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Congratulations to G-Force-Jase Kroll and Travis Townsend (pictured on the left) on winning the Canton tournament! They were in alliance with Double Trouble from Eureka. (photo credit: Rockin' RV Photography, Canton, SD)



-Charlie Frost-Geek Squad robot 9050D with assistance from Garrett Schultz waiting to start a match. (photo credit: Rockin' RV Photography, Canton, SD)



Gear Heads-Issac Higgins and Ethan Clark get paired up with G-Force-Travis Townsend and Jase Kroll. (photo credit: Rockin' RV Photography)



Axel Warrington and Jack Dinger from Galaxy prepping their robot to start a match. (photo credit: Rockin' RV Photography, Canton, SD)

Groton Robotics

G-Force wins at Canton Tournament

The Groton Area Tigers Robotics team hit the road this past weekend for a tournament in Canton, SD. There were 22 teams in attendance, and due to Covid-19 related rules each school was only allowed to bring two participants per team, which meant we had to cut our roster down a bit to attend. We had a busy day working to fine tune our autonomous programs and one robot got completely rebuilt before the tournament, so there was plenty of fine tuning with that one. We finished the qualifying rounds with two out of our four teams in the top 10. Galaxy, which consists of Jack Dinger, Axel Warrington, and James Brooks finished in 7th place with a record of 5-2-1. G-Force finished in 1st place with a 7-0-1 record. Being the first seed, G-Force was able to pick up an alliance with the third seed team, Double Trouble from Eureka, SD. Geek Squad and Galaxy both lost their first matches in the finals, with Galaxy starting out in the quarterfinals. Gear Heads won their first match, making it to the quarterfinals, but lost there. G-Force and their alliance team went on to win the tournament. G-Force members being Travis Townsend, Jase Kroll, and Garrett Schultz, though Garrett spent the day assisting Geek Squad due to the two participant rule. The kids worked hard and had plenty of obstacles to overcome being short handed, but they pulled through well. They have a lot to be proud of. And a big congratulations to G-Force on their win!! Our next tournament is in Groton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Following that will be our state tournament on the 27th in Harrisburg.

- By Co-Coach Neil Warrington

MS All State Band

Post from Dez Yeigh's Facebook Page

HUGE Congratulations to Gretchen Dinger (8th Grade) and Carlee Johnson (6th Grade) for being accepted into the 2021 MS All State Band!! These wonderful girls were accepted into the top honor band, and Gretchen finishes as a 3 year member!! I'm so sad this event is canceled, but we will make sure they are honored for their hard work!! I'm so incredibly proud of both of you

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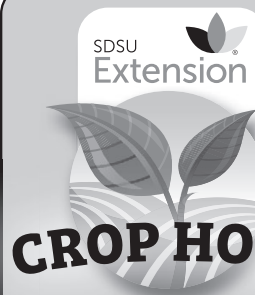


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Brown County Asphalt Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX SUPPLIERS:

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:46 A.M., January 26, 2021. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing all materials and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for road maintenance and construction on Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota. Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of bid opening. Contract Notice: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County. SDCL 58-6-62: POLICY TO BE WRITTEN THROUGH LICENSED RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT AGENT-COUNTERSIGNATURE OF RESIDENT AGENT - VIOLATION AS MISDEMEANOR. No authorized insurer may make, write, issue or place any policy, contract or insurance, or general or floating policy upon persons or property, or covering a subject of insurance or bonding to be performed in South Dakota unless the policy is written through a licensed resident agent, or a non-resident agent when countersigned by a resident agent. If two or more insurers issue a single policy, it may be countersigned on behalf of all of them by one of the insurer's licensed resident agents in this state. Violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Contract for Asphalt Plant Mix Materials shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX MATERIALS" to be opened on January 26, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Section 320.5 - Basis of Payment: "A" - Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for Maintenance and Construction. The accepted quantities of Asphalt Plant Mix will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
(0113.0120)
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Brown County Gravel Bid Notice

NOTICE TO GRAVEL PRODUCTION CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS:

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota until the hour of 8:46 A.M. on January 26, 2021 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing and delivery of ONE (1) YEARS SUPPLY OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GRAVEL MATERIALS. Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of the bid opening. Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in accordance with the bid as accepted or as required by the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent. Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the

outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON GRAVEL AGGREGATE MATERIALS" to be opened January 26, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Contract for GRAVEL MATERIALS shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Rental Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ROAD CONTRACTORS AND MACHINERY DEALERS:

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:46 A.M. on January 26, 2021. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2021. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces, Brown County Landfill Forces and the Brown County Fairground Forces to complete the projects. Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening. Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance. Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" to be opened January 26, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
(0113.0120)
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Brown County Road Oil Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ROAD OIL SUPPLIERS:

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:46am, January 26, 2021. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing and delivery of Road Oil to the Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota. Item (A) Cutback Asphalt Road Oil - MC-70; Item (B) Cutback Asphalt Road Oil - MC-3000; Item (C) Emulsion Asphalt Road Oil- CSS1H.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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**Brown County
Jan. 12, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

JANUARY 12, 2021 –GENERAL MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the reorganization meeting minutes of January 5, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: Aberdeen Area Human Resource \$25.00; ASFP \$120.00; AWS \$1,845.00; Jodi Brown \$207.50; Dean Schaefer Court \$150.00; Dictation Sales & Service \$3,980.00; Geospatial Experts \$398.00; GIS Workshops \$999.60; Christopher Haar \$25.00; Helms & Associates \$16,203.60; IAAO \$440.00; Kolker Law \$10.00; Kuck Law Office \$126.20; Lexinexis Risk Data \$150.00; Lincoln County Treasurer \$706.19; Microfilm Imaging \$1,300.50; MOCIC \$150.00; Nikkie Helgeson \$20.00; Pulsepoint Foundation \$8,000.00; Registration Max \$750.00; Schneider Geospatial \$2,475.00; SD Dept. of Revenue \$3,243.53; SD Planner Assoc. \$50.00; SD Sheriff's Assoc. \$1,595.93; SDAAO \$450.00; Terrago Technologies \$500.00; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$50.00; Zylstra Investigations \$1,327.50. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$1,575.60; Groton Independent \$135.01; Hub City Radio \$300.00; SD Snow Queen Festival \$50.00. Rentals: Ameripride Services \$382.38; Northern Electric \$1,200.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Mark Kolb \$240.00; Roland Moerke \$430.00; Diebold Nixdorf \$591.00; State of South Dakota \$73.71; Timothy Gardner \$110.00; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$2,976.00; Honeywell International \$24,734.89; J Gross Equipment \$172.50; Kirk Karlen \$177.55; Lien Transportation \$551.25; Muth Electric \$337.49; Pantorium Cleaners \$406.64; Pierson Ford Lincoln \$51.45; CNH Industrial America \$2,746.10; R.D. Offutt \$9,635.16; Runnings \$10.00; Smart Choice \$2,541.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$79.16; Kirby Kiesz \$46.00; Transource Truck & Equipment \$12,027.87; Trinity Service \$100.00; Walth Safety Service \$2,012.99. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$28,677.31; American Business Forms \$97.90; Charm-Tex \$50.76; Crescent Electric Supply \$458.64; Dakota Fluid Power \$178.23; Dakota Mailing \$847.00; Dakota Oil \$258.00; Dakota Supply \$365.00; Earthgrains \$591.03; East Side Jersey Dairy \$677.16; Interstate Battery \$295.90; J Gross \$106.66; Menards \$275.74; Midstates Printing \$584.54; Pantorium Cleaners \$56.00; Plumbing & Heating \$11.86; Precision Kiosk \$3,060.00; CNH Industrial America \$179.70; R.D. Offutt \$3,416.78; Runnings \$915.06; Kirby Kiesz \$318.88; Titan Machinery \$337.32; Transource \$7,022.89; Tyler Business Forms \$75.68; US Foods \$6,196.14; Web Water Bottling \$13.00; Zastrow's Sales \$41.27. Travel & Conference: Aberdeen Fire & Rescue \$400.00; Stan Beckler \$18.33; Darwin Bettmann \$15.24; City of Groton \$150.12; Patrick Keatts \$34.11; Dale Kurth \$112.53; Mark Milbrandt \$580.00; David North \$105.48; Jerome Streckfuss \$34.98. Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$1,013.30; AT&T Mobility \$71.24; Economy Propane \$1,226.50; Midcontinent \$248.96; Northern Electric \$659.46; Northwestern Energy \$5,017.79; Richmond Lake \$2,700.00; Town of Frederick \$61.00; Verizon \$50.03. Other: NECOG \$25,569.38; SD Dept. of Environment \$4,730.81; SD Dept. of Revenue \$678,139.58. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following: Acknowledge employment end date for Derek Ricci, Brown County Fair Manager, effective January 5, 2021 and approve request to fill vacancy. Approve hiring interim Fair Manager, Sonje Oban, effective January

25, 2021 at \$20 per hour. Approve hiring of Luz Diaz as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$16.82 per hour; effective January 25, 2021. Approve hiring of Margo Price as Brown County Building Maintenance Custodian, full-time; starting wage of \$15.90 per hour; effective January 19, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEMPG QUARTERLY REPORT:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to authorize signing 1st quarter report for State of South Dakota Department of Public Safety-Office of Emergency Management Local Emergency Management Performance Grant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ANNEX CHILLER QUOTE:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve quote for Annex Carrier Chiller Condenser Coil replacement submitted by Woodman Refrigeration, Inc in the amount of \$9,700.00 and rejecting quote from Custom Sheet Metal, Inc in the amount of \$10,500.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to authorize Auditor sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve abatement for EPEH LLC (clerical error) in the amount of \$10,650.00 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BINGO PERMIT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve Bingo permit for Elm Lake Association. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS VEHICLE TRADE IN:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve trade in of surplus vehicles toward the purchase of a new vehicle. Vehicles traded in: 2013 Ford Explorer, VIN ...0852, 2015 Ford Explorer, VIN 8586, 2016 Ford explore, VIN... 6119. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIRST READING – REZONE ORDINANCE 183:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve first reading of proposed ordinance 183: Applicant John Koehler requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lots 1-4, "John Koehler Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of section 6-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (3000 N Baird St). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIRST READING – REZONE ORDINANCE 184:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve first reading of proposed ordinance 184: Applicant Marcie Weigel requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 1, "Weigel and Locken Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 7-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38855137th St). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIRST READING – REZONE ORDINANCE 185:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve first reading of proposed ordinance 185: Applicant Marjorie Dosch requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 1, Dosch Subdivision in the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 8-T127N-R63W of the 5th, P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38905 107th Street). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIRST READING – REZONE ORDINANCES 186:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve first reading of proposed ordinance 186: Applicant Troy Malsam requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Jones Outlot 1 in the N1/2 of Section 32-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39551 129th St). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL CELL 4 CONSTRUCTION BID AWARD:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to award Landfill Cell 4 Construction to Baranko Bros, Inc (Dickinson, ND) with a total base bid plus alternates in the amount of \$2,020,541.83 reject-

ing bids from B&B Construction (Aberdeen, SD) in the amount of \$2,085,443.37, Halme, Inc (Lake Norden, SD) in the amount of \$2,685,101.80, and Lidel Construction Inc (Sioux Falls, SD) in the amount of \$3,029,750.90. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY PTO POLICY:

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, met to discuss the PTO transition and how it affected long term employees of the County.

WAGE STUDY:

Erica Coughling, HR Director, met to discuss consulting on a county wide wage study. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts per SDCL 1-25-2(1, 4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:20 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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**Groton City
Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term or due to the resignation of office of the elective officer:

- 1, 2-year term City Council, Alderman-Ward
- 2, 2-year term City Council, Alderman-Ward
- 3, 2-year term City Council, Alderman-Ward
- 2, 1-year term City Council, Alderman-Ward

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29th and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 209 N Main, Groton, SD between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., central time not later than the 26th day of February 2021 or mailed by registered mail not later than the 26th day of February 2021, at 5:00 p.m. central time.

Hope Block, Finance Officer (0120.0127)
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**Groton School
Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

The following school board positions will become vacant July 1, 2021, due to the expiration of the present terms of office of the following school board members: Kara Pharis, 3-year term
Martin D. Weismantel, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29, 2021, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at Groton Area High School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., central standard time not later than February 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Michael J. Weber, Business Official
Groton Area School District
Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$18.81. 19669

**Claremont Town
Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF CLAREMONT

The following offices will become vacant/or up for renewal due to the expiration of the present term of office:

CLAREMONT TOWN COUNCIL
Frank Rasmussen, 3 year trustee term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26. If you need a petition, please call the city office and one will be mailed to you. Petitions may be filed with the finance officer at 606 6th Ave. in Claremont SD 57432. Final day for turning in petition is 5 p.m., February 26, 2021.

Charla Rye
Finance Officer
Town of Claremont (0120.0127)
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**Frederick Town
Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Troy Millard, Frederick Board Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29, and petitions may be picked up and filed in the office of the Finance Officer located at 406 3rd Avenue, Frederick, SD on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings between the hours of 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM (Central Standard Time). Final day for turning in petition is February 26, 2021 when Finance Office will be open until 5 PM.

Diane Bruns
Frederick Finance Officer (0120.0127)
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**Frederick School
Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6-2

The following school board positions will become vacant due to the expiration of the present terms of office.

- Richard Achen, School Board Member, 3-year term
- Rich Schlosser, School Board Member, 3-year term
- Dan Nickelson, School Board Member, 2-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29, 2021 and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at 202 E Main St, Frederick, SD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., central time, not later than February 22, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Janel Wagner
(0120.0127)
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**Columbia City
Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF COLUMBIA THE following offices will become vacant/or up for renewal due to the expiration of the present term of office:

- COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL
Ellen Harr, Columbia Board Member, 3 yr term
- Cole Kampa, Columbia Board Member, 3 yr term
- Corey Mitchell, Mayor of Columbia, 2 yr term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29.

If you need a petition, please call the city office and one will be mailed to you. Petitions can be left in the drop box at the city office. Final day for turning in petition is February 26, 2021.

Cara Dennert
Finance Officer
City of Columbia (0120.0127)
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**Columbia City
Jan. 6, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

City of Columbia Council Meeting – January 6, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Ellen Harr. Cole Kampa, Trevor Meints
Community – Emily Eichler
Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the December 9th meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: JVT – 125.47; Allen's Electric – 558.90; Jeremy Dosch – 419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann – 293.99; Cara Dennert – 823.50; Corey Mitchell – 377.91; Cole Kampa – 230.58; Ellen Harr – 230.58; Trevor Meints- 230.58; Runnings – 59.99; Great Western Bank – 277.68; Drew Johnson – 4068.00; SPS Works – 87.45; Petty Cash – 150; US Treasury – 1947.50; GDI – 37.91; SD Unemployment Insurance – 1.12
There was some discussion on our bill from the lawyer.

Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented except for the bill from Drew Johnson. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE – e-mail from Torian Mitchell regarding our transition plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Trevor Meints made a motion to not make any changes to the current suspended Columbia Covid19 ordinance. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Cara presented the board with a letter that will go out with the dog tags. The license application will not be a yearly process – just as needed. Any new dogs from this point forward, the owners should ask for a license application. Years down the road we may need to update our tags.

Nuisances – Ellen will be tagging vehicles that are in violation with city ordinances.

Streets - The new plow works very well. A light bar was purchased for the plow.

Parks - Jeremy and Trevor

burnt the rubble in the park. Again, there was much discussion on how to proceed with the park. B&B Contracting is doing some research. Emily asked about the possibility of community input on how to proceed. We will wait to hear what B&B has to say about what is possible for our current park and then possibly put out a survey to community members.

Lagoon/sewer Cole needs to do the December monitor paperwork.

Rubble Site – The site still needs to be burnt.

NEW BUSINESS – Emily Eichler was sworn in to fill the council spot left by Dana Mohr. Ellen Harr, Cole Kampa, and Corey Mitchell were given petitions as they are up for reelection this year. Anyone who would like to run for council or mayor may request a petition. Salaries for the coming year were discussed. Cole Kampa made a motion to keep salaries the same. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Mayor is \$40 per meeting – additional \$50 for attending. Council members - \$30 per meeting – additional \$40 for attending. Mayor and council members get \$15 for additional hours. City maintenance employees - \$17 per hour. Finance Officer - \$1000 per month. On the subject of designating a financial institute for the year, Ellen Harr made a motion to stick with Dacotah Bank. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. In regards to designating a publication source for the year, Ellen Harr made a motion to stay with GDI. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara presented bank balances. She discussed the 1099s that will be sent out. There is an annual report meeting (virtually) on January 14th. Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the financial report as given. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

December 31, 2020 balances: SF \$163,235.24; GF - \$176,618.27; FIT – statement not presented (computer issue) Cash on hand - \$0.00

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

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Lana's Annals

Capitol greetings to all. Week 1 was very preliminary so not a lot to report bill wise.

In the House chamber, we are getting acquainted with the many new legislators. The education committee, which I have been once again appointed to chair, has many new faces but all seem eager to participate. We have had one meeting thus far. I asked Tiffany Sanderson, our new secretary of education, and Dr. Wade Pogany, the executive director of Associated School Boards, to attend and report on any progress our schools are making and obstacles still present as a result of the pandemic.

This week we heard the Governor's State of the State address. She favors a continuation of broadband expansion as we get more industries and people in our state. Amazon's new warehouse and Schwan's Asian food industry to be coming to Sioux Falls are going to be huge economic gains for our state. Meanwhile on the other end of the state, the Rapid City area is building rapidly in order to ready itself for the arrival of the B-21 bomber and for the huge influx of personnel that comes with it. I attended an informational meeting and saw a model for a large building project proposal by the city of Box Elder. They wish to double the size of the city by creating an

expansive housing and apartment project, a recreation center, including an indoor track, fitness, and daycare center. Parks, walkways, and many new stores are also included in the design. In this part of the state, we continue to fire the agriculture and tourism cannon. It is important that our individual areas showcase strengths. Our state must have something special as many people are thinking of coming or have already moved here.

I attended a National Guard presentation on Thursday. Major General. Jeff Marlette, the head of the Guard, hosted a slide presentation on the activities conducted by units across the state. He mentioned that they are busy with many training drills as well as actively moving covid vaccines across the state, getting them to places quickly and safely. He also praised our young people for enlisting without being drafted into service. Our National Guard units and individuals are outstanding and renowned leaders and national award winners. We should be proud of them and of our other military branches who sacrifice and serve so that we may have a good quality of life.

On the floor we listened to the new chief justice, Steven Jensen. He addressed the need for more money to pay our judges. Many people in private law practice can make a higher salary than a judge so it is hard to get them out of private practice in order to serve. This is an item we may need to research.

Standing Rock Tribal Chairman Faith also spoke to us about problems natives encounter in his area: lack of jobs and little industry, rampant alcohol and drug abuse, missing women and children, poor healthcare, lack of decent housing. Many of these problems are similar to a number of areas in our state and nation. I was impressed with his respectful demeanor, humor, and willingness to work together. Sometimes, though, it gets personally confusing.. I wonder if someday everyone will be able to assimilate; that would be easier.. For now, some prefer to keep their own nation, laws, language, customs, , and culture, which I respect. It just makes it harder to develop inclusive plans as a state if we are different pages.

Many bills have been or are in the process of being filed. Before I sign on, I ask myself this: is this bill something that many need and will benefit from, is it something that some people will benefit from some of the time, or is it a piece of feel good, unenforceable legislation that nobody will benefit from at any time.. Do I always get it right? No. Part of the problem I have is putting a bill into law that has unintended consequences or having one in place that will never be used or enforced.

If you are "for" or "against" a bill, please let me know before I vote. It does little good to write to us legislators to express displeasure after the fact.

With that, I wish all of you a blessed week.

Rep. Lana Greenfield, Dist. 2 House

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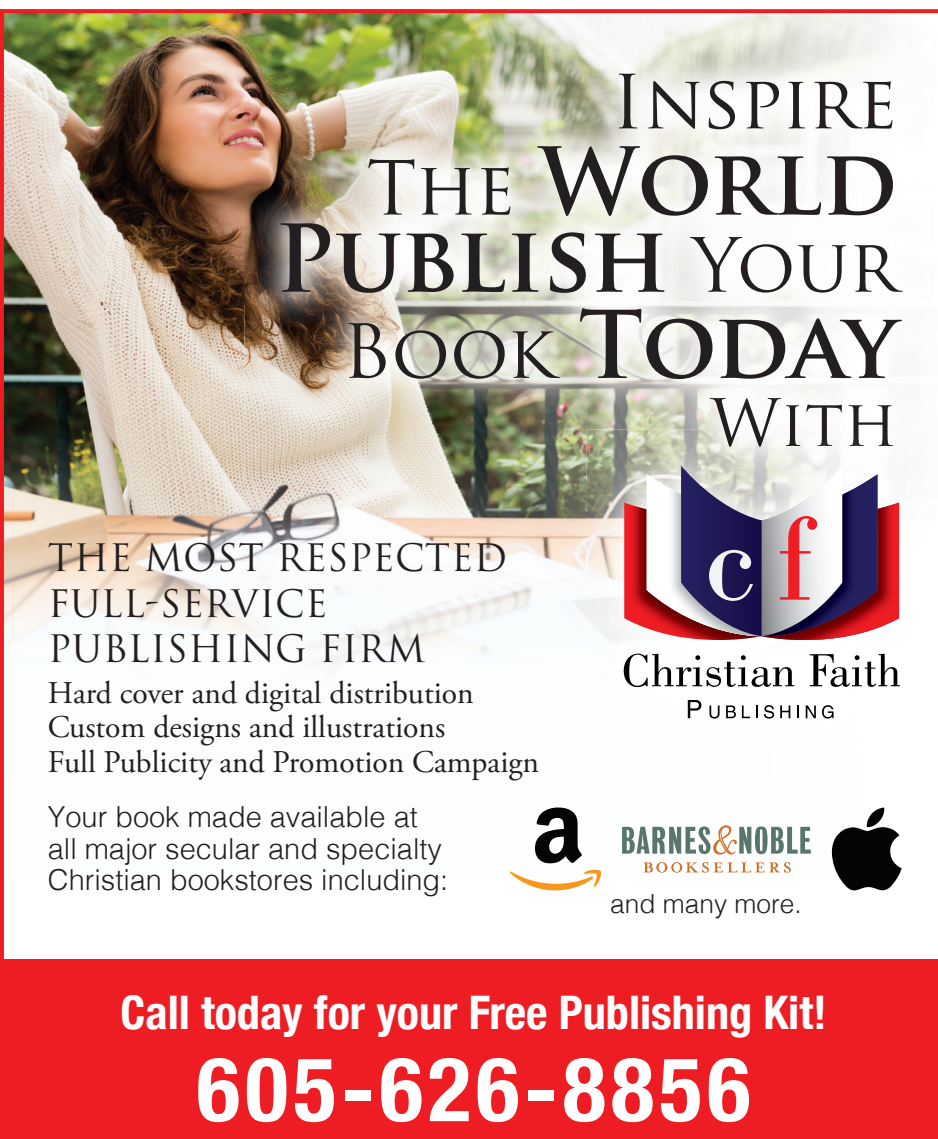
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Glimpses From Greenfield

Greetings, once again! In many regards, things remain the same, while in many other ways, everything has changed! First of all, I got married over the interim! My wife, Kelli, hails from the Winner area, and she is a nurse practitioner with Monument Health. We have known each other just over three years, and I count her as a tremendous blessing in my life!

I don't need to tell you the world has become almost unrecognizable over the past several months. The human caravans from Central America have cranked up again and are planning on flooding into America's southern border within weeks. Other "refugees" from the Middle East anxiously await Inauguration Day, which will signal the doors being thrown wide open to them after four years of relatively well-monitored and controlled immigration. Boys in Connecticut are the fastest runners in high school girls track. And even after four years of unprecedented prosperity and a challenge from a candidate who hid in the basement and offered American voters virtually zero opportunity to get to know him, one of the most successful Presidents in American history is being displaced and replaced this week by a candidate who won fewer counties and precincts than any candidate in modern times. Revisionist historians are rewriting our American history in real-time! Between them and the "woke" individuals who troll social media, they have effectively "cancelled" a whole lot of our fellow Americans, both past and present.

Nevertheless, we remain grounded and focused here in South Dakota. Most of us know that at the heart of it all is a God who created us and who will not forsake us. We have faced dozens upon dozens of challenges here in our state over the past year, but we remain undeterred. We have bent but not broken. I take very seriously the fact that we have lost some good people prematurely. It is a tragedy and a travesty. But here in our beloved South Dakota, we find strength to go on within ourselves and by leaning on our neighbors, friends, families, and churches, and we overcome. We are on the precipice of doing just that.

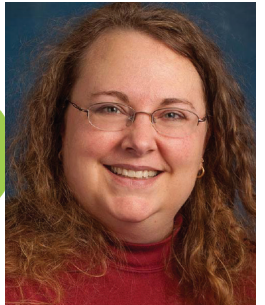
Over the course of the first week of session, we heard from the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the tribal leader from Standing Rock Reservation, and a lot of other folks with a vested interest in seeing South Dakotans from all walks of life achieve their highest potential. The messages were not those of a broken people. They were those of optimism and hope. They come from leaders who know that South Dakota can serve as an example for people from every other dot on the map and encourage them to become the shining cities on the hill that we are because of who our people are.

This year, I am serving on the Appropriations Committee. We have begun our hearings, and—as many of you have heard—we have a unique situation this year, in that we have a whole lot of money to consider how to apportion out. We want to do so in a way that makes South Dakota better in both the short and long-terms. Expect for there to be some serious long-range planning and mega investments in projects that will make several generations going forward better off than those who have gone before us. I look forward to seeing those of you who venture out to Pierre during the Session and hearing from those of you who either contact me in the usual ways or by attending cracker barrels as they take place.

Because the first week is generally mundane for the average citizen, I will wrap things up by telling you I will be back next week with a little more information about what is transpiring, as well as what bills I am going to be working on. In the meantime, stay well, stay positive, and may God bless you and yours!

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We Are More Alike Than Different



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

America is grappling a difficult legacy. Our society was built by the blood and sweat of slaves, on land previously occupied by Native Americans. When we won independence, only white male property owners were fully enfranchised. Enslaved peoples were not fully counted under the constitution. Married women had no legal identity.

Immigrants, particularly from Ireland, southern Europe, and Asia faced open hostility. Catholic Churches were vandalized. Nearly 1000 Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany were turned away in Miami harbor. Japanese Americans were forced from their homes and into internment camps.

We have a proud heritage of noble ideals, but we have often failed to live up to them. We have emphasized our differences, not to celebrate the rich tapestry of life they create, but to divide ourselves into "us" and "them."

In the last 250 years, our society has moved in meaningful ways toward equal participation. Slavery is illegal. Women can own property. People of different races can marry. We still face the consequences of generations of discrimination, but most of us find we have opportunities our grandparents did not.

The LGBTQ+ community is the most recent to demand an end to discrimination. Awareness is increasing, but many people still have little information, or have misinformation, about the diversity of human sexuality and sexual identity.

Three years ago, a high school friend shocked me when she revealed that she was, in fact, a trans woman. I wonder how many other people I've met and cherished have felt compelled to hide something so important. We know that suicide attempts in the LGBTQ+ community are higher than in the general population, particularly for young people who are bullied in their communities or rejected at home. LGBTQ+ individuals are more likely to be victimized by violent crimes.

I often think of the saying "a rising tide lifts all boats." It reminds me that working to improve my neighbor's wellbeing makes my own more secure. This is especially true for the neighbors who don't look like me, who don't pray like me, who don't vote like me, who don't love like me. If their rights are threatened, it is only a matter of time before mine are, as well.

We can all look back in our family trees and find someone who faced discrimination for their race, religion, or class. And of course, we all have mothers and grandmothers! Let's remember those struggles and extend compassion. We are more alike than we are different.

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S.D. lawmakers off to slow start in regulating legal weed, but industry ramping up

By: Nick Lowrey

Entrepreneurs across South Dakota are already taking steps to claim a share of the state's soon-to-be-legal marijuana market, but legislators and regulators are off to a slow start in crafting laws and rules to govern the controversial new industry.

The sale, possession and use of recreational and medicinal marijuana are set to become legal in South Dakota for the first time on July 1. But when the 2021 South Dakota legislative session started on Jan. 12, only one bill regarding marijuana had been filed.

A group of 15 Republican lawmakers have formed what they call a "Cannabis Caucus" to address marijuana issues this session. But leaders in both the Republican and Democratic parties say discussions on preparing for legalization and regulation of the business of marijuana sales, possession and use — one of the top matters facing the 2021 Legislature — have barely begun.



Gary Cammack

One high-ranking Senate leader said enacting a regulatory framework for legal marijuana will probably require more than one session of work and will likely spill into the 2022 session or require a special session to complete.

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-- Senate Majority Leader Gary Cammack

be done at the end of this session," said Senate Majority Leader Gary Cammack, R-Union Center. "I know there has been talk about the need for a special session."

Marijuana entrepreneurs, however, are not waiting for the Legislature to act. Many have been working for months to get businesses ready for the July 1 legalization date. The South Dakota Secretary of State's Office handled 907 more new business filings during the last three months of 2020 than it had during the same period of 2019, many of them related to legal weed.

Exactly how many new business filings are related to marijuana is unknown, as the Secretary of State's Office does not require new businesses to indicate a purpose or sales plan, said Jason Luntz, deputy secretary of state.

But as of Jan. 11, a search of public business filings on the Secretary of State's website found more than 40 businesses with the words "cannabis," "marijuana," "pot" or "dispensary" in their names. Most of those businesses organized as Limited Liability Companies or registered their business names after voters approved marijuana legalization on Nov. 3, 2020.

Even as a court challenge of the legalization of recreational marijuana remains unresolved, experts say the state needs to move quickly to establish clear rules for growing and selling marijuana commercially. The state will need to license and regulate sales outlets, set up tax collections, define penalties for selling marijuana to minors and make laws related to the marijuana black market, said Kittrick Jeffries, a former marijuana industry compliance officer and founder of a new Rapid City-based can-

nabis consulting firm called Dakota Cannabis Consulting.

"I think South Dakota has a great opportunity here ... but there are some really key things that need to be done before July," Jeffries said.



Kittrick Jeffries

If lawmakers and state regulators do not have the framework of a commercial market in place before marijuana becomes legal on July 1, anyone who wants to use cannabis after that date would be pushed to buy from the black market, which could expand and compete with legal, tax-paying retailers, Jeffries said.

Black market competition could weaken South Dakota's legal marijuana market, leaving local businesses more vulnerable to interstate competition should the federal government choose to legalize marijuana, Jeffries said.

A few legislators have been considering marijuana regulation in the early days of the 2021 session. Rep. Mike Derby, R-Rapid City, is playing a lead role in forming what he calls the "Cannabis Caucus." Derby said the group's goal is mostly to share information and help educate other lawmakers as opposed to offering legislation or coordinating votes. Members plan to meet for the first time on Jan. 21 to review bill drafts, Derby said.

One of the big issues Derby plans to work on is providing clarity for local governments. Dozens of marijuana businesses are already preparing to begin commercial marijuana growing operations or are preparing to open retail sales outlets in South Dakota. Municipal governments will need guidance on how to safely zone for often large, indoor marijuana farms needed to supply wholesale and retail outlets, Derby said.



Mike Derby

"At the end of the day, we want to respect the will of the people," Derby said. "We have an opportunity to look at what other states have passed, learn from their best practices, learn from their mistakes and maybe create a better process."

Rep. Mary Fitzgerald, R-St. Onge, has called for legislation that would make using marijuana in a vehicle and driving while high illegal after marijuana legalization takes effect. As of Jan. 13, Fitzgerald had not filed any legislation regarding marijuana use.

The only bill regarding marijuana legalization that had been filed by Jan. 13 came from the Department of Revenue. Senate Bill 35 asks the Legislature to give the department \$4 million to cover the costs of regulating the marijuana industry until tax revenue starts coming in. The bill also asks lawmakers to give the state Department of Health about \$135,000 to help cover the cost of regulating medical marijuana.

Any recreational marijuana bills that legislators pass could be negated by a lawsuit seeking to declare the recreational marijuana vote result as unconstitutional. Backed by Gov. Kristi

Noem, the lawsuit was filed by Highway Patrol Superintendent Rick Miller and Pennington County Sheriff Kevin Thom, who argue that the constitutional amendment passed by voters, known as Amendment A, should not have been on the Nov. 3 ballot and is unconstitutional because it was too broad.

A hearing in the case is scheduled for Jan. 27 in Hughes County circuit court, but no trial date has been set. The circuit court's final ruling and any subsequent appeals to the state Supreme Court likely won't be settled until well after the 2021 legislative session ends.

Ian Fury, a spokesman for Gov. Noem, said the governor is in discussion with lawmakers about marijuana legalization but has not engaged in filing or pushing any specific legislation so far. "Many legislators have an interest in this topic and we want to give them the opportunity to convey their thoughts and ideas on behalf of their constituents," Fury wrote in an email to News Watch.

Some lawmakers question whether the Legislature should be involved in regulating recreational marijuana at all.

"My interpretation of Amendment A is that it doesn't allow the Legislature to do anything," said Sen. Arthur Rusch, R-Vermillion, vice-chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

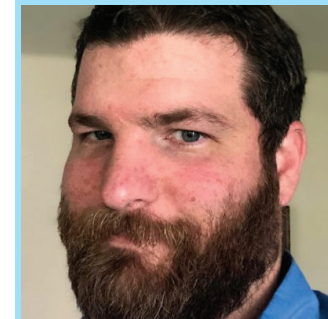
Amendment A did not provide a regulatory framework for the industrial production or commercial sale of large amounts of cannabis. Instead, the amendment requires the state Department of Revenue to devise licensing and regulatory mechanisms that allow for the sale of recreational marijuana by April 1, 2022. Rusch said he believes Amendment A gave full authority over recreational marijuana regulation to the Department of Revenue.

"That's one of the reasons I believe (Amendment A) is unconstitutional," Rusch said.

Still, legislative leaders in both the Republican and Democratic parties acknowledged that a clear majority of South Dakota voters wanted to see marijuana legalized and that the Legislature is obligated to implement legalization measures.

"Our feet are set in concrete. Until the courts rule or voters overturn it in another election, it is our job to move forward with legalization," Cammack said.

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By Jordan Wright

Playoff Edition, Divisional Round

At this time a week ago, there were eight teams left standing in the NFL. Now there are four.

The divisional round of the playoffs kicked off Saturday with a matchup between the number one seed Green Bay Packers and the six-seeded Las Angeles Rams. There will be plenty of storylines to come out of this game, from Aaron Rodgers reaching the NFL Championship Game for the fourth time in seven years to this being the first time the future Hall of Fame QB has started a conference championship game with home-field advantage – but this game came down to one thing: the trenches. The Rams, led by defensive tackle Aaron Donald and boasting the league's number one defense, was going up against a Green Bay offensive line that

would be without left tackle David Bakhtiari. The Rams were still unable to put pressure on Aaron Rodgers, only registering one QB hit and zero sacks. Rodgers took full advantage, completing 23 of 36 passes for 296 yards and two touchdowns. On the other side of the ball, Green Bay was wreaking havoc in the Rams' backfield, sacking Jared Goff four times and an additional seven QB hits (plus five other tackles behind the line of scrimmage). The Packers prevailed in this one, 32-18.

The second game on Saturday featured the Baltimore Ravens at the Buffalo Bills. This game was not much of a contest, even before 2019 MVP Lamar Jackson exited because of a concussion, with the Bills winning 17-3. The Bills only managed 220 yards on offense, relying on short passes from Josh Allen to move the ball down the field. Stefon Diggs led the way for the Bills, catching eight passes for 106 yards and a touchdown. On defense, the Bills harassed Baltimore's quarterbacks all game. Defensive end Jerry Hughes, an eleven-year veteran, was the player of the game for the Bills with two sacks, two QB hits, and two tackles for a loss.

After two non-competitive games on Saturday, Sunday started with a bang. The Cleveland Browns went to Kansas City and nearly knocked off the reigning champion Chiefs before ultimately falling 22-17. Halfway through the third quarter, with the Chiefs up by nine points, Patrick Mahomes had to exit the game because of a concussion. Veteran QB Chad Henne took over and the promising drive ended in a field goal, and those would be the last points Kansas City scored on Sunday. The Browns were looking like they had all the momentum at that point, scoring a touchdown

on their next possession and cutting the deficit to five points. Unfortunately for Cleveland fans, the Browns were unable to maintain the momentum, and the Chiefs were able to run out the clock for the win.

The final game of the weekend featured two of the best quarterbacks to ever play the game when Tom Brady and the Buccaneers traveled to New Orleans to take on the Saints. The two teams were tied at halftime, and the Saints got the second-half kickoff and drove down the field to give the Saints a 20-13 lead. It was all downhill from there for the Saints, as they gave up 17 unanswered points before falling to a final score of 30-20. Tom Brady went 18/33 for 199 yards and two touchdowns, and now prepares for another conference championship game. Drew Brees' went 19/34 for 134 yards one touchdown and three interceptions, in what was likely the final game of his illustrious NFL career.

Looking ahead, the conference championship games are set. The Bucs will head to Lambeau to battle the Packers (Sunday, 2:05 PM CT), while the Bills head to Kansas City (Sunday, 5:40 PM CT). In the NFC, Tom Brady just knocked off a Hall of Fame QB and will look to duplicate the feat this week against Aaron Rodgers. The Packers open as four-point favorites, even though the two teams met earlier this season in Tampa and the Bucs won 38-10. In the AFC, the Chiefs open as three-point favorites, but that line will surely change this week depending on the severity of Mahomes' concussion.

Since there is no Pro Bowl game this year, there are only three games left in the NFL season. The season will be over before we know it, so cherish these last few games. Skol!

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A long road ahead

Martin Luther King would have been 91 on Monday. I still remember talking about his assassination with my grade school classmates. 1968 was also the year we lost Robert F. Kennedy. It seemed to me then that the world had somehow come untethered. I imagine it feels much the same to grade school kids today who saw domestic terrorists in our nation's capital with a Confederate flag.

Racism has never really gone away, I discovered in my naivete in the late 80's when I took a job with a radio station in South Carolina, where I've always said, Hurricane Hugo was the best part.

I discovered that segregation, if not an official policy, was certainly imposed. There were nightclubs for white people and other places for blacks. Even at the radio station discrimination was evident. One of the most talented disc jockeys on staff, a young black man, was relegated to the graveyard shift. The station played a heavy rotation of black music to pump up the ratings but otherwise sought to appeal to white advertisers.

One promotion invited callers to win tickets aboard a bus to see the Rolling Stones in concert but not if they "sounded black." As you might imagine, I integrated that bus in a big way. You might also imagine that I didn't keep that job for very long. Nor did I want to.

It was quite an eye-opener. Somehow, growing up in my Dakota isolation, I imagined that inequality was a thing of the past. Oh, I'd worked in Denver for three years and saw inequities, but nothing as stark as in South Carolina. The air was heavy with it.

Would you be surprised to know that not all that much has changed from 1968 when Martin Luther King was assassinated and landmark civil rights legislation was passed? According to the Washington Post, "In 1968, a typical middle-class black household had \$6,674 in wealth compared with \$70,786 for the typical middle-class white household... In 2016, the typical middle-class black household had \$13,024 in wealth versus \$149,703 for the median white household, an even larger gap in percentage terms."



That's Life by Tony Bender

In Missouri, African-American drivers are 85 percent more likely to be pulled over than whites. A Stanford School of Engineering study covering 21 state patrols and 35 municipalities revealed that when drivers were stopped, officers searched the cars of blacks and Hispanics more often than whites. Interestingly, though, drivers of color were not targeted once it was dark outside and it was difficult to see the race of the driver.

There's been an effort to equate the terrorism at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 with the Black Lives Matter protests. Well, 90% of those protests were non-violent despite the fact that they were a reaction to the deaths of black Americans like George Floyd at the hands of the police. Can we admit, even in the Trump-adoring Dakotas, that the claim from the president that he won the Nov. 3 election in a landslide is complete and utter fiction?

Interestingly, when Black Lives Matter protested at the capitol, there was a heavy police presence. When the president's supporters marched, the few officers present were overrun and one was beaten to death.

On wonders what Martin Luther King might say about what appears to be a long road ahead. All we have are the things he said before he was shot down in 1968, including this: "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

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Groton hosts wrestling quad

Groton Area hosted a quadrangular wrestling match on Tuesday. Groton wrestled 10 matches among the three teams with Groton winning 11 matches via forfeits. Groton beat Britton-Hecla and Hamlin and lost to Clark/Willow Lake.

Groton 42, Britton-Hecla 18

Easten Ekern, Cole Bisbee, Lane Krueger, Adrian Knutson and Dragr Monson all won by forfeit in Groton Area's match with Britton-Hecla.

There were only two matches: Christian Ehresmann pinned Connor Glines, 1:02, and Korbin Kucker pinned Dashed Davidson, 2:33.

Clark/Willow Lake 42, Groton 24

Dragr Monson, Christian Ehresmann and Lane Krueger all posted wins over Clark/Willow with Korbin Kucker and Cole Bisbee winning by forfeit.

Monson pinned Matthew Batchelor in 1:03 at 113 pounds, Ehresmann decisioned Gunnar Kvistad, 3-2, at 126 pounds, and Lane Krueger decisioned Kasey Michalski, 3-0, at 220 pounds.

Easten Ekern was pinned by Elliot Bratland, 2:59, and Adrian Knutson was pinned by Avery Nichols, 3:03.

Groton 42 Hamlin 6

Groton wrestled three matches against Hamlin with Christian Ehresmann pinning Brock Gisselbeck, 3:36, at 132 pounds; Cole Bisbee pinned Kaden St. Pierre, 3:23, at 160 pounds; and Lane Krueger pinned Michael Stevenson, 4:33, at 195 pounds. Winning by forfeit were Dragr Monson, Korbin Kucker, Easten Ekern and Adrian Knutson.



Piping put together

Some of the piping for the new water tower and new pump house has been put together and set in the hole. The new pump house will be built over these pipes, just south of the current pump house. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

City puts in bid for Wells Fargo Building

The Groton City Council voted Tuesday night to submit a bid for the Wells Fargo Building located in downtown Groton. Wells Fargo will be closing the Groton branch and the building is up for sale. According to Brown County records, the property is assessed at \$320,647.

The taxes on the property are \$6,703.76 for the 2020 tax year. Of that, \$2,603.97 goes to the city, \$1,153.69 goes to the county, \$129.22 goes to the fire district, \$2,707.32 goes to the school and \$19.56 goes to the James River Water Development District. The taxes, in addition to revenue loss from electric, water and sewer, will no longer be paid if the property comes off the tax roles.

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Basketball Recaps

Girls JV: Groton 37, Ipswich 22

Groton Area's girls junior varsity team posted a 37-22 win over Ipswich on Tuesday at Ipswich. Groton Area led at the quarter-stops, 12-9, 19-11 and 23-14. The game was broadcast on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Penning's cousins from Tea, Bentley and Beckham.

Sydney Leicht led the Tigers with seven points while Laila Roberts and Jaedyn Penning each had six, Brooklyn Hansen five, Jerica Locke four, Anna Fjeldheim three and Elizabeth Flihs and Emma Schinkel each had two points. Fjeldheim, Brooklyn Hansen and Leicht each made a three-pointer.

Quincy Olivier led Ipswich with 11 points followed by Ashlyn Weig and Emily Knoll with three each, Baylee Kulesa and Paige Mehlberg each had two and Rylee Kleffman added a free throw.

Boys JV: Ipswich 33, Groton 28

Ipswich won the boys junior varsity game, 33-28. Ipswich held a 12-4 first quarter lead, a 23-11 lead at half time and a 27-16 lead at the end of the third quarter. Cade and Tate Larson's grandparents from Woonsocket, Jim and Shirley VanDenHemel sponsored the game on GDILIVE.COM.

Logan Ringgenberg led the Tigers with 12 points followed by Wyatt Hearnen with 11, Favian Sanchez and Cade Larson each had two points and Colby Dunker had one. Ipswich was led by Tyler Hettich with eight while Carson Goal and Trevor Heinz each with six, Matt Jaenish five, and Zach Gedit and Colby Sylte each with four.

Varsity Girls: Ipswich 41, Groton 38

Ipswich's varsity girls team had an 11-point run in the fourth quarter to come from behind to win, 41-38. Groton Area led for most of the game at the quarter stops at 6-5, 18-10 and 26-21.

Gracie Traphagen had a double-double night with 14 points and 11 of the team's 32 rebounds. Alyssa Thaler also had 14 points while Allyssa Locke had five, Brooke Gengerke three and Aspen Johnson had two points.

Ipswich was led by Halle Heinz with 28 points followed by Halie Feldman with six, Katie Bierman had five and Lindsey Grabowska added two points.

Groton Area made 14 of 48 field goals for 29 percent while Ipswich was 12 of 39 for 31 percent. Groton Area was nine of 14 from the line for 64 percent off of Ipswich's 13 team fouls. Ipswich was 11 of 19 from the line off of Groton Area's 18 team fouls. Both teams had 13 turnovers. Gengerke had three of the team's nine assists and Thayler had three of the team's nine steals.

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Varsity Boys: Groton 51, Ipswich 28

Groton Area never trailed in the boys varsity game and easily went on for a 51-28 win. The boys are 7-1 on the season and Ipswich falls to 6-3.

Groton Area led at the quarter stops at 8-6, 22-11 and 40-20. Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 13 points followed by Jayden Zak with 12, Tate Larson eight, Jacob Zak seven, Tristan Traphagen four, Wyatt Hearnen three and Cole Simon and Lucas Simon with two each. Jayden Zak had four three-pointers while Tietz had two and Hearnen and Jacob Zak each had one three-pointer.



Wyatt Hearnen
(Photo by Benjamin Higgins)

Josh McQuarie led Ipswich with 11 points while Ty Kadlec and Matt Hettich each had five, Taylor Thorson and Jordan Nierman each had three and Eric Severson had one.

Groton Area made 19 of 39 field goals for 48 percent, was five of 12 from the line for 79 percent, had 14 turnovers, 23 rebounds with Jacob Zak having six and Traphagen five, 15 assists with Larson having four, nine steals with Jayden Zak and Tietz each having three and Traphagen had one block. Groton Area had 12 team fouls.

Ipswich was 11 of 32 in field goals for 34 percent, three of eight from the line for 38 percent, had 18 turnovers and 14 team fouls.

Girls JV: Groton 29, Langford 13

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 29-13. The first quarter was low scoring as it was tied at two, but the Tigers took a 13-4 lead at the end of the second quarter and took a 24-6 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Tom and Rachael Crank.

Anna Fjeldheim led the Tigers with five points which included a three-pointer. Laila Roberts, Jerica Locke and Jaedyn Penning each had four, Brooklyn Hansen, Mia Crank, Cadence Feist, Lydia Meier and Emma Schinkel each had two points and Kennedy Hansen and Sydney Leicht each added a free throw.

Emily Jensen led Langford Area with five points while Bryanna Peterson and Cali Vander Vorst each had a free throw.

Varsity Girls: Groton 52, Langford 25

The Lady Tigers defeated Langford Area in the varsity game, 52-25.

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Groton Area led at the quarter stops at 13-7, 26-12 and 39-20.

Gracie Traphagen led the Tigers with 19 points which include a three-pointer and she was six of seven from the free throw line. Alyssa Thaler had 12 points which included a three-pointer, Kenzie McInerney had six points which include a three-pointer, Emma Schinkel had four points, Brooke Gengerke made a three-pointer, and adding two points each were Allyssa Locke, Anna Fjeldheim, Jerica Locke and Sydney Leicht.

The Lions were led by Katie Jensen with 11 followed by Olivia Dwight with five, Emily Jensen, Morgan Glines, Montana Marlow and

Kylie Schock each had two points and Anne Jensen added one. Kaitie Jensen made one three-pointer.

Groton Area was 15 of 37 in two-pointers for 41 percent, was four of 15 in three-pointers for 27 percent, made 10 of 16 free throws for 63 percent off of Langford Area's 17 team fouls, had 34 rebounds with Traphagen having nine and Penning five, 11 assists with Locke having four and Traphagen three, had 14 steals with Thaler having five and McInerney four, and the Tigers had 16 turnovers.

Langford Area made 10 of 38 in field goal shooting for 26 percent, and was four of 12 from the line for 33 percent off of Groton Area's 15 team fouls.

Girls C: Roncalli 23, Groton 15

Groton Area traveled to Aberdeen Roncalli where the Cavaliers had a three-game win.

Roncalli won the C game, 23-15. The game was tied at four at the end of the first quarter and Roncalli held a 10-7 lead at half time. Groton Area took the lead early in the third quarter, 11-10, but Roncalli scored seven straight points and ended up taking a 17-13 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the White House Inn.

Kennedy Hansen and Brooklyn Hansen led the Tigers with four points apiece while Jerica Locke, Fatih Traphagen and Jaedyn Penning each had two and Laila Roberts had one free throw.

McKenna O'Keefe led the Cavaliers with six points while Rylee Voeller and Madisen Martin each had four, Morgan Helms three and Ava Daneilson, Claire Crawford and Katherine Olivier each had two points.

JV Girls: Roncalli 24, Groton 15

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 24-15 with Agtegra sponsoring the broadcast on GDILIVE.COM. The Cavaliers took a 10-0 lead after the first quarter, a 14-3 lead at half time and a 20-13 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Mia Crank made two three-pointers lead the Tigers with six points while Sydney Leicht, Kennedy Hansen, Jerica Locke and Jaedyn Penning each had two points and Laila Roberts added a free throw.

Ella Hanson led Roncalli with 10 points, Olivia Ulmer, Madisen Martin and Maddie Huber each had four points and McKenna O'Keefe added two points.

Varsity Girls: Roncalli 43, Groton 16

Aberdeen Roncalli won the varsity game, 43-16.

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Favian Sanchez
(Photo by Benjamin Higgins)



Logan Ringgenberg
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The Cavaliers held a 6-4 lead at the end of the first quarter, 23-7 at half time and 32-10 at the end of the third quarter. Roncalli scored 22 straight points to take a 30-7 lead.

Kenzie McInerney and Alyssa Thaler each had one three-pointer and led the Tigers with five points each, and Allyssa Locke, Aspen Johnson and Gracie Traphagen etc had two points.

The Cavaliers were led by Morgan Fiedler with 14 points followed by Madelyn Bragg with 12, Jeci Ewart and Olivia Hanson each had five points and Allie Morgan and Elissa Hammrich each had four points.

Groton Area made six of 44 field goals for 14 percent, was two of four from the line for 50 percent, had 11 turnovers and 15 team fouls. Roncalli made 18 of 41 shots for 43 percent, was five of 10 from the line for 50 percent, had nine turnovers and 12 team fouls.

Boys C: Groton 35, Roncalli 16

Groton Area boys basketball hosted Aberdeen Roncalli where the Tigers won the varsity and C game and lost the junior varsity game in overtime.

Bob and Vicki Walter sponsored the GDILIVE.COM broadcast of the C game.

It was a 14-point rally between the second and third quarters that helped to spark the win for the Tigers. Roncalli held a 7-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and Groton Area led, 15-10, at half time and 28-16 at the end of the third quarter.

Colby Dunker led the Tigers with 10 points. Taylor Diegel had nine which included a three-pointer. Braxton Imrie made two three-pointers for six points. Logan Ringgenberg was five of six from the line for five points, Cade Larson had a three-pointer. Holden Sipfel added two points.

Groton Area made 12 of 31 field goals for 31 percent while Roncalli was five of 33 for 15 percent. The Tigers had 14 turnovers and the Cavaliers had 22.

Boys JV: Roncalli 29, Groton 23 (OT)

The junior varsity game had eight lead changes and was tied five times before the Cavaliers pulled out a 29-23 overtime win over the Tigers.

Jerry and Marilyn Hearnen, grandparents of Wyatt Hearnen, sponsored the game on GDILIVE.COM.

Groton Area held a 3-2 lead after the first quarter and 5-4 at half time. Groton Area took a 12-8 lead at the end of the third quarter. Groton Area had to put in the tying basket at the end of regulation. The Cavaliers scored the last six points of the overtime for the win. Wyatt Hearnen led Groton Area with seven

points followed by Colby Dunker and Logan Ringgenberg with five each, Jackson Cogley had four and Cole Simon two.

Zane Backous led Roncalli with 10 points, Keegan Stewart nine, Darwin Gambler seven and Matthew Martinez three.

Varsity Boys: Groton 59, Roncalli 52

Groton had a 14-point rally in the second half to pull away from Aberdeen Roncalli in the varsity boys game, 59-52. The game was tied five times and the lead changed hands five times before the Tigers had their rally. Groton held a 17-16 lead at the end of the first quarter, trailed 29-27 at half time and led 46-37 at the end of the third quarter.

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Tate Larson led the Tigers with 17 points followed by Jayden Zak, Lane Tietz and Tristan Traphagen with 10 apiece, Wyatt Hearnen had seven, Jacob Zak five and Cole Simon two.

Roncalli was led by Gray Imbery with 21 points, scoring 13 points in the first half and the final eight points in the fourth quarter. Micah Dohrer had 11 points, Brian Holmstrom nine and Maddox May three.

Groton Area made 23 of 40 field goals for 58 percent, was 11 of 16 from the line for 69 percent and had nine turnovers. Roncalli was 19 of 41 in shooting for 46 percent, was 10 of 15 from the line for 67 percent and had nine turnovers.

JV Girls: Groton 51, Ab. Christian 12

Groton Area's junior varsity team defeated Aberdeen Christian, 51-12. The game was played at the Aberdeen Civic Center and was broadcast on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the White House Inn.

Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 12-4, 26-6 and 39-12.

Sydney Leicht led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Elizabeth Flihs with seven, Faith Traphagen, Brooklyn Hansen and Emily Clark each had five, Kennedy Hansen and Lydia Meier each had four, Jerica Locke and Emma Schinkel each had three and Laila Roberts and Mia Crank each had two.

Aberdeen Christian was led by Bailey Englund with six while Rachel Beaner had four and Sophie Bosma and Kayla Block each had one.

Girls Varsity: Groton 38, Ab. Christian 27

The varsity team jumped out to a 5-0 lead and then led at the quarter breaks, 14-8, 27-10 and 30-22 en route to a 38-27 win.

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Gracie Traphagen had 17 points which included five three-pointers. Alyssa Thaler had 12 points while Brooke Gengerke had four, Kenzie McInerney three and Allyssa Locke added two points.

Aspen Johnson had 10 of the team's 35 rebounds, Gengerke had three of the team's 11 assists and McInerney had three of the team's five steals. Groton Area had 10 turnovers and 12 team fouls.

Grace Kaiser led the Knights with nine points while Kaylee Block had six, Chloe Bosma five, Joy Rohrbach three and Chloe Holt and Sophie Bosma each had two points.

Groton Area made six of 24 two-pointers for 25 percent, eight of 24 three-pointers for 33 percent and was two of two from the line off of Aberdeen Christian's 12 team fouls.

The Knights were 10 of 46 from the field for



Tate Larson
(Photo by Benjamin Higgins)

22 percent and was six of 10 from the line off of Groton Area's 12 team fouls.

JV Girls: Groton 21, Webster 14

The Lady Tigers posted a 21-14 win over Webster Area. Groton Area had a 13 point rally in the second half to get the upper hand. The Bearcats led, 4-3, after the first quarter, and 10-6 at half time. Groton Area took the lead at the end of the third quarter, 13-10.

Jerica Locke and Sydney Leicht each had five points, Brooklyn Hansen, Kennedy Hansen and Lydia Meier each had three points and Jaedyn Penning had one point.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by James and Arlene Olson, Pierpont, grandparents of Jaedyn Penning.

Payton Snell led Webster with six points, Erin Case had four and Addy Kucker and Elliott Steiner each had two points.

Varsity Girls: Groton 39, Webster 35

Alyssa Thaler had a double-double night the Lady Tigers with 13 points and 10 rebounds as Groton Area defeated Webster Area, 44-39. The game was played in Webster.

Groton Area led at the quarterstops, 14-4, 25-15 and 33-26.

Allyssa Locke added 10 points, Brooke Gengerke had eight, Kenzie McInerney seven, Gracie Traphagen four and Aspen Johnson two. Thaler and Gengerke each made two three-pointers and Traphagen made one.

Groton Area made 10 of 28 two-pointers for 36 percent, five of 22 in three-pointers for 23 percent, and was nine of 17 from the line for 53 percent off of Webster's 18 team fouls. The Tigers had 19 turnovers while Webster had 17. Traphagen had four of the team's 10 assists and Gengerke had three of the team's nine steals. Traphagen had one block shot.

Webster made 14 of 45 shots for 31 percent and was eight of 13 from the line for 62 percent off of Groton Area's 16 team fouls.

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Varsity Boys: Groton 58, Webster 52

The Groton boys varsity team had a 15-point lead late in the third quarter, but watched it disappear as Webster came to with four, 54-50. The Tigers went on to win, 58-52.

Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 20-8, 33-22 and 50-37.

Lane Tietz made four three-pointers in the first quarter and added one in the second quarter as led all scorers with 28 points. Others adding to the Tiger tally were Tristan Traphagen and Tate Larson with eight each, Jacob Zak had five, Jayden Zak four, Isaac Smith made a three-pointer for three points and Cole Simon had two points. Jacob Zak also had a three-pointer.

Groton Area was 15 of 32 in two-pointers for 47 percent, made seven of 17 in three-pointers for 41 percent, was seven of 11 from the line for 64 percent off of Webster's 13 team fouls, Traphagen had nine of the team's 25 rebounds, Tietz and Jayden Zak each had four of the team's 15 assists, and Jacob Zak and Larson each had three of the team's 12 steals. Both teams had 16 turnovers.

Jaydon Keller led Webster with 23 points as he made four three-pointers. Jacob Pereboom had 12, Jake Case nine, Jacob Keller six and

Brent Bearman added two points.

JV Boys: Groton 38, Webster 21

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 38-21. The Tigers led at the quarterstops at 12-5, 24-10 and 34-16.

Logan Ringgenberg led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Wyatt Hearnen with nine, Colby Dunker, Jackson Cogley and Holden Sipel each had four and Cole Simon, Favian Sanchez and Cade Larson each had two points.

Carson Mount and Gavins Sannes each had four points to lead Webster with Tommy Vergeldt and Jared Schimmel each having three and Peyton Kuecker and Arden Knoll each had two points.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Jim and Shirley VanDenHemel, grandparents of Cade and Tate Larson.
- Paul Kosel

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Shih Tzus 14, Jackelopes 13, Chipmunks 7, Cheetahs 6

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 222, Roger Spanier 205, Doug Jorgensen 182

Women's High Games: Darci Spanier 189, Karen Spanier 175, Brenda Waage 162

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 573, Roger Spanier 538, Doug Jorgensen 502

Women's High Series: Darci Spanier 487, Brenda Waage 427, Karen Spanier 425

Conde National League

Team Standings: Cubs 16, Mets 16, Pirates 13, Giants 12, Braves 12, Tigers 3

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 267, 202; Lance Frohling 226, 201; Ryan Bethke 207; Russ Bethke 202

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 641, Lance Frohling 590, Ryan Bethke 572

Women's High Games: Women Mary Larson 171, 151, 150; Sam Bahr 170, 149; Nancy Radke 146

Women's High Series: Mary Larson 472, Sam Bahr 465, Vickie Kramp 402

Schedule

Thurs., Jan. 21
Junior High Boys Basketball at Britton-Hecla (7th at 5 p.m., 8th at 6 p.m.)

Girls Basketball hosting Clark/Willow Lake. JV at 6 p.m. followed by varsity

Friday, Jan. 22
Updated: Boys Basketball at Clark. 7th grade at 4 p.m., No 8th grade game. C game at 4:30 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity.

Sat., Jan. 23
10:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Invitational at Arlington

Mon., Jan. 25
Boys basketball with Northwestern in Groton. 8th at 4 p.m., 7th at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m. followed by varsity.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Boys basketball with Warner in Groton. 7th at 5:30 p.m. and 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Groton wrestling team places third at Gettysburg

Groton Area's wrestling team placed third at the Battler Invitational held Saturday at Gettysburg. Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington placed first with 204.5 points, Webster Area edged out Groton Area for second place, 83-82. There were 12 teams in the tournament.

Three grapplers placed first: Dragr Monson, Christian Ehresmann and Lane Krueger. Cole Bisbee placed third, Korbin Kucker placed fourth and Easten Ekern placed sixth.

113: Dragr Monson (17-0) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Dragr Monson (Groton) 17-0 pinned Ivan Stuwe (Potter County) 3-10 (Fall 0:51); he pinned Hayden Landmark (Deuel) 2-14 (Fall 1:01); he pinned Kayden Carter (Wessington Springs Woonsocket Wolsey Wessington) 13-5 (Fall 1:09); and in the championship match, he pinned Brady Unser (Ipswich/Bowdle) 16-7 (Fall 1:13)

126: Christian Ehresmann (14-2) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 14-2 pinned Lincoln Dikoff (Faulkton Area) 4-5 (Fall 1:15); and in the championship match, he pinned Troy Fastnacht (Wessington Springs Woonsocket Wolsey Wessington) 7-9 (Fall 3:08)

126: Easten Ekern (6-4) placed 6th.

Easten Ekern (Groton) 6-4 was pinned by Lincoln Dikoff (Faulkton Area) 4-5 pinned (Fall 1:27); he was pinned by Aaron Neugebauer (Webster) 2-6 (Fall 0:32); and in the fifth place match, he was pinned by Tayten Walker (Stanley County) 3-8 (Fall 3:15)

138: Korbin Kucker (8-7) placed 4th and scored 14.0 team points.

Korbin Kucker (Groton) 8-7 pinned Matt Mork (Webster) 2-14 (Fall 3:24); he was pinned by Brayden Schlachter (Potter County) 13-9 (Fall 1:22); he pinned Colton Brady (Stanley County) 2-2 (Fall 4:48); and in the third place match, he was pinned by Tyson Eddy (Wessington Springs Woonsocket Wolsey Wessington) 8-9 (Fall 1:50)

160: Cole Bisbee (7-9) placed 3rd and scored 7.0 team points.

Cole Bisbee (Groton) 7-9 was decided by Carter Grohs (Wessington Springs Woonsocket Wolsey Wessington) 13-8 (Dec 8-4); he pinned Case Kolda (Stanley County) 0-4 (Fall 0:46); he was pinned by Easton Steinbach (Warner Northwestern) 13-3 (Fall 1:30); and in the third place match, he pinned Jimmy Burma (Sunshine Bible Academy) 2-11 (Fall 0:28)

195: Lane Krueger (9-2) placed 1st and scored 16.0 team points.

Lane Krueger (Groton) 9-2 pinned Landyn Weber (Faulkton Area) 1-5 (Fall 1:15); he pinned Justin Granum (Deuel) 9-9 (Fall 4:01); he scored a decision over Preston Cavalier (Warner Northwestern) 9-6 (Dec 5-2); and in the championship match, he pinned Brock Stevens (Wessington Springs Woonsocket Wolsey Wessington) 11-6 (Fall 5:06)

285: Adrian Knutson (6-10) placed 4th and scored 3.0 team points.

Adrian Knutson (Groton) 6-10 was pinned by Parker Bode (Faulkton Area) 6-12 (Fall 4:00); he was pinned by Lucas Rowland (Ipswich/Bowdle) 15-5 (Fall 1:20); he was pinned by Quinten Christensen (Wessington Springs Woonsocket Wolsey Wessington) 18-0 (Fall 1:17); and in the third place match, he pinned Ethan Nehl (Lemmon/McIntosh) 4-8 (Fall 2:34).

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