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Special Message
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Parents and Adult Fan Behavior: One of Biggest Challenges Facing High School Sports Today

By Dr. Karissa Niehoff, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and Dr. Dan Swartos, Executive Director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Inappropriate adult behavior at high school athletic events across the United States has reached epidemic proportions, and South Dakota is not immune. When more than 2,000 high school athletic directors were asked in a recent national survey what they like least about their job, 62.3% said it was "dealing with aggressive parents and adult fans."

The men and women who wear the black and white stripes agree. In fact, almost 80% of officials quit after the first two years on the job, and unruly parents are cited as the reason why. As a result, there is a growing shortage of high school officials here in South Dakota, and in some sports, the shortage is severe. No officials means no more games.

If you are a parent attending a high school athletic event this fall, you can help by following these six guidelines:

- **Act Your Age.** You are, after all, an adult. Act in a way that makes your family and school proud.
- **Don't Live Your Life Vicariously Through Your Children.** High school sports are for them, not you. Your family's reputation is not determined by how well your children perform on the field of play.
- **Let Your Children Talk to the Coach Instead of You Doing It for Them.** High school athletes learn how to become more confident, independent and capable—but only when their parents don't jump in and solve their problems for them.
- **Stay in Your Own Lane.** No coaching or officiating from the sidelines. Your role is to be a responsible, supportive parent—not a coach or official.
- **Remember, Participating in a High School Sport Is Not About Getting a College Scholarship.** According to the NCAA, only about 2% of all high school athletes are awarded a sports scholarship, and the total value of the scholarship is only about \$4,500 per year.
- **Make Sure Your Children Know You Love Watching Them Play.** Do not critique your child's performance on the car ride home. Participating in high school sports is about character development, learning and having fun—not winning and losing.

Purchasing a ticket to a high school athletic event does not give you the right to be rude, disrespectful or verbally abusive. Cheer loud and be proud, but be responsible and respectful. The future of high school sports in South Dakota is dependent on you.



Homecoming Royalty Candidates

Homecoming will be celebrated next week in Groton. Coronation is Monday at 7:30 p.m.. The parade is Friday at 1 p.m. with the game against Milbank at 7 p.m. Back Row left to right: Austin Jones, Peyton Johnson, Anthony Schinkel, Brodyn DeHoet, and Jonathan Doeden.

Front Row left to right: Indigo Rogers, Eliza Wanner, Payton Colestock, Tadyn Glover, and Nicole Marzahn. (Courtesy Photo)

Groton priest also is a father - of 2

By **KELDA J.L. PHARRIS**
American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The Rev. Tom Hartman's first call was as a father. His second was as a Catholic priest.

Hartman's path to the cloth is one he loosely calls his resurrection story. It's not a resurrection of mortal death, but the ending of one path and beginning of another he'd always felt called to.

He married young. After five years, he and his wife had two children and a change of heart. Hartman speaks about that difficult time with love and respect for himself and his former spouse and with a clarity of hindsight only time can yield. Their relationship began in the early 1990s, and he started working full-time at the family grocery store in Milbank. At that time it was called Bill's Super Valu. It now goes by Hartman's Family Foods.

"I was just out of high school thinking I knew everything. I got married to the girlfriend, Becky Johnson. Five years later it ended in divorce," Hartman told the Aberdeen News by phone. "In that time I realized I didn't know everything. I really just came back to my faith."

Now 48, Hartman is the priest for both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Turton. He will also be sacramental minister at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at Northern State University. The student center has moved away from having a full-time priest to having someone in a part-time ministerial role provide sacraments to the Catholic students.

Hartman, in his decision to divorce, never lost his faith. He'd tell you the opposite happened — it was strengthened.

"There was just a moment in my life before the divorce that I felt it was better to suffer with God than to suffer without him. When the time came I knew I was going to cling to my faith," he said.

Hartman continued to contemplate romantic love as he worked at his family's grocery store. "Basically through those years, as I was dating a little bit, I realized my heart wasn't called to be with one person, it was called to serve more," Hartman said. "My heart was a priestly heart."

So Hartman put his focus on raising his children, and he and his former wife had their marriage annulled in the Catholic faith. It's a necessary process for a person to have the freedom to enter into another vocation in the eyes of the Catholic Church. For him, it meant the beginning of his path to the priesthood.



In this Aug. 22, 2019 photo, Rev. Tom Hartman, a father of two, places bookmarks at the altar as he prepares for Mass at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Newman Center in Aberdeen, S.D. (John Davis/Aberdeen American News via AP)

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Rose Waage

Broman Card of Thanks

The family of Leonard Broman would like to express a heartfelt thank you for all of the cards, telephone calls and other expressions of sympathy we recently received. Thank you to Pastor Bunk and Pastor Duncan for their kind and encouraging words. Thank you to the members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the lovely lunch and the beautiful service. We are most appreciative.

Groton Class of '69 50th Year Reunion

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2019 Groton Area Elementary Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds September 24 and 25

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 16. 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. If you are new to the district and have a child under the age of 5, we also ask you to contact the elementary school.

The Developmental Screening will take place at Groton Area Elementary School.



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Enrollment numbers are up

Superintendent Joe Schwan reported to the Groton Area School Board Monday evening that the enrollment numbers so far at Groton Area are up by 10 students from last year and up by eight from the projections. As of Monday afternoon, the district's enrollment was 589.

The board approved the resignation of Joann Donley as paraprofessional effective September 13. In her letter to the board, she said that she deliberated long and hard before deciding to accept a job with the United States Postal Service. She was also a co-coordinator for the Destination Imagination program, of which she also resigned from that position.

The tuckpoint project at the elementary school has begun, but has now been stalled due to the weather.

Elementary Principal Brett Schwan reported on the fifth grade field trip to the Andover Threshing Bee on Friday. Schwan said that he even got to learn some new things during the trip and the students got to have hands on experience with various activities. Students from Webster Area and Aberdeen Roncalli were also present. Schwan also reported on the lunch schedule for Homecoming Day, which will start one-half hour earlier than normal. The Pre-school Developmental Screening will be held September 24 and 25.

Middle/High School Principal Kiersten Sombke reported on the Family night for GHS which will be October 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m There will be a free meal and bonus points will be available for students who have at least one parent or guardian participate with them to collect signatures from teachers and college/technical schools. She also reported that all of the scholarships forms and instructions are now posted on the school's web site. United States Representative Dusty Johnson will be visiting Groton Area High School on October 4 from 10:21 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

The board approved academic lane changes for Ann Gibbs, Lance Hawkins, Julie Milbrandt, Ashley Seeklander and Sydney Wilkinson, all of which will receive at \$750 raise; and for Brooke Compton who went from BS+30 to MS and will get a \$2,250 raise. Two volunteer coaches were approved: Harleigh Stange and Katie Koehler for girls soccer.

The board approved the amended work agreement for the auxiliary staff and bus drivers. Basically, the wages were set based on last year's year-end wage and adjustments are made after the school year starts to reflect changes in duties and adjustments in bus route miles.

Groton's Blood Drive Brings in 31 Volunteers

GROTON, SD – Groton community hosted a blood drive with Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services, on August 22 at the Community Center which helped collect a total of 33 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 31 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 26 individuals were able to donate at the Vitalant blood drive on August 22. A total of seven donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC) which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor.

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to Kathy Sundermeyer, who coordinated the drive.

Vitalant strives to keep a 5-day supply of every blood type on the shelf at all times to be able to meet the needs of patients across the region. Donations from O-negative donors, the universal blood type, are especially important this time of year due to increased accidents and trauma cases. Vitalant is the

only blood provider to nearly 70 hospitals across the region. The blood supply is dependent on selfless donations from volunteer donors to ensure the lifesaving needs of the region are met.

About 30 percent of Vitalant's blood supply goes to cancer patients across the region and one in seven people entering the hospital will need blood. Those relying on blood in the region receive that lifesaving blood from Vitalant.

Donors can make a convenient appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling 877-25-VI-TAL. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test and earn points in Vitalant's donor rewards program. The next blood drive at this location is planned to be held on: November 14.

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2019 Rural Dakota Pride Honoree, Rich Bakeberg, Frederick



When the Cenex station in Frederick closed, the closest fueling option was 12 miles away in Ellendale, N.D. So, members of the Frederick Development Corporation began searching for other options.

The plan they finally went with was a creative one. The Development Corporation built a self-service fuel station and lease the facility to Agtegra. The local cooperative takes care of everything else.

"After going without a local gas station for quite a while, this was a big success for us and our community," explains Rich Bakeberg, volunteer chair of the Development Corporation and a 2019 recipient of South Dakota Farmers Union Rural Dakota Pride honor.

A longtime resident of Frederick, Rich donates his time to projects that help make Frederick a community welcoming to young families. Like he and his wife, Gayle, were when they moved to town to raise their family 44 years ago.

"Our focus is to keep Frederick thriving and growing – any opportunities we can create to get new families to the community we will work to do," explains Rich, who retired four years ago, and then went back to work part-time when Frederick needed a part-time Maintenance manager.

For more than four decades he has served as a volunteer firefighter and spent 25 years with the volunteer ambulance service. For years he kept score for high school basketball games, and when the school needed a bus driver for away games, Rich passed the test so he could do the job.

"I figured, I have three sons and this way I get to watch every game courtside. I was blessed, we got to watch eight Class B State Tournaments while I was volunteer score keeper," Rich, a veteran, shares. "Frederick is a good place to live and it was a good place to raise my family, and our school system is terrific. We have smaller class size, so students don't get lost in the crowd."

In fact, the Frederick Area School has such a good reputation, students from 30 miles away in Aberdeen choose to open enroll. To make it an easy decision for families, the school funds a bus to pick up and drop off students.

"We hope that some of the students' families will be impressed enough with Frederick that they want to move here," he says.

In fact, some student's families have inquired about moving to Frederick, but housing availability was an obstacle. Fortunately, increasing housing options is another project the Development Corporation has undertaken since Rich joined the board more than two decades ago. Currently the organization manages eight apartments, and this summer they will fund the building of a four-bedroom home.

"I get to work with a lot of great people," Bakeberg explains. "In small towns, we all need to volunteer and help out wherever we can. For me, Frederick is my number one priority."

2019 Rural Dakota Pride Honoree, Franklin Olson, Pierpont



When Franklin Olson commits to something, he follows through. As a little boy he decided he would farm. As a young man, he expanded his dream, determining to farm 1,000 acres – even though he and his wife, JoAnne had to start from scratch.

Through hard work and tenacity, they expanded and eventually Franklin was farming 1,000 acres and milking a herd of milk cows.

For nearly 65 years, Franklin applied the same dedication to the many organizations he has served. He was only 18 when Farmers Union Independence Local 923 asked him to serve as their Secretary/Treasurer and he said "yes," and never missed a meeting until he left town for two years to serve in the Army. When he returned, he resumed his role, and went on to serve several terms as Day County Farmers Union President. He served several years on the Brown/Day/Marshall Rural Water System and as well as the State Rural Water Board, helping guide them through several phases of development; served on the board of directors for FSA board as well as the board of the Strand Kjorsvig Living Center and served on the Farmers Union Oil Company board of directors for 35 years – missing only two meetings. Franklin recently completed six years of service, representing District 3 on the South Dakota Farmers Union State Board of Directors.

"It's always easy to work hard for something you thoroughly believe in," Franklin says. "I'm glad that a lot of the things I was involved in turned out to be good and successful."

A strong advocate for Farmers Union and cooperatives, Franklin says both have played a vital role in supporting South Dakota's farmers. "If we didn't have cooperatives in our country right now, farmers would not have a local place to do business. Farmers Union is the number one farm organization. We have always fought for family farmers, fair prices and education programs," he said. "Like agriculture, our cooperative has evolved quite a bit. I have watched it grow from a small cooperative to merge with a cooperative in a neighboring community to better serve farmers throughout our region."

Because Franklin began serving at such a young age, he had to fit meetings and service activities into his already busy farm and dairy schedule. "Some mornings I got up early, and some nights I worked late. JoAnne was always a great support," says Franklin, noting that his typical workday began at 5 a.m. since they milked the cows at 6. "People who milk cows do things on time."



By Richard P. Holm, MD ~ Prairie Doc® Perspectives

Preparing For A Good Death

In 40 years of practice, I have seen how the final moments of one's life can be inspiring or agonizing, no matter the manner of death. As I see it, the fear of death is a greater enemy than death itself. This has brought me to make the following recommendations for approaching our final moments.

Be prepared

Scientific advances, along with health care providers' driven desire to save lives, have wrought lifesaving techniques that sometimes cause suffering (an unintended consequence). To correct this, making an advanced directive (living will) can help prevent great suffering. Going without is like arriving at the airport with no plans as to where you are going. Remember, a written advance directive is a tool to encourage discussions about end-of-life expectations. When you reach your end-of-life situation, do you want antibiotics, intravenous (IV) fluids, feeding tubes, resuscitation? (I don't.) Speak to your family members about your wishes now in case you later lose your memory and ability to speak for yourself.

Also, there has been a growing emphasis and payment for hospice and palliative (comfort) care. Why not welcome these added financial benefits from Medicare and insurance if you or your family member qualifies? (These you control and can be stopped at any time.) When death is imminent, comfort care can be a blessing as it brings less emphasis on intervention which might cause suffering. Talk to your doctor and family about your choices.

Dehydration can be our friend

When a person has a terminal condition, is no longer wanting or able to take oral feedings or fluid, I see it as cruel to force artificial fluids through IV or feeding tube means. Without fluids, the patient's internal pain relievers (endorphins) turn on while setting the stage for living only about ten more days. Dehydration does NOT cause suffering. Considering the prolonged suffering that can result from artificial fluids, dehydration can be our friend.

Reconciliation brings harmony

As we get closer to our own time of death, it is prudent to say to those who matter, this wisdom phrase, originating from Hawaii, called "Ho'oponopono," and made popular by Dr. Ira Byock. "I am thankful for you, forgive me, I forgive you and I love you." This can help restore harmony with others and with oneself.

Bottom line: The fear of death can keep us from making important plans for an advanced directive and hospice, can trap us on a feeding tube and can keep us from finding harmony with the ones we love. A good death requires the courage to be prepared.

Richard P. Holm, MD is founder of The Prairie Doc® and author of "Life's Final Season, A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace" available on Amazon. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit www.prairiedoc.org and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPTV most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

Great Things Come from Humble Beginnings

(Betsey DeLoache believes that there are about 11 public (not on colonies) rural schools operating in South Dakota.)

Transportation to school had four legs instead of four wheels.

The late South Dakota Gov. Walter Dale Miller rode a Shetland pony to and from the rural school he attended from 1931 to 1939. Red Top School was located three-quarters of a mile from his home north of New Underwood. Several generations of the Miller family received their elementary school education in the rural school, named for the red shingles on the roof.

In 1931-32, when Miller started school, there were approximately 4,731 one-room schools operating in South Dakota, according to "One-Room Country School: South Dakota Stories" edited by Norma C. Wilson and Charles L. Woodard. This was down from a peak of 5,011 in 1916. In a typical one-room school, also known as country or rural schools, one teacher taught academic basics to elementary-age boys and girls.

Betsey DeLoache, now of South Carolina and formerly of Pierre, has published two volumes containing memories and experiences of pupils and teachers from rural schools, with a third volume to be published later this year. Almost 1,000 people, the majority of them from South Dakota, have shared their stories with her.

"I think it was an exceptionally nice way of educating kids," DeLoache said of rural schools. "The people who told me their stories became leaders. Going to a country school gave kids a sense of confidence. They learned life skills."

Miller's school day, as recorded in "Country Schools: Past and Present" by DeLoache, began with students raising the flag. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, according to DeLoache. There was a recess in the morning, lunch recess and afternoon recess. The teacher called students in from recess by ringing a hand bell.

Miller brought a lunch of sandwiches, fruit and cake in a paper sack or syrup pail.

Miller recalled that the teacher would read stories such as "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Red Top School had shelves for a few books and a traveling library came from the county to rotate the books. A stove in the rear of the school kept it warm. The school board delivered coal to a coalhouse near the water pump, and one of the students' chores was to get coal and wood for the stove. Pupils also cleaned the blackboards and erasers, and pumped drinking water from the well. At the end of the school day, students lowered the flag and properly folded it.

At recess, Miller and other pupils played on the teeter-totter and swing set and played games such as "Annie-I-Over." In winter they made snow forts and played "Fox and Geese."

Gail Ferris of Pierre began attending South Star School in Jones County in 1953. The school's water supply was one of the memories she shared with DeLoache.

"We were perfectly unsanitary ... we all drank from the same dipper, put in the same crock of water dipped from the cistern. We weren't taught to wash our hands (I was at home, however) as water was in short supply there!" Ferris said.

While she and other students at South Star played games such as "Red Rover" and "Annie-

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The photo is of a school in Faulk County in approximately 1942. (South Dakota State Historical Society – State Archives Photo)

I-Over," they had one other special form of entertainment.

"We'd pile up boards, bricks, big rocks ... whatever ... to make a base, lay a board over it and then ... one kid would stand on one end and another kid or two would jump on the other end, catapulting the one kid into the air! That could have ended badly, but it didn't," Ferris told DeLoache.

Students studied spelling, reading, arithmetic, history, geography and writing. They practiced penmanship using the Palmer Method by making ovals and slashes over and over again on paper printed with special lines that ensured the height of letters. Many schools had a piano that the teacher or students played. Some schools would have an art afternoon on Fridays.

The Young Citizens League was part of Miller's education. YCL was a program to

teach citizenship and develop leadership and character.

In DeLoache's book, DeAnn Hilmoe of Pierre told about an annual school event that brought the whole community together: the school Christmas program. Hilmoe attended Tuthill School in Bennett County from 1960-1968.

"Every year we would memorize and rehearse poetry, songs, and plays or musicals for our Christmas program. The bigger kids would bring the stage materials and curtains from the basement, and we'd set it up in the week before the program. Some years, the Nativity story was an important part of the program, and other times they were more secular, but still Christmas themed," Hilmoe said.

The last day of school usually meant a field day of playing games, and students received their report cards informing them if they were ready to advance to the next grade.

"What I think about most now is how flexible and diverse the teachers needed to be to teach a range of eight grades!" Ferris said. "Preparing lesson plans to suit the county school superintendent and dealing with the various emotions of such different aged kids! We all learned to play together, protect each other and probably learned from each other."

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Find us on the web at www.sdhsf.org. Contact us at info@sdhsf.org to submit a story idea.

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Noem Congratulates Build Dakota Scholarship Winners

PIERRE, S.D. – Governor Kristi Noem today congratulated 391 students who have been awarded the Build Dakota Scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year.

“The Build Dakota Scholarship program is an incredible tool that makes it easier for tomorrow’s leaders to receive world-class career training, then stay in South Dakota to work in high-demand fields,” said Noem. “These scholarships allow students to launch their careers with a significantly reduced amount of student loan debt.”

“The Build Dakota Scholarship helps students jump into high-need, well-paying fields in South Dakota,” said Dana Dykhouse, chairman of the South Dakota Board of Technical Education. “Some businesses sponsor students and commit to pay part of their program expenses through industry partnerships that expand the impact of Build Dakota dollars. This year, 249 scholarship recipients have an industry partner, which is 33 more than last year.”

The scholarships cover tuition and fees, books, equipment, and other related program expenses for eligible programs within nine high-need industry areas at South Dakota’s four technical institutes. Recipients were selected by the Build Dakota Scholarship Board from a total of 1,170 applications.

“Receiving a scholarship of this caliber is an accomplishment worth celebrating,” added Noem. “Congratulations to each recipient. You and your families should be very proud.”

The Build Dakota Scholarship program is funded by a \$25 million donation from T. Denny Sanford and \$25 million in Future Funds that were committed by former Governor Dennis Daugaard.

Build Dakota aims to support students entering high-need workforce programs at South Dakota’s technical institutes to fill the state’s technical career fields with skilled professionals.

In-state and out-of-state students of all ages are eligible to apply. Scholarship applicants must be accepted into their approved program of interest. Recipients of the scholarship must enroll full-time, complete their educational program on schedule and commit to stay in South Dakota to work in their field of study for three years following graduation.

Applications for the 2020-21 school year open in January 2020. Find more information at builddakotascholarships.com.

The following local students have been awarded scholarships:

Lake Area Technical Institute

Kagan Cutler, Frederick, Diesel Technology
Jonathon Harmon, Pierpont, Diesel Technology

Trevor Johnson, Pierpont, Electronic Systems Technology

Joshua Punt, Langford, Registered Nursing

Mitchell Technical Institute

Brooklyn Podoll, Frederick, Radiologic Technology

Trevor Sumption, Frederick, Precision Ag Technology

Groton Senior Citizens

Groton Seniors met August 12. Fifteen members were present. President opened with the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played, “What a friend we have in Jesus”. An invitation to a card party at the Golf Course in Groton September 12. Lunch, dinner and dessert will be served. A charge of fifteen dollars. Reservations need to be made to go. Different card games are played. Meeting adjourned and cards were played. The winners of the games. Pinochle-David Kleinsassor, Whist- Darlene Fischer, and Ella Johnson, Canasta - Belinda Nelson, door prizes, Darlene Fisher, Dick Donavon and Elda Stange.

August 19 Seniors met with 17 members present. President led the flag pledge. Marilyn Thorsen and Don Darwin were chosen king and queen for Home coming parade. Cards were played. The winners of pinochle - David Kleinsassor, Canasta- Beulah Hoops and Marilyn Thorsen, Whist- Darlene Fischer and Ruby Donavon. Door prizes. Ruby Donavon, Eunice McColister, David Kleinsassor. Lunch was served by Darlene Fischer and Belinda Nelson.

August 26. Groton Seniors had the flag pledge. Darelene Fischer made the motion to have Chicken from Ken’s for our September and October pot luck dinner. Bingo was played after dinner. Dick Donavon won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Left overs were served before going home. Door prizes went to Beulah Hoops, Sarge Likness and Grace Albrecht.

Soccer teams lose to Tea Area

The Groton soccer teams lost a pair of games to Tea Area on Saturday. The game was played in rainy conditions in Groton.

The girls lost, 10-0. Groton Area had three shots on the goal and none from the corners.

The boys lost, 6-0. The Tigers had shots on the goal but were unable to score.

Cross Country at Redfield

Boys 5000m Race: 5, Isaac Smith, 17:38.95;
81, Noah Poor, 24:24.03.

Girls 5000m Race: 64, Riley Rosenau,
27:98.89.

Girls JV 4000m Race: 45, Sierra Ehresmann,
21:55.08.

THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Providers Don’t Want To Say What That Surgery Will Cost You

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

You would think that making the prices charged by hospitals and doctors available to their patients would be a no-brainer. After all, we’ve become accustomed to knowing the price we pay for cars, carrots, comic books, and almost everything else we buy. Why not knee surgery or appendectomies?

The medical establishment, it seems, isn’t keen on letting the public in on what health practitioners charge for their services. Despite lots of talk about price transparency from government officials, including the Trump administration, the actions of hospitals and physicians speak otherwise.

“Price secrecy is a calculated strategy,” says Jeanne Pinder, founder and CEO of Clear-HealthCosts, a digital start-up that works with news outlets to disclose the costs of medical care. “All that money collected from overpriced care and mysterious bills goes into lobbying and behind the scenes pressure. They lobby lawmakers and regulators to protect the current system and to skew it even further to their benefit.”

That’s what has happened in Ohio where the hospital industry and its lobbyists have succeeded in killing two laws passed by the state legislature, the first in 2015 and the second this summer, that would have allowed patients to know the prices of the medical procedures and services they were about to receive.

The 2015 law would have required hospitals and other health care providers to give patients an estimate of their costs no later than the same day a procedure or medical intervention would take place. The hospitals objected. The governor’s office never wrote rules to implement the law, and hospitals and other health care groups sued to prevent implementation.

The law was passed as part of the worker’s compensation budget bill, and the medical industry argued that it violated the state prohibition on including multiple subjects in one bill. A lower court judge sided with the hospitals. The matter is now before the Ohio Court of Appeals and likely to go to the state supreme court.

This year Jim Butler, speaker pro tempore of the Ohio House of Representatives and champion of the 2015 law, succeeded in getting a second bill passed that he said took into account the health industry objections. He called it a “much better version of transparency.” Health care providers would not give price estimates. Instead, they would have to notify a patient’s insurance company within 24 hours of scheduling the procedure and disclose what the service would cost. The carrier would then give patients an estimate of those costs.

Patients would not have to ask for the information. Butler said that requiring patients to ask for a price estimate is not satisfactory since most people won’t do it.

In 2012 Massachusetts passed a law requiring medical providers to disclose to patients within two business days the amount their insurer would pay for a procedure or the hospital list price if a patient was uninsured – but only if the patient asked. It turned out very few did, even though the prices for services like MRIs vary widely.

Butler’s latest attempt at price transparency has failed, too.

Using his line-item veto power, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine nixed Butler’s second attempt at medical price transparency, saying his veto was “in the public interest” and citing efforts by the federal government to address transparency. It’s important the state not put “duplicative or burdensome regulations on health care providers,” he said.

What’s really at stake for the hospitals?

Armed with price information, patients not in the midst of an emergency may be able to find cheaper providers for their care.

With medical prices rising and insurers demanding larger deductibles and more expensive coinsurance, patients may be looking for all the help they can get. A study by insurance giant United Health Group found that hospital prices for inpatient care increased by 19 percent and physician prices by 10 percent between 2013 and 2017.

“Hospitals certainly don’t want transparency because it will create competition,” Butler told me.

I’ve been covering consumer issues for decades. Most businesses I’ve written about have fought government regulation. Instead, they’ve pushed for more information and price disclosure to solve whatever consumer abuse was taking place.

As we see in Ohio, sellers in the health care marketplace seem to want neither.

What do you think will lower the cost of care? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

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Webster stuns Groton with last minute touchdown

"Two words sum up the game against Webster," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "Penalties and Mistakes."

Webster Area scored with less than a minute to go in the game to edge past Groton Area, 12-7.

The game was played in Webster, and was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Abeln Seed Company, Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Allied Climate Professionals, Bahr Spray Foam, BaseKamp Lodge, DeHoet Trucking, Groton Auto Works, Hanlon Brothers, John Sieh Agency, Milbrandt Enterprises. Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Olson Development and Professional Management Services; touchdown sponsor is Patios Plus. The video of the game has been archived at 397news.com where GDI subscribers will have access.



Jameson Stange gets ready to snap the ball for the Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area received the opening kickoff and Andrew Marzahn returned the ball to the Tiger 39 yard line. The first drive was plagued with two false start penalties. The Tigers had two first downs and would have had a third if the penalty did not negate that down. The Tigers ended up punting on fourth and 15. That drive went for nearly six and one-half minutes.

Webster Area had the ball for the rest of the first quarter. The Bearcats were fourth down with two inches to go on the Tiger 30-yard line. Payton Johnson had a sack and the Groton Area took over on the Tigers 37-yard line. On second and 10, an incomplete pass resulted in roughing the passer penalty on Webster and the Tigers got a first down. Groton Area got a first down and it was first and goal from the 10 yard line. On fourth and third, Kaden Kurtz scored. Jackson Cogley kicked the PAT and it was 7-0 with 4:12 left in the first half. The Tigers had five first downs on that drive that went 63 yards and took over seven minutes off the clock.

Webster Area's next drive was cut short when Darien Shabazz caused and recovered a fumble with 1:44 left in the half. The Tigers



Andrew Marzahn returns the opening kickoff. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kayde Stange grabs Webster Area's Coby Reetz on the tackle. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

had a nice play as Doeden passed off the ball to Kurtz who passed off to Shabazz and back to Kurtz who threw to Doeden on a 27-yard touchdown. Oh, but it was no good as a holding penalty by Groton recalled the touchdown. So it was first and 20 but things went south for the Tigers as it was second and 35 and the half ended third and 30. "We could have really carried the momentum at half time," Wanner said. "It would have been 14-0. We only have a few opportunities and we have to take advantage of them."

It was 7-0 at half time

Webster almost put points on the board as the Bearcats returned the kickoff for a touchdown, but a Bearcat penalty recalled the touchdown. After getting one first-down, the Bearcats were forced to punt on fourth and 11. Groton took over on its own 25 yard line. Groton got a first down thanks to a Webster penalty and Doeden got a first down at the Webster 35. Groton gave up the ball on downs and Webster took over at its own 24 yard line with 4:38 left in the third quarter.

Webster's drive took nearly eight minutes off the clock and culminated with a touchdown with 8:41 left in the game. The Bearcats fumbled the two-point conversion attempt and Doeden recovered it and the score was 7-6, Groton Area. Webster Area had five first downs.

Groton failed to get a first down and ended up punting on fourth and one. Webster Area also failed to get a first down and had to punt. Groton had the ball at its own 31 yard line with 4:15 left in the game. On third and nine, an incomplete pass resulted in an automatic first



Thomas Cranford tackles Webster Area's Coby Reetz. Also pictured is Grady O'Neill. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

down as Webster was called with pass interference. The Tigers had the ball on its own 48 yard line with 3:45 to go. A big play by Webster put Groton at second and 16, third and 13 and fourth and 12. Groton punted.

Webster returned the ball to its own 41 yard line with two minutes left in the game. The Bearcats got a couple of quick first downs and with 62 seconds to go in the game, Reetz scored on a 22-yard pass from Braden Holland. The PAT catch was no good and it was Webster on top, 12-7.

Groton quickly marched up the field. Starting on its own 38 yard line, a first down put the Tigers at the Webster 36. Another first down put the ball at the Webster 25 yard line with 33 seconds to go. On second and 10 at the 20, the Tigers threw for a touchdown pass that was intercepted by Webster at the one-yard line. Webster had just one play and that ended the game with Webster Area winning, 12-7.

"We knew it was going to be a battle," Wanner said. "Games like this early in the season make us realize what can happen when we don't execute. We didn't give up and I was proud of how hard they fought back."

The Tigers will be hosting Sisseton on Friday. "Sisseton is a vastly improved team from last year," Wanner said. "They only graduated two seniors and have a new coaching staff."

- Paul Kosel

	GROTON AREA	WEBSTER AREA
First Downs	12	12
Rushing	35-119	33-63
Jonathan Doeden	20-69	Coby Reetz 11-50
Kaden Kurtz	14-56, 1 TD	Sterling Rausch 9-33
Darien Shabazz	1-(-6)	Jacob Pereboom 1-(-8)
		Braden Holland 12-(-12), 1 TD
		Cale Mathern 10-(-21)
Passing		
Kaden Kurtz	2-7-19-1 Int.	Braden Holland 10-11-139, 1 TD
Receivers		
Darien Shabazz	1-9	Sterling Rausch 6-48
Brodyn DeHoet	1-10	Coby Reetz 2-42
		Jaydon Keller 1-28
		Matthew Block 1-21
Fumbles	Had 1 lost 0	Had 4 lost 2
Penalties	7-40	9-100
Defense		
Austin Jones	12 tackles	Carter Fawcett 10 tackles
Kaden Kurtz	11 tackles	Sterling Rausch 11 tackles
Payton Johnson	9 tackles, 1 sack	
Alex Morris	8 tackles, 3 sacks	
Darien Shabazz	2 sacks, 1 fumble recovery	
Brodyn DeHoet	1 sack	
Jonathan Doeden	1 fumble recovery	
Record	2-1	3-0
Next Game	Friday hosts Sisseton	Friday hosts Redfield

Scoring

Second Quarter

4:12 Groton - Kaden Kurtz, 3 yard run. (PAT kick good by Jackson Cogley)

Fourth Quarter

8:41: Webster - Braden Holland 2 yard run (PAT fumbled)

1:02: Webster - Coby Reetz 22 yard pass from Braden Holland. (PAT catch no good)

**Brown County
Sept. 3, 2019**

Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Sutton, Wiese, and Kippley. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the General County Commission August 27, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Moved by Kippley seconded by Feickert to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Commission \$5,528.71; Elections \$0.00; Auditor \$8,611.83; Treasurer \$13,593.83; SA \$30,666.43; SVAWA \$1,193.49; Maintenance \$8,077.81; Assessor \$13,947.73; Register of Deeds \$7,561.79; VSO \$4,116.11; GIS \$2,367.50; IT \$8,641.76; HR \$3,397.45; Sheriff \$36,271.59; Jail \$49,575.29; Coroner \$0.00; Court Security \$6,016.12; JDC \$22,297.95; Welfare \$1,884.62; Museum \$6,976.69; Parks/Fairgrounds \$10,553.12; Fair Board \$50,464.07; 4-H \$2,846.91; Weed \$6,701.23; Planning & Zoning \$2,437.26; Highway \$55,330.67; Dispatch \$23,377.69; Emergency \$4,079.58; Teen Court \$626.40; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,488.52; Landfill \$14,980.69; JDAI \$1,576.93; Matching benefits: FICA \$25,354.68, Medicare \$5,929.79; Health Insurance \$127,329.42; Dental Insur-

ance \$7,648.99; Life Insurance \$1,056.19, SDRS \$64,612.29. Claims: Professional Fees: City of Aberdeen \$3,562.50; Avera Queen of Peace \$347.75; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC \$616.32; Tyler Beck \$75.00; Russel Brick \$285.00; Cass County Sheriff's Department \$26.00; Compass Counseling & Assessment \$1,800.00; Dakota Counseling Group LLC \$2,600.00; Devnet \$3,445.31; Jackson Foy \$75.00; Kristin Ganje \$250.00; Gellhaus & Gellhaus \$240.00; Taylor Johnson \$75.00; Jefferson Keller \$150.00; Nancy A. Klungseth \$40.00; Kuck Law Office \$17.95; John Litwiller III \$75.00; Alysha Martinez \$210.82; Rhonda K. May \$40.00; Toni Mayer \$20.00; Jerald M. McNeary \$1,696.40; Mid-Minnesota Grinding & Mulch \$22,977.00; Ethel B. Mitchell \$500.00; NE Mental Health Center \$2,626.00; Molly Royals \$75.00; Quincy Rudolph \$75.00; Tori Schaanman \$20.00; Sheriff of Woodbury County \$30.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$265.55; Taliaferro Law Firm \$509.64; Timel Enterprises LLC \$2,500.00; Roger Frank \$75.00; Aldous Ulvog \$75.00; Brady Vandevort \$75.00; Jordyn Volk \$40.00; Hailey Weist \$20.00; West Publishing Corp \$165.00; Charles Wilson \$20.00; Luther Yellow Robe \$5,000.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$7,059.87; Aberdeen Community Concert Association \$100.00; Civil Air Patrol \$295.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$84.92; Butler Machinery \$353.77; Clark Engineering Inc \$4,390.51; Climate Control \$9,759.50; Gary's Auto Body \$949.46; MB LLC \$38.00; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$961.00; Lawson Products Inc \$24.33; Midwest Pump & Tank \$307.16; New-

man Signs Inc \$13.07; Pro Windmill Inc \$225.00; Pauer Sound & Music Inc \$1,700.00; Performance Crane & Heavy Haul \$4,250.00; Pro Ag Supply Inc \$52.59; CNH Industrial America LLC \$1,955.55; Woodman Refrigeration \$270.40. Supplies: Aberdeen Swim Club \$75.00; Advantage Self Storage \$1,200.00; Agtegra Cooperative \$30,284.89; American Business Forms \$456.87; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$3,333.89; Fastenal Co. \$748.98; Grafix Shoppe \$380.00; Jebro Inc \$67,675.19; Karlen Electric Inc \$4,363.23; Larry Becker \$110.00; Lawson Products Inc \$331.04; Mac's Inc \$722.73; Menards \$247.11; Midstates Printing \$426.85; Midwest Pump & Tank \$152.55; Newman Signs Inc \$205.32; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$21.00; Runnings \$1,496.96; Sander's Sew & Vac \$34.49; Scott Hagan \$2,000.00; Kody Schochenmaier \$174.09; Shelly Sutton \$374.00; Theatrical Media Services Inc \$3,255.00; Van Diest Supply Co \$1,309.68. Travel & Conference: Regency Midwest Ventures Limited \$3,400.00; Jefferson Keller \$409.84; Mark Milbrandt \$518.00. Utilities: AT&T \$177.66; BDM Rural Water Systems \$42.70; Qwest Corporation \$53.76; Midcontinent Communications \$254.43; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$28,046.83. Other: Megan Lapka \$75.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Feickert seconded by Sutton to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge denial of offer by Melinda Johnson for Register of Deeds Deputy. Approve hiring Anne Dohman as full-time Brown County Register

of Deeds Deputy effective September 18, 2019, @ \$15.39/hour. Approve hiring Wesly Warning as full-time Brown County Communications Dispatcher effective September 17, 2019, @ \$16.71/hour. Approve hiring Julie Thelen at full-time Brown County Communications Dispatcher effective September 17, 2019, @ \$16.71/hour. Approve promotion of Roxy Hilgenberg as full-time Welfare Director, effective September 9, 2019, @ \$53,500 per year. Approve transfer of Gary Vetter from Human Resources to Planning and Zoning, effective September 9, 2019, at current salary, split as follows: 25% commission assistant and 75% planning and zoning. Approve hiring Bryan Gordon as full-time Correctional Officer effective September 9, 2019, @ \$16.40/hour. Approve the following employee step increases effective September 8, 2019: Byan Owens @ \$19.88/hour, Casey Jensen @ \$19.83/hour, Samulela Mouna @ \$20.05/hour, Dean Zumbaum @ \$19.08/hour, Anthony Sorensen @ \$22.93/hour. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair sign application for a Special Malt Beverage License, submitted by Big Fella's (Stacy Gossman) for special event to be held at the Clubhouse October 5, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following fair contracts: T&K Rentals LLC (Tents) @ \$16,750, Wild Dakota Calendar Girls (gate scanners and merchandise sales) @ \$1,800. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RESTRICTED USE PERMIT RENEWAL:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to acknowledge the application by City of Hecla for renewal of restricted use solid waste permit in the City of Hecla. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the following lease: Aberdeen Roncalli for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp September 22, 2019; October 20, 2019; and October 27, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

LEGAL ASSIGNMENT:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize chair sign document to assign claim against an individual to the Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2020 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:

First public hearing held on the 2020 provisional budget. Additional public hearings set for September 10 and 24, 2019. Adoption of budget is set for September 24, 2019.

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to reduce Planning and Zoning supplies and materials by \$5,000, reducing overall planning and zoning department budget to \$198,494.45. Increase the general fund operating transfer out to Highway by \$5,000 for a total general fund operating transfer out to highway of \$1,070,549.4, and increasing fund 201 Road & Bridge by \$5,000 to \$5,840,299.4. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY FIVE-YEAR PLAN:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to set date for public meeting to discuss and receive public comment on the Fire (5) Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, at 8:50 a.m. on October 1, 2019. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.

PLATS:

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: Resolution 44-19: Be it resolved by the board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Prairie Hill Farms Second Subdivision in the SW1/4 of Section 11-T124N-R62W of the 5th p.m., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal per SDCL 1-25-2(1,3). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:44a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
Notice of Special
Revenue Fund**

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Notice is hereby given for Public Hearing on the special revenue fund to account for federal grant expenditures and revenue. Hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2019 at 8:53a.m. at the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex.

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
Pigors Rezoning
Notice**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Kurt Pigors 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 September 24, 2019 at 8:50 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 4, Block 1, "Richmond Heights Subdivision" in the E1/2 of Section 32-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38377 Richmond Heights Dr)

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 the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 145.

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
Grebner Rezoning
Notice**

NOTICE

Application has been made by John Grebner 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 September 24, 2019 at 8:50 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.08 Residential District (R-1):

137" South of North 548' of East 318' NE1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 20-T123N-R63W of 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (1424 S Melgaard Rd)

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 the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 146.

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
Klootwyk
Rezoning Notice**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Jason Klootwyk 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 September 24, 2019 at 8:50 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 1, "Klootwyk Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 5-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39595 130th St)

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 the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 147.

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Westport Town
Sept. 2, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Westport General Meeting
September 2nd, 2019

The Town of Westport met on September 2nd, 2019 with Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson, & Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General
NWPS (\$249.74), Groton Independent (\$20.57), Brown County Treasurer -Mosquito spraying (\$595.60), Postmaster (\$2.80), Hall Sand & Gravel (\$2,915.86) Payroll- Shane Storm (\$430.00), Mike Wilson (\$75.00), Tim Selzler (\$105.00) & Doreen Hertel(\$900.00).....

Sewer
NWPS (\$40.34), NRW -loan repayment (\$210.13), Doreen Hertel (\$300.00)

Water
WEB (\$1,514.24), Water Maintenance District (\$408.16), Doreen Hertel (\$300.00)

Mike Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Shane Storm.

The following deposits were presented:

City General
Brown County Collections (\$503.39), State of SD (\$316.68), Interest (\$32.51).

Sewer
Resident Payments - (\$2,200.00).

Water
Resident Payments - (\$3,285.50).

NEW BUSINESS:
Resolution 2019-10 was read to raise water rates. Base will be \$47.00 dollars per month, per 1,000 gallons will be the rate of \$5.25 and average rate will be \$8.50. Effective November 1st, 2019. Shane approved reading, Mike seconded.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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**HOMECOMING 2019
GROTON AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Above Images from Groton Area Facebook Page

Netters beat Webster Area

Groton Area's Volleyball team remains undefeated with a 3-0 win over Webster. The match was played Tuesday night in Webster and was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Dakota Risk Management. The video is archived at 397news.com where GDI subscribers will have access to the videos.

In the first game, Groton had a nine-point rally to post a 25-12 win. The second game had four lead changes and the game was tied four times before Groton Area scored six straight points to cruise to a 25-18 win. Webster Area fought hard in the third game with the game being tied seven times including late in the game at 17. The lead also changed hands four times. Groton scored six straight points to the lead and to go on for the win, 25-21, with Madeline Flihs having the game winning kill.

Nicole Marzahn led the Tigers with 10 kills, three ace serves and one block. Eliza Wanner had 11 kills while Indigo Rogers had three kills and two blocks, Madeline Flihs and Kaylin Kucker each had two kills, and Tadyn Glover and Payton Colestock each had an ace serve.

Janessa Storley led the Bearcats with nine kills and a block, Cara Shoemaker had six kills, two blocks and an ace serve, Brianna Duerre had six kills and an ace serve, Abby Richie, Abby Snell and Morgan Jager each had a kill and a block, Ellie Mount had a kill and Ashley

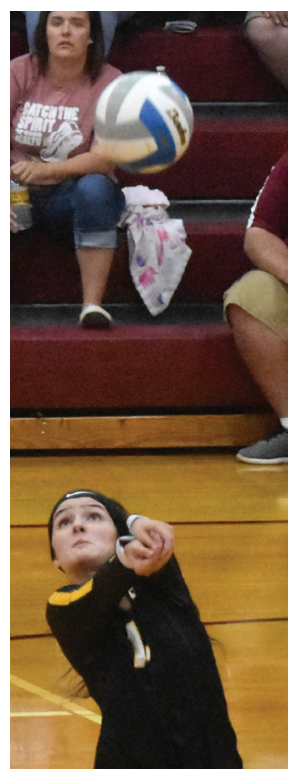
Cadwell had a block. Groton Area is now 4-0 on the season and will host Hamlin on Thursday.



Kaylin Kucker



Payton Colestock



Eliza Wanner



Nicole Marzahn

Lady Tigers beat Braves

Groton Area's volleyball team went to 3-0 on the season with a 3-0 win over Britton-Hecla. The match was played in Groton, and was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Allied Climate Professionals, Bahr Spray Foam, BaseKamp Lodge, DeHoet Trucking, Groton Auto Works, Hanlon Brothers, John Sieh Agency, Milbrandt Enterprises and Professional Management Services. The video of the game has been archived at 397news.com where GDI subscribers will have access.

Under the serving of Eliza Wanner, Groton Area had 15 straight pints including three ace serves as the Tigers won the first game, 25-4. Nicole Marzahn had four kills, Tadyn Glover had two kills and an ace serve, Stella Meier, Madeline Flihs and Wanner each had one kill and Kaylin Kucker had an ace serve.

Groton Area jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the second game en route to a 25-7 win. Marzahn had four kills, Kucker had four ace serves and a kill, Glover had two ace serves and Wanner had one, and Meier, Indigo Rogers and Flihs each had one kill and Flihs had one block.

Britton-Hecla had the early lead in the third game with that one being tied five times and there were three lead changes before the Tigers took control with six straight points. Groton Area won the third game, 25-11. Rogers had five kills, Flihs and Wanner each had three kills, Marzahn had two kills and an ace serve, Glover and Kucker each had an ace serve and Meier had a kill.

In serving, Groton Area had 10 ace serves with Kucker having five and Wanner four. The Tigers had 37 assists with Kucker having 26 and Glover four. Groton Area had 27 kills with Marzahn having 10, Flihs five and Wanner four. Flihs had one block and Marzahn and Glover each had 14 of the team's 62 digs.

Britton-Hecla had non ace serves, Chloe Furman had two assists, Kadence Haug had three kills and Jenna Werner had two, Werner and Jaden Jenkins each had a block and Katie Freeman had four digs and Werner had three.

**Smith wins
Britton-Hecla Cross
Country Meet**

Isaac Smith ran to a first place finish at the Britton-Hecla Cross-Country Meet held Tuesday. He ran the 5,000m course in a time of 18:13.28. Noah Poor finished 18th with a time of 23:05.12 and Jackson Garstecki finished 21st with a time of 23:41.59.

Meanwhile in the 3,000 meter junior varsity races, placing in the boy's division were 4, Dragr Monson, 12:05.71; 6, Dillon Abeln, 12:10.87; 12; Steven Paulson, 13:16.06; 15, Kannon Coats, 13:41.18; 22, James Brooks, 18:11.52; 23, Braden Freeman, 18:28.96. Placing in the girl's division were 8, Sierra Ehsresmann, 14:53.68; 9, Riley Rosenau, 14:54.24; 16, Kiara Senlouanrat, 20:56.34.



Preparing for Pumpkin Fest
Brent Wienk from the South Dakota National Guard talks with April Abeln about the upcoming Pumpkin Fest. Wienk said the local National Guard unit will help in some way and is coordination the effort. The Pumpkin Fest is set for October 12th.

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Hartman

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The annulment process looks at the beginning of a relationship and how two people came to be married. In Hartman's case, he and his wife were "really pretty young and stupid," he said.

An annulment can take time and is easier when both parties cooperate, he said. Hartman considers it a thoughtful process that doesn't have to be a stigma. It's given him an experience with what some people he's met in his new vocation have also had to contemplate. He's been there and done that, he said. He knows the hurts that come from divorce. He knows that it gets better.

"Maybe the divorced do find it's alienating. I had many people who would come to me. Sometimes that annulment is scary for people. I can show how it brought healing," Hartman said. "From that perspective it's really been beautiful. People do like the fact that I am able to draw on that. It's probably the greatest gift in that sense."

The Sioux Falls Diocese made sure Hartman's children were grown — age 21 or older — and well on their way to successful futures, as well as able to take care of themselves. An adult child with ongoing care needs wouldn't have allowed Hartman to pursue priesthood.

Son Isaiah Hartman, 28, is a firefighter in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Daughter Natasha Karels, 27, is teaching in Harrisburg and

living in Sioux Falls. Hartman said his son had left for college in Colorado and wasn't around for some of the major pivots in his father's life. Karels, who'd lived with her father and then attended college just a hop away in Brookings, felt the transition more intensely.

"For my daughter it was always we will continue to pray about this together," Hartman said. "Coming through it, in a spiritual sense, she really prayed through it. Her mom, she remarried. So in light of that, I said, 'With you getting older, this has just freed me up to serve God in this particular way.'"

The children wrote letters to Bishop Paul Swain with their own thoughts and concerns on their father's possible new vocation. Hartman admitted it can be hard for kids. They can have the expectation that their dad will be there to walk his daughter down the aisle, not perform the marriage ceremony.

"They really took a look to see how my kids are doing," Hartman said of the diocese. "The church makes you fulfill your responsibilities. It wasn't until my daughter was in college that I entered seminary."

He attended Holy Apostle Seminary in Connecticut. At the school, Hartman met men from all walks of life, many of whom were his age or older. There were widowers, those who'd never married, those who'd had annulments, firefighters, teachers, coaches, doctors and even others who'd had a change in faith. The median age was 41, he said.

"The seminary nickname was Holy Fossil Seminary," Hartman joked.

said. "I don't necessarily want to be the office priest. It's not my forte; I'd rather be out with the people."

Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>

From the Carnival of Silver Skates Committee

We are again planning for the 2020 Carnival of Silver Skates! Please check your child's backpacks for registration forms coming home from school. Forms will also be available in the high school office and at Lori's Pharmacy.

Important upcoming date --- Registration and costume measurement will be Sunday, Sept 15 from 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. or Monday, Sept 16 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the warming house. The skater must be present for measuring.

Other important dates:

- Jan. 10 - costume handout
- Jan. 11 - specialty act sign-up
- Jan. 12 - specialty act tryouts
- Jan. 18 - Silver Skates pictures
- Jan. 19 - dress rehearsal
- Jan. 26 - Carnival of Silver Skates

We are excited for the upcoming skating season!

2019 South Dakota State Fair FFA Results

Members of the South Dakota FFA participated in a wide range of educational activities during the 2019 South Dakota State Fair held August 29-September 2nd in Huron. At the State Fair, there were a record 358 FFA members who exhibited 1121 exhibits.

GOAT SHOW

Market Meat Goat Showmanship - 3rd: Tessa Erdmann, Groton; 5th: Travis Townsend, Groton

DAIRY SHOW

Junior Reserve Champion Holstein Heifer - Steven Paulson, Groton

He was installed with the local parishes earlier this summer. He spent his first two years as a priest working under another priest, so this is his first time being a lead pastor. He's taking a thoughtful approach, using this first year or so just to get to know the congregations, their needs and opportunities. He knows Turton is challenged by its remoteness, but it's also a boon for rural Catholics for miles around who make the regular commutes.

"I'm not in a hurry for any changes. Those first years I want to, as much as I can, feel out how they do things. Then, together, we can decide what is our vision," Hartman said.

He's got a heart for youth ministry and missions and would like to take a group to the ski slopes — a favorite pastime — as another outreach possibility.

For someone who eventually chose a decidedly different path than the one he started out on, it's still those principles of service to others and a responsibility for fellow man that drive Hartman's passion. He wants it evident in his life that there is a love of God and of neighbor.

"I still consider myself a little bit Grocer Tom. I was always with people," Hartman

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