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## Another successful Pumpkin Fest



A panoramic view of the Pumpkin Fest held Saturday in the Groton City Park. Many people attended the event with perfect weather conditions. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



### Groton Legion Post #39 makes cemetery improvements

Pictured above is the newly improved flag circle at the Groton Union Cemetery. The photo below was taken before the improvement with the above showing the finished product.

(Photos by Doug Hamilton)



The kid train was a hit as it was loaded up many times. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

### Lake Region Marching Festival held Friday in Groton



Groton Area High School Marching band started off the marching festival. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

The Lake Region Marching Festival was held Friday in Groton. Bands receiving gold ratings were Leola, Langford, Northwestern, Ipswich, Aberdeen Roncalli, Sully Buttes, Pierre T.F. Riggs Emerald Regiment, Great Plains Lutheran and Warner. Simmons/Holgate Middle School received a silver.

Best Winds/Best Drumline award went to Ipswich. Best Colorguard went to Aberdeen Roncalli.

Groton Area High School Band was the exhibition band so they did not qualify for any awards.



## JVT Uncashed Credit Checks

This notice is hereby given that the persons or entities listed below have uncashed capital credit checks issued in 2013. In accordance with the bylaws (Article VIII Section 8.2), the amounts of these uncashed checks will be forfeited to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company six months after the date of publication of this notice unless money is claimed and proper evidence of ownership is submitted to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company within the six month period. Any persons knowing the current address of the persons listed below, please contact James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, PO Box 260, Groton, SD 57445 or call 800-556-6525.

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Martin, Karla  
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McKague, Mike  
McKnight, Glenna B & Steven B  
Milbrandt, Mrs Vineta  
Olson, Carol  
Olson, Daren  
Otteson, Kern  
Peckham, Rick  
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Rock, Mathieu & Marisue  
Sanderson, James  
Schmit, Carole  
Scott, Christian  
Siemens-Stromberg Carlson  
Skibbe, Darin  
Sperry Krause, Anita  
Sperry, Travis  
Stone, Shane  
Stuart, Rick & Dana  
Suther, Judith  
Synoground, David  
Taylor, Caryl  
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Veith, Jay & Mindy  
Walter, Jerome S  
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## Brown County Oct. 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 6, 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, Feickert and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the agenda. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

### MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the general meeting minutes of September 29th, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### CLAMS:

Moved by Feickert, seconded

by Sutton to approve the following claims:

Insurance: SD Assoc. of County Commissioners \$16,914.00. Professional Fees: A to Z World Languages \$80.00; AMG Cardiovascular Specialist \$9.17; AMG Emergency \$1,606.84; AMG Internal Medicine \$199.64; AMG Radiology \$1,229.28; Avera St. Luke's \$231.48; Brown County Treasurer \$21.20; Carlsen Funeral Home \$360.00; Clark Engineering \$3,162.18; Cogley Law Office \$6,250.00; Computer Forensic Resources \$1,550.00; Ryan Dell \$6,250.00; Dohrer Law Office \$6,250.00; Gellhaus & Gellhaus \$80.00; Haar Law Firm \$6287.80; Kennedy, Pier, Loftus \$261.90; Kuck Law Office \$14,232.30; Jerald McNeary \$6,250.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems \$1,020.00; Mark Milbrandt \$28.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$5,506.25; Taliadro Law Firm \$6,250.00; TJ Counseling \$1,625.00; UND – Pathology Dept. \$2,080.00. Jury: Misty Bruemmer, \$878.56; Jon Carey \$876.00; Victoria Carlson \$813.44; Spencer Kienow \$817.60; McKaden Kyburz \$305.04; Robert McLaughlin \$1,096.56; Scott Morton \$1,029.80; Melinda Ryals \$355.88; Pamela Squire \$864.28; Carla Stahl \$876.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$1,273.74; Groton Independent \$575.36. Repairs & Maintenance: Butler Machinery Co. \$110.36; Day Co. Treasurer \$3,456.19; Digi Security Systems \$13,541.53; G&R Controls \$1,012.55; Great Western Tire \$10.00; Hollaway Construction \$137,807.29; Hub City Roofing \$5,800.00; Jason's Electric \$501.86; Lawson Products \$24.06; Nardini Fire Equip. \$213.65; Productivity Plus \$171.88; RDO Equipment \$22,443.98; Ringgenberg Electric \$76.53; SD DOT \$237,915.54; Service Signs & Sales \$193.88; Trinity Services Group \$100.00; Woodman Refrigeration \$113.27. Supplies: Aberdeen Pit Stop \$22.99; Allegiant Emergency Services \$1,575.73; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Butler Machinery Co. \$498.07; Carlsen Funeral Home \$1,262.26; Cash-Wa (Kearney) \$318.51; Century Business Products \$38.66; Charm-Tex \$226.08; DFP \$1,043.54; Dakota Mailing \$172.00; DSG \$46.62; Day Co. Treasurer \$350.44; Geffdog \$1,040.00; GenLantis \$18,186.00; Government Forms & Supplies \$65.00; Great Plains Fire \$198.11; Great Western Tire \$4,800.00; Heartland Paper \$1,466.16; Interstate Battery \$465.80; Jensen Rock & Sand \$192,478.34; Lawson Products \$239.86; Lien Transportation \$73,221.46; Midstates Printing \$110.70; JD Power & Assoc. \$160.00; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$297.25; Pitney Bowes \$126.00; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale \$127.56; Productivity Plus \$1,101.69; RDO Equipment \$6,027.58; Running's \$395.67; S & S Lumber \$452.69; Nate Smith \$60.04. Travel & Conf.: AmeriCInn Sioux Falls North \$588.00; Doug Fjeldheim \$368.48; Heartland Assoc. of FFE \$245.00; Rachel Kippley \$340.28; Mark Milbrandt \$430.00; Duane Sutton \$268.84. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$178.36; CenturyLink \$63.97; Midcontinent \$133.96; NWPS \$6,570.97. Other: SDACO \$1,394.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### HR REPORT:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve the following HR Report:

Acknowledge resignation of Erin Ackerman, Brown County Communications Dispatcher, full-time; effective October 13, 2020 and approve request to fill vacancy; Acknowledge resignation of Jean Moody, Brown County Sheriff's Department, Jail Correctional Officer, full-time, effective October 15, 2020 and approve request to fill vacancy; Approve hiring of full-time employee for Brown County Maintenance.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### LEASE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded

by Fjeldheim to approve the following lease agreement: Harr Motors for lease of Machinery Hill east of Expo Parking Lot from August 9th – 16th, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### SURPLUS DECLARATION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to declare surplus item for surplus to the landfill as items are broken. Treasurer's office – fax machine; Auditor's Office – two desks. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE TIMEKEEPING SYSTEM PURCHASE:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the purchase of ExecuTime Timekeeping system in the contract amount of \$45,128 with recurring fee of \$4,748.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### HIGHWAY 5 YEAR PLAN:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the Highway 5 year plan presented by Highway Superintendent, Dirk Rogers on October 6, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following application for occupancy: Web Water for occupancy of Brown County Road, North Bridge Road, in section 13, township 124, range 65, Brown County, South Dakota for potable water line. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

### APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following applications for occupancy submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Highway 6, section 36,25,24, township 125, range 65; highway 13, section 30,29,28,27, township 124, range 65; Highway 11, section 26,27,28,29, township 125, range 65, Brown County South Dakota for telecommunications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:59a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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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## Groton City Oct. 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2020  
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 pm at the Community Center for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Blackmun, Kappes, Babcock, Cutler and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, and Finance Officer Hope Block.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Blackmun and

seconded by Wells. All members voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Cutler to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.

Payroll, \$48,413.29, Employee salaries; Executive, \$854.24, ; Administrative, \$6,738.01, ; Public Safety, \$18,848.68, ; Public Works, \$18,021.59, ; Culture & Recreation, \$3,950.77, ; Dacotah Bank, \$15,659.63, SS and WH ; Dacotah Bank, \$466.66, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$2,100.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$466.66, HSA contributions; Employers Mutual Ins, \$85.20, Employee insurance; Aflac, \$338.26, Employee insurance; Guardian, \$140.52, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$340.78, Employee insurance; Ken's Food Fair, \$636.92, Gas, paper products; Chase Visa, \$672.75, Postage, pool ropes, floats, hooks, Verizon utilities, paper products, notary renewal fees, battery backup for City Hall; Grand Slam Computers, \$89.00, Annual backup for finance office; SD Retirement System, \$8,749.70, Employee retirement; Department of Public Safety, \$40.00, SD law enforcement certification IDs; Cannon Technologies, \$1,700.00, Data transfer for load management; Cannon Technologies, \$1,101.60, Retrofit kit; Drew Johnson, \$800.00, Legal fees 9/20; Web Water, \$16,108.14, Water 9/20; Lori's Pharmacy, \$24.99, Shop coffee pot; Kense Food Fair, \$174.85, Paper products, gas, water, cleaners; Ecolab, \$106.00, Pest control; Cole Papers, \$58.78, Trash bags; Geffdog, \$2,209.00, Promotional water bottles and key tags; Chris & Dan's Tarp & Canvas, \$40.00, Pool umbrella repair; Dollar General, \$560.00, Commercial lighting rebate; MJ's Sinclair, \$220.00, Commercial lighting rebate; S&S Lumber, \$231.78, Black jack, sprinkler, cable ties, gopher poison, paint, brushes, spray paint, tape, plier holder, bolts; NW Energy, \$1,151.41, Natural gas; DSG, \$30.52, Ball field water elbows, hose clamps; Menards, \$35.85, Ball field water metal cut off; Clark Engineering, \$3,343.69, Water tower staking and admin; Harry Implement, \$128.80, Mower repairs; Soil Technologies, \$2,502.50, Water tower soil testing; Runnings, \$83.98, Cemetery circle light bulbs; Runnings, \$87.84, Chain, air hose reel; Core & Main, \$377.79, Copper-horn swivels; Jim of All Trades, \$1,138.23, Painting four Groton City Welcome signs; Mike N Jo's, \$454.25, Door and knob repairs on PD Tahoe; Mike's Heating and Cooling, \$387.76, Urinal valve repair at city shop; Hydro Klean, \$14,163.14, Annual sewer cleaning; Allied Climate Professionals, \$4,061.64, Install condensing unit and accoil at CC; April Abeln, \$55.43, Dependent flex; A-1 Sanitation, \$1,192.64, Clean-up week; SD Dept of Health, \$226.00, Water testing; Colonial Research, \$150.54, Cleaners; Streicher's, \$129.50, PD bean bag rounds; Dakota Electronics, \$657.50, Radio repairs; Ameripride, \$49.32, Rug rent; Groton Daily Independent, \$416.13, Publishing, receipt books; Dollar General, \$93.95, Cleaners, hand sanitizer, paper products, baking soda, soap, bottled water; SDPAA, \$53,081.01, Annual insurance premium; Dan Sunne, \$80.00, Personal phone use (July through October); Paul Kosel, \$80.00, Personal phone use (July through October); Landon Johnson, \$80.00, Personal phone use (July through October); Branden Abeln, \$80.00, Personal phone use (July through October); SD Supp Retirement, \$610.00, Employee retirement

Department reports were reviewed.

The second reading of Ordinance #737 Revising Cemetery Regulations was approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Wells. All members voted aye.

An announcement was made that there is a vacant seat on the planning and zoning board. Anyone interested should contact City Hall.

The baseball season report was reviewed and will be finalized at the next meeting.

Skating rink employee applications are now being accepted at City Hall.

The group was reminded that Pumpkin Fest will be held October 10th from 10am to 3pm. All were encouraged to attend.

Moved by Kappes and seconded by Babcock to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:28pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:40pm.

Moved by Cutler and seconded

by Babcock to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Hope Block, Finance Officer  
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## Stratford Town May 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of May 2020 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 20, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the Community

Hall. Those in attendance were Bourassa, Prickett, L Jark. Prickett called the meeting to order.

Accounts receivable reviewed. Discussed water shut off at Wahlberg property and possibly having the sheriff's office assist. Discussed reservoir being regulated by EPA.

Jark talked to Hanlon's about grading town streets since they will be grading the township roads. Estimate to come.

Motion to approve March minutes by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

### FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: Clark Engineering (water shed) \$3000, Dakota Pump & Control (sewer pump service) \$106.08, David Hoeft (mowing) \$1,075, Palmer's Plumbing & Heating (sewer pump) \$595.92, Sewer Duck (sludge from pumps) \$680, Water District Maintenance \$408.16;

Automatic Withdrawals: JVC \$42.06, NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$1,051.74, United Fire and Casualty \$328, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$1,791.08.

Will be billed for 6 loads of gravel (approximately \$325/load) from Hanlon's; L. Jark is purchasing an additional 8 loads.

Bill submitted by Bourassa for labor to pump water (sewer system and ditches). Motion to pay bills by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

Discussed how water might be getting into the sewer system. Will contact Schmidt Construction to dig up the end of 2nd Street to check the end of the line. Possibly caved in because of sinkhole.

Motion to adjourn; the next meeting will be June 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM by Bourassa, 2nd by Jark.

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## Stratford Town July 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of July 2020 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 13, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the Community

Hall. Those in attendance were Bourassa, L Jark, Moen.

Bourassa called the meeting to order.

Accounts receivable reviewed. Jark will order additional gravel. Will probably need 6-7 more loads, estimating \$2,000. Motion by Jark, 2nd by Bourassa.

Motion to approve June minutes by Bourassa, 2nd by Jark.

### FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: Groton Daily Independent \$29.68, Heartland Heating & Cooling \$96.94, Schmidt Construction (water leak) \$530.61, Water District Maintenance \$408.16;

Automatic Withdrawals: JVC \$42.05, NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$645.95, United Fire and Casualty \$346, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$1,871.06.

Bill for gravel to come from Hanlon's. Proposal from Clark Engineering for the watershed project was declined. Motion to pay bills by Bourassa, 2nd by Jark.

Funds are available for the ice machine. Will table until next month.

Discussed 4th of July celebration. Idea for next year would be to have the potluck prior to the parade, and have the parade around 8:30 PM. The independent lawnmower poker run was popular.

Need to review ordinances for fencing to ensure visibility is maintained for roadways.

Motion to adjourn; the next meeting will be August 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM by Bourassa, 2nd by Jark.

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**Groton School**

**Oct. 12**

**Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING October 12, 2020  
 President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Commons Area. Members present: Flihs, Harder, Gengerke, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present: Supt. J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan, and Business Official Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the agenda as proposed. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported.

Moved by Pharis, second Harder to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes from special meeting on September 7, 2020 and regular meetings on September 14 and 28, 2020 and district bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 189,309.59; FIT - 16,121.46; Medicare - 7,058.16; FICA - 30,179.42; American Funds - 542.80; SD Retirement - 29,965.44; HSA Contributions - 100.00; Waddell & Reed - 1,390.00; Horace Mann - 1,092.61; Thrivent - 250.00; AFLAC - 3,280.39; Delta Dental - 4,018.81; SD Supplemental Retirement - 727.29; GASD Lunch - 230.87; Wellmark - 63,235.25; Reliastar - 678.76; Avesis - 263.64; A&B Business - staples, 92.90; Aberdeen Awards - awards, 266.40; Advance Auto - supplies, 42.25; Amazon - supplies, 105.48; American Solutions - timecards, 59.90; ABC - fire alarm service, 2,114.82; Avera St Luke's - contract, 1,493.96; Award Emblem - awards, 491.24; Bahr's Jungle - pizza, 108.63; Blick - supplies, 32.72; Boston Fern - corsages, 158.00; Building Sprinkler - services, 625.00; Cole Papers - supplies, 851.89; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 33,758.71; Dakota Brush - supplies, 55.50; Dependable Sanitation - service, 1,271.00; Follett - workbooks, 154.44; Groton Area Chamber - dues, 500.00; Groton Area - ACT food, 20.97; Groton Daily Independent - legals, 201.86; Groton DQ - meals, 35.64; Joel Guthmiller - meals, 46.09; Janene Harry - pictures, 15.00; Hillyard - supplies, 117.12; JW Pepper - music, 124.99; Jeff's District & Drain - repairs, 198.00; Lori's Pharmacy - supplies, 154.47; Matheson - supplies, 405.79; McLeod's - checks, 299.77; Mid-American - supplies, 1,877.64; Mike N Jo's - repairs, 155.00; Greg Milbrandt - services, 420.00; MJ's Sinclair - fuel, 5,101.46; Nelson Sales - ring set, 41.62; Northside Implement - repairs, 591.91; Northwestern Energy - natural gas, 669.64; Pomp's Tire - tires, 553.44; Robotics - fees, 520.00; Scholastic - supplies, 163.63; School Specialty - supplies,

Description.....	General Fund	MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6								Total for District
		Assigned Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption	Enterprise Fund	Custodial Fund	For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2020		
1. Beginning Balance .....	1,310,020.82	166,442.24	1,494,432.18	282,971.70	157,818.14	51,718.27	161,560.84	3,624,964.19		
a. checking .....	1,310,020.82	166,442.24	1,494,432.18	282,971.70	157,818.14	51,718.27	161,560.84	3,624,964.19		
b. petty cash .....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
2. Transfers in .....										
3. Revenue to date .....	1,034,293.11	6,134.81	45,375.68	22,090.76	3,657.10	45,932.47	168,177.12	1,325,661.05		
4. Total accounted for .....	2,344,313.93	172,577.05	1,539,807.86	305,062.46	161,475.24	97,650.74	329,737.96	4,950,625.24		
5. Transfers out .....										
6. Expenditures to date .....	866,451.45	33,508.91	395,214.46	120,424.16	0.00	42,071.63	271,833.66	1,729,504.27		
a. encumbrances .....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
b. disbursements .....	866,451.45	33,508.91	395,214.46	120,424.16	0.00	42,071.63	271,833.66	1,729,504.27		
7. Ending Balance .....	1,477,862.48	139,068.14	1,144,593.40	184,638.30	161,475.24	55,579.11	57,904.30	3,221,120.97		
a. checking .....	1,477,862.48	139,068.14	1,144,593.40	184,638.30	161,475.24	55,579.11	57,904.30	3,221,120.97		
b. petty cash .....	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)		
September Receipts .....	277,904.77	3,713.44	25,397.45	5,191.96	766.14	25,247.08	114,455.14	452,675.98		
September Expenses .....	475,022.30	30,494.63	127,646.46	104,564.70	0.00	24,406.62	86,327.96	848,462.67		
Custodial Checking .....		57,904.30								
District Checking .....		1,663,216.67								
Certificate of Deposit .....		1,500,000.00								
<b>Total all Funds .....</b>		<b>3,221,120.97</b>								

227.04; SDSTE - fee, 30.00; Share Corp - supplies, 1,857.21; Stan Houston - supplies, 178.85; Kyle Stugelmayer - services, 5,000.00; Taylor Music - repairs, 114.00; Lindsey Tietz - supplies, 17.66; Trugreen - fertilizer, 456.00; Michael Weber - supplies, 21.20. Total General Fund - \$410,243.33.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B - printers, 1,989.08; Amazon - equipment, 1,333.41; ABC - batteries, 202.00; Connecting Point - equipment, 1,419.44; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 17,026.21; Dakota Supply - plumbing, 1,099.90; Melissa Hill - software, 8.00; Junior Library Guild - books, 1,689.30; McGraw-Hill - Science texts, 332.65; NCS Pearson - software, 617.50; Schwab Audiology - microphone, 450.00; SG Consulting - software, 690.00; Stan Houston - saw brakes, 252.97; Taylor Music - baritone in-trade, 200.00. Total Capital Outlay - \$27,310.46.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 29,749.84; FIT - 2,582.23; Medicare - 1,110.04; FICA - 4,746.56; SD Retirement - 4,891.20; Waddell & Reed - 200.00; AFLAC - 961.93; Delta Dental - 707.34; SD Supplemental Retirement - 100.00; Wellmark - 10,094.50; Reliastar - 217.61; Avesis - 60.64; Avera St Luke's - OT/PT, 2,079.70; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 100.34; Melissa Hill - supplies, 33.59; Judy Williamson - mileage, 246.96. Total Special Ed - \$57,882.48.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary - 5,998.66; FIT - 409.95; Medicare - 214.38; FICA - 916.76; SD Retirement - 767.52; AFLAC - 253.68; Wellmark - 1,526.00; Reliastar - 3.84; Avesis - 44.32; BIMBO Bakery - food, 236.27; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 184.02; CWD - food, 2,666.08; East Side Jersey Dairy - milk, 974.17; Groton Area Lunch - transfer, 55.00; Reinhart Foodservice - food, 4,282.15; US Foods - food, 2,875.92. Total Food Service - \$21,408.72. OST Net Salary - 1,392.83; FIT - 95.61; Medicare - 49.98; FICA - 213.74; SD Retirement - 164.24; AFLAC - 163.93; Wellmark - 671.00; Reliastar - 23.28; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 92.00;

CWD - food, 22.25. Total OST - \$2,888.86. Total Enterprise Funds - \$24,297.58.

CUSTODIAL FUND: Total - \$86,327.96.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 26,238.29; Other Local Sources - 153,709.14; County Sources - 2,268.10; Other Federal Sources - 270,460.45; Other Sources - 0.00. Total Receipts - \$452,675.98.

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda items.

The board heard program presentations from K-12 Special Education teachers Julie Erdman, Carrie Weisenburger, Melissa Hill, Sydney Wilkinson and Todd Peterson as well as K-5 Title/RtI teachers Jill Helvig and Lynette Grieve.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to approve September Financials, Agency Accounts, and Investments. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Flihs to approve the transportation report. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Pharis to approve the school lunch report. Motion carried.

The board continued discussion and necessary action on District response to COVID-19 issues including amendments to 2020 Back-to-School Plan and Close Contacts/Quarantine issues. Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to amend close contact at-home quarantine to 5 days, with an option to return to in-school and co-curricular activities for days 6 through 14, if close contact individual remains asymptomatic and agrees to wear a mask during the school day. Motion carried.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: Dibels scores, OST attendance, Abbott Rapid Testing, K-12 Regulatory Relief, parent/teacher conferences, Lifetouch pictures, ASVAB testing, Financial Aid Night, and profit/loss comparisons.

The board took a short recess at 9:29 pm and returned at 9:37 pm.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to go into executive session at 9:38 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out

of executive session at 10:02 pm.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to approve 2020-21 Administrative Negotiated Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Flihs to adjourn at 10:04 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

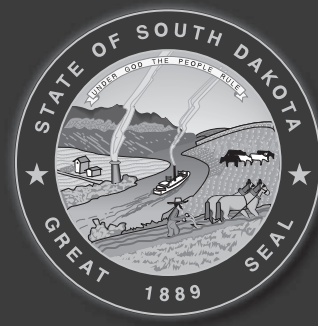
Steven R. Smith, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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**Death Notice:**  
**Grant Richmond**




Grant Richmond, 50, of Groton passed away Monday, October 12, 2020 at his home. Arrangements are under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.



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# Changes in Groton Area COVID-19 protocol

By Joe Schwan, Groton Area Superintendent

We sincerely hope that you and your families are doing well.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose many challenges for our community. The school district is no exception to that. We've gone from a very quiet start to the school year in terms of COVID-19 diagnoses of students or staff to a very busy couple of weeks.

At the time of this message, there are currently 19 active cases of COVID-19 for students and staff members of the Groton Area School District. The District has modified its protocol for notifying parents of a positive case of COVID-19 from sending a separate notification for each case to publicly reporting data totals by grade level on the district website on the COVID-19 page. We hope that doing so makes it easier for parents to actively monitor the situation as it relates to their children rather receiving, sorting, and tracking separate notifications on each individual case.

It is important to note that cases are considered active for a minimum of ten days following the onset of symptoms but may be longer if symptoms are not resolved by the tenth day. Additionally, not all positive cases were physically present at school or school activities dur-

ing their infectious period.

The District continues to review protocols seeking additional ways we can act to slow down the rate of infection within our community, and we will continue our efforts of providing a clean and safe school environment.

One of the biggest challenges associated with operating schools this fall has been that of contact tracing and the subsequent issue of quarantines for close contacts. The Department of Health recommends that individuals self-quarantine for a period of 14 days following a close contact exposure to someone infected with COVID-19.

Some of the challenges associated with effective contact tracing in schools include:

Depending on a variety of factors such as the onset of symptoms, testing timelines, and communication between the Department of Health, the patient, and the District, close contacts are sometimes not determined until well into the recommended quarantine period.

While the district can assist the Department of Health with contact tracing for time spent in school and school activities, we cannot be involved with that process outside of the school day. We encourage you to be truthful and transparent with Department of Health officials if and when they contact you regarding a positive case within your household.

While symptoms can develop 2-14 days

following exposure, the Centers for Disease Control reports that the median timeline for developing illness following exposure is 4-5 days. The exclusion of students from school for any longer than necessary can be harmful to a child's educational, social, and emotional development.

The Groton Area Board of Education has adopted a modified procedure for students that have been in close contact with positive cases of COVID-19 that will allow them to return to the classroom on the sixth day following exposure under the condition that they remain asymptomatic and wear a face covering during their recommended 14 day quarantine period. Students previously asked to quarantine may return to school on Wednesday, October 14 if they agree to wear a face mask for the remainder of their quarantine period and they remain asymptomatic. Students may also return to their school-based activities according to this timeline.

The procedures for students who have tested positive for COVID-19 remains unchanged and require a minimum isolation period of ten days, being fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, and a general improvement in symptoms. The Department of Health is responsible for releasing individuals from their isolation periods.

Our primary goal of this year has been to preserve in-person learning for our students. Giving parents and students the option of returning to regular instruction in the school environment during their recommended quarantine period provided the student wears a mask will help us to balance the goal of in-person instruction for all students with the need to preserve a safe and healthy environment for students and staff members.

If these changes to protocol lead you to determine that the best decision for your children is to opt-in to remote learning, we will allow enrollments to occur outside of the predetermined window for enrollment. This can be done by contact your school office 605-397-8381 (MS/HS) or 605-397-2317 (Elementary).

Please do your part in helping to keep our students, school staff, and community safe and healthy. Actively monitor your symptoms and symptoms of your children. Stay home if

you're sick keeping in mind that many people, especially young people, infected with COVID-19 will have only mild symptoms. Wear a mask in public settings to reduce the likelihood of asymptomatic transmission, especially when physical distancing is not possible. Practice good hand hygiene.

We do not have all the answers when it comes to handling the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to carefully and thoughtfully monitor the impact of COVID-19 on our students and staff alongside any changes to the public health recommendations to modify our response bearing in mind our primary goal of preserving in-person learning.

Sincerely,  
Joe Schwan, Superintendent

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The judges for the Lake Region Marching Festival were John Patzlaff, Aberdeen Central (in back with hat) and Jerry Letcher from Northern State University. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## South Dakota's Traditional Pheasant Hunting Season Opens: A Day Like No Other

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota pheasant hunting season is underway with blaze orange as the state's prime color. This weekend, hunters, families and friends from across the country will be welcomed to South Dakota to take part in a tradition more than 100 years old.

Pheasant hunting is a key part of South Dakota's outdoor legacy. Earlier this year, a nationwide marketing campaign launched to encourage adventurers, traditional hunters, and those who may have skipped a year or two of hunting to experience pheasant hunting in our great state. #HuntTheGreatest is a collaboration between the Department of Game, Fish and Parks and the Department of Tourism aimed at getting more individuals and families into the field to share in the camaraderie, the flush of birds and the satisfaction of a great pheasant hunt.

"It's not only about the birds," said Kelly Hepler, Secretary of South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. "This is about getting into the field with family and friends. Getting away from the screens, sharing stories, watching the dogs do what they love while taking in our amazing landscapes are all part of the experience here. In South Dakota's fresh air and autumn sunshine, it just doesn't get any better, and we are excited to welcome hunters from all over to our great state."

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, 39% of the corn in South Dakota was harvested as of October 11. This is well ahead of 4% harvested last year at this time and the 15% average, which is good news for bird hunters.

"Veteran hunters know that large amounts of standing crops can be a challenge, but that won't be an issue this year. The air will be fresh, the birds will be plentiful and the outdoors will be open for everyone to enjoy," concluded Hepler.

Increased public hunting access is also good news. With 1.1 million acres of public and private land open to public hunting within the heart of South Dakota's pheasant range, great opportunities exist for public access to pheasant hunting. GFP has added over 40,000 acres of private land to the Walk-In Area program in the last two years, while also maintaining over 77,000 acres in the James River Watershed as part of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). For more information on areas open to hunting, visit [gfp.sd.gov/hunting-areas](http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting-areas).

In addition, some recent rule changes by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission are giving hunters more opportunity in the field. Shooting hours begin at 10 a.m., central time, starting on October 17, and the season will remain open until January 31. The most up-to-date information can be found in the hunting handbook online, [gfp.sd.gov/pages/regulations](http://gfp.sd.gov/pages/regulations).

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# Two ace serves by Jasmine Gengerke lifts Groton Area to 3-1 win over Mustangs

Groton Area's volleyball team posted its first win since the first match of the year with a 3-1 win over Waubay-Summit. The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM/GDIRADIO, sponsored by the Groton Vet Clinic, Bary Keith at Harr Motors and Tyson DeHoet Trucking.

Groton Area jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the first set. The Mustangs closed to within one at 17-16, but the Tigers kept the upper hand and went on to win, 25-22. In the first set, Madeline Flihs had four kills, Jasmine Gengerke had three kills, Kenzie McInerney and Aspen Johnson each had a block and a kill and Alyssa Thaler and Trista Keith each had an ace serve.

The second set was tied three times and there were two lead changes before Groton Area scored nine straight points and went on to win, 25-19. Jasmine Gengerke had three ace serves and a kill, Sydney Leicht had three kills, Madeline Flihs had two kills, Brooke Gengerke had an ace serve, Kenzie McInerney had a block and Allyssa Locke and Maddie Bjerke each had a kill.

The third set was a disaster for the Tigers as nothing went right. The Mustangs at one point scored 11 unanswered points and went on to win, 25-11. Maddie Bjerke had two kills, Madeline Flihs and Sydney Leicht each had a kill and Kenzie McInerney had a block.

That set up a battle for the fourth set. Groton Area jumped out to a 5-0 lead. The Mustangs came back and tied the game at 11 and 12. Then after an 18 tie, the Mustangs took the lead, 19-18. Groton Area scored three straight points to take a 21-19 lead. Waubay-Summit tied the match at 22 and reclaimed the lead a 23-22. The Tigers died the match at 23 before Jasmine Gengerke had two ace serves to win the game, 25-23. Maddie Bjerke had three kills, Madeline Flihs had three kills and a block, Jasmine Gengerke had two ace serves, Sydney Leicht had two kills and an ace serve and Kenzie McInerney had two blocks and a kill.

Madeline Flihs is the first player this year to hit double figures in kills for the Tigers. She finished with 10 kills, two blocks, 10 digs and one assist. Jasmine Gengerke finished with five kills, five ace serves and two digs. Kenzie McInerney had five kills, three blocks and two digs. Sydney Leicht had six kills and six digs. Maddie Bjerke had six kills, one block and nine assists. Aspen Johnson had one kill and one block. Trista Keith had one ace serve and eight digs. Brooke Gengerke had two ace serves, five digs and three assists. Alyssa Thaler had one ace serve, 23 digs and two assists. Stella Meier had one kill. Allyssa Locke had one kill, two ace serves, six digs and 18 assists.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-10 and 25-15. That game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM/GDIRADIO, sponsored

by Frost Construction. Brooke Gengerke had two ace serves, Emilie Thurston had an ace serve, Lydia Meier had four kills and two ace serves, Emma Schinkel had two kills, Megan Flihs had five kills, Kelsie Frost had four ace serves and two kills and Aspen Johnson had three kills.

Groton Area will be hosting Tiospa Zina this evening with the C match starting at 5 p.m. followed by the JV at 6 p.m. and then the varsity match.

- Paul Kosel

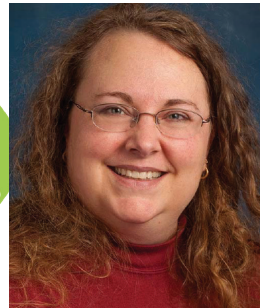


**Alyssa Thaler**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Maddie Bjerke**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Dental Health Affects Overall Wellness



By Debra Johnston, M.D ~ Prairie Doc® Perspectives

I remember feeling jealous of my grandparents as a child. During one of our summer visits, I realized that while my siblings and I were told to brush our teeth, my grandparents would simply pop their teeth out and drop them into a glass. That seemed like a lot less work! Besides, I thought that no teeth would mean no trips to the dentist, and thus no poking and prodding of sharp instruments in my mouth. Although our dentist and his team were unfailingly caring and gentle, I was always nervous.

As I recall, when I expressed my newfound enthusiasm for the convenience of false teeth, Grandma informed me that wearing dentures would mean giving up fresh corn on the cob. That was all the incentive I needed. I kept brushing.

Soon, I realized that a healthy smile meant something more than the ability to enjoy garden bounty. I sensed my tough-as-nails mother and grandmother each were ashamed of their smiles. Without understanding why, I could see that people were judged by the condition of their teeth. Dental health seemed to be an indication of a person's place in society.

With the benefit of age, and medical training, I learned that the impact of dental disease goes well beyond dietary inconvenience and social embarrassment. People with unhealthy mouths may suffer from malnutrition, which can be both a cause and an effect of their dental problems. Others may unfairly perceive them as less trustworthy, and less employable.

Emergency rooms and medical clinics see the consequences of delayed or absent dental care. Patients seek antibiotics and pain medicines to "get them by" until they can see a dentist. These treatments may convert a raging infection to a smoldering, but temporarily bearable, one. However, they don't fix the underlying problems.

There is another layer to the interplay between dental and physical health: many medical diseases and their treatments may cause or worsen dental problems. The antidepressant I give a patient might cause dry mouth, which worsens tooth decay. The medicine to prevent a broken hip may severely damage the bone of the jaw. Diabetes increases the risk for dental disease which in turn, can worsen a person's diabetes management.

Additionally, research shows that poor dental health increases our risk for heart attacks and could possibly lead to premature births.

All in all, there are myriad reasons to take care of our teeth and gums, no matter our age. So, thanks, Grandma, for convincing an impatient child to keep brushing.

Debra Johnston, M.D. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPB most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

## Service Notice: Dr. T.J. Johnson

Memorial services for Dr. T.J. Johnson, 38, of Groton will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 17th at the Groton High School Arena. Rev. Brandon Dunham will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

T.J. passed away Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at his home.

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**Another trailer full of riders arrived at the pumpkin patch.**

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**There was a long line waiting to get on the inflatables.**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Mayor Scott Hanlon helps load the hay ride wagon to the pumpkin patch during the Groton Pumpkin Fest.**

(Photo by Bruce Babcock)



**The grain bin returned as the serving area at the Pumpkin Fest.**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Everyone was out looking for their perfect pumpkin at the pumpkin patch.**

(Photo by Bruce Babcock)



**People were standing in line waiting for their turn for a hayride to the pumpkin patch.**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Some of the servers were Lori Wiley, Brenda Englund, Zona Schanzenbach.**

(Photo by Bruce Babcock)



**Some of the volunteers at the Pumpkin Fest were Tristin McGannon, Kami Lipp, Hope Block and Lori Westby.**

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**Grilling burgers and hotdogs were Todd McGannon, Scott Althoff, Travis McGannon and Scott Kettering.**

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**Deb Frederickson and April Abeln helped out at the Pumpkin Fest.**

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# Tigers beat Tiospa Zina in a five-set match

It was, perhaps, the most intense and exciting match of the season. For the first time this season, the Lady Tigers played five sets and ended up with a 3-2 win over Tiospa Zina. But the path to the win was anything but easy.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM and GDIRADIO locally 89.3 FM, sponsored by the Groton Vet Clinic, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc., and Tyson DeHoet Trucking.

The first set was tied three times early in the game and there were three lead changes. The Wambdi got the upper hand and held a 17-11 lead and held a five point advantage late in the set at 22-17. The Tigers then battled back and tied the set at 22 and took at 23-22 lead. Tiospa Zina tied the game and took a 24-23 lead. Groton tied the set at 24 and 25 before taking at 26-25 lead when Jasmine Gengerke scored on an ace serve. Kenzie McInerney had the game winning kill, 27-25. In the first set, McInerney and Madeline Flihs each had two kills, Sydney Leicht had two kills, Jasmine Gengerke had three kills, one block and one ace serve; Trista Keith and Brooklyn Gilbert each had an ace serve and Allyssa Locke and Maddie Bjerke each had a kill.

In the second set, the game was tied three times and there were two lead changes before the Wambdi rallied to take a 10-6 lead. The Wambdi upped its lead to six at 17-11 and later, went on a five-point run to take a 24-17 lead en route to a 25-18 win. Sydney Leicht had three kills and an ace serve, Madeline Flihs had two kills, Maddie Bjerke, Kenzie McInerney and Jasmine Gengerke each had one kill, and Alyssa Thaler had an ace serve.

The third set was tied six times and there were two lead changes as the Wambdi won, 25-22. Groton held an 18-16 lead, but Tiospa Zina scored three straight to take a 21-18 lead. Groton tied the set at 21. Sydney Leicht had three kills and two ace serves, Maddie Bjerke had four kills, Kenzie McInerney had a kill and a block, Stella Meier and Madeline Flihs each had a kill and Trista Keith, Allyssa Locke and Brooklyn Gilbert each had an ace serve.

The atmosphere in the Arena was starting to get intense by the time the fourth set rolled around. Some of the volleys in the fourth set were long and challenging and there were times when it seemed the ball was dead, it sprung back to life and the other side had to scramble to keep it in play. One volley went so long that as it went on, the Arena got quieter and quieter and the coaches and fans were spellbound, waiting to see who would get the point. The Wambdi ended up with the point and Coach Chelsea Hanson called time-out as Tiospa Zina had closed to within three, 21-18. Groton Area had to overcome its own challenge as the Tigers trailed for most of the set, only tying the set at 17 and taking a 21-17 lead. The Wambdi tied the game at 21, but Groton went on to win, 25-22. Maddie Bjerke had four kills, Kenzie McInerney had three kills, Sydney Leicht had three kills and an ace serve, Madeline Flihs had a kill and Jasmine Gengerke had an ace serve.



**Kenzie McInerney**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Jasmine Gengerke**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

take a 17-16 lead. Tiospa Zina tied the game at 17 and the Tigers scored the last two points for the 19-17 win. Sydney Leicht had two kills and an ace serve, Jasmine Gengerke had a kill, a block and an ace serve, Kenzie McInerney, Allyssa Locke and Maddie Bjerke each had a kill and Brooklyn Gilbert had an ace serve.

Groton Area was 100 of 109 in serving with 16 ace serves. Trista Keith was 18 of 20 with four ace serves. Sydney Leicht was 20 of 23 for four ace serves and Jasmine Gengerke was 19 of 20 with three ace serves.

Groton Area had 48 kills with Sydney Leicht having 13, Maddie Bjerke 12 and Kenzie McInerney eight.

The Tigers had 41 sets with Allyssa Locke having 38 and Maddie Bjerke two. The Tigers had 130 digs with Allyssa Thaler having 38 and Madeline Flihs having 31. McInerney had two blocks.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-15 and 25-17. Megan Flihs had four kills, a block and an ace serve. Aspen Johnson had five kills and a block. Kelsie Frost had three kills and two ace serves. Emma Schinkel and Lydia Meier each had four kills. Brooke Gengerke had two ace serves and Emilie Thurston and Riley Leicht each had an ace serve.

Both the junior varsity and C matches were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM and GDIRADIO locally 89.3 FM, sponsored by Frost Construction and family members.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-20 and 25-17. Elizabeth Flihs had seven ace serves. Ava Wienk and Hollie Frost each had five kills. Shalyn Foertsch had three kills and three ace serves. Marlee Tollifson had three ace serves. Lydia Meier had three kills and an ace serve. Ashlyn Sperry had a kill and Camryn Kurtz had an ace serve.

Groton Area is on a two-game winning streak and will be at Milbank on Thursday.

- Paul Kosel

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