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Groton students make flag display for Columbia Auxiliary

by Dorene Nelson

The American flag display, made by Groton High School students under the direction of Don Donley, is incredible and amazing! It is huge, mounted on a wooden base, and has been skillfully and carefully planned!

Members of the Columbia American Legion Auxiliary contacted the Donleys about the shop class making a portable, permanent display object to be used for their club meetings and other official events. This large display is kept indoors in the Columbia American Legion when not being used.

S & S Lumber of Groton is to be thanked for donating all of the wood that was used to make the flag as well as the base the items are attached to. The army boots are from the Vietnam War, the rifle is from World War II, and the helmet is from the Korean War. Some of the items were donated by local veterans. The entire display is permanently mounted on a platform with wheels to be easily used and stored.

The following juniors and seniors spent many hours on its creation: Jacob Tewksbury, Drake Peterson, Keegan Harry, Dreston Dennert, Walker Zoellner, and Dylan McGannon.

The poppies are made out of discarded metal cans from the school kitchen. They were cut and shaped into flowers, mounted, painted, and attached to stems with green metal leaves that had also been cut, shaped, marked, and painted. The careful cutting and shaping creates the look of "real" flowers.

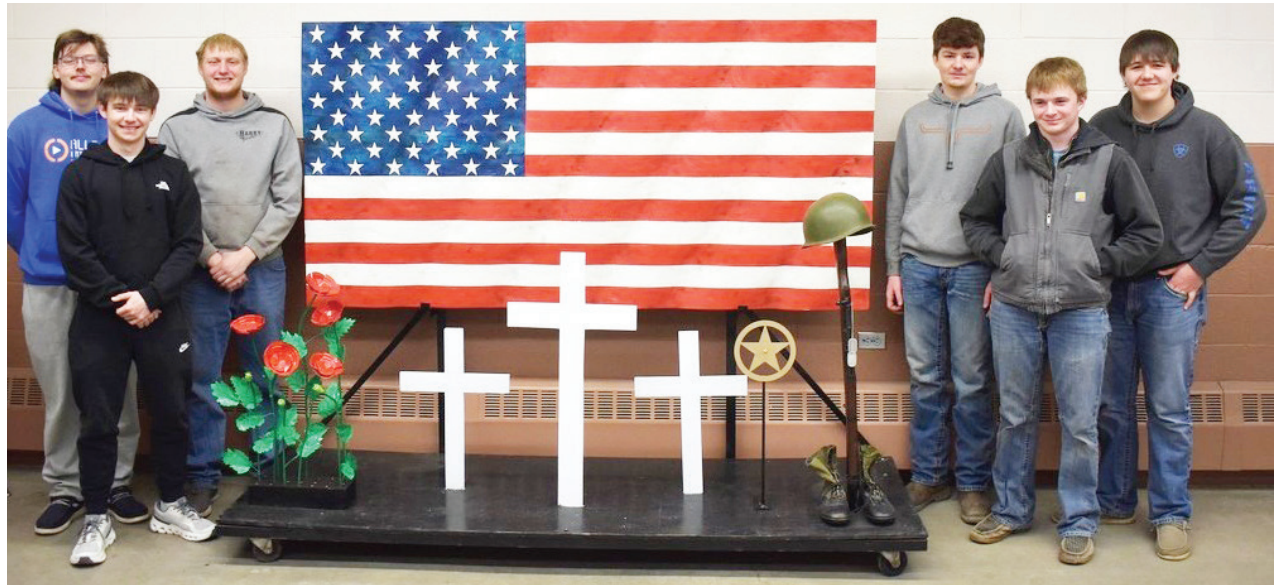
At the center of the gold star is a "Mother's Pin," also from World War II. These pins honor the mothers of soldiers who lost their lives while serving in the military. The three hand-carved wooden crosses represent all soldiers, especially those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The base of the display is made from wood and measures 8' in length and 6'2" in height. The base is mounted on wheels so that it can be easily moved and stored. When not in use it is kept inside the Columbia Legion.

According to the young men who worked on this huge project, the most difficult part of this amazing display was creating the fifty stars. The star forms were created by using a stencil and carving the star shapes into the wood. Not only is the carving difficult but keeping them evenly spaced and straight complicated the project.

The flag display is used for all Auxiliary meetings, in public for parades and official Auxiliary business, and for display. The six members of this class, working an hour a day, started this project in December and completed it in March.

The large American Legion display benefited from the hard work of many students and the guidance from Don and Joann Donley.



Pictured in back, left to right, are Jacob Tewksbury, Keegan Harry, Dreston Dennert and Dylan McGannon; in front, left to right, are Drake Peterson and Walker Zoellner. (Courtesy Photo)



The photos above and to the left were submitted by Cara Dennert, showing more of a closeup of the display.

Ringgenberg Earns Midwest Honor, Advances to National Legion Firefighter of the Year



Dale Ringgenberg

GROTON, S.D. — A Groton firefighter is now being recognized on a national stage.

Dale Ringgenberg, nominated by Groton American Legion Post #39 and recently named the South Dakota American Legion Firefighter of the Year, has now been selected as the American Legion Firefighter of the Year for the Midwest Region.

With the honor, Ringgenberg advances to the national level, where he is now one of just five regional finalists competing for the American Legion's National Firefighter of the Year Award.

The prestigious award recognizes firefighters who go above and beyond the call of duty, demonstrating outstanding courage, leadership, and service to their communities.

Ringgenberg's selection at the regional level places him among the top firefighters in the nation, highlighting not only his dedication to the fire service, but also his commitment to the Groton community.

The national winner will be announced and honored at the American Legion National Convention scheduled for August in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ringgenberg was originally nominated by members of Groton American Legion Post #39, who cited his exceptional service, professionalism, and ongoing contributions to the community as key reasons for his selection.

Advancing from the state level to a regional title — and now to national consideration — marks a significant achievement and brings recognition to both Ringgenberg and the Groton area.

As one of the nation's top finalists, Ringgenberg will represent South Dakota and the Midwest Region on the national stage later this summer.




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We the People

The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



By David Adler

Otis, Paine and Adams: Surging Momentum Toward July 4, 1776

Americans' deep interest in our nation's history, super-charged by the fast-approaching 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, has brought renewed focus on the early controversies, personalities and events that launched the American Revolution. The founders, themselves, were quick to identify intellectual influences that shook the tectonic plates of history and triggered the earthquake that produced a republic.

John Adams, who, with Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, constituted the "Holy Trinity" of the revolutionary Enlightenment Period, was at the epicenter of the political earthquake. In 1761, Adams was a spectator in a crowded Boston courtroom, drawn by the growing reputation of the brilliant, young firebrand attorney, James Otis, Jr., who was there to argue in what has become immortalized as the "Writs of Assistance Case," on behalf of outraged, local merchants against the parliamentary statute that authorized sweeping searches and seizures—fishing expeditions-- of private property. In a losing cause, Otis had sounded a bold and unprecedented trumpet call: not only was the law unconstitutional, but that it was the duty of the courts to pass such a law into disuse. Otis's conception of the embryonic doctrine of judicial review, introduced at that juncture for political, constitutional and, indeed, revolutionary purposes, fired the imagination of Adams, who grasped, not only the legal, but the strategic implications of the argument. For a nascent movement in search of intellectual tools to battle British imperialism and somehow strip England of its all-powerful sovereignty, Otis's radical contentions made him the man for the moment. Adams wrote, rather romantically, "then and there the child independence was born."

If not in a Boston courtroom in 1761, then perhaps the match was lit with the publication on January 9, 1776, of Thomas Paine's little pamphlet, "Common Sense," which wielded a stunning impact on the Continental Congress and the minds of colonists, up and down the eastern seaboard. When Adams returned to Congress a month later, the pamphlet was already in its third printing, having exceeded

100,000 copies, and having ignited a fever for independence. In *Common Sense*, Paine attacked the very concept of hereditary monarchy, burned its intellectual scaffolding to the ground, named King George III a "royal brute," and unleashed a call to arms and American Independence. Paine ripped away the mask from indecision and asked, "Why is it that we hesitate? The birthday of a new world is at hand." Paine sensed the universal appeal of American independence. "The cause of America," he wrote, "is in a great measure the cause of all mankind." Adams agreed. He wrote to his wife, Abigail, that he expected *Common Sense* to become the "common faith."

Adams's great revolutionary work, which would change the face of the nation, lay ahead. On May 10, in the confines of Congress, he introduced the bold recommendation that every colony should draft a new constitution to replace the existing British charters of governance. Five days later, he stepped forward to introduce a preface to his resolution. On May 15, Adams set forth a list of grievances, which documented King George III's failure to answer the colonists' petitions for reconciliation. In conclusion, it was the king who had effectively abandoned, that is, declared the independence of his former American subjects. Accordingly, he called upon the "Assemblies and Conventions of the United Colonies" in which no government sufficient to meet the exigencies had been established, "to adopt such Governments" to promote that happiness and safety of their constituents.

With an author's pride, Adams immediately described to a friend that his resolution was "the most important Resolution that ever was taken in America." Until the end of his days, Adams did not waver from that belief. In his view, the call for the creation of state governments constituted the ultimate act of American independence. It was a completely natural and logical response to the fact that the King had repudiated the colonists.

In the annals of history, it is true that Thomas Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence has worn the crown of achievement in the minds and imagination of Americans. It is also true that Jefferson's majestic writing rode the surging tides of voices—from Otis to Paine to Adams-- that demanded separation, independence and revolution. In a plea to the world, the "United Colonies" gave birth to a new idea, a republic, in which the people, not a king, would govern.

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The Life of Maurice Nehls



The funeral service for Maurice Eugene Nehls will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday March 27th, 2026 at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Langford SD. Pastor Dan Cole and Diane Hoines will officiate the service. Burial will take place in the Groton Cemetery in Groton, SD.

Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 pm Thursday, March 26th, 2026 at Olson Funeral Chapel in Britton.

Maurice E. Nehls (Moe) was born September 14th, 1926, near Groton, SD to Fred and Dora (Hoops) Nehls. He grew up and attended school in the Groton area. Before graduating he joined the United States Army during World War II serving in Germany guarding ammunition. Due to Moe's mischievous personality, he was assigned to KP duties, which included peeling hundreds of pounds of potatoes per day. This talent later became a useful skill making potato salad to give away to family and friends. In 1946, before leaving Germany, he traded his boots and a few packs of cigarettes for a diamond ring that he would later present to his future wife, LaVonne. Maurice and LaVonne were married on February 18th, 1949. They started their married life in the Groton area. They were blessed with three children: Marlene, Linda Ann and Larry. Moe's job brought them to the Langford area where he worked for local farmers and later found his passion working for the Marshall County Highway Department running the road grader.

Moe was an avid hunter and fisherman. As a side hobby he started processing wild game and livestock for local residents (in the county shop). In retirement, Moe took pleasure in gardening, especially his tomatoes. He was known to pick them a little too early since he wanted to have the first tomato in town. If you didn't see Moe cruising Langford in his golf cart or giving kids rides, you could catch him driving his Cub Cadet lawn mower, which was his favorite past time, even if the grass didn't need mowing.

If you were looking for Moe in the morning or afternoon you could find him at the local coffee spot shaking dice, joking with staff and his buddies, and looking for his next free cup of coffee. Moe enjoyed spending time with his family playing games of 31, eating homemade ice cream, and fresh doughnuts. Moe's favorite holiday was his birthday and planning his annual party and cake one year in advance. In recent years, he proudly received his honorary high school diploma, went on the Honor Flight to Washington DC, and was the last surviving WWII veteran in Marshall County. He also enjoyed trips to Alaska and taking photos.

Maurice passed away Friday, March 13th, 2026 at Wheatcrest Hills in Britton at the age of 99.

He is survived by his daughter, Marlene (Steven) Price; grandchildren: David Price, Paul (Cari) Price, Michelle (Tim) Marlette, and Stephanie Jahnig; five great grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, LaVonne; daughter, Linda Ann Price; son-in-law, Kenneth Price; son, Larry Nehls; and his siblings: Grace Blondo, Bernice Prunty, Mary Ann Flihs, Howard Nehls, Carroll Nehls, and Dallas Nehls.

Condolences may be directed to Marlene and Steve Price - 41991 SD Hwy 27 - Langford, SD 57454. An online guestbook and obituary are available at www.olsonfuneralchapel.com

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With the 2025 NFL season officially over, all 32 teams will begin laying the foundation for 2026 and beyond. Some teams have championship aspirations, some teams are hoping to ascend out of the proverbial basement, and some teams will be somewhere between the two. For the Minnesota Vikings, the quest for that ever-elusive Lombardi Trophy begins as it always does, by looking in the rearview mirror.

Today marks the final article that will examine the 2025 roster to reveal which positions and players can be built around, and which need to be upgraded. This week, we break down the back end of the defense with the cornerback and safety groups.

The Minnesota Vikings' pass coverage was one of the best in the NFL last season, despite the patchwork of players that were cobbled together last offseason. The Vikings only gave up 2,694 yards and 15 touchdowns through the air, which were both second-best in the league. Can Brian Flores duplicate his success in 2026?

Byron Murphy was the Vikings' CB1 last year. After snagging six interceptions and making the Pro Bowl in 2024, Murphy signed a massive extension to remain in Minnesota.

Across from Murphy was Isaiah Rodgers, who signed a two-year contract last offseason. He's in line to start once again, and he'll be looking to play his best in 2026 to parlay that into a big contract in 2027.

Next up on the depth chart is newly acquired James Pierre, who is one of only two free agent signings by the Vikings so far this season (the other being Kyler Murray).

Currently, the Vikings only have two other CBs on the roster, Dwight McGlothern and Zemaiah Vaughn. Expect the team to add a little more depth before training camp, whether that's through the draft or an inexpensive free agent signing.

The last line of defense is the safety position, so it's only fitting that we break down that group last. The biggest safety-related news is the (potential) retirement of Harrison Smith, who has been the anchor of the defensive backfield since he was drafted in 2012. It's possible the 37-year-old will come back for one last season, but if I had to guess, I'd say we've seen the last of number 22 (until his eventual enshrinement into the Vikings' ring of honor).

Joshua Metellus is the only starting-caliber player left at safety, and he's usually a chess piece for Flores, constantly moving all over the field.

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Theo Jackson, who started eight games in 2025, is currently penciled in as the starter next to Metellus. Has the 27-year-old shown enough to warrant the starting role?

Competing with Jackson is Jay Ward, who is entering his fourth season in the NFL. Ward started five games in 2025 but was clearly behind Jackson on the depth chart.

Rounding out the safety group is Tavierre Thomas (who the Vikings just re-signed to provide depth and play special teams) and Kahlef Hailassie, who was on the practice squad last season.

The Vikings' special teams saw a slight shakeup this offseason when punter Ryan Wright signed with the New Orleans Saints. To replace him, the Vikings signed veteran Johnny Hekker, who is entering his 15th year in the NFL. Hekker is a four-time Pro Bowl punter, so he's plenty capable of holding down the spot until the Vikings find a long-term replacement.

"What the heart wants (is exercise)"

Cardiovascular disease remains the most common cause of death in the US as well as a very common cause of chronic illness and disability. Heart attacks, heart failure, and strokes result in about 2500 deaths per day in the US, according to the American Heart Association®. While huge strides continue to be made in treatment of these events, including medications and procedural abilities, as always, prevention is the best medicine.

Many risk factors exist for cardiovascular disease; some, such as genetics or family history, are out of one's control. However, there are many things we can do to reduce our risk, including quitting smoking and controlling high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes. One behavior that applies to us all is to get enough exercise.

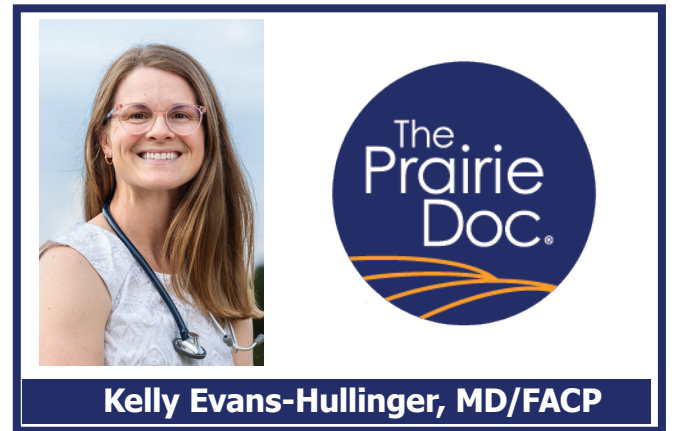
The American Heart Association® recommends getting at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week, preferably spread over several days in the week. Moderate exercise might include brisk walking, gardening, or leisurely biking. Vigorous exercise might include walking on an incline, jogging or running, or heavy yard work. Additionally, they recommend resistance or strength training be included twice per week.

Starting from sedentary? No problem, but don't expect to go from zero to 150 minutes in the first week. Listen to your body; you can even start with walking or chair exercise for ten minutes per day. You will find that with consistency you will be able to build on that week to week. Most importantly, find a physical activity that you enjoy enough to keep doing. For many people, exercising with a family member or friend really helps.

We know that regular exercise can cut the risk of cardiovascular disease substantially; one large study showed a reduction in mortality by over 20%, with more exercise giving even greater protection. How exercise benefits the heart goes beyond its effect on obvious markers like weight; exercise improves blood flow in the vessels around the heart in a way that reduces future bad outcomes. As I tell my patients when we discuss exercise, its benefits are far greater than its effect on weight. Your heart will thank you for the exercise no matter what the scale says.

So let's all get moving this week! Any exercise is better than none, and there is something out there for everyone. The heart wants what it wants, and that's exercise.

Dr. Kelly Evans Hullinger practices internal medicine at Avera Medical Group in Brookings, SD. She serves as one of the Prairie Doc Volunteer Hosts during its 24th Season providing Health Education Based on Science, Built on Trust. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on SDPB, YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).



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March 17, 2026
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: Nehls, Babcock, Shilhanek, Cutler, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Chad Locken, Douglas Heinrich, Elizabeth Varin, Jordan Voss-Severson, Jason Warrington, Robyn Warrington, Julie Sandness, Kayla Krause, Kami Lipp, and Ken Hier via phone.

Moved by Nehls and seconded Babcock to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion after agenda item no. 11 regarding allowing Darrin Erdmann to transport the baseball scoreboard from Brookings rather than Daktronics to save freight costs and allow for more flexibility.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Kami Lipp addressed the additional applicants for the swimming pool. Chad Locken addressed the special event alcoholic beverage licenses and requirements.

Lipp, Sandness, the Warringtons, and Krause exited the meeting.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Babcock to accept Mayor Hanlon's appointment of Jordan Voss-Severson as Ward 3 Councilperson. All members present voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding the additional soil exploration for the wastewater project. Hier entered the meeting via phone call to discuss the reasoning. Moved by Shilhanek and seconded by Cutler to approve the additional soil exploration proposal with Soil Technologies, Inc. All members present voted aye. Hier exited the meeting.

The approval of the special event alcoholic beverage licenses for Sandness and Warrington/Krause were tabled on a motion by Shilhanek and seconded by Nehls. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Shilhanek and seconded by Babcock to table the review of the estimate from H&M Custom Coating for the exterior painting of city hall. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Shilhanek to accept the gravel quote from Krueger Bros in the amount of \$21.60 per yard. All members present voted aye.

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

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

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

Payroll, \$28,555.28, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,970.69; Public Safety, \$8,858.88; Public Works, \$14,725.71; Kellie Locke, \$80.00, Med flex; The Roofers, \$54,800.00, 2026 roof repair project advance payment; USPS, \$326.88, Utility billing postage; City of Groton, \$240.61, Utility deposits applied to outstanding bills; Derek Hoefert, \$121.65, Utility deposit refund; Mary Barajas, \$137.74, Utility deposit refund; Payment Service Network, Inc., \$206.25, PSN gateway and eBill fees - February 2026; WEB Water, \$19,234.65, Water services - February 2026; Northern Electric Cooperative, \$388.72, Power services at airport; SD State Treasurer, \$11,550.95, Sales and excise tax - February 2026; Dacotah Bank, \$3,474.83, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$6,337.54, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$831.23, HSA contributions; Runnings, \$2,058.99, 3000w generator and storage tote - Water/Sewer/Electric; The Groton Independent, \$169.94, Publishing costs; Nelson Sales and Service, LLC, \$104.00, Chain sharpening - Forestry Dept.; A&B Business Solutions, \$240.83, Printer/copier lease - City Hall; WAPA, \$30,270.12, Power services - February 2026; VESTIS, \$67.26, Rug rent - City Hall; Heartland Energy, \$55,077.58, Power services - February 2026; RDO Equipment Co., \$286.14, Cutting edges - Street Dept.; SD Federal Property Agency, \$782.00, Gloves, ax, cabinet, toolbox, tools, breaker bars, neck gator, knives, bug spray,

lights, sockets, tube gutter, wrenches - Multiple Depts.; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$590.00, Supplemental retirement; NVC, \$832.36, Telephone and internet services; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease - Electric Dept.; Douglas Heinrich, \$29.00, Mileage reimbursement - Aberdeen to Retrieve Equalization packet for Groton and Verdon; Landon Johnson, \$14.00, Meal reimbursement - 1x lunch - Federal Surplus Store trip on 3/3/2026; Branden Abeln, \$108.00, Meal reimbursements - 2x lunches - Federal Surplus Store trip on 3/3/2026 & MSHA training on 3/11/2026; Med flex; Badger Meter, Inc., \$162.31, Water metering fees - February 2026; IMEG Corporation, \$45,000.00, Engineering fees - Wastewater Project - Invoice no. 6; Locke Electric Inc., \$1,435.95, Load management replacements, breaker replacements, repair pump station controls, ice skating pond lights, wire pump in basement of city hall, & fan motor replacement for shop heater - Multiple Depts.; Jesse Anderson, \$14.00, Meal Reimbursement - MSHA Training on 3/10/2026; Dwight Zerr, \$14.00, Meal Reimbursement - MSHA Training on 3/10/2026; Schwan Welding & Boiler Repair, \$75.20, Pin markers - Cemetery; Heartland Waste Management, \$12,292.38, Garbage hauling; NW Energy, \$49.48, Natural gas service - Water Tower; Ken's Fair Foods, \$182.07, Garbage bags, supplies for puzzle contest, fuel purchases - Multiple Depts.; MJ's Sinclair, Inc., \$1,111.12, Fuel purchases - Multiple Depts.; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$1,462.24, Flash drives, puzzles, cup holders, nose tissues, book purchases, business card holder, water sample postage, sewer sample postage, sewer chemicals, website hosting fee, PD uniform purchase, planner, CPO certification fee, fuel purchases, Red Cross facility fee for pool, toilet paper, dispenser, lights - Multiple Depts.; Altec Industries, Inc., \$4,899.57, Annual digger/bucket truck inspections - Electric Dept.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to have Daktronics transport and deliver the baseball scoreboard from Brookings. All members present voted aye.

Reminder: Nominating petitions for municipal election are due by March 24th, 2026, at 5pm.

Announcement: City offices will be closed on April 3rd and 6th, 2026, for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Varin exited the meeting. Moved by Shilhanek and seconded by Nehls to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:07pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:32pm.

Varin reentered the meeting. Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to hire the following applicants for summer employment: Matt Locke - 14U Legion Coach, Aaron Severson - Jr. Legion Coach, Emma Kutter - Lifeguard, Jace Johnson - Lifeguard, Ruelle Gilbert - Lifeguard, Emerlee Jones - Lifeguard, and Addison Hoffman - Lifeguard. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Voss-Severson and seconded by Babcock to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 23, 2026

President Rix called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the HS Library Conference Room. Other members present: Flihs, Harder, Lerseth-Flihs, Strom, Weber, and Weismantel. Absent: None. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Flihs, to approve the proposed agenda as written. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Harder, seconded by Flihs, to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel issues-Business Manager Interviews. The board moved out of executive session at 8:30 pm.

Moved by Harder, seconded by Lerseth-Flihs, to adjourn at 8:30 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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Town of Stratford
Accepting Mowing/Weed Trimming Bids

Written/electronic bids to be received no later than: 5:00 PM, April 28th, 2024

Submit bids to community hall drop box, email, or by mail to:

Town of Stratford
Attn: Mowing Bids
293 Rondell Ave
Stratford, SD 57474

Regular mowing and weed trimming to be monitored/assessed weekly:

1. Ball Park, picnic area
2. City Park (emphasis on trimming)
3. Lots West of old fire hall
4. Lot East of old fire hall
5. Pump House Lot

Bids will be opened on April 13th, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Community Hall.

Anna Kwak, Finance Officer stratford1906@gmail.com
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Northern State University Announces Dacotah Bank 4-Year Scholarship Recipients for Fall 2026

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Northern State University is pleased to announce the incoming freshmen who have been selected to receive the Dacotah Bank 4-year scholarship for Fall 2026.

The Dacotah Bank scholarship supports students pursuing programs within Northern State University's School of Business. According to Recipients must be full-time students majoring in a School of Business program, and the scholarship is renewable for up to eight semesters if students continue to meet eligibility requirements, including maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.

The Fall 2026 incoming freshman recipients are:

- Mikah Barfknecht, Underwood, Minnesota
- McKenzie Baruth, Alpena, South Dakota
- Elizabeth Boschee, Woonsocket, South Dakota
- Esther Burkhalter, Prairie City, South Dakota
- Avery Christensen, Willmar, Minnesota
- Abigail Cooper, Aberdeen, South Dakota
- Anthony Davis, Bismarck, North Dakota
- Harrison Dea, Morton, Illinois
- Abbigail Dinger, Aberdeen, South Dakota
- Ashlyn F. Foss, Lemmon, South Dakota
- Holden Gill, Timber Lake, South Dakota
- Ethan Hamlin, San Antonio, Texas
- Annabelle Hedlund, Moorhead, Minnesota
- Jorryn Heilman, Miller, South Dakota
- Clay Kahre, Wolsey, South Dakota
- Isabelle Kallhoff, Onida, South Dakota
- Kane Larson, Preston, Minnesota
- William Mansfield, Waseca, Minnesota
- Kaeden Mattheis, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Karter Moody, Groton, South Dakota**
- Brady Moon, Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Aubrey Nething, Wood Lake, Minnesota
- Henry Oakes, Perham, Minnesota
- Anaka Ott, Waverly, Iowa
- Addie Ott, Waverly, Iowa
- Nataleigh Rendon, Lower Brule, South Dakota
- Gracie Beth Rohde, Colome, South Dakota
- Colin Ross, Hammond, Wisconsin
- Mason Schreiber, North Mankato, Minnesota
- Brianna Slattery, Rogers, Minnesota
- Sidonia Wattier, Norfolk, Nebraska
- Preston Wipf, Tulare, South Dakota
- Ava Yeske, Athol, South Dakota

These scholarships reflect Northern State University's continued commitment to supporting student success and investing in future business leaders.

King Crossword

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- 27 Nevada gambling city
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- 59 Numerical prefix
- 60 Discoverer's call
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- 62 More serene
- 63 La Scala melody
- 64 Really spread out
- 65 Actress Arthur
- 66 Performs
- 67 Rent sharer
- 68 Spaniel type
- 69 Test tube
- 70 Soccer leg-end
- 71 Bell or Barker (Abbr.)
- 72 Bill of sale
- 73 "Dynamite" band
- 74 Blond shade
- 75 Tidying (up)
- 76 Enzyme suffix
- 77 Toothed wheel
- 78 "I love," to Ovid
- 79 Bro's sib
- 80 Sheathe
- 81 God, to Galileo
- 82 Crude stone artifact
- 83 "That's a laugh!"
- 84 Lip
- 85 — Major
- 86 Exceptional
- 87 Kate of "The Martian"
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- 89 Apple variety
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March 17, 2026 – 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 Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
BID OPENING FOR LANDFILL CELL #5: Time and place, as advertised, to open, read and consider sealed bids for Landfill Cell #5 Construction project. Bids were received from the following: Midland Contracting for \$2,524,525.07; Loiseau Construction for \$2,560,000.00; Foothills Contracting for \$1,753,967.68; Dahme Construction for \$2,830,959.50; Border States Paving for \$4,536,824.00 and B&B Contracting for \$3,315,466.48. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to defer for a week for review. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #322 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #322. Applicant Donna Keatts to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Keatts Tenth Subdivision to Richmond Lake" in the W1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 23-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (approx. 37840 Richmond Drive; Ravinia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Fireworks Permit for RKM Fireworks Co. to do the Fireworks Display at the Brown County Fair on Saturday, August 15, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Entertainment Contracts which details are confidential for Sevendust, Blackhawk and Theory of a Deadman. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve to surplus some phones from the Treasurer's Office and be disposed of at the Landfill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2026 DECLARATIONS WITH SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 2026 Declarations with SD Public Assurance Alliance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Com-

missioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Claims: Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$3,248.22. Professional Fees: Aberdeen Cardiology \$7.56; Aberdeen ED \$596.15; Aberdeen Imaging \$41.65; Acute Care Aberdeen \$398.52; Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. \$1,586.40; Certified Languages International LLC \$808.50; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$3,698.60; Dakota Group LLC \$2,500.00; Dependable Sanitation, Inc. \$32,974.00; Emergency Services Marketing Corp, Inc \$413.28; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$900.00; IMEG Corp \$7,000.00; Karpel Solutions \$11,450.00; Kristi Brandt \$28.75; Kuck Law Office \$5,994.70; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Network Center, Inc \$3,057.77; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$1,968.75; PharmChem, Inc \$2,308.65; Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association \$1,250.00; Sanford Clinic Aberdeen \$309.71; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$673.00; Sanford Health \$4,826.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$4,231.50; Target Solutions & Learning LLC \$6,903.86; Telerad Prof SA10 \$41.65; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$595.49. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$138.35; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$1,095.36. Rentals: Dakota Electronics LLC \$4,501.00; Vestis \$273.74. Repairs & Maintenance: Artz Equipment, Inc. \$210.90; Brown Flooring LLC \$1,146.00; C Express Inc. \$12.74; Custom Installation Solutions \$675.00; Dakota Doors Inc. \$683.38; Diesel Machinery, Inc. \$8325.00; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$132.12; Graham Tire \$15.20; Interstate Powersystems \$1,800.26; Leidholt Electric \$79.73; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$895.96; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$132.95; Service Signs Inc \$1,275.61; Steven Lust Automotive \$575.35. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services, Inc. \$688.71; Artz Equipment \$1,295.27; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$40.00; Borns Group \$12,577.26; Century Business Products \$684.67; Cole Paper Inc. \$223.92; Cook's Direct, Inc. \$327.01; Dakota Doors Inc \$635.95; Dakota Oil \$438.90; Diesel Machinery, Inc. \$23,263.20; FedEx \$14.60; Graham Tire \$5.05; James Straatmeyer \$2,210.00; Kessler's \$136.86; Kuck Law Office \$203.55; LabSource, Inc \$767.80; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$156.58; Matthew Bener & Col, Inc \$130.43; Menards \$257.08; Midstates Group \$118.45; NVC \$30.63; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$1,896.91; Titan Machinery \$972.93. Travel & Conference: City of Aberdeen – K.O. Lee Public Library \$50.00; Kent Karlen \$19.00; SD Narcotics Officers Association \$100.00. Utilities: CenturyLink \$582.03; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$508.92; City of Hecla \$236.62; Economy Propane, LLC \$1,763.20; Northern Electric \$117.50; Northwestern Energy \$312.14; NVC \$399.77; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$94.00; Verizon Wireless \$460.29. Other: SD Assoc of County Officials \$650.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:
 o Resignation of Brianna Chaviano as Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT; effective March 12, 2026. Request to fill.
 o Resignation of Payton Beidler as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; effective March 23, 2026. Request to fill.
 o Hiring of Wesley Jones as Brown County Jail Detention Of-

ficer, FT – starting wage \$22.59/hr.; effective March 17, 2026.
 o Hiring of Blake Martin as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT – starting wage \$22.59/hr.; effective April 1, 2026
 o Promotion of Makayla Madson from Brown County 911 Senior Communications Officer to Brown County 911 Shift Supervisor, FT – starting wage \$28.91/hr.; effective March 15, 2026.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 2026: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for January 2026: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7700.00; Total Checking Account Balances: \$21,038,703.12; Total Savings Account Balance \$1,375,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: \$13,302,725.57; Grand Total Cash and Balances: \$35,724,576.11. General Fund \$17,084,062.68; Road & Bridge Fund \$2,952,402.33; Road & Bridge Fund - restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$600,376.15; Emergency & Disaster (\$27,048.14); Domestic Abuse \$649.03; SA Grants \$181,253.80; 24/7 Sobriety \$77,967.45; ROD M&P \$71,357.52; Rural Access Infrastructure \$376,393.85; TIF Debt Service \$102,156.92; Landfill + cash change \$7,739,631.78; Landfill restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust and Agency Funds \$3,524,415.93; Grand Total General Fund Cash and Investments \$32,724,576.11. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Travel Requests: Lynn Heupel, Auditor to attend Lake Region Meeting on March 25, 2026 in Milbank, SD; Lynn Heupel and Sara Swisher, Auditor's Office to attend Spring Workshop on May 5-7, 2026 in Pierre, SD; Mike Wiese, Commissioner to attend SD Narcotics Officers Assoc. Conference on April 29-May 1, 2026 in Deadwood, SD. The motion passed with 4 votes; Commissioner Wiese abstained due to one being for himself.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following Abatements: For Tax Year 2026: Parcel #29398-\$69.19; Parcel #20571-\$52.10; Parcel #5492-\$283.95; Parcel #26492-\$104.20. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 8:58 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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STRATFORD CITY:
 LOT 1-4 BLOCK 9 STRATFORD CITY: \$3,000.00 (BARE LOT)
 PRAIRIEWOOD VILLAGE:
 LOT 4 BLOCK 1 PRAIRIEWOOD VILLAGE SE 33-124-63: \$8,500.00 (BARE LOT)
 Sara Swisher, Brown County Chief Deputy Auditor
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BROWN COUNTY SCHOOL LAND LEASE AUCTION
 A school land lease auction will be held at the Brown County Courthouse (Community Room) in Aberdeen, SD, on April 2, 2026 at 10:30AM (CT).
 A list of tracts available for lease may be obtained at the Brown County Auditor's Office or by contacting the Office of School & Public Lands, 500 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-5070 or phone (605)773-3303. A listing is available on the SPL website www.sdpubliclands.sd.gov. Phone bidding will be allowed on a recorded conference line at 1-818-777-1212 with access code of 18892020#. Disabled individuals needing assistance should contact the Office of School and Public Lands at least 48 hours in advance of the auction to make any necessary arrangements.

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Groton City Sandness License
 Notice of Hearing upon Application for a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council on the 7th day of April, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Groton City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider a special event alcoholic beverage license for Julie Sandness to host a graduation party at the Groton Community Center at 109 N 3rd Street in the City of Groton, South Dakota on May 9th, 2026.
 Any person interested in the approval or rejection of any such application may appear and be heard.
 Dated at Groton, South Dakota, this 24th day of March, 2026.
 Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer
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Groton City Warrington/Krause License
 Notice of Hearing upon Application for a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council on the 7th day of April, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Groton City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider a special event alcoholic beverage license for Jason Warrington and Pat Krause to host a graduation party at the Groton Community Center at 109 N 3rd Street in the City of Groton, South Dakota on May 15th, 2026.
 Any person interested in the approval or rejection of any such application may appear and be heard.
 Dated at Groton, South Dakota, this 24th day of March, 2026.
 Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer
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NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY
 Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to SDCL Chapter 6-13, the following described property will be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on March 31, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. This property has been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. All delinquent taxes, penalties and interest are abated and are not the responsibility of the new owner. Brown County makes no guarantee of absolute fee simple marketable title to the property. It is recommended that the purchaser of a County Quit Claim Deed pursue a quiet title action to acquire marketable title to the property (per SDCL Chapter 43-30, title standards 26-01 and 26-02).
 Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale and a Quit Claim Deed will be issued to the successful bidder. Property offered for sale is as follows:
PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
FREDERICK CITY:
MINIMUM BID:
 LOT 4 – 6 BLOCK 5 ORIGINAL PLAT TO FREDERICK CITY: \$4,000.00 (BARE LOT)
 LOT 5 BLOCK 9 ORIGINAL PLAT TO FREDERICK CITY: \$4,300.00, 407 MAIN ST, FREDERICK CITY (COMMERCIAL BUILDING)

Brown County Tax Deed Auction

Columbia City
March 19 Equalization
 City of Columbia Council Special Meeting– March 19, 2026
CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Dana Mohr, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints, Sam Hoppock, Trevor Meints
Community: Roger Zastrow
 Mayor Dana Mohr called the City of Columbia Equalization meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Dana Mohr called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts.
 Roger Zastrow was in attendance to discuss taxes on the land next to the parcel sold to the city for the sewer project. No other city residents were present. Cara will file the necessary papers with the County.
 Sam Hoppock made a motion to allow Cara Dennert as finance officer to sign land replatting contracts within the city limits. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.
 Mayor Mohr adjourned the meeting.
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Groton City
March 17 Equalization
MINUTES FOR THE CITY OF GROTON LOCAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
 The City of Groton Local Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 8:35pm at 120 N Main Street. Board members present were Mayor Scott Hanlon, Council members: Jordan Voss-Severson, Michael Shilhanek, Karyn Babcock, Jon Cutler, and Kevin Nehls. Also present was Douglas Heinrich - Finance Officer, Bruce Babcock, and Elizabeth Varin.
 The Local Board of Equalization received two written notices of appeal in objection to property assessments presented by Bruce Babcock, in reference to one property owned by Babcock and another by the Groton American Legion.
 The first property appealed was LT 14-15 BK 11 ORIG PLAT, otherwise known as Base Kamp Lodge. Babcock states minimal work has been done at Base

Groton City
March 16 Equalization
 Town of Westport Equalization Meeting
 March 16, 2026
 The Town of Westport met on March 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat, and Deb Schlosser present.
 No residents appeared before the Board to review 2025 assessments.
 Meeting dismissed at 7:31p.m.
 Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer
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Westport Town
March 16 Equalization
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54th Annual Thomas Ranch Bull Sale
Tuesday April 14, 2026

At the: Thomas Ranch Sales Facility - 18475 Capri Place - Harrold, SD 57536
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3-Class Shootout

The 38th Annual 3-Class Shootout basketball All-Star game will be held on Saturday, March 28th at the McCook Central Auditorium in Salem. All three classes in both boys and girls will be represented by many of the top seniors in South Dakota. The games are as followed;

- GAME TIMES:**
- 1:00 - "AA" Girls vs "A" Girls
 - 2:30 - "B" Girls vs Winner of 1st Girl's game
 - 4:00 - "AA" Boys vs "A" Boys
 - DUNK CONTEST after first Boys game
 - 5:30 - "B" Boys vs Winner of 1st Boy's game

Class "B" Girls: Coach: JD Huberty & Marissa Caballero, Mt. Marty

Liz Boschee, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket; Mak Scott, Lyman; Hazel Luethmers, De Smet, Mataya Gouws, Deubrook Area; Sophie DeLange, Corsica/Stickney; Hadlee Holt, Iroquois/Lake Preston; Emmie Hausmann, Burke; Tatum Lyons, Viborg-Hurley

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Ward, Sioux Valley

Class "AA" Girls: Coach: Allan Bertram, Mt. Marty

Alyvia Padgett, Brandon Valley; Ava Kellenberger, Brandon Valley; Sydney Terveen, O'Gorman; Sadie Mehrman, O'Gorman; Dana Harpe, Sioux Falls Washington; Rylan Kennett, Sioux Falls Washington; Addie Siemsen, Mitchell; Hylton Heinz, Huron; Hayden Thorton, Rapid City Stevens; Kate Scharf, Spearfish

Class "B" Boys: Coach: Jordan Riewer, DWU

Grant Wilkinson, De Smet; Brady Schroedermeier, Viborg-Hurley; Tate Sorenson, Freeman; Ben Weber, Bridgewater-Emery; Chance Schoenfeld, Deubrook Area; Colt Keiser, Gregory; Colby Flowers, Wessington Springs; Parker Graff, Wessington Springs; Emmet Dinger, Wall; Holden Wollmann, Bridgewater-Emery

Class "A" Boys: Coach: Collin Authier, Mt. Marty

Will Kuhl, West Central; Trey Hansen, Vermillion; Tate Gerges, Lennox; Kellen Artz, Baltic; Luke Sheppard, Flandreau; **Ryder Johnson, Groton Area**; Isaak Hunter, Miller; Paxton Deal, Stanley County; Teegan Musser, Lennox; **Keegen Tracy, Groton**

Class "AA" Boys: Coach: Sam Nicholson, DWU

Blake Ellwein, Huron; Colton Smith, Mitchell; Sam DeGroot, Sioux Falls Lincoln; Sam Ericsson, Sioux Falls Lincoln; Stellen Larson, Harrisburg; Crayton Jibben, Harrisburg; Memphis Bylander, Sioux Falls Roosevelt; Justin Bilal, Sioux Falls Roosevelt; Ayuel Deng, Brandon Valley; Kamren Davis, Spearfish

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1. F
2. T
3. T
4. F
5. F
6. T
7. T (with a little help of course!)
8. T

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