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Kaitlin O'Neill Crowned Miss South Dakota 2021

O'Neill, O'Bryan Win Preliminary Awards at Miss South Dakota Pageant



Miss Dakota Plains, Kaitlin O'Neill, preliminary talent competition winner, and Miranda O'Bryan, Social Impact Pitch/Onstage Interview winner. (Courtesy Photo)

June 4, 2021, Brookings, SD – Miss Dakota Plains, Kaitlin O'Neill of Groton, and Miss Rolling Plains, Miranda O'Bryan of Martin, took home preliminary awards at the Miss South Dakota Pageant Thursday night.

O'Neill won the preliminary talent competition with a contemporary ballet to Bad Guy by Eklipse. The talent award is a \$1,000 scholarship. O'Neill graduated from Minnesota State University-Mankato, with majors in dance and marketing.

O'Bryan took the Onstage Interview/Social Impact award, a \$500 scholarship, after pitching her social impact initiative, "Page Turners: Fall in Love with Reading," and facing an onstage question about whether the public should trust the media. O'Bryan graduated from South Dakota State University with degrees in journalism and history and is a reporter/anchor for KOTA News in Rapid City.

Thoughts from Kaitlin O'Neill, Miss South Dakota 2021

What gave you the idea to pursue this dream and the ups and downs of the journey?

Six years ago I competed in my first local pageant after a friend convinced me to give it a try. After my first year at state, I caught the bug and never looked back! It was not always a flat road, but I always took something away from the valleys and that really aided in my triumphs at the top! As I grew and reflected more on myself, I further developed my SII (Social Impact Initiative) which really motivated me to truly make a difference. My SII is titled "Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, Healthy You" and is all about helping people who struggle with mental, physical, or emotional health find a healthy balance between those and grow as an individual. This platform is extremely personal to me as I have struggled with mental health personally and I want to be that support system that I felt like I didn't have when I was going through my hard times.

What was going through your mind when you won Thursday night, Friday night, and when they called your name Saturday?

Each night of prelims, there is a prelim winner for talent and on-stage question. Winning talent has been one of my biggest goals (besides taking the title) ever since I started competing 6 years ago. I worked extra hard this year trying to create a talent that could really be a top talent contender! I felt pretty good about my performance Thursday night, but I wasn't sure what the judges would think especially compared to the other talents. It is really like comparing apples and oranges when you put a dancer up against a vocalist or instrumentalist. It really comes down to preference. When I was announced as the Top Talent Winner, I was ecstatic! I just knew my hard work had finally paid off!

When I was announced as the top score for On-Stage Question on Friday night, I was mind blown! I never in a million years would have expected to win that award as it is one of my biggest insecurities. I did put in a ton of work, but I never thought I would get to that level!

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Widvey, O'Neill Win Preliminary Awards at Miss South Dakota Pageant



Kaitlin O'Neill, preliminary onstage interview competition winner, and Hunter Widvey, talent winner. (Courtesy Photo)

June 5, 2021, Brookings, SD – Miss Missouri Valley, Hunter Widvey of Rapid City, and Miss Dakota Plains, Kaitlin O'Neill of Groton, won preliminary awards at the Miss South Dakota Pageant Friday night.

Widvey took home the talent scholarship of \$1,000 singing "I Go Up to the Mountain," a gospel song by Patty Griffin. Widvey recently graduated from Augustana University with majors in government and biology, and has been accepted to medical school.

O'Neill wrapped up the preliminary Onstage Interview/Social Impact award, a \$500 scholarship, after pitching her social impact initiative, "Bloom - Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, Healthy You." She then faced onstage questions about what her previous experiences competing at Miss South Dakota have taught her, and how her dance training has helped her in life. O'Neill graduated from Minnesota State University-Mankato, with majors in dance and marketing.



Miss South Dakota 2019/2020 Amber Hulse crowns Miss South Dakota 2021, Kaitlin O'Neill. (Courtesy Photo)

June 6, 2021, Brookings, SD – Kaitlin O'Neill, whose hometown is Groton, was crowned Miss South Dakota 2021 Saturday night. In addition to her scholarship of \$8,000 for winning the competition, O'Neill was a preliminary talent winner Thursday evening (\$1,000), and onstage interview winner on Friday (\$500.) She was also the overall interview winner (\$500) and took home the state community service Award (\$1,000).

O'Neill's platform is "Bloom - Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, Healthy You." Her talent was a contemporary ballet to Bad Guy by Eklipse. She is the daughter of Robin O'Neill and Steve O'Neill and competed as Miss Dakota Plains. O'Neill graduated from Minnesota State University-Mankato, with majors in dance and marketing.

First runner-up was Hunter Widvey of Rapid City, garnering a \$4,000 scholarship. Widvey also won the \$1,000 preliminary talent award Friday night.

Second runner-up was Annie Woodmansey of Pierre. In addition to her scholarship award of \$2,000, she received the Quality of Life scholarship and the Sylvia Tannehill Kindness scholarship, each for \$1,000.

Third runner-up was Miranda O'Brian, taking home a scholarship of \$1,500, in addition to the \$500 award for preliminary on-stage interview and social initiative pitch on Thursday.

Fourth runner-up and winner of a \$1,200 scholarship was Margaret Samp, Sioux Falls. In addition, she received the Ray Peterson "Rookie of the Year" award of \$500 for being the top-placing first-time candidate.

Rounding out the top eight semi-finalists were Carly Goodhart of Sisseton, who also won a \$750 STEM Scholarship, Sylvie Larson of Harrisburg, and Maleah Eschembaum of Aberdeen.

Courtney Remick, Prior Lake, MN, won the most talented non-semi-finalist (\$300 scholarship) as well as a \$750 STEM Scholarship. Emma Salzwedel of Sioux Falls was voted Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants (\$500 scholarship). Baylee Dittman had the top interview for a non-semi-finalist (\$300 scholarship.)

Fifteen women from across the state competed for the title. All won scholarships, totaling nearly \$35,000.

Kaitlin O'Neill will compete at the Miss America Pageant at the Mohegan Sun resort in Connecticut, December 2021.

Economists: Eliminating sales tax on food would aid low-income families in South Dakota

Danielle Ferguson
South Dakota News Watch

Charging sales tax on food purchases is regressive by nature but is especially unfair to low-income South Dakotans who already spend a disproportionate amount of their income to meet basic needs, two prominent South Dakota economists said.

Eliminating the sales tax on groceries could help alleviate some of the financial pressure on lower-income families that already struggle to pay for housing, transportation and other basic needs, the two economics professors said during a June 3 online panel discussion hosted by South Dakota News Watch.

The regressive nature of South Dakota's sales tax, where all consumers rich or poor pay the same tax rate on goods and services, including food, is in part preventing the state's lowest earners from reaching financial stability, the professors said.

South Dakota is one of three states that still taxes groceries at the full state sales tax rate, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Sixteen other states tax groceries, but at a lower rate than the general sales tax. Sales taxes in South Dakota generate more than \$1 billion annually and provide about 60% of the state's general fund revenues. Individual municipal sales tax rates are added onto the state 4.5% rate.

The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy reported that the poorest 20% of South Dakotans, or those who earn around \$20,000 or less, pay 11.3% of their income in taxes each year. The wealthiest 1% of South Dakotans pay 1.8% of their income in taxes. The institute lists South Dakota as the fourth most tax-regressive state in the country.



Evert Van der Sluis

"If you're really serious about making life a little easier for lower-income [families], that would be the very first item that I would look at," said Evert Van der Sluis, an economics professor at South Dakota State University who was part of the June 3 panel.

Taxing groceries increases the probability of low-income household food insecurity, according to a May 2021 article published

in the journal Food Policy. The same study estimated that food insecurity rises with each percentage point of sales taxes on food.

Kathryn Birkeland, an economics professor at the University of South Dakota, said she would support taking sales tax off of food, and added that the state needs to take a look at its tax structure overall.

"If you want to live in a place that has amenities and services you want, it needs to be a place that collects enough tax revenue to pay for that," she said during the June 3 panel. "Property taxes are high in South Dakota, and it adds to the housing burden to the cost of buying a house. Changing that tax structure can help for sure."

Bills to reduce or eliminate sales tax on food have repeatedly failed in the South Dakota Legislature, most recently in the 2021 session.

Senate Bill 104 would have reduced sales tax

on certain food in half-percent increments until fully eliminating state sales tax on food in 2025. The bill was unanimously defeated in its first committee hearing after legislators heard testimony from business leaders that eliminating the sales tax would create an unfillable hole in the state economy. Mark Quasney, a lobbyist for the South Dakota Bureau of Finance and Management, told legislators in January that eliminating sales tax on food would make sales tax revenues less stable and create financial uncertainty for the state.

South Dakota lawmakers who have advocated for eliminating the sales tax on food have suggested offsetting the loss with increasing sales tax revenues from online sales. A law enacted in 2018 allowed the state to start collecting online sales tax revenues. Those who supported the 2021 bill to phase out tax on food said that has yet to prompt action on groceries tax.

Cathy Brechtelsbauer, a volunteer for Bread for the World, a Christian-based organization that urges people to get involved in policy making to end hunger, has advocated for getting rid of the tax on food for more than two decades.

Bills to reduce or rid groceries tax have been



Kathryn Birkeland

brought up nearly every year, she said, but haven't gained much traction.

"If you have an unlimited budget for food, no problem, but if your budget is limited, then that's taking food off your table," she said in an interview. "Food is the wrong thing to tax."

The News Watch panel was inspired by a recent poll that showed that about half of South Dakotans who responded feel they are less financially stable than their parents, and that many feel pessimistic about the future for the state. The economists said there are numerous contributing factors to that pessimism, including that South Dakota employers pay some of the lowest wages in the nation and that many workers are not seeing their pay cover the rising cost of living in the state. The state is also seeing a sharp spike in the cost of housing and health care.

Video of the June 3 panel is available on the South Dakota News Watch Facebook page and on YouTube. Related articles can also be found on sdnewswatch.org.

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4-Hit Day For Flihs Earns Groton Jr. Teeners Victory Over Webster VFW POST 4690 14U

Brevin Flihs was dialed in at the plate on Thursday, tallying four hits and leading Groton Jr. Teeners to a 17-3 win over Webster VFW POST 4690 14U. Flihs singled in the first, tripled in the second, singled in the third, and singled in the third.

Groton Jr. Teeners secured the victory thanks to 13 runs in the third inning. The offensive onslaught came from walks by Gavin Englund, Braxton Imrie, Carter Simon, Englund, and Jarrett Erdmann, singles by Caden Mcinerney, Flihs, and Flihs, a fielder's choice by Korbin Kucker, and a double by Kucker.

Groton Jr. Teeners put up 13 runs in the third inning. Kucker, Mcinerney, Englund, Flihs, Imrie, and Kucker each had RBIs in the big inning.

Kellen Antonsen was credited with the victory for Groton Jr. Teeners. The bulldog allowed one hit and three runs over three innings, striking out three.

Matthew Mount took the loss for Webster VFW POST 4690 14U. The righty allowed six hits and ten runs over two innings, striking out five.

Groton Jr. Teeners scattered nine hits in the game. Flihs, Kucker, and Teylor Diegel each had multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Flihs went 4-for-4 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits.

Mount led Webster VFW POST 4690 14U with one hit in one at bats. Carter Williams led Webster VFW POST 4690 14U with three stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with five stolen bases.

Webster won the second game, 21-8 in four innings.

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Groton Jr Legion Grabs Lead In Fourth Inning To Defeat Claremont

Groton Jr Legion stole the lead late in the game in a 9-8 victory over Claremont on Monday. Groton Jr Legion trailed 7-6 in the bottom of the fourth inning when Jesse K induced Logan R to hit into a fielder's choice, but two runs scored.

Claremont scored five runs in the third inning, but Groton Jr Legion still managed to pull out the victory. Ben G, Will C, and Cole B all drove in runs in the frame.

Groton Jr Legion captured the lead in the first inning. Logan was hit by a pitch, driving in a run.

In the top of the third inning, Claremont tied things up at five when Will singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

After Claremont scored one run in the top of the second, Groton Jr Legion answered with one of their own. Claremont scored when Cole drew a walk, scoring one run. Groton Jr Legion then answered when Colby D singled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run.

Colby led things off on the mound for Groton Jr Legion. The bulldog lasted two innings, allowing zero hits and four runs while striking out four.

Dawson V was on the pitcher's mound for Claremont. The hurler surrendered nine runs on three hits over three innings, striking out three. Jesse threw one inning in relief.

Tate L, Jordan B, Colby, and Kaleb A each collected one hit to lead Groton Jr Legion.

Claremont stole seven bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Ben led the way with four.

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Alex Throws Shutout As Groton Legion Post #39 Defeats W.I.N.

Alex Morris had all the right stuff on Sunday for Groton Legion Post #39, allowing zero runs and besting W.I.N. by a score of 8-0

Groton Legion Post #39 secured the victory thanks to five runs in the fourth inning. Groton Legion Post #39 big bats were led by Jace Kroll, Pierce Kettering, Darien Shabazz, and Morris, who all drove in runs.

Groton Legion Post #39 put up five runs in the fourth inning. Groton Legion Post #39's big bats in the inning were led by a single by Shabazz, a fielder's choice by Kroll, an error on a ball put in play by Kettering, and a double by Morris.

A double by Josh M in the second inning was a positive for W.I.N..

Morris took the win for Groton Legion Post #39. The righthander went five innings, allowing zero runs on two hits, striking out 12 and walking zero.

Ashton R took the loss for W.I.N.. Ashton went three innings, allowing three runs on four hits, striking out six and walking one.

Morris went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post #39 in hits. Groton Legion Post #39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Kettering had the most chances in the field with 12.

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Groton Legion Post #39 Overcomes Legion Webster Legion Post 40 (2021) In Face Of Early 5-Run Inning

Groton Legion Post #39 weathered a scare by Legion Webster Legion Post 40 (2021) in the fourth inning where Groton Legion Post #39 coughed up five runs, but Groton Legion Post #39 still won 8-5 on Tuesday. The offensive onslaught by Legion Webster Legion Post 40 (2021) was led by Matt M, Carter W, and Tristan A, who all drove in runs.

Groton Legion Post #39 fired up the offense in the first inning. Cade Larson drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post #39 notched four runs in the second inning. Groton Legion Post #39's offense in the inning came from a walk by Jonathan Doeden and a triple by Brodyn DeHoet.

Pierce Kettering was the winning pitcher for Groton Legion Post #39. The pitcher lasted three innings, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out six and walking one. Evin Nehls and Chandler Larson entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Carson M took the loss for Legion Webster Legion Post 40 (2021). The bulldog lasted three innings, allowing one hit and eight runs while striking out six.

DeHoet went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post #39 in hits. Groton Legion Post #39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Jackson Cogley had the most chances in the field with nine. Groton Legion Post #39 tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Jayden Zak led the way with three.

Legion Webster Legion Post 40 (2021) was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Carter made the most plays with six.

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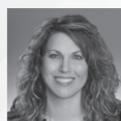
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From the Editors of E - The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: How has all the wildfire smoke in the West over the last few summers impacted human health? And what can we do to stay safe amidst the smoke?
-- B.K., Philadelphia, PA



The smoke from Western wildfires can carry for thousands of miles and affect communities far from the burning.

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Blanketing the atmosphere with thick veils of black smoke and turning skies a hazy orange hue, wildfires have ravaged the Western U.S. as long as anyone can remember. Though wildfires are natural and a critical component of a healthy forest ecosystem, unusually large and lengthy fires have now become the norm across much of the American West.

The year 2020 was record-breaking for wildfires in the U.S. The August Complex fire in Northern California alone torched more than a million acres of land—making it the state's first ever "gigafire." And Californians are bracing for more. With temperatures rising

around the globe due to climate change, wildfires have only expanded in size and hazard, raising widespread concerns over the impacts of the smoke and how to mitigate the negative health effects.

Wildfire-released pollutants pose many ecological threats, which in turn have both short- and long-term health hazards for nearby communities. Most troublesome may be the PM 2.5 particulate, given that it is small enough to enter the lungs as well as the bloodstream, potentially impacting both the cardiovascular and respiratory systems. In the short-term, these pollutants can lead to eye and nasal irritation, heart attacks and strokes, while longer term exposure can cause permanent damage to the heart and lungs.

While efforts in recent decades to reduce pollution from factories and automobiles have reduced the particulate pollution burden on Americans significantly, wildfires are bringing PM 2.5 levels back up into hazardous territory for many across the West, at least during wildfire season. Wildfire smoke also contains many other hazardous pollutants, like carbon monoxide and toxic ash, as well as carbon dioxide that contributes to global warming.

The more we know about the potential health impacts of wildfire smoke, the better we can protect ourselves and our loved ones. Wildfire pollution can circulate in the atmosphere for weeks. During the warmer months, consistently check local air-quality reports and read visibility guides before heading outdoors. If you have to go outside in smoky summer weather, wear an N95 mask, which filters most PM 2.5 particulates. However, health-sensitive groups are always at a risk, even with N95 masks. If the surrounding air quality is rated hazardous, everyone should avoid the outdoors as much as possible and take preventive steps like installing an air filter indoors.

If you live in the West (or anywhere arid) and are hoping for a reprieve from smoky skies this summer, don't hold your breath. According to scientists at San Jose State University, 2021 is looking to be an even worse year for wildfires than last year's record breaker due to excessively low levels of winter moisture across

much of the West. The upshot seems to be that we better just get used to it.

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Parents: Dr. Steve and Carol Smith, Groton.

Brothers and sisters: Samuel Smith-28, Marah Van Diest-26, Luke Smith-24, Erin Smith-22, Anne Marie Smith-20.

Hobbies: hang out with friends, watch Netflix, and work out.

School/community activities: Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball, Track-and Field, Show Choir Tech, FFA.

Favorite high school memory: Front Boulevard Men's performance at the Pops concert.

Future plans: attend the University of St. Thomas and major in Philosophy.

Awards: National Honors Society, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Columbia American Legion Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, University of St. Thomas Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Valedictorian Scholarship, Presidents Education Award, Aberdeen American News Scholastic Star Gold Award, Associated School Boards Governor's Academic Excellence Recognition



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Parents: Jake and Tiffany Unzen, Groton.

Brother and sister: Haley-24, Megan-23, and Nathan-13.

Hobbies: shopping, going on hikes/walks, hanging out with friends and family, working out, baking, and going to coffee shops.

School/community activities: FBLA president, FCCLA, Leo's club Vice President, Student Council, Carnival of Silver Skates, National honor society, senior class president.

Favorite high school memory: my favorite high school memory was watching our Volleyball team at State in Rapid City, SD. I made so many great memories with friends.

Future plans: I plan to attend South Dakota State University and major in early Childhood Education with a Minor in Spanish.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, Daughters of the American Revolution nomination, National Honors Society, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, FCCLA Service Award Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Yellow & Blue Scholarship, Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Salutatorian Scholarship, Aberdeen American News Scholastic Start Gold Award, Presidents Education Award



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Sage Allys Mortenson
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Parents: Yvonne Lorenz and James Mortenson, Groton.

Brother and sister: Austin Lorenz, Angel Feiock.

Hobbies: hanging out with friends and family, reading, and watching Netflix/Hulu.

School/community activities: FFA, FCCLA, Debate, Oral

Interp, School Play, Show Choir Tech member, Leo's Club, and Aberdeen Area Humane Society volunteer.

Favorite high school memory: Frozen Jr. All school play.

Future plans: attend SDSU with a major in Animal Science.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, Beck Memorial Scholarship, Jack & Helen Walter Memorial Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, SD FFA Blue and Gold Scholarship, Richard 'Dick' Voss Memorial Scholarship, FCCLA Service Award Scholarship, Wilfred N. & Lucille A. Heinz Memorial Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Yellow & Blue Scholarship, Jackrabbit Journey First Bank & Trust Dual Credit Scholarship, Barry Schuring Memorial Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Gwendolyn O'Connor Broman Memorial Scholarship, Vicki Strom Memorial Scholarship, Tom & Barbara Paepke Ag related career scholarship, Presidents Education Award, Groton Lion's Scholarship



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Principal Honor Roll - Seniors:

Nineteen seniors in the Class of 2021 have been selected for the Principal's Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the seniors had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for four years.

Back Left: Dragr Monson, Steven Paulson, Alex Morris, Trey Gengerke, Isaac Smith
Middle Left: Samantha Pappas, Jasmine Gengerke, Grace Wiedrick, Brooklyn Gilbert, Grace Wambach, Regan Leicht, Sage Mortenson, Hailey Monson,
Front Left: Alyssa Fordham, Erin Unzen, Tessa Erdmann, Alexa Herr, Tanae Lipp, Alexis Hanten.



Principal Student Service Award

Four seniors at Groton Area High School, have been nominated for the Principal's Student Service Award. To be eligible for this award the students had to document exemplary community service during high school and complete an application and essay.

Tessa Erdmann, Brooklyn Gilbert, Regan Leicht & Alexis Hanten

Grace Jean Wambach
with highest honor



Parents: Jason and Richal Wambach, Groton.

Brothers: Bryson-15, and Wyatt Wambach-12.

Hobbies: walks, shopping, watching Netflix, going to lake, baking, spending time with friends.

School/community activities: FBLA, FCCLA, Volleyball, skating rink manager, and lifeguard.

Favorite high school memory: my favorite memory of high school was state Volleyball week.

Future plans: attend SDSU for Nursing.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Susan Deanne Weismantel Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit scholarship, Yellow & Blue Scholarship, Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship, Irvin & Janice Flihs Family Scholarship, Presidents Education Award



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Samantha Rose Pappas
with highest honor



Parents: Kelly and Valerie Pappas, Groton.

Brother and Sisters: Johnna, Miky, Shannon, Keri, and KaSandra.

Hobbies: Reading. School/community activities: Debate, Interp, FFA, band, Leo's Student Congress.

Favorite high school memory: band contest, and Debate meets.

Future plans: undecided at SDSU then Med School to be a Neurosurgeon.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, National Speech & Debate Association's Academic All American, National Honors Society, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Class of 1969 scholarship, Yellow & Blue Scholarship, Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Presidents Education Award, Groton Lion's Scholarship.



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Alexis Mary Hanten
with highest honor



Parents: Cody and Sarah Hanten, Groton.

Brothers and sisters: Caleb-16, Teagan-12, and Gavin-9.

Hobbies: hanging out with family and friends, singing, listening to music, reading, cooking, baking, and talking to new people.

School/community activities: Show Choir, concert choir, Chamber choir, concert band, Jazz band, Flex band, marching band/color guard, SD All-State Choir, All-school musical /play, One-Act play, Dance team, Cheerleading, Carnival of Silver Skates, FBLA, FCCLA, 4-H, Leo's Club, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church youth group, National honor society, and Junior Class President, Student Council as Senior.

Favorite high school memory: going to Florida for the band and Show Choir trump my freshman year. I loved performing and making memories with great great friends.

Future plans: I plan to attend South Dakota State University in the fall to major in Nursing.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, Yellow & Blue Distinguished Scholars Scholarship, Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, Stai Honors Scholarship, Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, National Honors Society, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, FCCLA Service Award Scholarship, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Trade/Technical/Science or Math Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Anthony O. Brokaw Scholarship, Presidents Education Award, Principal Student Service Award, Groton Lion's Scholarship



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Presidents Education Award

Seventeen students in the Class of 2021 have qualified for the President's Education Awards Program. The awards are an effort by the U.S. Department of Education to recognize outstanding educational achievement and effort. The criteria have been developed to reflect changes occurring in the schools and to provide schools with both clear guidelines and flexibility. They are meant to reflect the state, local and national efforts to raise academic standards as embodied in the National Education goals.

"It is really nice to be able to recognize these seniors. They have worked hard for four years, have exceptional grade point averages, and have performed well on standardized testing," stated Jodi Schwan, Groton Area High School Opportunities Coordinator. The President's Award for Educational Excellence is signed by the President, Secretary of Education, and the school principal. Criteria include a grade point average of 3.5.

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Middle Left: Samantha Pappas, Brooklyn Gilbert, Jasmine Gengerke, Sage Mortenson, Grace Wiedrick, Regan Leicht, Hailey Monson, Dragr Monson

Front Left: Erin Unzen, Grace Wambach, Tessa Erdmann, Alexa Herr, Tanae Lipp, Alexis Hanten



Beck Memorial Scholarship

Alex Morris, Diann Morehouse, & Sage Mortenson

Alexa Marie Herr
with highest honor



Parents: LaRon and Jolene Herr, Bristol.
Brother and sister: Sheldon and Erika.
Hobbies: reading, baking, napping, watching Netflix, and going to the lake.
School/community activities: Track manager, Football, manager/water girl, FCCLA member, FBLA member and officer, Day County 4-H, Baseball Cheer, member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

Favorite high school memory: junior year homecoming when we all brought chairs and a speaker and talked and listened to music while we built our float.

Future plans: South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD to major in Nursing.

Awards: SDSU Blue and Yellow Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, FCCLA Service Award Scholarship, Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Jackrabbit Journey/ First Bank & Trust Dual Credit Scholarship, Hopps Dow Scholarship, Sammuli-Rix Scholarship, Presidents Education Award



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Tanae Nicole Lipp
with highest honor



Parents: Tom and Kami Lipp, Groton.
Brothers and sisters: Eric Lipp, Amanda Lipp, Reilly Ell, Kyler Ell.
Hobbies: shopping, hanging out with friends and family, going on walks and bike rides, watching the Bachelor.

School/community activities: Cheer, Living Arts Dance Studio member, Dynamics Dance Team, Senior class treasurer, FBLA member and reporter, FCCLA, National Honor Society.

Favorite high school memory: Cheering on my friends and the school at State Volleyball junior year.

Future plans: attend SDSU to major in Psychology and minor in Mental Health Services.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, National Honors Society, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, FCCLA Service Award Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Class of 1969 scholarship, Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit scholarship, Yellow and Blue Scholarship, Presidents Education Award



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Hailey Jo Monson
with honor



Parents: Lyncee and Nick Monson, Groton.
Sister: Hannah Monson-15.
Hobbies: watching movies, drinking coffee, going on adventures with friends and acting.

School/community activities: FCCLA, FBLA, Oral Interp, Debate, South Dakota Farmers Union JAC, Golf, Boys basketball stats, Track stats and manager, All school play, One Act, Ice Skating, 4-H, Show Choir, Leo's Club, Student Congress, Camp Dream Makers Counselor, Yearbook, and Destination Imagination.

Favorite high school memory: hot tubbing with the girls and play. Future plans: attending SDSU for NICU Nursing.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Yellow & Blue Scholarship, Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship, Presidents Education Award, Groton Lion's Scholarship



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Regent Scholars

Fourteen seniors from Groton Area High School are recipients of a Regents' Scholar Diploma awarded by the South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

The diplomas recognize students for academic achievement over the course of their high school career. Students earning the award automatically qualify for entry into any of South Dakota's six state-supported universities.

To earn a Regents' Scholar Diploma, students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average, no final grade below a C (2.0) and must complete four units each of English, mathematics and science, three units of social studies, two units of one modern or classical language and one-half unit each of fine arts and computer science.

Back Left: Jaimen Farrell, Isaac Smith, Braden Freeman, Trey Gengerke,
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Front Left: Erin Unzen, Alyssa Fordham, Alexa Herr, Tessa Erdmann, Alexis Hanten
Not Pictured: Kannon Coats



Faith Forever Scholarship

Dragr Monson, Alex Morris, Kenzie McInerney, Samantha Pappas



Dennis K. & Shirley R. Larson Family Scholarship

Kannon Coats, Sherry Larson, Dennis Larson & Dragr Monson

Regan Ann Leicht
with honor



Parents: Sadie and Nick Leicht, Groton.
Brother and sisters: Riley Leicht -16, Sydney Leicht-15, Tucker Leicht-9.

Hobbies: I enjoy going to the lake, playing Soccer, driving around, shopping and traveling.

School/community activities: I have participated in Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track, FBLA, FFA. Volleyball stats, youth group, Basketball stats, coaching U7 girls Soccer.

Favorite high school memory: Senior Soccer season.

Future plans: attend Northern State University to receive my B.S. in Biology, And then use that to complete the Accelerated Nursing program through SDSU to become a Registered Nurse.

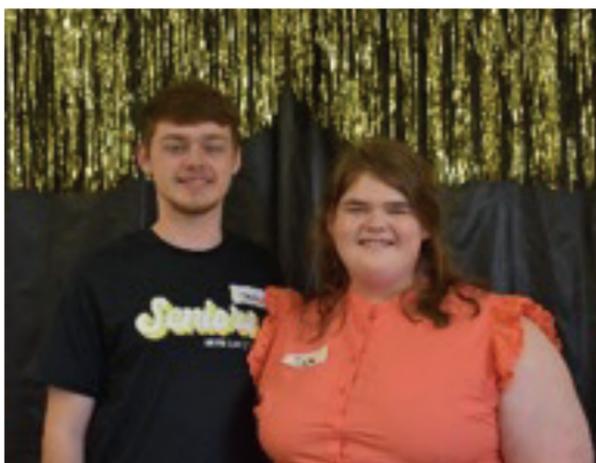
Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, National Honors Society, Kay & David Donovan Memorial Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Eastern Star Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Financial Need Scholarship, NSU Dual Credit Scholarship, NSU Wolfpact scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Renee McKiver Memorial Scholarship, Howard Memorial Fund Scholarship, Presidents Education Award, Principal Student Service Award, Groton Lion's Scholarship



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Tom & Barbra Paepke Scholarship

Steven Paulson (Fine Arts) & Sage Mortenson (Career in Agriculture)



Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship

Becky Hunter & Dragr Monson

Trey James Gengerke
with honor



Parents: Collin and Deb Gengerke, Groton.
Brother and sister: Patrick Gengerke-22, Brooke-16.

Hobbies: farming, snowmobiling, go to the lake.

School/community activities: Football, FFA, 2020 homecoming candidate member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Favorite high school memory: hanging out with friends.

Future plans: attend South Dakota State University majoring in Agriculture Systems Technology.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, James Valley Telecommunications Bob Peterson Memorial Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Jackrabbit guarantee, Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Presidents Education Award



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Kay & David Donovan Memorial Scholarship

Kannon Coats, Eh Tha You Say, Regen Leicht with the Donovan Family



Class of 1969 scholarship

Tanae Lipp, Sam Pappas, & Brooklyn Gilbert with members of the GHS Class of 1969

Grace Jordan Wiedrick
with honor



Parents: LeeAnn Harrell and Mike Wiedrick, Groton.

Brothers and sisters: Ashlee Shank-40, Autumn Beidler-37, Garrett Wiedrick-25, Kayde Wiedrick-23, and Shannon Wiedrick-21.

Hobbies: Ice skating, reading, dancing, cooking, playing Clarinet, and writing.

School/community activities: Carnival of Silver Skates, Leo's Club, FCCLA, Show Choir, and band.

Favorite high school memory: marching band during junior year when we played great together.

Future plans: I will attend Northern State University for two years before transferring to the Institute for Funeral Services to graduate with a degree for Professional Mortuary Sciences.

Awards: FCCLA Service Award Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Northern Wolfpact Scholarship, Groton Community Fund Scholarship, Presidents Education Award



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Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship

Grace Wambach & Christy Johnson



Richard Voss Memorial Scholarship

Sage Mortenson with the Jesse & Julie Morehouse family. Not pictured is Taryn Taylor

Brooklyn Ann Gilbert
with honor



Parents: Neil and Melissa Gilbert, Groton.

Sister: Carly-13.

Hobbies: hanging out with my friends, going on bike rides and walks, watching Netflix and shopping.

School/community activities: Soccer, Volleyball, FBLA member and Historian, FCCLA member and United Methodist Church member.

Favorite high school memory: my favorite high school memory was going to State Volleyball my junior year. I made a lot of great memories.

Future plans: I plan to attend Black Hills State University to major in Nursing.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, FCCLA Service Award Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Class of 1969 scholarship, Buzz Bonus Scholarship, Presidents Education Award, Principal Student Service Award, Groton Lion's Scholarship



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Jasmine Grace Gengerke
with honor



Parents: Shawn and Lara Gengerke, Groton.

Brother and sister: Gia Gengerke-21, and Ethan Gengerke-17.

Hobbies: shopping, going to the lake, tubing, watching movies, and hanging out with friends.

School/community activities: FCCLA, FBLA, Volleyball, Basketball, and Church Youth Group.

Favorite high school memory: going to state Volleyball in Rapid City my junior year.

Future plans: going to Oral Roberts University and majoring in Elementary Education.

Awards: Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Quest Whole Person Scholarship, Presidents Education Award



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Tessa Lee Erdmann
with honor



Parents: Darrin and Julie Erdmann, Groton.

Brother: Jarrett Erdmann-13.

Hobbies: showing livestock, hanging with friends, and watching Netflix.

School/community activities: FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, Lazy Farmers 4-H club member, Leo's member, dance, Cheer team.

Favorite high school memory: becoming the SD State FFA President.

Future plans: attending SDSU and double majoring in Ag Business and Ag Economics.

Awards: Agtegra Future Agriculturist Scholarship, Yellow & Blue Scholarship, Northern Electric Scholarship, Groton PAC Community Service Scholarship, James Valley Telecommunications Bob Peterson Memorial Scholarship, National Honors Society, Chad and Rhonda Wosje Scholarship, 98th Little i scholarship at SDSU, Shawn Weismantel Kramer Scholarship, Ruden Family Ag Scholarship, Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, HOBY Representative, Stratford Community Theater Scholarship, Sioux Empire Stock Show Scholarship, American's Famers Grow Ag Leadership Scholarship, BNSF Railway Foundation Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Presidents Education Award, Principal Student Service Award, Doug Doeden Memorial Scholarship, Dr. T.J. Johnson Memorial Scholarship, Groton Fireman Scholarship



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Northern Electric Scholarship
Ben Dunsmoor & Tessa Erdmann



James Valley Telecommunications Bob Peterson Memorial Scholarship
Tessa Erdmann & Trey Gengerke



Fliehs Family Scholarship
Lorin Fliehs & Grace Wambach



Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial
Tom Heniz & Sage Mortenson



Renee McKiver Memorial Scholarship & Vicki Strom Memorial Scholarship
Katie Kampa, Regan Leicht (McKiver Scholarship), Patti Daly Sage Mortenson (Strom Scholarship)

Alexander Richard Morris with honor



Parents: Becky and Kevin Kotzer, Groton, and the late Rick Morris.

Brother and sisters: Nick Morris-14, Adeline Kotzer-10 and Cora Kotzer-6.

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, hanging out with friends and family.

School/community activities: Football, and Baseball.

Favorite high school memory: all the times spent with my friends.

Future plans: Lake Area Tech for Precision Ag.

Awards: Richard Duerre Memorial Scholarship, Beck Memorial Scholarship, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Ruden Family Ag Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Robert Schuring Memorial Scholarship, Presidents Education Award



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Dragr PJ Monson with honor



Parents: Stan and Wendy Monson, Groton.

Brother: Hunter Monson-21.

Hobbies: Jiu-jitsu, drag racing, hanging out with friends.

School/community activities: Wrestling, Soccer, Cross Country.

Favorite high school memory: winning State Wrestling and going undefeated my senior year.

Future plans: attend DSU in Madison to pursue a degree in Cyber Operations.

Awards: Groton Area STEM Scholarship, Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Columbia American Legion Scholarship, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, DSU Dual Credit Scholarship, DSU Champion Scholarship, Groton Fireman Scholarship, Dennis K. & Shirley R. Larson Family Scholarship, Presidents Education Award



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Steven Allyn Paulson with honor



Parents: Cara and Andy Paulson, Groton.

Brothers: Henry, Cort Paulson, and Tyler Grams.

Hobbies: hanging out with friends and family.

School/community activities: Soccer, Basketball, FFA.

Favorite high school memory: going to Florida for band with friends and classmates.

Future plans: attend NSU for Sports Management.

Awards: Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Stratford Community Theatre Scholarship, Tom & Barb Paepke Fine Arts scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship



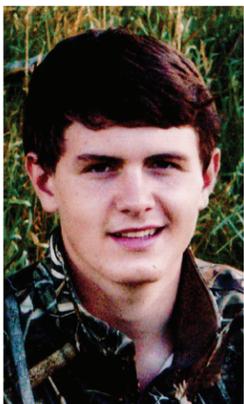
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Austin David Anderson



Parents: Trent and Cheri Anderson, Groton.

Brother: Dylan Anderson-16.

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends and making my Pickup go faster. And hunting and fishing.

Favorite high school school memory: having shop class

with Mr. Donley.

Future plans: attend Lake Area Tech for an Associates Degree in Diesel Technology.

Award: Harry Implement of Ferney Diesel Tech Program Scholarship



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Paxton Allen Bonn



Parents: Greg Bonn and Stacey Bonn, Conde.

Brothers and sisters: Skyler Bonn-25, Paityn Bonn-22.

Hobbies: Hunting and fishing.

School/community activities: Trap shooting, Track and Football.

Future plans: attend Lake Area Tech for Precision Ag.

Award: Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship



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Kaden Joseph Carda



Parents: Joe Carda and Renee Carda, Ferney.

Brother and sister: Brenna Carda and Lucas Carda.

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, camping, and riding dirt bike.

School/community activities: Trap shooting.

Favorite high school memory: working on vehicles and projects in shop class.

Future plans: undecided.



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Tucker James Carda



Parents: Rhonda and Troy Carda, Groton.

Brothers: Tobias Carda and Tate Carda-21.

Hobbies: reading and watching Anime.

School/community activities: Soccer, Favorite high school memory: Learning about new things.

Future plans: going to DSU for Computer Science B.S.

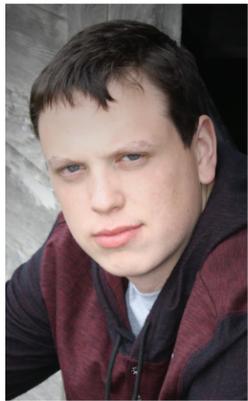
Awards: Dakota State University Merit Champion Scholarship, Dakota State University Dual Credit Scholarship



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Kannon James Coats



Parent: Shelly Coats, originally from Doland, and now lives in Groton.

Brother: Andrew Klinger.

Hobbies: PS4, Baseball, dogs.

School/community activities: Baseball, Cross County, Track and Field, and FFA.

Favorite high school memory: playing 2K with the boys.

Future plans: going to Northern State for Marketed Administration.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, Wolfpact Scholarship, Kay & David Donovan Memorial Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Dennis K. & Shirley R. Larson Family Scholarship



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Brandon Elias Cunningham



Parents: Jamie Handle, Lake Havasu City.

Hobbies: gaming, listening to music, and writing.

Favorite high school memory: I can't pick one particular memory.

Future plans: starting a Semi-successful band and keeping myself sustained without excessive Physical labor.



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Chloe May Daly



Parents: Lucy and Andy Daly, Columbia.

Sisters: Braden Crosby-25, Zack Crosby-24.

Hobbies: Cheer, Dance, Hunting and Fishing.

School/community activities: Cheer, Dance, Track, and FCCLA.

Favorite high school memory: when someone in our class would pull the lever in Hawkins room and every Homecoming and get water everywhere.

Future plans: going to Lake Area for Ag Business.

Award: FCCLA Service Award Scholarship



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Tiara Rose DeHoet



Parent: Curtis DeHoet, Houghton.

Brother: Cyrus DeHoet.

Hobbies: Cheer, Dance, Yoga, and hanging with friends.

School/community activities: Cheer, Dance, FCCLA, FBLA, and FFA.

Favorite high school memory: State FFA and State Volleyball.

Future plans: attend Lake Area Technical College for Business Marketing/Management.

Awards: FCCLA Service Award Scholarship, Hopps Dow Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Don Bartz Scholarship



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Jaimen Joseph Richard Farrell



Parents: David and Kera Farrell, Vancouver, Washington.

Sister: I have a sister who is 20 years old.

Hobbies: I love to play Football, workout, hangout with friends and family.

School/community activities: I played Football for Groton this year.

Favorite high school memory: Just every little moment. Like talking to people and just being social because in the end those relationships I built I will not forget.

Future plans: I will attend Northern State University. Where I will get a degree in Human Performance and start off into the Physical Therapy Field. I also was given the honor to play Football for them.



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Alyssa Michelle Fordham



Parents: Michael and Tina Fordham, Groton.

Brothers: Justin Fordham-30, and Austin-27.

Hobbies: I enjoy running and listening to music. I also enjoy spending time with my friends.

School/community activities: Groton Leo's Club, One Act Play, All-School Play, Destination Imagination, Oral Interp, Show Choir Tech.

Favorite high school memory: my favorite high school memories are acting in the plays and spending time with my classmates on homecoming.

Future plans: I plan on attending Northern State University.

Awards: SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll, Wolfpact Scholarship, Sanford Dean's Scholarship, Northern State University High School Dual Credit Scholarship, Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship, Groton Lion's Scholarship



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Braden Daniel Freeman



Parents: Scott and Shelley Freeman, Groton.

Brothers and sisters: Dillon Freeman, Kaylene Hinman, Kristine Hinman.

Hobbies: playing my Instrument, playing basketball, watching TV, and relaxing.

School/community activities: One-Act play, All-School play, Marching band, concert band, Show Choir, Regional Choir Festival, Soccer, and Cross Country.

Favorite high school memory: my favorite memory is when I went to Florida my freshman year.

Future plans: attend Northern State University for Music Education. Hopefully return later for a Doctorate.

Awards: Opportunity Scholarship, Wolfpact Scholarship, NSU Dean's Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Northern State University Music Scholarship, Northern State University Dual Credit Scholarship, Groton Area Teaching Scholarship



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Caleb Allen Furney



Parents: Jessica and Chad Furney, An-dover.

Hobbies: 4-H, Baseball, coaching baseball, volunteer firefighter, hunting.

School/community activities: FFA, Football, Track, Trap, Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling.

Favorite high school memory: high school sports, FFA at State. Going Trap with friends. Meeting new friends at track meets, hanging out with some of the Roncali track team.

Future plans: attending Lake Area Tech for Diesel Tech.

Awards: Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Groton Lion's Scholarship



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Trevor Joseph Harry



Parents: Joe and Shonna Harry, Ferney.

Sister: Aubray Harry-23.

Hobbies: building fast cars, Hunting, Fishing, hanging with friends, and riding dirt bike.

School/community activities: Trap shooting.

Favorite high school memory: hunting and fishing with friends, and working on stuff in the shop.

Future plans: will be attending Lake Area Tech for Precision Ag, and will be working at Harry's Implement in Ferney.

Award: Harry Implement of Ferney Precision Ag Program scholarship



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Douglas Christopher Heminger



Parents: Camelia Rose Heminger of Sisseton till 7th grade then moved to Groton.

Brother: Allen Mckinley Ellingson-27.

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, gaming, hanging out with friends/family.

School/community activities: Football, Baseball and Track.

Favorite high school memory: All the sports seasons.

Future plans: I'm enlisted in the Army Reserves and Planingan. Attending Dakota State University for Cyber Operational or Video game Designer.

Award: Army Reserve GI bill



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Lee James Iverson



Parents: Kerry and the late John Iverson.

Brother and sisters: Ashley-26, Kelsey-23, and Tyler-22.

Hobbies: fishing, hunting, hanging out with friends and riding 4-wheeler.

School/community activities: Football manager, Legion

Baseball, FFA.

Favorite high school memory: going to Missouri with my class mates, hanging out with friends on weekends.

Future plans: go to Lake Area Tech for Ag Business.



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Hunter Christopher Kassube



Parents: Nicole and Christopher Kassube, Groton.

Sisters: Kaitlyn-19, Kylie-19 and Taylor-22.

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, cars, and drawing.

School/community activities: Golf.

Favorite high school memory: seeing all of the guy

teachers dress up as women.

Future plans: I will continue to keep working. Further Education will be determined at a later time.



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Adrian Hans Knutson Quisted (Kvistad)



Parents: Stacey Knutson and Dustin Kvistad, Canby, MN.

Brothers and sisters: Charles Rodriguez-16, Hailey Forseth-16, Nevaeh Kvistad-14, and Cheyanne Forseth-20.

Hobbies: driving around, riding a four-wheeler, playing guitar, skateboarding,

and gaming.

School/community activities: Football, Wrestling, Trapshooting, Robotics, and Baseball.

Favorite high school memory: Nationals for Trapshooting, going to state Wrestling.

Future plans: I plan to go to Lake Area Technical College for Robotics.



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Dylan Thomas Krueger



Parents: Damien and Amy Krueger, Ferney.

Hobbies: spending time with friends and working on vehicles.

School/community activities: Trap shooting.

Favorite high school memory: working in shop class and being with friends.

Future plans: attend Lake Area Tech, work and Harry's Implement.

Award: Harry Implement of Ferney Diesel Tech program Scholarship



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Chandler Lee Larson



Parents: Carson and Julie Larson, Columbia.

Brother and sister: Wyatt Larson-24, and Emily Sternhagen-27.

Hobbies: Golf, hunting, fishing, being around the farm, and anything with friends and family.

School/community/activities: Baseball, Football, Basketball, and FFA.

Favorite high school memory: sports throughout the years, and all the time with friends. Also being able to play in 3 state Baseball tournaments.

Future plans: attend SDSU majoring in Ag Science.

Awards: Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Don Bartz Scholarship



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Connor Michael Lehman



Parents: Chad and Nicole Lehman, Groton.

Hobbies: Rodeo, Fishing, Hunting, and hanging out with friends.

School/community activities: Rodeo.

Favorite high school memory: getting to spend time with my friends.

Future plans: possibly go to Lake Area Technical College or if the right job comes along maybe employment.



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Kenzie Marie McInerney



Parents: Christina and Jason McComsey and Vance McInerney, Groton.

Brother and sister: Caden McInerney-14, and Kacie McComsey-8.

Hobbies: Art, hanging with friends and family.

Favorite high school memory: everyone coming together and supporting me and my family through my mom's Cancer.

Future plans: continue my academic career at Southwest Minnesota State University playing Soccer and studying Psychology.

Awards: SMSU Athletic Soccer Scholarship, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship



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Gabriella Delight Merkel



Parents: Allen Merkel and Jackie Krueger, Claremont.

Brothers: Miron Fisk-21, Grayson Flores-10, and Quinton Flores-7.

School/community activities: Cheerleading, Special Olympics, and FCCLA.

Favorite high school memory:

Cheering at all the Basketball games.

Future plans: Cosmetology at Lake Area Tech.

Award: FCCLA Service Award Scholarship



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Navaeh Rain Pardick



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Brothers and sister: Oliver-7, Noah-10, Destin-11, Isabella-12, Sehara-15, and River 17.

Hobbies: reading, coloring, taking care of others.

School/community activities: theatre, band, marching band, pep band, Track.

Favorite high school memory: being a part of plays always brought me joy. Future plans: to be a School Counselor and be happy.

Award: Groton Lion's Scholarship



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Kale Henry Pharis



Parents: Kevin and Kara Pharis, and John and Stephanie Jung, Groton.

Brothers and sisters: Henry Pharis, Elise Pharis, and Jacob Jung.

Hobbies: Hunting, watching sports, hanging out with friends.

School/community activities: Football.

Favorite high school memory: attending State Volleyball. Future plans: I will be attending Lake Area Tech for Ag Business.

Award: Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship



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Bailey Reich



Parents: Tonya and Shane Reich.

Brother: Corbin Reich.

Hobbies: BMX, Fishing, Hunting, riding a motorcycle.

Favorite high school memory: graduation.

Future plans: work



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Eh Tha You Say



Parents: Ah De and Eh Lah, Groton.

Brothers and sisters: Dee Say- Paw Say-33 De Eh Tha Say-12. Tha Law.

Hobbies: Spending time with families and friends.

School/community activities: FCCLA, band, Show Choir, Leo's Club.

Favorite high school memory: when my nose bleed during the spring concert.

Future plans: going to Northern State University for Pre- Nursing.

Awards: Kay & David Donovan Memorial Scholarship, FCCLA Service Award Scholarship, Columbia American Legion Scholarship, Sammuli-Rix Scholarship, Groton Lion's Scholarship



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Lucas Nicholas Simon



Parents: Nick and Jamie Simon, Groton.

Brothers and sister: Alexis, Cole and Carter. Hobbies: Golf, hunting, watching sports, going to the lake, and hanging out with friends.

School/community activities: high school Golf, high school Basketball,

high school trap.

Favorite high school memory: winning Districts for FFA.

Future plans: attend Lake Area Technical College for Business Accounting.

Award: Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship



Wishing you all the best in the next chapter of life!
We love you lots! Mom and Dad!



PAC
Community
Service
Scholarship
Tessa Erdmann



Gwendolyn
O' Connor
Broman
Scholarship
Sage Mortenson

Taryn Harold Taylor



Parents: Richard and Tennille Taylor, Stratford.

Sister: Tage Taylor-21.

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Trap shooting, building model cars.

School/community activities: Trap shooting, and FFA.

Favorite high school memory: the fun times in Miss Erickson's room. Future plans: go to Lake Area Tech and become a Diesel Tech.

Awards: Richard 'Dick' Voss Memorial Scholarship, Don Bartz Scholarship



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Jacob Adam Thorn



Parents: Julie Stout and Anton Thorn, Groton.

Brother: Alec Thorn-15.

Hobbies: gaming, Fishing, camping, cooking and watching Anime.

Favorite high school memory: making a mirror in Tech class.

Future plans: go to college for Culinary Arts and work in the Food Industry.



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Parents: Trent and Heather Traphagen, Aberdeen.

Brothers and sisters: Gracie, Faith, Taryn, Taylynn, Collins-3, Aubrie-3, and Beau-1.

Hobbies: Golfing, and going to the lake.

School/community Activities: Golf, Basketball, Baseball,

member of Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, and FFA.

Favorite high school memory: my favorite memory is coach Dolan always coming into the locker room after a big win and getting us hyped up.

Future plans: attend Lake Area Tech for Agribusiness then come back home to farm.

Award: Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship



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Tiara DeHoet & Alexa Herr



Sammuli Rix Scholarship

Alexa Herr & Eh Tha You Say



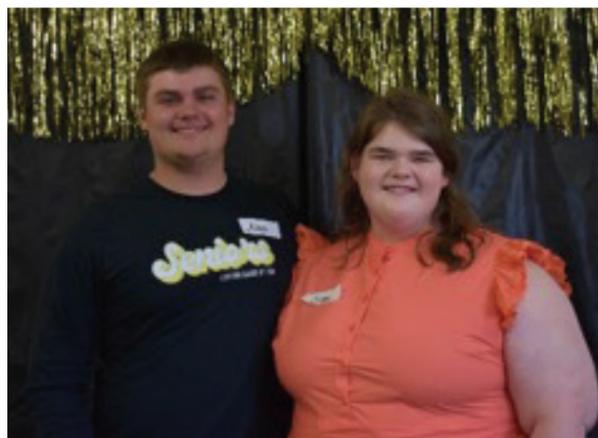
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Tessa Erdmann & Regan Leicht



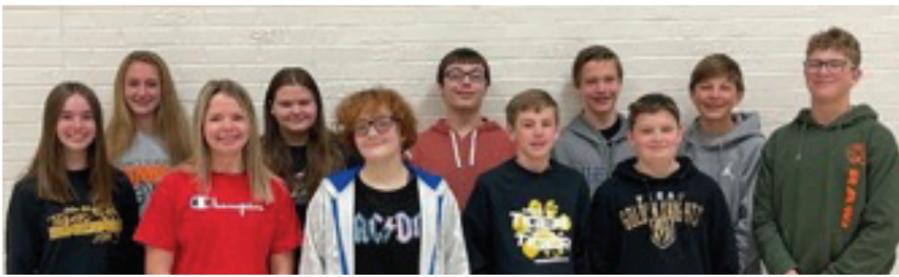
Harry Implement of Ferney Scholarship

Dylan Kruger, Austin Anderson, & Trevor Harry



Schuring Memorial Scholarships

Alex Morris (Robert Schuring) & Sage Mortenson (Barry Schuring)



Principal's 8th grade Middle School Honor Roll

Eleven eighth graders have been selected for the Principal's Middle School 8th Grade Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the eighth graders had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for two years.

Back Left: Faith Traphagen, Jeslyn Kosel, Axel Warrington, Payton Mitchell, Carter Simon, Kaden Kampa,

Front Left: Gretchen Dinger, Elizabeth Fliehs, Ashlyn Feser, Blake Pauli, Aiden Heathcote.



Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship

Back Left: Caleb Furney, Chandler Larson, Trey Gengerke, & Stevent Paulson

Front Left: Samantha Pappas, Tessa Erdmann, Sage Mortenson, & Tiara DeHoet

Not Pictured: Kannon Coats, Lucas Simon, Tristan Traphagen



Principal's 6th grade Middle School Honor Roll

Ten sixth graders have been selected for the Principal's Middle School 6th Grade Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the sixth graders had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for one year.

Back Left: Colt Williamson, Walker Zoellner, Brody Lord, Carlee Johnson, Teagan Hanten, Liby Althoff,

Front left: Addison Hoffman Wipf, McKenna Tietz, Claire Schuelke, Ashlynn Warrington.



Jack & Helen Walter Memorial Scholarship
Sage Mortenson



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Braden Freeman



Groton Area STEM Scholarship
Dragr Monson



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Back Left: Trey Gengerke, Braden Freeman,

Middle Left: Samantha Pappas, Brooklyn Gilbert, Grace Wambach, Regan Leicht, Hailey Monson, Sage Mortenson

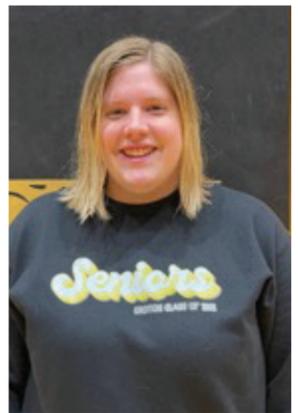
Front Left: Alexis Hanten, Erin Unzen, Alexa Herr, Tanae Lipp
Not Pictured: Kannon Coats.



Dr. T.J. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Tessa Erdmann



Doug Doeden Memorial Scholarship
Tessa Erdmann



Groton Community Fund Scholarship
Grace Wiedrick



Anthony O'Brokaw Memorial Scholarship
Alexis Hanten



Kuehnert Scholarships

Isaac Smith (Kuehnert Valedictorian), Erin Unzen (Kuehnert Salutatorian), Alexis Hanten (Kuehnert Science, Math, or computer) ,& Regan Leicht (Kuehnert Financial need)



FCCLA Service Award Scholarship

Erin Unzen, Brooklyn Gilbert, Tanae Lipp, Grace Widrick, Eh Tha You Say, Tiara DeHoet, Alexa Herr, Alexis Hanten, Sage Mortenson.

Not Pictured: Chloe Daly, Gabby Merkel,



CONGRATULATIONS!



Richard Duerr Memorial Scholarship
Alex Morris



Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship
Alexia Herr



Don Bartz Memorial Scholarship
Tiara DeHoet, Chandler Larson, & Taryn Taylor



Raap Memorial Scholarship
Paxton Bonn & Hailey Monson



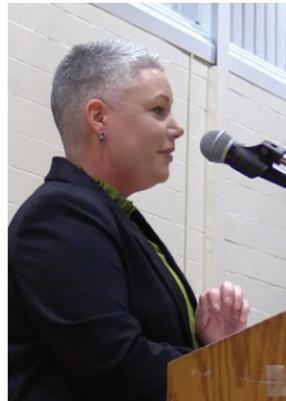
Isaac Smith and Alexis Hanten gave the senior talk.



Board President Steve Smith presented a plaque to Jan Seibel for her 26 years of service to the Groton Area School District.



Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship
Erin Unzen, Sara Harms, & Alexa Herr



Middle School Principal Kiersten Sombke announced the scholarship winners.



Superintendent Joe Schwan gave the welcome.



Brian Schuring was given a plaque by Board President Steve Smith for his 29 years of service to the Groton Area School District.

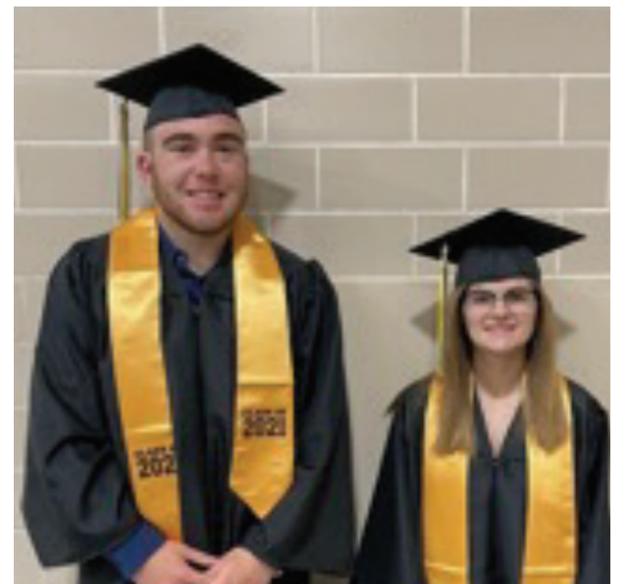


Columbia Legion Auxiliary Scholarship
Eh Tha You Say, Cara Dennert, & Dragr Monson, Not Pictured: Isaac Smith



Groton Area Board President Steve Smith gave a short pep talk to the seniors.

Good Luck to all
Groton Area Seniors!
We have enjoyed
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events!



Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship
Kale Pharis & Alyssa Fordham

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Kids: color stuff in!



Long Weekends Away!

Long weekends away! More families are taking a few long weekends away from home in place of one longer vacation. It takes a lot of planning to get ready, but people like the change of pace from their weekly routines and feel that they get more breaks. Some families like the idea of visiting three or four different places during the year. It's also a good way to make time to visit relatives and still be able to have a couple of private getaways for just your own family.

What Should We Pack?

Find and circle:

- | | | | |
|------------|-----------|-------|--------------|
| hairbrush | soap | shirt | slippers |
| shampoo | comb | pants | pajamas |
| toothbrush | facecloth | shoes | bathrobe |
| toothpaste | towel | socks | underclothes |

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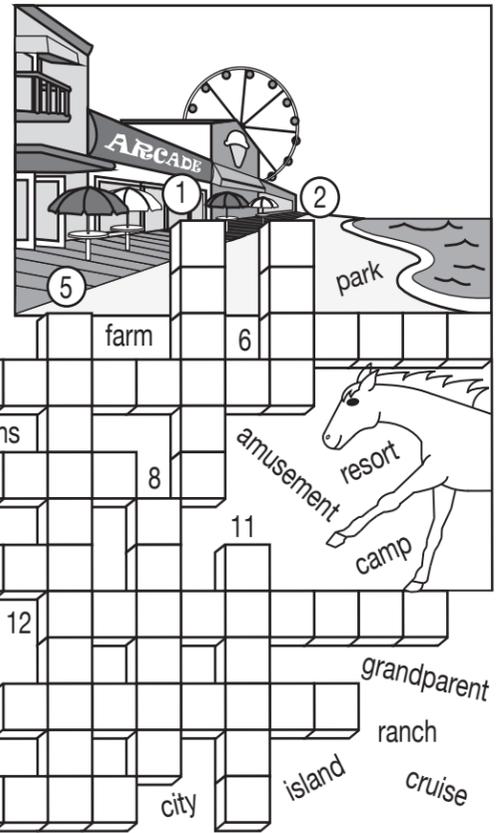
S E H T O L C R E D N U K J A

I've stuffed everything into my pack, Forest!



Fill in the crossword with things you might do or places you might visit:

- tropical _____ getaway
- national _____
- fly to a foreign _____
- visit the stores along the _____
- your Mom's or Dad's Mom or Dad
- place to ride horses: Dude _____
- higher than hills; you can see the peaks
- take a tour on a ship
- learn about animals, growing crops
- cabin in a _____ near a lake
- place to ski and be entertained
- ride a Ferris wheel at the _____ park
- beach
- busy place full of people, tall buildings, lights and cars



What Will We Pack It In?

You can pack your belongings in a knapsack, nylon bag or:

1 2 e s c t a u i s

14 13 12 9 8 7 6 5 4 27 26 25 24 23

15 31 30 29 28 21 22

16 32 17 33 18 34 19 20

Forest's Stuff

Keep Your Paws Off...

Find and circle 10 compound * words, including the word that will appear when you unscramble the letters above. * (2 small words put together to make a new one)

Traveling Along... Singing A Song...

The car is packed, everyone is buckled in and Forest is helping with the GPS. Can you help them find their way?

What Belongings Would You Need?

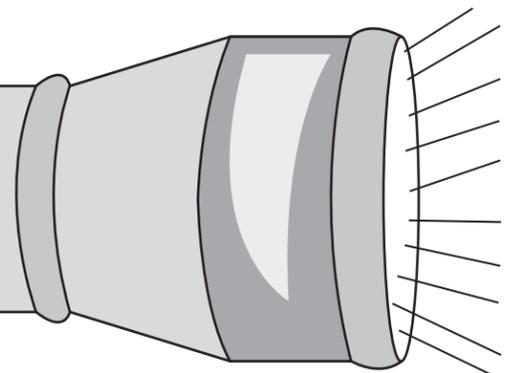
When you travel away for a long weekend you need to think about what you need to bring. Match the things in the first column with items you would need in the second column:

Ugggh! Heavy! I need to find my book.



For:

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| 1. sleeping | A. umbrella |
| 2. rain | B. sleeping bag |
| 3. directions | C. First Aid kit |
| 4. comfort | D. cooler |
| 5. boating | E. stuffed animal |
| 6. small cuts | F. radio |
| 7. seeing | G. flashlight |
| 8. news and weather | H. life vests |
| 9. drinks | I. books |
| 10. reading fun | J. maps |



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Things on my mind

They ought to outlaw doorbells on TV commercials

Our society is grappling with the implications of social media and how much control companies should exert on these platforms. A weighty question to be sure, a balancing act between private ownership and the First Amendment, but the thing that's driving me and Gus the Wonder Pug crazy are the doorbells on television commercials. I dread seeing Uber Eats on the screen. This has to stop! It's bad enough when Gus hears or sees another dog onscreen, but this ringing... he just goes nuts, and the weird thing is, I'm not sure Gus has heard a doorbell in real life. I'm not even sure ours works. It's all very Pavlovian and irritating as heck.

Dust in the Wind

If you're not praying for rain, you'd better get religion quick. It's been a long time since my lawn crunched underfoot—certainly not this early in the year, and we've gotten a small inkling of what our grandparents and great-grandparents went through in the Dirty Thirties with the recent walls of dust in the air.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

No-till farming has gone a long way toward managing erosion, but landowners have still lost tons of soil to drought and wind. Like me, you've seen aging shelterbelts ripped out and not replaced, and I wonder if we've forgotten what the Dust Bowl should have taught us. When you're driving in a stiff crosswind when you pass a shelterbelt, what happens? You end up overcorrecting when the force of the wind disappears for that stretch. Shelterbelts are an effective way to combat erosion. We all ought to be planting more trees, farmers and civilians alike.

Twins torment

I've got a Twins game in my future. I have tickets right behind the Twins dugout. Can you believe the last game I saw was in the final season in the Metrodome? I managed to get us a tour of the inner workings and Dylan was astounded when Derek Jeter passed by. We got to see A-Rod taking swings in an indoor batting cage, and later Mariano Rivera shut down Joe Mauer for the save. Well, you'd be hard-pressed to find a team as snake-bit as the Twins this year between injuries and an implosion in the bullpen. What's worse for me personally is that I was so enthused about this season I added MLB to my streaming service only to discover the Twins were blacked out! I've forgotten my password and haven't worked up the fortitude to go through tech support to figure out how to cancel the service, so I'm paying \$25 a month not to watch the Twins. Which might be worth it.

Pandemic numbers

At last count, more than half of the total U.S. population had been vaccinated—61% of those 12 and older, 172 million total, and now states are bribing people with prizes and Budweiser is even offering free beer if we meet President Biden's goal of vaccinating 70 percent of the population with at least one dose by July 4. Now, that's the America I know and love. Slowly but surely people are coming around to the logic of getting vaccinated. No, there's no grand conspiracy involved, no plot to inject microchips into you so you can be tracked. Heck, you've got a phone, don't you? The only one who knows more about you than Verizon is God, and sometimes she has to ask them. Our phones are getting spooky. The other day I was thinking—just thinking—about irises, which tells you how boring I've become, and what shows up on Facebook 30 minutes later? An ad for irises.

Never forget

Memorial Day is in the rear-view mirror. June 6 was the 77th anniversary of D-Day, and on June 5, David Dushman, the last surviving soldier who helped liberate Auschwitz passed away at 98. It reminded me of the time in the 1980s when I stopped at an old gas station in rural Colorado, the kind of place where old-timers gather for a cool soda and a game of cards, so I stayed for a while. During my visit, and I'm not sure how this came about, the proprietor shared with me photo albums—original black and white original photos of the death camps he'd help liberate. There were bodies stacked like logs in dump trucks. Emaciated corpses everywhere. A reminder that sometimes the line between good and evil is so stark war is inevitable. God bless the warriors who defend righteous causes.

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By Jordan Wright



By Dominique Clare

We hit the midpoint of OTAs this past week. At this point of the offseason, we have now had a chance to check out the rookies, free agent signings, and most returning players. To get you ready for the 2021 season, we'll break down the Vikings' roster position by position. The Minnesota Vikings' roster will look quite a bit different than it did last season. The Vikings have had a very busy offseason. They are still not done yet as they just agreed to terms with cornerback Bashaud Breeland, who most recently played with the Kansas City Chiefs.

This week, we continue our roster breakdown with the running backs.

Dalvin Cook – Many would say that Dalvin Cook is the best player on the Minnesota Vikings. He has been a top running back in the NFL the last two seasons having his name mentioned in NFL MVP talks several times. The Vikings offense revolves around Cook and for good reason.

Entering his 5th season, Cook is coming off the best season of his career. Last year he ran for 1557 yards from scrimmage reaching the end zone 16 times. He also had 361 receiving yards on 44 receptions. He has appeared in two straight Pro Bowls but was snubbed of being an All-Pro in 2020. Looking ahead to this upcoming season, expect the Vikings to continue to lean on Dalvin Cook. Offensive Coordinator Klint Kubiak will keep the same scheme his father Gary Kubiak used last season with a few news twists.

Alexander Mattison – Alexander Mattison is an amazing change of pace to Dalvin Cook. He has a more physical running style that hurts defenses in a different way when Cook is off the field. The last two seasons Mattison reached just under 500 yards. With improved offensive line play, he should be able to surpass 500 yards for the first time in his career.

As long as he doesn't miss giant holes like he did against the Seattle Seahawks that ultimately lost the Vikings the game, Mattison is a great second running back.

Ameer Abdullah – Third string running backs don't get a lot of action usually. Many of them make their mark on special teams. That is where Ameer Abdullah comes in. He is a solid reserve running back who excels on special teams. He is good in the return game and plays a role on just about every special team until. Abdullah has solidified his spot unless a new face can beat him at his own game.

Kene Nwangwu – Much like Abdullah, Kene Nwangwu has an opportunity to be a backup running back and a special teams force for the Vikings. He is one that fans should be rooting for because he ran a 4.29 second 40-yard dash at his pro day. You simply can teach that kind of speed. He could be a weapon in the return game.

CJ Ham – You can't talk about the running back position for Vikings without mentioning CJ Ham. While Ham's actual running opportunities are limited, he is a major part of the success of Dalvin Cook's emergence. Ham is a smart and excellent lead blocker. He opens up lanes for the running backs to get to the next level of defenders.

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Brown County Cannabis Permits

BROWN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE #198; A TEMPORARY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS AND/OR LICENSES The Brown County Planning Commission and the Board of Brown County Commissioners will hold a joint public hearing on Tuesday June 15th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brown County Courthouse, Community Room located at 25 Market St, Aberdeen, SD. All interested persons are encouraged to attend in person and comment on Ordinance #198; A temporary ordinance regarding the issuance of local medical cannabis establishment permits and/or licenses. After the public hearing,

the Planning Commission may pass a resolution recommending approval of Ordinance #198 with or without amendment, to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners may have first reading of Ordinance #198 by title and set a 2nd reading date. The proposed Ordinance #198 will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market St, Aberdeen, SD. Written comments may be filed by emailing the Auditor at cathy.mcnicke@browncounty.sd.gov or by mailing them to the Auditor at 25 Market St. Suite 1, Aberdeen SD, SD 57401. Comments should be received on or before noon on June 15th, 2021. ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0602.0609)

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Johnson Applauds B-21 Official Announcement

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) issued a statement following the U.S. Air Force record of decision designating Ellsworth Air Force Base as the Main Operating Base 1 for the B-21 bomber.

"This has been a long journey," said Johnson. "We've felt good about our progress over the last few years, but now we can say without any hedging or hesitation: our nation's first B-21 bombers will call Ellsworth home."

Rounds: Ellsworth AFB Officially Named First Home of the B-21 Raider Bomber

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) today announced that Ellsworth Air Force Base will officially be the Air Force's first base to receive the new B-21 Raider bomber.

During a call Wednesday afternoon with Air Force Global Strike Commander General Timothy Ray, Sen. Rounds was informed that Ellsworth has been officially designated as the future home of the B-21.

"I am pleased that the U.S. Air Force has officially selected Ellsworth Air Force Base as the first home of the B-21 Raider bomber," Rounds said. "This landmark decision makes certain that South Dakota will continue to play a critical role in our national defense. The selection of Ellsworth is a testament to the hard work of our Air Force personnel on the ground at Ellsworth and the communities of Box Elder and Rapid City that have worked hard to improve the long-term suitability of the base for this new state-of-the-art aircraft."



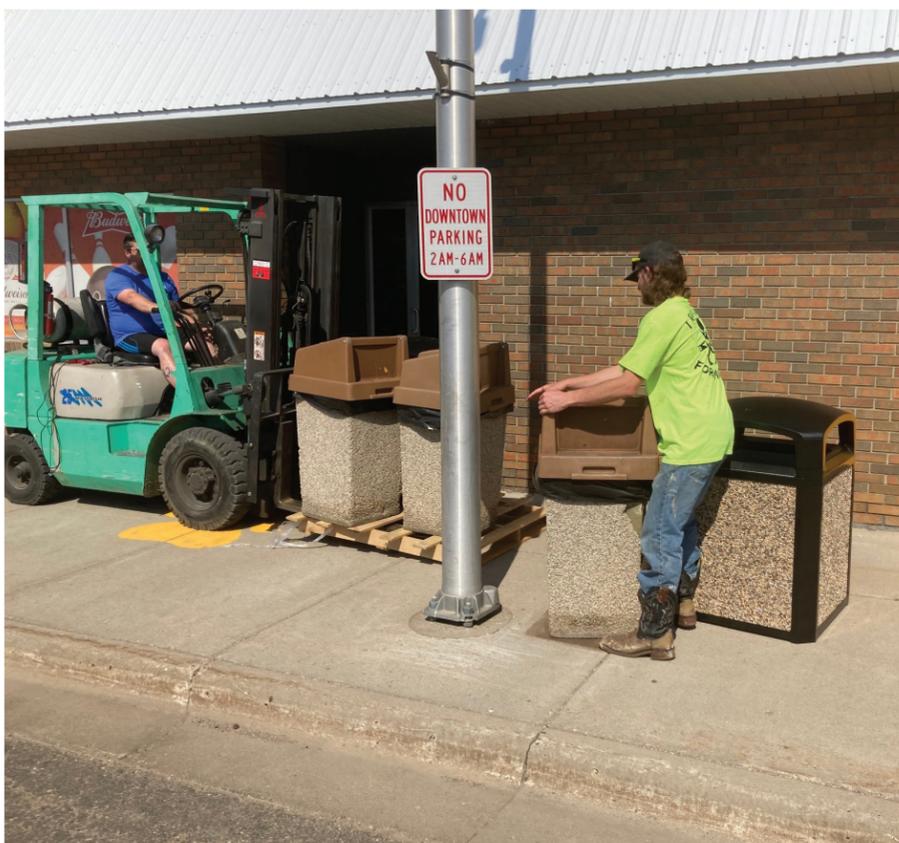
Guthmiller at State A Golf Meet

The State A Girls Golf Meet is being played at the Spearfish Canyon Country Club, Spearfish. Groton Area's Carly Guthmiller placed 44th place overall. She shot a 56 in the front nine and a 53 in the back nine for a total score of 109.

Photos by Joel Guthmiller



"As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I've worked actively to secure full funding for the B-21 program being developed by Northrup Grumman for the Air Force. I can tell you that this is one of the most advanced weapon systems to ever be developed. The B-21 will help deter our adversaries, especially China, thanks to its long-range, speed, stealth and payload. This weapon system will play a crucial role in the defense of our nation and have a huge economic impact on the Rapid City area for the next 50 years."



New garbage receptacles were distributed on Main Street. Councilman Brian Bahr and his son, Hunter, distributed the new cans earlier this week. The receptacles were made possible with the Never Satisfied Grant from POET. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Patients Deserve Clarity

I was sitting in my beach chair on vacation soaking up the sun when I overheard the couple next to me sounding concerned. They were throwing out lots of big medical terms but were very confused and said that they did not understand anything that they read on this MRI report. I turned to them, apologized for eavesdropping, and introduced myself as a physician. I offered to "translate" what the radiologist report said, and they gladly accepted.

Their problem was not a lack of information. They had access to the patient portal and were able to download the MRI report and the physician's notes. All this information was written in medical terms, acronyms, and shorthand with a few words in Latin and Greek sprinkled in. What they lacked was clarity and understanding.

So, I sat there on the beach and translated the report into layman's terms. The family was grateful, and I was happy to help ease their minds. This was not what I had planned to do on this beautiful day at the beach, but it was rewarding to be able to use my knowledge and skills to help them get some clarity. However, it was disheartening that they had to rely on help from a stranger who happened to overhear their discussion about arteriovenous fistula.

The medical record is written by doctors to communicate to other doctors and is full of terms and jargon that are not used by most people. Having access to this information is good, but when taken out of context or the relationship of a visit with a physician, information can cause more confusion and unnecessary anxiety.

To quote Takeda Shingen, "Knowledge is not power, it is only potential. Applying that knowledge is power. Understanding why and when to apply that knowledge is wisdom!" Years of medical school, residency, and continuing medical education help doctors gain knowledge, understanding, and hopefully, the wisdom to communicate effectively with our patients.

A worthy health care team welcomes and encourages questions, eager to give you the best information possible. We want you to know what is going on with your health, and to fully understand what all the labs and tests mean.

If you ever feel like this family on the beach, my recommendation is to contact your physician or health care provider and ask for more time to discuss your health status. Doctors on the beach everywhere will thank you, as we relax and enjoy our time with our family knowing that your family is well taken care of.

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AUCTIONS

SURPLUS ONLINE ABSOLUTE AUCTION. Todd County School District & City of Mission, SD. Wednesday, June 9, 2021 to Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 6:00 pm with soft close. Several school buses, vehicles, JD 2640 tractor w/loader, rotary mower, snowmobiles, trailers, propane tanks, fire trucks, much more. More information: lockrealty.net or www.lockrealtyandauctions.hibid.com

INTERSTATE AUCTION CENTER: Consignment Auction June 12th. 3 miles east of Sioux Falls Exit 402. Tractors, farm, ranch and construction equipment. Call 605-331-4550 Website-auctionzip.com

AUCTION 6-13-2021 – 3 BR HOME - Garage – Machine Shed on 2.96 Acres – Collectibles – Tools – 31299 470th Ave. - Burbank SD. Visit aaauctioneers.net or call 712-899-6530 for more information.

CELEBRATIONS

LOWELL AND DOROTHY DAYTON of Adams County, ND celebrate 50 years of marriage. CONGRATULATIONS! With love from Michael, Chriff, Kristine, Jon, Lourdes, and the grandkids.

EMPLOYMENT

OPENING FOR ENTERPRISE FACILITATOR: Southeast enterprise Facilitation Project (SEFT), a non-profit 501(c)3 seeks a highly self-motivated individual to assist new, expanding and/or retained business. This is a full-time position. Additional information on Enterprise Facilitation can be obtained at www.sefp.com, www.sirulli.com, or call 605-648-2909 THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2021

PERKINS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, Bison SD is seeking a full time Equipment Operator. For more information contact the office @ 605-244-5629.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST or SLPA. The Cornbelt Educational Cooperative has an opening for either a Speech-Language Pathologist or SLPA. District assignments TBD. For further details visit <https://www.cornbeltcoop.k12.sd.us/employment>. Dean.kueter@k12.sd.us (605) 271-0218

EDITOR POSITION for Hill City weekly newspaper in the Black Hills. Experience writing, editing and photography a plus. Pagination skills helpful, but will train. Full-time position with some benefits. Send resume: custerchronicle@gwtc.net EOE

THE PIONEER REVIEW in Philip, SD is seeking an Editor/News writer for its weekly publication. Applicants should be self motivated, detail oriented, and willing to work as a team. Wage Negotiable/DOE. For more info or to apply, contact Beau or Don 605-859-2516.

THE CITY OF FAITH is accepting applications for Chief of Police. Contact us at 605-967-2261 or faith@faithsd.com for applications. Experience preferred. DOE

DAKOTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL has three teaching openings for 21-22: secondary science, secondary business/technology, and music director. Check our website (dchs.net) or call 605-243-2211 for application information.

MISCELLANEOUS

DON'T MISS a live musical performance by Mollie B. and the Squeezbox Band on Saturday, June 26 at the Leola School. For tickets, call 605-380-2224.

NOTICES

ADVERTISE IN NEWSPAPERS statewide for only \$150. Put the South Dakota Statewide Classifieds Network to work for you today! (25 words for \$150. Each additional word \$5.) Statewide Full Digital Ad is \$300 for 1 week. Call the Groton Independent at 397-7460 for details.

WANTED

WANTED: SERIOUS COLLECTOR buying antique Indian items. Beaded moccasins, bags, vests, dresses, shirts, arrowheads, guns. All items. In your area soon. 605-890-0539 John.

Background to Ellsworth AFB

In March 2019, the Air Force announced Ellsworth was the preferred location for the first home of the B-21 Raider bomber.

In January 2021, Rounds' provision to address the Air Force's bomber shortfall, which directly supports B-21 bomber program and Ellsworth Air Force Base, became law as part of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2021.

In December 2019, Rounds secured full funding for the B-21 bomber program with the signing of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2020.

As governor, Rounds successfully advocated for the removal of Ellsworth from the Department of Defense's proposed closure list during a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round in 2005. Following that effort, he led a legislative effort to establish the South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority (SDEDA). Now a permanent fixture, the SDEDA's mission is to protect, strengthen and promote the base.

Westport Town Vacating Alley Notice

City of Westport
P.O. Box 18
Westport, SD 57481
RESOLUTION NO. 14 and
Order Vacating alley
WHEREAS, the petition of
Donald H. Schlosser and Debra
J. Schlosser has been filed
with the city finance officer
of the City of Westport and
was presented to the city council
on the 1st day of June, 2021,
asking that a portion of the
dedicated alley that appears
on the plat of record be vacated,
described as:

That portion of the alley running
through said Block 9, lying
parallel and adjacent to Lot 2,
Hinze Second Addition to Westport,
and parallel and adjacent
to the South 75' of Lot 1, Hinze
Second Addition to Westport,
all in Brown County, South
Dakota, contains 1,200 square
feet +/-, 0.03 Acres +/-.

WHEREAS, the city council
held a hearing on the above
resolution on the

1st day of June, 2021, at City
Hall in Westport, South
Dakota, at the time and place
for said hearing on the petition,
after having the same published
once per week for two successive
weeks in the legal newspaper
for the City of Westport; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED by unanimous vote
of the city council of the City
of Westport, Brown County,
South Dakota, that the above
foregoing petition describing
the above foregoing city alley
be hereby vacated.

Passed this 1st day of June,
2021.

Mitch Wilson
City Mayor
Attest: Doreen Hertel
City Finance Officer
(0602.0609)

Published twice at the total
approximate cost of \$32.91.
20093

Brown County Muldoon Rezoning Notice

Application has been made
by T&J Investments (Todd
Muldoon) to the Brown County
Board of Commissioners for a
change of zoning. First Hearing
to be held at the Richmond Lake
Youth Camp Lodge at 37925
Youth Camp Rd, Brown County,
South Dakota on June 2, 2021
at 8:46 A.M. Second Hearing to
be held in the Commissioner's
Chambers, Courthouse Annex,
25 Market St. Brown County,
South Dakota on June 9, 2021
at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose
of rezoning the following property
from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture
Preservation District (AG-P) to
Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District
(HC):

Lot 1, "T&J Investments Second
Addition" in the NE ¼ of
Section 30-T124N-R63W of the
5th P.M., Brown County, South
Dakota (12845 389th Ave)

The public is invited to attend
the hearing and to present
comments and testimony
regarding the amendment to
Second Revision Brown County
Ordinances pertaining to rezoning
the described property. At
the conclusion of the hearing,
the Brown County Commission
may adopt first reading of Ordinance
No. 196.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County
Auditor
(0602.0609)

Published twice at the total
approximate cost of \$27.04.
20100

Brown County Rich. Lake Camp Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by
Tim Reed to the Brown County
Board of Commissioners for a
change of zoning. First Hearing
to be held at the Richmond Lake
Youth Camp Lodge at 37925
Youth Camp Rd, Brown County,
South Dakota on June 2, 2021
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of rezoning the following property
from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture
Preservation District (AG-P) to
Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District
(HC):

"Reed's Outlots 1&2" in the
SW ¼ of Section 30-T124N-
R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown
County, South Dakota (39408
129th St & 12894 394th Ave)

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the hearing and to present
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No. 197.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County
Auditor
(0602.0609)

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approximate cost of \$26.44.
20101

Brown County June 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

JUNE 1, 2021 – GENERAL
MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by
Feickert to approve the agenda.
All members present voting aye.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING PACKAGE
OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE:
Moved by Sutton, seconded by
Kippley to approve the following
Applications: Elm Lake Resort
LLC (Travis Swenson) 37594
102nd St Frederick, SD 57441
– Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SE ¼
8-128-65 That portion of the
Road R10/W; Bath Quick Stop
LLC (Dustin Guthmiller) 39494
133rd St Bath, SD 57427 – Lot
B Weismantels 1st Subdivision of
lot 1 ex N 12' Jenkins Subdivision
E ½ of SE ¼ section 18-123-62;
Jackie Chantal, LLC (Chantal
Gortmaker) DBA Richmond Oasis
12845 382nd Ave Aberdeen,
SD 57401 – Lot 4 Schaeffer
Richmond Lake 2nd Add NW &
NE 25-124-65 (SAC) ; PZA Inc
(James Ronning) DBA Anchors
Away Lodge & Resort 12800 S
Short Dr. Aberdeen SD 57401 –
Palmer's Richmond Resort SD Lt
1 (SDOL 1 Richmond OL 1&2).

Roll call vote: Commissioner
Feickert – aye, Sutton- aye,
Wiese- aye, Kippley – aye,
Fjeldheim- aye. Motion carried.

BID OPENING_124 BUILDING
WINDOWS: Place and time as
advertised, to open read and
consider bids for 124 Building
Windows' Replacement. Moved
by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to
award bid to House of Glass, Inc.
in the amount of \$81,975.00.
They are the sole bidder. All
members present voting aye.
Motion carried.

NEW ANGUS BEEF PLANT
RESOLUTION FOR SOLID
WASTE PERMIT:
Commissioner Kippley offered
the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 32-21 RESO-
LUTION FOR SOLID WASTE
PERMIT
(NEW ANGUS LIMITED LIA-
BILTY COMPANY)

WHEREAS, New Angus Limited
Liability Company desires to
establish an irrigation pivot for
the purpose of solid waste
management; and
WHEREAS, Brown County has
approved the use of an irrigation
pivot; and
WHEREAS, the use of the
irrigation pivot is not in conflict
with any established zoning laws
or ordinances; and
WHEREAS, New Angus Limited
Liability Company has (or will)
file(d) a solid waste application
with the South Dakota
Department of Environment and
Natural Resources (DENR); and
WHEREAS, DENR has (or will)
review(ed) that application to
determine that the irrigation
pivot can be operated within the
South Dakota laws and regulations;
and
WHEREAS, DENR has (or will)
or may) recommended the
approval of the permit with
conditions adequate to safeguard
the environment; and
WHEREAS, the Board of
Minerals and Environment will
review, modify, approve, or
deny the permit if the tentative
recommendations and/or
conditions of the permit are
contested by any interested party;
and
WHEREAS, the County
Commission of Brown County is
required by South Dakota law
SDCL 34A-6-103 to approve of
a solid waste facility prior to the
issuance of a solid waste permit;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED
that the County Commission of
Brown County hereby approves
use and operation of the
irrigation pivot to be operated
under the terms of a solid waste
permit to be issued by the Board
of Minerals and Environment.

Approved this 1st day of June,
2021 by the County Commission
in regular session at Aberdeen,
South Dakota.

Seconded by Commissioner
Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner
Feickert – aye, Sutton – aye,
Wiese – aye, Kippley – aye,
Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution
adopted.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPAN-
CY: Moved by Sutton, seconded
by Wiese to approve application
submitted by Bill Edwards for
occupancy of Brown County
Highway Number 7, in Section
10, Township 126, Range 65,
Brown County, South Dakota.
All members present voting aye.
Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPAN-
CY: Moved by Kippley, seconded
by Sutton to approve the following
application for occupancy
submitted by Northern Valley
Communications for telecommu-
nication purposes: occupancy of
Brown County Highway Number
10, 11, in Section 13, 23, 34,
26, 25, 35, 36, Township 125,
Range 64, Brown County, South
Dakota; occupancy of Brown
County Highway Number 9, in
Section 2, 1, 6, Township 125,
Range 64, 63, Brown County,
South Dakota; occupancy of
Brown County Highway Number
11, in Section 36, 25, 30, 29, 32,
Township 125, Range 64, 63,
Brown County, South Dakota;
occupancy of Brown County
Highway Number 9 in Section 10,
0, 8, 7, 18, Township 125, Range
64, Brown County, South Dakota.
All members present voting aye.
Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES: Dirk
Rogers, Highway Superintendent,
discussed with the commission
current road projects & updates
from his department. No actions
taken.

SOUTH DUMP SITE LOCA-
TION: Ross Aldentaler, Deputy-
States Attorney, gave updates to
the Commission on the contract
agreement. No actions taken.

MINUTES: Moved by Feickert,
seconded by Wiese to approve
the general meeting minutes of
May 25, 2021. All members
present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Sutton,
seconded by Kippley to approve
the following claims:
Professional Fees: CGI
\$568.96; CommTech Inc
\$2,855.50; Houston Engineering
Inc \$11,734.07; Jodi Sudweeks
\$14.00; Kristi Spitzer \$200.00;
Kuck Law Office \$26.20; Larry
Dixon \$375.00; Lumen \$266.06;
Michelle Gaikowski \$13.60;
National Sheriff Association
\$135.00; NE Mental Health Center
\$962.00; Thurman Law Office
\$207.90. Repairs & Maintenance:
Aberdeen Auto Center \$533.00;
B&B Contracting Inc \$2,283.17;
Double A Plumbing LLC \$305.51;
Douglas Grote \$1,075.00; Eilers
Water Conditioning & Lawn
Irrigation \$93.00; Fordham
Signs & Design \$1,235.00; Gordon
Schmidt Construction Inc
\$1,326.52; Greg's Repair \$20.00;
HF Jacobs & Son Construction Inc
\$20,244.72; Jensen Rock & Sand
Inc \$63,817.50; Kurt Preszler
\$8,688.79; Lawson Products
Inc \$54.55; Leidholt Electric LLC
\$1,882.00; Lien Transportation
Company \$35,122.79; Midwest
Pump & Tank \$127.77; Motorola
Solutions Inc \$50,032.81; Pantorium
Cleaners Inc \$378.64; Pro
Windmill Inc \$250.00; Schwan
Welding \$2,871.52; Steven
Lust Automotive \$52.95; Vosika
Fencing \$3,461.00; Webster
Scale \$1,886.60; Woodman
Refrigeration Inc \$113.27. Supplies:
Aberdeen Auto Center \$413.33;
Aberdeen Medical Center
Pharmacy \$1,739.61; Cole
Papers \$334.75; Dakota
Supply Group \$89.12; Fastenal
Co \$277.45; FedEx \$13.49;
Idemia \$1,783.00; Jensen Rock
& Sand Inc \$66,616.94; Karen
Swank \$248.00; Lawson Products
Inc \$742.11; Leidholt Tool
Sales LLC \$120.36; Mac's Inc
\$39.99; Marco Inc \$2,395.90;
Mark Milbrandt \$40.00; Menards
\$540.88; Midwest Printing
\$267.00; Plumbing & Heating
Wholesale Inc \$1,867.93; Pro
Ag Supply Inc \$264.35; Roland
Moerke \$40.00; Russell B. Lansk-
aping \$379.49; Sander's Sew-
N-Vac Inc \$8.00; Share Corp
\$261.00; Shi International Corp
\$450.65; Thurman Law Office
\$5.94; Timothy Gardner \$77.00.
Travel & Conference: Aaron
Walberg \$150.40; City of Groton
\$89.64; Dave Lunzman \$175.78.
Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$197.38;
Montana Dakota Utilities Co
\$38.15; Northwestern Energy
& Communications \$2,958.69;
Qwest Corporation \$2,241.97.
Rentals: Roland Moerke \$177.90;
Sewer Duck Inc \$175.00. Others:
JC Land Company \$100.00.
Bond Payments: Alan/Angela

Bernard \$13,011.13; Darwin/
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HR REPORT: Moved by Kip-
pley, seconded by Wiese to
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which includes the following:
Acknowledge no show of Mi-
cala Bishop, Brown County Fair
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effective November 30, 2020.
Approve hiring of Andrew Coughlin
as Brown County Fair Intern
effective May 26, 2021 @ \$12.48/
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Approve hiring of Emily Meiers as
Dacotah Prairie Museum intern
effective June 7, 2021 @ \$12.00/
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aye. Motion carried.

SET HEARING DATE_ MEDI-
CAL CANNABIS ESTABLISH-
MENTS PERMITS/LICENSES
(ORDINANCE 198): Moved by
Sutton, seconded by Wiese to set
hearing date and authorize pub-
lishing a temporary ordinance
regarding the issuance of local
medical cannabis establishment
permit and/or licenses. A joint
public hearing between Brown
County Planning Commission
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Commissioners will be held on
June 15, 2021 at 7:00PM. All
interested persons are encour-
aged to attend in person and
comment on Ordinance 198.
After the public hearing, the
Planning Commission may pass
a resolution recommending ap-
proval of Ordinance 198 with or
without amendment to the Board
of County Commissioners. The
Board of County Commissioners
may have first reading of Ordinance
198 by title and set a 2nd
reading date. All members pres-
ent voting aye. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS: Moved
by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to
approve and authorize the chair
to sign Quit Claim Deed on the
following property sold by tax
deed on May 20, 2021: Lloyd
Jark – Lot 10-11-12, Block 19 in
town of Stratford, Brown County,
South Dakota @ \$2,000.00;
Dawn Kissner – Lot 2, Diver's
2nd Rearrangement of Lots 11-
12, Block 23, First Addition to
the City of Aberdeen, according
to the plat thereof of record,
Brown County, South Dakota
@\$3,500.00; Homes Are Poss-
ible, Inc – Lot 10, Block 51,
Second Addition to Aberdeen ,
according to the plat thereof of
record, Brown County, South
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Scott, Landfill Manager, aired
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Motion carried.

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Intern. Request to fill. Acknowl-
edge resignation of John Ness,
Brown County Landfill Helper
effective November 30, 2020.
Approve hiring of Andrew Coughlin
as Brown County Fair Intern
effective May 26, 2021 @ \$12.48/
hour. Approve bonus for Sonje
Oban, Brown County Interim Fair
Manager of \$1,500.00 on June
4, 2021 paycheck and pending
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McKenzie Bierman, Brown Coun-
ty Fair Administrative Assistant
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Approve hiring of Emily Meiers as
Dacotah Prairie Museum intern
effective June 7, 2021 @ \$12.00/
hour. All members present voting
aye. Motion carried.

SET HEARING DATE_ MEDI-
CAL CANNABIS ESTABLISH-
MENTS PERMITS/LICENSES
(ORDINANCE 198): Moved by
Sutton, seconded by Wiese to set
hearing date and authorize pub-
lishing a temporary ordinance
regarding the issuance of local
medical cannabis establishment
permit and/or licenses. A joint
public hearing between Brown
County Planning Commission
and Board of Brown County
Commissioners will be held on
June 15, 2021 at 7:00PM. All
interested persons are encour-
aged to attend in person and
comment on Ordinance 198.
After the public hearing, the
Planning Commission may pass
a resolution recommending ap-
proval of Ordinance 198 with or
without amendment to the Board
of County Commissioners. The
Board of County Commissioners
may have first reading of Ordinance
198 by title and set a 2nd
reading date. All members pres-
ent voting aye. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS: Moved
by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to
approve and authorize the chair
to sign Quit Claim Deed on the
following property sold by tax
deed on May 20, 2021: Lloyd
Jark – Lot 10-11-12, Block 19 in
town of Stratford, Brown County,
South Dakota @ \$2,000.00;
Dawn Kissner – Lot 2, Diver's
2nd Rearrangement of Lots 11-
12, Block 23, First Addition to
the City of Aberdeen, according
to the plat thereof of record,
Brown County, South Dakota
@\$3,500.00; Homes Are Poss-
ible, Inc – Lot 10, Block 51,
Second Addition to Aberdeen ,
according to the plat thereof of
record, Brown County, South
Dakota @ \$5,000.00. All mem-
bers present voting aye. Motion
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PUBLIC COMMENT STOP
SIGN NEAR THE LANDFILL: Mike
Scott, Landfill Manager, aired
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sign by the intersection south of
the Landfill where a number of
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actions taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by
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to adjourn the Brown County
Commission at 10:35 a.m. All
members present voting aye.
Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown
County Deputy Auditor
Published once at the total
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Bernard \$13,011.13; Darwin/
Mary Bettmann \$1,951.62; David
and Jill Lehmann Living Trust
\$16,263.70; Donald/Maxine
Fischer \$1,951.55; FDM Revo-
cable Living Trust \$16,263.55;
Great Plains Bank \$19,516.20;
Herman Schumacher \$8,131.85;
James Gressett \$16,263.55;
John Kippley \$3,252.70; Joop
Bollen \$16,263.55; Kendall/Linda
Peterson \$6,505.07; Kendall
Peterson Trustee \$39,032.40;
Lynette Durheim \$6,505.07;
Mark & Mary Volk \$6,505.07;
Marlin Nilsson \$13,011.13; Plains
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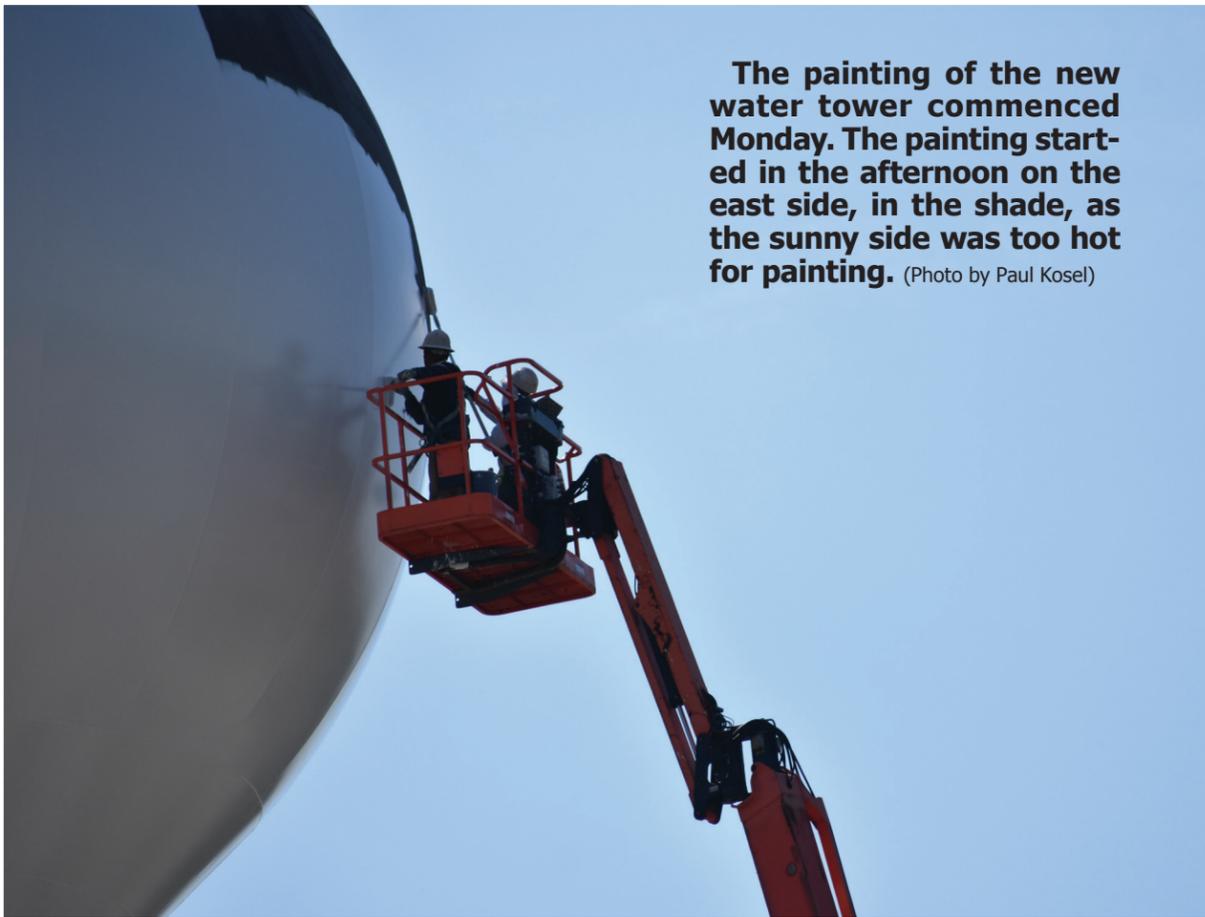
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The painting of the new water tower commenced Monday. The painting started in the afternoon on the east side, in the shade, as the sunny side was too hot for painting. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Kaitlin O'Neill

Continued from front

Going into finals on Saturday, I knew I would do well but there is never a guarantee that a double prelim winner will take home the title. In preparation for that night and as the competition went on, I made sure to stay focused as I did not want to lose the momentum! After all the competition was over and they were announcing other awards before the crowning, they awarded me with the top Private Interview Award! Again, I never would have imagined that my name would ever be called in relation to that award! At that moment I had a strong feeling I had made it, but it wasn't until the end when they officially said my name that I could breathe again!

This whole experience was just amazing! Over the years, I have grown so much and am so grateful for the experiences and opportunities the Miss South Dakota Organization has presented me. I strongly encourage all girls from 13-25 to consider going out for Miss SD or Miss SDOT (Outstanding Teen) as you will truly see amazing growth!

Yours truly,
Miss South Dakota 2021, Kaitlin O'Neill

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