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Schinkel, Wanner named GHS Royalty

Pictured are the king and queen with their parents. From left to right are Dan and Marjae Schinkel with King Anthony Schinkel; and Queen Eliza Wanner is with Lynn and Shaun Wanner. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Harrys are Parade Marshals

Larry and Kathy Harry are the 2019 Parade Marshals. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Larry was a salesman for Pioneer Hy-Brid Seed Corn for 33 years, and he just recently sold the business. One of his favorite parts of the Pioneer job was being able to visit with farmers and helping them make farming decisions. Larry is still farming and traveling to his grandchildren's activities. A favorite memory according to Larry happened when he missed his son's third grade open house and the teacher told him that her class missed winning treats for the whole class because they were one parent short of winning. Larry felt so bad that he asked the grocery store manager if he could buy 45 large candy bars, which cost about \$80, took them to the elementary school and gave them to Mrs. Ackman so the kids could have treats. She then told him she had been kidding!

Kathy has been a figure in the Groton Area School District for 40 years. She worked with elementary students at the beginning of her career and later moved to the high school and worked in the Special Education Department. During that time, she was a Cheerleading advisor for 20 years. For the last nine years, her title was school secretary. According to Kathy, her favorite part of the job was the contact she had with the high school students. She enjoyed getting to know the students on a personal level. Since retiring Kathy has had more time to spend with family and is looking forward to traveling.

Larry and Kathy have two children and five grandchildren. Their daughter, Teri, is a para-professional at the Groton Elementary School and their son, Eric, is a Physician Assistant with Sanford in Fargo.



GHS 2019 Homecoming Royalty

In back, left to right, are Peyton Johnson, son of Matt and Tanya Johnson; Indigo Rogers, daughter of Dirk and Jennifer Rogers; Brodyn DeHoet, son of Tyson and Lindsey DeHoet; Nicole Marzahn, daughter of Wade and Renee Marzahn; Jonathan Doeden, son of Toby and Liz Doeden; Payton Colestock, daughter of Craig and Michelle Muilenburg and Roger Colestock; Austin Jones, son of Jim and Mindy Jones; and Tadyn Glover, daughter of Burt and Angela Glover; in front flanking the royalty are the scroll carriers, Ayce Warrington and Lilly Davis; and the royalty are King Anthony Schinkel, son of Dan and Marjae Schinkel; and Queen Eliza Wanner, daughter of Shaun and Lynn Wanner. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Legacy donates to Groton Area Schools

Left Photo: Legacy, the parent company of Avantara Groton, is a community minded business, according to Jennifer Dirks of Avantara Groton. She said, "Legacy is all about supporting the community they have businesses in. Avantara Groton donated \$500 to the school meal fund and also several boxes of supplies to the elementary school. Pictured are Jennifer Dirks from Avantara Groton, MS/HS Principal Kiersten Sombke, and Director of Nursing at Avantara Groton Jackie Thorson. (Photo by Tina Kosel)

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Groton Area posts 3-0 win over Mobridge-Pollock

Groton Area's volleyball team went to 6-0 on the season with a 3-0 win over Mobridge-Pollock. The match was carried 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.

Groton Area and Hill City are the only undefeated teams left in Class A as Northwestern handed Miller its first loss of the season, 3-1.

Midway in the first game, Groton Area scored six straight points to put distance away from their competitor and went on for a 25-12 win.



Indigo Rogers
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Mobridge-Pollock came out firing on all cylinders to start the second game, taking an 8-0 lead. Groton Area then scored seven straight points of its own. Nicole Marzahn had a block that tied the game at nine and the Tigers took the lead for good, 10-9. Groton Area outscored Mobridge-Pollock, 13-2, and went on for the 25-16 win.

Groton Area had a six point rally midway in the third game and went on for a 25-10 win.

Nicole Marzahn led the Tigers with 13 kills and one block. Indigo Rogers had six kills and two ace serves. Eliza Wanner had four kills, three ace serves, nine digs and one assist. Tadyn Glover had three ace serves. Kaylin Kucker had two ace serves, two kills and 23 assists. Payton Colestock had an ace, a kill and eight digs. Stella Meier had three kills while Madeline Fliehs had two kills.

Megan Zahn led Mobridge-Pollock with 10 kills. Callie Weisbeck had three ace serves, one kill and six assists. Channing Wientjes had four kills, Landyn Henderson had two kills and a block, Emily Wientjes and Haley Brockel each had six digs and Emma Keller had nine assists.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-19 and 25-22, and the Tigers made it a clean sweep with a C match win, 19-25, 25-15 and 15-9.

Groton Area will be hosting Sisseton on Thursday night.

- Paul Kosel



Madeline Fliehs goes high in the air for the ball and returns it to the Mobridge-Pollock side. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Webster Cross Country

5000m Boys Race: 12, Isaac Smith, 19:56.33; 52, Jackson Garstecki, 24:36.62; 54, Noah Poor, 24:44.44.

3000m Girls JV Race: 12, Sierra Ehresmann, 17:24.20; 18, Riley Rosenau, 18:10.53;

3000m Boys JV Race: 15, Dragr Monson, 14:17.26; 17, Dilon Abeln, 14:27.97; 43, Steven Paulson, 16:18.10; 44, Kannon Coats, 16:36.63; Cyrus DeHoet, 17:21.49; 58, Braden Freeman, 22:15.77; 59, James Brooks, 23:44.06.

Guthmiller places second at Redfield

Cade Guthmiller was four strokes behind Redfield-Doland's Dylan Stephen as Guthmiller placed second at the Redfield Invitational Golf Meet held Tuesday. Guthmiller shot a 45 in the front nine and a 37 in the back nine for a total score of 82. Guthmiller had the best score in the back nine.

Also golfing were Hunter Kassube. He shot a 56 and a 53 for a total score of 109. Brevin Fliehs shot a 50 and a 61 for a total score of 111.



Cade Guthmiller
(Photo by Tina Guthmiller)

Groton Coffee Cup League

Team Standings: Biker Chix 5, Ten Pins 4, Kens 4, James Valley 3.

High Games: Joyce Walter 163, Vickie Kramp 161, Sam Bahr 158.

High Series: Vickie Kramp 461, Joyce Walter 440, Sam Bahr 411.

Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the home of Deb McKiver. Ten members answered roll call with their favorite ice cream flavor. It was decided to give our "Pennies for Pines" contribution to sponsor 2 "plantation" in the SD National Forest in memory of DeLoris Knoll, past member. Eunice McColister reported getting the Smoky Bear information ready to give to the elementary school students next week. The groups did decorate main street on Tuesday, September 17, at 1:00 and will weed the park, October 3, at 8:30, am. Pereboom's in Webster will host the Fall Board meeting on September 28, at 11:00. Deb McKiver moved to amend the standing rules to read, "meeting time from 5:30p.m. to 6:30 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month." The next meeting will be October 21, at 6:30 at Avantara with Linda Anderson, Deb McKiver will give the program. Following the meeting Pam Rix gave the program "How to get your plants ready for Winter."

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 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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Retro Day Winners
Left to right are Raelee Lilly 6th grade, Emma Kutter 7th grade, Marlee Tollifson 9th grade, Megan Fliehs 10th grade, Alexis Hanten 11th grade, and Brody DeHoet 12th grade; not pictured is Colby Dunker, eighth grade. (Photo by Tina Kosel)

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There was a junior class style show as the skit for the evening. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



The steam from Poet west of Groton slowly drifts into the sunset Friday evening. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Visiting St. John's Pre-School Students
 The GHS football players paid a visit to St. John's Lutheran Pre-School on Monday. The top photo features Austin Jones adjusting a helmet on Gauge Johnson. The bottom photo featured Brodyn DeHoet adjusting pads on Quinton Ronning. (Photos from Tricia Keith's Facebook Page)



April Abeln is sorting out the Pumpkin Fest T-shirts that are for sale at City Hall. The Pumpkin Fest is set for October 12th.



Twin Tuesday's Winners
 Left to right are Lane Tietz and Colby Dunker 8th grade, Jordan Bjerke and Jackson Cogley 10th grade, Trey Gengerke and Chandler Larson 11th grade, Tadyn Glover 12th grade missing is Eliza Wanner 12th grade, Shallyn Foertsch and Jacylnne Gleason 9th grade, Rylee Dunker and Hannah Sandness 6th grade missing is 7th grader Turner Thompson and Christian Ehresmann. (Photo by Tina Kosel)



Meme Day Winners
 Left to right Ashley Flihs 12th grade, Lucas Simon 11th grade, Emilie Thurston 10th grade, Cadance Tullis 9th grade, Carly Guthmiller and Jacie Lier 8th grade, Emma Kutter 7th grade, and Ben Hoelt 6th grade. (Photo by Tina Kosel)



The Groton Area boys hosted James Valley Christian. The area received nearly five inches of rain and it shows up on the soccer field on Thursday. Here Piet Solling is splashing up a lot of water on the field. (Photo by Marjae Schinkel)



This is the game winning goal by Anthony Schinkel. Groton Area defeated West Central, 1-0.. (Photo by Marjae Schinkel)

West Central girls beat Groton Area

The Groton Area girls soccer team hosted West Central on Friday. The Tigers dropped a 7-1 game to the Trojans. Kaylin Kucker was the goalie in the first half and Emma Schinkel was the goalie in the second half. Regan Leicht scored the goal for the Tigers.



The senior boys on the team are Grady O'Neill, Austin Jones, Anthony Schinkel, Hunter Schaller, Garret Schroeder and Cade Guthmiller. (Photo by Marjae Schinkel)



It was senior recognition for the girls soccer team on Friday. Kaylin Kucker is the only senior on the team and she is pictured with her parents, Chris and Amy Kucker. (Photo by Marjae Schinkel)



The 2019 Royalty are Queen Eliza Wanner and King Anthony Schinkel. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The GHS Band played for about half an hour before the start of the Homecoming Coronation. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



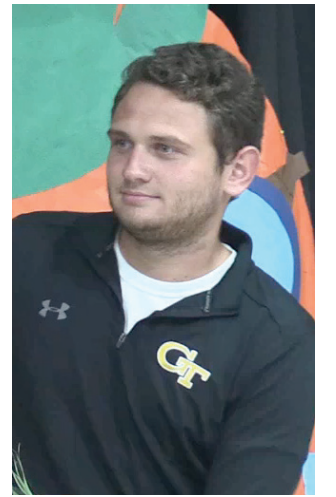
The scroll carriers were Lilly Davis and Ayce Warrington. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



That's Trinity Smith being thrown in the air as the cheerleaders did a skit. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



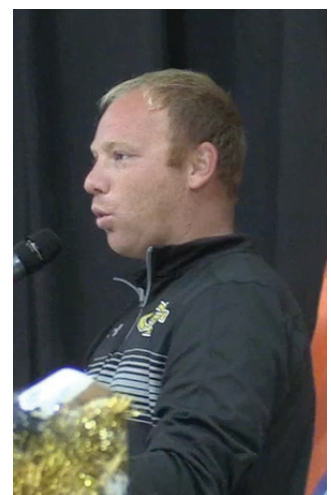
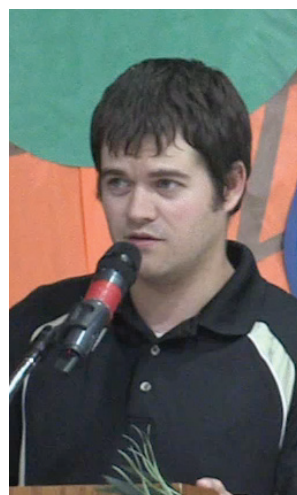
The 2018 Homecoming King Treyton Diegel puts the crown on the new King Anthony Schinkel. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



The speakers at the Homecoming Coronation are pictured here. Above, left to right, are Shaun Wanner, football coach; Chelsea Hanson, volleyball coach; Adam Franken, cross country coach; Chance Strom, boys soccer coach; and below are Chris Kucker, girls soccer; and Austin Fordham, band. The master of ceremonies was Jordan Kjellsen. (Photos lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



The burning of the "G" was held after the coronation ceremony. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Girls Soccer

Coach Chris Kucker of the girls soccer team told the Groton Daily Independent about the game played Saturday at Sioux Falls Christian. "It was a very well played game by the girls. Lost 3-0, but played with passion. Defense drew nine offside calls, Kaylin had 12 saves. 15 shots on goal for them with four corners. We had three shots on goal with one corner."

Brief Outage Saturday Morning

There was a brief power outage early this morning that affected Groton and other area communities. The outage also caused one of the main pumps at the city's main lift station south of town to go out and the city crew had to replace that pump Saturday morning.

Sisseton hands Groton second loss with 2 fourth quarter touchdowns

Sisseton would score two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to break a tied game to post a 20-12 win in football action played in Groton.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM and the video is now archived at www.397news.com where GDI subscribers will have access. Game sponsors were Doug 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, Professional Management Services, Touchdown Sponsor: Patios Plus

Groton had the first offensive drive, but after one first down, the Tigers had to punt.

Sisseton started at its own 20 yard line and secured four first downs to make it first and goal at the Tiger five yard line. The Tiger defense had a goal-line stand. On fourth and two, Jonathan Doeden deflected the pass and the Tigers took over on their own two yard line.

Groton got two first downs on its next drive but then had to punt on fourth and seven.

Sisseton had the ball last in the first quarter, but ended up punting the ball on fourth and 10 early in the second quarter.

It was four plays for the Tigers, punting on fourth and seven.

The Redmen would start on their own 36 yard line and after securing a first down, Anthony Tchida would score on a 32 yard run with 10:49 left in the first half. The PAT pass was no good and Sisseton took a 6-0 lead.

Groton would answer on its next possession. Starting from their own 40 yard line, Doeden would run 53 yards for the touchdown on third and two. The PAT pass was no good and the game was tied at six.

The Redmen threatened to score again. Starting at their own 29 yard line, the Redmen would rack up three first downs. On fourth and four from the Tigers 19, Sisseton tried to punch it in, but the Tiger defense kept them at bay. Groton would have the ball on its own 18 yard line. Groton got one first down and

tried to covert on a fourth and one, but fell short. Sisseton had one play before the end of the first half and the game remained tied at six.

Sisseton had the first offensive drive to start out the third quarter, but had to punt after the fourt play on fourth and six.

Groton Area ended up punting and on Sisseton's next possession, the Redmen would fumble the ball on the Groton 31 yard line, recovered by Grady O'Neill.

Groton Area had three first downs before fumbling the ball deep in Sisseton territory. The Redmen would take over on their own 10 yard line. The Redmen would fumble on the next play and Brodyn DeHoet recovered the fumble on the Sisseton one yard line. Sisseton denied the Tigers the touchdown and the Redmen took over on downs on their own 15 yard line. Sisseton got a first down but ended up punting on fourth and eight.

Groton also got a first down on its next drive, but ended up punting on fourth and 20 as the third quarter ended. The punt actually happened during the first play of the fourth quarter.

The Redmen started out on the Groton 27 yard line and three plays later on second and 12, Anthony Tchida would score on a 32-yard run. The PAT pass was no good and Sisseton took a 12-6 lead.

Groton Area found itself going in the wrong direction on its next drive and had to punt on fourth and 17. Sisseton had good field position, starting at the Groton 22 yard line. After securing a first down, Tchida would score on a one-yard run This time the PAT pass was good and Sisseton took a 20-6 lead with 4:12 left in the game.

The Tigers started out on its own 20-yard line. DeHoet had two of the three first downs including a 45-yard catch to get the Tigers down to the three-yard line. Three plays later, Doeden would hit paydirt with a two-yard run. The PAT pass was no good and it was 20-12 with 2:10 left in the game.

Sisseton would take its time to run the clock out, denying Groton another touch of the



Peyton Johnson (32) and Grady O'Neill (75) go after Sisseton's quarterback, Anthony Tchida, and get him for a loss. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

football as the Redmen went on to win, 20-12.

Sisseton had more first downs, 17-12, and had just a few more yards on offense, 282-278. Groton Area had 56 yards on eight penalties and Sisseton was penalized five times for 25 yards.

Doeden had 133 yards rushing with two touchdowns and had nine tackles. Kaden Kurtz had 23 yards rushing and eight tackles. DeHoet had 77 yards receiving and one fumble recovery while Thomas Cranford had 35 yards on one catch and had eight tackles and Pierce Kettering had 13 yards on one catch. Alex Morris had 11 tackles and Grady O'Neill had one fumble recovery.

The Tigers, now 2-2 on the season, will host Milbank in a homecoming game on Friday.

- Paul Kosel



Jonathan Doeden avoids the defense to get a first down. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Thomas Cranford makes a 30-yard catch to get the Tigers down to the Sisseton 15 yard line. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

	GROTON AREA	SISSETON
First Downs	12	17
Rushing	27-153	46-230
Jonathan Doeden	19-133, 2 TD	Anthony Tchida 14-111, 3 TD
Kaden Kurtz	8-23	Elijah Kowalzek 15-54
		Isiah Grimm 7-28
		Carter Schaunaman 10-27
Passing		
Kaden Kurtz	7-15-125	Anthony Tchida 1-10-52
Receivers		
Brodyn DeHoet	5-77	Elijah Kowalzek 2-40
Pierce Kettering	1-13	Dylan Goodhart 2-12
Thomas Cranford	1-35	
Fumbles	Had 2 lost 1	Had 2 lost 2
Penalties	8-56	5-25
Defense		
Alex Morris	11 tackles	Dusty Neilan 8 tackles
Jonathan Doeden	9 tackles	Carter Schaunaman 5 tackles
Kaden Kurtz	8 tackles	Ty Peterson 5 tackles
Thomas Cranford	8 tackles	
Record	2-2	3-1
Next Game	Friday hosts Milbank (HC)	Friday at Roncalli

Scoring

Second Quarter

9:42 Sisseton - Anthony Tchida, 6 yard run (PAT pass no good)

7:30 Groton - Jonathan Doeden, 53 yard run. (PAT kick no good)

Fourth Quarter

10:49 Sisseton - Anthony Tchida, 32 yard run (Pat pass no good)

4:12 Sisseton - Anthony Tchida, 1 yard run (Pat pass from Elijah Kowalzek to Ty Peterson)

2:10 Groton - Jonathan Doeden, 2 yard run (Pat pass no good)

Groton City Ord. 728 - 2020 Appropriation Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 728

2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the city of Groton that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

	General Fund (BBB)	Gross Rec.	Airport Fund	Family Crisis Fund	Debt Service	Total
Governmental Funds						
410 General Government						
411 Legislative	27,180.00					27,180.00
411.5 Contingency	50,000.00					50,000.00
412 Executive	9,370.00					9,370.00
413 Elections	1,510.00					1,510.00
414 Financial Administration	353,794.00					353,794.00
419 Other	21,100.00					21,100.00
Total General Government	\$462,954.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$462,954.00
420 Public Safety						
421 Police	410,404.00					410,404.00
429 Other Inspection	1,100.00					1,100.00
Total Public Safety	\$411,504.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$411,504.00
430 Public Works						
431 Highways and Streets	270,760.00					270,760.00
432 Weed Control	4,600.00					4,600.00
435 Airport			32,420.00			32,420.00
437 Cemeteries	15,080.00					15,080.00
439 Transit	2,500.00					2,500.00
Total Public Works	\$292,940.00	\$-	\$32,420.00	\$-	\$-	\$325,360.00
440 Health and Welfare						
441 Health	6,450.00					6,450.00
Total Health and Welfare	\$6,450.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$6,450.00
450 Culture and Recreation						
451 Recreation:						
Skating	7,030.00					
Soccer	-					
Swimming Pool	58,010.00	23,000.00				
Golf	-					
Basketball	300.00					
Tennis	300.00					
Baseball	99,250.00					
452 Parks	13,120.00					13,120.00
455 Libraries	6,700.00					6,700.00
456 Community Center	4,700.00					4,700.00
Total Culture and Recreation	\$189,410.00	\$23,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$212,410.00
465 Economic Development and Assistance	14,470.00					14,470.00
Total Conservation and Development	\$14,470.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$14,470.00
470 Debt Service Refinance						
471 Principal					150,000	150,000.00
472 Interest					87,500	87,500.00
Total Debt Service	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$237,500.00	\$237,500.00
480 Intergovernmental Expenditures						
490 Miscellaneous						
499 Liquor	50.00					50.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$50.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$50.00
510 Other Financing Uses						
511 Operating Transfer--Out						
Total 2020 Appropriations	\$1,377,778.00	\$23,000.00	\$32,420.00	\$-	\$237,500.00	\$1,670,698.00
Total Appropriations and Accumulations	\$1,377,778.00	\$23,000.00	\$32,420.00	\$-	\$237,500.00	\$1,670,698.00

Note 1: The amounts shown here should not reflect accumulations to-date nor should it reflect the total to be accumulated. It should only report the amount to be accumulated in the budget year that you are working on.

Part II 9-22-1)
(9-21-19)
(9-21-20)

The following designates the fund or funds that money derived from the following sources is applied to.

	General Fund	Gross Rec. (BBB)	Airport Fund	Family Crisis Fund	Debt Service	Total
Governmental Funds						
Unassigned Fund Balance						
310 Taxes	1,234,300.00	23,000.00				1,257,300.00
320 Licenses and Permits	11,000.00					11,000.00
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	65,389.00					65,389.00
340 Charges for Goods and Services	82,000.00					82,000.00
350 Fines and Forfeits	325.00					325.00
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	15,950.00					15,950.00
390 Other Sources	188,034.00		20,000.00		30,700.00	238,734.00
Total Means of Finance	\$1,596,998.00	\$23,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$-	\$30,700.00	\$1,670,698.00
Proprietary and Fiduciary Funds						
Beginning Unrestricted Cash						
Estimated Revenue			200,000	280,000.00	100,000.00	15,000.00
Transfer In			181,540	2,440,350.00	201,000.00	99,400.00
Other Financing Sources					41,355.00	
TOTAL AVAILABLE			2,015,400.00	2,720,350.00	342,355.00	114,400.00
Less Appropriations (Expenses)			148,088	2,327,280.00	196,145.00	98,100.00
Less Debt Service				90,000.00	46,210.00	
Less Transfer Out			229,389			
ESTIMATED NET POSITION RETAINED			\$305,131.00	\$303,070.00	\$100,000.00	\$16,300.00

The finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the County Auditor.

The amount of tax levy request is \$478,291, and the amount of opt our request is \$230,000. The total request being \$708,291.

Hope Block, Finance Officer

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Colestock signs up with Presentation Volleyball Program

Groton Area's Payton Colestock signed up with Presentation College on Thursday to play on their volleyball program. Pictured are PC's head coach Chelsea Albrecht and Assistant Coach Hailey Swenson. (Courtesy Photo)

Marzahn leads Groton with 20 kills in win over Hamlin

Groton's volleyball team went to 5-0 on the season with a 3-1 win over Hamlin. 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.

Groton surged ahead early in the first game, but Hamlin came back to tie the game as late as 17 apiece. The Chargers had a brief one-point lead before the Tigers scored the last six points to secure a 25-18 win. Nicole Marzahn had seven kills, one block and a teamed block with Stella Meier while Indigo Rogers had two kills, Eliza Wanner one kill, Kaylin Kucker had two ace serves including the game winning ace serve, and Payton Colestock had one ace serve. Abby Abraham led Hamlin with four kills.

If anything could go wrong, it did for the Tigers in the second game. Hamlin went up 14-3. The Tigers had a six point rally at the end of the game but the Chargers went on for the 25-13 win. Rogers had two kills while Madeline Flihs, Wanner and Marzahn each had one kill in the second game.

The two teams battled it out to start the third game with the game being tied three times as the Chargers had the early lead. Groton tied the game at five and then had rallies of four and seven points and scored the last three points of the game for the 25-13 win. Marzahn had six kills, Rogers two, Wanner one, Todyn Glover had one kill and one ace serve, Kucker had an ace serve and Flihs had a block. Hamlin earned just four points in that game.

Groton Area jumped out to a 7-1 lead in the fourth game and Hamlin never threatened for the rest of the game as the Tigers went on for the 25-13 win. Marzahn had six kills, Wanner and Rogers each had two kills, Colestock had two ace serves and Meier, Flihs and Kucker each had a kill. Hamlin earned six points in the final set.

For the game, Marzahn finished with 20 kills and two blocks, Rogers had eight kills, Wanner had five kills, Kucker had three ace serves and a kill, Colestock had three ace serves, Flihs had two kills and a block, Glover had a kill and a block and Meier had a kill and a kill.

Ally Abraham led Hamlin with nine kills and two ace serves while Kami Wadsworth had four kills, McKenna Prouty had three kills and two blocks.

Groton won the junior varsity match, 20-25, 25-22 and 15-8; and the C team lost their match, 25-16, 15-25 and 13-15.



Deer in town

A doe and her two fawns posed for the camera Monday morning in Dirk and Jennifer Rogers yard at 209 E. Third Ave.. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

**Frederick School
September 9
Meeting Minutes**

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order on September 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Dan Nickelson, Richard Achen and Alex Hart. Jon Ellwein was excused. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kusters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg, and Business Manager Janel Wagner.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the public were allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Action 19-022 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 19-023 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held August 12, 2019; August 2019 financial report, agency accounts and investments; District bills and August 2019 payroll. All aye, carried.

Claims approved: August 2019 Payroll – General Fund salaries 66,517.12; Special Education salaries 5,921.72; Food Service salaries 229.54. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 20,040.83; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 837.01; American Funds, retirement 1,265.02; Delta Dental, insurance 1,612.74; Express

Collections, garnishment 506.88; Reliastar Life, insurance 261.78; Security Benefits, retirement 742.26; VSP, vision insurance 270.28; Wellmark, health insurance 17,318.00, SD Retirement 11,903.67; SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.26.

General Fund: A&B Business Solutions, supplies 91.90; Agtegra, diesel/gasoline 3,374.99; Anliker, Jennifer, education reimbursement 109.95; Arthurs, Crystal, education reimbursement 90.98; Barondeau, Janelle, education reimbursement 60.00; Bergan, Janel, education reimbursement 60.00; Bledsoe Chiropractic, DOT physical 80.00; Bricks TV & Appliance, repairs 960.00; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 696.49; Crawford Trucks & Equipment Inc, repairs 142.93; CWD, Fresh Fruits & Vegetables 539.01; Dallmann, Jennifer, education reimbursement 60.00; Farmers Union Oil, repairs 41.98; Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs 564.90; Foreman Sales & Service, repairs 1,704.28; GDI News, publishing 72.95; Hoyle, Jennifer, education reimbursement 60.00; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 386.91; Johnson Controls, repairs 15,358.96; JW Pepper & Son Inc, music 936.43; Kusters, Christine, education reimbursement 500.00; Little, Jennifer, education reimbursement 160.00; Mac's Inc, repairs 26.34; Main Street Station, bus repairs 1,335.00; Menards, repairs 36.82; Merchant Services, online lunch fees 40.04; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electricity 2,596.47; Morlock, Marty, education reimbursement 500.00; North Central Special Education Cooperative, local share assessment 5,500.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts, repairs 8.21; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 297.30; Pashen, Brock, education reimbursement 40.00; Running Supply Inc, repairs 39.75; School Specialty, supplies

62.35; SD High School Activities Association, membership dues 186.00; South Dakota Medicaid, Medicaid Admin Fee 74.84; South Dakota Department of Transportation, road sign fee 24.00; Supreme School Supply, supplies 35.40; Taylor Music Inc, supplies 466.00; Tech Defenders, laptop bags 3,393.00; Town of Frederick, utilities 348.97; Trust & Agency Account, Imprest reimbursement 126.50; Ulmer, Maggie, education reimbursement 500.00; University of South Dakota, tuition 431.30; Zinter, Tonya, education reimbursement 500.00; Amazon, supplies 97.93; Avera St Lukes, DOT physical 102.00; Northern State University, coaching clinic 54.00; SDBCA, coaching membership 22.65; SDHSCA, coaching membership 52.82; Thriftbooks.com, music 34.84; United States Postal Service, postage 8.50. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print 649.56; CommTech, security cameras 12,180.90; Connecting Point Computer Center, Lightspeed 1,987.20; DRN, laptops/switches 67,871.59; Menards, fan 29.99;

Price Plumbing, dishwasher install 790.50; Abebooks.com, textbooks 52.23; Amazon, library book 17.99. Special Education Fund: Avera St Lukes, occupational/physical therapy 986.60; North Central Special Education Cooperative, local share assessment 9,063.58. Food Service Fund: Community Store, food 50.62; CWD, food/supplies 5,591.23; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 80.80; Ramkota Hotel, conference travel 192.00.

The following reports were presented:

A. Jeff Kusters - Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director

B.
Jessica Ringgenberg – K-8 Principal

C. Dan Nickelson – North Central Special Education Cooperative

The board acknowledged receipt of Public School Exemption Certificates #20-4, #20-5, #20-6 and #20.7.

Action 19-024 Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to approve Open Enrollment applications #20-10, #20-11, and

#20-12. All aye, carried.

Action 19-025 Be it hereby resolved that the school board of the Frederick Area School District 6-2, after duly considering the proposed budget and its amendments thereto, does hereby adopt its annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 as published with the approved amendments: Revenue – General Fund from \$1,541,779 to \$1,484,492, Capital Outlay from \$825,701 to \$840,281 – total revenue from \$2,849,478 to \$2,806,771; Expenditures – General Fund from \$1,932,072 to \$1,952,696; Capital Outlay from \$507,957 to \$529,753; Pension from \$25,000 to \$25,050 – total expenditures from \$2,806,830 to \$2,849,300.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Frederick Area School District 6-2 does hereby authorize the County Auditor to spread a tax levy upon the assessed valuation of the Frederick Area School District 6-2. Achen – yes; Hart – yes; Nickelson – yes; Schlosser – yes. Carried.

Action 19-026 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve the following policies: AC – Nondis-

crimination in Federal Programs; ECAA – Equal Access; GBCBAA – Search and Seizure; HA – Negotiations Goals; HB – Negotiations Legal Status; HC – Scope of Negotiations; HD – School Board Negotiating Powers and Duties; HE – Board Negotiating Agents; HH – Privileges of Staff Negotiating Organizations; and KA – School & Community Relations Goals. All aye, carried.

Action 19-027 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to enter Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Employee Matter at 7:52 p.m. All aye, carried. Exit Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

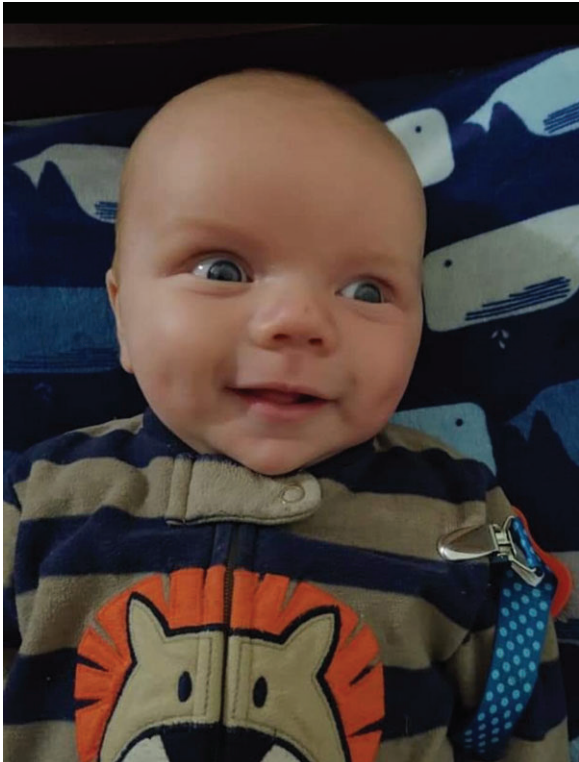
The board would like to congratulate the 2019 Homecoming Royalty Isaac Morlock and Lauren Geranen.

Action 19-028 Motion by Achen, second by Nickelson to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Janel Wagner, Business Manager

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Ending August 31, 2019	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND	SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	PENSION FUND	FOOD SERVICE FUND	DRIVERS ED FUND	TRUST & AGENCY
Beginning checking balance	\$431,182.24	\$283,274.35	\$338,054.61	\$7,798.67	\$3,120.05	\$669.82	\$37,458.69
Revenue:							
Taxes	\$5,461.01	\$6,074.95	\$4,059.48				
Local Sources	\$864.34	\$300.00			\$6,249.25		\$899.37
Intermediate Sources	\$720.85						
Interest	\$41.77						\$1.56
Federal & State	\$85,081.64		\$53.00				
Total Revenue	\$92,169.61	\$6,374.95	\$4,112.48	\$0.00	\$6,249.25	\$0.00	\$900.93
Disbursements							
Bills	\$48,015.26	\$17,875.75	\$1,835.16		\$181.70		\$2,735.46
Payroll	\$116,671.51		\$9,660.69		\$1,559.91		
Total Disbursements	\$164,686.77	\$17,875.75	\$11,495.85	\$0.00	\$1,741.61	\$0.00	\$2,735.46
Total checking balance	\$358,665.08	\$271,773.55	\$330,671.24	\$7,798.67	\$7,627.69	\$669.82	\$35,624.16
Beginning investment balance	\$406,821.10	\$1,493,634.20	\$956,175.05	\$17,189.23			
Interest	\$1,876.42						
Total investment balance	\$408,697.52	\$1,493,634.20	\$956,175.05	\$17,189.23			
Ending Balance	\$767,362.60	\$1,765,407.75	\$1,286,846.29	\$24,987.90	\$7,627.69	\$669.82	



Steven James Dahlman

Stephanie Fey and Steven Dahlman announced the birth of their son, Steven James Dahlman. He was born June 26, 2019 and weighed 9 lbs 14.2 oz. and was 23 inches long. Grandparents are Roxanne Fey, Groton; and Stacy and Don Dahlman, Rosholt; great grandparents are Donna and Alvin Bahr, Turton; Steve and Nancy Wood, Rosholt; Toddy Dahlman, Rosholt; and Della Fey, Lake City, Minn.

**Bates Township
Weed Notice**

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE
OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2019 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner. Landowner is responsible for spraying all noxious weeds.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
Betty Geist
Township Clerk
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PERFORMANCE CENTER
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815 1ST AVE. SE, ABERDEEN, S.D.**

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Join us for an event celebrating the opening of the Avera Human Performance Center in Aberdeen.

Tour the facility, meet the team, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

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S.D. slow to vaccinate children against HPV, a virus that can cause cancer

By: Bart Pfankuch and Nick Lowrey

South Dakota lags behind the rest of the nation in vaccinating children and youths against the Human Papillomavirus, the most common sexually transmitted disease in America that can cause a range of potentially fatal cancers.

HPV can exist without symptoms and is a leading cause of throat cancer in men and cervical cancer in women, but it is almost entirely preventable through vaccination before someone becomes sexually active. The virus is often spread through intercourse and oral sex but can also transfer through kissing in rare cases.

Federal health data show that South Dakota ranked 41st in the nation in the rate of boys ages 13-15 who are vaccinated against HPV, and 31st in vaccination of girls in that age group in 2016.

The rates have improved since then due to an aggressive education and prevention campaign, yet more than half of adolescents in South Dakota remain unvaccinated.

From 2001 to 2014 in South Dakota, more than 4,700 cases of cancer were likely tied to infections from HPV, leading to an estimated 866 deaths.

Six types of cancer are believed to be related to HPV infection. The virus is responsible for more than 34,000 cases of cancer in the U.S. each year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More than 90% of those cancers could have been prevented by vaccination against HPV, experts say. The HPV vaccine, Gardasil, has been so effective in Australia that the country is on track to virtually eliminate cervical cancer within 20 years, according to a study published in October 2018 in *The Lancet*, a public health journal.

South Dakota health and medical professionals are aware of the benefits of the vaccine and are working to educate parents and encourage them to get their children vaccinated.

"This is one of the areas where we can prevent cancer through vaccination with our kids and never have to worry about them having to go through that experience," said Jill Ireland, a senior health systems manager at the American Cancer Society in Sioux Falls.

In 2015 in South Dakota, only 32% of girls and 22% of boys ages 13 to 17 had completed the vaccination dosing regimen, well below the national average of 42% for girls and 28% for boys in that age range, according to the state health department.

After recent aggressive public health and education campaigns, the overall youth vaccination rate against HPV rose to 44.8% for South Dakota adolescents aged 13-17 in 2017, still below the national average of 48.6% that year. By 2018, about 49.5% of 13 to 17-year-olds in the state were current on the HPV vaccine. Nationally, 51.5% of youths in that age range were current on the vaccine.

Even with recent increases, HPV vaccination rates in South Dakota are well below the goal of the federal Healthy People 2020 objective to have 80% of both genders vaccinated by age 15.

South Dakota's HPV vaccination rate shortfall is particularly



significant among girls and young women. CDC data show only 46.3% of girls aged 13-17 were current on the vaccine. Nationally the rate was 53.7%. The HPV vaccination rate for South Dakota boys, however, was slightly higher than the national average of 32.1% at 33.4%.

Health officials say some parents are reluctant to get their children vaccinated against HPV either due to a lack of knowledge of its importance or because they believe it may be unsafe. The shots are not cheap but are generally covered by insurance.

A few parents express fears that vaccination against a sexually transmitted illness at age 11 or in the teen years could serve as a subtle gateway to becoming sexually active, said Dr. Greg Anderson, a managing partner of Black Hills Pediatrics and the chairman of the Pediatric Department at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

"It's a problem for some parents because they feel like if they give it to their kids, they're giving them the right to become sexually active, which is not the case," said Anderson, whose own children are vaccinated against HPV. "Some parents see it kind of like a sex shot, like they're giving their child permission to have sexual intercourse at that point. We look at it as a way to prevent a sexual disease that can cause cancer."

Potentially devastating; almost entirely preventable

Nearly 80 million Americans — about one in four people — are infected with at least one HPV strain. According to the CDC, about 14 million new HPV infections are reported annually, and overall about nine in 10 of all Americans will become infected with HPV during their lifetimes.

Human Papillomavirus is a group of more than 150 related viruses, most of which are fairly harmless and disappear without medical intervention. There are 40 HPV strains

that infect mucus membranes and can be spread through any type of sexual contact. Of those, 12 are considered high-risk. Two strains of HPV, types 16 and 18, cause nearly roughly 90% of HPV-related cancers. The newest HPV vaccine, Gardasil 9, protects against both type 16 and type 18 HPV as well as seven other high-risk strains of the virus.

Most people will never know that they were infected by HPV, even if it is one of the high-risk strains. Between 80 and 90 percent of people will be able to fight off the virus on their own. Some people will develop genital warts due to HPV but, for the most part, there are few obvious signs of infection. Serious complications from an HPV infection such as throat or cervical cancer may not appear for years or decades after a person's first exposure to the disease.

One problem is that there is no way to tell who will be able to fight off HPV and who will not, said Dr. Archana Chatterjee, who chairs the pediatrics department at the Sanford School of Medicine at the University of South Dakota. Not getting the vaccine is a big risk, she said.

"This is a role of the dice to say 'I'm just going to take my chances of not getting cancer,'" Chatterjee said.

Alysia Juhl was 21 in 2003 when she was told that she was part of the 10 to 20 percent of people who will develop cancer due to HPV. She was a new mother when her doctor found HPV-related cancer cells on her cervix during a post-pregnancy checkup.

"Being a single mom at the time, (the diagnosis) was really tough emotionally," Juhl said.

She ended up needing a Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure, which uses an electrical current in a wire loop to remove abnormal cells from the cervix. The procedure worked and, Juhl said, no more cancer has been found. But her experience with HPV-related cancer wasn't over.

Years later, Juhl's husband found a mass on his body that turned out to be a cancerous tumor. The cancer was determined to be HPV-related, though not of the same type that Juhl had been diagnosed with. Multiple surgeries were needed to rid Juhl's husband of the tumor.

"Luckily, they got everything but the healing process was very difficult," Juhl said.

Then, in January 2017, Juhl's then 54-year-old father was diagnosed with cancer of the tonsils. Once again, the cancer was found to be HPV-related. By the end of that month, a feeding tube had been placed in the man's abdomen and he was starting on a treatment plan that would include 21 radiation treatments, six weeks of chemotherapy and participation in a clinical drug trial as well as two surgeries. Juhl said her father lost more than 100 pounds in addition to his sense of taste and the hearing in one ear.

"It was a very rough time watching him go through all that," Juhl said.

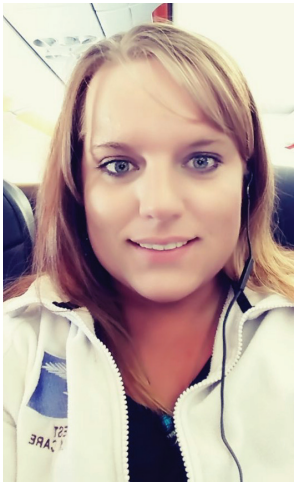
Now known as a "Vaccination Champion" at the Sanford Health clinic where she works as a nurse, Juhl spends a lot of time talking with patients and parents about the HPV vaccine.

Vaccination of girls against HPV was first recommended in 2006 soon after the FDA approved the first version of Gardasil. South Dakota was one of 25 states that quickly passed legislation aimed at promoting HPV vaccination for girls.

In 2007, the state legislature authorized the Department of Health to spend up to \$9 million to get up to 44,000 girls vaccinated against HPV both by paying for the vaccine itself and by increasing awareness of the vac-



Dr. Greg Anderson is a pediatrician at Black Hills Pediatrics in Rapid City. Anderson, shown in a patient room at the clinic, encourages parents to get their children vaccinated against HPV at the same time as they get other vaccinations at age 11 before entering the sixth grade. Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota



Alysia Juhl found out she had HPV-related cervical cancer in 2003, she was 21. Juhl survived and is now a nurse in Sioux Falls and regularly counsils patients about the HPV vaccine, which could have prevented her cancer. Her husband and father also battled cancers caused by HPV. Photo:

Submitted

cine. At the time, each dose of what was then a three-shot regimen cost about \$360 and wasn't always covered by insurance.

The CDC began recommending the vaccine for both girls and boys aged 11-12 in 2011. The vaccine is most effective when completed at earlier ages and well before a boy or girl is sexually active.

"It's like putting on your bike helmet before you get on your bike," said Andrea Polkinghorn, Sanford Health's immunization strategy leader in Sioux Falls.

Research on the HPV vaccine has shown that younger children also have better immune responses to the vaccine, meaning they need fewer doses to get the full effect. Before the age of 15, youths now only need two doses for the vaccine to be effective. After the age of 15, they need three.

Today, HPV vaccines are covered by nearly all health insurance plans nationwide because it is considered preventive healthcare under the 2009 Affordable Care Act. Children whose parents don't have health insurance can get the vaccine for free under the federal Vaccines for Children program.

Despite the HPV vaccine being offered at no cost for most children, public health officials continue to struggle to hit their HPV Vaccination goals.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to prevent cancer ... this is just crazy not to utilize every tool we have to prevent these serious types of cancer," Chatterjee said.

Despite clear benefits, fear persists

South Dakota's recent efforts to battle the spread of HPV and increase vaccination rates have included making grants to local agencies and medical practices. Those efforts are bearing fruit.

In June 2018, the state issued a grant of roughly \$14,000 to Black Hills Pediatrics to undergo an HPV education and prevention effort in the Rapid City area. During a yearlong effort that ended in May 2019, the pediatric office with eight doctors intensified its efforts to notify parents about the need for HPV vaccinations and to encourage them to have their children get the shots.

As part of the program, the practice encouraged all parents of all patients, regardless of the primary reason for their office visit, to get vaccinated against HPV. Furthermore, the practice used text messages, automated phone calls and messaging by office staff to prompt clients to visit the office to get their initial and follow-up vaccine shots.

Overall, more than 4,100 client reminders were issued and nearly 1,500 doses of the vaccine were administered during the yearlong program, a 13% increase in vaccinations over the previous year. That momentum has continued since the grant period ended, said Dr. Anderson, a pediatrician at the clinic.

"We approach parents of all our 11-year-olds, and also check at every visit to see if they have had all their vaccines," Anderson said. "If they haven't, we remind them that it's still available."

Still, at least part of the problem of low vaccination rates is due to a lack of awareness about why the vaccine is so important, said Andrea Polkinghorn, immunization strategy leader for Sanford Health in Sioux Falls.

According to a study published by researchers at Johns Hopkins University in October

2018, 22% of boys' parents and 20% of girls' parents said they didn't know why their child needed the vaccine. Safety concerns were the second most common reason parents cited for not giving their children the HPV vaccine.

One persistent myth about the HPV vaccine is that it is primarily for girls and women, Polkinghorn said. But, according to a 2015 CDC study, men have actually experienced a higher rate of HPV-related mouth and throat cancers than the rates at which women have experienced HPV-related cervical cancer. In one high profile case, actor Michael Douglas, who survived a battle with throat cancer in 2010, acknowledged publicly in 2013 that his cancer was caused by an HPV infection that resulted from oral sex.

"(The vaccine) is really important for males," Polkinghorn said.

Safety concerns were the second most common reason parents cited for not giving their children the HPV vaccine, Johns Hopkins study said. Roughly 22% of girls' parents and 14% of boys parents said they weren't convinced the vaccine was safe, according to the study.

There is no good evidence that the vaccine is unsafe, said Chatterjee. She helped manage the vaccine's clinical trials while working at Creighton University in Omaha during the early 2000s.

The most common scientifically verifiable side effects of Gardasil 9 include headaches and irritation at the injection site. Slight fevers, nausea, joint and muscle pain also are listed as potential side effects by the CDC. But beyond minor irritation, Chatterjee said, there are few verifiable concerns with the vaccine.

"A lot of the other things you see on the internet aren't true; those are simply scientifically unproven," she said.

Vaccines undergo a rigorous testing regime before they can be sold in the U.S., Chatterjee said. Once vaccines are approved, they are tested and monitored even more thoroughly by professional organizations such as the American College of Pediatricians and the U.S. government.

Another problem health officials have run into is that the HPV vaccine often isn't seen as routine. Unlike other vaccines for such diseases as meningitis, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, South Dakota schools don't require students to get the HPV vaccine before they can go to middle school. Polkinghorn said many of Sanford's efforts to improve vaccination rates have focused on changing the way providers present the HPV vaccine to parents.

"A lot of it is, because we know the vaccine is safe and that it is effective and

that it is recommended that we're offering it in the same way, on the same day that we offer the other vaccines that are due," Polkinghorn said.

The Johns Hopkins study also found that about 10% of parents worried their child would become more sexually active after getting the HPV vaccine. This, too, is a concern that hasn't been borne out by science, Chatterjee said. Over the roughly 13 years that the HPV vaccine has been available in the U.S., teen sexual activity has actually decreased, CDC data show.

There is no question as to whether the benefits of HPV vaccination outweigh the risks, Chatterjee said. One of the first patients Chatterjee worked with was a mother of five in her late 20s who was dying of cervical cancer. The condition had progressed so far that muscles in the patient's pelvic region had stopped working and bodily wastes were being removed surgically.

"That is something that has stayed with me, that look of sheer fear and anguish on her face, knowing that she was going to die and wondering who would take care of her children," Chatterjee said. "It gives me great joy in have had a small part in developing this vaccine."

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September Students of the Month

Back row left to right: Kristine Tank, sophomore; Jeslyn Kosel, seventh grade; Kaycie Hawkins, senior; and Isaac Smith, junior.
Front row left to right: Emily Clark, eighth grade; Jaedyn Penning, sixth grade; and Porter Johnson, freshman. (Courtesy Photo)



Yard of the Week

The Joe and Jodi Schwan yard at 204 E. 7th Ave were chosen as the Yard of the Week for the week of September 8. The boys are Jordan and JD. The Yard of the Week is chosen by members of the Groton Garden Club. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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