

# The Groton Independent

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## Concrete poured

A layer of concrete is placed on top of the pea rock in the center of base for the water tower. Notice the pipe in the middle. That "little" pipe is 10 inches in diameter and that pipe feeds water to the whole town. That pipe is tied into the pump room where the water leaves the facility in 8 inch diameter pipe. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Guest Speaker at Groton C&MA



**Pastor  
Brad Trosen**

The Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church (706 N. Main St., Groton, SD) is inviting the community to hear stories of life on the mission field with Brad Trosen on Sunday evening, October 11 at 7pm. Pastor Brad Trosen and his wife Laura have led the International Church of Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan (N. Iraq), since 2014. This Alliance church is being used to help establish and grow the Church among various people groups represented in northern Iraq. Previously, they worked for a total of 17 years in international schools in both Cote d'Ivoire and Senegal, as house parents and in administration. As well, they had eight years of ministry experience in Montana at the Missoula Alliance church, leading both the worship ministry and the global outreach team. Brad's childhood was spent in Bristol and Sisseton, SD, and he graduated from Crown College (St. Bonifacius, MN), where he and Laura met and were both very involved in music ministry. Both Brad and Laura love music, love to read and love to invest in people! They are presently based near San Antonio, Texas, where they are caring for Laura's parents. Trosens have three grown children - Hannah, Emily and Ian. This event is free and open to the public. If you have any questions about the event, you can contact Pastor Josh Jetto at (605) 290-8258 or by email at [joshjetto@gmail.com](mailto:joshjetto@gmail.com).

## COVID-19 arrives in Groton

The Coronavirus has arrived in Groton with a vengeance. Over the weekend, there were at least three reports of students/staff being tested positive for COVID-19. The virus has also affected local businesses.

COVID-19 impacted Emmanuel Lutheran Church. As reported on Emmanuel's facebook page, they were unable to Livestream this past Sunday's service due to those who run the equipment having either tested positive or were in close contact. In addition, it was noted that Sunday School will not start October 11th. They will shoot for October 25th.

Superintendent Joe Schwan sent out the following:

Due to an increase in COVID-related activity in the Groton Area Middle School, including an increase in positive COVID-19 cases, close contact quarantines, and staff exposures, the Groton Area Middle School (grades 6-8) will transition to remote learning beginning on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 for the remainder of the week. We will actively monitor the situation throughout the remainder of the week as we have been since last spring and make a determination about what the best course of action will be for next week.

Barring any changes to our current situation, Groton Area Elementary and Groton Area High School (grades 9-12) will continue with in-person instruction this week.

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place virtually, as planned, on Thursday, October 8. Friday, October 9 remains a day for staff in-service and Monday, October 12 will remain a day for instructional planning.

During the period of remote learning, students must continue to engage with their instructors and the course content.

While this isn't a situation that we've hoped for, it is one for which we've planned. It is our goal to keep students in school as much as possible, and doing so will require the cooperation of the entire school community.

## Marching Festival is Friday

The Lake Region Marching Festival is planned for Friday in Groton. The bands will march north on Main Street. The event starts at 10 a.m. Band participating: Simmons/Holgate Middle School, Leola, Langford, Northwestern, Ipswich, Roncalli, Sully Buttes, Great Plains Lutheran, Warner and Groton Area High School.

Due to the change of moving to remote learning, the Groton Area Junior High Band will NOT be marching in the Lake Region Marching Festival on Friday.

## State Golf Meet Results

Brevin Flihs place 26th overall after the two day event. He shot a 83 the first day and a 89 the second day.

Tristan Traphagen place 71st overall after the two day event. He shot a 97 the first day and a 101 the second day.

## State Golf Meet

Tristan Traphagen (left photo) and Brevin Flihs (right photo) took part in the state golf meet held Monday and Tuesday in at Hot Springs.

(Photo by Joel Guthmiller)



**Brown County  
Sept. 29, 2020  
Meeting Minutes**

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

**MINUTES:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of September 22, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$4,285.10; Elections \$1,537.50; Auditor \$8,741.57; Treasurer \$13,463.55; SA \$23,313.80; SVAWA \$1,134.01; Maintenance \$7,869.38; Assessor \$14,252.54; Register of Deeds \$8,983.40; VSO \$4,275.26; GIS \$2,387.50; IT \$7,094.04; HR \$2,173.85; Sheriff \$46,873.98; Jail \$52,704.47; Court Security \$5,728.53; JDC \$25,165.27; Welfare \$2,077.70; Museum \$8,142.69; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,602.68; Fair Board \$4,056.55; 4-H \$654.30; Weed \$3,968.49; Planning & Zoning \$4,306.20; Highway \$40,240.97; Dispatch \$28,562.84; Emergency \$4,119.58; Teen Court \$862.14; JDAI \$1,769.23; 24/7 Sobriety \$655.07; Landfill \$15,651.66; Matching benefits: FICA \$41,450.84, Medicare \$9,694.20, Discovery HSA \$28,603.29, Wellmark BlueCross Blue Shield \$135,847.58, Delta Dental \$11,051.32, Dearborn National \$1,881.54, SDRS Retirement \$85,562.88

Claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Lukes \$394.40; Drew Becker \$200.00; MB LLC \$175.00; Christopher A. Haar \$156.20; Mark Katterhagen \$12.00; Kuck Law Office \$78.40; Lucy Lewno \$150.00; Darcy Lockwood \$12.00; Matthew Bender & Co Inc \$117.43; NE Mental Health Center \$1,950.00; Sanford Health \$204.40; SD Department of Health \$3,070.00; Tammy Stolle \$292.85; Talia-

ferro Law Firm \$388.00; West Publishing Corp \$175.05; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$50.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$1,635.70; Aberdeen Public School Foundation Inc \$400.00. Rentals: T&K Rentals LLC \$4,500.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Auto Center \$135.00; Aberdeen Masonry \$4,957.20; Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$919.07; Auto Zone \$57.98; Farm Power \$12.75; J&K Painting \$895.23; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$716.59; Pro Windmill Inc \$345.00; Pierson Ford \$4,514.15; Pro Ag Supply \$132.69; Runnings \$16.49; Steven Lust Automotive \$2,457.00; Thee Glass Doctor \$92.00; Transource Truck & Equipment \$2,506.80; Woodman Refrigeration \$1,442.71. Supplies: Dooley Enterprises Inc \$1,115.00; Aberdeen Medical Center Pharmacy \$2,268.99; Eddie's Northside \$441.00; Farm Power \$153.00; Govconnection Inc \$690.00; Heartland Paper \$445.98; Lucy Lewno \$6.50; Lien Transportation \$50,306.07; Marco Inc \$15.44; Menards \$212.48; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$227.88; Steven Lust Automotive \$870.82; The Glass Doctor \$110.58; Ernest Thompson \$19.88; Transource Truck & Equipment \$71.78; Uline \$1,440.00; Walth Safety Service \$117.80. Travel & Conf.: Duane Jark \$104.34; Marianne Marttila Klipfel \$56.40; Troy Knecht \$71.44; Dennis Wiedebush \$56.40. Utilities: Qwest Corporation \$4,303.30; Montana Dakota Utilities \$31.91; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$5,979.91.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:**  
Move by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following Human Resource Report: Acknowledge resignation of Logan Flack, Brown County Communications Dispatcher, full-time; effective October 8, 2020 and approve request to fill vacancy. Approve Marianne Marttila-Klipfel, part-time curatorial assistant, Dacotah Prairie Museum, to move to full-time Curator of Exhibits at \$16.18, effective October 19, 2020 and approve request to fill part-time position.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF REPORTS:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following August 2020 Sheriff Reports:

Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOTTERY PERMIT:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following lottery permit for Aberdeen Amature Hockey Association for weekly progressive lottery to be held at the Odde Ice Center. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CHAPLAIN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the following volunteer Chaplains: Brad Kingsiter, Brain LaCroix, Fr. George Parmeter, George Shaver, Jay Rossman, Joann Lehrkamp, Jon Droege. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENT:**  
Authorize the Auditor to sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 175 – 2nd READING AND ADOPTION:**

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to adopt ordinance 175, an ordinance to amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 2, "Hanlon Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 20-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (13330 Park Rd). Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. All members present voting aye. Ordinance adopted.

**ORDINANCE 176 – 2nd READING AND ADOPTION:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adopt ordinance 176, an ordinance to amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3): "Outlot 1", "Replat of Miller's Outlot F" in the SE1/4 of Section 24-T124-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (379540 N. Shore Drive). Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. All members present voting aye. Ordinance adopted.

**PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2021 – PUBLIC HEARING:**  
Public hearing held as advertised for 2021 provisional budget. Opportunity for public comment was given.

**2021 PROVISIONAL BUDGET AMENDMENT-TAX REVENUE:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to amend the 2021 Provisional Budget line items, as follows: Governmental Funds: Total Means of Finance: 311 Current Property Tax Levy from 15,356,929.00 to 15,358,274.00; Cash Balance Applied from \$1,659,380.00 to 1,658,034.63. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**2021 PROVISIONAL BUDGET AMENDMENT- HIGHWAY REVENUE:**  
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to increase Road and Bridge revenue and budget to 9 million dollars. Special Revenue Fund: Road and Bridge Fund #201 increase total appropriations from \$8,804,180.69 to \$9,000,000.00 by increasing supplies and materials from 400,000.00 to \$595,819.31. Increase means of finance general fund transfers in from \$3,765,580.69 to \$3,962,400 increasing total means of finance from \$8,804,180.69 to \$9,000,000.00 in the road and bridge fund. General Fund 101: increase operating transfers out to the highway fund 201 appropriation from \$3,766,580.69 to \$3,962,400, increasing total appropriations from \$19,325,292.00 to \$19,521,111.31. Increase net means of finance from 19,325,292.00 to \$19,521,111.31 by increasing cash applied from 1,658,034.63 to 1,864,160.22. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**2021 ANNUAL BUDGET:**  
Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD For the Year January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 RESOLUTION #58-20 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, this 29th day of September, 2020. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor, Brown County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Brown County for the year January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

**COUNTY TAX LEVIES WITHIN LIMITED LEVY Dollars \$/S/1,000**  
\*General County Purposes (10-12-9): \$15,358,274 3.598  
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY: \$15,358,274 3.598  
\*These amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.

Seconded by Commissioner Feickert, roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICE WINDOW:**  
Scott Bader, planning and zoning director discussed putting in a security window in his office door.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss contracts per SDCL 1-25-2(4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:52a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$108.14. 19332

**Brown County Painting Contractors**  
NOTICE TO PAINTING CONTRACTORS  
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:48 A.M. on October 13, 2020, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project – Labor and materials to paint walls, bars, entire cell areas at the Brown County Jail, located at 22 Court Street, Aberdeen, SD.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and be marked on the envelope. "Bid on Jail Painting" to be opened on October 13, 2020. PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No

proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or bank draft, for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

**PERFORMANCE BOND:** Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Maintenance, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and obtained at no charge. Phone: 605-626-7124.

**ATTEST:**  
Cathy McNickle  
Brown County Auditor  
(0930.1007)  
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**Brown County Ord. 175 Loeschke Rezone**

**ORDINANCE #175**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Gene Loeschke is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 2, "Hanlon Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 20-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (13330 Park Rd)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

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Rachel Kippley, Chair  
Brown County Commission  
ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County Ord. 176 Kriesel Rezone**

**ORDINANCE #176**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY  
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Sandra Kriesel is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3):

"Outlot 1", "Replat of Miller's Outlot F" in the SE1/4 of Section 24-T124-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (379540 N. Shore Drive)

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Rachel Kippley, Chair  
Brown County Commission  
ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County Voter Registration**

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION**

Voter registration for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020 will close on October 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov) or call the county auditor at (605) 626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov).

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

Cathy McNickle – Brown County Auditor  
(1007.1014)

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**Westport Town Sept. 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Town of Westport General Meeting

September 7th, 2020

The Town of Westport met on September 7th, 2020 with Derek Schoenfelder, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson, Wilson, & Doreen Hertel.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$207.17), Groton Independent (\$96.08), Brown County Treasurer –Mosquito spraying (\$606.00), Crossheart trucking-Gravel (\$2,600.00), Eddie's Northside Sinclair (\$416.00), Cardmember Services – Ink (\$71.12), Payroll- Darin McGaugh (\$416.69), Shane Storm (\$605.00), Mike Wilson (\$75.00), Mitch Wilson (\$100.00), Derek Schoenfelder (\$100.00) & Doreen Hertel(\$900.00)

Sewer NWPS (\$43.68), NRWA –loan repayment (\$210.13), Dakota Pump & Control (\$5,049.63), Doreen Hertel (\$360.00)

Water WEB (\$1,695.37), Dept of Health (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$408.16), Doreen Hertel (\$300.00)

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

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$495.30), State of SD (\$5,560.72), Interest (\$3.58).

Sewer Resident Payments – (\$1,800.00).

Water Resident Payments – (\$3,302.75).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mitch Wilson was appointed President of the board for Westport. Derek Schoenfelder will be Vice President.

5 bids were received for the sewer project. The city decided to go with the lowest bid of B&B contracting of \$256,488.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer

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# Netters go 0-3 on the week



**Jasmine Gengerke in the Florence/Henry match**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Brooklyn Gilbert in the Hamlin match.**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton Area's volleyball team started off the week travelling to Faulkton, then hosted Florence/Henry on Tuesday and traveled to Hamlin on Thursday.

Frost Construction sponsored the C match on GDILIVE.COM. Faulkton won the first game, 25-23. The game was tied four times and there were three lead changes. Groton tied the game at 15 before the Chargers took a 24-20 lead. Groton Area closed to within one, 24-23, but Hamlin would win, 25-23. The second game was tied 11 times and there were five lead changes. Hamlin held a 13-9 lead, but Gon rallied to tie the game at 20. The Chargers held the upper hand until Groton took the lead, 25-24, and then went on to win, 27-25. Hamlin took the early lead in the third game and went on to win, 15-12. Shallyn Foertsch had five kills and an ace serve. Elizabeth Fliehs had five kills, Carly Guthmiller and Ava Wienk each had one kill and an ace serve. Anna Fjeldheim had four kills, Hollie Frost and Marlee Tollefson each had one kill. Fliehs Sales & Service sponsored the junior varsity match on GDILIVE.COM. Faulkton won the match, 25-3 and 25-9. Maddie Bjerke and Megan Fliehs each had one kill, Emilie Thurston had two ace serves and Brooke Gengerke had one ace serve.

Faulkton won the varsity match, 3-0. That game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM/GDIRADIO 89.3 FM, sponsored by BaseKamp Lodge, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Hefty Seed and Fliehs Sales & Service. Game scores were 25-17, 25-7 and 25-12. Kenzie McInerney had two kills, one solo block and one assisted block. Sydney Leicht had two digs and one kill. Alyssa Thaler had 14 digs. Stella Meier three kills and one dig. Trista Keith one kill, one ace serve and four digs. Madeline Fliehs had two kills, one block assist and nine digs. Allyssa Locke had seven digs and Brooklyn Gilbert had three digs and one ace serve.

The Lady Tigers hosted Florence/Henry on Tuesday. Groton's junior varsity team won its match, 2-0. That match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM/GDIRADIO 89.3 FM, sponsored by Jerry and Kathy Bjerke. The first game was tied 11 times and there were four lead changes. The Falcons held an 18-17 lead before Groton Area scored five straight points to take a 22-18 lead and went on to win, 25-21. Groton led the entire second game, but Florence/Henry tied the game at 22, 23 and 24 before the Tigers scored the last two points to win, 26-24. Maddie Bjerke had two kills and three ace serves. Lydia Meier had four kills and an ace serve, Sydney Leicht had three kills and an ace serve, Emma Schinkel and Megan Fliehs each had three kills, Brooke Gengerke and Riley Leicht each had two ace serves and Anna Fjeldheim had one kill.

Florence/Henry won the varsity match, 3-0. That game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM/GDIRADIO 89.3 FM, sponsored by BaseKamp Lodge, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Hefty Seed and Larry and Kathy Harry.

Florence/Henry jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first game en route to a 25-9 win. The Falcons scored seven straight points midway in the second game to take a 19-10 lead en route to a 25-18 win. Groton Area had a brief lead in the third game at 3-2 and the game was tied three times include tied at seven, but then the Falcons went on several rallies en route to a 25-17 win.

Madeline Fliehs had 10 digs, three kills, three blocks and an ace serve. Aspen Johnson had four kills and two digs. Stella Meier had three kills and an ace serve. Alyssa Thaler had 17 digs. Trista Keith had nine digs, Allyssa Locke had eight digs and an ace serve. Brooke Gengerke had four digs. Sydney Leicht had one kill and two digs. Jasmine Gengerke had one kill and three digs. Brooklyn Gilbert had three kills, one ace serve and one dig. Maddie Bjerke had one dig.

Then on Thursday, the Lady Tigers went to Hamlin High School to take on the Chargers.

The C match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the White House Inn. Hamlin won the first game, 25-17. The second game was tied nine times and there were five lead changes as the Chargers hung on to win, 28-26. Anna Fjeldheim led the Tigers with six ace serves and four kills.

The junior varsity match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Lorin and Julie Fliehs. It was a virtual repeat of the C match with Hamlin winning the first game, 25-19. The second game was tied 11 times and there were four lead changes before the Chargers hung on to win, 28-26. Brooke Gengerke had two kills and an ace serve, Lydia Meier had one ace serve, Emma Schinkel had two kills and a block, Megan Fliehs had two kills, Anna Fjeldheim had two ace serves and a kill and Maddie Bjerke had one block and two ace serves.

Hamlin won the varsity match, 3-0. That game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by BaseKamp Lodge, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Hefty Seed and Larry and Kathy Harry. The first and second games were both tied at one before the Chargers rallied to win, 25-12 in the first game and 25-14 in the second game. The second game was tied at two, three and four before the Chargers scored nine straight points en route to a 25-17 third game win. Sydney Leicht had two kills, one ace serve, one block assist and seven digs. Alyssa Thaler had 25 digs. Stella Meier had two kills, one block, one ace serve and one dig. Trista Keith had six digs, one block and one ace serve. Megan Fliehs had three kills, Madeline Fliehs had one block assist, one solo block, two kills and four digs. Allyssa Locke had one ace serve. Maddie Bjerke had one kill and three digs and Brooklyn Gilbert had one kill.

- Paul Kosel



**Kenzie McInerney in the Faulkton match**  
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# How do all these COVID-19 cases impact the health care system and what can we do to help?

By **Bonny Specker**

South Dakota is experiencing a large increase in the number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. The seven-day running average for cases has increased 393% from 80 cases per day Aug. 1 to 394 cases per day Sept. 30, while the average the number of hospitalizations has increased 420% from five to 26 hospitalizations per day.

Additionally, the state's number of individuals who are aged 60+ years with COVID-19 has increased with close to 1,200 cases in the past two weeks. Approximately 20% of the individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in this age group may be hospitalized within the next two to three weeks based

on current South Dakota hospitalization rates. There is likely going to be a significant need for hospital and intensive care unit (ICU) beds during October to meet the medical needs of South Dakotans.

The South Dakota Department of Health dashboard provides information on what percentages of hospital beds and ICU beds are COVID-19 occupied, but it is important to understand what beds they are referring to. The denominator in that percentage is based on information from the Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters (HAVBED) database for South Dakota. HAVBED is a federally mandated program that requires states to collect and report local hospital available bed data. The system connects to the state's Emergency Operations Center in Pierre and is linked directly to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Reporting the number of hospitalized patients and number of potential beds can change daily. Hospitalized patients change due to admissions and discharges while the number of potential beds changes due to a hospital's creation and opening of institutional surge beds. Surge beds are additional inpatient beds that are not necessarily operational nor staffed. An example is the Brookings Health System (BHS), which is licensed for 49 beds, but has the surge capability for up to 80 patient beds. Although there could be a maximum of 80 beds at BHS, it currently has the personnel to handle only 45 of these beds. If BHS initiated its surge plan, more beds would become available and the number of potential beds would change. Therefore, when looking at hospital and ICU bed occupancy percentages, it is important to realize that both the numerator (number of currently hospitalized patients) and the denominator (number of potential beds) can change.

Based on a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention clinical guidance document dated Sept. 10, 2020, 26 to 32% of hospitalized COVID-19 patients are admitted to an ICU. COVID-19 patients in an ICU require specialized care 24 hours per day from pulmonologists or critical care physicians, specialized nurses and if the patient is ventilated, from respiratory therapists. Based on a quick count for Sioux Falls and Rapid City, there are approximately 35 pulmonologists and critical care physicians, although there are additional ones throughout the state. We should not forget that other patients may need ICU beds during this time as well for heart attacks, strokes, accidents and other life-threatening events.

Individuals with influenza also may need access to hospital or ICU beds. We will be entering the flu season in the near future, and it will be important to minimize the impact of flu on hospital and ICU admissions since these beds may be close to capacity.

Staffing issues are going to become increasingly important as COVID-19 hospitalizations increase and health care workers also become ill. It is important for us to do whatever we can to keep health care workers safe and hospital and ICU beds available. This can be done by following public health recommendations to practice social distancing, wear a mask to protect others when out in public, practice good hygiene and be sure to receive this year's flu vaccine. Lives may depend on it.



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**Sept. 21:** Cubs 6, Braves 6, Tigers 4.5, Giants 3, Pirates 2.5, Mets 2.

**Sept. 28:** Braves 9, Cubs 7, Mets 6, Pirates 6, Tigers 5, Giants 3

**Oct. 5:** Cubs 10, Braves 10, Pirates 9, Giants 7, Mets 6, Tigers 6

### Men's High Games

**Sept. 14:** Troy Lindberg 209, 188, Lance Frohling 190, Butch Farmen 184.

**Sept. 21:** Butch Farmen 240, 183; Collin Cady 216; Larry Frohling 181.

**Sept. 28:** Lance Frohling 212, 211; Ryan Bethke 203, 200; Russ Bethke 188.

**Oct. 5:** Collin Cady 200, 199; Lance Frohling 196, 183; John Lowery 166; Tim Olson 166

### Men's High Series

**Sept. 14:** Troy Lindberg 553, Lance Frohling 520, Butch Farmen 510.

**Sept. 21:** Butch Farmen 583, Collin Cady 523, Larry Frohling 485

**Sept. 28:** Lance Frohling 602, Ryan Bethke 579, Russ Bethke 513

**Oct. 5:** Collin Cady 556, Lance Frohling 536, Larry Frohling 449

### Women's High Games

**Sept. 14:** Nancy Radke 186, 151; Michelle Johnson 180, 175; Mary Larson 149.

**Sept. 21:** Michelle Johnson 181, Deb Fredrickson 170, Vickie Kramp 164.

**Sept. 28:** Joyce Walter 190; Nancy Radke 182, 179; Michelle Johnson 174

**Oct. 5:** Sam Bahr 235, 193, 191; Tanah Messevov 177; Vickie Kramp 169

### Women's High Series

**Sept. 14:** Michelle Johnson 490, Nancy Radke 466, Mary Larson 418

**Sept. 21:** Michelle Johnson 464, Vickie Kramp 456, Deb Fredrickson 441.

**Sept. 28:** Nancy Radke 489; Tanan Messevov 476; Joyce Walter 458

**Oct. 5:** Sam Bahr 619, Vickie Kramp 455, Mary Larson 448

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East to West - West to East

### 500 Years of Change!

- food and animals
- farming sugarcane, roping cattle
- Indian words + Spanish words
- missionaries, prayers, spiritual treasures
- disease, medicines

Old World to the New World

New World to the Old World

These Native American words have changed over the years. But, we still use them today!

manatee, hurricane, barbecue, iguana, tobacco, maize, hammock, canoe

Beans have been exchanged all over the world!

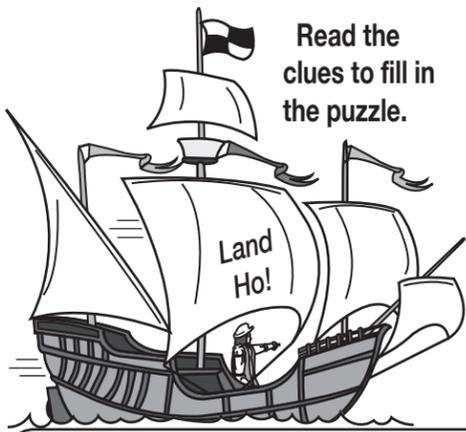
Words From the Native Americans

BARBECUE, HURRICANE, MANATEE, IGUANA, TOBACCO, MAIZE, HAMMOCK, CANOE



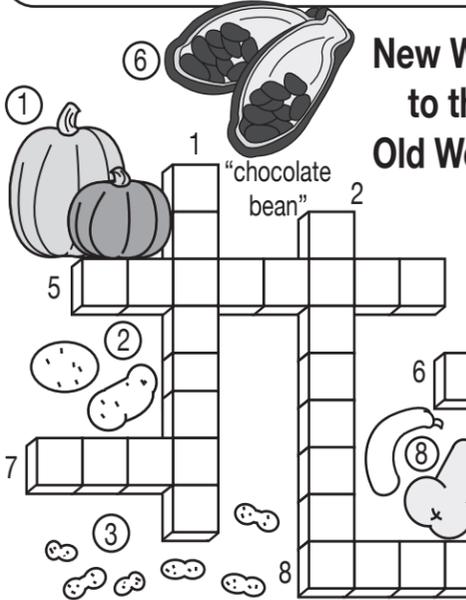


## 500 Years of Change!



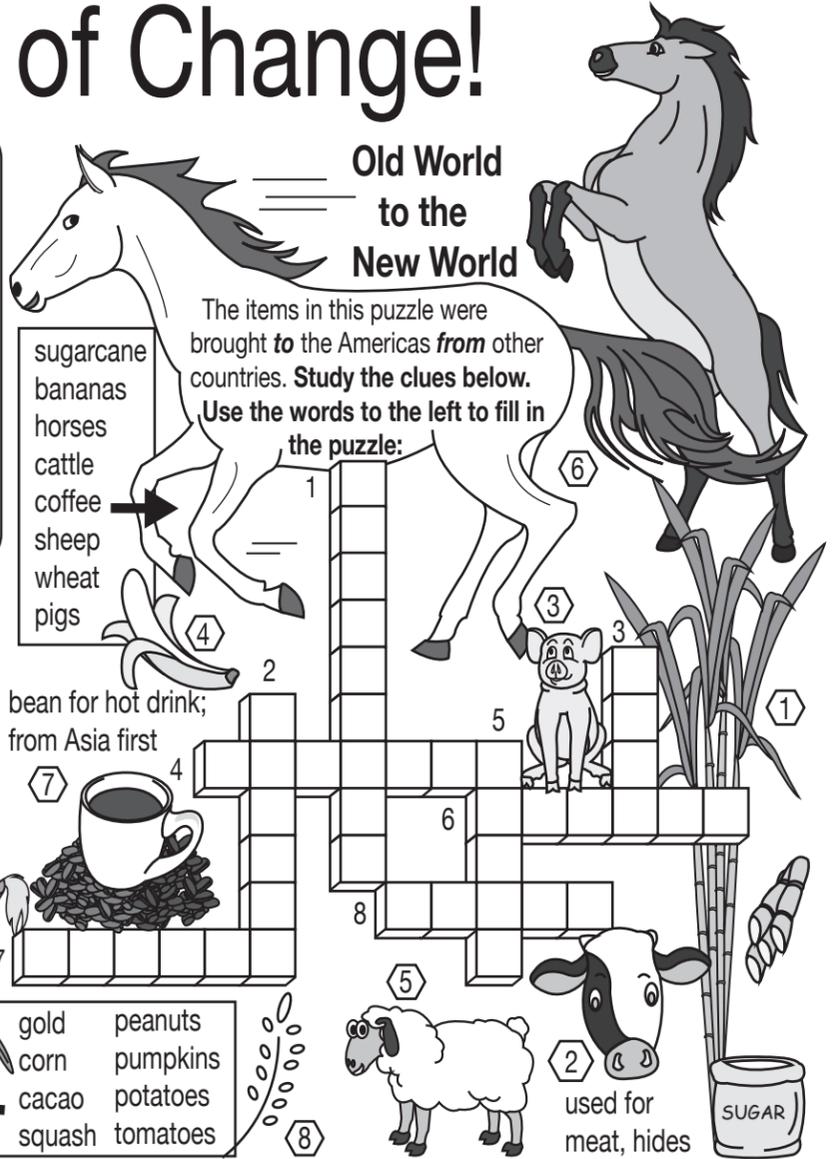
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle.

For many years people have talked about – and *argued* about – the impact of explorer Christopher Columbus' landing in the Americas. Many people view his journeys as opening up an exciting “New World.” But, others point out that the lands Columbus found had many people already – with their own ways of life – and see his coming to these lands as destructive. In the end, we all can agree that Columbus' voyages to the Americas beginning in 1492 set in motion a period of massive change that continues *today* – over 500 years later!



### New World to the Old World

The items in this puzzle were brought **from** the Americas **to** other countries. Study the clues (below) to fill in the puzzle:



### Old World to the New World

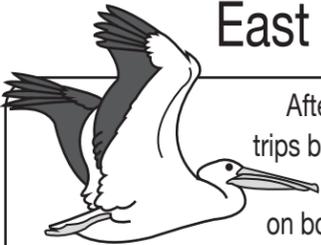
The items in this puzzle were brought **to** the Americas **from** other countries. Study the clues below. Use the words to the left to fill in the puzzle:

- sugarcane
- bananas
- horses
- cattle
- coffee
- sheep
- wheat
- pigs

bean for hot drink; from Asia first

- gold
- corn
- cacao
- squash
- peanuts
- pumpkins
- potatoes
- tomatoes

## East to West - West to East

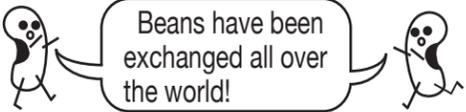


After Christopher Columbus made several trips between Europe and the Americas, changes began to take place in the lives of people on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The voyage sped up the exchange of people, culture, maps and writings, which spread new ideas and knowledge across the world.

Which parts of people's lives were affected by the exchanges or changes listed below? Match them:

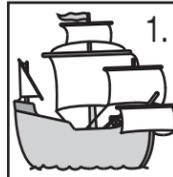
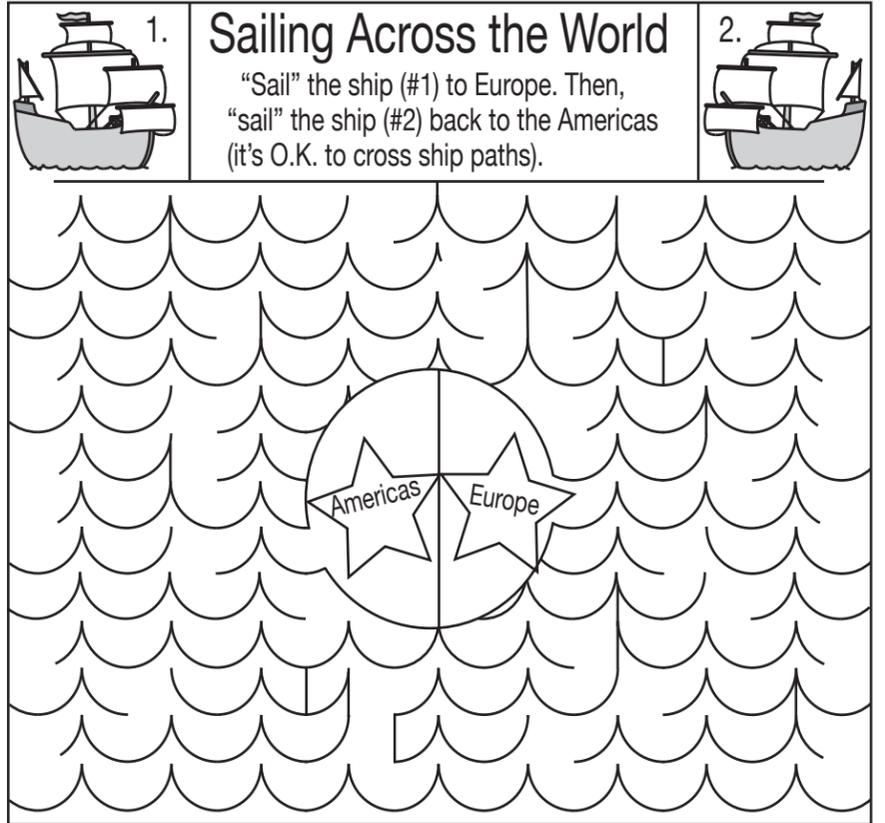
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2. farming sugarcane, roping cattle
3. Native American words + Spanish words
4. missionaries, prayers, spiritual treasures
5. disease, medicines

- A. health
- B. religion
- C. language
- D. work
- E. diet



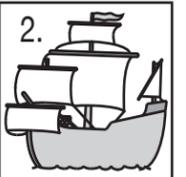
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### Sailing Across the World

“Sail” the ship (#1) to Europe. Then, “sail” the ship (#2) back to the Americas (it's O.K. to cross ship paths).



These Native American words have changed over the years, but we still use them today!

Find and circle these words:

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 B A R B E C U E H N K J H I G D O A C  
 O A J H G Y A H F A U T G V F Z I M P E  
 I C H G T R N I T Y T F D S A E E M U O  
 A C I J K M O E R I G I J N K O L A S W  
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## Words From the Native Americans

- maize
- hammock
- tobacco
- manatee
- canoe
- barbecue
- hurricane
- iguana

# Tigers have bad luck in gridiron game with Roncalli

If Groton did not have bad luck, they would not have had any luck in Roncalli's game on Friday at Aberdeen Central. A bad snap with 9:29 left in the game that ended up in the endzone turned into the game winning touchdown for Aberdeen Roncalli. The snap went over the quarterback's head into the endzone and Jayden Monroe pounced on the loose ball for Roncalli. The PAT was good on a pass from Keegan Stewart to Madox May and the Cavaliers ended up winning the game, 18-14.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Kara and Kevin Pharis with special commentary by Mike Nehls.

The Tigers ended up losing three of seven fumbles and had one interception. The Cavaliers recovered its only fumble and had one interception by Andrew Marzahn.

Groton Area had more first downs, 15-12, and more yards rushing, 146-84. The Cavaliers completed 10 of 23 passes for 116 yards and the Tigers completed four of 11 for 65 yards.

Jaimen Farrell had 32 carries for 77 yards and two touchdowns, completed one of three passes for 34 yards and had 11 tackles. Andrew Marzahn had 37 yards rushing, 41 yards receiving and one interception. Favian Sanchez had 37 yards rushing, 24 yards receiving and eight tackles. Pierce Kettering had 28 yards rushing. Other defensive leaders were Alex Morris with 11 tackles, Jordan Bjerke with nine, and Paxton Bonn and Kale Pharis with eight each.

Groton Area had five penalties for 55 yards and Roncalli had two for eight yards.

Madox May led the Cavaliers with 61 yards rushing and 73 yards receiving.

The Tigers scored first on a three yard run by Farrell. Jackson Cogley kicked the PAT. Then Jackson Isakson kicked a 39-yard field goal for Roncalli and it was 7-3 after the first quarter.

Groton Area scored first on a one-yard run in the second quarter with Cogley kicking the PAT. Roncalli would score with 17 seconds left in the half on a nine-yard pass from Jackson Isakson to Brett Ekanger. The PAT kick by Isakson was good and it was 14-10 at half time with the Tigers ahead. No one scored in the third quarter and the Cavaliers scored with 9:29 left to win.

# GHS September Students of the Month



**Sage Mortenson**  
(12th)



**Allyssa Locke**  
(11th)



**Cole Simon**  
(10th)



**Camryn Kurtz**  
(9th)



**Gretchen Dinger**  
(8th)



**Natalia Warrington**  
(7th)



**Teagan Hanten**  
(6th)

**Thursday, October 8, 2020**  
1 p.m.: Northeast Conference Cross Country Meet in Webster

1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: P-T Conferences

**Friday, Oct. 9, 2020**

Faculty In-Service

10 a.m.: Lake Region Marching Festival In Groton

JH Volleyball With Roncalli Is Cancelled  
Volleyball Hosts Aberdeen Roncalli (C Match At 4 p.m., JV At 5 p.m. With Varsity To Follow)

**Monday, Oct. 12**

Groton School Instructional Planning Day (No school for students)

Volleyball hosts Waubay-Summit (one combined junior high match at 5 p.m., junior varsity match at 6 p.m. with varsity match to follow.)

7 p.m.: School Board Meeting

**Tuesday, Oct. 13**

Volleyball hosts Tiospa Zina (junior high matches in GHS Gym - 7th grade at 5 p.m., 8th grade at 6 p.m.) (Matches in the Arena: C match at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow)

**Wednesday, Oct. 14:** LifeTouch Pictures at Elementary School

**Thursday, Oct. 15**

LifeTouch Pictures at MS/HS

3:30 p.m.: Region Cross Country meet at Webster

4:30 p.m.: Junior High Football hosts Webster Area (7th grade at 4:30 p.m., 8th grade at 5:30 p.m.)

Volleyball at Milbank (7th and 8th grade matches at 4:30 p.m., C/JV at 6 p.m. followed by varsity match)

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