

88th Carnival of Silver Skates

January 25, 2026



88th Annual Carnival Celebration

Royalty Through the Years

1938	Lenora Luruhn Sheehan	1984	Rosalie Martin Wylie
1939	Florence Wegner Miles	1985	Jodi Anderson Weigel
1941	Gunrun Martison McCullough, Robert Pray	1986	Cassie Ackman Kuenstler
1942	Dorothy Fangen Kah, Robert Pray	1987	Charlie Garness-Klauer
1946	Virgina Pratt Ablen	1988	Niki Schaller Christoffer
1947	Donna Wehde Cassels	1989	Kris Sternhagen Barger
1948	Deseree Saltness	1990	Crystal Knoll Wheeler
1949	Shirley Thompson Suelzt	1991	Becky Sperry Diegel
1950	Dona Cooper Anderson, Bob Richards	1992	Becky McGannon
1951	Kay Stroh Fangen, Paul Roth	1993	Heather Feser
1952	Jvon Gildy, Bill Fangen	1994	Brenda Herr Goetz
1953	Donna Oliver Nastos, Aaron Bade	1995	Elizabeth Hoffman Doeden
1954	Barbara Sippel Pharis, Jerald Lakemaker	1996	Becky Hoffman Hearnen
1955	Patty Ennen Jackson, Rodney Bauer	1997	Jennifer Sundstrom Little
1956	Barbara Gildy Van Kempen, Tom Bauer	1998	Lindsey Swisher Tietz
1957	Connie Sippel Anderson, Jon Anderson	1999	Jessica Hoffman Huber
1958	Susan Clawson Grace, Wayne Knoll	2000	Tasha Sperry Dunker
1959	Karen Hubbard Berglun, Ron Mielke	2001	Erica Swisher Roberts
1960	Corinne Foss Scott, Lee Schinkel	2002	Katie Anderson
1961	Charlotte Craig Rigger, Kent Johnson	2003	Shannon Daly Lehnberg
1962	Darlyne Dunker Johnson, George Wegner	2004	Erica Stanley Garvey
1963	Jaci Jiran Bain, Bob Nielsen	2005	Brittany Ronning Mollet
1964	Judy Fliehs Feser, Tom Paepke	2006	Heather Dixon Phillips
1965	Jeanne Wegner Wanous, Jeff Kolbo	2007	Erin McNamara
1966	Joan Fliehs Johnson, Greg Saunders	2008	Marqelle Albrecht
1967	Sandy Schaller, Lynn Schinkel	2009	Morgan Schuring McCranie
1968	Diane Sundling Knutson, Gary Hoops	2010	Bailey Ronning Hoffmann
1969	Carryl Bleibaum Goens, Jeff Von Wald	2011	Jenna LaMee Pruitt
1970	Debbie Cassels Bollinger	2012	Alexa Schuring Sperry
1971	Renee Mydland Swisher	2013	Cheyenne Schaller
1972	Jill Mydland Zimmer	2014	Breanna Marzahn Milbrandt
1973	Faye Siefkes	2015	Allison Weber
1974	Frankye Gravatt	2016	Aubray Harry Miller
1975	Sherry Schaller	2017	Katie Koehler
1976	April Ackman Madden	2018	Jasmine Schinkel Groft
1977	Kim Volk Schweitzer	2019	Taylor Holm Bonn
1978	Cindy McKiver Hoops	2020	Nicole Marzahn Thaler
1979	September Ackman Kruse	2021	Alexis Hanten Stange
1980	Stacey Larson Hines	2022	Brooklyn Imrie
1981	Brenda Sombke Waage	2023	Anna Fjeldheim, Carter Barse
1982	Vonnie Bleibaum McKinney	2024	Emma Schinkel
1983	Pam Sternhagen Hanson	2025	Rylee Dunker

2025 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen

Rylee Dunker

Rylee is the daughter of Craig and Tasha Dunker. Rylee has one older brother, Colby, and one younger sister, Brynlee.

She was just 4 years old when she first started skating with the Snowflakes group. Since then, she has made many amazing memories with friends and family. She performed a specialty act in 2019 with her cousin, Ashlyn. Her favorite memory is performing to “It’s the Hard-Knock Life” from the musical *Annie* – complete with mops and buckets for props on the ice!

In addition to skating, Rylee is also active with volleyball, basketball, track, FCCLA, Fellowship of Christian Students, HOSA, and St. John’s youth group.

Rylee’s mother and grandmother also skated in the carnival – how special to have a third-generation skater!



Queen Candidates

Senior



Mia Crank

Senior



Emma Davies

Junior



Avery Crank

Junior



Teagan Hanten

Junior



Addison Hoffman

Junior



Emerlee Jones

Junior



Claire Schuelke

Junior



McKenna Tietz



Guest Skaters



Scan the QR codes to read more about our guest skaters!

National Showcase Team Trio 1

*Abigail Reeves, Elin Gossen, and
Audrey Mack*



National Showcase Team Trio 2

*Dorothy Peterson, Brooklyn Bloom,
and Madison Johnson*



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A few reminders - please:

- Have your children stay in/by your vehicle
- **NO** skating behind the scenery or in front of vehicles at any time for the safety of everyone
 - 6:00 performance: make sure your headlights/automatic lights are turned off

We will be limiting people in the warming house, please note the following:

- *Have your child report to the warming house, no earlier than 2 acts before his/her group
- *Have your child's skates on prior to entering the warming house

Tune your vehicle radio to station FM 92.3

Stay warm and enjoy the show without having to roll your windows down.

Order of Program

National Anthem

Rowan Hanson

Introduction of the 2025 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen

Rylee Dunker

Introduction of 2025 Junior Snow Queen

Abby Fjeldheim

Coronation of the 2026 Silver Skates Royalty

(afternoon performance only)

Queen Candidates:

Seniors: Mia Crank and Emma Davies

Juniors: Avery Crank, Teagan Hanten, Addison Hoffman, Emerlee Jones, Claire Schuelke, and McKenna Tietz

"Take Me to the Movies"

1. National Showcase Team Trio 1

"Chipmunk Mashup"

Abigail Reeves, Elin Gossen, and Audrey Mack

2. Snowflakes

"Ghostbusters"

Waylon Anderson, Wrenley Giedt, Ivy Hughes, Oscar Jetto, Luke Johnson, Scarlett Pigors-Laughery, and Cole Swisher

Instructors: Katie Anderson and Coralea Wolter

3. 3rd grade

"Gotta Be Me"

Brielle Dunbar, Mya Fliehs, Kinsey Frost, Amara Graff, Laker Hanson, Kodi Hinman, Liv Huber, Ellie Lassle, Jorie Locken, Aria Shellenberger, and River Wipf

Instructors: Teagan Hanten and Alexis Stange

4. 7th grade

"Day-O"

Gracie Borg, Brynlee Dunker, Ambrielle Feist, Kierea Jetto, Libby Johnson, Mya Moody, Maycee Moody, Kinley Sandness, and Tori Schuster

Instructors: Rylee Dunker and Tasha Dunker

5. Specialty Act

"Everywhere, Everything"

Avery Crank and Emerlee Jones

6. Kindergarten

“L-O-V-E”

River Anderson, Elowen Cutler, Collyns Dunbar, Alandra Graff, Faith Johnson, Sawyer Kappes, Blake Locke, Hadlee Ronning, Makenna Sternhagen, and Beau Traphagen
Instructors: Katie Anderson and Coralea Wolter

7. 1st grade

“Welcome to New York”

Huntley Frost, Hazel Giedt, Graham Locken, and Ava Wiseman
Instructor: Katelyn Giedt

8. Specialty Act

“Dancing Queen”

Teagan Hanten and McKenna Tietz

9. 6th grade

“Set it Off”

Taylor Flihs, Shealee Gilchrist, Ryan Hanson, Avery Huber, and Devan Locke
Instructor: Avery Crank and Claire Schuelke

10. 9th and 10th grade

“You’re the One That I Want”

Libby Cole, Tenley Frost, Tevan Hanson, Abby Fjeldheim, and Suri Jetto
Instructor: Anna Fjeldheim

11. Specialty Act

“The Greatest Show”

Claire Schuelke



12. 8th grade

“Can’t Stop the Feeling”

Rachel Dobbins, Andi Gauer, GraceLynn Hubbs, and Chloe Witchey
Instructor: Emerlee Jones

13. 4th and 5th grade

“Don’t You Worry ‘Bout a Thing”

Haley Erickson, Preslee Giedt, Reagen Harry, Hazel Hill, Nori Hinman, Raziah Jetto, Railey Mulder, Presley Olson, and Calli Wilkinson
Instructor: Katelyn Giedt

14. Specialty Act

“Dancing in the Dark”

Tevan Hanson and Abby Fjeldheim

15. 2nd grade

“Space Jam”

Maya Anderson, Kylie Borg, Ivy Cole, Layla Feist, Emme Flihs, Emersyn Giedt, Kayleigh Raba, Molly Swisher, Aubrie Traphagen, and Collins Traphagen
Instructors: Katie Anderson and Coralea Wolter

16. 11th grade

Avery Crank, Teagan Hanten, Addison Hoffman, Emerlee Jones, Claire Schuelke, and McKenna Tietz
Instructors: Lindsey Tietz and Alexis Stange

“Dance the Night”

17. National Showcase Team Trio 2

Dorothy Peterson, Brooklyn Bloom, and Madison Johnson

“These Boots are Made for Walkin’”

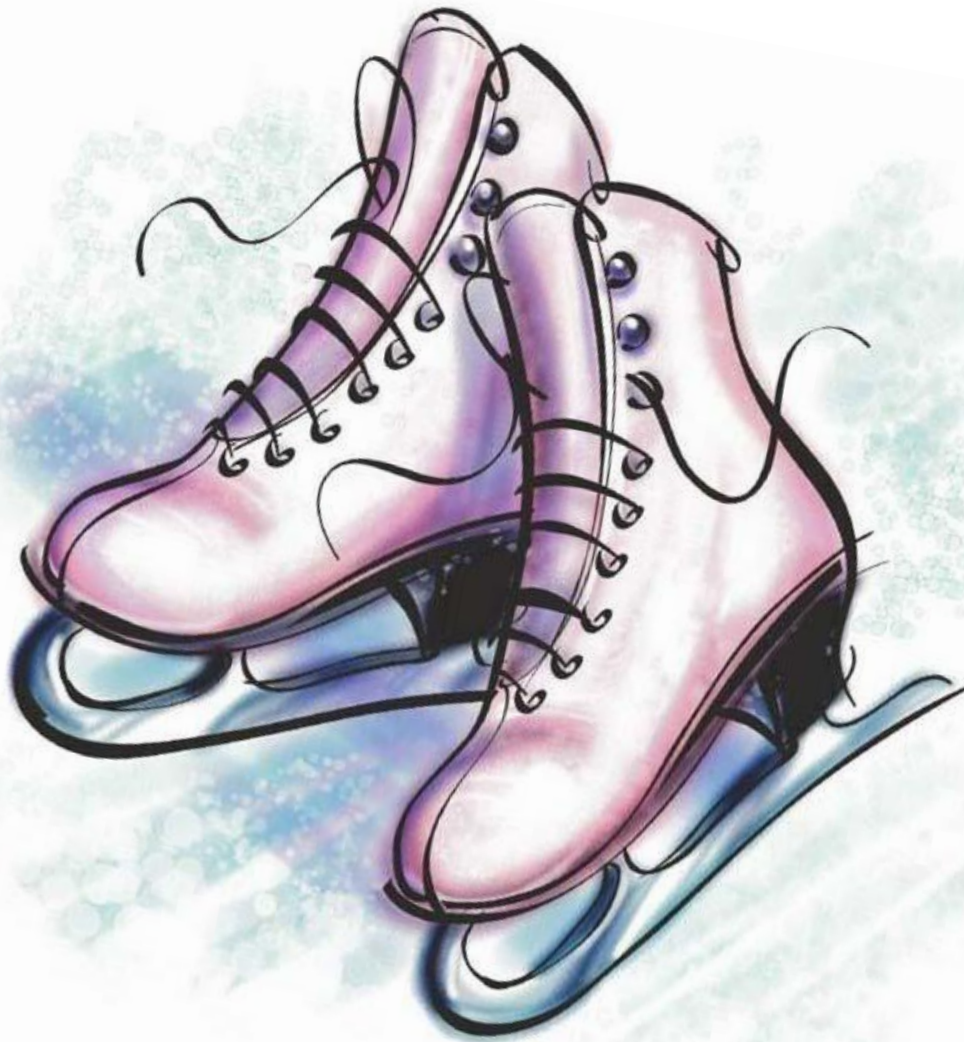
18. 12th grade

Mia Crank, Emma Davies, and Rylee Dunker
Instructors: Shonna Harry and Aubray Miller

“Hold On”

19. Finale

All skaters



Acknowledgements

Thank you for attending the 88th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates performance! This wonderful Groton area program continues to grow, thanks to the great cooperation of many community members, including:

The volunteers serving on the 2025-2026 Carnival of Silver Skates Executive Board:

Lindsey Tietz, Chairperson; Carrie Cole, Assistant Chairperson; Taylor Swisher, City Liaison; Katie Anderson, Secretary; Elizabeth Varin, Treasurer; Emily Sternhagen, Costumes; Katelyn Giedt, Skate Instruction; Sarah Hanten, Publicity and Communications

Instructors for this year's Carnival: Katie Anderson, Avery Crank, Rylee Dunker, Tasha Dunker, Anna Fjeldheim, Katelyn Giedt, Teagan Hanten, Shonna Harry, Emerlee Jones, Aubray Miller, Claire Schuelke, Alexis Stange, Lindsey Tietz, and Coralea Wolter.

The countless others who have helped make "Take Me to the Movies" a reality.

Special Thanks to:

Emcee
Presenting of the US Flag
National Anthem performer
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Admission collectors
Parking coordinator
Spotlight technicians
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Monetary Donation
Distributing notes to students
Use of facilities for costume hand-out
Emergency services
2026 Friend of the Carnival
Rink & facility maintenance, snow removal, etc.
2026 Photographer & Queen's photo
2026 Carnival apparel
Warming house supervisors
Publicity promoters

Scott Thorson
2026 Queen Candidates
Rowan Hanson
Cody Hanten and Carrie Cole
2026 Queen Candidates
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Groton Chamber and Putney Ladies Aid
Groton Area Schools
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Groton Rescue Squad
Coralea Wolter
City of Groton
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BK Custom T's & More
Sue Fjeldheim and Carrie Olson
Groton Daily Independent, Hub City Radio, James Valley Telecommunications, Aberdeen Insider, Lori's Pharmacy, City of Groton, Dacotah Bank, Reporter and Farmer





Admission Costs:

Volunteers will be collecting admission fees during the
AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE ONLY:

\$3.00 for those 13 and older

\$2.00 for those six to twelve

Free for children five and under



Looking ahead to future Carnivals...

Skaters, we want you!

Please watch for registration information to come out early next fall. Registration forms are due the beginning of September. If you were not involved this year, but would like to receive registration information by mail or e-mail next fall, please contact Lindsey at 605-846-7720 or lindsey.tietz@k12.sd.us You can also reach us by friending the Carnival of Silver Skates Facebook page (Carnival of Silver Skates.) Skaters from four years old (must have turned four by September 1st) through high school are welcome!

Let's make next year's 89th Annual Carnival special again...

The Carnival of Silver Skates **Annual Meeting** will be
Sunday, March 1st at 1:00 at the Warming House.

Parents of **all** skaters are encouraged to attend.

An election of officers for the 2027 Carnival will be held.

The Carnival of Silver Skates Executive Board includes:
chairperson, secretary, treasurer, costume chair, skating instruction chair,
communications chair, and city relations chair.

**Please plan to attend and help to continue this
community tradition!**

Contact Lindsey (605-846-7720) with any questions.

Don't forget costume turn-in!

TODAY following the evening performance or

Monday, Jan. 26th 4:00 – 6:00 PM at the Warming House.

Please do **NOT** wash any part of the costume. Please return your entire costume, including the hanger, in its original condition. If you absolutely cannot turn in your costume at one of these scheduled times, you **MUST** contact Emily Sternhagen (605-380-4826) **PRIOR** to the costume turn-in to make alternative arrangements. Failure to deliver the costume by the alternative date/time, will result in a forfeiture of your