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Groton Area MS/HS October Students of the Month

Starting in back left: Brody Lord (6th), Carly Gilbert (7th), Elizabeth Flihs (8th), Kyleigh Englund (9th)

Front left: Alexis Hanten (12th), Andrew Marzahn (10th), Madeline Flihs (11th)

(Courtesy Photo)

Smith qualifies for state cross country meet

Isaac Smith placed third place at the regional cross country meet held October 15 in Webster to qualify for the state cross country meet this weekend in Rapid City.

Smith ran the 5,000m course in 18:20.12. Also competing was Dragr Monson in 35th place with a time of 23:47.45.

In the girl's division, Sierra Ehresmann placed 32nd with a time of 27:54.92.

With the upcoming weekend weather, the SDHSAA has alerted times:

PIERRE – Due to anticipated weather conditions in Rapid City for Saturday, the SDHSAA has amended the State Cross Country Meet schedule. Race times for Saturday's event to be held at Hart Ranch Camping Resort are as follows:

- Class B Girls: 9:30 AM Mountain Time
- Class B Boys: 10:00 AM MT
- Class AA Girls: 11:45 AM MT
- Class AA Boys: 12:15 PM MT
- Class A Girls: 2:00 PM MT
- Class A Boys: 2:30 PM MT

"This change is being done after consulting with the National Weather Service and our Site Hosts in Rapid City to attempt to complete the event prior to a significant winter storm entering the Black Hills region on Saturday" stated Dr. John Krogstrand, SDHSAA Asst. Executive Director. "Our hope is the earlier start and shortened times between races allows us to still complete the event while also maintaining social distancing guidelines and health precautions."

"Practice Day" at Hart Ranch for Friday is on as scheduled, weather permitting.

To help with social distancing and mitigation efforts, the SDHSAA requests that all fans wear masks and remain socially distant from one another during the event as possible. Additionally, teams and school personnel will not be allowed to enter the facility until the previous class' boys race has begun (i.e.: AA teams not entering until after the Class B Boys race begins). Fans and teams attending the event are asked to enter the Hart Ranch facility from the west (Highway 16/Mt. Rushmore Road) and depart the facility to the east (Highway 79).

The Cheer & Dance Championships, slated to be held at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City, remain on as scheduled.



Isaac Smith

Groton's new water tower is going up



Work has started on the assembly of the new water tower. They will be working seven days a week up until Thanksgiving. Just before Thanksgiving, the big crane will come to town to lift up the main bowl. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Sections of the tower were going up on Wednesday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Big snowflakes fell in the Groton area on Tuesday as the first snow of the season has arrived. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Parts of the tower were being unloaded off a trailer. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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**Brown County
Oct. 13, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

OCTOBER 13, 2020 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippely at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Fjeldheim, Feickert, Wiese and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese 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 October 6th, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:
Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll:

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,285.10; Elections \$2,986.88; Auditor \$8,993.66; Treasurer \$13,559.01; SA \$21,650.06; SVAWA \$1,134.01; Maintenance \$7,903.47; Assessor \$14,261.17; Register of Deeds \$8,983.39; VSO \$4,385.35; GIS \$2,387.50; IT \$7,276.27; HR \$2,173.85; Sheriff \$43,892.32; Jail \$51,742.13; Court Security \$5,859.69; JDC \$22,582.84; Welfare \$2,077.70; Museum \$8,161.86; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,613.11; Fair Board \$3,941.17; 4-H \$614.00; Weed \$4,437.69; Planning & Zoning \$4,553.45; Highway \$43,998.80; Dispatch \$24,852.08; Emergency \$4,119.58; Teen Court \$1,003.69; JDAI \$1,769.23; 24/7 Sobriety \$626.59; Landfill \$13,434.71; Matching benefits: FICA \$40,577.84; Medicare \$9,489.92; Discovery_HSA \$27,529.97.

CLAIMS: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advance Care Ambulance \$223.12; AgTerra Technologies \$70.00; AMG Emergency \$1,301.35; Avera St. Luke's \$3,435.42; Certified Languages \$1,008.15; Gellhaus & Gellhaus \$160.00; Haar Law Firm \$36.40; Helms & Assoc. \$6,630.00; Kuck Law Office \$26.80; LexisNexis \$150.00; Marco \$3,645.00; Sanford Health \$1,532.18; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine

\$191.00; SD DENR \$4,481.18; SD SOS \$30.00; WSP \$3,111.30. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$603.30; Groton Independent \$7.51; Hub City Radio \$300.00. Rentals: Ameripride \$433.30; Dakota Electronics \$581.50; Sewer Duck \$150.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Advance Auto \$28.58; Auto Zone \$25.99; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$11.12; Dakota Pump \$12,930.87; DMI \$8,116.34; Fulcrum Biometrics \$749.00; Kirk's Auto \$83.07; Leidholt Electric \$66.49; Myers Tire Supply \$14.73; Olson's Pest Control \$209.00; Pierson-Ford \$51.45; Pomp's Tire Service \$1,118.49; Pro Ag Supply \$3,466.85; Running's \$6.28; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$210.71; Steven Lust Automotive \$111.79; TranSource \$4,798.55. Supplies: AgTerra \$30,827.95; Ameripride \$72.85; Artz Equip. \$21.14; Cash-Wa (Fargo) \$3,728.67; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$1,298.95; Crescent Electric Supply \$29.29; Dakota Electronics \$3,200.00; Dakota Oil \$2,984.55; DMI \$410.44; Earthgrains \$450.77; East Side Jersey Dairy \$624.23; ES&S \$8,760.53; Farm Tire Service \$1,445.00; Geffdog \$1,535.00; GovConnection \$66.15; Heartland Paper \$2,382.15; Ken's Alignment \$656.31; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$320.01; Kessler's \$138.22; Leidholt Electric \$7.85; Lien Transportation \$61,853.17; Marco \$3,289.49; Menards \$70.26; Midwest Printing \$280.75; Myers Tire Supply \$565.40; Pantorium Cleaners \$56.00; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale \$1,137.32; Pomp's Tire Service \$790.14; Running's \$55.35; Satellite Tracking of People \$370.50; Specialty Mfg. \$64.31; Stan Houston Equip. Co. \$31.95; TranSource \$642.42; Tri-State Water \$47.25; Van Diest Supply \$12,258.35; Web Water Bottling Co. \$39.00. Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,622.12; AT&T Mobility \$71.24; CenturyLink \$1,409.10; City of Hecla \$111.21; Executive Mgmt. \$116.69; Midcontinent \$124.37; Midwest Alarm \$263.40; Northern Electric \$86.00; NWPS \$14,315.82; Town of Frederick \$61.00; Web Water Development \$87.07. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve the following HR Report: Approve hiring of Kelsi Counting, as Brown County jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting at \$16.65 per hour, effective October 19, 2020. Approve pay increase for Joseph Kraft, Brown County Equalization Office, Assessor, full-time to \$20.04 per hour, effective October 19, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SET HEARING DATE- ALCOHOL LICENSE TRANSFER:
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to authorize advertising and set hearing date for the following alcohol license transfer: Transfer Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine: Alan Lanphere DBA: Bath Quick Stop to Dustin Guthmiller DBA: Bath Quick Stop, LLC, 39494 1323rd St Bath, SD 57457- Lt B Weismantels 1st SD Lt 1 Ex N12" Jenkins SD Inc. Adj N 12th Lt 1 Jenkins SD E2, SE 18-123-62, Brown County, SD. Hearing set for November 3rd, 2020 at 8:46 am at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, Commission Chambers, Aberdeen, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY INTEREST – QUARTER 3:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to accept filing of Quarter 3 interest statement in amount of \$6,630.06. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS DECLARATION:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to declare surplus item to Habitat for Humanity as items have little to no value: Fair Office- office furniture; Treasurer's office – wood cabinet. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following September 2020 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ELECTION GRANT:
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve grant from Center for Tech and Civic Life for 2020 General Election in the amount of \$19,957.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JAIL CONTRACT:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to authorize chair sign contract with McPherson County to house inmates in the Brown County Jail for the year 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 177 MINI-AG REZONE – 1ST READING:
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve 1st reading of proposed rezoning applied by Jeff Loeb to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on October 13, 2020 at 8:46 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): 15 Acres South of the North 55 Acres in the NW1/4 of Section 27-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12834 385th Ave). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID OPENING – JAIL INTERIOR PAINTING:
Bid opening as advertised for jail interior painting project. No bid received. No action taken.

OPENING AUDIT CONFERENCE:
Toby Qualm with SD Department of Legislative Audit met to discuss the 2019 audit of Brown County, South Dakota.

COVID -19 UPDATE:
Scott Meints, Emergency Manager met to give an update on COVID -19 in Brown County.

LEMP GRANT FUNDS:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve application for grant fund for emergency management special projects to include state radio purchase. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following application for occupancy: Northern Electric Cooperative for occupancy of Brown County Highway 16, in section 29, township 124, range 62, for electric service and Highway 13, in section 30, township 124N, Range 62W, and Highway 16, in section 29, township 124N, range 62W in Brown County, South Dakota for Primary Electric. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:24a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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**Brown County
Notice of
General Election**

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
A General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, in all the voting precincts in Brown County.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central time on the day of the election.

The polling place in each precinct of this county is as follows:

- 1-1 AmericInn, 301 S Centennial St, Aberdeen, SD 57401
- 1-2 Best Western Ramkota, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401
- 1-3 Brown County Community Courthouse, 25 Market St Aberdeen, SD 57401
- 1-4 Columbia Legion, 102 N Broadway St, Columbia, SD 57433
- 1-5 Westport Town Hall, 13 W Main St, Westport 57481
- 1-6 Warner Community Center, 11 W Main St, Warner 57479

1-7 Stratford Community Center, 293 E Rondell Ave, Stratford 57474

1-8 Groton Community Center, 109 N 3rd St, Groton 57445

1-9 Claremont City Hall, 606 6th Ave, Claremont 57432

1-10 Hecla Community Center, 206 Main St, Hecla 57446

1-11 Frederick Community Center, 2nd Ave, Frederick 57441

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor at 605-626-7110 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Cathy McNickle, County Auditor
Brown County
(1021.1028)
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**Brown County
Retail Malt
Beverage Transfer**

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR TRANSFER OF RETAIL MALT BEVERAGE

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following applications is set for 8:46 A.M. on the 3rd day of November, 2020 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on approval, may appear: Transfer Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine: Alan Lanphere DBA: Bath Quick Stop to Dustin Guthmiller DBA: Bath Quick Stop, LLC, 39494 133rd St., Bath, SD 57457 – Lt B Weismantels 1st SD Lt 1 Ex N12" Jenkins SD Inj Adj N 12" Lt 1 Jenkins SD E2, SE 18-123-62.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle
Brown County Auditor
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**Frederick Town
October 15, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Frederick
Construction Special Meeting #4
October 15, 2020
The Wastewater Project Construction/Special meeting was held October 15, 2020, at Noon in the Community Center. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chairman R. Scott Campbell. In attendance were board members Troy Millard and Jeff Koters, Engineer and Assistant Engineer from Helms and Associates, Inc., Brandon Smid and James DeGeist, Frederick Utility Manager Richard Bakeberg and Finance Officer Diane Bruns and were joined by speaker phone to Hugh Dahme of Dahme Construction Company, Inc., and Ted Dickey of Northeast Council of Government.

Chairman Campbell turned the meeting over to Engineer Smid who followed the Helm's agenda of mixed questions including safety issues; project schedule, current and proposed; drawings and submittals; project budget, quantities and change order requests; problem areas by city/contractor/engineer; miscellaneous discussions.

Questions were answered and future precautions will be put in place. There were no complaints about the work being done but some about the timeline. Dahme Constr. Co. Inc., has asked for an extension of time which the Frederick board will discuss with Lawyer Frohling.

There being no further discussions on the WWTP, the meeting was returned to Chairman Campbell.

A motion was made by Millard/Koters to approve the WasteWater Project paperwork brought forward from the regular meeting and to sign forms. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Koters/Campbell to approve a bid from Prairie Builders, Inc., to replace the firehall garage door. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 with a motion by Koters/Millard. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns,
Frederick Finance Officer
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**Westport Town
October 5, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Westport General Meeting

October 5th, 2020
The Town of Westport met on October 5th, 2020 with Derek Schoenfelder, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:
City General
NWPS (\$186.87), SD Unemployment Ins. (\$21.46), US Treasury (\$940.66), Sewer
NWPS (\$47.40) & NRWA –loan repayment (\$210.13).
Water
WEB (\$1,716.44) & Water Maintenance District (\$408.16).

Mitch Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Derek Schoenfelder.

The following deposits were presented:
City General
Brown County Collections (\$212.17), State of SD (\$1,424.40) & Interest (\$3.45).
Sewer
Resident Payments - (\$2,011.00).
Water
Resident Payments - (\$3,350.99).

NEW BUSINESS:
City residences are strongly encouraged to put house numbers on their homes. Packages are being delivered to the wrong homes; please help the delivery person identify the correct home, with your house number.

In November, the liquor license will be up for renewal.
Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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The Life of Grant Richmond



Grant "Scooby" Richmond, 50, of Groton passed on Monday, October 12, 2020 at his home. He will be deeply missed. His loved ones are invited friends and family to his celebration of life on Saturday, October 17th at 407 North Main Street, Groton. He was preceded in death by his

parents Robert and Jessie (Riddle) Richmond and his two older brothers. Scooby is survived by his fiancé, Linda Himanga, sister, Vickie Weifenbach, two nieces, Brina Chriss & Narissa Barton and five great-nephews.

Conde National League

Oct. 19 Team standings: Braves 15, Cubs 14, Pirates 13, Tigers 11, Giants 10, Mets 9

Oct. 12 Team standings: Braves 14, Cubs 13, Tigers 10, Pirates 10, Giants 7, Mets 6.

Oct. 19 Men's High Games: Ryan Bethke 236, Russ Bethke 224, Jeremy Reyelts 215, Lance Frohling 213, Collin Cady 200

Oct. 12 Men's High Games: Lance Frohling 233; Ryan Bethke 226, 212; Russ Bethke 217, 213; Dalton Locke 215.

Oct. 19 Men's High Series: Russ Bethke 559, Lance Frohling 552, Ryan Bethke 549.

Oct. 12 Men's High Series: Ryan Bethke 624, Lance Frohling 618, Russ Bethke 597.

Oct. 19 Women's High Games: Nancy Radke 170; Mary Larson 168, 168; Vickie Kramp 153.

Oct. 12 Women's High Games: Nancy Radke 178, Sam Bahr 160, Joyce Walter 156

Oct. 19 Women's High Series: Mary Larson 482, Nancy Radke 465, Vickie Kramp 420.

Oct. 12 Women's High Series: Nancy Radke 440, Joyce Walter 434, Sam Bahr 423.

The Life of Dr. T.J. Johnson

Memorial services for Dr. T.J. Johnson, 38, of Groton were held Saturday, October 17th at the Groton High School Arena. Rev. Brandon Dunham officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

The service was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM and also was broadcast on GDIRADIO at 89.3 FM, available within 1 mile of Groton.

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

Taylor Jay Johnson was born on September 1, 1982 in Tracy, Minnesota to Jay and Linda (Friske) Johnson. He attended school in Groton and from a very early age developed a love for the outdoors and sports of all kinds. He played hockey as a first grader with fellow friends from Groton and coincidentally visited the chiropractor for the first time that same year. He knew from that moment on that was what he was going to do when he grew up. As the years passed, T.J. excelled in athletics, playing football, basketball, baseball and running track. Following his graduation from Groton High School in 2001, he continued his education at Northern State University where he played collegiate football and served as Co-Captain. After earning his Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology he continued on at Northwestern School of Science in Bloomington, Minnesota where he earned his Doctorate in Chiropractic. On August 30, 2014, he was united in marriage with Samantha Oeltjen in Lowry Township, Minnesota. Together, the couple made their home in Aberdeen, later moving to the family farm site, and were blessed with two sons. T.J. purchased Dr. Tom Ivey's Chiropractic business and re-named it Living Life Chiropractic.

T.J. enjoyed spending time outside, sports of all kinds, hunting and fishing. He was active in several clubs, including the Sertoma Club, Chiropractors Association, Fellowship of Christian Athlete's, where he had served as President and Ducks Unlimited.

Grateful for having shared in his life is his wife, Samantha, their sons, Titan and Gauge, his parents, Jay & Linda Johnson of Groton, his brother, J.R. (Paula) Johnson and nephews, Ryder & Asher all of Groton, maternal grandfather, Robert Friske of Aberdeen, parents-in-law, Lawrence & Jeanne Hvezda of Lowary, MN, sister-in-laws, Melissa (Coleman) Scott of Oceanside, CA, Heather (Aaron) Zabel of Eden Prairie, MN and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his paternal and maternal grandparents.



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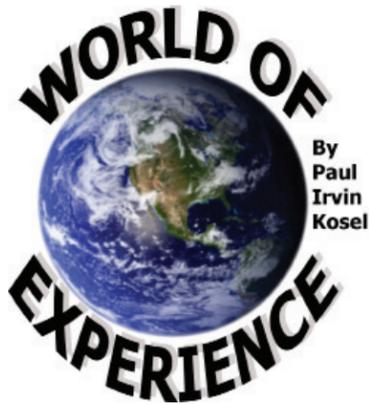
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COVID-19. It's the big word for 2020. It's also a big word affecting lives of so many people. It's consuming time and resources. It seems like we are trying so hard to fight a virus. I have found myself consumed with the daily COVID-19 report that I have lost time for things that really need to get done. By the time I'm done with the report, it's time to go back to work and my noon hour is gone. COVID-19 has consumed needed time for more important things. We know the know the numbers are going up and down like a yo-yo. It's not going to change. Reporting the numbers is not going to change the rate it travels.

I'm no longer going to make the COVID-19 report a priority during my noon hour. Other things need to get done. It was interesting going to Northwestern School Tuesday night for volleyball. I had contacted the athletic director about anything special there and he said that face masks were mandatory. Unlike the Groton School that had mandatory facemasks with most people not adhering to it, it was MANDATORY in Northwestern. Brett Flemmer was not only the AD, he was also the "enforcer" of the policy. You either wear a mask or entry is denied.

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I had noticed a couple of students that were goofing around with face masks down. He paid them a kind visit. I noticed when I was talking with him after the match and a couple of girls came in. "Face masks, please," he said.

I try to wear my more often and I need to improve wearing even more often. The science says they work, so what's the harm in wearing them?

I had noticed someone not wearing mask. I asked why they were not wearing one and they said, "I don't believe in masks." Okay. I get it. Not everyone believes in wearing a mask, including our President. Not everyone believes in God either, but that doesn't stop God from being real. Not wearing a mask will not make it go away.

I know of people who are really careful - they wear a mask and use hand sanitizer. The problem is that you can't wear a mask 24 hours a day. You just do what you can to protect yourself.

During the past week, several businesses were affected with COVID-19. Wells Fargo Bank was actually closed down for a few days here in Groton. S & S Lumber had to do by appointment only as a couple of their employees got it. Even Dr. Carol Kutter got it and had to shut down Groton Chiropractic Clinic for a spell while she recovers. Chad Johnson is currently hospitalized and according to Michelle's Facebook post, he has been struggling with his lungs, but he is not on a ventilator. Groton Dairy Queen no longer allows visitors to come inside. They are doing business through drive-through only.

Is it going to get better? Probably not until a vaccine is developed. The main take-away is keep a positive attitude. I have seen the Coronavirus bring out the worst of people. I have seen it bring out the best of people. Just don't let it consume you.

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Junior High Football Team
Back from left: Jacob Tewksbury, Easton Eckern, Teylor Diegel, Kaden Kampa, Karter Moody, Caden McInerney, Drew Thurston, Payton Mitchell, Gage Sippel, Ryder Johnson, Karsten Jeschke, and Coach Lance Hawkins.
Front left: Coach Ryan Scepaniak, Keegen Tracy, Brevin Fliehs, Christian Ehresmann, Kellen Antonsen, Aiden Heathcote, Nick Morris, Gavin Englund, and Landon Smith.
Not all are pictured. (Courtesy photo)

The junior high football team recently completed their season. In 8th grade and combined games they went 4-0 with wins as listed below.
vs. Sisseton 16-6
vs. Milbank 14-6
vs. Redfield 24-16
vs. Webster 30-14

The 7th grade had one single game on their own, losing to a stout Milbank team 14-0. Listed below is a complete roster of all 8th and 7th graders that competed this year. They are not all in the picture that was taken after the last game.

This 8th grade bunch went undefeated all throughout junior high. Last year they went 6-0, this year 4-0.

8th grade- Christian Ehresmann, Kaden Kampa, Caden McInerney, Korbin Kucker, Payton Mitchell, Karsten Jeschke, Drew Thurston, Nick Morris, Teylor Diegel, Aiden Heathcote, Kellen Antonsen, Carter Simon, Easton Eckern, Turner Thompson, Brevin Fliehs, and Logan Pearson.

7th grade- Charlie Frost, Landon Smith, Ryder Johnson, Lincoln Krause, Karter Moody, Logan Warrington, Keegen Tracy, Gavin Englund, Gage Sippel, and Jacob Tewksbury.

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The Psychology of Smoking Cessation

As a primary care physician, I commonly encounter patients who smoke cigarettes. Most people, including those who smoke, are aware of the long term health risks posed by smoking. Of course, as a physician who cares about their current and future health, I want these patients to embrace the goal of smoking cessation. As someone who has never been a smoker myself, I admit I cannot fully understand the struggle of this task. However, the data suggest that quitting smoking can be extremely difficult. I find it helpful to understand some basic psychology when it comes to smoking cessation.

In the 1970s, a duo of scientists named Prochaska and Diclemente, after studying subjects who smoked and their likelihood of successfully quitting, developed the Trans-theoretical Model of Stages of Change. This model is widely used today to assess readiness for change when it comes to smoking and other lifestyle changes such as diet, exercise, alcohol and other substance use. The following explains each stage and how we can apply them to help with smoking cessation:

Precontemplative stage: A person has no intention of changing their behavior soon. In this case, I “plant the seed” by providing some basic education and encouraging the patient to think about it before the next visit. Pushing or forcing change at this stage is not likely to be fruitful.

Contemplative stage: A person is thinking about making a change, perhaps in the next six months, but they may not be ready for a definitive plan. I offer specific education about quitting and ensure follow up to help with planning when they are ready.

Preparation stage: A person is ready to implement change in the next 30 days. Time to cheer on my patient and set them up for success! We might set a quit date together, consider referral to the Quitline, and discuss more specific strategies, including medication or nicotine replacement.

Action stage: This is the first six months of the big change, during which patients have a high risk of relapse. It is crucial that the patient check in often with me, their Quitline counselor, and other support people.

Maintenance stage: After the action stage, risk of relapse decreases but does not go away. I offer my patients a safe place to discuss their urge to smoke and encourage them to stay tobacco-free. If they do slip up, I remind them not to give up. I help them focus on the hard work they’ve already done and stay successful.

Quitting smoking can be difficult, but it is truly one of the best things a person can do for their long-term health. There is support out there, starting with your primary care provider. When you are ready, ask for help!

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It was WIN WEEK for the Tiger Volleyball Team

Coach Chelsea Hanson coined a phrase early in the week - "This is Win Week" she said in a GDILIVE.COM interview. And it came true. On Monday, the Lady Tigers defeated



Madeline Fliehs and Jasmine Gengerke try for a block at the net in the Milbank match. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Waubay-Summit. Then on Tuesday, Groton Area defeated Tiospa Zina in a five-set match. The week concluded Thursday at Milbank as Groton Area won a four-set match.

The Milbank match was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Groton Vet Clinic, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc., and Tyson DeHoet Trucking.

Groton Area jumped out to a 7-1 lead in the first set and coasted to a 25-20 win. Sydney Leicht had two kills and an ace serve Jasmine Gengerke had a block, Madeline Fliehs and Maddie Bjerke each had two kills and Allyssa Locke had a kill.

Milbank challenged Groton Area in the second set that went extra points. The set was tied eight times with Milbank leading most of the way. Groton Area took the lead at 21-20, but fell behind, 24-22. The Tigers scored the last four points including the game winning kill by Kenzie McInerney. Groton Area won, 26-24. Kenzie McInerney and Madeline Fliehs each had three kills, Sydney Leicht and Maddie Bjerke each had a kill, Allyssa Thaler had two ace serves and Jasmine Gengerke had a kill and an ace serve.

Milbank would rally for six straight points late in the third set to take a 24-17 lead and would go on to win, 25-19. Madeline Fliehs

would have four kills in that set while Kenzie McInerney, Sydney Leicht and Allyssa Locke would each have one and Jasmine Gengerke would have a block and an ace serve.

The fourth set was tied four times before the Tigers would take the lead for good. It was tied at 11 when Groton Area would outscore Milbank, 7-1, and went on to win, 25-22. Sydney Leicht and Jasmine Gengerke each had three kills, Kenzie McInerney and Maddie Bjerke each had two kills, Alyssa Thaller, Trista Keith and Brooklyn Gilbert each had an ace serve, Madeline Fliehs had a kill and Allyssa Locke had a kill and an ace serve. For the match, Allyssa Locke had 36 assists and 15 digs and Alyssa Thaler had 40 digs.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 2-0. That was also broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Greg and Kathy Scheinost (grandparents of Aspen Johnson). Both games were won by identical scores of 25-20. Megan Fliehs had five kills, Emma Schinkel had four kills, Lydia Meier had four kills and an ace serve, Aspen Johnson had two kills and an ace serve, Riley Leicht had two ace serves and a kill, Stella Meier had two kills and Brooke Gengerke had two ace serves.

Milbank won the C match, 25-21 and 25-16.

- Paul Kosel

Langford Area takes down Groton Area in five sets

Langford Area rallied from two sets down to win the next three and win the match over Groton Area, 3-2. The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, KR Body Show of Andover, Mike Nehls for Brown County Commission and Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass. Sarah Schuster was a special guest commentator on GDILIVE.COM.

The first set was tied six times, taking over once the set was tied at 10 to take a 19-12 lead en route to a 25-16 win. Jasmine Gengerke had two ace serves and a block, Madeline Fliehs had two kills and a block, Sydney Leicht and Maddie Bjerke each had two kills and Kenzie McInerney had one kill.

The second set was tied four times in the early part of the set and seven times towards the end with Langford leading the middle. Groton Area scored the last two points to win, 25-23. Gengerke had two kills and two ace serves, Trista Keith had three ace serves, Fliehs, Leicht and McInerney each had two kills and Bjerke had one kill.

Langford Area started out with a 3-0 lead and after the set was tied at four, the Lions would go on several rallies including scoring the last five points of the set to win, 25-16. The Tigers would earn only three points and that was one kill each by McInerney, Leicht and Gengerke.

Groton Area had a 2-1 lead early in the fourth set, but the Lions would rally and at one point, scored five straight points to take a 12-6 lead and would go on to win, 25-17.

Northwestern beats Groton Area in three sets

Groton Area's volleyball team traveled to Northwestern High School on Tuesday where the Wildcats won all three sets, 25-10, 25-6 and 25-9. The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Tom, Sarah, TC and Tori Schuster.

Sydney Leicht led Groton Area with three kills and an ace serve, Allyssa Locke had two kills and an ace serve, Stealla Meier and Madeline Fliehs each had one kill and Kenzie McInerney had one block. Sydney Schell led the Wildcats with 19 kills, three ace serves and a block. Hannah Schentzel had seven kills and an ace serve.

The Wildcats won the junior varsity match, 25-17 and 25-12. That match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Jerry and Carol Wieseler. Megan Fliehs had three kills, Aspen Johnson had two kills, Lydia Meier had a kill and an ace serve, Riley Leicht had two kills and an ace serve, Anna Fjeldheim had a kill.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-20, 26-28 and 15-7. White House Inn of Aberdeen sponsored this broadcast on GDILIVE.COM. Anna Fjeldheim had seven kills and three ace serves, Stella Meier had four kills and three ace serves, Ava Wienk and Marlee Tollifson each had four kills, Ashlyn Sperry had two ace serves, Hollie Frost had a kill and a block, Elizabeth Fliehs had a kill and Megan Fliehs had an ace serve.

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McInerney had two kills, Leicht and Allyssa Locke each had one kill and Gengerke had a kill and a block.

The Lions roared to a 6-0 start of the fifth set and would go on to win, 15-4. Gengerke, Fliehs and McInerney each had one kill.

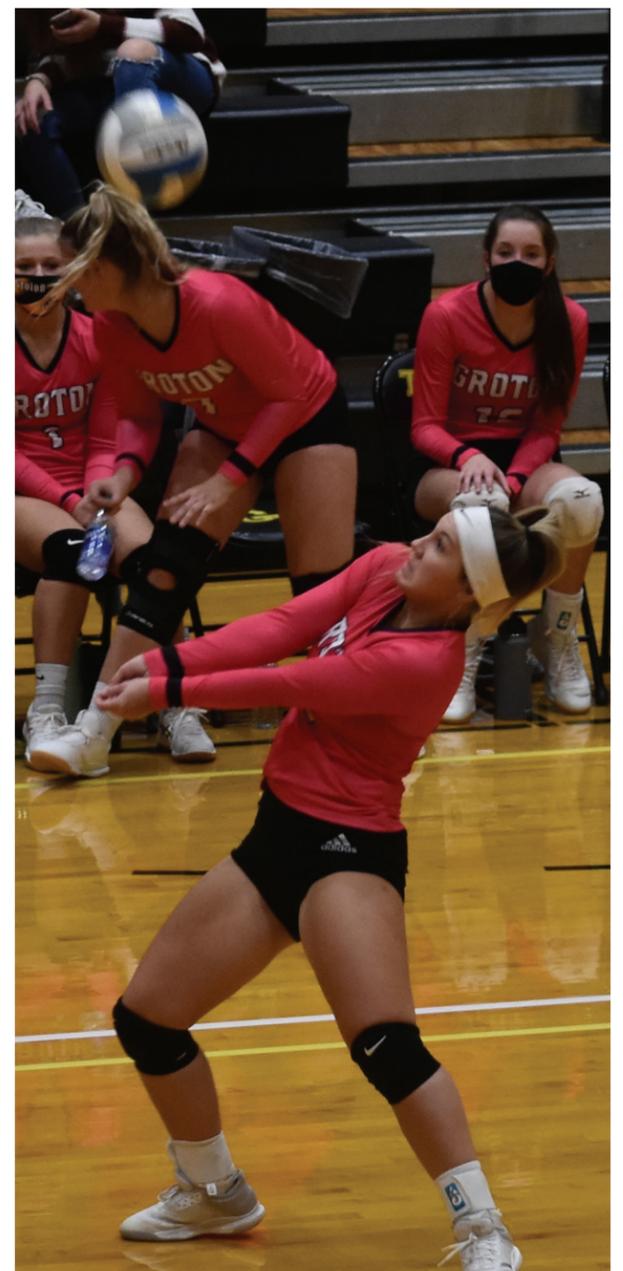
For the set, Locke had 22 assists, Thaler had one assist and 22 digs, Fliehs had 15 digs and one block, Keith had eight digs, Gengerke had two blocks and McInerney had one block.

Langford was led by Becca Hanson with nine kills and two ace serves, Olyvia Dwight had nine kills, Gracie Cadwell had eight kills, two ace serves and 23 digs, Ashley Cadwell had 26 assists and Alyssa Keough had 14 digs and Morgan Glines had 12 digs and one ace serve.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 2-1. Game scores were 18-25, 25-18 and 15-8. That match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Jerry and Carol Wieseler. Brooke Gengerke had two kills, Lydia Meier had three kills, Riley Leicht had four ace serves, Stella Meier had tree kills and a block, Megan Fliehs and three kills, Anna Fjeldheim had two kills and five ace serves and Aspen Johnson had two kills.

Groton Area won the seventh grade match, 25-17, 25-23 and 15-13. Jaedyn Penning had five ace serves and two kills, Rylee Dunker had six ace serves, Talli Wright had two ace serves and a kill, Cali Tollifson had two kills and an ace serve, Jerica Locke had two kills, London Bahr had an ace serve and a kill and Hannah Sandness had one kill.

- Paul Kosel



Trista Keith gets ready to freeball the volleyball to the Langford Area side. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

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Stanley County wins defensive game



Andrew Marzahn, Jaimen Farrell and Ethan Gengerke tackle Stanley County's Evan Nordstrom. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Favian Sanchez jumps high in the air to deflect this pass intended for Stanley County's Nathan Cook. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jordan Bjerke makes this catch as he is defended by Stanley County's Levi Stover. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Lane Tietz gets ready to throw the ball. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area was just four yards short of tying or winning the game right at the very end as Stanley County edged out Groton Area, 6-0.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM/GDIRADIO, sponsored by Groton Vet Clinic, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc., Doug Abeln Seed Company, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Midwest Masonry & Concrete Pumping and Tyson DeHoet Trucking.

The game could not have been much more equal as both teams had 221 yards of total offense and Stanley County had just one more first down than Groton Area, 13-12. Both teams had three fumbles and lost one.

Jaimen Farrell led the offense with 23 carries for 101 yards, had one catch for six yards and also led the defense with 14 tackles. Andrew Marzahn had three carries for 38 yards. Pierce Kettering had three carries for nine yards, had one catch for 25 yards and had 14 tackles. Jordan Bjerke had two catches for 42 yards and had five tackles. Alex Morris had 10 tackles while Jackson Cogley had and Kale Pharis each had five tackles and Ethan Gengerke had one fumble recovery.

Groton Area had 148 yards rushing and 73 yards passing. Stanley County had 135 yards rushing and 86 yards passing. Evan Nordstrom led Stanley County with 14 carries for 48 yards. Nathan Cook had three carries for 47 yards.

The lone touchdown in the game came with 6:26 left in the first half when Lathan Prince had a six yard run. The PAT pass was no good and that was the score, 6-0.

Groton Area finishes its season 2-5. Stanley County is 4-2 and will advance into the playoffs.

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Earlier this week, we announced the provision of free meals from October 1, 2020 through the end of the 2020 calendar year and are happy to report that this benefit has been extended through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

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Upcoming Dates to Know: Great Opportunities Coming Your Student's Way!

Don't forget to scroll all the way to the bottom to meet me on the "Sunny Side"!

October 23: Instructional Planning Day for Teachers- No School

October 24: ACT at Groton Area- please see act.org for specific information regarding testing protocol

October 27: October 27th will be Financial Aid Night via Zoom. Becky Pribyl with the Financial Aid office at NSU will be explaining and guiding Seniors and their parents or guardians on how to apply for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA Form). Please contact Mrs. Schwan if you have questions.

October 30: Instructional Planning Day for Teachers- No School

November 2: November 2nd is the Free College Application week. Any Senior can apply up to 3 colleges at no cost. Please contact Mrs. Schwan with any questions regarding this opportunity to apply at no cost to the college of your student's choice.

November 3: On November 3rd all seniors will complete the National Career Readiness (NCRC) test.

November 3: FBLA will be hosting a Blood Drive- Arena Lobby from 9:00-12:45, contact Mrs. Compton or an FBLA member to schedule an appointment to donate!

November 6: Instructional Planning Day for Teachers- No School

November 9: School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm- Elementary Commons
 November 9-10: Juniors and Seniors may begin registering for Spring 2021 Dual Credit Classes
 November 11: Veterans Day
 November 12: Midterm for 2nd quarter
 November 13: Lifetouch Picture Re-Takes
 November 20: Instructional Planning Day for Teachers- No School
 November 26-27: Thanksgiving Vacation- No School

December 4: Instructional Planning Day for Teachers- No School
 December 10: Next date to choose to move to remote learning for the 3rd quarter

December 14: School board Meeting @ 7:00pm- Elementary Commons
 December 18: Instructional Planning Day for Teachers- No School

Thank you for meeting me on the "Sunny Side"! This provides an opportunity to shine the spotlight on all the different people and groups who are working hard to make a difference in our school, in our community, and in our world right now. Such as:

Our school custodial staff are working hard in keeping our schools clean and safe! We are so grateful for their continued work to make things sparkle all around us; this includes our teachers this year as they are cleaning desks, counters, door handles, and all other communally touched classroom items each hour of the day. Talk about spreading sunshine through prevention and teamwork, way to go custodians and teachers!

MS/HS PAC shows up and shows out! We are so grateful for all the areas that this group has made

a difference in for our students and teachers daily work life at school this year such as: contributing a large donation to bring air conditioning to the MS/HS, providing supports and donations to support students and families in need, providing book covers for all 6th grade students (and they found all the colors too!), providing a special morning pizza treat for all students in grades 6-12 on Homecoming Day, and for again providing a wonderful meal for our teachers on Parent Teacher Conference Day. Our MS/HS PAC gets a double "Sunny" rating!

Coaches, secretaries, paraprofessionals, kitchen staff, bus drivers, and group advisors have all stepped up and accommodated in learning to allow for the changes and requirements for working within the COVID parameters. These professionals are a lot like the energizer bunny, no matter how they have to change or learn to be flexible to keep serving, they do, and their work shows this "Can Do" attitude! We are so grateful that our students and families have access to all the "extras" these professionals and services provide.

Parents, guardians, and families have continued to partner with us in new ways this year in educating these amazing young people. We can't thank you enough for your patience and understanding when schedules and plans need to change without much notice in order to continue to work preventatively to keep staff, students, and families healthy and well. Thank you for all you are doing on a daily basis to support the learning and wellness plans in place for all students! Please keep letting your child's teacher know when you have questions, or when you or your child need more guidance regarding the Brightspace Learning Platform, or any other questions regarding your child's learning. Tiny acts of Kindness can go a long way! Stay positive and stay well everyone!

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