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## Volleyball Team is State A Bound!

The drought is over! For the first time since volleyball has been a sport in Groton Area in 1986 Groton Area will be advancing to the State A Volleyball Tournament. The Tigers sported a 3-0 win over Pine Ridge in the SoDak16 for the win.

The match was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Allied Climate Professionals, BaseKamp Lodge, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dakota Risk Management, Tyson DeHoet Trucking, Groton American Legion Post #39, Groton Chiropractic Clinic, Harr Motors, Jark Real Estate, Lori's Pharmacy, Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc., Northeast Chiropractic Clinic, Olson Development, Professional Management Services, S & Lumber, Weber Landscaping.



**Kaylin Kucker**  
(Cellphone photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

In the first game, Pine Ridge jumped out to a 2-0 lead before the Tigers scored five straight to take a 5-2 lead. The Wanner and Marzahn duo teamed for 11 kills as the Tigers went on to win, 25-16, with Marzahn having the game winning kill. Marzahn had six kills while Wanner had five kills and an ace serve, Indigo Rogers had three kills and an ace serve, Tady Glover, Madeline Flihs and Kenzie McInerney each had a kill and Kaylin Kucker had an ace serve.

Pine Ridge jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the second set and the Tigers had a tough time trying to put away the Thorpe. Two serving errors by Pine Ridge gave the Tigers a couple of points and Groton Area tied the game at five.



**Tady Glover**  
(Cellphone photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Pine Ridge maintained the lead and took a 9-6 lead. Groton Area tied the game at 10 and took an 11-10 lead when Pine Ridge called time out. The game was tied at 11, 12 and 13. Pine Ridge had a seven point rally and took a 19-13 lead. Pine Ridge maintained a six-point lead at 21-15. Then the Tigers started to fight back. Scoring three points the Thorpe lead was down to three, 21-18. Pine Ridge scored to make it 22-18. Groton Area would score the last seven points of the game to win the set, 25-22. Nicole Marzahn led the Tigers with five kills and an ace serve, Eliza Wanner had four kills, Payton Colestock had four ace serves, Madeline Flihs had a kill and Kaylin Kucker had two kills and an ace serve. Rhiannon Little Dog led Pine Ridge with nine kills while Taysha Big Crow had three kills and Angel Walking and Bree Belt each had an ace serve.

By the time the third set rolled around, the Tigers were in full gear. The third game was tied four times in the early goings before the Tigers scored four straight points and would later score eight unanswered points to take a 20-8 lead. The Tigers went on to win, 25-13. In the third game, Nicole Marzahn had four kills, Kaylin Kucker had a kill and an ace serve, Indigo Rogers had four kills and a block, Tady Glover had an ace serve, Eliza Wanner had an ace serve, Madeline Flihs had two kills, Kenzie McInerney had a kill and a block, Payton Colestock had an ace serve and Stella Meier had a block. Leading the way for Pine Ridge was Little Dog with three kills, Big Crow had two kills and Walking had a kill.

For the night, Groton Area earned 57 of its 75 points for 76 percent while Pine Ridge earned 30 of its 51 points for 59 percent. Each team had three serving errors.

- Paul Kosel

### State Tournament

The State A Volleyball Tournament will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-23, in Rapid City. Groton Area will play McCook Central-Montrose at 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time (5:30 p.m. our time). There will be no school on Thursday or Friday of next week.



**Groton Area's volleyball team made a stop at the Groton Area Elementary School prior to leaving for the SoDak 16.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The volleyball parents held the "faces" of their players at the elementary school.** (Photo from Angela Glover's facebook page)



**The GHS Volleyball team and student body posed for a quick picture with one of the photographers.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**When the team bus arrived in Pierre, they were very early. So instead of heading to the gym, they took a quick stop at the state Capital where Jenna Strom took a selfie with the coaches and team members. It was posted on her facebook page.**



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**Brown County  
Nov. 5, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

November 5, 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 Fjeldheim, Feickert, Wiese, and Sutton. Commissioner Kippley was absent. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the General County Commission meeting minutes of October 29, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL:**  
Moved by Feickert seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims and payroll:

Professional Fees: A to Z World Languages \$140.00; Avera St. Luke's \$343.24; Kristi Brandt \$110.80; Haar Law Firm \$21.00; Kennedy Pier Loftus \$97.00; Kuck Law Office \$2,545.94; Mark Milbrandt \$36.00; NEMHC \$75.00; SD DENR \$138.00; SD Dept. of Health \$3,025.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$419.68; Groton Independent \$375.52. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Lock & Key \$1,705.00; Butler Machinery \$1,508.50; Clark Engineering \$1,929.66; Consolidated Ready Mix \$3,457.00; Dakota Doors \$100.77; Day Co. Treasurer \$904.43; Fulcrum Biometrics \$700.00; Graham Tire \$80.00; Honeywell \$325.31; Lang's TV & Appliance \$50.00; Lawson Products \$18.74; NorthStar Safety \$17.84; Running's \$15.98; SD Dept. of Public Safety \$103.00; TrueNorth Steel \$3,680.00; Wooden Mallet \$1,230.00. Supplies: Dakota Doors \$37.95; Dakota Electronics \$1,500.00; DSG \$9.18; Fastenal \$988.60; FedEx \$12.01; GovConnection \$1,657.24; Hedahl's \$23.99; Jensen Rock & Sand \$732.07; Lawson Products \$252.18; Mac's \$580.55; Marco \$31.40; NorthStar Safety \$158.97; Pro Hydro-Testing \$32.00; Running's \$548.92; Lora Schaanaman \$19.90; SD Federal Property Agency \$600.00; Solar Traffic Systems \$80.00; Vosika Fencing \$981.00; Walth Safety Service \$155.70; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$246.53. Travel & Conference: Michael Carlsen \$40.00; Marianne Klipfel \$62.04; Mark Milbrandt \$431.00; Sherri Rawstern \$103.40; Allie Ryckman \$231.76; SDSU Extension \$120.36. Utilities: AT&T \$249.05; BDM Rural Water \$42.70; CenturyLink \$255.20; Midcontinent \$629.43; NWPS \$8,844.28.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following:

Acknowledge termination of Brooke Jones, Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, effective October 28, 2019.

Approve payment of retirement award for Larry Hardy, in the amount of \$150.00 before taxes, requirement was met.

Approve Transfer of Miranda Snell from part-time Brown County JDC Correctional Officer to full-time Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, effective November 17, 2019; starting wage \$16.40/hour.

Approve promotion of Sarah Jesz from Brown County Communications Dispatcher to Brown County Communications Assistant Director, effective November 4, 2019 starting wage \$21.52/hour. Approve request to fill vacancy.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RETAIL(ON-SALE) LIQUOR LICENSE & PACKAGE(OFF-SALE) LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER HEARING:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising public hearing to consider the following application: TRANSFER – RETAIL(ON-SALE)LIQUOR: Venus & Kit Donley DBA Mansfield Bar & Grill to Stacy Gossman, Main Street Mansfield, SD; Lt 11-14 BK4 Mansfield SE 32-121-64, Brown County, SD. TRANSFER – PACKAGE(OFF-SALE)LIQUOR: Venus & Kit Donley DBA Mansfield Bar & Grill to Stacy Gossman, Main Street Mansfield, SD Lt 11-14 BK 4 Mansfield SE 32-121-64, Brown County, SD to be held at 8:45 A.M. on the 26th day of November 2019 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, Brown County South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABERDEEN HOCKEY ASSO-

CIATION:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign Alcohol Use Permission Form, submitted by Aberdeen Hockey Association for special event (Aberdeen Curling League) at the Holm Expo Building on October 30, November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 11, 18, 2019; January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 2020, from 6:00pm to 10:30pm; and January 3, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. January 4 & 5, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., February 15 & 16, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOTTERY APPLICATION:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following application: Aberdeen Hockey Association for a lottery to be held at Odde Ice Center on February 16, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CAR RACING FACILITIES LEASE:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign agreement with Motor Sports LLC(Eldon Swingler) for lease of the car racing facilities at the Brown County Fairgrounds at \$18,000.00 per year (2020 with four one-year options, if approved). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENT:**  
Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to assign claims against individuals to Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE OPTION RENEWAL ADDENDUM:**  
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign addendum for first of two one-year renewal options (January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020), submitted by Larry Joe Akkerman for lease of county owned hay land located at the Brown County Fairgrounds: 22 acres Lot 1 First Replat of Dahme Northview Addition SE ¼ Sec1-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss legal and contracts per SDCL 1-25-2(3,4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

David Engraf, Brown County Deputy Auditor  
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**Brown County  
Morlock  
Rezoning Notice**

**NOTICE**  
Application has been made by Mike Morlock 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 November 12, 2019 at 8:45 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):

"Pence Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 2-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

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. 150.

**ATTEST:**  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(1030.1106)  
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**Columbia City  
Nov. 12, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

City of Columbia Council Meeting – November 12, 2019 7:00 pm

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL –** Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Trevor Meints, Ellen Harr

Community –Jeremy Dosch  
Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the October meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Web Water – 37.98 & 37.51; Brown County Treasurer – 813.40; GCR Tires & Service – 254.76; Cole Kampa – 215.00; JVT – 118.43& 121.93; John Deere Financial – 8.94 & 805.98; Menards – 109.54; GDI – 84.59; Great Western Bank – 335.74; Northwestern Energy – 379.84 & 6.38 & 499.36; Jeremy Dosch – 419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann – 307.99; Cara Dennert – 823.50; Trevor Meints – 55.99; SDML – 169.40; US Treasury – 225.52; Runnings – 106.60; Drew Johnson – 200.00; Productivity Plus – 186.17; Public Health Lab. – 83.00; SD Worker's Comp. Fund – 529.00

Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE –** correspondence from Drew Johnson; Claims Associates; State Dept. of Health; Agtegra; SD Dept. of Revenue; SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation; EPA survey

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –** Nuisances – Corey talked to our lawyer and updated him on the situations.  
Streets – Corey and Jeremy have been looking at a V plow to use on streets this winter. They discussed options. Trevor Meints made a motion to purchase a 96" Erskin V-plow for \$4600. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Parks – The ball park is flooded. Jeremy has taken out all of the metal picnic tables.

Lagoon/sewer – The discharge has been completed. Ellen will send in samples. Effective January 1st, 2020, sewer rates will go to \$25 per month. Each house hold will be receiving a notice of this rate change. Residents can prepay at our current rate if they do so by December 31, 2019.

Rubble Site – waiting for a decent amount of snow before we do a burn of the site.

**NEW BUSINESS –** The board discussed the renewal of The Lodge's liquor license. Trevor Meints made a motion to renew the license, Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT –**The city now has access to our accounts via online banking. Bank balances were presented. Ellen

Harr made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

October 31, 2019 balances: SF - \$137,154.49; GF - \$130,809.51; FIT - \$13,901.90 Cash on hand: \$40

Trevor Meints made a motion to adjourn. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All were in favor – meeting adjourned.

Next City Meeting - Tuesday, December 3, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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**Groton City  
Gravel Bids  
Notice**

**INVITATION TO BID  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**  
THAT The Groton City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids for the 2020 supply of gravel on December 3, 2019 at 7:00pm (local time) at the Community Center, 109 N 3rd Street, Groton, SD. Received sealed bids will be opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for 2020 supply of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of crushed gravel delivered to the City of Groton, South Dakota.

The approximate quantity mentioned above are subject to increase or decrease. Questions or requests for further information should be directed to the City Finance Office, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.

The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD.

November 8, 2020  
Hope Block,  
Finance Officer  
(1113.1120)  
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**Westport Town  
Nov. 4, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Westport General Meeting

November 4th, 2019  
The Town of Westport met on November 4th, 2019 with Ardis Clifford, Jason Bender, Kayla Bretsch, Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson, Doreen Hertel present. The following expenses were presented:

City General  
NWPS (\$299.09), Groton Independent (\$30.50), Jennifer Bender- mowing(\$896.50).  
Sewer  
NWPS (\$42.01), NRW –loan repayment (\$210.13).

Water  
WEB (\$1,301.04), Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00), City of Ab-

erdeen (\$1,510.24), Water Maintenance District (\$408.16), Shane Storm (\$220.00) & Mike Wilson (\$120.00).

Tim Selzler made motion to pay all bills; second by Mike Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General  
Brown County Collections (\$256.26), State of SD (\$5,520.04), & Interest (\$31.67).

Sewer  
Resident Payments - (\$2,500.00).

Water  
Resident Payments - (\$3,835.00).

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
2020 liquor license for The Shed was approved by Mike and seconded by Tim.

Ardis Clifford presented a resolution, for the moving of her property lines, to the board. The Schlosser/Clifford addition was approved by Shane and seconded by Mike.

The town is experiencing a high rate of water loss. It is estimated that we are losing about 5,000 gallons a day. We will try to determine where the loss is taking place and are asking the residents to report any water that is coming up through the soil, to let the board know.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer  
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**Brown County  
Reich  
Rezoning Notice**

**NOTICE**

Application has been made by Shane Reich 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 November 12, 2019 at 8:45 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):

East half of Lot 1, "Keatts 3rd Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 22-T124M-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

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. 151.

**ATTEST:**  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(1030.1106)

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## Yeigh chosen as Teacher of the Week

by Kiersten Sombke

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## Seeklander chosen as last week's Teacher of the Week

by Kiersten Sombke

Congratulations to Ashley Seeklander, Groton Area MS/HS School Counselor, who is this week's "MS/HS Teacher of the Week"! Groton Area is grateful for Ms. Seeklander's continued dedication and service to our students, parents, families, staff, and community. Please give Ms. Seeklander a well deserved, "Way to Go" when you see her! Each Week a different MS/HS Staff member is recognized for their service to the Groton Area School District, being honored in receiving "Miller-Teacher of the Week Pet", Teacher of the Week Black Executive Chair, and use of the new Teacher of the Week Personalized Parking Spot. All MS/HS Teacher of the Week supplies and items are sponsored by the Groton Area MS/HS PAC.



## Netters advance to SoDak 16 with win over Milbank

Groton Area's volleyball team showed now mercy Thursday night in beating Milbank in three straight sets. The Tigers never trailed in the match and the match was only tied twice. Milbank used five of its six time-outs to try and stop Groton's rally, but only to find a determined Tiger squad wanting to advance to the SoDak16. Eliza Wanner got her 1,000th dig to highlight the evening. Groton Area won the games, 25-10, 25-19 and 25-17.

Kaylin Kucker, Groton's setter, even came up with a season high three kills on the night with her sneak throw-overs instead of sets, catching Milbank off guard. Nicole Marzahn had 15 kills, three ace serves and a block while Eliza Wanner had 19 digs, 15 kills and one ace serve. Indigo Rogers finished with eight kills, Kucker had 33 assists and an ace serve, Payton Colestock had three ace serves, Kenzie McInerney had one kill, Tady Glover had 31 digs and three ace serves and Madeline Flihs had one kill and two blocks. McInerney, Marzahn and Stella Meier were attributed with a block as well.

Jacey Engebretson led the Bulldogs with 10 kills while Madi Thue had four, Tracy Pillatzki had three kills, an ace serve and one block, Elsie Rogers had three kills and Averie Engebretson and Amy Nelson each had one kill.

Groton Area earned 53 of its 75 points for 71 percent while Milbank earned 24 of its 46 points for 52 percent. Groton Area had one serving error while Milbank had three serving errors, all in the third set.

Groton Area will now play Pine Ridge at a site to be determined. That match will take place on Tuesday.

- Paul Kosel



We can't wait for the pumpkin pie...



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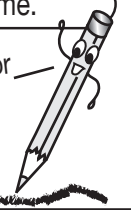


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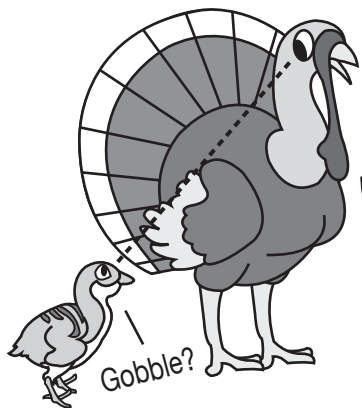
...and the family football game.



Kids: color stuff in!



## Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!



Gobble?

Hey little guy! Some day you will have my job hosting Thanksgiving. So, **Let's Talk Turkey!** Have you ever heard people say that phrase? They mean that they want to talk in a plain way or get down to business.

Thanksgiving  
eggs turkey

Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's House we go...

Hey, are those bouncing cranberries singing?



**Time to talk turkey! Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with everything "turkey":**

- The turkey comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ of North America.
- In a year, a female turkey can lay between 80-100 \_\_\_\_\_ – about 1,000 per lifetime.
- Turkey eggs are brown and speckled. They are \_\_\_\_\_ than chicken eggs.
- A baby turkey is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Female turkeys are called \_\_\_\_\_.
- Male turkeys are called \_\_\_\_\_.
- Turkeys sometimes sleep in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Only wild turkeys can \_\_\_\_\_. They travel short distances, up to 55 miles per hour!
- If you scare a turkey, it can \_\_\_\_\_ up to 20 miles per hour.
- Male turkeys can \_\_\_\_\_ to 4 feet long, and females to 3 feet long (including tail).
- Wild turkeys eat plants and \_\_\_\_\_: nuts, seeds, flowers, ants, grasshoppers, small frogs and lizards.
- In diaries describing the Pilgrims' "Thanksgiving," it doesn't say that the Pilgrims and Indians ate \_\_\_\_\_, but only "wild fowl."
- Since the Wampanoag People – the Native Americans who ate the harvest \_\_\_\_\_ with the Pilgrims – ate wild turkey, it is thought that they introduced it to the Pilgrims.
- Today, it is thought that at least 90% of families enjoy turkey for their \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.
- The average wild turkey \_\_\_\_\_ about 12 pounds while a turkey sold in the supermarket averages about 15 pounds.



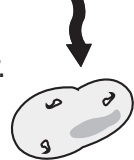
Wow! That looks delicious.



Yum!

**Fill in the blanks to spell the 3 sisters:**

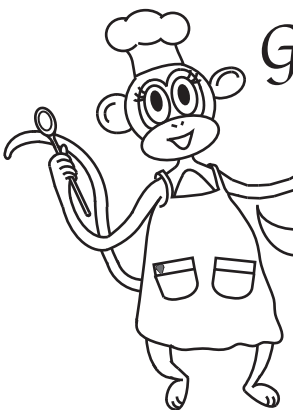
Potatoes came from the Americas too.



- \_\_ qua \_\_ h
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- \_\_ ea \_\_ s

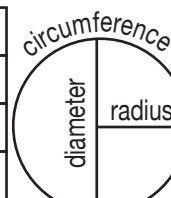


## Gobbling Pi(e)!

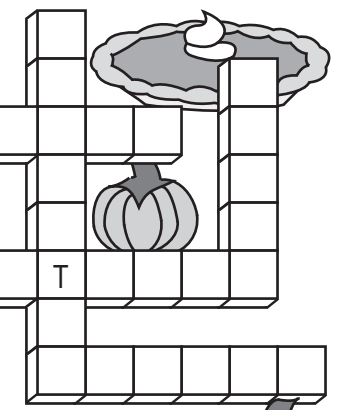


Have you ever heard of **Pi**? I don't mean the apple or pumpkin kind! I'm talking about the **Pi** used in math. Pi is a *number*. It's the number you get when you divide the "line around" the outside of a circle by the "line going across" the middle point of the circle. Pi is the same for every circle!

Pi is the number 3.14159...the numbers to the right side of the decimal point never end – they go on and on forever. Even supercomputers have not found the last number in Pi.



This "pie chart" shows the parts used to find "Pi."



Why do people care about Pi? It can tell you the area of a circle or the volume of a sphere (basketballs and soccer balls are spheres). Why should you have to learn about Pi? Because Pi is used in the math people use to design or build everyday things we need, such as machines.

**Read these statements to learn how Pi helps us. Then fill in the puzzle with the words in bold print:**

- Architects use Pi to design patterns like curves and **arches** in houses and buildings.
- Scientists** use Pi to learn how molecules work in our body, which helps them design new medicines.
- Designers use it to make the curves in the **print** you are reading on this page!
- Engineers** use it to design every part of a bridge: arches, beams, wires.
- Parts of a **car** – steering wheel, engine belts, tires and gears – are designed using Pi.
- When an **airplane** travels around the earth it is on the path of an arc. The path must be figured out in order to know how much fuel the plane will need.
- The **computer** program an artist uses to create 3-D drawings and artwork will use Pi.
- TVs and **radios** are designed using Pi to let them receive programs over the air.
- Sports stadiums and their **domes** were figured out and built using math with Pi!
- Your bicycle tires and **gears** were designed using math that has Pi in it.



We are the pumpkins used **for** pies!

## Joining Friends for Dessert!



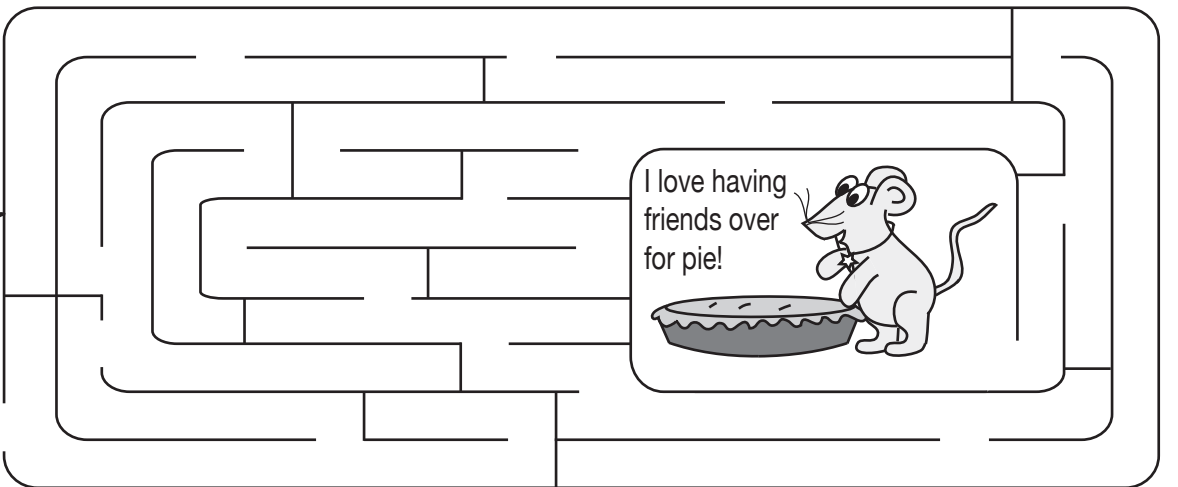
Hey, Fred...would you like to walk with me to Star's house for Thanksgiving dessert?

Will there be pumpkin pie?



Of course, and dollops of real whipped cream!

**Help Little Mouse and Fred find their way to Star's house.**



I love having friends over for pie!

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# GHS Veteran's Day Program



A quilt of honor was presented to Richard Helmer.



A quilt of honor was presented to Robert Pray Sr.

## Groton Area First Quarter Honor Roll Seniors

4.0 GPA: Indigo Rogers, Kaycie Hawkins, Kayla Jensen, Nicole Marzahn, KaSandra Pappas, Kaylin Kucker, Madeline Schuelke, Kya Jandel  
 3.99-3.50: Noah Poor, Caitlynn Barse, Payton Colestock, Benjamin Higgins, Ashley Flihs, Kimberly Kohrs, Tadyn Glover, Eliza Wanner, Jamesen Stange

3.49-3.00: Austin Jones, Brodyn DeHoet, Peyton Johnson, Colby Merkel, Cyruss DeHoet, Joseph Gleason, Rylee Rosenau

### Juniors

4.0 GPA: Isaac Smith, Grace Wambach, Tanae Lipp, Alexis Hanten, Samantha Pappas, Alexa Herr, Sage Mortenson, Trey Gengerke

3.99-3.50: Erin Unzen, Alex Morris, Hailey Monson, Tessa Erdmann, Brooklyn Gilbert, Regan Leicht, Grace Wiedrick, Kannon Coats, Dragr Monson,

3.49-3.00: Chandler Larson, Jasmine Gengerke, Alyssa Fordham, Tucker Carda, Kale Pharis, Steven Paulson, Eh Tha You Say

### Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Stella Meier, Travis Townsend  
 3.99-3.50: Allyssa Locke, Madeline Flihs, Seth Johnson, Kansas Kroll, Hannah Gustafson, Trista Keith, Pierce Kettering, Jordan Bjerke, Madisen Bjerke, Kennedy Anderson, Lane Krueger, Jace Kroll, Alyssa Thaler, Christina Zoellner,

3.49-3.00: Kaden Kurtz, Julianna Kosel, Trinity Smith, Kristine Tank, Landon Kokales, Cassaundra Schultz, River Pardick, Jackson Cogley, Ryder Daly, Megan Flihs

### Freshmen:

4.0 GPA: Ethan Clark, Jackson Dinger, Jacob Lewandowski, Andrew Marzahn

3.99-3.50: Cole Simon, Elliana Weismantel, Kaleb Antonsen, Caleb Hanten, Cadance Tullis, Cole Bisbee, Carter Barse, Aspen Johnson, Brenna Carda, Sierra Ehresmann, Jacelynn Gleason, Shallyn Foertsch, Brooke Gengerke, Porter Johnson, Gracie Traphagen

3.49-3.00: Kamryn Flihs, Isaac Higgins, KayLynn Overacker, Ashtyn Bahr, Cade Larson, James Brooks, Michael Aalseth, Hollie Frost, Tate Larson, Tyson Parrow, Shaylee Peterson, Dylan Anderson, Marlee Tollifson, Chase Gackle

### Eighth Grade

4.0 GPA: Claire Heinrich  
 3.99-3.50: Camryn Kurtz, Emily Clark, Jaycie Lier, Holden Sippel, Kyleigh Englund, Lydia Meier, Hannah Monson, Lexi Osterman, Ashlyn Sperry, Sara Menzia, Dillon Abeln, Cadence Feist, Anna Fjeldheim, Karsyn Jangula

3.49-3.00: Anna Bisbee, Faith Flihs, Emma Schinkel, Colby Dunker, Abigail Jensen, Bradin Althoff, Lane Tietz, Veronica Tank, Carly Guthmiller, Ava Wienk, Shea Janel, Bryson Wambach

### Seventh Grade

4.0 GPA: Axel Warrington  
 3.99-3.50: Gretchen Dinger, Elizabeth Flihs, Blake Pauli, Payton Mitchell, Blake Dennert, Faith Traphagen, Carson Herrick, Aiden Heathcote

3.49-3.00: Jeslyn Kosel, Ashlyn Feser, Kaden Kampa, Logan Pearson, Christian Ehresmann, Laila Roberts, Carter Simon, Kellen Antonsen, Easten Ekern, Emma Kutter, Kayla Lehr

### Sixth Grade

4.0 GPA: none  
 3.99-3.50: Carly Gilbert, Nathan Unzen, Mia Crank, Jerica Locke, Jaedyn Penning, Natalia Warrington, Talli Wright, Karter Moody, Lucas Carda, Benjamin Hoelt

3.49-3.00: Rylee Dunker, Logan Warrington, Keegen Tracy, De Eh Tha Say, Ryder Johnson, London Bahr, Olivia Stiegelmeier, Lincoln Krause, Raelee Lilly, Garrett Schultz, Nevaeh Brooks, Gage Sippel, Cali Tollifson



Karen Wolter had a vision of making quilts for the Veterans and this year, she pulled it off. Six Honor Quilts were presented at the Veteran's Day Program. Here a quilt is presented to George Alberts.



A quilt of honor was presented to Wayne Cutler.



A quilt of honor was presented to Carroll Dean.



A quilt of honor was presented to Clarence Erickson.



The high school band, under the direction of Austin Fordham, played the "Service Songs."





**Doug Hamilton and Bob Wegner presented the Colors.**



**GI Bears were presented to Desiree Yeigh's children. Her husband and their father, Caleb, is stationed over-**



**At the conclusion, "Taps" was played by Sierra Ehresmann as the colors were retired.**

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**The High School Choir sang, "O, America!"**



**The junior high band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, performed, "Let Freedom Ring."**



**The JK/kindergarten and first grade students (pictured in left photo) sang, "Oh, I Love American." The rest of the elementary students are picture below with two groups singing. The second and third graders sang, "Give Love with Down by the Riverside" and the fourth and fifth graders sang, Three Cheers for America."**



**The Chamber Choir sang, "Star Spangled Banner" at the Veteran's Day Program.**



# Rural schools in S.D. face unique challenges that can affect learning

By: Bart Pfankuch

Small, rural school systems in South Dakota and across the country face sometimes daunting challenges in providing a strong education to students.

Limited funding, difficulty in hiring and retaining good teachers, remoteness and transportation challenges, high poverty rates among students and reduced access to college-preparatory courses can all hamper learning in small, isolated school districts.

South Dakota is one of the most rural states in the nation when it comes to public education, with the vast majority of school districts located in rural areas and with 40% of students statewide attending rural schools.

Rural educators often tout the generally lower student-teacher ratios and close relationships formed between students and staffs, and scores on standardized tests show that students in some rural South Dakota districts match and occasionally outperform their urban peers.

But a new national study of small, rural school systems ranked South Dakota as fifth-highest in the nation in terms of challenges faced and need for improvement.

The study by the Rural School and Community Trust, titled "Why Rural Matters 2018-19," used census information and data from the U.S. Department of Education and other sources in an attempt to shine a light on the need for states to focus more attention on and provide greater funding to rural schools.

"We do this study because rural schools and communities really matter to our nation, and they're often forgotten," said Alan Richard, a spokesman for the Rural School and Community Trust. "The financial and logistical challenges that rural schools face are really immense."

The study found that nationally, nearly one in six rural students lives in poverty, that one in seven qualifies for special education and that one in nine rural students has moved in the past year. All of those factors put rural students at risk of falling behind or not graduating.

A high student-mobility rate is one of the factors hampering rural education in South Dakota, the study found. Researchers also said

South Dakota is one of only seven states that decreased funding for rural schools in recent years, and that the state has a high rate of students living in poverty.

The study also pointed out that about one in six rural students in South Dakota fails to graduate high school, and that less than 4% of those who do graduate have passed an Advanced Placement course, which can qualify them for college credit or enhance their ability to get into universities.

Rural educators in South Dakota acknowledge that they face many of the challenges highlighted by the rural school study. They sometimes struggle to find, hire and retain highly qualified teachers, to reach students in poverty and to fully prepare students for college.

But Amy Ferley, superintendent of the Edgemont School District in far southwestern South Dakota, said there are intangible benefits to a rural education that may not show up in statistics or in standardized-test results.

In the remote Edgemont district, teachers and administrators are able to form close relationships with students and their parents that allow for more individualized learning.

"We have 160 kids, so we know their names and their siblings' names and their parents' names and probably their dogs' names," Ferley said. "We're trying to meet those kids at an individual level because it takes a special relationship between teachers and students to understand what kids need, and what they don't, and how they shine in different areas."

Those close relationships — and strong support from the local community — help offset some of the funding, staffing and logistical challenges faced by small districts, said Rod Weber, superintendent of the Woonsocket School District in east-central South Dakota.

"I credit our school for having a staff that makes our school the best in the area," he said. "A lot of it also has to do with what our community has done to support the schools and make a lot of improvements to make it a viable place to live for young families."



and experienced more deeply than in urban areas, where more public resources may exist.

Some rural areas, such as Native American-dominated communities in South Dakota, also have much higher rates of minority students who face learning challenges related to language and poverty. Several studies have shown that schools with high minority populations undergo the highest rates of teacher turnover.

The CPE study also found that rural districts in America receive only 17% of total education funding, even though roughly half of school districts in the country are considered rural, and that more than 20% of students attend rural schools.

The study concludes with the statement that, "The image many have of rural America — pristine, idyllic and untouched by modern problems — is obviously outdated." The study urges educators and policymakers to ensure that rural schools are given greater focus in terms of study, discussion and efforts at improvement.

The "Why Rural Matters" schools study placed South Dakota well above other Great Plains states in terms of needing improvement in its rural schools. According to the study, South Dakota ranked fifth in highest priority for improvement, compared to 21st for North Dakota, 28th for Montana, 30th for Minnesota, 36th for Nebraska and 42nd for Wyoming.

## Research highlights rural school issues

Recent research in South Dakota and nationally backs up many of the conclusions of the Rural School and Community Trust study.

A 2017 study of the South Dakota teacher workforce by the Rockefeller Institute of Government highlighted some of the challenges faced by small, rural districts. Across the state, the study found that the student population increased at double the rate of hiring of new teachers from 2006-2016. The study also found that teacher turnover was higher in rural districts compared with urban school systems, and that small, rural schools had fewer experienced teachers, fewer teachers with advanced degrees and fewer certified teachers than in larger urban districts.

A 2018 study by the Center for Public Education within the National School Boards Association found that rural schools are often left out of critical policy discussions and are therefore less likely to be the target of state efforts at reform, improvement or funding increases.

The study found that, counter to conventional wisdom, child poverty exists at a higher rate in rural counties (64%) compared with urban areas (47%) and tends to be more persistent

## Funding limits heighten challenges

Insufficient funding — a challenge also faced by South Dakota's larger school districts — exacerbates many issues that arise in rural schools, educators and researchers said.

Research has consistently shown that while increasing teacher pay may or may not improve learning, improved funding of education overall has a positive impact on learning.

"Unfortunately, the lower investment states make in their rural schools and student achievement often correlate," said Richard. "It just makes sense because if you don't have the same resources as other schools, you're going to struggle to find, keep and support the educators you need, and you will struggle to support the same educational programs that urban schools will have."

Like many states, South Dakota funds its public school system through a combination of direct state funding and local property-tax collections, which have a maximum cap set by the state.

General school funding has risen only slightly in recent years in South Dakota. Education did get a boost in the state starting in 2016, when a .5% hike in the state sales tax began gener-



**Students hang out quietly in the commons area at Woonsocket High School. Research shows that a lack of funding and resources provided to rural schools can sometimes hamper learning, though testing data shows that small schools sometimes outperform larger districts in South Dakota.** Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch





**The Woonsocket, S.D. school complex lies across the street from a lake and next to a church, underlying what administrators of rural schools say is an often close connection between small schools and the communities where they reside.** Photo:

Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

ating about \$67 million a year in new revenue for education, though the vast majority went toward raising teacher salaries out of last place in the nation.

Allen Pratt, executive director of the National Rural Education Association, said some states have aided small-population or rural school districts by creating a special funding stipend based on school population and need. States could also alter per-student funding formulas to account for funding shortfalls in rural districts with small student counts or low local property-tax bases.

"If you take the Dakotas and other states that are really high in rural population, there needs to be a shift or an adjustment to help fund those rural schools to level the playing field," Pratt said.

South Dakota does have a special allocation available to "sparse" rural school districts that are taxing local properties at the maximum level and still show a need for more funding, though the payment tops out at \$110,000 per district.

The high need for additional funding among South Dakota school systems is evidenced by the high number of districts that have enacted so-called "opt outs," in which local school boards agree by vote or a community referendum to tax local properties at a higher rate than the state allows to raise new money for education.

In 2018, about 45% of the state's 149 school districts — many of them rural in nature — had an opt-out in place to generate more tax revenues for education.

Another option for rural states is to enact programs or policies that create "wraparound" services, or those that engage state agencies to work both in communities and in schools, Pratt said. For example, a mental-health counselor who works for a state agency in a small town could schedule visits to the local school to help students who are struggling, thereby helping the school avoid hiring its own counselor. The same arrangement could provide help to students with drug and alcohol problems or even gifted students who need help to reach their full potential.

"I know there's only one pot of money, but it's important to find other agencies within the state that can help address the needs of the schools," Pratt said.

## Two leaders push schools forward

Weber, who has spent 17 years as superintendent in Woonsocket (population about 650), said the biggest challenge in raising the quality of education in a small district is hiring and retaining good teachers. The district tries to remain competitive with bigger neighbors in terms of pay, offering a \$37,000 starting salary and a \$12,000 annual benefit package.

Weber said he encourages teachers to settle in or around town and preferably buy a home as a way to increase their connection to the community. Of the 39 staff members in

the system, only two live outside the district boundaries, he said.

Small districts also must work through highly shifting enrollment levels, Weber said. His district has grown by about 100 students in recent years, which is a good sign that has led to more state revenues. But fluctuations still cause stress, he said.

"In these small schools, you're on a roller coaster for enrollment," he said. "You might have a class of 25 kids graduate as seniors and have only eight come in as kindergarteners. At that point, you're looking at next year's funding being down about \$85,000 to \$100,000."

Instability like that has led Woonsocket to approve several opt-outs over the years, including one that now enables the district to raise the tax levy by up to \$250,000 if needed.

Like many small school administrators and teachers, Weber serves multiple roles, also working as the school principal and athletic director.

The district's most recent state report card test results (53% proficient in English language, 40% in math and 28% in science) are all slightly below state averages (54% in English, 46% in math and 40% in science), but Weber wonders if that is only because students are ambivalent about taking standardized tests.

Weber has tried to be innovative and flexible to keep educational standards high. His school promotes college readiness by offering courses through the South Dakota Virtual School, and has a program through Northern State University to offer some dual-enrollment classes.

On a recent day, Weber walked through the high school commons where a few students were studying or quietly chatting. He pointed out that the school library was merged with the community library as a way to save money and keep both libraries open.

Late that afternoon, Weber saved the time of a classroom teacher by monitoring an upper-class study hall with a single pop-in visit and by then watching the students through a window in his office.

Overall, Weber said he feels good about the education his district is providing to students.

"I really do think we have good teachers in our small schools and we're offering everything, all the classes, that bigger schools are," he said.

Ferley, the superintendent in Edgemont (population about 700), agreed that developing a strong instructional staff is a challenge in small, remote districts.

Several veteran teachers in Edgemont are soon to retire, and many teachers must handle several subjects or multiple variations of a single subject. Finding specialized teachers, such as those certified in special education, is difficult for a remote district, she said. Starting teachers make \$36,450 with about \$7,200 in benefits for a single person.

The Edgemont schools have a relatively high rate — about 56% — of all students receiving free or reduced lunches, a common standard of low-income students. The district also sees

significant transience among students, which Ferley said can make learning a challenge for students who come and go. Despite those factors, the district's most recent standardized proficiency scores are close to the statewide averages in English (45%) and science (41%), though lower in math (33%).

While she said most teacher requests for equipment and supplies are quickly met, the district has larger logistical concerns while due to operating mostly in buildings constructed 80 to 90 years ago.

Rather than seeking opt-outs or borrowing to generate new money, she said the district has saved up to pay for major improvements in recent years, including for a new boiler and air-conditioning system.

The Edgemont district has found other innovative ways to save money. Several years ago, the district stopped running buses — which was expensive and led

to some students to endure extremely long bus rides — and now instead provides parents with mileage reimbursement for transporting their children.

Ferley also spoke proudly of a recent effort she said illustrated the deep commitment that the Edgemont community has to its schools. When the district needed to upgrade its sports fields, local donors provided most of the money, equipment and labor to build a sparkling new track and football complex, Ferley said.

That level of commitment, she said, can also be found within the teachers and staff who work in the district.

"The teachers here work hard and they really care, and I would put my teachers up against those in any district in the state," Ferley said. "There is hope and we're working really hard because we really love these kids and we want the best for them."



**Rod Weber, superintendent of schools in Woonsocket, also serves as principal of the high school and district athletic director. Weber also enables a teacher to have more classroom time by agreeing to monitor an afternoon study hall by watching students through his office window.** Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

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# Life After High School

By Toby Doeden

The following is the manuscript written by Toby Doeden and presented to the Groton Area Board of Education meeting held Monday night.

Good Evening everyone...and thank you for allowing me to speak at tonight's Groton Area School board meeting.

I would like to start by stating very clearly, my words this evening are not in regard to any one individual, or any group of specific individuals. But rather, the entire school district, including faculty, administrators, students, and parents, as well as anyone else who has a vested interest in the Groton Area school district.

As many of you know I attended and graduated from High School in Groton, as did most all my family including my wife and soon to be our fourth child. For decades the School system in Groton has done an outstanding job of developing its students by surrounding them with quality teachers and leaders, that have prepared most of them well for life after high school.

Tonight, I want to talk specifically about that: life after high school and where we are falling short in real life preparation of Groton Area's student athletes.

Many occupations and careers require a higher level of education than high school. We all know you can't become a nurse, a teacher, an accountant, a doctor, and countless other occupations without a degree of higher education. What many often don't consider enough is the fact that while 35% of the job openings will require at least a bachelor's degree, 30% of the job openings will require only some college or an associate's degree and a whopping 36% of the job openings will not require any education beyond high school at all. So, 66% of the American work force needs only some or no post-secondary education. Am I saying we shouldn't be preparing our students for a post-secondary education? Absolutely not.

Every student that attends the Groton Area School district should have the opportunity to be prepared for a higher education if they so choose to go that route. But what I am saying, and this is primarily why I'm here tonight, is that we aren't doing nearly enough to prepare the large percentage of our graduates that won't attain a college degree.

What jobs are these people doing by the way you may be wondering? Mail carriers, claims adjusters, pilots, train conductors, construction, law enforcement, farmers and ranchers, sales of any kind, management positions, military, and entrepreneurs and business owners. What has prepared this group of people and the millions of other Americans that have great careers with no college education? It's not just the academics they learned in High School; in fact I believe it to be far less important than what actually prepares many of these individuals. What actually prepares these teenagers for life in the real world? Discipline, character, toughness, street smarts, team building, and competition, among others. What do all of those characteristics have in common? ATHLETICS. Athletics & other extracurricular activities. And that's where we have failed.

The athletic culture in the Groton Area School system is broken. It's broken. It's absolutely broken, and anyone that doesn't believe that is either in denial, is part of the problem, or worse yet, incapable of seeing something so obviously negative happening right in front of their eyes.

I'm not here tonight to cast blame, though there is plenty to go around. Administrators are to blame, teachers are to blame, coaches are to blame, and parents are to blame, including me.

Casting blame will get us nowhere, but all of the people I just mentioned acknowledging that there is a problem with our athletic culture would be a great start. Other than the occasional outlier, our athletic teams as a whole for many years have lacked the basic structure, discipline, and leadership needed to properly develop our student athletes.

And for those of you thinking to yourself right now that this is just about winning, it isn't. Winning is important, but there are many other valuable lessons in sports aside from winning. Things like team building, camaraderie, structure, physical fitness, strategy, reliability, dependability, time management, and countless other benefits, provide

an unmeasurable amount of value in shaping teenagers to be prepared for life beyond high school.

There was a report in the New York times regarding this exact topic. The research in this article clearly shows that students that participate in high school athletics get better jobs and higher pay than those who don't participate. Hiring managers expect former student-athletes to have more self-confidence, self-respect and leadership; actual measures of behavior in a sample of people who had graduated from high school more than five decades earlier showed those expectations proved accurate.

I'll take it a step further by saying just competing in sports isn't enough. The benefits of competing in athletics are greatly reduced if the kids are being subjected to athletic programs that lack energetic leaders that don't have the passion for developing their student athletes to the best of their ability. Or lack the discipline and knowledge to guide the student athletes through the process of team sports to get maximum effort and results.

Whether the academic community and administration of the Groton School District wants to admit it or not, athletics plays as large of a role in developing successful students as does the classroom. Research proves it, many of the people we all know proves it, my lackluster high school GPA and flunking out of not 1, but 2 colleges proves it. High School was simply a necessary step for me, and for millions of others just like me. I did just enough to get good enough grades to get by, while simultaneously participating in every extracurricular activity I could to help me sharpen my senses, team building, competitiveness, and countless other tools I acquired from those activities.

I couldn't do algebra for you tonight very well, I couldn't give you accurate facts about much of the history I was taught, nor could I explain pronouns, nouns, verbs, and adverbs in any intelligent way. But I do remember all of the life lessons from sports that I use every single day in running my businesses. Businesses that pay taxes, employ many people, develop future leaders, and supports local schools and communities.

I'm about done. My youngest, Jonathan, graduates in May and then we are done. So, I'm clearly not here for me, or for him, but rather for all of the parents out there who will have kids in this school district in the coming years. And I can't be clear enough on this point, just participating in sports is not enough. Just offering sports to the kids is not enough. Just filling coaching vacancies for the sake of filling coaching vacancies is not enough. Just having administrators focusing primarily on academics is not enough.

If we can at least agree that athletics plays a large role in developing and preparing students for life, then we need to act like it. We need to stop acting like sports is a privilege, because they are not. Sports are a necessity. Sports are a necessity to the development of young people. Participation in athletics that provide a successful culture is crucial to the development of young people, plain and simple.

I know my message will probably fall on many deaf ears, and that's fine, I get it. But my hope is that there are at least a few leaders in this school district, and perhaps more importantly, in this room tonight that will at least listen to what I've said and put some honest to goodness thought and consideration into its validity. Then, maybe that will lead to some discussions. And who knows, maybe those discussions could lead to some real long-term improvement into the culture of all of our athletic programs and other extracurricular activities. Thank you again for your time tonight.

Toby Doeden

## 54% Violations in GF&P checks

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Conservation Officers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Officers conducted a game check on US Hwy 12 in Summit this past weekend. Officers braved single digit temperatures with a cold, brisk northwest wind in checking hunters and anglers for compliance. Unfortunately, officers observed a 54% violation rate of all the vehicles inspected. These violations ranged from plumage transportation requirements for pheasants and waterfowl, overbag of fish and pheasants, no licenses, no federal stamps for waterfowl and fraud in obtaining resident licenses. No matter how cold it is, you can help make these officers' days a little warmer by making sure you follow the regulations and be one of the vehicles that smiles and waves as you head on your way with no violations!

### Top 3 reasons to get your dog licensed!

- 1) It greatly improves your chance of getting your dog back if it goes missing.
- 2) It lets people know that your dog is up-to-date on its rabies vaccine.
- 3) It's the Law!

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### Junior Snow Queen Candidates

The 2019-2020 Groton Area Junior Snow Queen candidates are:  
 Back Row (L-R):  
 Gracie Traphagen - Daughter of Trent & Heather Traphagen  
 Marlee Tollifson - Daughter of Travis & Debbie Kurth  
 Elliana Weismantel - Daughter of Marty & Amy Weismantel  
 Front Row (L-R):  
 Jacelynn Gleason - Daughter of Edward & Angela Gleason  
 Brooke Gengerke - Daughter of Collin & Deb Gengerke  
 Shaylee Peterson - Daughter of Ben & Kristi Peterson  
 Shallyn Foertsch - Daughter of Joe & Teri Foertsch

The Groton Area Snow Queen Committee invites everyone to join us this Sunday, November 17th at 7pm for the 73rd Annual Groton Area Snow Queen.

Photo Credit: Kristi Peterson



### Senior Snow Queen Candidates

The 2019-2020 Groton Area Snow Queen candidates are (L-R):  
 Kaycie Hawkins - daughter of Lance and Kristie Hawkins  
 Ashley Fliehs - daughter of Jarod and Kristie Fliehs  
 Caitlynn Barse - daughter of Chris and Pam Barse  
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**Pictured left to right are Kannon Coats, Tessa Erdmann and Samantha Pappas.**  
 (Photo from GHS Website)

### Three students qualify for FFA Leadership Development

by Adam Franken

The following FFA members placed and qualified for the state FFA leadership development event in Pierre.

- 1st Place Public Speaking - Sam Pappas
- 1st Place Job Interview - Tessa Erdmann
- 1st Place Ag Broadcasting - Kannon Coats
- 1st Place Extemp Speaking - Sam Pappas
- District I FFA President - Tessa Erdmann

### Groton Prairie Mixed

**Team Standings:** Cheetahs 8, Coyotes 7, Jackelopes 6, Foxes 6, Shih Tzus 5, Chipmunks 4

**Men's High Games:** Roger Spanier 223, Mike Siegler 211, Brad Waage 208

**Women's High Games:** Sue Stanley 177, Dar Larson 168, Karen Spanier 155

**Men's High Series:** Mike Siegler 540, Brad Waage 535, Roger Spanier 534

**Women's High Series:** Sue Stanley 442, Brenda Waage 433, Darci Spanier 431

### Conde National League

**Nov. 11 Team Standings:** Mets 27, Pirates 22 ½, Giants 19, Cubs 19, Braves 17 ½, Tigers 15

**Men's High Games:** Lance Frohling 196, 188, 183; Tim Olson 183; Larry Frohling 177

**Men's High Series:** Lance Frohling 567, Ryan Bathke 517, Larry Frohling 473

**Women's High Games:** Michelle Johnson 163, Joyce Walter 162, Mary Larson 158

**Women's High Series:** Vickie Kramp 429, Mary Larson 423, Joyce Walter 421

### Groton Coffee Cup League

**Nov. 12 Team Standings:** Biker Chix 29, James Valley 23, Kens 16, Ten Pins 12

**High Games:** Vickie Kramp 170, 168,; Mary Jane Jark 169; Sandi Bistedeau 164

**High Series:** Vickie Kramp 476, Joyce Walter 467, Sam Bahr 459