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Groton Snow Queen Contest, Friday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., GHS Gym



Senior queen candidates

Back - Kenzie McInernie, Hailey Monson, Tiara DeHoet. Front - Tessa Erdmann, Erin Unzen and Alexis Hanten. (Courtesy



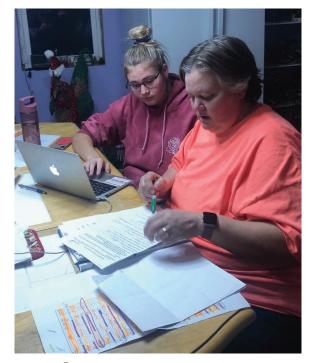
Junior queen candidates
Faith Fliehs, Lydia Meier and LeeLee Volk. Front - Cadence Feist and Camryn Kurtz. Missing Anna Bisbee. (Courtesy Photo)

The Snow Queen Pageant will be broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM



Water Tower Progress
Work on the new Groton Water Tower continues. Three sections of the tube are currently being welded (you can see the welding going on inside the tube on the right side). Also, scaffolding was installed on the top part of the tank as the lid will be lifted and placed on top where welders will be busy welding it all together. It is estimated that the big crane will come to Groton on December 7th to put all of the parts together. (Photo by Paul Kosel)





Groton's Angel Trees are out

In the right photo, Julianna Kosel is helping her mom, Tina, put the Angel Tree list together. The cards are now available at Next Level Nutrition in downtown Groton and at Lori's Pharmacy along US 12.



Jodi Schwan Photo by Benjamin Higgins

Spotlight on Groton Area Staff

Name: Jodi Schwan

Occupation: Opportunity Coordinator **Length of Employment:** 2016-Present

Jodi Schwan has been the resident opportunity counselor at Groton Area High School since 2016. She describes herself as being a "born helper", so it is no wonder that she is an experienced and well-known figure amongst the Groton Area staff. Her job can be described as an academic advisor for the students of Groton, assisting the high school students with planning for their lives after high school, alongside ensuring that they reach graduation without trouble. She has provided services as the Opportunity Coordinator for two years, but been 10 deaths in Brown County and five in she had been a faculty member working in a similar capacity for an additional two years before that point.

Jodi Schwan graduated from Northern State University with a major in Sociology, specializing in Human Services and Criminal Justice. Mrs. Schwan does not have a set list of services she can provide to the students of Groton, but she can be trusted to give good advice, provide much-needed guidance and knowledge, and help students get to graduation unimpeded. When she is not busy helping the resident adolescents, Jodi Schwan can be found jogging the streets of Groton or working on a crafts project!

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series compiled by Benjamin Higgins. Higgins is working for the Groton Independent through the Project Skills program.

COVID-19 Numbers

The COVID-19 virus continues to hit South Dakota and local counties with a vengeance. In the last seven days, Brown County had 312 positive cases and Day County had 59 cases. Both counties recorded two deaths in the previous seven days.

State-wide, there have been 8,944 new positive cases in the past seven days and 96 people have died from the virus in the same time frame.

Total deaths statewide is 644. There have Day County.

Nationwide, there have been 11,205,485 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 247,220 deaths have been attributed to the virus.

The Groton Area School District showed five staff members that were affected with CO-VID-19 on Tuesday, but that number dropped to four on Wednesday. Several students were diagnosed with COVID-19 as well. On Tuesday, there was one in each of the following grades: kindergarten, fifth and 10th grade. By Wednesday, the sophomore was recovered, but a case popped up in the first grade.

Brown County Nov. 10, 2020

Meeting Minutes NOVEMBER 10, 2020 – GEN-ERAL 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, Wiese and Sutton. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton 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 27th, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. CLAMS/PAYROLL:

Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Feickert to approve the following claims and payroll:

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,285.10; Elections (Voucher) \$3,069.38; Auditor \$8,626.59 Treasurer \$13,769.81; SA \$23,081.72; SVAWA \$1,730.76; Maintenance \$7,641.27; Assessor \$14,402.14; Register of Deeds \$8,983.40; VSO \$4,506.07; GIS \$2,387.50; IT \$7,209.05; HR \$2,173.85; Sheriff \$41,418.72; Jail \$49,592.44; Court Security \$6,087.70; JDC \$22,395.47; Welfare \$2,077.70; Museum \$8,253.86; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,060.76; Fair Board \$3,930.12; 4-H \$614.00; Weed \$3,968.49; Planning & Zoning \$4,490.77; Highway \$42,205.35; Dispatch \$23,850.60; Emergency \$4,119.58; Teen Court \$1,351.85; JDAÍ \$1,769.23; 24/7 Sobriety \$592.41; Landfill \$15,709.02; Matching Bene-fits: FICA \$20,053.27, Medicare \$4,689.88, Discovery_HSA \$300.00. CLAIMS: Professional Fees: Avera St. Lukes \$125.25; Carlsen Funeral Home \$220.00; Certified Languages International \$1,024,65; Compass Counseling & Assessment \$1,800.00; Computer Forensic Resources \$2,250.00; GBR Interpreting & Translation \$120.00; Christopher A. Haar \$27.00; Helms & Associates Inc \$15.304.65; Lexisnexis Risk Data Mgmt \$150.00; Mi-crofilm Imaging Systems Inc

\$100.00; Professional Development Academy \$3,390.00: Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$25.55; Sara Zahn \$20.40. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$6,135.61; Blade Empire Publishing \$43.50; Hub City Radio \$300.00; Marshalltown Newspaper LLC \$17.88. Rentals: Aramark \$372.51; Sewer Duck \$150.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Butler Machinery \$623.17; Dakota Doors Inc \$100.00; Dakota Electronics \$45.00: Dakota Fluid Power \$650.98; Diesel Machinery \$22,500.00; APH Stores \$54.49; House of Glass \$2,929.95; Hoven Auto Repair Inc \$42.00; Lawson Products Inc \$34.40: Midwest Boiler \$3,958.88; Midwest Pump & Tank \$89.02; Pro Windmill Inc \$250.00; CNH Industrial America LLC \$992.33; RD Offutt Company \$9,484.09; Runnings \$8.58; Smart Choice Solutions \$1,375.00; Walth Safety Service Inc \$3,450.00; Woodman Refrigeration \$226.54. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$24,296.36; Allegiant Emergency Services \$1,595.00; Amberican Business Forms \$2,855.40; Aberdeen Ventures, LLC \$400.00; Aramark \$73.23; Carlsen Funeral Home \$425.00; Cartney Bearing \$60.48; Cash-Wa Distributing \$1,372,31; Century Business Products \$1,105.64; Dakota Fluid Power \$3,248.33; Dakota Supply Group \$1,260.69; Dooley Enterprises Inc \$364.50; DPM Petty Cash \$63.69; Earthgrains Baking Co. \$770.38; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$312.73; Fastenal Co \$537.42; FedEx \$26.55; MB LLC \$1,275.75; J. Messer Enterprises \$168.10; Great Western States Supply Co \$926.04; Heartland Paper \$670.40; Lawson Products Inc \$458.12; Mckesson Medical-Surgical \$431.24; Menards \$546.86; Midstates Printing \$887.27; Midwest Art Conservation Center \$100.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$211.59; Joyce Moore \$330.00; Performance Rentals \$20.00; CNH Industrial America LLC \$824.38; RD Offutt Company \$9,576.01; Runnings \$281.39; Satellite Tracking of People \$737.50; State of South Dakota \$570.00; Share Corp \$171.00; The Main Frame \$8.55; Tri State Water \$33.75. Travel & Conference: City Lights \$691.90; Lynn Heupel \$18.33;

\$1,088.00; Premier Biotech Inc

Mark Milbrandt \$236.00. Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$1,500.62; AT&T Mobility \$203.68; Qwest Corporation \$743.68; Economy Propane LLC \$579.70; State of South Dakota \$99.92; Midcontinent Communications \$495.00; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$2,691,90; Town of Frederick \$61.00. Other: SD Department of Environment & Natural Resources \$4,751.82. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following HR Report:

Approve hiring of Shay Potter Brown County Communications Dispatcher, full-time, starting wage at \$16.96 per hour; effective November 16, 2020.

Approve temporary hiring of Heather Kulwicki as full-time Brown County Jail shift Sergeant at \$19.57 per hour, effective date November 15, 2020.

Approve tax on personal miles driven in county vehicles for September and October 2020 at \$0.575per mile. September: Kendell Titze 108 @ \$62.10, John Florey 114 @ \$65.55, Dirk Rogers 684 @ \$393.30, Mike Scott 200 @ \$115.00. October: Kendell Titze 108 @ \$62.10, John Florey 120 @ \$69.00, Dirk Rogers 798 @ \$458.85, Mike Scott 210 @ \$120.75.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GEOCOMM CONTRACT:

Moved by Fieldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following contract between Brown County, SD and GeoComm in the amount of \$20,626.90 for GIS Mapping services. All members present voting aye. Motion

SHERIFF CONTRACT FOR JAIL SERVICE - MARSHALL COUNTY:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve jail rental agreement between Brown County, SD and Marshall County for housing and maintaining prisoners and detainees at a rate of \$85 per day for an adult and \$285 per day for a juvenile. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following October 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 Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve lottery permit for Elm Lake Action Committee Inc for lotter at Elm Lake Resort to be held July 4th, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RFP-INDIGENT DEFENSE SER-

Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider Requests for Proposals for Indigent Defense Services in Brown County. No RFP were received. Option for negotiation of contracts under SDCL 5-18A-5 (9)) will be offered.

DRAINAGE PROJECT:

Dusty Schley met to present plans to build a low head dam on Mud Creek. Hydrology study was presented. Area land owners met to give concern for potential flooding or sediment build up caused by the dam. Attorney Kari Bartling representing Mud Creek Watershed District was present to represent the district's interest in cleaning out the creek and opposition to the low head dam. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to defer action to December 1st, 2020 to allow for review of information presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

24/7 PROGRAM UPDATE: Dave Lunzman (chief deputy sheriff) met to present information on breathalyzer kiosks that will be used for the 24/7 program participants.

FAIR MANAGER REPORT: Derek Ricci (fair manager) met to give an update on peronnel issues. No action taken. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:55a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County

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Brown County Nov. 6, 2020 **Vote Canvass**

NOVEMBER 6, 2020 - CANVASS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL **ELECTION**

Brown County Commissioners Duane Sutton, Mike Wiese and Vice Chair Doug Fjeldheim convened for purpose of canvassing the November 3, 2020 General Election, as authorized by SDCL 12-20-36 at 2:00 p.m. on November 6, 2020 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the Official

Canvass, as follows:

Canvass, as joilows:
Presidential Electors
Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence - Rep 10,580
Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy "Spike" Cohen - Lib429
Joseph R. Biden and Kamala Harris - Dem
United States Senator
Mike Rounds - Rep
Mike Rounds - Rep 11, 100
Dan Ahlers – Dem
United States Representative
Dusty Johnson- Rep
Randy "Uriah" Luallin- Lib
Public Utilities Commissioner
Gary Hanson – Rep 11,118
Devin Saxon – Lib814
Remi W.B. Bald Eagle
State Senator District 1
Michael H. Rohl – Rep
Susan Wismer- Dem
State Senator District 2
Brock L Greenfield - Rep
State Senator District 3
Al Novstrup – Rep
State Representative District 1 (elect two)
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present voting aye. Motion carried. Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Frederick School Nov. 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEED-

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL

DISTRICT #6-2 NOVEMBER 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order on November 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Dan Nickelson, Jon Ellwein, and Alex Hart. Richard Achen was excused. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Janel Wagner.

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

Members of the public are allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. Mr. Dave Losure addressed the Board to consider making changes to how we host events and the protocols that are used. He shared a couple of examples from other districts as suggestions to think about, such as limiting fans based on the number of participants per team or requiring masks of all people in attendance. Mr. Schlosser thanked him for his input.

Action 20-056 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to approve the agenda as amended: remove add Assistant Football Coach from item #15. All aye, carried.

Action 20-057 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held October 12, 2020; October 2020 financial

report, district bills and October 2020 payroll. All aye, carried. Claims approved: October 2020 Payroll – General Fund sala-ries 87,527.51; Special Education salaries 10,001.16, Food Service 3,761.94. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 26,400.15; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 917.74; American Funds, retirement 1,115.02; Delta Dental, insurance 1,693.50; The Standard, life insurance 269.79; Security Benefits, retirement 1,100.26; VSP, vision insur-

Payroll.

Ending October 31, 2020 General

.....Fund Beginning checking Balance \$500,863.57

Total Revenue\$64,655.23 Disbursements\$26,816.39

.....\$143,638.37

Local Sources......\$9,076.81 Intermediate Sources...... \$495.99

insurance 15,686.00; SD Retirement 14,844.12; SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.26.

General Fund: A&B Business Solutions, supplies 175.80; Achen, Stephen, official 30.00; Agtegra, diesel/gasoline 3,118.14; Amazon Capital Services, supplies 112.73; ASBSD, training 25.00; Auto Value Aberdeen, repairs 151.47; Badlands Trading Post, gasoline 57.00; Barondeau, Janelle, coach training reimbursement 50.00; BlueTarp Financial/Mac's, repairs 24.97; Campbell, R Scott, official 45.00; Cash-Wa Distributing Co, FFVP 732.14; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 1,151.80; Community Store, concessions supplies 44.54; Cox, Zoe, official 30.00; Custodial Account-FASD; Imprest reimbursement 1,447,32: Deubrook Area School District, CC region shared expense 79.58; Double D Lot Services, football field maintenance 275.00; Duenwald, Dan, asbestos inspection 400.00; Eide Bailly LLP, audit 10,000.00; Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs 385.14; Fire Safety First LLC, inspection 127.00; Foreman Sales & Service Inc, repairs 92.22; GDI News, publishing 112.14; Hauff Mid America Sports, BBB clothing 498.08; Hoffman, Donna, GBB uniform repairs 30.00; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 100.93; Institutional Compliance Solutions, training 648.00; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 199.60; Jensen, Nolan, official 30.00; JM Electric Inc, repairs 1,324.34; Jostens Inc, supplies 450.78; Kessler's, supplies 34.93; Ketterling Photography, photos 97.50; King, Hunter, official 45.00; King, James, official 130.00; MB, LLC BBB camp shirts 45.29; Mc-Gaugh, Darin, official 15.00; Menards, supplies/repairs 358.58; Merchant Services, fees 91.08; Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 1,037.13; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electricity 2,765.91; Morlock, Ethan, official 45.00; Myer, Beverly, official 90.00; Nelson Nursery Inc, music fundraiser 2,322.40; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 267.75; Pashen, Brock, coach training reimbursement 35.00: Philip Pit Stop, gasoline 57.00; Running Supply Inc, repairs 95.10; School Specialty, supplies 181.92; Sewance 285.27; Wellmark, health er Duck Inc, porta potty rental

30.00; Sumption, Gary, official 30.00; Town of Frederick, utilities 282.16; United States Postal Travel Center, gasoline 59.16 Imprest checks: Beck, Bo, official 107.68; Birchem, Andy, official 193.88; Carlblom, Scott, official 125.00; Fawcett, Dan, official 125.00; Fawcett, Jerry, official CC meals 486.00; Gunther, Ashley, Troy, official 125.00; Weismantel ground remodel 60,838.64; Hauff School Specialty, printer 182.21; & Adult Nutrition, food 146.34; The school board would like to Custodial Account-FASD, Imprest congratulate Morgan Sumption, reimbursement 14.00; Pantorium Johnathan Bretsch, Jericho King, Cleaners Inc, supplies 82.97; Stephen Achen, Milo Sumption School Nutrition Association, and Levi Little, as well as Nolan membership 48.50.

presented:

Action 20-058 Motion by Ell- the extra time and work put in to wein, second by Hart to allow provide our students a safe and students who have been deemed effective learning environment as a "close contact" to return to amidst the COVID pandemic. school following 7 days of quar- They would also like to thank antine provided they are asymp- all of the volunteers that helped tomatic, they are willing to wear with the playground remodeling a mask when social distancing is project. not possible and will have their the same household, all students carried. will quarantine for the full 14 days. All aye, carried.

Discussion was held regarding ager the potential risks due to COVID for the Winter Concert currently

315.96; Sumption, Austin, official consider making any changes to 25.00; Sumption, Chris, official the program at that time. Service, postage 16.70; Wolsey #21-22. All aye, carried 125.00; First National Bank, state sion insurance effective January meal reimbursement 14.00; Juran, Insurance Plus. All aye, carried. Troy, official 125.00; weishing, Gary, official 159.76. Capital second by Nickelson to approve Outlay Fund: 2080 Media Inc, hiring Gerry Kaufman as co-Business Solutions, managed print to represent the school. All aye, 670.70; Crouch Recreation, play-carried. Mid America Sports, taping table elson, second by Ellwein to 1,495.00; JM Electric Inc, garbage approve Dissolution of North disposal install/repairs 3,811.50; Border Football Coop. All aye, Johnson Controls, ionization sys-carried. tem 60,561.34; Northern State Action University, digital textbooks 42.70; wein, se Typing Club, license 99.75. Spe- Frederick Football Coop. All aye, cial Education Fund: Avera St carried. Luke's, occupational/physical Action 20-064 Motion by Nicktherapy 1,247.82. Food Service elson, second by Hart to approve Fund: Cash-Wa Distributing Co, advertisement for Head Football food/supplies 3,411.83; .. Child coach. All aye, carried.

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Principal

scheduled on December 10, 2020. 19450

1,200.00; SDIAAA, membership The administration will revisit 130.00; Shop NEMC, supplies the risks later in the month and

Action 20-059 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to accept Open Enrollment application

The school board recognized receipt of Public-School Exemption Certificate #21-6.

Action 20-060 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to cancel VSP and begin Optilegra vi-1. 2021, both administered by

Action 20-061 Motion by Hart,

Action 20-062 Motion by Nick-

Action 20-063 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve formation/application for Leola/

The school board would like to Jensen and Winston Clark as The following reports were alternates, for their participation in the state Cross Country meet. A. Jeff Kosters - Superinten- Congratulations to the Football great seasons. The board would B. Jessica Ringgenberg – K-8 like to offer thanks to the teachers, staff and administration for

Action 20-065 Motion by Elltemperature checked twice daily; wein, second by Nickelson to but if the close contact is within adjourn at 7:07 p.m. All aye,

Rich Schlosser, President Janel Wagner, Business Man-

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Abeln hired as deputy finance officer
The Groton City Council met in regular session Tuesday night at the Groton Community Center.

\$1,246,175.05

Capital Outlay

\$165,631.47

\$10,933.93

\$10,983.93

\$1,657.53

\$1,783,634.20

Kristi Fliehs, David Blackmun and Karyn Babcock were not able to make the council meeting due to COVID-19 issues Babcock and Blackmun joined the meeting via the phone. Jon Cutler and Fliehs were not present. Physically at the meeting were Shirley Wells, Emily Kappes, Mayor Scott Hanlon, Attorney Drew Johnson and Finance Officer Hope Block.

Doug Hamilton was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission with his term to expire in 2025.

The committee assignments were adjusted as Kappes said she did not feel comfortable being chairman of the police department. Cutler will be chairman of both finance office and police with Kappes moving from chairman of police to co-chairman of Wastewater dept.

The council approved a letter of support to the S Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources to come to Groton to help identify old abandoned buildings and help with development of vacant lots. It will be done at no charge to the city.

The council approved a pay request to AB Contracting for the purchase and delivery of the new pumps for the new pumphouse for \$15,736.57.

The council approved moving \$45,000 from and to various departments to balance the 2020 budget. "You did not use a single penny of contingency in 2020," Block said. "It was a beautiful budget."

The council accepted the resignation of Peggy Locke as deputy finance officer. Mayor Scott Hanlon said, "We would like to thank her for all of her years of service to the city"

April Abeln was hired as the new deputy finance officer with a dollar an hour raise. She was previously the assistant finance officer.

The applicants for the skating rink were hired as follows: Grace Wambach as manager, and attendants Shallyn Foertsch, Andrew Marzahn, Hollie Frost, Emma Schinkel, Ava Kramer, Sara Menzia, Madeline Fliehs, Marlee Tollifson, Anna Fjeldheim, Bryson Wambach, Carly Guthmiller, Stella Meier and Elizabeth Fliehs.

First reading was given on the 2021 salary ordinance with a proposed 2.3 percent increase. In addition, the current insurance with Allied was accepted for the upcoming year with a 5 percent to 6 percent decrease in premiums. "We've had good review with the current plan," Hanlon said. "We'll go ahead with Allied."



50th Anniversary

Bill and Jana Duncan will be celebrating their 50th Wedding **Anniversary on November 28th.** We won't be able to host a gathering due to the pandemic, but we would love for you to send Mom and Dad a card wishing them a Happy 50th!! **The Duncans PO Box 564** Groton, SD 57445





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That's Life by Tony Bender

you're lucky, you have a furry friend there to keep you company. I was reminded just how intuitive and noble dogs can be when I read a story by an Englishman named Ian Brown about a dog, Gunner, that his uncle adopted during WWII.

In your heart forever

We're all spending more time at home these days, and if

Brown wrote, "(Gunner) was raised and slept under my uncle's anti-aircraft gun. The gun crew shared their rations to feed him. By the time he was 18 months old, my uncle said he would stand up and look at the sky. If he laid back down they knew all was OK. If he growled and put his hackles up they got at the ready. He knew the sound of the German aircraft and my uncle said he never got it wrong. He said Gunner was better than any early warning system. I'm probably the only one left in the family that knows that story now

so I thought I'd tell it before it's lost forever...'

I can't say that Gus the Wonder Pug has done anything as heroic as that, but he has successfully defended me from FedEx and UPS drivers, substitute mail carriers, and butterflies. He's incorrigible, a pint-sized bully, sometimes snapping at my ankles when I walk in the yard (he thinks it's hilarious), other times growling at the pantry door where the dog treats are kept. He rules by threat. But when I return home after work, the greeting I get assures me that all is forgiven (whatever I did).

We downsized to Gus from Atlas who was more NFL lineman than St. Bernard. He made Cujo look small but he was soft-hearted and mischievous. When visitors came, he'd latch onto their sleeves knowing full well they were too terrified to push him away until he had his ears scratched. When we had carpenters working on the old church I had moved to our property and restored, he stole every tool that was left on the ground. I don't know how much extra that cost me.

When my friend Doug was up on a ladder painting the trim on the windows, Atlas walked off with his hat that had been left on the ground. When Atlas returned later looking for some ear-scratching, Doug chewed him out. "Get away from me! You stole my favorite hat!" As he was wont to do, Atlas hung his head and sulked in the shade across the yard. A while later Doug descended the ladder to find Atlas waiting for him with the missing hat in his mouth.

Before Atlas, was Karma, a Springer we raised from a pup. The smartest, most intuitive dog I ever knew. There was no training involved. She knew what I wanted.

She patrolled the house like a guard dog, wearing a cow path around it. She despised other dogs, and when my friend Harriet insisted on bringing her Dalmatian with her for a visit despite my repeated warnings, they didn't even make it in the house. The dog that Harriet claimed was so tough was spirited away to the vet clinic with one ear in bloody ribbons.

Did I say Karma was our dog? Actually, for years she was Melvin Blumhardt's dog. He ran cattle across the road, and while everyone in the house was at work or school, Karma hung out with him. Melvin would drive into the yard with a big green Oliver loader tractor, open the cab door, and Karma would leap like a greyhound to join him.

Now, Springer Spaniels are not noted cattle dogs—she was a hunting dog through and through, and even though I never hunted with her, she brought home a pheasant, and sometimes a duck, every year on her own—but one spring when Melvin, who was getting up there in years, was checking on the calves in the corral, a cow charged him. He wouldn't have stood a chance of making it over the fence had Karma not held off the enraged bovine until he scrambled to safety. "Saved my life," he told everyone at the Duck Inn in Venturia that

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evening, bragging about how smart she was.

Like all of us, she eventually broke down and just couldn't do it anymore. The calendar says

just couldn't do it anymore. The calendar says she nearly made it 15 years, but a great dog is in your heart forever.

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Groton Prairie Mixed

Nov. 12 Team Standings: Shih Tzus 5, Jackelopes 4, Cheetahs 4, Chipmunks 3

Men's High Games: Roger Spanier 236, 179, Brody Sombke 186, Mike Siegler 177

Women's High Games: Lori Wiley 203, 169, Sue Stanley 188, Dar Larson 169

Men's High Series: Roger Spanier 565, Brody Sombke 475, Brad Waage 452

Women's High Series: Lori Wiley 538, Sue Stanley 478, Karen Spanier 470

Heading into the Monday night game against the Chicago Bears, there were plenty of questions that the Minnesota Vikings needed to answer. Was the two-game winning steak a fluke? Would Kirk Cousins wither under the bright lights of Monday Night Football, or would he finally win a MNF game and get that monkey off his back? Would Dalvin Cook be able to have any success against the Bears' defense, which is one of the best in the league against the run?



By Jordan Wright

Luckily for Vikings fans, those questions were all answered positively, and Minnesota (4-5) escaped Chicago (5-5) with their third win in a row and fourth of the season. The Vikings dominated for most of the game, and even though it wasn't a pretty win, the game was never really in doubt, ending with a score of 19-13. The Vikings had 385 total yards compared to 149 for Chicago, while also leading in time of possession (35:50 to 24:10) and first downs (19 to 10).

The Chicago Bears' game plan was simple: shut down Dalvin Cook and make Kirk Cousins beat you. And while Cook did manage to put up 96 rushing yards, it took him 30 carries to do it, so the first part of Chicago's plan was executed well. Cook only averaged 3.2 yards per carry, which was the lowest mark for him this season. Cook also failed to reach the endzone for the first time this season, which means he remains tied with Emmitt Smith for consecutive games with a touchdown to start a season (7).

Justin Jefferson was the player of the game on offense, as the rookie was able to haul in eight passes for 135 yards. Most of Jefferson's damage came on third down, and according to Pro Football Reference, he had 36 more third-down receiving yards than any other player in the league this week! Kyle Rudolph was second on the team in receiving, catching four passes for 63 yards. Adam Thielen was third on the team (four catches, 43 yards), but he scored both of Minnesota's touchdowns.

The Vikings defense has been getting better every week, and Monday night's game might have been their best performance of the season so far. Not only did they hold Chicago to under 150 yards, but they also held them out of the end zone (Chicago's only touchdown came on a Cordarrelle Patterson kickoff return). The defense had a good game, but the second half is really when they took it to another level, as Chicago was held to only 32 yards and two first downs in the half. Kris Boyd and Jeff Gladney have gotten noticeably better at cornerback, and rookie D.J. Wonnum was impressive in this game and he is starting to look like a great young defensive end.

The game ball goes to Kirk Cousins this week. His stats weren't out of this world (25/36,

292 yards, two touchdowns, one interception), but the reason Cousins is getting the game ball is because he finally got a win on Monday Night Football, and he did it against a good defense who shut down the Vikings' best playmaker in Dalvin Cook. There were many plays Monday night where Kirk needed to put the team on his back, and he came through and delivered.

Looking ahead, the Vikings return home and welcome the Dallas Cowboys to U.S. Bank Stadium. The game will be on Sunday and is scheduled for a 3:25 PM (CT) kickoff. The Cowboys have had a rough year so far, and are 2-7 this season heading into this week 11 matchup. The Vikings are heavy favorites in this game, and if everything goes according to plan, the team should be able to pick up their fifth win of the season. Skol!

Conde National League

Nov. 9, 2020 Team Standings: Pirates 21, Cubs 21, Giants 20, Braves 171/2, Tigers 161/2, Mets 12

Men's High Games: Lance Frohling 222, 219; Russ Bethke 214; Ryan Bethke 204.

Men's High Series: Lance Frohling 613, Ryan Bethke 568, Russ Bethke 561

Women's High Games: Nancy Radke 165, Deb Fredrickson 157, Mary Larson 157, Amanda Morehouse 157, Vickie Kramp 151, Cheryl Rey-

Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 450, Nancy Radke 449, Mary Larson 443.

Dementia Affects the Family

I was very young when my grandfather suffered his first stroke and began his battle with vascular dementia. I grew up understanding that he was not like the other adults in my life. He would take me on long walks around the neighborhood, but it was never entirely clear who was supervising who. He rarely had much to say, and when he did, it did not make sense. He



By Debra Johnston, M.D \sim Prairie Doc \otimes Perspectives

communicated mostly through gestures, and sometimes unnerved my cousins and I with his uncertain temper.

With the benefit of age and experience, I appreciate now how frustrated he was, and what a herculean task my grandmother took on.

Medicine has made progress in the nearly 40 years since my grandfather's death. We are better at preventing strokes and mitigating the aftereffects. We are better at distinguishing between the diseases that cause dementia. We have treatments for some of those causes, however disappointing those treatments are. We are better at addressing related challenges, such as sleep disruption and depression. We are better at guiding families as they struggle with difficult decisions, like when to stop driving.

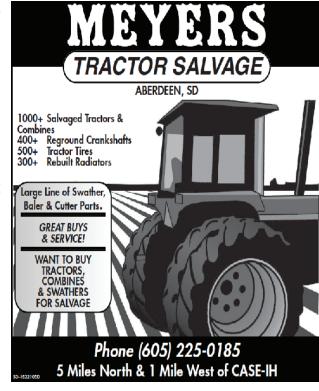
Families struggle when they know Dad is not safe behind the wheel or at home, but Dad thinks everything is fine. One of the many things that dementia robs from people is the ability to grasp their condition. Some patients are skilled at hiding the extent of their impairment. Sometimes spouses fill in the gaps, so problems are less noticeable to the rest of the family. Patients can hide troubles from their doctors, too, so it is critically important that families and care teams maintain communication.

Just like many fully capable adults, dementia patients may fiercely resist the involvement of others in their business and many suffer for it. One of my patients hid her impairment until she was conned out of her entire savings. Another minimized his symptoms, until the family

got a call from a stranger saying their father had gotten lost behind the wheel. Overruling the wishes of your adult parent can be difficult. But, when we recognize their vanishing judgement, intervening is the loving, and sometimes the lifesaving, thing to do.

Through much of my lifetime, I've watched my father worry about his own memory. This is a common concern for people who have seen a loved one struggle with dementia. I hope that someday, we will have more to offer, but there is no magic pill. For now, the best we can do is to give the same advice you hear from us on virtually every other topic: Eat a healthy diet. Get exercise. Keep your brain active. And welcome support from those who love vou.

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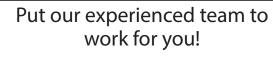




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Governor Kristi Noem and Bruce Babcock discuss the lodge business during a tour of Base Kamp Lodge, Groton SD.

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Governor Kristi Noem posses with "Kate's Confections" cupcakes along with Kason, Emery, and Rylan. Children of Katie Kesterson and grandchildren of Bruce and Karyn Babcock. (Courtesy Photo)



Governor Kristi Noem tours Base Kamp Lodge with owners Bruce and Karyn Babcock. (Courtesy Photo)

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Karyn Babcock has been busy sprucing up the skate that hangs outside the skating house. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday from 5-7 p.m. with a wake service at 7:00 p.m.

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