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## School board meeting highlights student achievement and staff changes

by Elizabeth Varin

The Groton school district board witnessed a blend of student success and administrative updates at its end-of-April board meeting.

Two Destination Imagination teams from the elementary school, along with parents and supporters, filled the conference room at the high school library. Co-DI Coordinators Julie Milbrandt and Joni Groeblichhoff gave an overview of the skill-building and problem-solving program before introducing the two teams that qualified for DI Global Finals in Kansas City. Those teams include the Seven Pentagoni Pickles – made up of members Jernie Weig, Willow Cowan, Taylor Fliehs, Calvin Locken, Rowan Hanson and Titan Johnson – and the Triple A's – made up of members Ava Strom, Aryanna Cutler (not present), Freddy Cole, Aschar Warrington and Conrad Rix.

The two teams then showcased their skills, with the Seven Pentagoni Pickles performing a skit prepared for the fine arts category and the Triple A's presenting their improvisation skills for the improv. category.

The two teams are planning the trip to the May 21 through 26 Global Finals in Kansas City, where they will compete against other teams from different countries, Milbrandt said.

The anticipated cost to take both teams is \$18,000, Groeblichhoff added. That includes registration for both teams (\$5,500 per team), lodging and meals.

Letters have been sent asking for donations from local businesses, and friends and family will be asked for donations too, Milbrandt said. And the community is invited to help too, with a DI at DQ night scheduled for May 7. The kids are going to be helping out that night, and Dairy Queen manager and co-owner Dale Grenz is going to give a portion of proceeds from the evening to the Destination Imagination teams.

### Two new staff members and two less coaches

The board also handled several staffing changes.

In quick succession, the board approved hiring Boston Marlow as full-time maintenance team member and Joshua Friez as grade 5-12 instrumental music teacher. Following that, the board accepted the resignation of Head Boys Basketball Coach Brian Dolan and Junior High Volleyball Coach Kelby Tracy with no discussion at Monday's meeting.

### Career and Technical Education continuing to grow in Groton

The board heard overviews of career technical education programs at the high school.

Health science teacher Brittany Hubbard reviewed her courses, and there are a lot of students in the health science classes, she said.

"With health science classes, my goal is to expose them to careers in the healthcare field," she said.

Classes include a health career exploration class, which is looking at growing heading into next year, and an athletic training class. There is also a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) class with 17 students, including 11 who are getting CNA certified.

FACS teacher Lindsey Tietz spoke next, reviewing skills being taught to students and how the program has changed in the last few years.

Family and Consumer Sciences 3 used to be unit-based, but is transitioning to focusing on textiles in the fall and a child development education in the spring, she said.

Tietz's foods class start the school year building a foundation of food preparation skills. The students add to those skills by studying nutrition and wellness in the second semester. Discussion of processed snacks was brought up at a recent wellness committee meeting, and that led to the foods class developing informational fliers to bring awareness of problems with processed foods and push for healthy snack options.

The last program update came from agriculture teacher Lindsey Vanderwal, who reviewed her courses and the variety of information taught throughout the year, ranging from wildlife and fishery information to agriculture business practices and the agriculture processing industries.

Looking to the future, Vanderwal hopes to improve the greenhouse space, implement more hands-on labs and invite guest speakers into the classroom.

- The board approved off-staff coaching agreements for the 2025-2026 school year. They include:
  - o Matt Baumgartner as head girls soccer coach with a total annual salary of \$3,276.
  - o Madisen Bjerke as assistant cheer coach with a total annual salary of \$1,579.50.
  - o Chris Ehresmann as junior high wrestling coach with a total annual salary of \$2,340.
  - o Seth Erickson as assistant football coach with a total annual salary of \$3,276.
  - o Joni Groeblichhoff as co-Destination Imagination coordinator with a total annual salary of \$1,170.
  - o Chelsea Hanson as head volleyball coach with a total annual salary of \$5,148.
  - o Matt Locke as head girls basketball coach with a total annual salary of \$5,616.
  - o Brenda Madsen as senior class advisor with a total annual salary of \$936.
  - o Julie Milbrandt as co-Destination Imagination coordinator with a total annual salary of \$1,170.
  - o Aubray Miller as cheerleading coach with a total annual salary of \$1,579.50.
  - o Ryan Olson as head boys soccer coach with a total annual salary of \$3,276.
  - o Kristi Peterson as yearbook advisor with a total annual salary of \$3,744.
  - o Trent Traphagen as assistant girls basketball coach with a total annual salary of \$3,744.
  - o Darin Zoellner as head wrestling coach with a total annual salary of \$5,616.
  - o Troy Zoellner as assistant wrestling coach with a total annual salary of \$3,744.
- A small team from the district will meet Friday to complete the level 2 Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines training. The focus is on research-based threat assessment and prevention activities, Superintendent Joe Schwan told the board. It is part of routine ongoing training.



**Members of the Seven Pentagoni Pickles perform the play they created before the Groton Area School District board on Monday, April 28. Members of the group include from left Taylor Fliehs, Rowan Hanson (behind the camouflage boxes), Jernie Weig, Willow Cowan, Titan Johnson and Calvin Locken.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



**Members of the Triple A's Destination Imagination group showcase their improvisation skills in front of the Groton Area School District board on Monday, April 28. Members of the Triple A's include from left to right Conrad Rix, Ava Strom, Aschar Warrington and Freddy Cole. Not pictured is final team member Aryanna Cutler.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

• The board approved employment agreements for auxiliary administrative staff.

• The board approved the administrative negotiated agreement and signed administrative contracts.

• After the meeting ended, Superintendent Joe Schwan told the board that teacher contracts were due Friday, April 25, and all the contracts came back signed.





**Members of the Groton Garden Club planted a Crab Pink Spires tree behind the Groton City Sign on Arbor Day which was Friday. Pictured are Becky Aldrich, Denise Sombke, Mayor Scott Hanlon, Pat Larson and Bev Sombke. You can view the video of the program on YouTube @ gdilive.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Johnson places fifth at Milbank Golf Meet

Carlee Johnson finished in fifth place at the Mibank invitational meet held Thursday. She shot an 86, six strokes behind the Madi Rummel of Madison who won the meet. Claire Schuelke finished 14th with a 104, Halee Harder was 18th with a 110 and Rylie Rose was 20th with a 112.

Madison won the meet with 346 points followed by Roncalli with 348, Groton Area with 412 and Aberdeen Central with 460.

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# GHS School Internship

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.

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 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.

## Drew Thurston

Drew Thurston, son of Todd Thurston and Deb Thurston, Groton, is interning at the Marc Sippel farm located north of Groton. "I decided to use my senior year to check out the options that are available for me in the future," Drew explained. "This high school internship class has given me that opportunity."

"I've enjoyed working with Marc and his son on their farm," he said. "I intend to work on the farm with my dad, but I needed to see how other farmers operate and just exactly what they do."

"We specialize in both sheep and cattle, an area that I'd like to continue when I'm done with my education," Drew stated. "It is important to learn about correct feeding, crop rotation, and sustainable farming techniques."

"The most difficult job I've encountered here is in working with the baler system," he admitted. "Each bale is wrapped in a netting which needs to be removed before the animals feed on it. Cutting this netting off is very challenging!"

"The Sippel Farms raise grass, alfalfa, and some barley," Drew listed. "These crops are all used for feeding the livestock on the farm. This method of farming is the best way to take care of your livestock as well as maintaining a profitable farm."

"The best part of this job is learning new things that will be useful for me in the future," he explained. "I intend to go into the livestock industry when I graduate from Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown. My major concentration will be on livestock management."



Drew Thurston

# Middle School Spring Concert



**The middle school spring concert was held Thursday evening. The choir sang, "Go the Distance" and "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel." The choir was directed by Landon Brown with Desiree Yeigh being the accompanist.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The middle school band played, "Jungle Dance," "Honor March" and "The Avengers." The band was directed by Desiree Yeigh.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



# Groton Area places first in five events at Ipswich

The Ipswich Invitational Track meet was held Saturday with the Groton Area boys taking third place in a field of 12 teams while the girls placed fifth in a field of 13 teams.

Keegen Tracy won the 400m dash, Blake Pauli won the 800m run and the boys 4x800m relay team was also a winner. In the girl's division, Kella Tracy took first in the 400m dash and the sprint medley relay team also placed first.

## Boy's Division

**Team Standings:** 1. North Central 134, 2. Ipswich 129, 3. Groton Area 85, 4. Leola 69, 5. Warner 60, 6. Herreid/Selby Area 54, 7. Faulkton Area 48, 8. Potter County 45, 9. Webster Area 37, 10. Aberdeen Christian 29, 11. Highmore-Harrold 16, 12. Langford Area 12

**100 Meters:** 2. Keegen Tracy, 11.23; 8. Lincoln Krause, 11.75; 17. Ryder Schelle, 12.13

**200 Meters:** 2. Keegen Tracy, 23.09

**400 Meters:** 1. Keegen Tracy, 52.90

**800 Meters:** 1. Blake Pauli, 2:08.38

**1600 Meters:** 5. Jayden Schwan, 5:06.71; 9. Jace Johnson, 5:38.44

**3200 Meters:** 2. Jayden Schwan, 11:14.33  
**300m Hurdles - 36":** 5. Tristin McGannon, 55.77

**4x100 Relay:** 4. (Brevin Fliehs, Blake Pauli, Lincoln Krause, Keegen Tracy), 48.73

**4x200 Relay:** 4. (Brevin Fliehs, Ryder Schelle, Lincoln Krause, Tristin McGannon), 1:44.94.

**4x800 Relay:** 1. (Jayden Schwan, Jace Johnson, Tristin McGannon, Blake Pauli), 9:07.44.

**Shot Put - 12lb:** 3. Karter Moody, 40' 10.5"

**Discus - 1.6kg:** 18. Karter Moody, 87' 4"

**Javelin - 800g:** 12. Karter Moody, 96' 3"; 17. TC Schuster, 91' 10"

**High Jump:** 3. Kason Oswald, 4' 10"

**Long Jump:** 20. Kason Oswald, 15' 2.5"

## Girl's Division

**Team Standings:** 1. Ipswich 131, 2. Warner 128, 3. Webster Area 86, 4. Potter County 71, 5. Groton Area 64.5, 6. Faulkton Area 52.5, 7. North Central 45, 7. Herreid/Selby Area 45, 9. Aberdeen Christian 29, 10. Highmore-Harrold 27, 11. Sully Buttes 17, 12. Langford Area 16, 13. Tiospaye Topa 2

**100 Meters:** 4. MaKenna Krause, 12.99

**200 Meters:** 2. Kella Tracy, 27.84; 4. Laila Roberts, 28.46

**400 Meters:** 1. Kella Tracy, 1:03.01

**800 Meters:** 7. Ryelle Gilbert, 2:46.58; 9. Ashlynn Warrington, 2:54.32

**1600 Meters:** 4. Ashlynn Warrington, 6:18.37; 6. Ryelle Gilbert, 6:26.73.

**100m Hurdles - 33":** 12. Ella Kettner, 19.58; 16. Hannah Sandness, 20.52; 17. Teagan Hanten, 20.68

**300m Hurdles - 30":** 9. Ella Kettner, 59.08; 12. Hannah Sandness, 1:02.71; 13. Teagan Hanten, 1:05.24.

**4x100 Relay:** 6. (Ryelle Gilbert, Faith Traphagen, Ashlynn Warrington, MaKenna Krause), 56.90.

**SMR 1600m - [200-200-400-800]:** 1. (Laila Roberts, MaKenna Krause, Kella Tracy, Faith Traphagen), 4:39.68.

**Shot Put - 4kg:** 4. Emma Kutter, 32' 3.5"; 14. Libby Cole, 26' 11"; 22. Avery Crank, 24' 8.5"

**Discus - 1kg:** 10. Avery Crank, 84' 6"; 13. Libby Cole, 75' 3"

**Javelin - 600g:** 6. Avery Crank, 76' 6"; 13. Emma Kutter, 68' 9"

**Long Jump:** 3. MaKenna Krause, 15' 4.5"; 15. Teagan Hanten, 12' 1.5"; 16. Addison Hoffman, 11' 8.5"

**Triple Jump:** 9. Teagan Hanten, 28' 6.5"



**Groton sophomore Kella Tracy runs the 400m leg of the winning girls SMR 3200m relay. She also won the 400m race. She excelled in competition with her new 400m personal record considering the cool windy conditions during the meet.** (Photo Courtesy

Bruce Babcock)



**Groton Area long distance standout Jayden Schwan places 2nd in the 3200m (2 mile) race.** (Photo

Courtesy Bruce Babcock)



**Talented senior Faith Traphagen anchors the 1st place finish in the SMR 1600m relay.** (Photo Courtesy

Bruce Babcock)



**Lead off runner Ashlynn Warrington hands off to Faith Traphagen in the girls 4x100m relay.** (Photo Courtesy

Bruce Babcock)



**Groton Junior standout Keegae Tracy mid race in the 100m.** (Photo Courtesy Bruce Babcock)



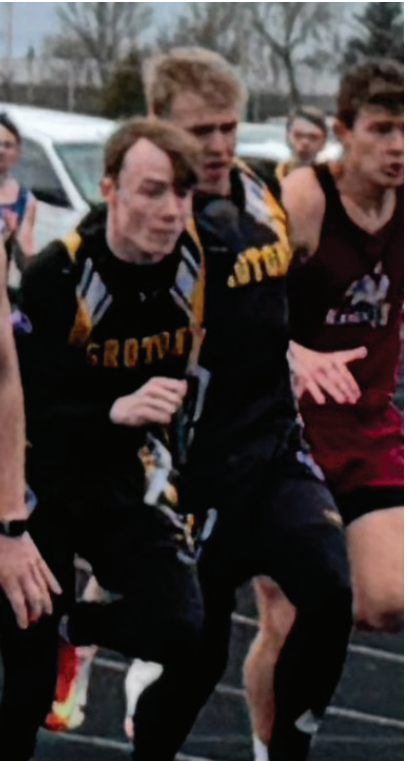
**Field event standout Emma Kutter throws the shot put.** (Photo Courtesy Bruce Babcock)

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**The Groton Area Tigers track team was back in competition this Saturday at the Ipswich Tiger Relays. Makenna Krause hands off to Laila Roberts in the 1st place finish in the SMR 1600m relay.** (Photo

Courtesy Bruce Babcock)



**Sprinter Brevin Fliehs hands off to Lincoln Krause in the 4x100 relay.** (Photo Courtesy Bruce Babcock)

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**Junior Carter Moody runs down the runway prior to throwing the javelin.** (Photo Courtesy Bruce Babcock)

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Vikings fans woke up Christmas morning excited to open some gifts. There were only a few under the tree, but that was okay — sometimes it’s better to get a few good ones instead of a bunch of small ones. We waited patiently for our turn, finally ripped open the best box with our name on it, and found... socks. Nice socks, sure, and we needed them, but still... socks?

All kidding aside, the Vikings had a lackluster draft — but that doesn’t mean it was a bad draft. The team made it a priority to upgrade the trenches this offseason, and that continued Thursday when the Vikings selected Donovan Jackson, an offensive lineman from Ohio State, with the 24th overall pick. Jackson started at left guard for the Buckeyes but stepped in at left tackle when a teammate went down with an injury, helping Ohio State win the National Championship. He will likely be a day-one starter at left guard, completing a full overhaul of the Vikings’ interior offensive line.

The Vikings only had one pick on Day Two of the draft, a compensatory pick they received for losing Kirk Cousins in free agency. They traded back slightly, sending picks 97 and 187 to Houston for picks 102 and 142. With the final pick of Day Two, the Vikings drafted Tai Felton, a wide receiver from Maryland. Felton is a speedster who ran the 40-yard dash in 4.37 seconds — the fifth-best time among all wide receivers in the draft. He also forced the fifth-most missed tackles among receivers. Felton will compete for the fourth spot on the depth chart, but his primary value will come on special teams, where he’ll be in the mix for kick and punt return duties.

In the fifth round, the Vikings used the 139th overall pick on Tyrion Ingram-Dawkins, a defensive lineman from Georgia. Ingram-Dawkins is an extremely athletic player who is still raw in terms of development. At 280 pounds, he’ll play defensive end in the Vikings’ 3-4 system. The tools are there, and he has a ton of potential if he can put it all together.

Later in the fifth round, the Vikings traded pick 142 to Seattle for quarterback Sam Howell and pick 172. The Vikings have needed a reliable backup quarterback for a while, and with Sam Darnold signing in Seattle, Howell became available. Originally a fifth-round pick by Washington in 2022, Howell started all 17 games last season, throwing for 3,946 yards and 21 touchdowns. Howell should be a strong backup option — and hopefully, his arrival will finally quiet the Aaron Rodgers-to-Minnesota rumors.

The Vikings then traded pick 172 to the Los Angeles Rams for picks 201 and 202.

With the 201st pick, Minnesota selected Kobe King, an inside linebacker from Penn State. King is a physical, run-stopping linebacker whose strength lies between the tackles. However, NFL players will be even faster than what he faced in college, and King already struggled to keep up with outside runs and in pass coverage. Hopefully he can elevate his game, but it will be a challenge.

Immediately after, with the 202nd pick, the Vikings took Gavin Bartholomew, a tight end from Pitt. Like King, Bartholomew isn’t an elite athlete but used his size and strength to win in college. He’ll likely need a few years of development before becoming a reliable contributor.

Overall, this was an underwhelming draft for the Vikings. I like the decision to complete the offensive line overhaul, and I like the move to bring in an experienced backup quarterback. Beyond that, we’ll need to keep our fingers crossed that some of the other picks can develop into contributors. Still, if even one or two late-round players hit, this class could look a lot better in a few years than it does today.

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**4th Grade: "Crawdada Song" and "Take Me Home Country Roads"**



**5th Grade : "Die With A Smile " and "Seasons of Love"**

# Competitive Game Ends In Walkoff As Groton Area Tigers Varsity Falls To Madison/Chester Varsity 2025

By GameChanger Media

A walk-off left Groton Area Tigers Varsity on the wrong end of a 4-3 defeat to Madison/Chester Varsity 2025 on Wednesday. The game was tied at three in the bottom of the seventh when Quincy Kurtz drew a walk, scoring one run.

A double by Jordan Pedersen put Madison/Chester Varsity 2025 on the board in the bottom of the first.

Madison/Chester Varsity 2025 added one run in the second. Madison/Chester Varsity 2025 scored on a passed ball, making the score 3-0.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity tied the game in the top of the third thanks to a double by Brevin Fliehs, and a line out by Carter Simon.

Ben Brooks earned the win for Madison/Chester Varsity 2025. The hurler allowed one hit and zero runs over three innings, striking out five and walking none. Jarrett Erdmann took the loss for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. The starting pitcher went six and one-third innings, surrendering four runs (two earned) on seven hits, striking out four and walking five. JD Prorok led things off on the bump for Madison/Chester Varsity 2025. The starter gave up three hits and three runs (two earned) over four innings, striking out five and walking one.

Fliehs drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Area Tigers Varsity with two runs batted in. The number three hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Lincoln Krause, TC Schuster, Fliehs, and Simon each collected one hit for Groton Area Tigers Varsity.

Pedersen drove the middle of the lineup, leading Madison/Chester Varsity 2025 with two runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Pedersen and Carson Wolf were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for Madison/Chester Varsity 2025. Madison/Chester Varsity 2025 turned one double play in the game.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity will travel to Howard Varsity Tigers for their next game on Sunday.

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## Thursday May 1

Senior Menu: Chicken strips, tri-tater, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Biscuits.  
School Lunch: Orange chicken, rice.  
Girls Golf at Redfield, 10 a.m.  
High School Spring Conceert and Awards Night, 7 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.

## Friday, May 2

Senior Menu: Ham salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, peaches, cookie.  
School Breakfast: Breakfast cookies.  
School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, cooked carrots.  
Track at Howard Wood Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Track at Sisseton, 1 p.m.

## Saturday, May 3

Track at Howard Wood, 10 a.m.  
Spring Citywide Rummage Sale

## Sunday, May 4

St. John’s Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John’s, 9 a.m.; at Zion, 11 a.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m. (Senior Milestones and Faith Forever Scholarship)  
High School Baseball in Groton - hosting Elton at 2 p.m. and Clark/Willow Lake/Hamlin/Castlewood at 6 p.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.  
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.  
United Methodist: Worship 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.

## Monday, May 5

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed vegetables, 4w5aa, garlic bread.  
School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.  
School Lunch: Popcorn chicken, tiny whole potatoes.  
Junior High Track at Sisseton, 2 p.m.  
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

## Tuesday, May 6

Senior Menu: Sloopy joe on bun, oven roasted potatoes, California blend, tropical fruit.  
School Breakfast: Waffles.  
School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, puzzle tots.  
Track at Milbank, 1:30 p.m.  
City Council meeting, 7 p.m.  
St. John’s Lutheran: Ladies Aid LWML, 1:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 7

Senior Menu: Ham, au gratin, creamed peas, cheesecake with fruit glaze, dinner roll.  
School Breakfast: Muffins.  
School Lunch: Cheese nachos, refried beans.  
Groton Chamber Board Meeting, Noon, City Hall  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.; Sara Circle, 5 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, May 8

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed

potatoes with gravy, green beans, oranges, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.  
School Lunch: Hot dogs, chips.  
Girls Golf at Lee Park Golf Course, 10 a.m.  
Junior High Track at Roncalli  
Elementary Track and Field Day, 12:30 p.m.  
Groton Lions Club Meeting, 104 N Main, 6 p.m.

## Friday, May 9

Senior Menu: Cold turkey sub, lettuce/cheese/tomato, macaroni salad, pineapple.  
School Breakfast: Egg wraps.  
School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans.  
Track at Aberdeen 2 p.m.

## Saturday, May 10

## Sunday, May 11

St. John’s Lutheran: Worship at St. John’s, 9 a.m.; at Zion, 11 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.  
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.  
High School Baseball in Groton: Hosting Sisseton-Britton-Webster: Varsity at 2 p.m. JV at 4 p.m.

## Monday, May 12

Senior Menu: Meatball, mashed potato with gravy mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Breakfast sliders.  
School Lunch: French bread pizza, cooked broccoli.  
Girls Golf at Olive Grove Golf Course, 10a .m.  
Junior High Track at Webster, 3 p.m.  
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

## Tuesday, May 13

Senior Menu: Breaded chicken sandwich, scalloped potato, carrots, strawberry ambrosia.  
School Breakfast: Egg omelets.  
School Lunch: Chicken strips, sweet tots.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Council, 6 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 14

Senior Menu: Baked fish, rice pilaf, pea and cheese salad, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Biscuits.  
School Lunch: Chicken pasta, mixed vegetables.  
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, May 15

Senior Menu: Baked turkey crunch with dressing, catalina blend, baked apples, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Cerela.  
School Lunch: Sack lunch made by the kitchen. School dismisses at noon.  
End of Fourth Quarter  
Northeast Conference Track at Redfield, 11 a.m.

## Friday, May 16

Senior Menu: Bratwurst on bun, creamy coleslaw, corn, peach crisp.  
Faculty In-Service

## Saturday, May 17

GHS Graduation, 2 p.m.

## Sunday, May 18

St. John’s Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John’s, 9 a.m.; at Zion, 11 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.  
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.

## Monday, May 19

Senior Menu: Chicken alfredo, broccoli, blushing pears, whole wheat bread.  
Girls Golf at Milbank, 10 a.m.  
Junior High Northeast Conference Track Meet, 10 a.m.  
Track at Warner, 11 a.m.  
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, Potluck at Noon  
St. John’s Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

## Tuesday, May 20

Senior Menu: Tatertot hot dish, green beans, pineapple, whole wheat bread.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
St. John’s Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.

## Wednesday, May 21

Senior Menu: Cheeseburger on bun, lettuce/tomato/onion, potato salad, corn, fruit.  
Region High School Baseball at two highest seeds  
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, May 22

Senior Menu: Beef tips with mashed potato, baby carrots, cherry fluff, whole wheat bread.  
Girls Golf at Sisseton, 10 a.m.  
Track at Webster, Noon

## Friday, May 23

Senior Menu: Chicken pasta salad, three bean salad, cinnamon apple sauce, breadstick.  
Saturday, May 24

## Sunday, May 25

St. John’s Lutheran: Worship at St. John’s, 9 a.m.; at Zion, 11 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.  
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.

## Monday, May 26

MEMORIAL DAY  
State High School Baseball at Brookings



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Tuesday, May 27

Senior Menu: Lemon chicken breast, wild rice green beans, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Girls Golf Region at Sioux Valley (Volga), 10 a.m.  
State High School Baseball at Brookings

Wednesday, May 28

Senior Menu Turkey mashed potato with gravy, California blend, orange and pineapple, dinner roll.  
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, May 29

Senior Menu: Taco sald with chips, Mexican rice with beans, fruit, breadstick, cookie.  
State Track at Sioux Falls  
James Valley Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 30

Senior Menu: Hot pork sandwich, cucumber salad, oven roasted potato, honey fruit salad.  
State Track at Sioux Falls

Saturday, May 31

State Track at Sioux Falls

Monday, June 2

State Girls Golf at Madison

Tuesday June 3

State Girls Golf at Madison

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# Groton Area girls win Rob Luecke Track Meet Title

The Groton Area girls won four relay events and McKenna Tietz won the 100m hurdles to help propel the team to a first place finish at the Rob Luecke Invitational Track meet held Tuesday in Groton. Groton Area edged our Warner by 1.5 points for the win. The boys placed fourth as they won two events. Jayden Schwan won the 3200m run and the boys 4x800m relay team also won.

## Boy's Division

**Team Standings:** 1. Milbank 143, 2. Aberdeen Roncalli 69, 3. Ipswich 65, 4. Groton Area 56, 5. Sisseton 46, 6. Britton-Hecla 41, 6. Frederick Area 41, 6. Leola 41, 9. Hitchcock-Tulare 37, 10. Aberdeen Central 32.5, 11. Warner 32, 12. Tri-State 30, 13. Potter County 21, 14. Redfield 18.5, 15. Northwestern 13, 16. Aberdeen Christian 9, 17. Langford Area 1

**100 Meters:** 2. Keegen Tracy, 11.70; 24. Ryder Schelle, 12.57

**200 Meters:** 2. Keegen Tracy, 23.05; 17. Brevin Fliehs, 24.89; 40. Ryder Schelle, 26.77

**400 Meters:** 14. Jordan Schwan, 58.25

**800 Meters:** 2. Blake Pauli, 2:06.00; 21. Kason Oswald, 2:34.49

**3200 Meters:** 1. Jayden Schwan, 10:23.59

**300m Hurdles - 36":** 15. Tristin McGannon, 49.02

**4x100 Relay:** 7. (Brevin Fliehs, Ethan Kroll, Lincoln Krause, Ryder Schelle), 47.50.

**4x200 Relay:** 6. (Brevin Fliehs, Lincoln Krause, Ryder Schelle, Ethan Kroll), 1:38.48.

**4x800 Relay:** 1. (Jayden Schwan, Jace Johnson, Tristin McGannon, Blake Pauli). 8:40.19.

**SMR 1600m - [200-200-400-800]:** 6. (Brevin Fliehs, Lincoln Krause, Jordan Schwan, Jace Johnson), 4:15.99.

**Shot Put - 12lb:** 11. Karter Moody, 38' 7"

**Discus - 1.6kg:** 32. Karter Moody, 89' 9.5"

**High Jump:** 22. Kason Oswald, 4' 9"

**Long Jump:** 8. Ethan Kroll, 17' 7.25"; 31. TC Schuster, 15' 0"; 33. Kason Oswald, 14' 5.75"

**Triple Jump:** 6. Ethan Kroll, 36' 0"; 21. Tristin McGannon, 29' 11"

## Girl's Division

**Team Standings:** 1. Groton Area 98.5, 2. Warner 97, 3. Ipswich 83.5, 4. Potter County 70, 5. Milbank 69, 6. Britton-Hecla 44, 6. Northwestern 44, 8. Aberdeen Roncalli 35, 9. Tri-State 28, 9. Hitchcock-Tulare 28, 11. Aberdeen Christian 27, 12. Aberdeen Central 19, 13. Langford Area 12, 14. Sisseton 10, 15. Leola 6, 16. Frederick Area 2, 17. Redfield 1

**100 Meters:** 4. MaKenna Krause, 13.66; 33. Elizabeth Fliehs, 15.48

**200 Meters:** 7. Rylee Dunker, 29.27; 25. Elizabeth Fliehs, 31.02; 48. Suri Jetto, 40.64

**800 Meters:** 3. Faith Traphagen, 2:28.67; 5. Ryelle Gilbert, 2:34.13

**1600 Meters:** 4. Ryelle Gilbert, 5:47.09; 9. Ashlynn Warrington, 5:53.37

**100m Hurdles - 33":** 1. McKenna Tietz, 17.50; 10. Ella Kettner, 19.40; 11. Emerlee Jones, 19.50; 15. Talli Wright, 19.93; 18. Hannah Sandness, 20.54; 21. Teagan Hanten, 21.38

**300m Hurdles - 30":** 3. McKenna Tietz, 50.21; 5. Emerlee Jones, 52.65; 11. Ella Kettner, 55.63; 18. Talli Wright, 56.96; 21. Teagan Hanten, 59.65; 22. Hannah Sandness, 1:01.71

**4x100 Relay:** 1. (Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, MaKenna Krause), 52.09.

**4x200 Relay:** 1. (Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, Taryn Traphagen), 1:49.45.

**4x400 Relay:** 1. (Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, Ashlynn Warrington, Taryn Traphagen), 4:11.97.

**SMR 1600m - [200-200-400-800]:** 1. (Laila Roberts, MaKenna Krause, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy), 4:23.62.

**Shot Put - 4kg:** 3. Emma Kutter, 32' 11.75"; 18. Libby Cole, 27' 1.75"; 0. Avery Crank, 25' 7.5"; 34. Audrey Davis, 23' 2.25"; 42. Kyleigh Kroll, 22' 4"; 46. Aimee Heilman, 20' 6.5"

**Discus - 1kg:** 8. Avery Crank, 87' 5"; 14. Emma Kutter, 76' 11"; 29. Kyleigh Kroll, 64' 2"; 34. Libby Cole, 61' 8"; 37. Audrey Davis, 60' 0"; 46. Aimee Heilman, 53' 8"

**High Jump:** 4. Emerlee Jones, J4' 7"

**Long Jump:** 4. MaKenna Krause, 14' 9.75"; 23. Teagan Hanten, 12' 3.5"; 26. Rylie Rose, 11' 2"; 30. Addison Hoffman, 10' 6.75"

**Triple Jump:** 18. Emerlee Jones, 28' 3.5"; 20. Teagan Hanten, 27' 6.5"



**Tiger freshman Jace Johnson leads in the second leg of the 4x800m. Culminating with the relay team finishing 1st in the 800m run.** (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



**Faith Traphagen pushes the two leaders in the 800m race. She finished a close 3rd in the race while setting her personal record in the 800m.** (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



**Blake Pauli finishes a close second in the 800m race besting his season record.** (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



**Junior Tiger Jayden Schwan soon passes Milbank runner for 1st place in the 3200m (2 mile). He also set a personal record in the winning race.** (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



**Keegen Tracy out of the starting blocks in the 100m sprint.** (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



**Emerlee Jones set her own personal record best in the 300m hurdles while placing 5th in the race.** (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



**The Groton Area Tigers welcome back Rylee Dunker after recovering from an early off season injury to finishing 7th in the 200m dash.** (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



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## Groton Area Tigers Varsity With Tough Game Against Howard Varsity Tigers

By GameChanger Media

Groton Area Tigers Varsity couldn't keep up with Howard Varsity Tigers and fell 12-2 on Sunday.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity got on the board in the top of the first inning after Howard Varsity Tigers committed an error, and Gavin Englund singled down the left field line, each scoring one run.

Howard Varsity Tigers flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the first, scoring six runs on four hits to take the lead, 6-2. The biggest blow in the inning was a double by Nolan Mentele that drove in two.

Howard Varsity Tigers scored one run in the bottom of the second on a solo home run to right field by Weston Remmers.

Howard Varsity Tigers scored five runs on three hits in the bottom of the third inning. Korbin Shumaker singled, scoring one run, an error scored two runs, an error scored one run, and Owen Feldhaus singled, scoring one run.

Carson Hinker earned the win for Howard Varsity Tigers. The hurler allowed four hits and two runs (zero earned) over five innings, striking out two and walking two. Englund took the loss for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. The starting pitcher went two and two-thirds innings, allowing 10 runs (seven earned) on seven hits, striking out four and walking one.

Englund went 1-for-2 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Lincoln Krause, Karsten Fliehs, TC Schuster, and Englund each collected one hit for Groton Area Tigers Varsity.

Mentele, Shumaker, and Feldhaus each collected two hits for Howard Varsity Tigers. Mentele and Feldhaus were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in two runs for Howard Varsity Tigers. Howard Varsity Tigers turned one double play in the game.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity welcome Sioux Valley on Wednesday for their next game.

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## Groton Area Tigers JV Defeated By Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks

By GameChanger Media

Groton Area Tigers JV lost to Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks 4-1 on Sunday.

Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks opened the scoring in the top of the first thanks to three singles. Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks first got on the board when Ashton Warne singled, scoring two runs.

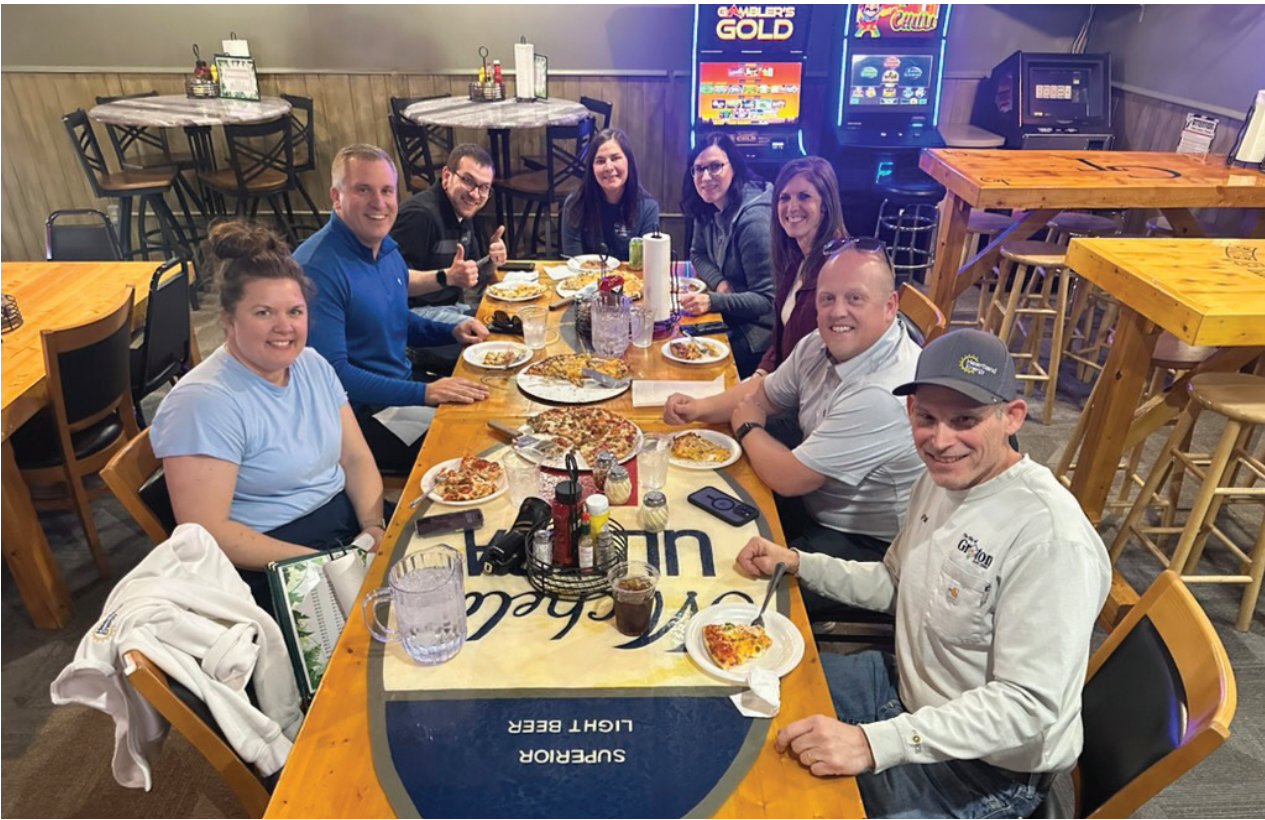
Luke Langland earned the win for Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks. The starting pitcher allowed one hit and zero runs over three innings, striking out three and walking three. Isaiah Scepaniak took the loss for Groton Area Tigers JV. The right-handed pitcher went four and two-thirds innings, giving up four runs on six hits, striking out five and walking six.

Wesley Borg led the team with one run batted in. Lincoln Shilhanek led Groton Area Tigers JV with two hits in two at bats.

Warne drove the middle of the lineup, leading Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks with two runs batted in. The 3-hole hitter went 2-for-2 on the day. Cooper Teske stole two bases. Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating six walks for the game. Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Brendin Moe made the most plays with six.

Groton Area Tigers JV play at home on Sunday against Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks in their next game.

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## Groton Daily Independent earns Community Spark Award

City Hall employees were very good in keeping a secret and mystifying Groton Daily Independent Publisher (myself) about an award presented by Heartland Consumers Power District.

I was asked on Monday if I would be available to unload books for the library on Wednesday. Wednesday came and HCPD came in with cameras at City Hall. I thought this did not look normal. I said to Kelly Dybdahl, who is the Heartland Energy Customer Relations Manager, what they were doing. He said they were promoting city halls throughout the Heartland District and he said I needed to stick around.

That was a red flag for me. I didn't want to be on camera. So I ducked out of City Hall through a sidedoor and no one noticed that I left. I went to the pool to do some work. Then Kellie called. She said they dropped off the boxes of books and the were in a bad spot and needed to be moved.

I thought that something was strange, but I went to City Hall to take care of the "boxes of books." When I arrived, there were no boxes of books. I looked around and said, "Is this entrapment?" Everyone laughed. Yup! I looked across the room and saw Superintendent Joe Schwan there.

As it turned out, the Groton Daily Independent was nominated for the Community Spark Award presented by Heartland Energy for outstanding contributions to the community.

Now granted, I am on the other side of the camera so I have no photos except for this one at lunch at the Jungle Lanes. Pictured are Danielle Kearin, Heartland Energy Communications Specialist; Casey Crabtree, Heartland Energy Director of Economic Development; Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer; Kellie Locke, Groton Assistant Finance Officer; April Abeln, Groton Deputy Finance Officer; Ann Hyland, Heartland Chief Communications Officer; Kelly Dybdahl, Heartland Energy Customer Relations Manager; and myself, Paper Paul, Groton Daily Independent. Also at City Hall during the presentation was Groton Area School Superintendent Joe Schwan.

It was a humbling experience for me. All I can say is that it takes a community to pull this all off. We have so many people that contribute to the GDI - it's your newspaper - I'm just behind the scenes trying to pull it all off on a daily basis. It has been an honor to be part of your community and an honor to accept this award. The Groton Daily Independent was the first publication to receive this award.

There will be a story coming from Heartland Energy, which I'm excited to see! To the Groton Community, Thank You!

Oh yes, I did get a new cap out of the deal! The cap I had been wearing is from the old name of Heartland Consumers Power District. They are now Heartland Energy.

## Groton Area Tigers JV With Tough Game Against Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks

By GameChanger Media

Groton Area Tigers JV had trouble keeping up with Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks in a 16-1 loss on Sunday.

Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Damon Uecker tripled, scoring one run, and Brendin Moe doubled, scoring two runs.

Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks added one run in the second. Teagan Moad singled down the left field line, making the score 4-1.

Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks added to their early lead in the top of the third inning when Ashton Warne singled, scoring two runs, Kade Hauck singled, scoring one run, and a wild pitch scored one run.

Landon Hanssen earned the win for Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks. The righty allowed zero hits and one run over two in-

nings, striking out five and walking one. Kason Oswald took the loss for Groton Area Tigers JV. The hurler went three and two-thirds innings, surrendering 14 runs (six earned) on nine hits, striking out four and walking seven.

Braden Fliehs led Groton Area Tigers JV with one run batted in. Zach Fliehs went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Groton Area Tigers JV in hits.

Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks tallied 10 hits in the game. Uecker led Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks with two hits in three at bats. Moe, Hanssen, and Warne each drove in two runs for Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks. Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks had patience at the plate, collecting nine walks for the game. Koltyn Kissner, Deacon Koomia, and Hauck led the team with two walks each. Cooper Teske stole two bases. Sioux Valley Junior Varsity Cossacks were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Moe had the most chances in the field with nine.

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April 22, 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. Commissioner Dennert 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

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFERS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve transferring the Ownership of Retail (On-Sale) Liquor License from Travis Swenson DBA: Elm Lake Resort to transfer license located at 37594 102nd St., Frederick (Palmyra Twp.) – Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SD, SE 8-128-65 of 5TH P.M. Brown County, SD to Monica Hansen, DBA: Drop Time Resort located at 37594 102nd St. Frederick – Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SE 8-128-65 of 5TH P.M., Brown County, SD.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve transferring the Ownership of Package (Off-Sale) Liquor License from Travis Swenson DBA: Elm Lake Resort to transfer license located at 37594 102nd St., Frederick (Palmyra Twp.) – Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SD, SE 8-128-65 of 5TH P.M. Brown County, SD to Monica Hansen, DBA: Drop Time Resort located at 37594 102nd St. Frederick – Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SE 8-128-65 of 5TH P.M., Brown County, SD.

**ABERDEEN HOMELESS COALITION OUTREACH:** Bob Schatz introduced Kathy Zerr and Jamie Shaw from the Aberdeen Homeless Coalition. Kathy informed the Commission that the Coalition is made up of volunteers who are building relationships and earning the trust of the homeless. They meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 1pm at the K.O. Lee Library, and the next meeting will be held on April 29th. Jamie shared his story and how this coalition has changed his life. There Motto is 'One Love'. In April thus far, there are 54 Homeless people in Aberdeen and 16 of those are new contacts.

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BROWN COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Cooperative Agreement between the Aberdeen School District and Brown County Juvenile Detention Center from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HUFF CONSTRUCTION QUOTE – REVISE PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE:** The Maintenance Department presented an additional quote from Huff Construction to revise the Public Defender Office at a total of \$11,939.00. Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the additional quote from Huff Construction for \$11,939.00 to revise the Public Defender Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY FOR PAT KEATTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following application submitted by Pat Keatts for occupancy of Brown County 127th Street in Section 23-T124N-R65W, Brown County, South Dakota to install culvert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOAD LIMITS:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, met with the Commissioners and recommended lifting the load limits as of Friday, April 25, 2025 as the posted signs are taken down. Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to lift the load limits beginning on Friday, April 25, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID DATES FOR SAND LAKE BRIDGE PROJECT:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize publication of the Sand Lake Bridge Project with Bid Opening date set for Tuesday, May 20, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the Brown County Board of Equalization Minutes of April 15, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$125.63; Brown County Fair Foundation \$8,515.03; CGI, LLC \$505.63; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$126.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$696.00; Jerold M. McNeary \$132.00; Kuck Law Office \$3,264.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$450.00; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$115.43; Lincoln County Auditor \$227.83; Northern Plains Psychological Associates, LLC \$75.00; SD Dept of Health \$2,095.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$108.00; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$567.13; TJ Counseling \$2,500.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$314.50. Publishing: McQuillen Creative Group, Inc. \$60.20; South Dakota Magazine \$360.00. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Panatorium Cleaners \$3,113.85. Repairs & Maintenance: B&B Contracting, Inc. \$6,628.58; Dakota Doors Inc. \$1,101.01; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$291.91; Gappa Electric \$110.00; Gary's Auto Body & Accessories \$285.89; Graham Tire Inc. \$856.54; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$839.26; Lien Transportation Company \$675.00; Meister Mowing LLC \$525.00; Pantorium Cleaners \$281.20; Quality Welding, Inc. \$1,378.43; Titan Machinery \$2,867.50. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$373.26; Amazon Capital Services, Inc. \$360.16; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$4,604.09; Century Business Products \$952.55; Cindy Mitchell \$67.95; Cole Paper Inc. \$2,616.70; Election Systems & Software \$1,274.63; Fastenal Company \$299.17; FedEx \$50.05; Geffdog Designs \$144.00; Graham Tire Inc. \$17.60; House of Glass \$930.75; Kessler's \$222.72; Kuck Law Office \$131.60; Menards \$19.14; Meyers Auto & Truck Parts \$110.00; DSS Image Apparel \$55.00; NVC \$29.35; Quality Welding, Inc \$322.71; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc. \$157.59; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$2,010.00; Titan Machinery \$1,594.65. Travel & Conference: Becca Tullar \$96.04; Jessica Rychlik \$138.00; Mariann Malsom \$259.00; Neil Bittner \$14.00; Scott Kolb \$14.00; SD Assoc of County Officials \$500.00; Tracy Madsen \$138.00. Utilities: CenturyLink \$572.75; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$48.00; Dependable Sanitation, Inc. \$580.00; Northwestern Energy \$2,306.10; NVC \$3,421.75; Verizon Wireless \$1,481.95.

**Payroll:** Commission \$4,896.51; Elections \$2,009.44; Auditor \$8,034.72; Treasurer \$18,750.55; SA \$36,716.47; Public Defender \$5,384.61; Maintenance \$12,092.75; Assessor \$16,614.93; Register of Deeds \$10,905.91; VSO \$4,741.87; GIS \$2,946.49; IT \$10,005.68; HR \$5,517.05; Sheriff \$53,489.17; Jail \$67,628.27; Coroner \$2,000.00; Court Security \$6,962.42; JDC \$33,312.44; Welfare \$2,604.27; Museum \$13,645.55; Parks/Fairgrounds \$7,689.69; Fair Board \$3,626.67; 4-H \$877.19; Weed \$1,179.67; Planning & Zoning \$8,062.17; Highway \$53,017.51; Dispatch \$38,162.46; Emergency \$5,483.06; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,692.92; Landfill \$18,152.97; Mileage Benefits \$1,147.04; FICA \$27,239.26; Medicare \$6,370.45; Discovery-HSA \$2,572.22. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- o Resignation of Alondra Crabbalo-Sambolin, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT – effective April 16, 2025. Request to fill.
- o Hiring of Brenda Radtke as Brown County Deputy Treasurer, FT; starting wage \$2087/hr. – effective May 5, 2025.
- o Promotion of Lynn Zacher from Brown County Sheriff Office Records Technician to Brown County Sheriff Office Administrative Coordinator, FT; starting wage \$24.21/hr. – effective April 27, 2025.
- o Promotion of Sierra Kamin from Brown County 911 Communications Officer to Brown County 911 Shift Supervisor, FT; starting wage \$27.39/hr. – effective April 27, 2025.
- o Job description for FT Museum Guest Coordinator with grade to be placed at 14.
- o Job description, title and grade for Public Defender to be placed at grade 22 with senior level qualifications to be placed

at grade 23.

- o Job description, title and grade for Legal Assistant/Paralegal to be placed at grade 12.

- o Adding Museum Volunteer, Elizabeth Leonhardt, to the approved list for Work Comp purposes.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreements: New Hope Fellowship to lease Portable Storage on June 20, 2025; Shaina Earnest to lease Richmond Lake Youth Camp on August 8-10, 2025 for Family Reunion; Nicole Sobolik to lease Clubhouse on April 26, 2025 for Family Gathering. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the following travel requests: Chris Hemen, Weed & Pest Supervisor to pick up replacement EPD module for Mosquito Fogger on April 17, 2025 in Mobridge, SD; Karly Winter, Karla Nelson, Tucker Anderson & Jason Erickson from State's Attorney Office to attend 2025 Prosecuting the Impaired Driver/State's Attorney's Association Conference on April 29-May 2, 2025 in Deadwood, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

**LOTTERY PERMITS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application submitted by Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce for a lottery to be held on June 1, 2025 at the Brown County Fairgrounds All-Wheels Track. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ABATEMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the following abatement: For Tax Yr. 24PY25 – Parcel #28589 - \$38.59. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ZONING ORDINANCES – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held on May 13, 2025, in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #294, applicants Timothy & Kelly Serr for the purpose of rezoning 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: Lot 5, "Keatts Third Subdivision" in the NE 1/4 of Section 22-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127160 West Bridge Road, Ravinia Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #295, applicant Adam Monson for the purpose or rezoning 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: "Ellingson's Outlot 1" in the SW 1/4 of Section 33-T121N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14788 402nd Avenue; Garden Prairie Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #296, applicants Jeffery & Tamara Sahli for the purpose of rezoning from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: "Meyer's Outlot 1 to Millers Richmond Lake Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 19-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (382228 Spillway Drive; Lincoln Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #297, applicant Shane Reich for the purpose of rezoning 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: Lot 2, "Keatts Third Subdivision" in the NE 1/4 of Section 22-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127070 West Bridge Road, Ravinia Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #298, applicants James Johnson/William Mundhenke for the purpose of rezoning 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: Proposed Lots 1 thru 5, "Johnson Airport Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 22-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (5010, 5025, 5030, 5120 & 5210

Anthony Lane; Bath Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**JOHNSON AIRPORT SUBDIVISION PLAT:**

**RESOLUTION #2025-19**  
Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Johnson Airport Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 123 North, Range 63 West of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Senator Perry shared that the Live Premiere of 'Unearthing CO2 Pipeline' will be at Allevity this evening.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:05 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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#### NOTICE

Application has been made by Timothy & Kelly Serr to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 13, 2025, for the purpose of rezoning the following property 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: Lot 5, "Keatts Third Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 22-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127160 West Bridge Road, Ravinia Twp.). The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 294.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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#### NOTICE

Application has been made by Adam Monson to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 13, 2025, for the purpose of rezoning the following property 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: "Ellingson's Outlot 1" in the SW1/4 of Section 33-T121N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14788 402nd Avenue; Garden Prairie Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 295.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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#### NOTICE

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The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 296.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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#### NOTICE

Application has been made by Shane Reich to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 13, 2025, for the purpose of rezoning the following property 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: Lot 2, "Keatts Third Subdivision" in the NE 1/4 of Section 22-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127070 West Bridge Road, Ravinia Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 297.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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#### NOTICE

Application has been made by James Johnson/William Mundhenke to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 13, 2025, for the purpose of rezoning the following property 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: Proposed Lots 1 thru 5, "Johnson Airport Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 22-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (5010, 5025, 5030, 5120 & 5210 Anthony Lane; Bath Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County

Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 298.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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#### NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the Aberdeen City Council Election for the SE and SW District to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, will close on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov) or call the Brown County Auditor's Office at 605-626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in registration form at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov).

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Brown County, SD  
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#### ADVERTISEMENT

BRF 6251(00)25-1, PCN 0A70

Brown County, South Dakota

Sealed Bids will be received by the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, until 8:45 AM local time on Tuesday the 20th day of May 2025 for the above referenced project. Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents. Brown County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at or shortly after the time named above. Bids will be reviewed by the Brown County Commission at a subsequent meeting of the Brown County Commissioners.

The Project includes the following Work:

- Removal of existing ±249'-0" Five Span Steel Girder Bridge.
- .....Installation of proposed 242'-0" Three Span Prestressed Concrete Girder Bridge.
- Additional items as set forth in the Contract Documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding documents may be viewed and obtained at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) by entering QuestCDN project number 9656254. If you need assistance with the website, please contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com).

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County**  
**April 22**  
**Consolidated Equalization**

APRIL 22, 2025 – CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 1:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Gage and Sutton, Aberdeen School Board Member Duane Alm, Aberdeen City Mayor Schaunaman, Director of Equalization, Gene Loeschke and Appraisers Russell Metz, Kathy Fischer and Stephanie Morgan.

CONTESTED: Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Dinger to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation as follows:

- For Aberdeen Homes I, LLC of LT 379 & S 17' LT 380 Morning Heights Addition: Parcel #16843 to lower the assessed value from \$133,965.00 to \$111,879.00.
  - For Aberdeen Homes, LLC of LT 3 HAFSOS RAR LT 11-12 BK 26 THOMAS Addition: Parcel #13591 to lower the assessed value from \$181,885.00 to \$150,234.00.
  - For Aberdeen Homes I, LLC of LT 10-11 Hall's SD BK Hagerty & Lloyd Addition to leave the assessed value at \$164,663.00.
  - For Aberdeen Homes II, LLC of LT 15-16 BK 8 Hagerty & Lloyd Addition to leave the assessed value at \$138,691.00.
  - For Aberdeen Homes II, LLC of LT 20 BK 18 18th Addition to Highland North to lower the assessed value from \$283,859.00 to \$277,712.00.
  - For Aberdeen Homes II, LLC of LT 67 & S ½ LT 68 BK 3 Gorder's 1st Addition to leave the assessed value at \$267,613.00.
- All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPEALS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for Trevan Korthour of LT 1 BK 1 Heritage Estates Addition, SW 7-123-63 (LT 18 Cambridge Addition RPL LT A & B) to leave the assessed value at \$485,541.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Dinger to adjourn the Consolidated Board of Equalization for 2025 at 1:37 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**Stratford Town**  
**April 8 Meeting**

Stratford Town Board Meeting April 8th, 2025

6:30pm Prickett called meeting to order with Schley, Engelhardt and Kwak in attendance.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to approve the March 10th, 2025 minutes as read.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to approve the financials as presented.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to approve the following claims for payment: -General Fund-NWE Bills: (st lts) \$325.82, (ball pk) \$13.23, (tennis) \$20.45, (st lts2) \$173.17,

(hall) \$647.97, (sign) \$15.54; James Valley (auto): \$44.58; United Fire (auto): \$673.00; Quickbooks (auto): \$37.17; Groton Ind: \$19.04; \$4.91; \$18.76; \$5.24; Storage Unit Annual Fee: \$550; PDFfiller: \$20.90; Aberdeen Floral: \$104.76 (funeral); Anna Reimburse Supplies: \$30.21; Walmart: \$92.39 (ink); \$33.21 (supplies).

-Water Sewer Fund-NWE Bills: (2nd st) \$39.22, (p hse) \$24.90; Web Water (auto): \$1,443.59; USDA RD Loan Payment (auto): \$478.00; NESD Loan Payment (auto): \$383.71.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Park committee presented progress on planning and funding for community park, Brittany

Schley taking over as committee liaison.

D Jark request for water and sewer services to new lot discussed. Permit requires additional attention to gain approval.

Community center rental requests reviewed and approved. Account determination for 391 E nelson ave - customer will be given until April 15th to make progress before services terminated.

Mosquito control grant unavailable; board to develop new mosquito mitigation plan for approval next meeting.

Reservoir management to be scheduled by next meeting.

CLOSING:

Next meeting is scheduled for May 13th, 2025 at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Engelhardt, carried; to adjourn the meeting.

-Anna Kwak; Finance Officer  
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**Stratford Town**  
**April 29 Meeting**

Stratford Town Board Special Session April 29th, 2025

6:30pm Prickett called special session to order with Schley, Engelhardt and Kwak in attendance.

2025 Mowing Bids opened for review with Schley disqualified due to conflict of interest; a motion was made by Engelhard, Prickett seconds, motion carried; to hire Brittany Schley for the 2025 mowing season.

Dahme construction bid for final water project work reviewed; need more bid updates before final approval.

Updates to city fees and policies regarding water, sewer, and infrastructure expansion discussed; city will move forward with ordinance update process.

CLOSING:

Next meeting is scheduled for May 13th, 2025 at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Engelhardt, carried; to adjourn the meeting.

-Anna Kwak; Finance Officer  
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**Stratford Town**  
**April 28 Meeting**

Stratford Town Board Special Session April 28th, 2025

6:30pm Prickett called special session to order with Schley, Engelhardt and Kwak in attendance.

2025 Mowing Bids opened for review with Schley disqualified due to conflict of interest; a motion was made by Engelhard, Prickett seconds, motion carried; to hire Brittany Schley for the 2025 mowing season.

Dahme construction bid for final water project work reviewed; need more bid updates before final approval.

Updates to city fees and policies regarding water, sewer, and infrastructure expansion discussed; city will move forward with ordinance update process.

ORDINANCE 117 AMMENDMENT 5 - 1ST READING: Moved by Prickett, seconded by Schley to approve first reading of ordinance 117 Amendment 5, an update to an ordinance of water rates and regulations for the Town of Stratford. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLOSING:  
Next meeting is scheduled for May 13th, 2025 at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Engelhardt, carried; to adjourn the meeting.

-Anna Kwak; Finance Officer  
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**State of S.D.**  
**Hoerner Hearing**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BROWN  
) ) )  
SS  
IN CIRCUIT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
A&N 25-8  
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION  
HEARING

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF

E.H. MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING KAITLYNN NICOLE HOERNER AND UNKNOWN FATHER, RESPONDENTS.

TO: Kaitlynn Hoerner UNKNOWN FATHER

Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for an ADJUDICATION HEARING on the 19th day of May, 2025, at the hour of 9:45 a.m. of said day, before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Failure to appear at these Adjudicatory proceedings shall be deemed an admission. Dated this 29th day of April, 2025

Karla Nelson,  
Brown County States Attorney  
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**State of S.D.**  
**Martinez-Troche Hearing**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BROWN  
) ) )  
SS  
IN CIRCUIT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
A&N 24-108  
AMENDED NOTICE OF CONTINUED ADJUDICATORY HEARING

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF

L. G, AND Z. G. M., MINOR CHILDREN, AND CONCERNING ANGELA TERESA GAUTHIER CARDONA, LOUIS GAUTHIER SR., ANDZULMA MARTINEZ-TROCHE RESPONDENTS

TO: Zulma Martinez-Troche )

Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a CONTINUED ADJUDICATORY HEARING on the 28th day of May, 2025, at the hour of 9:45 a.m. of said day, before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Failure to appear at these Adjudicatory proceedings shall be deemed an admission. Dated this 29th day of April, 2025

Karla Nelson,  
Brown County States Attorney  
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## Fourth Graders attend Ag Fair at Aberdeen



**Andy Clemen with Agtegra shows students from Sue Fjeldheim's class during the Fourth Grade Ag Fair on Tuesday at the Brown County Fairground.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



**From left: Groton Area sophomores Ryder Jangula and Walker Zoellner answer questions about a cow's digestion system during the Fourth Grade Ag Fair on Tuesday in Aberdeen.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



**Fourth grader Callie Herrick reacts while petting a New Zealand breed rabbit at the Fourth Grade Ag Fair on Tuesday in Aberdeen. "They were very soft. If I shaved it, it would just be a jelly bean," she said.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

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Dear EarthTalk: What’s up with efforts to restore wild salmon to the U.S. West? – J.D. via email

Over the past century, wild salmon populations on the U.S. West Coast have declined drastically. In Washington State alone, salmon populations have dropped to as little as five to 10 percent of their historical numbers, according to the Recreation and Conservation Office. In response, efforts to restore them have ramped up as concerns grow about their survival.

Salmon play a crucial role in the environment, supporting ecosystems, fishing industries and Indigenous communities that have depended on them for centuries. But between habitat destruction, overfishing and climate change, the numbers really took a hit. In recent years, there’s been a big push to restore them, with new projects and funding, though overall progress has been inconsistent in certain areas.

One of the biggest problems is that salmon habitats have changed over time. Dams block their migration routes, making it harder for them to reach the places where they spawn. Some



projects, such as those on California’s Yuba River, are working on removing barriers or building special passages so salmon can get through easier. Another issue is water temperature—rivers are getting too warm because of climate change and salmon need cold water to survive. In some areas people have been planting more trees along riverbanks to help provide more shade but it’s a slow process. Plus, erosion causes too much dirt in the water which can end up burying salmon eggs before they can hatch.

There’s been a lot more funding lately to help salmon recover, but this isn’t a new effort. Since the 1990s, billions of dollars have been invested in salmon restoration across the Pacific Northwest, with funding from federal, state and tribal governments. In 2023, the U.S. Congress allocated an additional \$60 million to support restoration projects, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) leading multi-agency federal efforts to improve wild salmon populations. Some hatcheries are also stepping in, raising salmon to release into the wild, though some scientists worry that hatchery fish might not act like real wild salmon and could mess with natural populations.

But even with all these efforts, salmon still have a lot of problems. Climate change is making rivers drier in some places and flooding in others, which totally throws off their migration. Plus, there’s still a debate over whether big dams should be taken down to let salmon move freely again. Meanwhile, predators like sea lions have been snatching up more salmon lately, making it even harder for the fish to bounce back.

To help, check to see if seafood is sustainably caught, support policies that protect salmon, and volunteer for local conservation projects. And of course, tackling climate change matters, because without fixing bigger environmental issues, salmon recovery will be an uphill battle. There’s a long way to go, but with enough effort, wild salmon could still make a comeback.

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**2025 was a record year for chum salmon returning to Piper Creek in Seattle.** Credit: Roddy Scheer.

## “The Golden Rules of Dementia”

Dementia is a progressive condition that results in decline in cognitive function. People with dementia have increasing difficulties with short term memory, thinking, and reasoning. For family members it can be hard to watch the decline in a loved one who is struggling with dementia. Interacting when someone has dementia can be difficult. Following these three Golden Rules can help.

Rule number 1: Do not ask direct questions. Asking someone with dementia if they remember your name or remember what they had for breakfast can be distressing. Someone with dementia may not be able to find the answer you are looking for and can feel put on the spot to come up with an answer.

Rule number 2: Listen to the person with dementia and learn from them. When someone is suffering from dementia, their feelings are more important than facts. My grandmother had dementia for the last 20 years of her life. She was very upset that my aunt had not come to visit her. My aunt had passed away a few years prior. At first, we thought the best thing was to tell her the truth, that my aunt had died. We saw that this was new information each time we told her. She grieved deeply each time she heard that news. It was kinder to tell her that my aunt was away at school and would be home at the next holiday to visit. There was no reason to keep inflicting that trauma on her. We were able to ease her mind. She was worried she had done something wrong to cause my aunt to not visit.

Rule number 3: Do not contradict. The part of the brain that is able to reason is no longer functioning in dementia. Trying to win an argument with logic is not beneficial. Another time visiting my grandmother, she was very anxious that she had not taken lunch out to her husband. She believed he was out working in the field on the family farm. My grandfather had died the year I was born. Rather than contradicting her, I said that I would make sure that he got lunch and would take it out for her. This made her feel better.

These three golden rules can help give the family member with dementia a sense of security and safety. It can also be helpful for family members to interact with the person they love in a new and meaningful way. Meet the person with dementia where they are, instead of trying to force them to be where you are. If you allow them to take the lead, you may learn some beautiful stories from the past and have fond memories for your future.

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