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Board approves to move ahead with \$7 million elementary school renovation

After months of deliberation, research by Mike Hubbard and others from Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc., the Groton Area School Board voted Monday night to move forward with the remodeling of the elementary school building project estimated at \$7,027,70 which will be paid for with Capital Outlay Certificates. There was a strong desire to start the bond vote issue for the high school, but that will wait for a later date.

"We've gone to the community and told them the issues we've had at the buildings. The elementary building is the highest concern," Superintendent Joe Schwan said. Under state statute, the board cannot refer the Capital Outlay Certificates and there is no hearing required except for the bid documents.

Kelly Kjelden said he would be in favor of issuing Capital Outlay Certificates for the elementary building and putting the high school building project on a bond issue.

Deb Gengerke said she has not had a lot of feedback, except from the agriculture sector, who said right now is not the time to access higher taxes. But she also said something needs to be done at the elementary school now.

Groton Area's estimated valuation for tax year 2017 is \$1,233,885,047. SDCL 13-16-6.3 and 13-16-6.4 provide the information on election referrals and hearing requirements - essentially the amount issued would have to be greater than 1.5% of taxable valuation, or \$18,508,276. Based on the information presented during our public meetings, the elementary work will cost an estimated \$7,027,070. At that price tag and using an interest figure of 2.38% with a 20-year term, the mil impact will be \$0.38 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

- Supt. Joe Schwan

The school enrollment is up higher than expected, according to Groton Area Superintendent Joe Schwan. The current enrollment figure is 585 students, up from the projected 575. The last day for official reporting day with the state is Friday, Sept. 30.

The new playground equipment has been installed at the elementary playground. The

woodchips make it look like a playground. "The kids love it," said elementary principal Brett Schwan. He also reported that there are 11 new students in first through fifth grade. The first grade class went up by three, now at 52, the second grade went up by four, now at 43, the third grade went down by two, now at 48, the fourth grade went up by one, now at 44, and fifth grade went up by three, now at 44.

Dr. Anna Schwan, middle/high school principal, gave several reports to the board. Gabrielle Kramer is a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The GHS Student Council is Macy Knecht, Kellyn Fluke, Tylan Glover, Alex Stange, Marshall Lane, Alexis Simon, Maddy Schuelke and Payton Colestock. She reported that the homecoming theme is "Disney." There are 11 students who are registered for dual credit courses through BOR universities as well as area tech schools. There are 13 seniors who are registered to participate in the Internship program this semester.

The board approved the resignation of Linda McInerney as school bus driver and from Tammy Weiszhaar as a cheerleading advisor. The controls for the heating and cooling system will still be done through Johnson Controls for two years. Meanwhile the equipment work will be done through Allied Climate Professionals (Kevin Nehls).

There were several recommended policy changes that were discussed. They were given first reading and will be approved at the next meeting.

Lane changes were approved for Mary Johnson from BS+15 to BS+30, for Kayla Krause from MS to MS+15, Brooke Lingbeck from BS to BS+15, and Ashley Seeklander from MS to MS+15.

Public school exemptions were acknowledged for three first grade students, one second grade student, three third grade students, two fifth, one sixth, one seventh and one senior and one kindergarten.

After an executive session, the board approved the following open enrollment applications:

Two kindergarten students from Aberdeen and one each from Langford and Northwestern, one seventh grader from Doland and a senior from Britton-Hecla.

The next school board meeting was moved from Monday to Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at 7 p.m. due to homecoming coronation.

Schuring hits Hole-In-One at Redfield



The Groton Area boys golf team went to Redfield on Sept. 13, 2016, where Sean Schuring hit a hole-in-one on hole number five at Fisher Grove Golf Course.

Hunter Schaller placed third with a 78, Sean Schuring was ninth with an 86 and Landon Marzahn was 10th with an 86. Others golfing were Cade Guthmiller who shot an 87 and Hunter Kassube shot a 111.

Aberdeen Roncalli won the meet with 316 points followed by Sisseton with 322, Groton Area with 337, Sioux Valley with 351, Milbank Area with 366 and Redfield-Doland with 408.

Sean Schuring hit a hole-in-one at Fisher Grove Golf Course in Redfield on Sept. 13, 2016. (Courtesy photo)

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April Abeln and Peggy Locke had the ideal at city hall to have a Pumpkin Fest in Groton. Abeln said that she felt the need for some event to be in Groton. They came up with the Pumpkin Fest. Councilman David McGannon has also been very instrumental in getting things organized for the event, including find a plot to grow the pumpkins. A number of organizations in Groton are either volunteering to help out or have donated to the event. There will be hayrides to and from the pumpkin patch, pumpkin painting, face painting, barrell train rides for the little ones, inflatables, a fall mini photo session and lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs will be served. Everything is free except for the photo session. (Photo by April Abeln)

Junior High Football

Junior high football boys took on Sisseton with the seventh graders winning, 24-0, and the eighth graders ending tied at six.

In the 7th grade game, Kaden Kurtz had three touchdowns from his running back position, two in the first half and one in the second. Jackson Cogley scored two conversions after the TD's on runs from his quarterback position, then threw for another conversion connecting with Pierce Kettering. Trey Johnson had a fumble recovery setting up Groton's first score.

The 8th grade game was a low scoring battle. It was still 0 to 0 at the half as Groton failed to get in the endzone after getting down to the 3 yard line. Sisseton later scored their touchdown in the third quarter on a 4th and goal from the one yard line. The Tigers got their only score

late in the game with only seconds remaining on a halfback pass from Alex Morris to Kaden Kurtz again. The conversion was a run up the middle, and it failed. Morris was the workhorse on offense getting much of the carries. Their was a team effort on defense vs. a good Sisseton team.

7th grade players - Jordan Bjerke, Evin Nehls, Seth Johnson, Jackson Cogley, Kaden Kurtz, Pierce Kettering, Lane Krueger, Trey Johnson, Colton Minnick, and Issiah Williams.

8th grade players- Dragr Monson, Hunter McClean, Lucas Simon, Chandler Larson, Douglas Hemminger, Lee Iverson, Trey Gengerke, Kale Pharis, Paxton Bonn, Caleb Furney, Alex Morris, and Kaden Carda.



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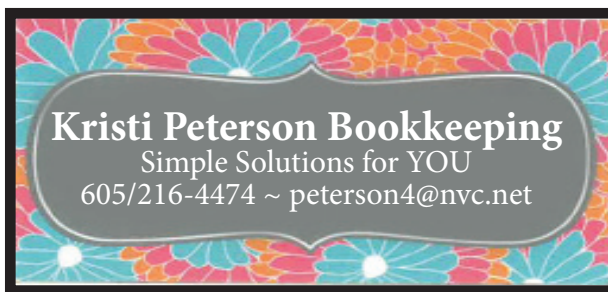
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Groton Area shuts out Redfield/Doland

Groton Area's football team is now 3-0 on the season after posting a 40-0 win over the Redfield/Doland Pheasants. The game was played in Doland Friday night as part of Doland's homecoming week.

Seric Shabazz scored two touchdowns in the first quarter on runs of one and six yards. Peyton Johnson kicked one PAT and the two-point run attempt failed as Groton Area took a 13-0 lead after the first quarter.

Bennett Shabazz scored twice in the second quarter on runs of 58 yards and six yards. One two-point PAT failed and the second was good on a Bennett Shabazz run as Groton Area took a 27-0 lead at half time.

Bennett Shabazz opened the second half with a 90 yard kickoff return. The two-point conversion failed and Groton held a 33-0 lead after three quarters.

Groton Area would score once in the fourth quarter when Jonathon Doeden had a fumble recovery in the endzone. Peyton Johnson kicked the PAT and the final score was 40-0.

Groton Area had 14 first downs with six of them coming on a single drive in the first quarter. Redfield-Doland had eight first downs.

The Tigers had 32 carries for 170 yards. Bennett Shabazz was 13 for 102 yards, Seric Shabazz had 11 carries for 34 yards, Lucas Hinman had five for 25 yards, Brandon Keith had one for eight yards and Trevor Pray had two carries for one yard. The Pheasants had 35 carries for 74 yards. Cooper Baloon had 17 carries for 46 yards.

Bennett Shabazz completed five of nine passes for 102 yards with Trevor Pray having two catches for 37 yards, Brandon Keith having one for 14 yards, Jackson Oliver had one catch for 42 yards and Seric Shabazz had one catch for nine yards. Redfield/Doland's Alan Masat completed eight of 22 passes for 45 yards with one interception (that by Trevor Pray when he dove for the catch). Kevin Krumm caught three passes for 25 yards.

Groton had fumbles and recovered them both. Redfield-Doland one two fumbles and lost one (Doeden recovered one fumble in the endzone for a touchdown).

Groton Area had six penalties for 50 yards while Redfield-Doland had two for 16 yards.

Leading tacklers for Groton Area were Brandon Keith with 11 while Luke Thorson and Patrick Gengerke each had nine.

Groton Area, now 3-0 and rated second in the state in 11B, will host Milbank Area, which is rated fifth in 11A and is also undefeated at 3-0, on Friday in a key Northeast Conference matchup in Groton. The Bulldogs defeated Aberdeen Roncalli Friday night, 19-0. Redfield/Doland, now 1-2, will host Parkston on Friday.



Peyton Johnson sets the ball for a kickoff. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Shane Simon brings down Redfield/Doland's Alan Masat. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Frederick Town Sept. 6, 2016 Meeting

Town of Frederick
September Minutes
The Frederick Town Board meeting was held Tuesday evening, September 6, 2016, in the Community Center. Monday was Memorial Day.

Chairman R. Scott Campbell began the meeting by having all stand and leading in The Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending included Board Members Troy Millard and Gary Schlosser, Finance Officer Diane Bruns, Utility Manager Richard Bakeberg, Greg Kopecky, Clarissa Napton, Thersia Cox and daughters, and later Gary Peterson.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved with a motion by Millard/Schlosser. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report for September was approved with a motion by Schlosser/Millard. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Accounts Payable was made with a motion by Campbell/Schlosser. Motion Carried.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Manager Bakeberg gave the Utility Report stating he has received the 1st sample back for the Lagoon and will begin discharging when permission is granted from the state. He is still trying to locate the correct size manhole cover for S Railroad Avenue and is also checking other manholes for water flow. Differences in gallons charged to customers and charged to Frederick by WEB was discussed. An offer was made by Bakeberg to call SD Rural Water. No action was taken.

Frederick Forward, Cox mentioned the All School Reunion coming up next June 27th (also the 135th Anniversary of Frederick) and wondered if painting the jail and cutting some dead trees in the park may be a good idea for Day of Champions in April. Other ideas are welcome.

Emma Burnham Library The furnace bid was awarded to Heartland Heating of Aberdeen and installation may begin next week.

Frederick Development Corporation wants to be sure they are included for a larger stipend in the Budget.

OLD BUSINESS/OTHER:

NECOG grant 1st phase is finished; Urban & Rural Property Tax Ord #198, went into effect August 30, 2016; Lot title for Nixon needs to be discussed

with lawyer; A letter was presented from FEM Electric and Northern Electric about the July 19 meeting in Leola stating that within the next two years, "MDU plans to install new motorized switches, along w/fault current detective devices within this region to assist with isolating and regaining power quicker when there is an outage."

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Kopecky stated he has had his race track for 7 years without any problems and he was mostly unaware of the noise annoying townsfolk. He constantly waters and since it has been brought to his attention he has shorten his track, stopped hosting regular races, planted trees and stacked bales. He was also unaware of the generator noise from the campers distressing residents. He would still like to run the "Super Cross" part of the track for practice, which ends at his home, and a once a year double-header race. No action was taken as Chairman Campbell wants to get comments from neighbors and check the legalities. A letter was presented to the board from Bev Meyer stating what a great thing Kopecky is doing for the kids and that she lives right beside the track but does not have a problem with it. Meyer states, "I hope your decision will be consistent with typical non-profit club's mission in that Frederick can be considered a progressive community that is welcoming and rich in culture." Chairman Campbell thought he should have an answer in a couple weeks.

Clarissa Napton asked the board for a water line hookup in her home which had been disconnected from the main line a few years back. The board agreed to run a new service line in from the E and also accept the charges as the city unhooked the old line. A motion to accept cost responsibility and get a contractor to begin work was made by Millard/Schlosser. Motion Carried. Schlosser will call Ben Hofer to get something started within 2 weeks.

A renewal application for restricted use solid waste facility from DENR was presented. The renewal app needs to be filled out and returned by January 2017.

A Notice of Surface Water Discharge Application and Recommendation was received from and published by DENR. They are proposing a General Surface Water Discharge Permit for Water Treatment and Distribution Activities and a General Surface Water Discharge Permit for Minor Non-Discharging Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities. No action taken.

A letter from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe about the Dakota Access Pipeline Project was reviewed. The Tribe would like backing to stop the pipeline from crossing the Missouri River where it could release hydrocarbons into the river by neglect or intentional criminal act, to all downstream users of the river's water. No action taken.

The 1st reading of Ordinance #200, 2017 Appropriation Ordinance, was passed with a motion by Millard/Campbell. Motion Carried. The second reading will be Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 7 PM, at the Community Center.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FEMA and SDOEM Flood Awareness for Brown County meeting was attended by FO Aug 22. Focus of the Discovery meeting was to share initial flood, hazard, and risk information with other Brown County cities and townships. The EM teams are working on a LIDAR map of Brown County flood planes.

A list of Frederick properties was shared and asked to be reviewed for additions.

The FO will attend a NEFOG meeting Thursday, September 8, in Aberdeen.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 with a motion by Schlosser/Campbell. Motion Carried.

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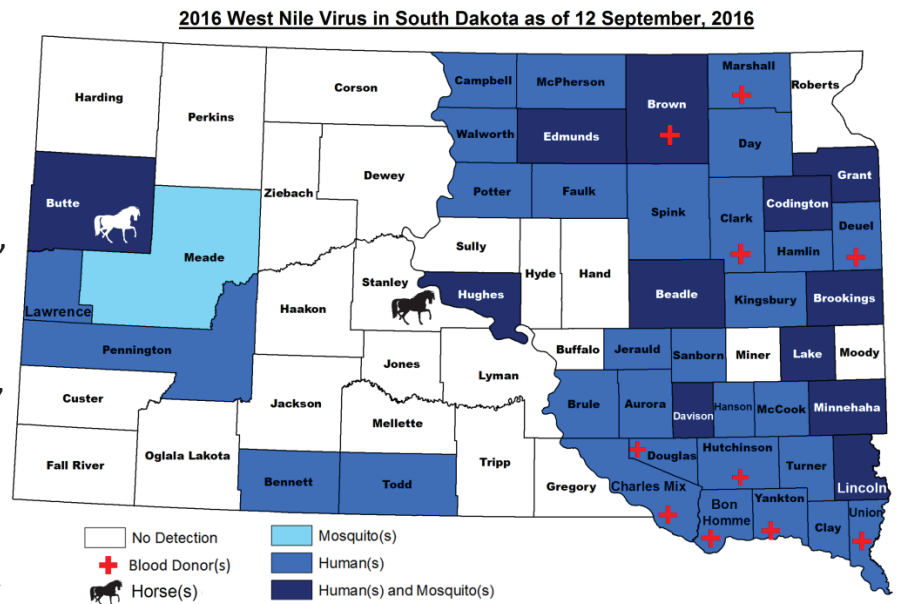


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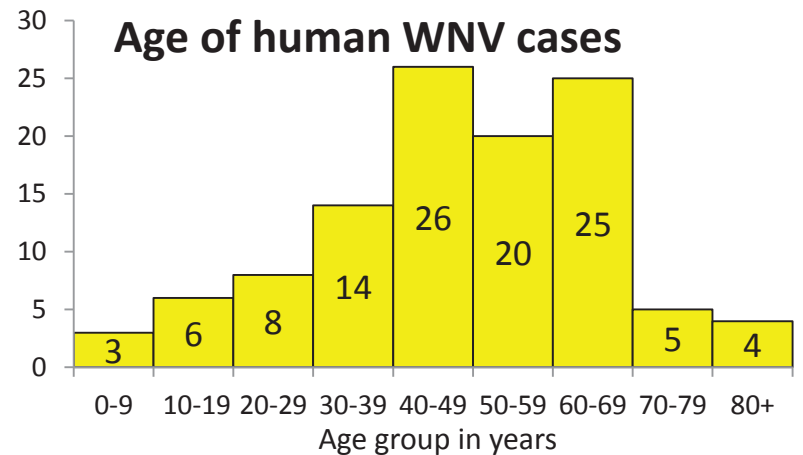
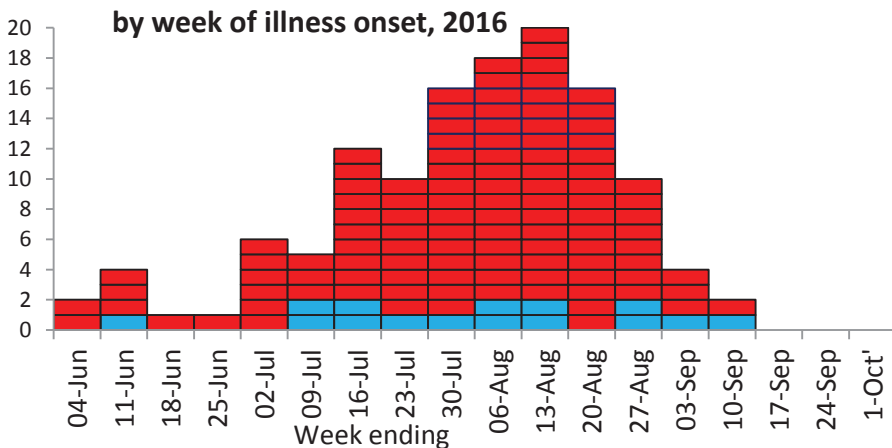
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- **Viremic blood donors:** 15.
- **Deaths:** 1.
- **Counties with human WNV cases:** Aurora 3, Beadle 6, Bennett, Bon Homme 2, Brookings 4, Brown 13, Brule, Butte, Campbell, Charles Mix 6, Clark 4, Clay, Codington 3, Davison 2, Day 2, Deuel, Douglas 3, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin 3, Hanson 2, Hughes, Hutchinson 4, Jerauld 2, Kingsbury, Lake 3, Lawrence 2, Lincoln 5, Marshall 3, McCook 2, McPherson, Minnehaha 9, Pennington, Potter, Sanborn, Spink 6, Todd, Turner 2, Union, Walworth, Yankton 2.
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- **Counties with WNV positive horses:** Stanley, Butte.
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Groton wins Golf Invitational

The Groton Invitational Golf Meet was held Saturday at the Olive Grove Golf Course. Sean Schuring was the high placer for Groton Area with a fourth place finish after shooting an 84. Cade Guthmiller was next in fifth place with an 84. Trevor Pray was seventh with an 85 and Landon Marzahn was 10th with an 87. Other's playing golf for Groton Area were Hunter Schaller with an 88 and Hunter Kassube and Shane Simon each shot a 114.

Groton won the team title with 340 points followed by Milbank with 368, Mobridge/Pollock with 394 and Redfield/Doland with 413. Other teams participating were Sisseton, Roncalli and Aberdeen Central JV.

Cross Country Meet Results

Webster Golf Course, Sept. 12, 2016

Boy's Division (5K)

- 28, Lee Williams, 20:29.16
- 53, Tylan Glover, 21:54.74.
- 74, Spencer Jacobs, 30:26.76.

Girl's Division (5K)

- 34, Emily Thompson, 23:00.86.
- 40, Hannah Lewandowski, 23:27.80.
- 52, Erin Smith, 25.25.19.
- 58, AnneMarie Smith, 26:33.44.
- 62, Jenifer Fjelstad, 27:07.49.

Girl's JV (3K)

- 23, Allison Wilson, 17:33.67

Groton Area girls beat Mobridge-Pollock

Groton's volleyball team made the trek to Mobridge Tuesday night and came home with a 3-0 win over the home town Tigers. Game scores were 25-21, 25-20 and 25-21.

Groton Area was 72 of 78 in serving with eight ace serves. Katie Koehler was 11 of 11 with two ace serves and Payton Maine was 14 of 15 with two ace serves.

In sets, Groton Area was 73 of 75 with 27 assists. Katie Koehler was 63 of 65 with 25 assists and Paityn Bonn was six of six with one assist.

Groton Area was 77 of 96 in attacks with 27 kills. Jessica Bjerke was 18 of 21 with nine kills and Audey Wanner was 19 of 25 with eight kills.

Groton Area had five blocks with Gia Gengerke and Jessica Bjerke each having two. The team had 46 digs with Audrey Wanner having 13 and Jessica Bjerke and Payton Maine each having nine.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-18 and 25-13, and Groton won the C match, 25-11 and 25-22.

Olive Grove's Sunflower Couples Tournament

September 11

Championship Flight

- 70 - Duncan and Sara Ferreira
- 70 - Brad and Brenda Waage
- 70 - Mike and Cherry Baker
- 71 - Mike Papstein and Suzi Souza
- 74 - Jan and Nancy Gilchrsit
- 74 - Mark and Keri Herman
- 74 - Ray and Cyndy Larson
- 75 - Chad Ellingson and Haley Rheaut

First Flight

- 72 - Brad and Dar Larson
- 76 - Ryan Easthouse and Diane Easthouse
- 76 - Tony and Mandy Grohs
- 76 - Randy and Sue Stanley
- 78 - Dave and Marcy Blackmun
- 79 - Bob and Patty Couser
- 79 - Roger Colestock and Payton Colestock

Second Flight

- 78 - Joe and Laura Stoebner
- 79 - Bob and Vicki Walter
- 79 - Walt and Helen Plummage
- 79 - Jonathan and Mandilyn Flihs
- 81 - Rod and Arlys Kluess
- 83 - Doug and Vicki Jorgensen
- 85 - Terry Ellingson and Sharon Zastrow

Third Flight

- 82 - Rick and Tami Zimney
- 84 - Steve and Betty Dunker
- 85 - Lorin and Julie Flihs
- 86 - Rod and Cheryl Paul
- 87 - Rolfe and Car Ludtke
- 88 - Bob and Judy Sundling

Closest to Pin on #8: David Blackmun
Closest to Pin on #4: Keri Herman
Longest Putt on #9: Doug Jorgensen

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The Groton Area soccer teams recognized its seniors at the home games held Saturday. The seniors are pictured above with their parents. In the left photo, left to right, are Wyatt Kurtz, Katie Koehler, Lexi Harder, Emily Locke, Heather Lone, Truitt Rogers. (Photo by Lisa Locke)



Sioux Falls Christian 6 Groton 0
Wyatt Locke had 13 goalie saves first half and Tucker Carda had 5 goalie saves second half.
Groton had a few shots on goal but were not able to get one in the net.
The Tigers played hard but were a bit out-matched with Sioux Falls Christian having 12 seniors.



Isiah Williams on offense. (Photo by Lisa Locke)



Wyatt Kurtz, Defense. (Photo by Lisa Locke)



Hunter Schaller in the background. On the right is Isaac Smith, Midfield. (Photo by Lisa Locke)

Groton Area girls 4, SF Christian 1
Harleigh Stange 11 attempts, four scored and one assist by Trista Keith.
Emily Locke nine attempts, four corner kicks
Ani Davidson one attempt
McKenzie McInerney 3 attempts
Lexi Harder 1 attempt
Regan Leicht 2 attempts
Devan Howard goalie with 7 saves



Wyatt Locke with a save. (Photo by Lisa Locke)



Emily Locke gets in front of S.F. Christian's Lauren Heethuis. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Harleigh Stange scored on this kick with 6:48 left in the first half to give Groton Area a 3-1 lead over Sioux Falls Christian. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Groton Coffee Cup League

Sept. 12 Team Standings: Jungle Lanes 3, Kens 3, James Valley 1, Ten Pins 1

High Games: Joyce Walter 177, Vickie Kramp 175, Penny Stolle 175, Vicki Walter 172

High Series: Joyce Walter 462, Vickie Kramp 437, Penny Stolle 437, Arlowyn Spencer 421

Conde National League

Sept. 12 Team Standings: Cubs 2, Pirates 2, Mets 2, Braves 2, Colts 2, Giants 2

Men's High Games: Topper Tastad 188, Lance Frohling 185, Larry Frohling 173

Men's High Series: Lance Frohling 484, Bryce Dagartz 460, Larry Frohling 458

Women's High Games: Joyce Walter 185, 179, 176; Alice Severson 175, Michelle Johnson 173

Women's High Series: Joyce Walter 540, Michelle Johnson 466, Alice Severson 456

Netters back on the winning track

Groton Area's volleyball team went to Britton Thursday night and came home with a 3-0 win over the Britton-Hecla Braves. Game scores were 25-17, 25-18 and 25-12.

Katie Koehler was 14 of 15 in serves with one ace serve and Audrey Wanner was 11 of 14 with two ace serves.

In attacks, Audrey Wanner was 25 of 31 with 11 kills and Gia Gengerke was 19 of 21 with nine kills.

Katie Koehler led the sets with 84 of 86 sets and 27 assists while Paityn Bonn was four for four with two assists.

Jessica Bjerke had 16 digs and Taylor Holm had two blocks and Gia Gengerke had one block. Groton won the junior varsity match, 25-6 and 25-14.

Groton Lions Club

The September monthly meeting of the Groton Lions Club was held last Thursday night, 1st vice president, Justin Olson conducted the meeting, until the president Dave Pigors came, to finish leading the meeting. A written report was read from Michelle Mullenburg, with all in readiness for the fall sale this Saturday. Also this Saturday, and Sunday, the club serves breakfast at the Andover threshing show. Troy Lindburg is chairman of this event.

Dave McGannon and April Abeln, from the Groton city, were guests, and spoke on the October 8, pumpkin fest. The club voted to assist with workers, and supplying food items.

This will be a free event, for kids of all ages. In atables, face painting, pumpkin painting, hayrides to and from the pumpkin patch , all starting at the city park, 10 am to 3 pm that day.

Nancy Larsen, secretary, gave the August minutes.

Larry Wheeting gave the treasurer's report, and reported on the good our donation did for the 4-H livestock sale.

Dave reported he has the Peace Poster contest materials, for Lee Schinkel and Joe Schwan to work with. Lee brought ice cream cake for Justin's birthday A monetary donation will be made to the livestreaming program, and advertising at a football game.

Dental Van coming to Aberdeen

October 31- November 4, 2016

Dental care is available to children ages 0 to 21 when the CASSP (Children and Adolescent Service System Program) Dental Van comes to Aberdeen October 31- November 4, 2016.

Appointments can be made now by calling Vicki Holley, program coordinator, at (605) 622-5722. Dental care includes evaluation and treatment, which will be scheduled and done while the van is in Aberdeen.

The CASSP Dental Van will be located at Avera Dakota Medical Square 815 1th Ave, SE (east of the Family Y). No child is turned away for inability to pay.

Children can qualify if:

- They do not have a dental home
- They have not seen a dentist for two years or more in the Aberdeen area

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Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds

September 19 and 22

Parents of children age 3 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to either confirm their screening time or set up a time. Letters will be send out the week of September 6. If your child is already receiving services or enrolled at Groton Elementary School they will not need to be screened. If your child has already been screened but you have concerns please contact the elementary school.

The Developmental Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Arena. Please park and use the east entrance to the arena.