88; Matt Heupel 95 miles at \$63.65; John Florey 108 miles at \$72.36; Mike Scott 170 miles at \$113.90

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DISINTERMENT PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge and accept Notice of Disinterment Permit (Emgarten @ Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery) affecting Brown County from the SD Department of Health Vital Records. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreement: Jeff Wolff to lease Hog & Sheep Barn Panels and Showring for Showmanship Camp on June 7, 2025. All members present vot-

ing aye. Motion carried. TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the following travel requests: Josh Matthews & Matt Heupel, Highway Dept. to attend Trenching & Shoring Training on April 9, 2025 in Huron, SD; Aaron Walberg, VSO to attend Spring Mini Conferences on May 5-8, 2025 in Rapid City, Pierre and Sioux Falls, SD; Karly Winter, Tucker Anderson and Adele Mounga, State's Attorney's Office to attend International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence & Forging New Pathways on April 21-25,2025 in Anaheim, CA: Pat Wolberg, IT Director to attend SD Digital Government Summit ed by Dinger to go into Executive Session for 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 Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:45 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Lynn Heupel, Brown County

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APRIL 15, 2025 - BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZA-TION

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 11:00 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Dinger, Gage, Sutton and Wiese.

CONTESTED: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to uphold the Director of Equalizations recommendation for John Zeck of NW 31-123-61 EX LAND PLATTED Parcel #4043 to leave the assessed value at \$505,584.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Commissioner Wi-

ese, seconded by Dennert to uphold the Director of Equalizations recommendation for Katie McKiver of McKiver OL 1 SE 25-123-62 Parcel #4015 to leave the assessed value at \$199,158.00. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the County Board of Equalization at 11:33 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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April 15, 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: Bahr, Babcock, Cutler, Nehls, Wells, Wambach, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Paul Kosel, April Buller, and Elizabeth Varin.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Bahr to approve the agenda with no changes. All members present voted aye.

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

Kosel provided a review of the dual fuel ordinance. Further discussion will take place at a later date.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Cutler to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye. Payroll, \$29,808.29, Em-

ployee salaries; Administra-tive, \$5,153.51, ; Public Safety, \$9,318.15, ; Culture and Recréation, \$58.18, ; Public Works, \$15,278.45, ; SD Retirement ystem, \$11,659.64, Employee retirement; April Abeln, \$248.93, Med flex - final for 2025; City of Groton, \$442.99, Family crisis utility payment; Groton Ford, LLC, \$1,032.00, Commercial lighting rebate from Heartland Energy; Mark Sayler, \$305.91, Utility overpayment/deposit refund; Kasey Kurtz, \$323.46, Utility overpayment/deposit refund; USPS, \$302.84, Utility billing postage; SD State Treasurer, \$9,971.31, Sales and excise tax - March 2025; Dacotah Bank, \$6,667.91, Withholding/ SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$450.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$810.41, HSA contributions; Douglas Heinrich, \$650.00, Med flex ; Dacotah Bank, \$3,708.92, Withholding/ SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$100.00, HSA contributions; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; J's Superior Cleaning, \$200.00, Commercial cleaning services - City Hall; Nelson Sales and Service, LLC, \$112.00, Chain sharpening; Menards, \$109.98, Hand truck and paper towels -City Shop; EcoLab Pest Elimina-tion, \$117.98, Rubble site rodent control; Web Water, \$21,186.89, Water services - March 2025; South Dakota 811, \$27.30, Message fees - Jan thru March, 2025: The Groton Independent, \$197.44, Publishing costs; Badger Meter, \$163.38, Cellular service fee - Water Metering; Dar-rels, LLC, \$357.90, New batteries for bucket truck - Electric; Lyle Signs, Inc., \$216.43, Handicap signs - Baseball Complex; Team Lab Chemical Corp., \$1,478.50, Sewer chemicals; Geffdog Designs, \$546.38, Uniform purchase - City Hall, swimming pool banners; WAPA, \$28,014.85, Power services - March 2025; Heartland Energy, \$39,817.50, Power services - March 2025; SD Gov't Finance Officers Assoc., \$75.00, 2025 FO School registration; SD Gov't Human Resources Assoc., \$50.00, 2025 HR School registration; A&B Business Solutions, \$378.66, Printer lease - City Hall; Vestis, \$67.26, Rug rent - City Hall; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,128.25, Garbage hauling; Kellie Locke, \$28.00, Mileage reimbursement Trip to Geffdog to retrieve signs; Paul Kosel, \$191.80, Mileage reimbursement - Heartland Annual Meeting in Madison, SD; James Valley Telecommunications, \$808.25, Telephone and internet services; Fliehs Sales & Service, \$20,572.00, New Bobcat mowers x3 ; Autozone, \$532.02, Oil, battery, hoses - Multiple Depts.; Colonial Research Chemical Corp, \$1,251.98, Cleaning chemicals - Świmming Pool & Community Center; Ken's Fair Foods, \$336.42, Fuel purchases Altec Capital Services, LLC., \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$1,328.08, Background check for Jr. Legion coach, battery backup, printer ink, DARE supplies, water sample postage, 2025 monthly planner, fuel purchases, toilet paper, air freshener, creamer, coffee, batteries - Multiple Depts.; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,378.12, Fuel purchases; Drew Johnson, \$850.00, Legal services - March 2025;



April 17, 2025 ir All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMITS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and autho-rize Chairman Sutton to sign the application submitted by Elm Lake Action Committee, Inc. for a lottery to be held on July 4, 2025 at the Elm Lake Resort. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the 4-H Community Sponsorship Agreement put together by the 4-H Building Committee. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved

versity Extension \$82.72. Utiliby Commissioner Wiese, second-



Kosel exited the meeting. The draft engineering proposal from IMEG for the sewer project was reviewed and discussed.

Buller exited the meeting

The first reading of Ordinance No. 788 - Amending Solid Waste Rates for Municipal Utility Customers was approved on a motion by Cutler and seconded by Nehls. All members present voted ave.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 789 – Amending Language of Chapter 8-1 of Groton City Ordinances was approved on a motion by Wambach and seconded by Bahr. All members present votéd aye.

The 2024 annual report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Wells. All members present voted ave.

The March finance report was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Babcock. All members present voted aye.

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

Reminder: 2025 Spr Wide Cleanup will be April 28th to May 2nd.

Varin exited the meeting

Moved by Babcock and sec-onded by Wambach to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:17pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:45pm.

Varin reentered the meeting. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to hire the following summer recreational employees: Rylen Ekern – Gatekeeper, Tenley Frost – Gatekeeper, and Sydney Kurtz – Day Softball Coach.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Babcock to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm. All members present voted ave.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 2025

President Rix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Rix, Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Lerseth-Fliehs, Strom, and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan,

Principal Edwards, and Business Manager Hubsch. Moved by Gengerke, seconded by Weismantel to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of approval of the request for a one-year sabbatical leave for Brooke Torrence from Head Cross Country Coach during the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, no potential conflict disclosure was reported.

Moved by Gengerke, seconded by Fliehs, to approve consent agenda items for March 10, 2025, meeting minutes, March 2025 district bills, Financial Report, Agency Accounts and Investments, school transportation report, school lunch report, and authorize the business manager to pay district bills up to \$75,000 in advance, using the custodial advance payment account to be approved by the board for reimbursement at the following regular board meeting.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary 301,700.00; Benefits 81,390.68; A & B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS Staples for copier 174.76;Sports awards 711;ALLIED CLIMATE PROFESSIONALS Arena valve actuators Labor for geo unit 5,842.18;AMAZON CAPITAL SER-VICES Supplies 274.16Auto Value Aberdeen Fuel Filter 104.58;Babcock, Bruce track registration fee 150.00;CUSTODIĂL FUND ADVANCE PAYMENT Advance payments 47,118.49;DAKOTA ELECTRONICS Radio repairs 259.00; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP Janitor supplies 112.63; DAKOTA-LAND AUTOGLASS IA Supplies 30.60; DOLLAR GENERAL-RE-GIONS Supplies 35.40; Fjelstad, Nathan DI mileage 319.20;FULL CIRCLE AG Oil 1,374.75;GRO-TON CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC, PC DOT Physical 100.00;HAR-LOW'S BUS SALES, INC. Bus parts 147.63;HAUFF MID-AMER-ICA SPORTS INC Track Supplies 280.00;HOUSE OF GLASS, INC. Locksets 867.81;JAMES VAL-LEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS Telephone 865.78;KEN'S FOOD FAIR & SHELL EXPRESS Supplies 228.24; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC Supplies 320.85;NASSP National Honor Society Affiliation 385.00;NORTHÉAST CONFERENCE registration 95.00;NORTHSIDE IMPLEMENT Parts 3,037.32:OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY Elevator contract 1,537.92;S & S LUMBER CO. Supplies 1,506.53;SDHSAA Medals 13.20;Sheyenne Transport LLC Repair 1,055.78;Smith Au-tobody, LLC Van Repair 314.86; Total 450,353.35

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A & B BUSI-NESS SOLUTIONS Managed Print Agreement 1,942.74; ALLIED CLIMATE PROFESSIONALS New 320 00 AMAZON Init CAPITAL SÉRVICES Storage. Book 86.81; CUSTODIAL FUND ADVANCE PAYMENT Banners, Textbooks 640.98; FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS Library Books 75.94; HAUFF MID-AMER-ICA SPORTS INC Track equipment 1,901.90; Total 8,968.37. SPECIAL ED: Net Salary 46,719.59; Benefits 13,910.43, AVERA ST. LUKE'S PT 149 Units OT 326 Units 15,799.59; CUSTO-DIAL FUND ADVANCE PAYMENT Advance payments 12,624.28; Parent Mileage 705.60; Total 89,759.49. ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary 9,049.87; Bene-fits 2,742.98; AMAZON CAPI-TAL SERVICES Supplies 9.99; CHURCHILL, MANOLIS, FREE MAN, KLUDT, Collections 470.79; CUSTODIAL FUND ADVANCE PAYMENT Advance Payments 25.38; East Side Jersey Dairy, Inc. Milk 1,355.35; THE MEAT-HOUSE Beef Process 707; Performance Foodservice Food 5,538.87; US FOODS Supplies and Food 13,042.89; Total 24,835.74. OST - Net Salary 2,501.22; Benefits 290.51; CHURCHILL,M ANOLIS, FREEMAN, KLUDT, Collections 183.08; CUSTODIAL

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|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| GROI | Capital Outlay | Special Ed. | Food Service | OST | Driver's Ed | Custodial |
| MARCH.1 2025\$588,237.75 RECEIPTS | \$985,150.67 | \$252,537.51 | \$166,837.94 | \$33,886.89 | \$18,811.32 | \$198,356.90 |
| Local Sources | \$83,860.91 | \$39,916.60 | \$19,969.27 | \$1,717.45 | | \$161,106.76 |
| Wind Farm Mentor Teacher Program State Apportionment State Reimbursements Bank Franchise | | | | | | |
| Federal Sources | \$318.60 | \$136.60 | \$6,930.85 | | | |
| TOTAL MONTHLY RECEIPTS \$229,807.10 | \$84,179.51 | \$40,053.20 | \$26,900.12 | \$1,717.45 | \$0.00 | \$161,106.76 |
| FUNDS AVAILABLE\$818,044.85 | | \$292,590.71 | \$193,738.06 | \$35,604.34 | \$18,811.32 | \$359,463.66 |
| MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS (\$458,971.23) JOURNAL ENTRIES \$1,195.81 | (\$9,151.01) | (\$77,606.00) | (\$26,734.13) | (\$2,791.73) | \$0.00 | (\$82,923.66) (\$30.00) |
| MARCH 31. 2025\$360,269.43 | \$1,060,179.17 | \$214,984.71 | \$167,003.93 | \$32,812.61 | \$18,811.32 | \$276,510.00 |
| GENERAL FUND | SPECIAL EDUCAT Payroll | TION I | FOOD SERVICE Payroll | | OST Payroll | |
| Instruction \$301,700.00 | Instruction | \$46,719.59 | Instruction | \$9,045.87 | Instruction | \$2,501.22 |
| Employee Benefits \$81,390.68 | | efits \$13,910.43 | | efits\$2,742.98 | | efits \$290.51 |
| Total\$383,090.68 Driver's Education | . ´ Total | \$60,630.02 | Total | \$11,788.85 | Total | \$2,791.73 |
| Payroll Instruction | | | | | | |

FUND ADVANCE PAYMENT OST action was taken.

Employee Benefits \$0.00

Total...... \$0.00

Snacks 653.59; KEN'S FOOD FAIR & SHELL EXPRESS OST Snacks 554.51; Total 4,654.67

DRIVERS ED - AMAZON CAPI-TAL SERVICES Parent brake 192.00; Auto Value Aberdeen Brake work 279.76; Total 471.76. CUSTODIAL FUND:

\$82,923.66 **RECEIPTS:** Local Sources-291,141.80 Custodial-161,106.76; County Sources – 2,599.49State Sources – 43,110.00; Federal Sources 45,806.09. Total Receipts -543,764.14

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no one present, the board continued with the agenda.

The following items were discussed in the administrative reports:

Principal B. Schwan reported on school improvement prog-ress, elementary track and field day on May 8, elementary spring concert on April 29, South Dakota State Assessment dates, and Kindergarten roundup, having 35 students attend. Principal Edwards reported on the South Dakota State Assessment dates, thanked Mrs. Tietz, Mrs. Duerre, and Mrs. Johnson for their work in making the prom a success this year, and congratulated the nine students who qualified for Nationals, held in Nashville, in the state HOSA competition. Business manager Hubsch reported on health and workers' compensation insurance, and gave a projection for assessment shares the North Central Special Education Cooperative is propos-

ing for FY2026. Mr. Landon Brown spoke to the board regarding the future of the Show Choir program. Brown cited some of the struggles with the program, including that only 14 students participated in the program this year, with a large majority being seniors, and only going to one competition this year, against AA schools, makes it harder to compete every year. Brown proposed trying a school musical next year instead of Show Choir, which would provide more students with opportunities to participate. The board agreed for Mr. Brown to create a sign-up sheet to see what interest there was for participants and to try it next year to see if it gains any interest. Moved by Gengerke, sec-onded by Fliehs, to adopt the resolution authorizing membership in the SDHSAA for the 2025-2026 school year. Weismantel abstained. Motion carried. Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Gengerke, to approve Associated School Boards Protective Trust Agreements: Protective Trust Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws; Health Fund Participation Agreement and Plan Options, and Workers' Compensation Agreement and Plan Options. Motion carried. Moved by Weismantel, sec-onded by Fliehs to approve District Membership Agreement for North Central Special Education Cooperative. Motion carried. Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Weismantel to approve the résignation from Duane Fliehs, Maintenance Team Member, effective immediately. Motion carried. The first reading of recommended policy changes: GDBE Support Staff Vacations and Holidays and GCBE Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays. No

Motion by Gengerke, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to approve the 2025-2026 Negotiated Agreements: Groton Teachers Association (GTA) and Groton Auxiliary Staff Association (GASA). Motion carried.

Motion by Weismantel, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to approve amended contract lengths for FY 2026: Jodi Schwan reduced by five days, and Emily Neely increased by five days. Motion carried.

Motion by Weismantel, seconded by Harder, to approve the request for a one-year sabbatical leave for Brooke Torrence from Head Cross Country Coach during the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Weismantel, seconded by Harder, to issue 2025-2026 teacher contracts with a return date of Friday, April 25, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Weismantel, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to issue 2025-2026 auxiliary staff work agreements with a return date of Friday, April 25, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Gengerke, seconded by Fliens, to hire Jessica Maurer, 1st Grade Teacher, for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Fliehs, seconded by Weismantel, to approve 2024-2025 school calendar amendments and make-up days with the students' last day on May 15 and teachers' last day on May 16. Motion carried.

President Rix called for a short ecess at 7:37 pm. Rix declared the board back in session from ecess at 7:41 pm.

Moved by Weismantel, sec-onded by Strom, to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL1-25-2(4)Negotiations and SDCL1-25-2(4) Personnel Issues, including superintendent evaluation and SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel at 8:36 pm. Motion carried. President Rix declared the

board out of the executive session at 9:58 pm.

Moved by Gengerke, seconded by Strom, to adjourn at 9:58 pm. Motion carried. Becky Hubsch, Business Man-

ager

Grant Rix, President The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY OF GROTON AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

| Beginning Balance 958,996.00-2 | Service | Funds | Fun |
|--|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Javanuas and Other Courses | 234,168.00 | 202,833.00 | 927,661.0 |
| Revenues and Other Sources: Taxes: | | | |
| Property Taxes | | | 772,129. |
| General Sales and Use Taxes | | 33,549.00 | 964,364.0 |
| Tax Deed Revenue | | 00,0 10100 | 340.0 |
| Penalties and Interest on | | | |
| Delinguent Taxes | | | 668. |
| Licenses and Permits 26,702.00 | | | 26,702. |
| Intergovernmental Revenues: | | | |
| State Grants 14,401.00 | | | 14,401.0 |
| State Shared Revenue 105,318.00 | | | 105,318.0 |
| State Payments in Lieu of Taxes | | | |
| County Shared Revenue: | | | 1,967.0 |
| Other Intergovernmental Revenue | | | |
| Charges for Goods and Services: | | | 1 000 / |
| General Government | | | 1,889.0 |
| Public Safety | | | 337.0 5,533.0 |
| Highways and Streets5,533.00 Culture and Recreation147,000.00 | | | 147,000.0 |
| Cemetery | | | 5,750.0 |
| Fines and Forfeits | | | 5,750.0 |
| Animal Control Fines | | | 67.0 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources: | | | 07.0 |
| Investment Earnings | | | 81,902.0 |
| Rentals | | 23,950.00 | 23,950. |
| Special Assessments | 10,250.00 | | 10,250. |
| Maintenance Assessments | | | |
| Contributions and Donations | | | |
| from Private Sources 12,075.00 | | | 12,075. |
| Liquor Operating | | | |
| Agreement Income | | | 20,306. |
| Total Revenue and Other Sources2,127,199.00 | 10,250.00 | 57,499.00 | 2,194,948.0 |
| Expenditures and Other Uses: | | | 22.022 |
| Legislative | | | 23,923.0 |
| Executive | | | 8,679.0 |
| Elections0.00 Financial Administration | | | 0. 411,051. |
| Other General Government | | | 41,240. |
| Police | | | 475,828. |
| Protective Inspection 10,075.00 | | | 10,075.0 |
| Other Protection | | | 4,313.0 |
| Highways and Streets 556,492.00 | | | 556,492.0 |
| Sanitation 1,782.00 | | | 1,782.0 |
| Airport | | 21,666.00 | 21,666. |
| Cemeteries 12,925.00 | | | 12,925. |
| Health6,096.00 | | | 6,096. |
| Recreation | | | 377,409. |
| Parks6,696.00 | | | 6,696. |
| Libraries 11,096.00 | | | 11,096. |
| Auditorium1,247.00 | | | 1,247. |
| Economic Development and | | | |
| Assistance (Industrial | | | 17 510 |
| Development)17,510.00 | 205 660 00 | | 17,510. |
| Debt Service Total Expenditures and Other Uses1,966,362.00 | 205,660.00 205,660.00 | 21,666.00 | 205,660. 2,193,688. |
| Transfers In (Out) | 205,000.00 | 21,000.00 | 2,195,000. |
| Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance160,837.00 | 54,590.00 | 35,833.00 | 251,260. |
| Ending Fund Balance: | 5 .,550.00 | 33,033.00 | 201,200.0 |
| Unassigned1,119,833.00 | 120,422.00 | 245,863.00 | 1,486,118. |
| Total Ending Fund Balance | 120,422.00 | 245,863.00 | 1,486,118. |
| Governmental Long-term Debt | ,, | , | 1,790,000. |
| PROPRIETARY FUNDSMODIFIED CASH BASIS | | | , , |
| | Sewer | Garbage | Elect |
| Fund | Fund | Fund | Fui |
| Beginning Balance 1,073,367.00 | 269,641.00 | 74,619.00 | 2,971,123. |
| Revenues | 254,999.00 | 140,345.00 | 1,757,904. |
| Expenses | 323,737.00 | 130,487.00 | 1,486,942. |
| Transfers In (Out) | - | - | (250,000.0 |
| | | o | |
| Restricted for Other Purposes 153,792.00 | | 84,477.00 | 2,992,085.0 |
| Restricted for Other Purposes | 200,903.00 | 0,77,00 | // |
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Groton Area Tigers Varsity Victorious Over Miller Varsity Outlaws

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Groton Area Tigers Varsity were victorious against Miller Varsity Outlaws 10-6 on Monday.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity got on the board in the second inning after an error scored one run.

Miller Varsity Outlaws captured the lead, 3-1, in the bottom of the second when Tate Bray doubled, scoring two runs, and Branden Flowers singled, scoring one run.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity tied the game in the top of the third thanks to an inside the park home run by Brevin Fliehs, and a ground out by Nick Groeblinghoff.

A single by Fliehs gave Groton Area Tigers Varsity the lead, 5-3, in the top of the fourth.

Miller Varsity Outlaws tied the game in the bottom of the fifth thanks to an error, a triple by Kellan Hurd, and a passed ball.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity jumped back into the lead in the top of the eighth inning after Groeblinghoff singled down the right field line, Jarrett Erdmann singled down the right field line, Kellen Antonsen was struck by a pitch, and Lincoln Krause walked, each scoring one run.

Fliehs earned the win for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. The reliever gave up one hit and zero runs over two and one-third innings, striking out six and walking two. Jayson Lacomb took the loss for Miller Varsity Outlaws. The right-handed pitcher went three and one-third innings, giving up four runs on three hits, striking out four and walking three. Gavin Englund began the game for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. The starter surrendered seven hits and six runs (four earned) over five and two-thirds innings, striking out nine and walking two. Jett Kleinsausser started the game for Miller Varsity Outlaws. The right-handed pitcher surrendered six hits and six runs (two earned) over four and one-third innings, striking out eight and walking two.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity tallied nine hits in the game. Fliehs, Erdmann, and Antonsen each collected two hits for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. Groeblinghoff and Antonsen each drove in two runs for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. Carter Simon paced Groton Area Tigers Varsity



with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, tallying six walks for the game.

Bray, the number seven hitter for Miller Varsity Outlaws, led the way with two runs batted in. The left-handed hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Hurd went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Miller Varsity Outlaws in hits. Hurd stole two bases. Miller Varsity Outlaws ran wild on the base paths, collecting four stolen bases for the game.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity will travel to Madison/Chester Varsity 2024 for their next game on Wednesday.

Groton Area Tigers JV Firing On All Cylinders Against Miller JV

By GameChanger Media

Groton Area Tigers JV easily dispatched Miller JV on Monday, 7-0. Groton Area Tigers JV got on the board in the top of the first inning after Jordan Schwan singled to left field, Braden Fliehs grounded out, and Miller JV committed an error, each scoring one run.

Groton Area Tigers JV added three runs in the second after Schwan singled down the left field line.

Groton Area Tigers JV added one run in the third after Kolton Antonsen walked.

Schwan earned the win for Groton Area Tigers JV. The righty gave up zero hits and zero runs over two innings, striking out six and walking one. Cody Fanning took the loss for Miller JV. The hurler went two innings, surrendering seven runs (two earned) on six hits, striking out five and walking three.

Schwan led Groton Area Tigers JV with two hits in two at bats. Antonsen and Schwan each drove in one run for Groton Area Tigers JV. Groton Area Tigers JV didn't commit a single error in the field. Kason Oswald had the most chances in the field with six.

Groton Area Tigers JV welcome Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks on Sunday for their next game.

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"Spring is finally here"

Kelly Evans-Hullinger, MD

Spring is finally here, and for many of us that brings the joy of returning to outdoor activities, planning summer vacations, and... well, allergies. Depending on the allergen, people can suffer from allergies any time of year, but spring is a particu-



larly common time in our part of the world to hear my patients complain of seasonal allergies.

Allergic rhinitis most commonly manifests as runny nose, congestion, and sneezing. Other symptoms can include cough from postnasal drip or worsening asthma, hives, and itchy or watery eyes. Sometimes these symptoms can be hard to differentiate from a viral cold, but typically the symptoms are fairly classic and don't require any testing.

I often have patients inquire about allergy testing. We might refer to an allergy specialist for testing in patients with severe symptoms that aren't adequately improved with usual care. Testing might include blood or skin patch testing depending on the situation or allergen in question. However, the vast majority of patients can be treated without specialized testing.

Initial recommended treatments for allergic rhinitis are available over-the-counter. Antihistamine medications can reduce many of the symptoms. I recommend using second generation medications such as loratadine, cetirizine, or fexofenadine, which act more specifically for the targeted symptoms. First generation antihistamines such as diphenhydramine or doxylamine are less specific and thus have more problems with adverse effects. Common side effects include dry mouth and drowsiness, but we can see those first generation antihistamines cause more severe adverse effects such as confusion. Another very effective option is an over-the-counter nasal steroid spray, such as fluticasone or various others. Taken daily these will reduce congestion, mucous, and post nasal drip. They are quite safe for long term use and should not have systemic side effects. Additionally, these can be used along with an antihistamine. Take care in the nasal spray aisle, however. Some other nasal sprays are vasoconstrictors, such as oxymetazoline, and while they will alleviate congestion, they should not be used more than three days consecutively. If so they can cause worsening congestion when the medication wears off, or a rebound effect. In summary, allergies can be a real annoyance and truly make people feel rotten. Basic over-the-counter measures can be very helpful and are worth trying. If those aren't working, though, time to talk to your primary care provider about other options or the need for further testing. Kelly Evans-Hullinger, MD. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices Internal Medicine at Avera Medical Group in Brookings, South Dakota. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, and on social media. Watch On Call with the Prairie Doc, most Thursday's at 7PM on SDPB and streaming on Facebook and listen to Prairie Doc Radio Sunday's at 6am and 1pm.