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Careflight Summoned to Groton

Careflight was summoned to Groton early Saturday morning. Activity was seen at a house at the intersection of Third Ave. and Sixth Street.

A CaringBridge page has been created for Carter Jondahl. Updates on Carter's condition are posted there. Here is the initial statement.

Carter sustained a severe traumatic brain injury from a fall down the basement stairs on 2/13/21. Carter's mom - Lana and his brothers - Andy and Landon, want to be sure you are getting updated on his current condition. Carter and his family have been on a rollercoaster ride the past six months with Andy's injury in July, Lana's breast cancer diagnosis in October, Craig's passing in November, Dexter's passing in January, Shelley's passing in February and Lana's ongoing treatment. Please pray for Carter, Lana, Andy, Landon and their family during this difficult time.

Feb. 16 Entry: Carter has been very relaxed all afternoon and evening. They continue to monitor his sedation, breathing, blood pressure and medication. We found out the cultures and blood draws were negative, so he does not have any type of pneumonia or infection. They will continue to monitor Carter's temperature but are under the impression it is due to the injury/surgery. The doctor did order another CT scan, results were the same - so now they may wait to order another one. We are still waiting for the swelling to decrease so it is safe to start to reduce the sedation. Only time can make this happen.

Groton Area Staff Spotlight!

Name: Sue Wattier

Occupation: Secretary

For each student in Groton Area, there are several documents and records that must be actively maintained. Identification documents, health records, and grade transcripts all must be carefully tracked and updated for the faculty and students to draw upon at a moment's notice. It is the job of one of Groton Area High School's resident secretaries, Sue Wattier, to organize and maintain the records and transcripts of each local student.

As part of her duties as the secretary to Principal Sombke, Sue Wattier often works with tracking of student attendance, updating grades, sending out and receiving grade transcripts, and other tasks related to book-

keeping and information management. Before working at Groton Area High School, Mrs. Wattier worked at the local bank in Bristol and later worked as a school secretary in Bristol for a total of thirteen years. After her tenure in Bristol, she moved her work to Groton, where she has worked as the resident secretary for seventeen years. With the change in status quo brought by the outbreak of COVID-19, Sue has spent much more time on the phone communicating with parents and teachers rather than meeting with staff and guardians in person. In the face of changed circumstances brought by the pandemic, Mrs. Wattier has continued working as hard as she can to ensure the faculty and students can continue working in a safe and productive environment.

In the face of the Herculean tasks given to her, "Super Sue", so christened by students and staff, continues to be helpful and kind to everyone she interacts with on a day-to-day basis. Her perpetual cheery demeanor and willingness to help others have cemented her role as the go-to source of information for students and staff alike. When she is not working, Mrs. Wattier can be found quilting or spending time with her grandkids.

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Groton Area Staff Spotlight!

Name: Tasha Dunker

Occupation: Elementary Librarian

Although it may sound like a relatively simple position, working as a librarian can be strenuous. Not only do librarians have to keep track of due dates and missing books, they must also order new books, recommend books that fit the tastes of their clientele, and make sure that each book is in proper condition. As the elementary school librarian, Tasha Dunker does her best to educate students about reading and literature.

Mrs. Dunker, in addition to working as a librarian at the Groton Area Elementary School, also works as a paraprofessional educator, providing RtI services for both English and Math to 1st and 2nd grade students. RtI stands for Response to Intervention, a teaching strategy that provides education on a personal level for struggling students. She graduated from Northern State University with a major in Elementary Education, along with a minor in Coaching. She has been working as the school librarian for two years. When she is not recommending literature to students or ordering books for the library, Mrs. Dunker spends her time watching sports and playing with her three kids on her family farm located south of Groton.

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Krueger Brothers gets gravel bid

The Groton City Council voted to not accept the low bid for gravel for the upcoming year at its meeting Tuesday night. Bids were submitted by Krueger Brothers Gravel & Dirt for \$17.49 per yard. Jensen Rock & Sand for \$17.25 per yard. Hanlon Brothers Construction for \$18.75 per yard. According to the minutes, the council accepted the bid from Krueger Brothers.

The logo for the water tower was reviewed and was sent back to the contractor for revisions.

The council agreed to proceed with a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (60/40 City/grant) for resurfacing the tennis court and pickle ball court.



Brown County February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 9, 2021 –GENERAL
MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Fjeldehim at 8:45 am in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Sutton, Wiese, Kippley. Commissioner Kippley 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 Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of February 9, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve the following claims:

Improvements: Baranko Brothers \$334,510.82. Other: Aberdeen Development Corp \$15,000.00; SD Dept of Environment \$4,285.00; SD Dept of Revenue \$746,632.67. Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$1,549.92; Drew Becker \$200.00; Carrels & Bain Family Dental \$146.41; Commercial Electronics \$5,550.00; Comntech Inc. \$160.00; Helms & Associates \$13,137.05; Kuck Law Office \$185.60; Lexisnexis Risk Data \$150.00; SD Dept of Health \$120.00; SD Dept of Revenue \$2,651.63; Krisit Spitzer \$600.00; Jodi Sudweeks \$37.40; Tyler Technologies \$10,550.00; University of North Dakota \$600.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$367.80; Groton Independent \$628.77; Hub City Radio \$300.00; Midstates Printing \$580.00; Kind Midas \$475.00. Rentals: Aramark Uniform & Career \$318.55; Roland Moerke \$3,390.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$2,734.63; Dakota Fluid Power \$25.95; Farnams Genuine Parts \$234.98; Fire Safety First \$23.00; MB LLC \$585.00; House of Glass \$222.21; Jason's Electric \$157.66; Lawson Products \$14.45; Nelson Sales & Service \$48.00; Pierson-Ford-Lincoln \$445.06; R.D. Offutt Company \$770.88; RDO Equipment \$6,034.82; Sewer Duck \$1,025.00; Smart Choice Solutions \$906.00; Transource Truck \$3,887.50; Walth Safety Service \$441.00; Woodman Refrigeration \$113.27. Supplies: Agtegra \$24,921.83; Aramark Uniform & Career \$77.43; Butler Machinery \$906.78; Century Business Products \$12.56; Cole Papers \$2,366.20; Comntech Inc. \$149.97; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$2,673.08; Roland Moerke \$612.32; Dakota Fluid Power \$991.35; Dakota Oil \$280.80; Earthgrains \$687.96; East Side Jersey Dairy \$600.60; Farm Power MFG \$43.90; Fastenal \$375.22; Fedex \$34.37; Full Circle Ag \$2,453.62; Govconnection \$188.39; Lawson Products \$173.07; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$1,422.26; Matthew Bender & Co \$295.31; Menards \$643.77; Midstates Printing \$39.00; Nelson Sales & Service \$61.07; Northern Truck Equipment \$1,434.84; Pantorium Cleaners \$28.00; Pheasantland Industries \$599.14; Precision Kiosk \$2,700.00; CNH Industrial America \$113.00; R.D. Offutt Company \$160.68; RDO Equipment \$5,063.68; Roy L. Hall American Legion \$100.00; Runnings \$1,048.83; Satellite Tracking \$767.00; Share Corp \$432.00; Karen Swank \$24.00; Transource Truck \$67.04; Tri State Water \$33.75; Tyler Business Forms \$418.40; US Foods \$7,001.80; Walth Safety Service \$609.17; Web Water Bottling \$39.00; Zastrow's Sales \$55.55. Travel & Conference: District IV \$105.00. Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$1,203.32; Qwest Corporation \$568.02; State of South Dakota \$101.72; Midcontinent Communications \$638.33; Northern Electric \$666.58; Northwestern Energy \$5,678.86; Web Water Development \$79.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CELL 4 CONSTRUCTION PAY REQUEST 1:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve pay request one for Baranko Brothers in the amount of \$334,510.82 for cell four construction at the landfill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following: Approve hiring Richard Burns as Brown County Fairgrounds Maintenance, part-time; starting wage \$12.29 per hour; effective February 8, 2021, moving to seasonal full-time May 3, 2021.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE RENEWAL - LANDFILL CROPLAND:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve lease renewal addendum four of five for RB Farms to lease 129 acres in the NW 13-123-65; directly east of the Brown County Landfill. Reduction of 29 acres in the NW14-123-65 west of the landfill due to cell four construction. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS REQUEST:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve request to surplus sheriff vehicles for trade-in.

Vehicles being surplus to trade in toward new emergency response vehicles are: 2015 Ford Explorer VIN...8585 and 2015 Ford Explorer VIN...7924. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST - OUT OF STATE:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve travel requests for out of state training as follows: Sheriff's Office for travel to Grand Forks, ND and Minot, ND for required training. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SET HEARING DATE - MICRO-SURFACING BID:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize advertising for 2021 Brown County Microsurfacing. Bids will be opened on March 2, 2021, at 8:46 am at the Brown County Courthouse Commission Chambers. Bidding documents are available at the Brown County Highway Department and IMEG Corp (Aberdeen). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SET SALE DATE - TAX DEED PROPERTY:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to set sale date and authorize advertising sale of tax deed property. Public Auction to be held at the Brown County Auditor's Office March 2, 2021, at 1 pm for the following property: Lot three (3), except the South 87 1/2 feet thereof, in Block three (3), North Aberdeen, Brown County, SD. Detailed information is available at the Brown County Auditor's Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following abatements: Praise Family Bible Center (tax exempt) @ \$6,750; Northern State University (bare lot solid waste removal) @ \$172.43; Jason Artz (special assessment paid) @ \$811; Daniel Zumbaum (assessment error) @ \$1,459.76; Senior tax freeze @ \$1,278.40. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID OPENING - FOUR YARD LOADER:

Time and place as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for used four-yard loader. One bid submitted by Diesel Machinery Inc in the amount of \$164,850. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to defer bid for review. Bid award will be presented later in the meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL CONTRACT - GROUNDWATER MONITORING:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to authorize chair sign contract with Houston engineering for 2021 monitoring and

consulting services at the landfill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ASSIGNED REVENUE - GENERAL FUND:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to assign \$3,336,440.68 of general fund cash for capital improvement projects. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY JAIL:

Chief Deputy Sheriff Dave Lunzman and Jail Supervisor Linn Kamin presented an update on the capacity and concerns of the current Brown County Jail. Cost concern for being at capacity in addition to lost revenue opportunities were shared. No action taken.

SOFTWARE PURCHASE:

Pat Wolberg, IT Director, presented an option to purchase antivirus software bundled with remote desktop service, asset management, and help desk lite from SHI in the amount of \$6,070. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the purchase. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COPIER PURCHASE:

Pat Wolberg, IT Director, and Ernest Thompson, State's Attorney, discussed the need for purchasing a new copier in the State's Attorney office.

BID AWARD - FOUR YARD LOADER:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to award only bid received to Diesel Machinery Inc in the amount of \$164,850 for purchase of a used four-yard loader. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT - UTILITY CERTIFICATE:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve utility certificate for bridge improvement grant project number BRO8007(00)19-1 with utility company Web Water Development. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT - RIGHT OF WAY:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the right of way certificate for bridge improvement grant project number BRO8007(00)19-1. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:07 am. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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West Hanson Notice of Annual Meeting

West Hanson Township will hold their annual township meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dirks home at 40305 138th St., Groton. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and conduct any proper township business.

Charles Dirks, Clerk
(0217.0224)
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Conde National League

Team Standings:

Mets 27, Giants 25, Braves 22, Cubs 20, Pirates 19, Tigers 7

Men's High Games: Lance Frohling 193, Butch Farmen 182, Ryan Bethke 179.

Men's High Series: Lance Frohling 535, Ryan Bethke 485, Butch Farmen 466

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 184, 183; Nancy Radke 166; Sam Bahr 163

Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 519, Sam Bahr 445, Mary Larson 424

Ice cold shooting yields win to Roncalli

It was not only cold outside, but the Tigers experience ice cold shooting at Aberdeen Roncalli Monday night as the Cavaliers posted a 44-32 non-conference win over Groton Area in boys basketball action. Just how cold was the shooting? Groton made 25 percent of its shots in the first quarter, 20 percent in the second quarter, 33 percent in the third quarter and 20 percent in the fourth quarter. Plus, they only made 35 percent of their free throws.

The Cavaliers had a run of nine points in the first half and a 12-point run in the second half.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bierman Farm Service, Jark Real Estate, Harr Motors - Bary Keith, Bahr Spray Foam, Allied Climate Professionals- Kevin Nehls, S.D. Army National Guard, John Sieh Agency, Groton Vet Clinic, Blocker Construction, Thunder Seed with John Wheeting, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc. and Groton Ford.

Roncalli led at the quarterstops at 10-6, 23-13 and 35-21.

Groton Area made seven of 26 two-pointers for 27 percent, four of 22 three-pointers for 18 percent, six of 17 free throws for 35 percent, had 24 rebounds, 12 turnovers, four assists, 10 steals, 17 fouls and two blocked shots.

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 15 points and three steals. Jacob Zak had eight points, six rebounds and one assist. Tate Larson had five points, six rebounds and four steals. Wyatt Hearnen had two points, four rebounds, one assist and one steal. Jayden Zak had one point, two rebounds, two assists and one steal. Cole Simon had one point and one steal. Tristan Traphagen had three rebounds and two blocked shots. Lucas Simon had one rebound and Kannon Coats had two rebounds.

Roncalli made 16 of 33 field goals for 48 percent, nine of 18 free throws for 50 percent, had 13 turnovers and 16 team fouls.

Gray Imbery led the Cavaliers with 20 points followed by Micah Dohrer with 12, Brian Holmstrom had five, Maddox May four and Keegan Stewart three.

Groton Area, now 11-6 on the season, will host Deuel in the final Northeast Conference game. The Tigers have slipped to second place in the regional standings behind Tiospa Zina.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 48-38. Rutgear 605 sponsored the broadcast on GDILIVE.COM.

Wyatt Hearnen led the Tigers with 20 points while Logan Ringgenberg had 11, Jackson Cogley five, Cole Simon, Colby Dunker and Taylor Diegel each had four points.

Groton Area held a 12-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 25-23 lead at half time. The Cavaliers took a 33-32 lead after the third quarter, but Groton Area outscored Roncalli, 16-5, in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Caden Shelton led the Cavaliers with 11 points while Matthew Martinez had seven, Jayden Munroe and Keegan Stewart each had five, Aiden Fisher and Darwin Gambler each had four and Brody Weinmeister added two points.

The eighth grade lost their game, 38-12. J. Simon Photography sponsored the broadcast on GDILIVE.COM. The Cavaliers led at the quarter stops at 10-7, 16-9 and 30-12. Carter Simon led the Tigers with eight points while Ryder Johnson and Teylor Diegel each had two points. Brody Weinmeister led Roncalli with 12 points and Parker Grieben added 10.

Groton easily won the seventh grade game, 43-9. Robyn and Jason Warrington sponsored the broadcast on GDILIVE.COM. The Tigers led at the quarter stops, 9-0, 16-6 and 25-6. Groton Area scored the first 16 points of the game and later on, had a 19-point rally. Keegan Tracy led Groton Area with 14 points followed by Gage Sippel with nine, Ryder Johnson seven, Logan Warrington six, Karter Moody three and one Roncalli player made a basket in Groton's end of the court. Quinten Shelton led Roncalli with three points.

- Paul Kosel

Summer Camping Reservations in State Parks Open Feb. 20

PIERRE, S.D. - Beginning Feb. 20, campers can begin making reservations for summer stays in South Dakota State Parks.

Feb. 20 is the first day to make camping reservations for a Friday, May 21, arrival. This is the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' Open House and Free Fishing Weekend and traditional kick-off to the summer season.

Reservations for other summer dates will follow in succession, becoming available 90 days before arrival. More than 40 parks offer camping reservations on the 90-day schedule. The exception is Custer State Park, which offers reservations one year before arrival.

State Parks Director Scott Simpson reminds new and seasoned campers to keep an eye on the calendar and make reservations for camping trips as soon as possible.

"The sooner you can plan your camping trip, the better," said Simpson. "Campsites at popular parks go quickly."

Note the following reservation dates for popular summer camping weekends. Reservations dates are for a Friday arrival:

Memorial Day: February 27; Father's Day: March 20

Fourth of July: April 3; Labor Day: June 5

We encourage campers to venture out to new parks or camp during the week to avoid peak demand.

Campsites become available at 7 a.m. Central Time on the first day of the 90-day window, but reservations for available campsites can be made until the day you arrive. The 90-day window calendar can be found online at campsd.com. Reservations can be made 24 hours a day, both online and by calling 1.800.710.2267. Taxes and reservation fees may apply.



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**Groton School
February 8, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2021

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Elementary Commons Area. Members present: Flihs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pharis, second Harder to approve consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of January 11, 2021, bills, financial reports, custodial accounts, investments, transportation report, lunch reports and open enrollment applications #21-19 and #21-20. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 181,652.45; FIT - 15,616.58; Medicare - 6,791.40; FICA - 29,039.38; American Funds - 542.80; SDRS - 29,242.16; HSA Contribution - 100.00; Waddell & Reed - 1,390.00; Horace Mann - 1,306.51; Thrivent - 250.00; AFLAC - 3,282.62; Delta Dental - 3,932.40; SD Supplemental Retirement - 977.29; Wellmark - 58,121.72; Standard - 665.92; Wage Works - 666.65; Avesis - 256.24; Allied Climate Professionals - services, 1,887.76; ASBSD - webinar, 25.00; Avera - services, 883.15; Cintas - services, 1,390.99; Cole Papers - supplies, 2,634.25; Core Educational - services, 520.00; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 38,382.86; Dacotah Prairie Museum - registration, 75.00; Dependable Sanitation - services, 1,238.00; Farm Tire Service - repairs, 35.00; Grote Roofing - repairs, 959.18; Groton Area

MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6										
For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending January 31, 2021										
Description	General Fund	Assigned Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption	Enterprise Fund	Custodial Fund	Total for District		
1. Beginning Balance	1,310,020.82	166,442.24	1,494,432.18	282,971.70	157,818.14	51,718.27	161,560.84	3,624,964.19		
a. checking	1,310,020.82	166,442.24	1,494,432.18	282,971.70	157,818.14	51,718.27	161,560.84	3,624,964.19		
b. petty cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
2. Transfers in										
3. Revenue to date	2,735,699.31	13,288.99	877,158.26	433,349.92	99,184.63	143,633.86	367,708.50	4,670,023.47		
4. Total accounted for	4,045,720.13	179,731.23	2,371,590.44	716,321.62	257,002.77	195,352.13	529,269.34	8,294,987.66		
5. Transfers out										
6. Expenditures to date	2,515,548.92	40,190.67	1,263,707.42	403,776.22	207,086.25	140,594.60	502,189.25	5,073,093.33		
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
b. disbursements	2,515,548.92	40,190.67	1,263,707.42	403,776.22	207,086.25	140,594.60	502,189.25	5,073,093.33		
7. Ending Balance	1,530,171.21	139,540.56	1,107,883.02	312,545.40	49,916.52	54,757.53	27,080.09	3,221,894.33		
a. checking	1,530,171.21	139,540.56	1,107,883.02	312,545.40	49,916.52	54,757.53	27,080.09	3,221,894.33		
b. petty cash	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)		
January Receipts	68,373.82	3,577.18	8,415.28	8,517.29	1,312.85	20,257.81	43,950.34	154,404.57		
January Expenses	376,033.33	3,149.92	10,504.41	65,164.23	0.00	16,744.27	75,320.39	546,916.55		
Custodial Checking	27,080.09									
District Checking	3,194,814.24									
Certificate of Deposit	0.00									
Total all Funds	3,221,894.33									

- wrestling supplies, 326.00; Groton Area - bank fees, 76.10; Groton Chiropractic - bus physical, 95.00; Hillyard - supplies, 1,360.62; House of Glass - repairs, 234.00; JW Pepper - music, 105.62; Jostens - supplies, 487.89; Macksteel Warehouse - angle iron, 463.17; Matheson Tri-Gas - supplies, 145.24; McLeod's Supply - forms, 203.14; National Speech & Debate - memberships, 60.00; Northside Implement - repairs, 2,453.54; North-western - natural gas, 4,543.37; Pepsi-Cola - supplies, 132.77; PSAT - testing fees, 238.00; Reporter & Farmer - legals, 21.85; S&S Lumber - supplies, 1,317.84; SD Dept of Labor - claim, 939.80; Kiersten Sombke - supplies, 67.89; WageWorks - admin fee, 118.25; Washington HS Choir - show choir tickets, 390.00. Total General Fund - 395,645.40.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - managed print fee, 2,347.87; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 26,923.31; Dakota Playground - tire swing/parts, 1,819.26; Menards - banquet table, 95.56. Total Capital Outlay - \$31,186.00.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 27,545.73; FIT - 2,316.55; Medicare - 1,027.72; FICA - 4,394.34; SDRS - 4,584.44; Waddell & Reed - 200.00; AFLAC - 830.11; Delta Dental - 707.34;

SD Supplemental Retirement - 100.00; Wellmark - 10,403.00; Standard - 219.53; Wage Works - 259.16; Avesis - 60.64; Amazon - supplies, 37.95; Avera - services, 7,011.56; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 355.18; Julianne Hanlon - mileage, 37.80; Judy or Gene Williamson - mileage, 599.76; Nikki Wright - mileage, 1,159.20. Total Special Ed - \$61,850.01.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary - 4,272.13; FIT - 336.35; Medicare - 154.14; FICA - 658.88; SDRS - 597.82; AFLAC - 218.49; Wellmark - 1,526.00; Standard - 3.84; Wage Works - 8.33; Avesis - 60.64; Bernard Food - food, 583.68; BIMBO Bakeries - buns, 212.50; Cintas - services, 245.36; Custodial - advanced pays, 122.68; CWD - food, 1,352.55; East Side Jersey Dairy - milk, 957.40; Reinhart - food/paper, 4,102.89; SD Dept of Ed - food, 649.68; US Foods - food, 1,962.79. Total Food Service - \$18,026.15. OST Net Salary - 1,212.27; FIT - 73.88; Medicare - 43.28; FICA - 185.16; SDRS - 143.12; AFLAC - 163.93; Wellmark - 671.00; Standard - 23.28; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 248.55. Total OST - \$2,764.47. Total Enterprise - \$20,790.62.

CUSTODIAL FUND: Total - \$75,320.39.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources,

Taxes - 30,614.45; Other Local Sources - 63,285.23; County Sources - 2,171.40; State Sources - 0.00; Federal Sources - 58,333.49. Total Receipts - \$154,404.57.

Anna Schwan was present to address the board for five minutes on the benefits of returning to a 5-day school week in 2021-22. Topics discussed included student survival needs, social emotional needs, academic needs, and student service needs. She asked the board to consider what the evidence-based justifications are for permanently implementing a 4-day school week, how a 4-day school week would benefit students, what the school board's anticipated school-wide outcomes are in implementing a 4-day week, and how the school day will shift if the work week changes. The board thanked Mrs. Schwan for her input. No action was taken.

The board heard program overview presentations from Technology Coordinator, Aaron Helvig, and Library/Media personnel Brenda Madsen and Natasha Dunker.

The board continued discussion and necessary action on District response to Covid-19 issues including area schools close contact quarantine protocol survey, Covid-19 active case updates for the Groton Area School

District, Brown County and the State of South Dakota, Abbott CinaxNOW rapid tests conducted, state vaccination plan, Federal Covid-19 Esser-II funds fiscal relief, post season Covid-19 safety protocols for winter sports from SDHSA, and protocols for a close contact Covid-19 positive test exposure. Current protocols for a close contact require an at-home 5-day quarantine with permission to return to school on day 6, provided a mask is worn through day 10.

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to amend the close contact protocol for an in-school Covid-19 positive test exposure by eliminating the 5-day quarantine and allowing the close contact to remain in school provided a mask is worn through day 10. Motion carried. The 5-day at-home quarantine will continue to apply to out-of-school Covid-19 positive tests exposures.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: NSU teacher job fair, Collective Bargaining Training, school board recognition week, 2021 legislative update, Kindergarten roundup, teacher observations, parent-teacher conferences, MS/HS 2019-20 data comparison numbers to 2020-21 for 2nd week honor roll, ineligibility list, dual credit participation, certified staff sick, personal and professional leave rates, auxiliary staff sick, personal and professional leave rates, out-of-school remote learner numbers and capital outlay certificate refinance information.

Superintendent Schwan presented a 5-year comparison

of prior District revenues with a 5-year estimate of future revenue.

The board held first reading of recommended policy change to policy ABBA Parent and Family Engagement.

Options for the 2021-22 School Calendar were reviewed and discussed. No action was taken.

The board discussed a proposal for GHS Arena Seat Sponsorship Program. No action was taken.

The board reviewed a letter of resignation from Brian Schuring effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Moved by Weismantel, second Flihs to table the issue until the first meeting in March 2021. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter of resignation from Brooke Compton effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to approve. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to go into executive session at 11:10 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issues including Superintendent evaluation. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 11:13 pm.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Steven R. Smith, President

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

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**Frederick School
February 8, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
FEBRUARY 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order on February 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Dan Nickelson, Jon Ellwein, Richard Achen and Alex Hart. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters 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. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Action 20-087 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve the agenda with amendments: change #10 from contract to contracts; change #11 to add STEM Program; renumber Executive Session to #12 with remaining items numbering #13-#15. All aye, carried.

Action 20-088 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meetings held January 13, 2021; January 2021 financial report, district bills and January 2021 payroll. All aye, carried.

Claims approved: January 2021 Payroll - General Fund salaries 71,811.56; Special Education salaries 8,743.07, Food Service 2,299.66. EFTPS, federal income

tax/Social Security/Medicare 22,136.88; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,105.29; American Funds, retirement 1,460.26; Delta Dental, insurance 1,693.50; The Standard, life insurance 269.79; Security Benefits, retirement 1,100.26; Optilegra, vision insurance 391.38; Wellmark, health insurance 15,686.00; SD Retirement 12,584.38; SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.26.

General Fund: Agtegra, fuel 3,965.02; Amazon Capital Services, supplies 193.46; Auto Value Aberdeen, repairs 69.93; Barondeau, Janelle, coach training 87.80; BlueTarp Financial/Mac's, repairs 1.97; Cash-Wa Distributing Co of Fargo, LLC, FFVP/concessions supplies 2,222.82; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 1,646.03; CommTech Inc, annual subscription/repairs 599.99; Community Store, concessions supplies 575.45; Custodial Account-FASD, Imprest reimbursement 2,970.52; Dakota Outdoors, repairs 683.47; Dumire, James, repairs 435.00; Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs 362.37; Foreman Sales & Service Inc, repairs 95.22; GDI News, publishing 122.77; Graves IT Solutionstech support/USBs 450.00; Green Iron Equipment, repairs 301.48; Grote Roofing Co Inc, repairs 173.47; Hauff Mid America Sports, GBB apparel 216.12; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 16.89; Institutional Compliance Solutions, Title IX training 349.00; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 250.85; JM Electric Inc, repairs 721.42; Menards, repairs/supplies 14.65; Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 723.13; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electric 4,139.24; Morlock, Marty, coach training reimbursement 54.52; Mosyle Corporation, monitoring subscription 14.66;

Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 221.25; Pepsi-Cola, concessions supplies 530.52; Running Supply Inc, repairs 34.98; Savvas Learning Company LLC, workbooks 26.94; School Specialty, supplies 123.72; Shoot-A-Way Inc, repairs 135.00; SupplyHouse.com, bottle filler valve kit 150.00; Theatrefolk Ltd, play script 159.95; Town of Frederick, utilities 599.58; United States Postal Service, stamped envelopes/postage 703.90 Total 24,143.09. Imprest checks: First National Bank, startup cash for BB games 1,000.00; Holt, Adam, ref 120.00; Jondahl, Tanner, ref 120.00; Kurth, Travis, ref 158.64; Kusler, Jay, ref 120.00; Kusler, Scott, ref 120.00; Plan-teen, Dave, ref 157.80; Rozell, Paul, ref 143.52; Waage, Tom, ref 383.52; Wenbourne, Kerry, ref 407.04; Witlock, Scott, ref 120.00; Zimmerman, Kim, ref 120.00 Total 2,970.52. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print contract 670.70; Airborne Athletics, Inc., Dr Dish all star 5,570.00; Avera St Luke's, therapy 2,555.06; HP Inc, sales tax credit (53.35); Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 1.95; JM Electric Inc, ionization project 1,260.00 Total 10,004.36. Food Service Fund: Cash-Wa Distributing Co of Fargo, LLC, food/supplies 3,629.49; Child & Adult Nutrition, food 49.22; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 67.02 Total 3,745.73.

The following reports were presented:

A. Jeff Kosters - Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director

B. Jessica Ringgenberg - K-8 Principal

The Back-to-School Plan was discussed with no action taken.

Action 20-089 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve

Open Enrollment application #21-24. All aye, carried.

Mrs. Wagner discussed the current investment portfolio and reviewed CD rates from three area banks. Mrs. Wagner will move \$1,000,000.00 from the SD FIT account to a 36-month CD with First National Bank.

Action 20-090 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to approve coaching contracts for Janelle Barondeau, 2021 Assistant Track coach at \$3,854.46, and Wayne Haas, 2021 Assistant Track coach at \$3,526.01. All aye, carried.

Mr. Nickelson presented information about starting a STEM program at the school. No action taken.

Action 20-091 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to enter Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(1) employee matters at 7:09 p.m. All aye, carried.

President Schlosser declared Board out of Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Action 20-092 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein on intent to renew 2021-2022 Administrative contracts. All aye, carried.

The School Board would like to congratulate Issac Sumption on scoring his 1,000th career point.

The Administration would like to thank the Frederick Area School Board members for their dedication in celebrating National School Board Recognition Month.

Action 20-093 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Janel Wagner, Business Manager

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Ending January 31, 2021.....	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Food Service Fund	Drivers Ed Fund	Governmental & Enterprise Fund Act. Totals	Custodial Fund
Revenue:							
Taxes	\$10,259.45	\$10,469.31	\$5,026.19				
Local Sources	\$7,885.55	\$808.29		\$4,856.60			\$63.25
Intermediate Sources	\$473.11						
Interest	\$30.55						\$0.16
Federal & State	\$47,919.49		\$491.13	\$4,056.44			
Total Revenue	\$66,568.15	\$11,277.60	\$5,517.32	\$8,913.04	\$0.00	\$92,276.11	\$63.41
Disbursements							
Bills	\$45,226.09	\$2,838.94	\$4,040.56	\$1,659.04			\$2,970.52
Payroll	\$123,072.13		\$12,906.54	\$3,768.62			
Total Disbursements	\$168,298.22	\$2,838.94	\$16,947.10	\$5,427.66	\$0.00	\$193,511.92	\$2,970.52
Total checking balance	\$206,614.70	\$290,535.02	\$183,076.47	\$463.10	\$912.92	\$681,602.21	\$1,923.85
Beginning investment balance	\$515,930.25	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,895,739.50	
Interest	\$15.17						
Total investment balance	\$515,945.42	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,895,754.67	
Ending Balance	\$722,560.12	\$2,224,169.22	\$1,629,251.52	\$463.10	\$912.92	\$4,577,356.88	

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By Jordan Wright

The 2020 NFL season is officially over. Between a global pandemic shutting down the offseason last year and injuries to some of the best players on the roster, the 2020 season wasn't great for the Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings didn't make the playoffs, but there are plenty of signs that point to this team being much better than their 7-9 record from last year would indicate. Let's review how the Vikings fared in 2020 before we get into how the team can rebound and make another run at a championship in 2021. We'll start with the offense, with the defense coming next week.

The Vikings' offense was one of the best offenses in the league last season, finishing fourth with 393.3 yards per game, thanks in large part to the running game which averaged 142.7 ypg (fifth-best in the league). The passing game, on the other hand, was right in the middle of the pack with 250.6 ypg (14th in the NFL). Where the Vikings struggled was putting points on the board – for a team that finished fourth in yards, the Vikings were

merely 11th in points per game.

Entering his third year with the team, Kirk Cousins had one of the best seasons of his career in 2020. The signal-caller finished with 4,265 yards (8th in the NFL), 35 touchdowns (6th), a 67.6 completion percentage (9th), and a passer rating of 105 (8th). However, the quarterback will need to work on several things if he wants to take his game to the next level, including cutting down his interceptions (he had 13 last season, third-worst in the league).

After trading Stefon Diggs last offseason, it was a forgone conclusion that the Vikings' receiving corps would take a step back in 2020. Thanks in large part to Justin Jefferson having one of the best rookie receiving seasons in NFL history, however, the Vikings were able to find just as much success through the air this year as they have in years past. Jefferson didn't play much the first two weeks of the season but still finished with 1,400 yards, which was the third-best mark in the league. With JJ getting most of the yards, Adam Thielen became one of the best wide receivers at the goal line, finishing with 14 touchdowns in 2020 (3rd). The Vikings have had some of the best one-two WR combos in the league, from Randy

Moss and Cris Carter to Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs, and it looks like the Thielen/Jefferson combo will be another great duo for years to come.

As good as Cousins, Jefferson and Thielen were in 2020, there is no question the offensive MVP for the Vikings was Dalvin Cook. Even though he missed two games during the regular season, Cook still ran for 1,557 yards (second-best in the NFL) and 16 touchdowns (also second best, one behind Derrick Henry's 17). Not only was Cook the primary ball carrier in Minnesota, but he was also third on the team in targets with 54 – although most of those targets were check-downs because Kirk Cousins was running for his life and needed someone to throw the ball to. Dalvin Cook is one of the best running backs in the NFL, and after signing a contract extension last offseason, the 25-year-old RB will be in Minnesota for many years to come.

The Vikings' offense was good in 2020, but they weren't good enough to cover the defensive deficiencies. If the offense can sustain this level of production next season, and the defense gets back to where it should, this team has the potential to be special in 2021. Skol!

Conde National League

Team Standings: Mets 26, Giants 21, Cubs 20, Braves 18, Pirates 16, Tigers 7

Men's High Games: Ryan Bethke 202, Butch Farmen 200, Lance Frohling 190

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 541, Ryan Bethke 533, Lance Frohling 518

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Movies for cold winter nights

Thank goodness for streaming services during these frigid North Dakota winter nights. I thought I'd share with you a few of the great movies that I've watched recently. Grab some popcorn and settle in.

The Shootist

Decades ago, a friend of mine gave me a theater placard for this movie which I had framed. What a treasure. This 1976 film stars John Wayne in his last movie as J. B. Books, a dying gunfighter who decides he'd rather go out in a blaze of glory than die a miserable death in bed. Lauren Bacall stars as a prim widow who rents the gunfighter a room when he comes to town. Ron Howard is excellent as her teenage son, and James Stewart, playing a doctor, heads a star-studded secondary cast that includes Harry Morgan, Hugh O' Brian, Scatman Crothers, Richard Boone and John Carradine. They help make this movie a real treat.

John Wayne the actor always overshadowed any part he played, but in this role he's more than bluster, he shows vulnerability and world weariness. He really was a fine actor and this is one of his best performances. Bacall peels back the layers of her stern, suspicious character as the story unfolds so when Wayne finally gets her to crack a subtle smile, she lights up the screen and you're reminded of why she was so great. Less is often more.

Pawn Sacrifice and Searching for Bobby Fischer

With the breakout success of the Netflix series "Queen's Gambit", chess is suddenly making a comeback. This 2014 film tells the story of the real explosion of American chess that began with Bobby Fischer, the mercurial, half-mad chess genius, who took on Boris Spassky for the world chess championship in 1972. Tobey Maguire is remarkable as the driven, egotistical Fischer. Liev Schreiber is his excellent Cold War Russian foil who hints at his own bouts with insanity as the pressure builds. Are all chess players crazy? So it seems.

And if you like this one, you'll enjoy "Searching for Bobby Fischer", (1993) the story of an innocent, good-hearted child prodigy played by Max Pomeranc who is torn between a former grand champion played by Ben Kingsley and a street chess hustler played by Laurence Fishburn. Joe Mantegna and Joan Allen play the parents. Highly, highly recommended.

Dr. Strangelove

If I remember right, this 1964 Stanley Kubrik comedic commentary on nuclear annihilation didn't start out as the black comedy it became, but the concept of mutually-assured destruction seemed so absurd, he felt he had no choice but to go in that direction. Peter Sellers spectacularly plays three characters including the bizarre title role.

The premise is that an insane American general named Jack Ripper, played by Sterling Hayden, launches nuclear bombers that Sellers (as President Merkin Muffley) and his inebriated Russian counterpart try to call back. George C. Scott plants the seeds for his role as Patton as gum-chewing general Buck Turgidson. At one point, he wrestles with the Russian ambassador and Muffley exclaims, "Gentlemen, you can't fight in here. This is a war room!" Slim Pickens is memorable as a determined cowboy-hat wearing pilot named Major (King) Kong. It's a classic.

Palm Springs

This 2020 romantic comedy about a couple stuck in a Groundhog Day-type time loop surprised me. First of all, Saturday Night Live alumni Andy Samberg is really good. Not every SNL player translates to 90-minutes on the big screen, but the affable Samberg does in a big way. His love interest is the charming Cristin Milioti. I would say it's almost impossible not to develop a crush on her. J. K. Simmons, who you see on Farmers Insurance commercials, does an acerbic comedic turn in this well-written fantasy. If you've been searching, you know that good, original (despite the nod to Groundhog Day) comedies are hard to come by in this Covid era. Palm Springs is a refreshing exception. Fun, easy and satisfying viewing.



That's Life
by Tony Bender

Glimpses From Greenfield 2021-Week 5

Last week found several relatively close votes on the Senate floor. There are several bills this year seeking to lessen penalties for prisoners convicted of violent crimes. On Monday, SB 98 sought to effectively repeal the death penalty in South Dakota. I have talked about this issue several times in the past, so I won't plunge deeply into the issue. I know there are strong feelings on both sides. What this bill sought to do was remove every "aggravating circumstance" from our statutes with the exception that if a crime was committed against a law enforcement officer, a corrections employee, or a firefighter ONLY if the victim was on-the-job. Also, it would have provided that even if two persons committed the murder, only one would be subject to possibly being prosecuted for a capital crime. This bill seemed flawed for many reasons, but the most notable two were 1) that a person could potentially seek revenge against an off-duty officer or prison guard or firefighter and not be subject to a capital charge and 2) in the case of the two prisoners who brutally murdered prison guard Ronald Johnson in Sioux Falls in an attempt to escape, only one would be deemed the aggressor. The bill failed on a vote of 13-20.

Two days later, SB 146 was taken up on the Senate floor. This bill is apparently part of a weak-on-crime movement that is sweeping across more liberal states. We were given a handout that spoke of similar efforts in California, Vermont, Illinois, and other left-leaning states. This bill would establish that if a person committed a heinous violent crime while he or she was under the age of 25, and if they received a life-without-parole sentence, they would automatically be eligible for parole when they turn 50. The argument was that these violent serial rapists and murderers committed crimes against their victims while their brains were still developing and they could not fully comprehend the consequences of their actions. I will refrain from spelling out the obvious, but we give 16-year-olds the ability to make certain life-altering decisions saying they are fully capable of making such decisions. In a mind-blowing turn of events the bill passed the Senate 18-17. I expect the bill to meet a fiery death on the House side.

SB 81 seeks to ensure that the American flag plus one other specific flag may be flown regardless of ordinances that ban other flags. The other flags that may be flown are either the SD flag or one of the military branches' flags. As I understand it, one local homeowners' group sought the removal of "Trump" flags within their neighborhood. In an effort to not discriminate, a proud military family with a child serving in the US Marine Corps was told they could not fly the Marine Corps flag anymore. While this seems to be a slam-dunk bill, there was some resistance by legislators that said it was a bill seeking to remedy an isolated incident. Nevertheless, I voted in favor of the bill, and it passed, 22-12.

Last year, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a bill that substantially revamped youth driver's licenses in South Dakota. For the record, I did not support that legislation. It placed all sorts of new restrictions on drivers under 18, including that they could only have one non-family passenger as well as requiring that the parents had to provide documentation that the youth had driven at least 10 hours in inclement weather and 10 hours at nighttime. SB 105 seeks to repeal last year's legislation that has never been implemented because when COVID gripped us, the Governor signed an executive order putting that law on-hold. The administration has been working to help get SB 105 passed, and it did meet with strong support on the Senate side, prevailing 27-8.

Finally, in a return to logic, SB 134 seeks to revise a law passed several years ago that has literally added millions of dollars to public building projects across the state. In just one example, the SD Board of Regents said that in order to achieve the "silver standard" for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), one particular project included planting native grasses, which gave them enough points to be LEED certified. After six years, they said the native grasses were unsightly and looked like weeds, so they removed them and replanted the property with grass. When LEED standards were passed into law several years ago, I opposed the legislation, citing unnecessary increased costs going forward. While the grass situation is just one example, there are dozens of others even more egregious that have driven costs up. Granted, the goal of all new building projects is to be as energy-efficient as possible. However, requiring public entities to incur extraordinary costs in order to achieve LEED status without an offset by way of future cost-savings is unjustifiable and indefensible. SB 134 passed the Senate 34-1.

With that, know that tons of funding and other policy discussions continue to take place. Five weeks are down with four to go. Buckle up! Things are about to get good!

God bless you and yours!
Brock

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Lana's Annals-week 5 House of Representatives

Brrr. South Dakota winter did not forget us. Even though we have had colder winters for longer stretches, it still takes awhile to acclimate.

The bills (over 500 combined in the House and Senate) are moving along. As we head into crossover day, the work hours are getting longer.

In the House this week we heard 1126 which was created as one way to prevent election confusion. It provides for mail-in ballots only if requested. This should make perfect sense. One of the legislators gave an example of one of her deceased parents who was sent a ballot this past year. It could have easily and fraudulently been filled out. As this is a common sense issue and one I voted for, it passed the House. Now it moves over.

We got many e-mails about SB87, which sets up a health program for largely ag members and exempts them from the insurance commissions. This favors young families to get health programs at cheaper rates than what they are now seeing. It passed the House with a vote of 50-16. I thought quite a bit about independent agents and how it may affect them. I did find out, though, that some of these people do not carry any insurance at all so may not be a factor.

HB1017 and HB1018 which called for approval of funding a Sioux Falls National Guard and Cold Storage Center, passed easily. I asked questions as to whether these were needed. I was assured by people who are neutral that the building needed to be improved and that much of the money was from federal dollars. I have never been a fan of hearing that as don't people know that is us!! The bills did pass.

Also on the floor, we heard HB1132. It is a bill which makes dental hygienists mandatory reporters if child abuse is suspected. The argument against the bill was that so many people of all professions should be reporters already. I voted for it as it was stated that hygienists can often detect abuse of the mouth and gums. It would seem that if they were specifically listed, it would be easier to make a possible report on abuse. They are now one step closer to being legally required to do so.

In Local Government HB1093 proved to be a talker. It would have lifted all restrictions put on by cities about forced business closures during a pandemic. The main testifier seemed to indicate that individual freedom trumped safety. We decided that the former statement was false and sent it to the 41st day. Ironically, the person who pushed for its passage had to leave as was found to test positive for Covid later that day.

Speaking of that, we now have 7 in the House who have tested positive with most likely more to come. Those who are able can join via Teams remote site and vote. They can also join their respective committees to vote. So much is missed during the course of the day if one is not there, however.

Until next week, Stay well and warm!
Rep. Lana Greenfield

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The Travels of Kittie the Stagecoach

Kittie was welcomed warmly when she returned to South Dakota.

She's the stagecoach now displayed in the museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

"The Governor (George S. Mickelson) unveiled the stagecoach in January at his third annual reception for the South Dakota Legislature, and she was very well received. The stage now is on display in the exhibition wing," wrote J.R. Fishburne, then the director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, in a 1991 letter.

Kittie was one of four stagecoaches used by the Medora Stage & Forwarding Company to transport passengers and freight between Medora and Deadwood, Dakota Territory. The company was organized by the Marquis de Mores, a wealthy Frenchman who had come to what is now the North Dakota badlands in 1883 and founded the town of Medora, named after his wife. The gold fields in the Black Hills were already connected with stage lines from the east, south and west. The Medora Stage & Forwarding Company would connect Deadwood to Medora, which was connected to the Northern Pacific Railroad, on the north.

Four used Concord stagecoaches and harnesses were purchased from Gilmer, Salisbury and Company, a freight and stage transportation firm. The stagecoaches were named Kittie, Medora, Dakota and Deadwood, and the name of each stagecoach was painted on it. De Mores hoped that the company would be awarded a contract to carry mail, and the letters "U S M" for United States Mail were also painted on each coach in anticipation of being awarded the contract. The company established 13 stations over the 215-mile stretch between Medora and Deadwood and purchased 150 well-bred western stage horses. Each station had a tender, who cared for the horses and served the passengers when necessary. In South Dakota, the route passed near Buffalo and through Belle Fourche and Spearfish before reaching Deadwood.

The first stagecoach to roll into Deadwood from Medora arrived about noon on Sunday, Oct. 5, 1884.

"It created a great deal of enthusiasm as it passed up Main street, drawn by six horses," stated The Black Hills Daily Pioneer in Deadwood.

Three cheers were heartily given as the stagecoach halted in front of the ticket office.

The stage headed back to Medora the next day.

The trip between Medora and Deadwood took about 36 hours and cost passengers \$21.50 or 10 cents a mile. Stages departed from both Medora and Deadwood on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and arrived at their destination the evening of the following day.

The business venture quickly folded, however, as Mores failed to get the mail contract he had hoped for as well as the freight business needed in order for the venture to financially survive.

The May 28, 1885, issue of the Turner County Herald carried the news that "The Medora Stage Line to the Black Hills has been abandoned." Other sources state that the Medora Stage & Transport Company ceased to exist in the winter of 1885-1886.

De Mores' other business ventures in Dakota Territory also failed, and the de Mores family moved back to France. The Marquis was murdered in 1896 while in Africa.

Kittie's history did not end with the Medora to Deadwood stage.

In 1896, Andrew Olson of Pelan, Minn., purchased the coaches Kittie and Medora from the estate of the Marquis, according to Paul Englund. He wrote the South Dakota State Historical Society that his great-grandparents were probably the last people to have a route

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using Kittie when they ran a stagecoach route in approximately 1909 between Karlstad and Greenbush, in northwestern Minnesota. Before that, his great-grandparents had a way-station along the stage route between Stephen and Roseau, also in northwestern Minnesota. Kittie ran between Stephen and the half-way point of Pelan and the Medora ran between Pelan and Roseau, according to Englund.

Eventually, Harry Miller of Jamestown, N.D., went to Roseau, Minn., and returned to Jamestown with Kittie.

Kittie appeared in all the city's parades, according to a letter to the South Dakota State Historical Society from Mary F. Young of Jamestown. A photograph taken in 1936 shows South Dakota Gov. Tom Berry in a parade in Jamestown, riding on a stagecoach that was identified as Kittie.

Miller eventually moved to California and left Kittie and another stagecoach in Jamestown. In a letter written from California in 1949, Miller stated that a man in Jamestown was looking after the stagecoaches. "They have been standing in the open more or less since I came out here during the war," he wrote.

By 1969, according to an article in the Minot, N.D. Daily News, the stagecoaches Kitty



Kittie, the stagecoach that is on display in the museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. (South Dakota State Historical Society – State Archives)

and Medora were owned by Osborne (Ozzie) Klavestad of Shakopee, Minn. He owned a tourist attraction in the form of a pioneer village. A bill of sale indicates that Klavestad sold two stagecoaches in 1980.

In 1990, the South Dakota State Historical Society obtained Kittie from a private collector.

The stagecoach's presence in the museum is a reminder of this historic and once invaluable form of transportation.

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Find us on the web at www.sdhsf.org. Contact us at info@sdhsf.org to submit a story idea.

The Do-It-Yourself Disease

I've learned a lot from my patients over the years. Sometimes, the lessons are learned as I walk beside them through struggles, both medical and non-medical. Sometimes, the lessons are explicitly stated, words of wisdom that stick with me through the years, and change the way I understand illness, or life in general.

The first such lesson I remember was from a middle-aged woman who had been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes only a few years prior. She came to me with blood sugars that ran critically low in the middle of the night, but sky high during the day. The situation only worsened when she tried to adjust her insulin. Back in those days, our tools for managing diabetes were far more limited, and our insulin regimens far more rigid.

After we adjusted her dosing so that the peaks and valleys of her insulin effect were a better fit for her life, we started fine tuning the control of her blood sugar. We needed to balance her insulin, with her activity, with her food. This is when she said to me, "Diabetes is the original do-it-yourself disease."

The truth of this statement resonated with me then, and I still hear her words almost every time I see a person with diabetes 20 years later.

The stakes are high. Control of blood sugar is directly correlated with the odds of developing one of the terrible complications of diabetes, such as blindness, strokes, heart attacks, kidney failure, amputations, and nerve damage.

That control rests in part with our medicines, but the real challenge of diabetes lies in the fact that success depends on changing habits, and that is difficult indeed. People with diabetes are asked to change the way they eat, the way they move, the very way they live. They are often asked to monitor their blood sugars, which to date has meant pricking their fingers to take blood, and to make decisions based on those results, sometimes multiple times a day. Then, do it again tomorrow, and the next day, and the next day. Additionally, diabetes medications and supplies are awfully expensive!

There is some hope: new technologies are making it easier to handle the mechanics of managing diabetes, and new medicines are allowing more flexibility in lifestyle. But the burden of success still rests very much on the shoulders of the patient, to balance medicines, with activity, with food, in all the decisions he or she makes every day.

Diabetes is no doubt, the do-it-yourself disease.

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Stratford Town Notice of Vacancy

CITY OF STRATFORD
TRUSTEE VACANCY
NOTICE

Notice of Vacancy
City of Stratford

The following office will be come vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

TRUSTEE (THREE-YEAR TERM)

Circulation of nominating petitions

Please notify Suzanne Moen if you are interested. Petitions will be made available at the Community Center on February 28th.

First day to begin petition circulation is March 1, 2021.

Deadline is March 30, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Submitted by:
Suzanne Moen
Finance Officer
(0217.0224)

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Stratford Town Dec. 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of December 2020 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 22, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the

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

Prickett called the meeting to order.

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

Need to get a good address for next of kin for Jeff and/or John Johnson to get the trailer removed.

Accounts receivable reviewed. Closed the account for Twiggs, purchased in 2015 and all assessments paid at that time.

FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: D. Hoeft (time-sewer flush) \$100, Dept of Health (water testing) \$15, Finance Officers Assoc. Dues \$40, Hanlon Brothers (gravel) \$1730, Human Resources Assoc. Dues \$25, Water District Maintenance \$408.16;

Automatic Withdrawals: NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$602.58 + \$42.48, United Fire and Casualty \$346, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$1674.89.

Motion to pay by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa. Bill from Schmidt's for replacing hydrant to come. Ryan Palmer replaced the water heater with 50 gal unit in the old basement--bill to come. Will need to replace the wire to the circuit breaker (from water heater).

Tabled discussion about artesian well.

Still having water pressure and high usage issues.

Basement door in old section is not closing and needs to be looked at. Urinal trap in the East portion of the hall needs to be looked at

Stratford sign in the NW corner need to follow up with electric company to find out what happened to the power.

Motion to adjourn; the next meeting will be January 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Jark, 2nd by Prickett.

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Stratford Town Nov. 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of November 2020 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 9, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the

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

Motion to approve October minutes by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa. Additional information is needed for adding the drain pipe that was previously requested.

Reservoir has been burned. Jark to call Schmidt Construction to move debris. Accounts receivable reviewed.

Letter to J Johnson Estate was returned. Need to find good address of next of kin.

FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: Brown Co. Treasurer (mosquito spraying) \$345, Dept of Health (water testing) \$196+15, HydroKlean \$3268.75, RC Storage \$600, Menards \$37.71, SDML

Workers Comp \$427, Water District Maintenance \$408.16;

Automatic Withdrawals: NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$468.70 + \$45.90, United Fire and Casualty \$346, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$1853.09.

Bill from Weidemeier will be held until additional information is available.

Repair to a curb stop needed at Heman residence. Bourassa to call Schmidts; plan for Spring 2021.

Credit to D Jark for sewer bill. Motion by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

Payment to D Hoeft for \$100 for providing water/service to help with flushing sewer lines. Motion by Bourassa, 2nd by Jark.

Discussed the water heater and hydrant leak and having Ryan Palmer come out to repair. The concession stand has been winterized

Rental rates for the hall will be updated to \$75 for the large portion or \$50 for the small portion. \$125 for all. These rates include kitchen use. Rates are effective November 1, 2020. A new rental form will be created and made available via internet and also a paper copy at the hall. Approval will be needed to reserve.

The artesian well will need to be updated or capped off.

Motion to adjourn; the next meeting will be December 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM by Jark, 2nd by Prickett.

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Stratford Town Oct. 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of October 2020 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 12, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the

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

Request from a resident to add shallow lines to pump water out of town from the area near McLeod Avenue. Will discuss with Bourassa and follow up with the requestor. No cost to the city for this work.

Discussed burning the reservoir when the weather is satisfactory to make room for additional trees that need to be removed around town.

Motion to approve August minutes (no September meeting) by Prickett, 2nd by Jark. Accounts receivable reviewed.

Motion by Prickett to give the estate of John/Jeff Johnson 30 days to remove trailer house and if not removed the cost of removal will be assessed to property taxes. 2nd by Jark

FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: Brown Co. Treasurer (mosquito spraying) \$460.20, Dahme (sewer repair) \$2259.19, Dept of Health (water testing) \$15, Ken's (stamps) \$110, Payroll \$1821.58, Schmidt's (Sewer repair) \$2072.70, Water District Maintenance \$816.32;

Automatic Withdrawals: JVC \$85.48, NESD Economic Corp \$767.42, Northwestern Energy \$1114.81, United Fire and Casualty \$691, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$956, WEB Water \$3888.83.

Bill from Weidemeier will be held until additional information is available. Motion by Prickett, 2nd by Jark.

Repair to a curb stop needed at Heman residence. Bourassa to call Schmidts.

Snow removal bids request for the newspaper. Follow up with Hanlon's and Hoeft to see if they are interested.

Motion to adjourn; the next meeting will be November 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM by Prickett, 2nd by Jark.

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Stratford Town Aug. 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of August 2020 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 10, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the

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

Motion to approve July minutes by Prickett, 2nd by Jark.

Accounts receivable reviewed. Discussed the rubble site. Moen spoke with DENR regarding burning the trees that are at

the site and getting items moved away from the entrance.

FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: Brown Co. Treasurer (mosquito spraying) \$1111.61, Hanlon Brothers (gravel) \$4424.00, Hoeft, D. (mowing) \$1075.00, Menards \$19.98, Water District Maintenance \$408.16;

Automatic Withdrawals: JVC \$42.05, NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$620.36, United Fire and Casualty \$346, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$2363.42.

Motion to adjourn; the next meeting will be September 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

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Bates Township Annual Meeting Notice

Bates Township
BATES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Bates Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 at the home of the Clerk, 14523 409th Ave, Conde.

Election of officers and business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

We will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel. Please mail bids to

Betty Geist, Bates Township Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde, SD 57434 prior to meeting date.

Betty Geist, Township Clerk (0217.0224)

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Shelby Township Annual Meeting Notice

Citizens of Shelby Township are hereby notified that the Annual Township meeting will be held at the township hall on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, beginning at 1 p.m. for the following purposes: To elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term, one clerk and one treasurer, and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Shelby Township will accept bids for gravel, road maintaining, snow removal, and other road work as necessary for the year 2021-2022. The gravel is to be delivered before Aug. 1, 2021 and must meet the township board's specifications. The road maintaining, snow removal, and road work bids must state per hour and per mile charges. Date and time records will be required for all work performed. Bids will also be accepted for mowing the Houghton cemetery. Bids must be received at the clerk's residence on or before March 27, 2019. Bids will be opened at the township hall in Houghton on March 30, 2021 at 7 p.m. All bids for gravel and road work must be accompanied by a Certificate of Contractors Liability Insurance. The board of supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Colby Crawford, Township Clerk

11760 403rd Avenue
Houghton, SD 57449
(0217.0224)

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E. Hanson Township Annual Meeting Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

The citizens of the Township of East Hanson in the County of Brown, South Dakota, and who are qualified to vote at general elections, are hereby notified that the Annual Township Meeting for said Township will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Ferney in said Township on Tuesday, the 2nd day of march, next, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. of the said day, for the purposes:

To elect one supervisor, one township clerk, one township treasurer; and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting when convened. Opening bids for gravel and road maintenance. Also, bids for mowing Ferney Park. All bids can be mailed to East Hanson Township, C/O Betty Schinkel, PO Box 782, Ferney, SD 57439-0782.

Given under my hand this 8th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Betty Schinkel
Township Clerk
(0217.0224)

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Putney Township Notice of Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN PUTNEY TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Putney Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at Mark Thompson's Shop.

Caucus at 4 p.m. followed by election of officers.

Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated placed in Putney Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Mark Thompson, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches, removal of snow and blading. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at Mark Thompson's Farm House shop at 4 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Mark Thompson
Township Clerk
(0217.0224)

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Riverside Twp. Notice of Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Riverside Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at Bruce Sippel's Shop. Caucus 7:30 p.m., followed by election of officers from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sealed bids will be accepted for 2,000 yards, more or less, of gravel, loaded and delivered to designated places in Riverside Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bids for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at Bruce Sippel's shop at 7:30 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk (0217.0224)

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Brown County Notice Sale of Property

NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described property will be offered for sale by auction in the Auditor's Office, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on March 2nd, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. This property has been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. At the conclusion of this sale, Brown County will issue and file a Quit Claim Deed to the property in the name requested by the purchaser. All delinquent taxes, penalties and interest are abated and are not the responsibility of the new owner. Brown County makes no guarantee of absolute fee simple marketable title to the property. It is recommended that the purchaser of a county quit claim deed pursue a quiet title action in order to acquire marketable title to the property (see SDCL Chapter 43-30, title standards 26-01 and 26-02).

Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale. Property offered for sale is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: MINIMUM BID

ABERDEEN CITY
Lot three (3), except the South 87 1/2 feet thereof, in Block three (3), North Aberdeen: \$100.00

Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota: 102 Washington St North (Bare Lot)

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0217.0224)

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Brown County Microsurfacing Project Bid

ADVERTISEMENT
2021 Brown County Microsurfacing Project

Sealed Bids will be received by the Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota until 8:46 AM local time on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March, 2021 for the above referenced project. Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents. Brown County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

At or shortly after the time named above and within the meeting of the County Commission, such Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project includes the following Work:

Microsurfacing for approx. 17.5 miles including: Rut Fill, Scratch Course, and Surface Course.

Additional items as set forth in the Contract Documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the locations listed:

Brown County
Highway Department
3133 8th Ave NE
Aberdeen, SD 57401
Ph: 605-626-7118
IMEG Corp
3314 Milwaukie Ave NE, Ste 2
Aberdeen, SD 57401
Ph: 605-225-3494

The Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations: SD Builders Exchange, Aberdeen, SD; SD Builders Exchange, Sioux Falls, SD; Plains Builders Exchange, Sioux Falls, SD; Dodge Data & Analytics, Hot Springs, AR; Construction Plans Exchange of Bismarck-Mandan, Bismarck, ND; or Construction Plans Exchange of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, ND.

An electronic copy of the Plans and Specifications on a compact disc may be obtained from the Aberdeen office of IMEG upon payment of \$40.00 to IMEG for shipping and handling or Plans and Specifications may be down-

loaded from the <http://www.clark-docs.com> web site upon a payment of \$20.00. A printed set of Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Aberdeen office of IMEG upon payment of \$100.00 to IMEG for shipping and handling. All payments are non-refundable. Upon request, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project.

BY:
Cathy McNickle
Brown County Auditor
(0217.0224)

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Claremont Town February 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 2-8-2021 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

President Shane called the meeting to order with Trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present.

On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the minutes of the January meeting were accepted.

On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed:

General:
James Valley, phone, 5.00; Post Office, postage, 55.00; Br. Co. Treasurer, taxes for 2020, 1807.94; Dacotah Bank, city hall loan, 573.33; NWE, street lights and city hall, 493.35; Full Circle Ag, diesel, 118.65; SD Asso. of Towns & Townships, 2021 dues, 196.75; GDI, publishing, 13.22; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00.

WSSW:
NWE, water, 223.81; NWE, sewer, 72.97; BDM, water purchased, 1029.50; B&B Contracting, sewer grant, 82,399.07; Helms & Assoc, sewer grant, 812.00; DENR, waste water, 150.00; SD Public Health, sampling water, 15.00; Ecolab, pest elimination, 171.38; Rural Development, water loan, 575.00.

With no further business before the board a motion was made by Rasmussen to adjourn, seconded by Spencer. Motion carried.

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South Dakota State University announces dean's list

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The following students have been named to the dean's list for academic excellence after the fall 2020 semester at South Dakota State University. To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk received a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Overall, nearly 3,200 students from 34 states and 26 foreign nations are on the list. More than 1,350 students received a 4.0.

Students with F, I, U, RI or RU grades are not eligible regardless of system term GPA attained. Note that this report includes courses that were taken at other South Dakota institutions this term. A minimum of 12 credits within the 100-699 course range must be taken. A student who passes pregeneral education courses may still qualify, if the student has 12 other credits that do fall within the 100-699 range.

School Codes:

SAFES – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

SAHSS – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

SEHS – College of Education and Human Sciences

SENGR – Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering

SNS – College of Natural Sciences

SNURS – College of Nursing

SPAHP – College of SPAHP and Allied Health Professions

Andover: Cassandra Ann Townsend*, SNS

Bath: Daniel Ward Sharp, SENGR; Travis George Sharp, SENGR; Matthew Robert Sperry*, SAFES

Bristol: Allison Lynn Duerre*, SEHS

Claremont: Kaitlyn Ann Anderson*, SAHSS; Dylan Michael Frey*, SAFES

Columbia: Aleigha Lynn Howell, SAFES; Seth Allen Howell, SAFES

Frederick: Cory Wren Murphy*, SAHSS

Groton: Faith Emily Crissman, SPAHP; Kaycie Lois Hawkins, SENGR; Kelby Nathan Hawkins*, SAHSS; Marshall McGregor Lane*, SNURS; Nicole Mabel Marzahn*, SNURS; Keri Jo Pappas, SNS; Erin Elizabeth Smith*, SAHSS; AnneMarie Lyn Smith*, SAHSS; Emily Anne Thompson*, SEHS

Hecla: Brooke Nicole Skoglund, SAFES

Langford: Sierra Brook Bivens, SNURS; Chesney Jesine Olson*, SENGR

Warner: Sydney Marie Leidholt*, SNURS

Varsity teams post NEC wins over Milbank

Groton Area varsity basketball teams posted big wins over Milbank in home action last week.

The girls held off a fourth quarter rally to post a 35-27 win. The lead changed hands twice and the game was tied once in the first quarter before Groton Area secured a 6-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. Both teams doubled their score in the second quarter; thus, Groton Area held a 12-10 lead at half time. Groton, again, doubled its score in the third quarter but Milbank was unable to keep up and the Tigers held a 24-16 lead after three periods. Milbank closed to within three, 25-22, with 5:48 left in the game, but then the Tigers scored seven straight points to take a 33-22 lead with 2:47 left and went on to win.

Groton Area made nine of 20 two-pointers for 45 percent, four of 23 in three-pointers for 17 percent, made five of 10 free throws for 50 percent, had 31 rebounds, 14 turnovers, eight assists, five steals, 11 fouls and two blocks.

Gracie Traphagen led Groton Area with 14 points, eight rebounds, one steal and two blocks. Alyssa Thaler had seven points, five rebounds, two assists and one steal. Brooke Gengerke had five points, nine rebounds, one assist and one steal. Allyssa Locke had four points, five rebounds and three assists. Sydney Leicht added three points and had one rebound. Kenzie McInerney had two points, two rebounds, two assists and two steals. Aspen Johnson had one rebound.

Milbank made six of 13 free throws for 46 percent, made 10 of 44 field goals for 22 percent, had 10 turnovers and 11 team fouls.

Both varsity games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bierman Farm Service, Jark Real Estate, Harr Motors - Bary Keith, Bahr Spray Foam, Allied Climate Professionals- Kevin Nehls, S.D. Army National Guard, John Sieh Agency, Groton Vet Clinic, Blocker Construction, Thunder Seed with John Wheeting, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc.

Groton Area knocked off Milbank for NEC contention with a 55-34 win. Groton Area never trailed and the game was tied just once at three. The Tigers jumped out to a 22-9 lead after the first quarter after making nine of 12 field goals for 75 percent. The Tigers took a 32-19 lead at halftime and a 49-29 lead after three quarters.

It was a perfect varsity night for senior recognition night in Groton.

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 15 points, two rebounds, five assists and four steals. Tate Larson was four of six in shooting and finished with 14 points, six rebounds, one assist, one steal and one block. Jayden Zak rounded out the trio of double-figure scorers with 13 points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Jacob Zak had nine points, 10 rebounds, two assists and four steals. Tristan Traphagen had four points, seven rebounds and two blocks. Cole Simon had three rebounds and one steal. Wyatt Hearnen had two rebounds, Isaac Smith had one rebound and one steal, Lucas Simon and Chandler Larson each had one rebound. Chandler, who has not been able to play due to an injury, took to the court on senior recognition night.

Groton Area made 16 of 31 in two-pointers for 52 percent, made five of 21 three-pointers for 24 percent, made eight of 15 free throws for 53 percent, had 36 rebound, 14 turnovers, nine assists, 12 steals, 14 fouls and three blocks.

Groton Area won the girls junior varsity game, 24-14. Kennedy Hansen led the Tigers with nine points followed by Jerica Locke, Sydney Leicht and Emma Schinkel with four each, Faith Traphagen had three and Jaedyn Penning added two points. Trent and Heather Traphagen were the sponsors of the game on GDILIVE.COM.

The boys junior varsity team suffered a 50-43 overtime loss to Milbank. Milbank held a 7-4 lead after the first quarter and Groton Area led at half time, 15-12, and took a 25-20 lead after three quarters. Groton Area led for most of the fourth quarter until Milbank took the lead, 39-37, with 25 seconds left. Taylor Diegel made a three-pointer right at the end to tie the game and send it into overtime, Milbank scored the first four points of the overtime and went on to win.

Diegel led the Tigers with 12 points followed by Wyatt Hearnen with 10, Cole Simon had eight, Logan Ringgenberg seven and Colby Dunker and Jackson Cogley each had three points.

The White House Inn was the sponsor of the game on GDILIVE.COM.

— Paul Kosel

Junior high teams beat Webster

Groton Area junior high teams won a pair of games over Webster Area. The seventh graders won, 39-31. Ryder Johnson led Groton Area with 19 points followed by Keegen Tracy with 10, Gage Sippel had six and JD Schwan and Karter Moody each had two points.

The eighth graders won, 30-24. Taylor Diegel led Groton Area with 16 points followed by Carter Simon with five and adding two points apiece were Blake Pauli, Logan Pearson, Payton Mitchell and Keegan Tracy with Ryder Johnson adding a free throw. The eighth grade game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bob & Vicki Walter.

— Paul Kosel

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Jackelopes 159, Karen Spanier 158
9, Shih Tzus 6, Cheetahs 6, Chipmunks 3

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 202, Roger Spanier 189, 188, Mike Siegler 185

Women's High Games: Nicole Kassube 168, Darci Spanier

159, Karen Spanier 158

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 565, Roger Spanier 559, Mike Siegler 493

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Varsity hoop teams split with Faulkton

The boys won and the girls lost to Faulkton in basketball action played in Groton. The boys posted a 58-43 win while Faulkton won the girls game, 52-35.

Lane Tietz had a hot night with four three-pointers to have a season high 29 points in Groton Area's win over Faulkton.

Groton Area held a 14-12 lead after the first quarter with the lead changing hands three times in the first quarter. The game was tied once and Faulkton got the upper hand in the second quarter to take a 23-20 lead at half time. Groton Area got the upper hand in the third quarter and took a 38-30 lead at the end of the third quarter. Groton Area outscored Faulkton, 20-11, in the fourth quarter for the win.

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 29 points which included four of eight three-pointers, four of eight two-pointers and nine of 12 free throws. He has had one rebound, one assist and two steals. Jacob Zak had 12 points, eight rebounds, two assists and two steals. Wyatt Hearnen had five points, six rebounds and one steal. Tristan Traphagen had four points, 10 rebounds, one assist, one steal and one block. Jayden Zak had four points, three rebounds, five assists and five steals. Lucas Simon had four points and one rebound. Cole Simon had two rebounds and one assist. Favian Sanchez had one rebound and one steal.

Groton Area made 13 of 27 two-pointers for 48 percent, six of 24 three-pointers for 25 percent, 14 of 21 free throws for 67 percent, had 32 rebounds, 11 turnovers, 10 assists, 12 steals, 14 fouls and one block.

Nick Schlechter led Faulkton with 13 points while Hunter Niederbau had 12, Layne Cotton nine, Simon Bowar seven and Gus Kopecky added two points.

Faulkton made 17 of 46 field goals for 37 percent, seven of 12 free throws for 58 percent, had 13 turnovers and 19 team fouls.

The varsity games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored

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Faulkton jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the girls varsity game and never trailed in the game as the Trojans won, 52-35. Faulkton led at the quarterbreaks, 9-3, 26-10 and 38-27.

Brooke Gengerke led the Tigers with nine points, one rebound, one assist and one steal. Allyssa Locke had seven points, two rebounds and six assists. Kenzie McInerney had six points. Sydney Leicht had six points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Gracie Traphagen had two points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal. Jerica Locke and Jaedyn Penning each had two points. Alyssa Thaler had one point, four rebounds, two assists and one steal. Aspen Johnson had four rebounds, Anna Fjeldheim had one assist and one steal.

Groton Area made six of 25 two-pointers for 24 percent, six of 23 three-pointers for 26 percent, five of six free throws for 83 percent, had 19 rebounds, 10 turnovers, 12 assists, five steals and 12 fouls.

Faulkton made 19 of 42 field goals for 45 percent, nine of 11 free throws for 82 percent, had 13 turnovers and seven team fouls.

Faulkton won the girls junior varsity game, 22-9, with Agtegra sponsoring the broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. Jerica Locke had seven points and Jaedyn Penning added two points.

The boys junior varsity team won, 41-17. Teylor Diegel led the Tigers with 14 points while Cole Simon had 11, Logan Ringgenberg eight and adding two points apiece were Favian Sanchez, Colby Dunker, Jackson Cogley and Holden Sippel.

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

— Paul Kosel



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Lady Tigers surprise Mobridge-Pollock with big win

Groton Area's girls basketball team handed Mobridge-Pollock only its sixth loss on a season winding down with a 54-39 win.

The game was played at Mobridge and was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bierman Farm Service, Jark Real Estate, Harr Motors - Bary Keith, Bahr Spray Foam, Allied Climate Professionals- Kevin Nehls, S.D. Army National Guard, John Sieh Agency, Groton Vet Clinic, Blocker Construction, Thunder Seed with John Wheating, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc, Groton Ford, S & S Lumber & Hardware Hank.

The game was tied twice in the first quarter. Brooke Gengerke hit a three-pointer late in the first quarter to the game at the break at 12. Groton took a 10-point lead at the end of the half, 30-20. Mobridge-Pollock then unleashed its fury and in less than two and one-half minutes into the third period, Mobridge-Pollock took the lead, 33-32. Then a drought set in for Mobridge-Pollock and Groton Area continued to pound away at the board and kept adding to the tally, leaving Mobridge-Pollock way behind. Groton Area would score 17 unanswered points in an eight-minute span and took a 49-33 lead and went on to win.

Gracie Traphagen led the Tigers with 24 points, eight rebounds and one steal and she made three three-pointers. Brooke Gengerke made three three-pointers on her way to 13 points with five rebounds and four assists. Alyssa Thaler made two three-pointers and had 12 points, one rebound and two assists. Allyssa Locke had three points, four rebounds, four assists and one steal. Sydney Leight had two points, one rebound, one assist and one steal. Kenzie McInerney had two assists and two seals. Aspen Johnson had three rebounds and three steals. Anna Fjeldheim and Jaedyn Penning each had one rebound.

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Groton Area made 10 of 21 two-pointers for 48 percent, eight of 18 three-pointers for 44 percent, 10 of 15 free throws for 67 percent, had 24 rebounds, 18 turnovers, 13 assists, eight steals and eight team fouls.

Mobridge-Pollock made 15 of 46 shots for 32 percent, four of seven free throws for 57 percent had 23 turnovers, 20 rebounds, nine steals, 10 assists and 14 team fouls.

Mobridge-Pollock won the junior varsity game, 33-22. Groton had closed to within five, 27-22, with two minutes left in the game. Anna Fjeldheim had four points, Kennedy Hansen made five of six free throws, Jerica Locke had four points, Sydney Leicht had five points, Mia Crank and Emily Clark each had two and Laila Roberts had one free throw.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Rich and Tami Zimney, grandparents of Laila Roberts.

Groton Area will host Warner on Tuesday and will conclude the regular season on Friday as part of a double header with Deuel. Groton Area is 9-9 on the season and Mobridge-Pollock is 12-6.

- Paul Kosel

Mobridge-Pollock pulls out 2-point home court win over Groton

The home team continues the winning streak in the battle of the Tigers. Mobridge-Pollock held off Groton Area for a two-point win, 53-51. According to a sports guru in Mobridge, this is the 14th straight time that the home team has won.

The game was played at Mobridge and was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bierman Farm Service, Jark Real Estate, Harr Motors - Bary Keith, Bahr Spray Foam, Allied Climate Professionals- Kevin Nehls, S.D. Army National Guard, John Sieh Agency, Groton Vet Clinic, Blocker Construction, Thunder Seed with John Wheating, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc, Groton Ford, S & S Lumber & Hardware Hank.

Mobridge-Pollock won the game from the free throw line, making 18 of 32 free throws for 56 percent off of Groton Area's 20 team fouls. Groton Area was nine of 13 from the line for 69 percent off of Mobridge-Pollock's 18 team fouls.

The game was tied once in the first quarter and there were two lead changes before Groton Area took a 15-10 lead at the end of the period. Groton Area had a 25-24 lead with 2:11 left in the second period before Mobridge-Pollock scored the final nine points of quarter to take a 33-25 lead at half time. Mobridge-Pollock would make 10 of 14 shots in the second quarter for 71 percent and Groton Area made two of six for 33 percent.

Groton Area outscored Mobridge-Pollock in the third quarter, 12-9, to close the gap to five, 42-37.

Jayden Zak, who was on fire in three-point country, made two three-pointers in the fourth quarter to even the score. Groton Area tied the game at 49 with 2:41 left before Braden Goehring would make Mobridge-Pollock's only three-pointer of the game to make it 52-49 with 1:46 left. A charging foul and a missed shot in Groton's last two possessions prevented a tie or win for the Tigers as Mobridge-Pollock hung on for the win.

Jayden Zak would make seven of eight three-pointers and two for two free throws to boot to lead all scorers with 23 points. He also had one rebound, five assists and two steals. Tristan Traphagen had 11 points, six rebounds, two assists and one block. Tate Larson had 11 points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Jacob Zak had four points, three rebounds, four assists and one steal. Wyatt Hearnen had two points. Lane Tietz had three rebounds, two assists and one steal. Isaac Smith had one rebound and Cole Simon had one steal.

Groton Area made nine of 17 two-pointers for 53 percent, eight of 15 three-pointers for 53 percent, had 17 rebounds, 15 turnovers, 14 assists, six steals and one block shot.

Mobridge-Pollock made 18 of 32 in field goals for 56 percent and had 10 turnovers.

Mobridge-Pollock won the junior varsity game, 55-35. That game was sponsored by the White House Inn on GDILIVE.COM. Wyatt Hearnen led Groton Area with 10 points followed by Taylor Diegel with eight, Colby Dunker six, Cole Simon six, and Jackson Cogley and Logan Ringgenberg each had four points.

Groton Area is now 11-5 on the season and will play at Aberdeen Roncalli on Monday and then host Deuel for a Northeast Conference game on Friday. Mobridge-Pollock goes to 12-3 on the season.

- Paul Kosel

NEC Standings

Hamlin.....	10-0
Roncalli	9-1
Redfield	6-2
Sisseton	5-3
Groton	5-4
Webster.....	5-4
Clark/Willow Lake	4-5
Milbank	4-6
Deuel	1-8
Tiospa Zina	1-8
Britton-Hecla.....	0-8

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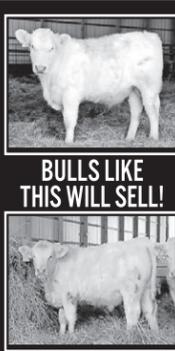
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Milbank	5-3
Roncalli	5-4
Hamlin.....	6-4
Redfield	4-4
Deuel	2-8
Webster.....	1-8
Britton-Hecla.....	0-8

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Many parents and grandparents tell folktales to the children in their family. Storytellers spin them for listeners of all ages. **A folktale may have:**

- _____ solved
- _____ of things that are hard to understand
- _____ for an unkind person
- _____ learned
- a _____ for a good person
- _____ who can overcome anything
- _____ spells
- _____ animals

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- misleading, gets others to do what he wants
- timid, loyal
- playful, clever
- wise, brave
- tricky, greedy, lazy
- proud, cruel
- sneaky, clever
- honorable, swift
- patient, plotting

lion, cheetah, monkey, crocodile, tortoise, spider, snake, jackal, chameleon, warhog, cheetah, lion, monkey, crocodile, tortoise, spider, snake, jackal, chameleon, warhog

magical heroes, reward, explanations, punishment, talking, problems, lessons

What is your favorite folktale? Did you hear it from your parents or grandparents?

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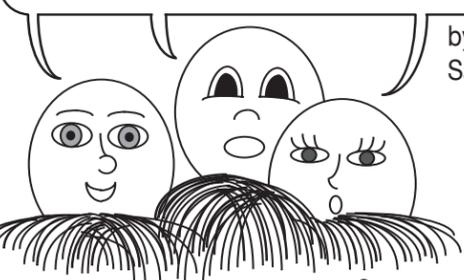


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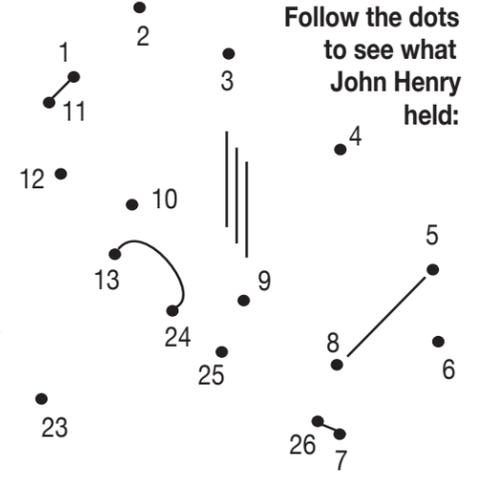
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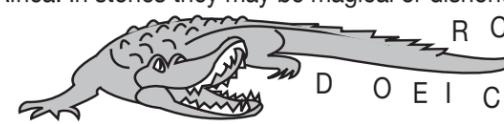
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Lady Tigers on a 4-game winning streak

Groton Area Lady Tigers are now on a four-game winning streak as they defeated Warner, 43-27. Groton Area held a 10-8 lead after the first quarter and a 26-13 lead at half time. Warner had a 12-point run in the third quarter, making six of 17 shots to close to within two points. Groton Area held a 31-27 lead at the end of the third quarter. Groton Area had a 14-point run that spanned the third and fourth quarters as Warner did not make a point in the fourth quarter.

Groton Area made seven of 19 two-pointers for 37 percent, eight of 23 three-pointers for 35 percent, five of seven free throws for 71 percent, had 33 rebounds, nine turnovers, 10 assists, two steals and 12 team fouls.

Alyssa Thaler led the Tigers with 14 points (making four three-pointers) and six rebounds. Gracie Traphagen had eight points, 10 rebounds, two assists and one steal. Brooke Gengerke had eight points, seven rebounds and one assist. Allyssa Locke had seven points, six rebounds, four assists and one steal. Kenzie McInerney had three points, two rebounds and one assist. Sydney Leight had three points and one rebound. Aspen Johnson had one rebound.

Warner was led by Kendyl Anderson, Summer Scepaniak and Ava Nilsson with six points apiece while Peyton Fisher had five and Lauren Marcus and Savannah Green each had two points.

The Monarchs made 11 of 51 shots for 21 percent, one of two free throws, had six turnovers and 13 team fouls.

Groton Area is now 10-9 on the season and will host Deuel in a double header on Friday.

The varsity game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bierman Farm Service, Jark Real Estate, Harr Motors - Bary Keith, Bahr Spray Foam, Allied Climate Professionals- Kevin Nehls, S.D. Army National Guard, John Sieh Agency, Groton Vet Clinic, Locke Electric, Thunder Seed with John Wheeting, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc. and S & S Lumber and Hardware Hank.

Warner won the junior varsity game, 33-25. Kennedy Hansen and Jerica Locke each had six points, Sydney Leicht had five, Faith Traphagen and Laila Roberts each had three and Jaedyn Penning added two. Locke Electric sponsored the game on GDILIVE.COM.

Groton Area won the C game, 33-27. Jerica Locke and Elizabeth Flihs each had six points, Faith Traphagen had five, Brooklyn Hansen and Kennedy Hansen each had three and Jaedyn Penning added two points. Grand Slam Computers sponsored this game on GDILIVE.COM.

- Paul Kosel

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Gengerke had double-double night against Tiospa Zina

Brooke Gengerke had a double-double night for Groton Area as the Lady Tigers defeated Tiospa Zina, 48-33.

Tiospa Zina held a 14-12 lead after the first quarter with the game being tied twice and the lead changing hands four times. The second quarter was an even match with five lead changes and the game tied three times including a 25-25 tie at half time. Groton Area got the upper hand in the third quarter and took a 34-30 lead into the fourth quarter. The Tigers outscored Tiospa Zina in the fourth quarter, 14-3, to secure the win.

Groton Area made 12 of 36 two-pointers for 33 percent, four of 20 three-pointers for 20 percent, 12 of 22 free throws for 55 percent, had 39 rebounds, 14 turnovers, 13 assists, 14 steals and 16 fouls.

Tiospa Zina made 10 of 38 field goals for 26 percent, 11 of 16 free throws for 69 percent, had 17 turnovers and had 15 team fouls.

Gracie Traphagen led the Tigers with 17 points, seven rebounds and one assist. Brooke Gengerke had 14 points, 12 rebounds, three assists and two steals. Sydney Leicht had eight points, five rebounds, one assist and two steals. Kenzie McInerney had five points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Alyssa Thaler had four points, four rebounds, one assist and two steals. Aspen Johnson had four rebounds and four steals.

Maria Gallardo led the Wambdi with nine points followed by Jeslyn Crawford with eight, Kennadee Bissonette had six, Omariya Bernard five, Jaia Bursheim three and Alexia Quinn two.

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Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 40-18. Mia Crank, Kennedy Hansen and Sydney Leicht each had eight points, Jerica Locke had six, Laila Roberts four, Faith Traphagen had three, Jaedyn Penning two and Anna Fjeldheim one.

Ed and Connie Stauch sponsored the broadcast on GDILIVE.COM.

- Paul Kosel

Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 18
Junior High Basketball hosts Mobridge-Pollock in the Arena. 7th at 6 p.m., 8th at 7 p.m. (The Johnson Agency sponsoring both)

Friday, Feb. 19
Basketball Doubleheader with Deuel in Groton. JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys (Craig and Tasha Dunker) at 5 p.m. followed by Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys. Special Guest Commentator for varsity: Greg Kjellsen!

Saturday, Feb. 20
Regional Wrestling Tournament in Groton, 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 22: Boys Basketball hosts Warner with JV (Kent & Darcy Muller) at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: GBB Region

Thursday, Feb. 25: GBB Region