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Images being painted on new tower



View from the east



View from the north



View from the south



Other views of the painting. The image below was accidentally painted in the wrong spot as this was the view from the south on Saturday. By Sunday it was painted over and the image was painted to the northwest side of the tower. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Inventory down, prices up in booming used car market in South Dakota

Andrew Rasmussen
South Dakota News Watch

Several economic outcomes from the COVID-19 pandemic have coalesced to create a booming used auto sales market in South Dakota, resulting in low vehicle inventories, strong consumer competition for cars and skyrocketing prices.

Good used cars at affordable prices are hard to come by and they don't last long, creating a fast-moving, high-priced market rarely seen in the state, according to some South Dakota auto dealers.

"It's been mind-blowing," said Dusty Johnson, general manager at CarSwap auto sales in Sioux Falls.

Johnson, an auto salesman for 18 years, said he is selling cars at a fast pace in Sioux Falls but is also seeing demand for cars from buyers living far beyond the borders of the state. The inventory shortage and high sticker prices in South Dakota are being seen in used car markets across the country.

"We've never sold so many cars or delivered so many cars to the coasts," he said.

The unusual market has its roots in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Production of new cars was slowed due to idled auto manufacturing plants during the pandemic. A sudden shortage of microchips that control how modern vehicles operate also led to vastly reduced output of new cars by manufacturers.

In turn, the reduced inventory of new cars has put more sales pressure on the used car market. With fewer used cars being traded in during new car transactions, fewer cars are available at auction to used car dealers, and the few cars that make it to a lot are selling fast and at much higher-than-normal prices.

Meanwhile, some buyers may have delayed purchasing a car in 2020 due to concerns over catching the coronavirus. Demand is now extremely high among potential buyers, many who are flush with pandemic stimulus money or tax-return funds. Lending rates also remain low, further boosting the prices dealers can charge and raising the price range consumers can reach into.

Across the country, the prices of used vehicles have increased more than 17% in the past 90 days and have jumped by more than 30% over the past year, according to CarGurus.com, a national sales website.

The average used car fair purchase price in South Dakota was about \$25,900 in the first five months of 2021, said Brenna Buehler, a spokeswoman for Cox Automotive, a national car sales group. Nationwide, the average used car fair purchase price was \$25,332.

Prices for new cars are also on the rise across the U.S., but even more so in South Dakota, where trucks and sport utility vehicles dominate the market. The state had an average fair purchase price of \$44,500 for a new vehicle compared to the national average of \$37,943, which is in part attributable to the "vehicle mix" in South Dakota, according to Buehler.

The price increases have not deterred eager car buyers across the state.

Used car sales in South Dakota in March 2021 rose by 81% compared to March 2020, according to the state Department of Revenue. In March 2021, South Dakota dealers sold almost 5,400 used cars, compared to only about 2,960 sold the same month the year prior.

New car sales have also jumped in 2021 compared to 2020, according to the state. Dealers reported sales of about 4,350 new



Dusty Johnson, general manager at CarSwap auto sales in Sioux Falls, said the high consumer demand and low inventory of used cars in South Dakota has created a booming market he has never seen in his early two decades of selling cars. Photo: Andrew Rasmussen, South Dakota News Watch

cars in March 2021 compared to about 2,650 sold in March 2020, a 64% increase.

Nationally, new vehicle sales were projected to reach 1,325,500 units in April 2021, a 110% increase over April 2020 compared to April 2020, J.D. Power said.

To quickly boost inventory, some dealerships in Rapid City are running radio advertisements urging car owners to trade in their cars and promising high trade-in values. Some people who recently bought cars have been contacted by dealers seeking to buy them back, sometimes at higher prices than they paid in the first place.

Mark Carstensen, owner of the Automax car dealership in Rapid City, said he typically has about 100 cars for sale on his lot on East North Street in Rapid City but now has only about 20.

Getting good used cars is difficult for sellers right now, he said.

"Because the inventory is so short, the trade-ins are being kept by new car dealers and there's hardly any cars available at auction," Carstensen said. "The whole equation is a lot of customers and not a lot of cars to sell."

The price increases for used cars have been most detrimental among buyers seeking lower-priced models, Carstensen said. Buyers seeking a drivable car in the \$2,500 to \$3,000 range are out of luck, with the minimum price for any car now at least \$5,000, he said.

"It's the lower end where prices have truly doubled or more," he said. "Those affordable cars that you could take care of and drive around for a couple years don't exist anymore."

The hot market has led to a rare situation in which some vehicles — especially late model, low-mileage used cars and trucks — have increased in value after being driven off the lot. Historically, cars almost always depreciate in value quickly after being sold, Carstensen said.

Carstensen said he doesn't have hard data but believes used car prices are somewhat higher in West River South Dakota compared to East River, not unlike how gas prices are higher West River during the tourism season



Prices for some used cars are rivaling those of new cars, such as this 2015 Ram truck for sale for \$34,000 in Sioux Falls.

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in the Black Hills.

The unusually high prices for new cars has forced consumers to spend up and devote more of their incomes to car purchases, lease agreements or auto loans than in the past, experts said.

"Record prices and retail sales mean that, in aggregate, consumers will spend more money on new vehicles than any April on record," according to an April press release from J.D. Power and Associates, a national trade group.

Used car buyers are having to act fast or be willing to travel out of their local markets to land a vehicle in South Dakota right now.

"We are seeing a shortage of pre-owned vehicles as well, there is no doubt about that," said Matt Einspahr, general manager of Einspahr Auto Plaza in Brookings, who has worked at the dealership for 31 years. "We definitely have seen an increase in the value of pre-owned vehicles as well because there is a strong demand there."

Both the trade-in value and selling price of used vehicles are higher than normal, according to Einspahr, mostly due to the low inventory on both sides of the market.

"I think that people who have a good, clean, low mileage trade-in are in a great position right now because of the increased value of their trade-ins," Einspahr said.

Einspahr said customers appear to have ready funds available to upgrade their current vehicle, which strengthens market demand.

The reduced inventory in particular has made it a good time to sell a car, both for individuals and for dealers, said Johnson. Busy dealers and anyone with a car to sell are making good money right now, he said.

"It's a seller's market," Johnson said. "For those who are selling a car, they have done well."

Dave and Rebecca Noordsy of Brookings purchased a vehicle in early May for their son, who is leaving for college in the Black Hills.

While they felt they found a good deal, they noticed a lack of choices on the lot.

"In Brookings, there was not really anything; it looked like they were closing," Rebecca Noordsy said.

The couple found a 2005 Infiniti with roughly 80,000 miles. Because there were no traditional financing options for the vehicle due to its year, they found it at a lower price than expected.

"What was different for me, the inventory is down and the prices were up overall," Dave Noordsy said. "We had never really looked at cars that were that old before."

The Noordsy family had to travel to Sioux Falls to find a vehicle, but they were able to find what they were looking for.

The market is not expected to stabilize until inventory levels return to normal.

"Ever since COVID became part of our world a little over a year ago, nobody in our industry really was able to predict how this thing would go," Einspahr said. "You just are at a point where I expect the unexpected at this point."

— News Watch reporter Bart Pfankuch contributed to this report.

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Mark Carstensen

Big Third Inning Propels Groton Jr. Teeners Win Over Mobridge

Eight runs in the third inning led Groton Jr. Teeners past Mobridge 15-1 on Saturday. Groton Jr. Teeners big bats were led by Teylor Diegel, Karsten Flihs, Jarrett Erdmann, and Gavin Englund, all driving in runs in the inning.

Groton Jr. Teeners got things moving in the first inning. Groton Jr. Teeners scored one run on a stolen base.

Groton Jr. Teeners notched eight runs in the third inning. Groton Jr. Teeners batters contributing to the big inning included Diegel, Flihs, Erdmann, and Englund, all driving in runs in the frame.

Brevin Flihs earned the victory on the pitcher's mound for Groton Jr. Teeners. Flihs allowed two hits and one run over four innings, striking out ten. Englund threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Kellen Pfitzer took the loss for Mobridge. Pfitzer allowed seven hits and eight runs over two and a third innings, striking out three and walking one.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied one home run on the day. Diegel had a long ball in the fourth inning.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied 15 hits. Braxton Imrie, Erdmann, Flihs, Nicholas Morris, Englund, Flihs, and Diegel all managed multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Imrie went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits. Groton Jr. Teeners was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Flihs made the most plays with 12.

Mobridge tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Gavin Favlee led the way with four.

Groton Jr. Teeners Falls To Selby Despite Strong Offense

Both teams put up a bunch of runs, but Groton Jr. Teeners fell to Selby 10-9 on Saturday.

Groton Jr. Teeners opened up scoring in the first inning, when Braxton Imrie drew a walk, scoring one run.

Selby pulled away for good with seven runs in the third inning. In the third Houston Hauge tripled on a 3-1 count, scoring one run, Keegan Russell singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run, Peyton Lutz singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring two runs, and an error scored one run for Selby.

Gavin Hannan took the win for Selby. The bulldog went five innings, allowing five runs on three hits and striking out ten.

Jarrett Erdmann took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners. The bulldog went one and one-third innings, allowing three runs on four hits, striking out one and walking one.

Easton Schwartz started the game for Selby. The pitcher allowed four runs on three hits Gavin Englund started the game for Groton Jr. Teeners. The righthander allowed four hits and seven runs over three innings, striking out one

Taylor Diegel led Groton Jr. Teeners with three hits in three at bats. Russell went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Selby in hits.

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Groton Jr Legion Grabs Lead In Fifth Inning For Victory Over Smittys Jr Legion B

Groton Jr Legion took the lead late and defeated Smittys Jr Legion B 11-10 on Friday. The game was tied at ten with Groton Jr Legion batting in the top of the fifth when Kaleb H singled on a 2-0 count, scoring one run.

Bats blistered as Groton Jr Legion collected three hits and Smittys Jr Legion B tallied 13 in the high-scoring game.

Smittys Jr Legion B captured the lead in the first inning. #7 drove in one when #7 singled.

After Groton Jr Legion scored one run in the top of the second, Smittys Jr Legion B answered with one of their own. Smittys Jr Legion B then answered when #20 singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

Smittys Jr Legion B scored five runs in the third inning. The big inning for Smittys Jr Legion B came thanks to singles by #19 and #6 and a double by #12.

Braden A got the win for Groton Jr Legion. The lefty lasted one inning, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out two and walking zero. Jordan B threw one and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen.

#5 took the loss for Smittys Jr Legion B. The hurler surrendered two runs on two hits over one inning, striking out one and walking zero.

Dillon A started the game for Groton Jr Legion. The righthander went two and a third innings, allowing ten runs on 12 hits, striking out two and walking one

Kaleb went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Groton Jr Legion in hits. Tate L led Groton Jr Legion with five stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with 18 stolen bases.

Smittys Jr Legion B totaled 13 hits. #15, #6, #19, #3, and #20 all collected multiple hits for Smittys Jr Legion B.

Groton Jr Legion Defeats Smittys Jr Legion B Despite Allowing 4-Run Inning

Groton Jr Legion claimed a 19-5 victory on Friday, despite a big push by Smittys Jr Legion B in the third inning. The big inning for Smittys Jr Legion B came thanks to a groundout by Aiden H and an error on a ball put in play by Gavin J.

Groton Jr Legion got things started in the first inning when an error scored one run for Groton Jr Legion.

Groton Jr Legion notched seven runs in the fourth inning. Groton Jr Legion offense in the inning was led by Andrew M, Kaleb H, Braden A, Cade L, and Cole S, all driving in runs in the frame.

Braden was credited with the victory for Groton Jr Legion. The southpaw surrendered five runs on four hits over four innings, striking out seven.

#12 took the loss for Smittys Jr Legion B. undefined went two innings, allowing nine runs on four hits.

#3 started the game for Smittys Jr Legion B. The pitcher surrendered nine runs on eight hits over two innings

Groton Jr Legion collected 12 hits. Caleb H and Andrew each collected multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Caleb went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr Legion in hits.

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Late Score Costs Groton Legion Post #39 Against Redfield

Groton Legion Post #39 lost the lead late in an 8-2 defeat to Redfield on Thursday. The game was tied at two with Redfield batting in the top of the fifth when Keaton Rohlf's doubled on a 1-2 count, scoring two runs.

The Groton Legion Post #39 struggled to put runs on the board and had a tough time defensively containing Redfield, giving up eight runs.

Rohlf's earned the win for Redfield. The pitcher surrendered two runs on eight hits over six and a third innings, striking out seven. Owen Osborn threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Alex Morris took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. The pitcher lasted five innings, allowing six hits and four runs while striking out nine.

Groton Legion Post #39 racked up nine hits on the day. Morris, Chandler Larson, and Jonathan Doeden all managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Morris led Groton Legion Post #39 with three hits in three at bats.

Redfield tallied nine hits. Camden Osborn, Osborn, and Seth Siebrecht all managed multiple hits for Redfield.

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Pitching By Ryan Shuts Out Redfield, Groton Jr Legion Takes The Win

Ryan G threw a gem on Thursday for Groton Jr Legion, allowing zero runs and besting Redfield by a score of 11-0

Groton Jr Legion put up five runs in the third inning. Jordan B, Cole S, Kaleb H, and Dillon A each drove in runs during the inning.

One bright spot for Redfield was a single by O O in the first inning. Ryan was the winning pitcher for Groton Jr Legion. The bulldog allowed two hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out five.

S S took the loss for Redfield. The hurler surrendered 11 runs on nine hits over four innings, striking out one.

Groton Jr Legion totaled nine hits. Cole, Jordan, and Andrew M each managed multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Andrew, Jordan, and Cole each collected two hits to lead Groton Jr Legion. Groton Jr Legion didn't commit a single error in the field. Cade L had the most chances in the field with six.

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Four RBI Day For Caden McInerney Leads Groton Jr. Teeners Past VFW 14U Clark Area

Caden McInerney was an RBI machine on Wednesday, driving in four on two hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners past VFW 14U Clark Area 20-4 on Wednesday. McInerney drove in runs on a fielder's choice in the first and a single in the second.

VFW 14U Clark Area scored three runs in the second inning, but Groton Jr. Teeners still managed to pull out the victory.

Groton Jr. Teeners scored ten runs in the second inning. Groton Jr. Teeners offense in the inning was led by McInerney, Kellen Antonsen, Brevin Flihs, Braxton Imrie, Teylor Diegel, and Nicholas Morris, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Diegel earned the victory on the hill for Groton Jr. Teeners. The righty surrendered four runs on two hits over three innings, striking out five and walking one.

Mato Denoyer took the loss for VFW 14U Clark Area. The righty surrendered 15 runs on seven hits over one and two-thirds innings, striking out one.

Groton Jr. Teeners collected nine hits. McInerney, Flihs, and Diegel each racked up multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Diegel, Flihs, and McInerney each managed two hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners. Groton Jr. Teeners stole six bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Imrie led the way with two.

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VFW 14U Clark Area Runs Away With Early Lead In Victory

Groton Jr. Teeners watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 7-2 loss to VFW 14U Clark Area on Tuesday.

VFW 14U Clark Area got on the board in the first inning when an error scored one run for VFW 14U Clark Area .

VFW 14U Clark Area scored three runs in the third inning. The offensive onslaught by VFW 14U Clark Area was led by Josh Kannegieter and Conner Mudgett, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Conner Mudgett was the winning pitcher for VFW 14U Clark Area . The ace surrendered two runs on four hits over five innings, striking out nine and walking one.

Braxton Imrie took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners. The righty surrendered five runs on two hits over two innings, striking out five.

Taylor Diegel led Groton Jr. Teeners with two hits in three at bats.

Josh Kannegieter went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead VFW 14U Clark Area in hits.

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General Pesticide Permit for Control of Aquatic Invasive or Nuisance Pest

PIERRE S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) reminds pesticide applicators they need coverage under a General Pesticide Permit to apply pesticides in water to control aquatic invasive or nuisance pests. This includes applications to control zebra mussels.

The permit requirements apply to pesticide applicators discharging to waters of the state during application of either chemical pesticides that leave a residue or biological pesticides. Types of pesticide applications covered under permit include targeting invasive fish, lampreys, insects, mollusks, pathogens, or emergency pest control situations.

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Tale of two students

Kids today. They're alright. And in the case of two students from rural North Dakota, better than alright. I'm talking about Katie Schmidt and Emily St. Aubin, both Ashley, ND graduates, but change the names, the particulars, and you have these kids in your school, too. Kids who excel and do it with such humility and enthusiasm, you can't help but love 'em.

Even if you only have a cursory knowledge of golf, you know the name Emily St. Aubin, a 2021 graduate who up until this year won every North Dakota Class B Girls Golf Tournament she ever entered. Four of them. In a row. The first when she was in seventh grade.

Anyone who's played golf knows what a fickle game it can be. It's a game involving micro-millimeters, if that's a thing, the difference between striking a ball that stays in the fairway or one that has you chopping away like Paul Bunyan trying to get out of the trees. So winning one state tournament is something. But four in a game that humbles you every time out? That's a testament to uncommon competitiveness and cool under pressure.

If golf can humble you, it doesn't mean all golfers are humble. There are a lot of jerks. An old boss of mine told me once, "You can tell a lot about a person by golfing with them." What he learned from me was that I'm really



That's Life

by Tony Bender

bad at golf.

I have an image in my mind of Emily, the same girl who was beaming smiles like laser beams and throwing out bear hugs in the receiving line after graduation, a young woman coming into her own, but my image is from many years before, the day she timidly arrived at the newspaper office with yet another trophy to have her accomplishment recorded. You can bet it wasn't her idea. But someone understood how much it would mean to her and her family and also to the community. We take pride and ownership of our students' accomplishments, too.

Then there's Katie Schmidt, a 2019 graduate who's studying microbiology at NDSU and working at Sanford where she was part of the COVID testing program. Katie's been in and out of our front door many times over the years; she and India are friends, and when India learned that Katie had won one of just 60 \$15,000 scholarships in the nation from the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation for her excellent research work, India couldn't stop talking about her. "I'm so proud of her!"

We had a purpose when we bought the newspapers in Ashley and Wishek in 1998. We wanted our kids to grow up with the opportunities we had as students in small schools. Opportunities, you say? Aren't there more class offerings in a school with a graduating class of 600? Sure. But there's plenty to offer in a small school. You don't get into microbiology without having a sound background, and more importantly, the one-on-one instruction that's just not possible in larger schools. And small towns give you room to grow. Almost everyone gets to suit up for the sports teams, so you get what so many don't, a chance to experience teamwork. Cooperation. Sacrifice.

Katie, a good basketball player in her own right, is the daughter of an award-winning teacher, Jessica; and her dad, Jason, is the superintendent, so you know there was discipline. A self-described nerd, Katie says that on those occasions when she misbehaved, the punishment that they knew would get her attention was to take away her books. "Don't put that in!" I can hear Jason say, but he got Patrick Mahomes in our fantasy football league the year he passed for about 600 touchdowns, and I haven't gotten over that yet. Besides, counter-intuitive as it may seem, it worked. Look at Katie now.

And I remember Emily's dad and the South Border golf coach, Jeremy, strapping her carrier to his golf cart when she was an infant. He was her caddy for her last high school match. She'll be playing golf at the University of Mary next year. You can bet she'll excel academically, too. Smart kid.

And here, back home, we bask in pride over their accomplishments and eagerly await the next chapter.

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By Jordan Wright



By Dominique Clare

The offseason is moving along as we inch one step closer to some football. To get you ready for the 2021 season, we'll break down the Vikings' roster position by position. The Vikings have available cap space and are likely to make a couple roster moves still. Those moves could be a number of different things from extending Danielle Hunter to signing an edge rusher. A move I would like to see would be to bring in a reliable third option at wide receiver.

This week, we continue our roster breakdown with the wide receivers.

Justin Jefferson – The Vikings struck gold last year with Justin Jefferson. He made sure the entire NFL knew he was special last season breaking several rookie receiving records held by players like Randy Moss and Anquan Boldin.

Jefferson finished the season with 1400 yards, 7 touchdowns, and 88 receptions. His yardage total was the 4th most in the NFL. For comparison DeAndre Hopkins had 1407 yards on 115 receptions with only 6 touchdowns. Imagine the production Jefferson would have had with that type of usage.

Entering the 2021 season Jefferson is expected to bring a lot of double teams. That will bring a big opportunity for a veteran on the roster looking to prove he is still a top wide receiver.

Adam Thielen – With all the hype around Justin Jefferson it is easy to forget about Adam Thielen. It wasn't that long ago when Thielen made his mark on the NFL as a top receiver. Now he is the veteran portion of one of the best duos in the NFL.

His production last year was still good. Most importantly he proved to be a serious threat in the redzone. He failed to reach 1000 receiving yards with 925, but he twice as many touchdowns as Jefferson. In fact, Thielen caught so many touchdowns, that he was third in the NFL in receiving touchdowns last season.

That is what makes him and Jefferson such a dynamic duo. They can beat you up all around the field and finish the drive as well. The only downfall of this duo is the lack of a good third receiver. So we will see if that changes this season and who steps into that role.

Olabisi Johnson – Bisi Johnson is a decent candidate to be the 3rd wide receiver for the Vikings. He has never lived up to the hype so this year is his make or break it year for him as a solid rotational player. Last year he accumulated 189 yards on 14 receptions. He was inconsistent and took a step back from the 2019 season.

Chad Beebe – Chad Beebe is in a very similar situation to Bisi Johnson. He is a decent candidate to be the 3rd receiver as well. With that being said he isn't someone that is going to be a serious threat from the position. The best hope for either of those two is the they can just provide competent play and catch over 90 percent of the balls thrown their way.

Ihmir Smith-Marsette – The rookie Ihmir Smith-Marsette is my favorite to win the WR3 position. He is having an excellent camp and provides the most upside to the team. In addition to being a receiver Smith-Marsette was an excellent returner at the University of Iowa. The Vikings had one of the worst special teams units last season and he could improve both the receiver room and special teams unit at the same time.

KJ Osborn – Speaking of bad special teams, KJ Osborn was supposed to be everything that I just described for Ihmir Smith-Marsette. He was a major disappointment. This is already a make or break year for him based on what we have seen from him. As a punt returner Osborn struggled with ball security and averaged under 4 yards a punt. He was nonexistent as a receiver. He went from being a dual threat to a single threat. But wasn't even a threat in the single thing he did for the team.

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VFW 14U Clark Area Runs Away With Early Lead In Victory

Groton Jr. Teeners watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 14-6 loss to VFW 14U Clark Area on Wednesday. VFW 14U Clark Area scored on an error during Conner Mudgett's at bat, a double by Michael Severson, a single by Alex Reil, and a single by Dawson Lantgen in the first inning.

Groton Jr. Teeners collected six hits and VFW 14U Clark Area had seven in the high-scoring affair.

In the first inning, VFW 14U Clark Area got their offense started when an error scored two runs for VFW 14U Clark Area.

Groton Jr. Teeners scored four runs in the fourth inning. Groton Jr. Teeners's offense in the inning came from a walk by Brevin Fliehs and a single by Braxton Imrie.

Will Hovde was the winning pitcher for VFW 14U Clark Area. The pitcher allowed five hits and five runs over three innings, striking out three. Conner Mudgett threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Imrie took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners. The pitcher allowed one hit and six runs.

Imrie led Groton Jr. Teeners with two hits in three at bats.

Dawson Lantgen went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead VFW 14U Clark Area in hits.

Groton Legion Post #39 Claims Lead In Fifth Inning To Defeat Clark-Willow Lake Senators

Groton Legion Post #39 stole the lead late in the game in an 8-7 victory over Clark-Willow Lake Senators on Wednesday. The game was tied at six with Groton Legion Post #39 batting in the bottom of the fifth when Brodyn DeHoet singled on a 0-1 count, scoring two runs.

Groton Legion Post #39 earned the victory despite allowing Clark-Willow Lake Senators to score four runs in the second inning. Clark-Willow Lake Senators's big inning was driven by singles by Gunnar Kvistad and Lucas Kannegieter and a walk by Josh K.

Clark-Willow Lake Senators got things started in the second inning when Josh drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post #39 put up five runs in the third inning. Pierce Kettering, Alex Morris, and Chandler Larson each had RBIs in the frame.

Darien Shabazz led the Groton Legion Post #39 to victory on the pitcher's mound. The righthander lasted three and two-thirds innings, allowing five hits and two runs while striking out eight.

Shane Wicks took the loss for Clark-Willow Lake Senators. The pitcher surrendered eight runs on nine hits over five innings, striking out six.

Peyton Johnson started the game for Groton Legion Post #39. The lefthander surrendered five runs on six hits over three and a third innings, striking out seven.

Kettering led Groton Legion Post #39 with three hits in four at bats. Groton Legion Post #39 stole 14 bases during the game as four players stole more than one. Jayden Zak led the way with three. Groton Legion Post #39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Morris had 14 chances in the field, the most on the team.

Clark-Willow Lake Senators totaled 11 hits in the game. Jack Bratland, Gunnar Kvistad, Lucas Kannegieter, and Shane Wicks each racked up multiple hits for Clark-Willow Lake Senators. Clark-Willow Lake Senators was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Zach Winter had the most chances in the field with seven.

Aberdeen Smittys Legion 2021 Runs Away With Early Lead In Victory

Groton Legion Post #39 fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 10-0 loss to Aberdeen Smittys Legion 2021 on Sunday. Aberdeen Smittys Legion 2021 scored on a triple by Tyler H, a single by Aiden M, and a single by Josh S in the first inning.

The Groton Legion Post #39 struggled to contain the high-powered offense of Aberdeen Smittys Legion 2021, giving up ten runs.

Aberdeen Smittys Legion 2021 got things moving in the first inning, when Tyler tripled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run.

A single by Brodyn DeHoet in the second inning was a positive for Groton Legion Post #39.

Connor K took the win for Aberdeen Smittys Legion 2021. The fireballer surrendered zero runs on two hits over five innings, striking out four and walking one.

Jackson Cogley took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. Cogley surrendered ten runs on ten hits over four and two-thirds innings, striking out four.

Jace Kroll and DeHoet each collected one hit to lead Groton Legion Post #39.

Aberdeen Smittys Legion 2021 had ten hits in the game. Josh and Aiden each managed multiple hits for Aberdeen Smittys Legion 2021. Josh went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Aberdeen Smittys Legion 2021 in hits.

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4.0 GPA: Isaac Smith, Hailey Monson, Alexis Hanten, Tanae Lipp, Erin Unzen, Tessa Erdmann, Brooklyn Gilbert, Sage Mortenson, Eh Tha You Say, Grace Wambach

3.99-3.50: Samantha Pappas, Grace Wiedrick, Trey Gengerke, Alex Morris, Jasmine Gengerke, Austin Anderson, Braden Freeman, Regan Leicht, Lucas Simon, Alexa Herr, Chandler Larson, Dragr Monson, Kale Pharis, Connor Lehman, Alyssa Fordham, Tiara DeHoet, Jaimen Farrell, Lee Iverson, Tucker Carda, Steven Paulson

3.49-3.00: Kaden Carda, Dylan Krueger, Taryn Taylor, Douglas Heminger, Chloe Daly

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Allyssa Locke, Travis Townsend, Madeline Fliehs, Trista Keith, Seth Johnson, Alyssa Thaler

3.99-3.50: Jordan Bjerke, Kansas Kroll, Julianna Kosel, Lane Krueger, Madisen Bjerke, Kennedy Anderson, Favian Sanchez-Gonzalez, Megan Fliehs, Hannah Gustafson, Pierce Kettering, Kaden Kurtz, Stella Meier

3.49-3.00: Landon Kokales, Jace Kroll, Jackson Cogley, Brayden Hansen, Ryder Daly, Cassandra Scultz

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Jackson Dinger, Caleb Hanten, Jacob Lewandowski, Andrew Marzahn, Cole Simon, Eliana Weismantel

3.99-3.50: Ethan Clark, Carter Barse, Cole Bisbee, Kaleb Antonsen, Cadence Tullis, Brooke Gengerke, Shaylee Peterson, Aspen Johnson, Jacelynn Gleason, Tate Larson, Gracie Traphagen, Cade Larson, Porter Johnson

3.49-3.00: Sierra Ehresmann, Shallyn Foertsch, KayLynn Overacker, Breena Carda, Nathalia Garcia

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Claire Heinrich, Hannah Monson

3.99-3.50: Camryn Kurtz, Lydia Meier, Dillon Abeln, Emily Clark, Kyleigh Englund, Holden Sippel, Ashlyn Sperry, Abigail Jensen, Anna Fjeldheim, Lexi Osterman, Sara Menzia, Shea Jandel, Jaycie Lier, Sydney Leicht, Emma Schinkel

3.49-3.00: Bradin Althoff, Colby Dunker, Cadence Feist, Faith Fliehs, Jackson Garstecki, Bryson Wambach, Lane Tietz, Logan Ringgenberg, Anna Bissee, Karsyn Jangula, Ava Wienk, Elijah Lich

Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: Gretchen Dinger

3.99-3.50: Payton Mitchell, Axel Warrington, Elizabeth Fliehs, Faith Traphagen, Blake Pauli, Corbin Weismantel, Blake Dennert, Karrah-Jo Johnson, Aiden Heathcote, Brooklyn Hansen, Emma Kutter, Jeslyn Kosel

3.49-3.00: Carter Simon, Laila Roberts, Easten Ekern, Kennedy Hansen, Kaden Kampa, Brevin Fliehs, Korbin Kucker, Quintyn Bedford, Ashlyn Feser, Kayla Lehr, Logan Pearson, Rebecca Poor, Christian Ehresmann, Kellen Antonsen, Turner Thompson

Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: Jerica Locke, Jaedyn Penning, Nathan Unzen, Talli Wright

3.99-3.50: Carly Gilbert, Natalia Warrington, Ryder Johnson, Logan Warrington, Benjamin Hoeft, Gage Sippel, Mia Crank, Lucas Carda, De Eh Tha Say, Karter Moody

3.49-3.00: Lincoln Krause, Raelee Lilly, London Bahr, Hannah Sandness, Jayden Schwan, Calli Tollifson, Keegen Tracy, Garrett Schultz, Rylee Dunker, Olivia Stiegelmeier, Nicholas Groeblichhoff

Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: Teagan Hanten

3.99-3.50: Kira Clocksene, Carlee Johnson, Ashlynn Warrington, Brody Lord, Liby Althoff, Emerlee Jones, Colt Williamson, Halee Harder

3.49-3.00: Aiden Strom, Avery Crank, Blake Lord, Gavin Kroll, Brenna Imrie, Claire Schuelke, McKenna Tietz, Zander Harry, Addison Hoffman Wipf, ReAnn Dennert, Walker Zoellner, Hailey Pauli

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

When Money is No Object

I've been spending a lot of time talking with patients about the COVID-19 vaccine. Sometimes we celebrate being fully vaccinated. Some patients are skeptical about how serious COVID-19 infections actually were. And others are not convinced they can trust the vaccine.

When I talk to the first group, we chat about our plans to reunite with people and activities we love. With the second group, I share stories of my firsthand experiences as a doctor during this crisis. We talk about interpreting death rates, how death certificates are filled out, or how health care is reimbursed.

I particularly enjoy the conversations with the third group, many of whom share some of the same questions I had. I did not believe, at the beginning of the pandemic, we could possibly have a vaccine by the end of 2020. How could a vaccine for a brand-new disease be developed so quickly?

There are two lessons beautifully illustrated by the lightning-fast development of the COVID-19 vaccines. The first is what can happen when money is no object. The typical process of drug development involves a relatively small investment for initial testing, investing a little more only if those results are encouraging, rinse and repeat. With the COVID-19 vaccines, all needed funding was available almost immediately.

The second lesson is the importance of past research. Other coronaviruses caused outbreaks of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) in 2003, and MERS (Middle East respiratory syndrome) in 2012. Researching these deadly infections taught us how coronaviruses invaded human cells, so we knew that the spike protein was a good target for a vaccine. Developing a vaccine for Ebola taught us how to safely edit the genes of a less harmful virus and use it to teach our immune systems to fight a more serious infection. Thirty years of mRNA research led to clinical trials of mRNA-based cancer therapies, and investigation of mRNA vaccines for influenza, rabies, and Zika. All this research and technology was used in COVID-19 vaccine development.

Chinese scientists published the genetic code for the virus in January 2020. Within days, using all that previous knowledge, researchers began production of vaccines. When the clinical trials began, the pandemic was raging, and many trial participants were exposed to COVID-19 over a short period of time. Trials could proceed faster than usual because when lots of people are getting sick, it doesn't take as much time to determine if a therapy, including a vaccine, is effective.

Were the COVID-19 vaccines developed in record time? Yes. Because money was no object, and because 30 years of scientific research and development left us poised to succeed.

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Albrecht Family Thank You

The family of Grace Albrecht wishes to express their thankfulness for the outpouring of sympathy and care shown us at the passing of our mother. The cards, phone calls, flowers, food, hugs and attendance at services were uplifting and comforting. Our family has been blessed by all of you as we thank God that she is with Jesus and at home with loved ones gone before.

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Witnesses: Chandler Larson, Jackson Cogley, Vicki Jorgensen, (Reilly Ell in the middle) Jamie Jorgensen, and Doug Jorgensen. (Courtesy Photo)



There is a sign behind all of that overgrowth at the city park. The photo above is the before photo and the photo below is after wards. There is more work to be done on the sign as the posts will be painted and the sign stained.



Groton Jr. Teeners Takes Early Lead In Victory Over VFW 14U Clark

Groton Jr. Teeners grabbed an early lead on its way to a 4-1 victory over VFW 14U Clark Area on Tuesday. Groton Jr. Teeners took the lead on a in the first inning.

Kellen Antonsen was the winning pitcher for Groton Jr. Teeners. The bulldog lasted seven innings, allowing five hits and one run while striking out five and walking zero.

Cooper Pommer took the loss for VFW 14U Clark Area . The bulldog allowed one hit and two runs over one inning, striking out one.

Taylor Diegel went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits. Braxton Imrie led Groton Jr. Teeners with three stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with seven stolen bases.

Collin Gaikowski led VFW 14U Clark Area with two hits in three at bats.

Ell sinks Hole in One

Reilly Ell aced his first career hole-in-one on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Olive Grove Golf Course in Groton. Ell used his pitching wedge on the 135-yard hole #4. Witnessing the shot was Jamie Jorgensen, Doug and Vicki Jorgensen, Chandler Larson, and Jackson Cogley. Reilly had golfed 18 holes at Lee Park in Aberdeen earlier that day with the Jorgensen's and did not want to golf again, but it is a good thing that he did!

Low income to be exempt from new water surcharge

Anita Lowary came before the city council Tuesday evening and expressed concern about the extra \$7.95 monthly surcharge for water improvement. She said there are many individuals who are struggling with finances. "Remember the elderly and the low income," she said. She added that the water rates have increased from \$27 to \$41 a month and for many people, it is becoming a hardship. City Finance Officer Hope Block suggested that those on LIEAP could be exempt from extra surcharge. The second reading of the water rates reflected just that, so those who are on LIEAP will be exempt from the surcharge. In addition, during the financial report, two loans will be paid off next year and Councilman David Blackmun said once the loans are paid off, the council should reconsider the surcharge and see if it can be reduced or eliminated.

Val Baker came before the council with a proposal to offer food for the kids five times a week during the summer month, starting next summer. She would like to have access to the community center for the disbursement of the food, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A special event alcoholic beverage license for amateur baseball games on June 20 and July 18 was approved.



All-Star Football Game
Groton Area Senior Jaimen Farrell participated in the SD All-Star Football game for the Blue team held in Vermillion last Saturday. The blue squad won 25-13. Groton Area Football Coach Shaun Warner was also an assistant coach for the Blue team. (Courtesy Photo)

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Brown County June 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

JUNE 8, 2021 – GENERAL MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PRESENTATION COLLEGE REVENUE BOND REFINANCE:

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, was duly held in the Brown County Courthouse, located at 25 Market St. Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Fjeldheim, Feickert, Wiese, Kippley and the following were absent: Sutton. The Chair announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, on a proposal for the undertaking and financing of an economic development project and the issuance of revenue bonds therefor by the County on behalf of Presentation College, a South Dakota nonprofit corporation. The following persons appeared: No public persons appeared for comments. After all persons present had an opportunity to express their views, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Wiese introduced the following written resolution and moved its adoption, the reading in full thereof having been dispensed with by unanimous consent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-21
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO REFINANCE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON BEHALF OF PRESENTATION COLLEGE, A SOUTH DAKOTA NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Kippley, and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Feickert, Wiese, Kippley, Fjeldheim and the following voted against the same: NONE. The following commissioner was absent: Sutton whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (sometimes referred to herein as the "Board" or the "Commission") of Brown County, South Dakota (the "County"), as follows:

1. Legal Authority. The County is, by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Dakota, including South Dakota Codified Laws, Chapter 9-54, as amended, and Chapter 6-8B, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), authorized to issue and sell its revenue bonds for the purpose of financing and refinancing the costs of economic development projects and to enter into agreements necessary or convenient in the exercise of the powers granted by the Act.

2. Project. The County has heretofore issued its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Presentation College Project), Series 2013, dated as of May 30, 2013, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000 (the "Series 2013 Bonds"). Presentation College, a South Dakota nonprofit corporation (the "Borrower"), has proposed to refinance the project funded with proceeds of the Series 2013 Bonds, including the construction and equipping of improvements to the Borrower's existing campus located in the County, with a street address of 1500 North Main Street, Aberdeen South Dakota (the "Project"). The Project included the construction of a new student residence

hall, to be approximately 79,000 square feet in size, and expected to house approximately 158 new students; construction of an approximately 8200 square foot addition to the existing student activity center, to be used as an athletic training and wellness center, including academic space; and acquisition and construction of new parking and site improvements, including landscaping and roads. The Borrower has further proposed that, in order to provide refinancing for the Project, the County issue and sell its Economic Development Refunding Revenue Bonds (Presentation College Project), Series 2021 (the "Bonds"). Proceeds of the Bonds will also be used to fund a reasonably required reserve fund and to pay certain costs of issuing the Bonds.

3. Public Hearing. At the public hearing conducted by the County in accordance with the provisions of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, pursuant to published notice, all persons who appeared were given an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposal to issue the Bonds and the County has determined to proceed with the necessary proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds.

4. Documents. The Bonds will be issued in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series pursuant to one of the following document structures, as determined by the Borrower, and as agreed to by the Chair and the County Auditor by execution of such documents pursuant to Section 6 hereof:

(i) The Bonds may be issued by the County pursuant to a Trust Indenture (the "Indenture"), between the County and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), and the proceeds of the Bonds loaned by the County to the Borrower pursuant to a Loan Agreement (the "Public Loan Agreement"), between the County and the Borrower. Under the Two-Party Loan Agreement, the Borrower will agree to make loan payments sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. By the Indenture, the County would grant a security interest to the Trustee in certain specified funds and accounts established under the Indenture and in the loan repayments to be made by the Borrower under the Loan Agreement. The Bonds issued under this structure would be purchased by Colliers Securities LLC (the "Underwriter") pursuant to a Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement"), by and among the County, the Borrower and the Underwriter, after marketing of the Bonds pursuant to a Preliminary Official Statement (the "Preliminary Official Statement") describing the offering of the Bonds and setting forth information with respect to the terms of the Bonds, the Borrower, the Project and other matters, the form of which, together with the insertion of the final underwriting details with respect to the Bonds, shall constitute the form of the final Official Statement (the "Final Official Statement"). A Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Disclosure Agreement"), between the Borrower and the Trustee, designed to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (this document not to be executed by the County) would also be prepared and executed. The Indenture, the Public Loan Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Preliminary Official Statement and the Final Official Statement are referred to collectively, as the "Public Offering Documents."

(ii) The Bonds may be issued pursuant to this resolution and a Loan Agreement between the County and the Borrower (the "Private Loan Agreement"), whereby the County will agree to make a loan to the Borrower of the gross proceeds of sale of the Bonds and the Borrower will agree to complete the refunding of the Series 2013 Bonds, and to pay amounts in repayment of the loan sufficient to provide for the full and prompt payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due. The County would then enter into an Assignment and Pledge Agreement (whether one or more, the "Pledge Agreement") between the County and one or more lender (collectively, the "Lender") whereby the Issuer, among other things, would grant to the Lender a security interest in all the Issuer's rights, title and interest in and to the

Loan Agreement, including, but not limited to, the right to receipt of Loan Repayments (as defined in the Loan Agreement). A Purchase Agreement (whether one or more, the "Purchase Agreement") between the Issuer and the Lender would then be executed whereby the Lender would agree to make the loan of Bond proceeds to the Issuer in exchange for the Bond. The Private Loan Agreement, the Pledge Agreement and the Purchase Agreement are referred to collectively as the "Private Placement Documents."

5. Findings. It is hereby found, determined and declared that:

(a) The refunding of the Series 2013 Bonds and the refinancing of the Project are authorized by the Act.

(b) The issuance of the Bonds will carry out a public purpose and benefit to the citizens of the community and further the purposes of the Act.

(c) There is no litigation pending or, to the best of its knowledge, threatened against the County relating to the Bonds, the Loan Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement or the Indenture or questioning the due organization of the County, or the powers or authority of the County to issue the Bonds and undertake the transactions contemplated hereby.

(d) The execution, delivery and performance of the County's obligations under the Bonds, the Indenture, the Bond Purchase Agreement and the Loan Agreement do not and will not violate any order of any court or other agency of government or in which the County is a party, or any indenture, agreement or other instrument to which the County is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound, or be in conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute (with due notice or lapse of time or both) a default under any such indenture, agreement or other instrument.

(e)..... It is desirable that the Bonds be issued by the County upon the terms set forth in the Indenture, under the provisions of which the County's interest in the Loan Agreement will be pledged to the Trustee as security for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds.

(f)..... The Loan Agreement provides for payments by the Borrower to the Trustee for the account of the County of such amounts as will be sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due. The Loan Agreement obligates the Borrower to pay or cause to be paid all costs of operation and maintenance of the Project Facilities, including adequate insurance, taxes and special assessments.

(g) Under the provisions of the Act, and as provided in the Loan Agreement and Indenture, the Bonds are not to be payable from nor charged upon any funds other than amounts payable pursuant to the Loan Agreement and moneys in the funds and accounts held by the Trustee which are pledged to the payment thereof; no owners of the Bonds shall ever have the right to compel the exercise of the taxing power of the County to pay any of the Bonds or the interest thereon, nor to enforce payment thereof against any property of the County; the Bonds shall not constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the County (other than the interest of the County in the Loan Repayments to be made by the Borrower under the Loan Agreement); and each Bond issued under the Indenture shall recite that such Bond is issued pursuant to the Act and that such Bond, including interest thereon, is payable solely from the sources described therein and shall not constitute or give rise to a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of the County.

6. Approval and Execution of Documents. The preparation, execution and delivery of the Public Offering Documents or Private Placement Documents, as the case may be, are hereby authorized, directed and approved. The Public Offering Documents or the Private Placement Documents, as the case may be, to which the County may be a party shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the County by the Chair and the County Auditor, or executed by other officers of the County, in substantially the forms then presented to such officers, which forms are not inconsistent with the Act or

other law, as may be approved

by such officers executing the same, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof. In the event of the absence or disability of the Chair or the County Auditor, such other officers of the County as may, in the opinion of the County Attorney or bond counsel, act in the absence of such officers, are hereby authorized to act in the place and stead of the Chair and County Auditor, and to take all actions and execute all documents approved hereby. The parties authorized to execute documents above are hereby further authorized to execute any such other certificates, documents, instruments, forms, etc. as are required for the consummation of the transactions related to the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding of the Series 2013 Bonds.

7. Approval, Execution and Delivery of Bonds. The County shall proceed forthwith to issue the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$9,000,000, in the forms and upon the terms set forth in the Indenture or the Public Loan Agreement, as the case may be, which terms are for this purpose incorporated in this resolution and made a part hereof; provided, however, that the maturities of the Bonds, the interest rates thereon, and any provisions for the optional or mandatory redemption thereof shall all be as set forth in the final form of the Bonds to be approved, executed and delivered by the officers of the County authorized to do so by the provisions of this resolution, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by such execution and delivery; but provided further that, in no event, shall any such maturities exceed 30 years or such rates of interest produce a net interest cost in excess of 6.75% per annum. The Underwriter will agree pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Purchase Agreement, or the Lender will agree pursuant to the provisions of the Purchase Agreement, in either case subject to the conditions to be set forth therein, to purchase the Bonds at the purchase price set forth therein. The Chair, County Auditor and other County officers are authorized and directed to prepare and execute the Bonds as prescribed in the Public Offering Documents or the Private Placement Documents, as the case may be, and to deliver them to the Trustee or the Lender, as the case may be, together with a certified copy of this resolution and the other documents as may be required, for authentication, registration and delivery to the Underwriter or the Lender. Each Bond shall contain a recital that it is issued pursuant to the Act, and such recital shall, to the full extent permitted by law, be conclusive evidence of the validity and regularity of the issuance thereof.

8. Official Statement. If the Bonds are marketed to the public, the County hereby approves the form of and consents to the circulation by the Underwriter of the Preliminary Official Statement and Final Official Statement in offering the Bonds for sale; provided, however, that the County will not participate in the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement or the Final Official Statement or independently verify the information in the Preliminary Official Statement or the Official Statement and the County will take no responsibility for, and make no representations or warranties as to, the accuracy or completeness of such information.

9. Certificates, etc. The Chair, County Auditor and other officers of the County are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to bond counsel and others, when issued, certified copies of all proceedings and records of the County relating to the Bonds, and such other affidavits and certificates as may be required to show the facts appearing from the books and records in the officers' custody and control or as otherwise known to them; and all such certified copies, certificates and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, shall constitute representations of the County as to the truth of all statements contained therein.

10. Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The County hereby designates the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and certifies that the Bonds are to be issued on behalf of an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds," within the meaning of Sec-

tion 145 of the Code.

11. Redemption of Series 2013 Bonds. Officers of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take such action or actions as may be necessary or desirable to cause the redemption in whole of the Series 2013 Bonds, in advance of the stated maturities thereof, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Trust Indenture entered into in connection with the issuance of the Series 2013 Bonds (the "Series 2013 Indenture"), and as proposed by the Borrower, including the giving of notice of redemption as and to the extent required by the Series 2013 Indenture.

12. Effective Date; Repeals. This Resolution shall become effective twenty days following publication and all provisions of any existing ordinances, resolutions and other actions and proceedings of the County which are in any way inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Resolution are repealed, amended and rescinded to the full extent necessary to give full force and effect to the provisions of this Resolution. Dated: June 8, 2021.

avera ADDICTION CARE CENTER – 2022 BUDGET:

Angela Pearson and Jordan Mouna with Avera Addiction Care Center met to discuss the 2022 budget request and gave an update on programs and services offered to the community. Avera addiction care center has moved to the Avera St. Luke's main campus. No action taken.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING:

Discussion on resuming quarterly department head meetings. Meetings scheduled for June 22nd, September 21st, and December 14th, 2021.

MINUTES:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve the general meeting minutes of June 1, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

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

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,327.95; Auditor \$6,968.14; Treasurer \$13,667.48; SA \$24,227.78; SWAWA \$1,730.76; Maintenance \$8,740.41; Assessor \$14,636.39; Register of Deeds \$9,124.94; VSO \$4,187.38; GIS \$2,411.38; IT \$7,500.96; HR \$3,767.33; Sheriff \$39,338.33; Jail \$49,070.38; Court Security \$6,400.90; JDC \$21,859.77; Welfare \$2,982.62; Museum \$7,495.05; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,175.99; Fair Board \$2,508.91; 4-H \$1,035.44; Weed \$4,110.37; Planning & Zoning \$3,864.71; Highway \$38,735.52; Dispatch \$30,154.55; Emergency \$4,160.96; Teen Court \$566.72; JDAl \$1,786.92; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,292.57; Landfill \$14,401.55; MATCHING BENEFITS: FICA \$20,075.40, MEDICARE \$4,695.03, Discovers_HSA \$375.00

CLAIMS: Machinery & Equipment: Roland L. Moerke \$1,562.50. Professional Fees: A to Z World Languages \$3,813.72; Avera St. Lukes \$641.58; City of Aberdeen \$263.81; Devnet \$9,826.25; Financial Services of Aberdeen \$675.00; GBR Interpreting & Translation Services \$60.00; Language Line Services Inc \$1,654.49; Michelle Galkowski \$68.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems \$1,360.00; Mitch Vilhauer \$3,133.04; NE Mental Health \$1,716.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$72.00; Schneider Geospatial LLC \$2,475.00; Scott Suedmeier \$3,672.00. Publishing: Fordham Signs & Design \$2,200.00; Groton Independent \$1,049.41; Hub City Radio \$11,710.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Butler Machinery \$1,222.12; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$519.55; Custom Sheet Metal \$370.77; Dakota Doors \$100.00; Dakota Fluid Power \$4,054.11; Gary Lee Fischer \$239.00; Haar Plumbing & Heating \$1,824.04; Hoven Auto Repair \$39.00; Interstate Power Systems \$2,595.66; Mc-Gaugh Family Inc \$190.00; Pierson-Ford-Lincoln-Mercury \$969.13; Poms Tire Service Inc \$61.50; Pro Windmill Inc \$95.00; RDO Equipment \$7,862.50; Roland L. Moerke \$1,303.90. Supplies: Agtegra Coop \$12,281.03; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Butler Machinery \$260.00; Cash-Wa Distributing \$34.79; Century Business Products \$94.84; Cole Papers \$3,015.74; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$1,539.98; Dakota Fluid Power \$670.82; Dakota Supply Group \$338.64; Earthgrains \$785.00; East Side Jersey Dairy \$722.76; Great Western Tire \$149.50; Interstate Battery System of SD \$135.95; Jebro Inc

21,036.41; Jensen Rock & Sand \$96,969.95; Ken's Superfair Foods \$19.15; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$63.36; Mac's Inc \$299.97; MB LLC \$300.00; Mc-Gaugh Family Inc \$20,082.00; Menards \$213.29; Pantorium Cleaners \$84.00; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$199.50; Performance Rentals LLC \$24.00; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale Inc \$167.96; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; RDO Equipment \$7,668.44; Roland L. Moerke \$1,416.40; Runnings \$513.79; Satellite Tracking of People LLC \$1,439.75; Uline \$279.41; US Foods \$7,478.64; Van Diest Supply Co \$2,291.80. Travel & Conference: Bary Kusler \$493.76; Gene Loeschke \$114.00; Joe Kraft \$114.00; Mark Milbrandt \$602.00; Russell Metz \$114.00; Stay USA Hotels & Suites \$1,038.00. Utilities: Midcontinent Communications \$373.61; Northern Valley Communication \$3,046.07; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$10,736.96. Rentals: Aramark \$307.68. Others: Lazy J Bar Ranch \$125.00; SD Association of County Commissioners \$5,493.00; SD Dept of Environment & Natural Resources \$4,976.43. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Kippley seconded by Wiese to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following:

Acknowledge resignation of Becky Desens, Brown County Equalization Secretary, effective 7/2/2021 and approve request to fill vacancy.

Approve hiring of Nico Jung as Brown County Fair intern; wage \$12.48 per hour, effective June 10, 2021.

Approve hiring of Johann Kolb as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$16.82 per hour; effective June 8, 2021.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following fair contract: Lewis Fireworks, Inc for fireworks display during the Brown County Fair for \$5,000. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve the following leases: 4H Rodeo for lease of Akkerman Arena July 3rd – July 4th, 2021; SD Quarter Horse Association for lease of Akkerman Arena June 12, 2021; 4H Horse Club for lease of Akkerman Arena June 23rd, 2021; 4H Livestock Expo Show for lease of Expo Addition, Petting Zoo, Hog and Sheep Barn June 3-6th, 2021; Aberdeen Area Horsemen's Association for lease of Akkerman Open Horse Arena June 6, June 17, July 18 and August 1, 2021; Aaron Johnson for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge July 28th, 2021; Sacred Heart Church for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp August 21, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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JDC Cooperative Agreement with Aberdeen School District:

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change 3647148.96 Landfill - restricted 1400479.44 Custodial Funds 16942393.13 GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS 41065536.58

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commission Kippley inquired about a Burn Ban. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

RECESS: The Chair declared the commission recessed session until 10:00 a.m.

RESUME SESSION:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to end recess and resume County Commission Meeting at 10:00 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to go into executive session to discuss legal per SDCL 1-25-2(3). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:58 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Stratford Town April 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of April 2021 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 12, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Community

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

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

Several items discussed for Schmidt Construction. Bourassa will contact them to fix a water leak on 3rd Street. Jark will pay for them to do work at the reservoir. Jark also stated he would pay to put the sewer line in while Schmidt's is here and the city can reimburse him at a later time.

The sump pump needs to be checked on to ensure the float isn't hung up.

Quote received from Pullman's in Wolsey to plug/cap the artesian well for \$3500. Motion by Jark, 2nd by Prickett to move forward.

New readings will be taken for the water accounts. Will work on meters and replacing non-functional meters/readers.

Jark was reappointed to the board as he ran unopposed.

Accounts receivable reviewed. Notifications to be sent out to 3 delinquent accounts for water shut off.

Motion by Prickett to spend \$2000 additional for gravel. Jark will match 50% (or \$1000), 2nd by Bourassa.

FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: Dept of Health (water testing) \$15, Groton Daily Independent \$70.53, Heartland Heating/Cooling \$436.49, Locke Electric \$620.95, Water District Maintenance \$408.16;

Automatic Withdrawals: JVC (phone) \$43.38, NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$700.72 + \$41.93, United Fire and Casualty \$345, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$2074.38.

Motion to pay bills by Prickett, 2nd by Jark.

Mowing bids - One bid received and reviewed. Motion by Jark to accept, 2nd by Bourassa.

Motion to adjourn; the next meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM; motion by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

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Stratford Town May 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of May 2021 Meetings

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 17, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Community Hall. Those in

attendance were Bourassa, L Jark, Prickett, Moen, NVC/JVC representatives (3), Nancy Jark. Prickett called the meeting to order.

Correction to the minutes - payment to Stratford Fire Department was incorrectly listed as \$28778.77, should have been \$2878.77. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

New checks need to be ordered since the bank will be retiring the routing number.

Request from NVC/JVC to consider selling tract of land to place tower. They feel it would be easiest to consider the Northernmost 2.5 acres as platted of old railroad grade. They prefer not to rent the property due to the amount of investment they would incur.

Nancy Jark inquired about the requirements on lots that do not currently have water and/or sewer service if a permanent structure is not being placed.

Curb Stop by the Memorial/Ballpark is needed.

Need to look into funds that may be available through stimulus for updates to the water/sewer system. Property previously owned by Mossbrucker will be sold May 20th by the county.

Land/Surplus discussion to continue on Friday, May 21, 2021.

Meeting adjourned to Friday, May 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in a follow up session on May 21, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Community Hall. Those in attendance were Bourassa, L Jark, Moen, Ellingson (John & Landon).

Ellingsons discussed the property that was considered for sale to NVC/JVC. It was believed the property was purchased by Ellingsons in approximately 1971. After review, it appears the monies exchanged was to level the property for farming. It would not be favorable for farming if the tower is placed on this tract of land. Board discussed that adjacent property should be kept for draining (lagoon to the dumpster site). No actions taken.

Accounts receivable reviewed. Total has been decreasing to a reasonable amount. Still a few accounts to work on. Taylor's account needs to be updated to active after discussion of the current bill.

FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: Dakota Supply Group (water meter wire) \$59.63 Hoelt, David (mowing) \$2000, SDPAA \$1097.09, Water District Maintenance \$459.18;

Automatic Withdrawals: JVC (phone) \$43.38, NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$55.01 (sewer) + 578.39 (town), United Fire and Casualty \$346, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$2250.31.

Motion to pay bills by Bourassa, 2nd by Jark.

County (Mossbrucker) property sold to L Jark. Funds should be transferred to the city to cover the assessment.

Properties not complying with current ordinances need notices - tabled.

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

Quickly reviewed the results from the safety audit, water report and cannabis updates - tabled.

Artesian well - waiting for a call back.

Ice machine discussed; need to find out when the old machine will be removed.

Motion to adjourn; the next meeting will be June 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM; motion by Jark, 2nd by Bourassa.

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Westport Town June 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

June 1st, 2021

The Town of Westport met on June 1st, 2021 with Don & Deb Schlosser, Derek Schoenfelder, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$358.57), Groton Independent (\$62.29), SD Public Assurance Alliance (\$2,436.71), USPS - rent (\$76.00), Payroll - Derek Schoenfelder (\$200.00), Shane Storm (\$280.00), Mitch Wilson (\$200.00), & Doreen Hertel (\$950.00).

Sewer NWPS (\$23.29), NRWAl-loan

repayment (\$210.13) & Payroll -Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Water WEB (\$1,408.82), Dept of Health (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$408.16), Payroll-Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Shane Storm made motion to

pay all bills; second by Derek Schoenfelder.

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$4,625.81), State of SD (\$8,348.08) & Interest (\$3.90).

Sewer Resident Payments - (\$2,300.00).

Water Resident Payments - (\$3,564.88).

NEW BUSINESS:

It was decided to donate

\$1,000 to the fireworks, which will be held on June 26th. Resolution 14 (Order Vacating Alley) was read and presented. It was unanimous vote to pass.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer

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Educate rather mandate for volleyball uniforms

There was a 45 minute discussion on volleyball uniforms. Patty Daly along with Coach Chelsea Hanson talked about the length of the bottoms. Hanson said that it is "better to educate than to mandate." She said there are options for the volleyball players and that not everyone has to wear to the same bottoms. The school provides the tops but the players provide the bottoms.

Free school lunches will be available to all K-12 students in the upcoming school year. It will be the same program that was done for the past school year.

There were some recommended changes to the student handbook.

Dual Credit Courses - junior and seniors - allow them to continue to leave the building during their dual credit time as long as they maintain a C- or better, have no missing work and properly check in and out now at the office. "Most of our kids did really well," said middle/high school principal Kiersten Sombke.

Senior privileges would be similar to Dual Credit requirements. Driving during school hours would be limited to dual credit students.

Due to the fact there is a shortage of used vehicles, the Brown County Fair Board had asked the school for the use of its two passenger vans to be used during the fair week to transport performers from their hotel to the fair grounds. The board agreed with the normal fee structure.

The potential cooperative agreement with Langford Area for boys soccer was taken off the agenda as things are not ready to move forward.

Several staff lane changes were approved and the resignation/retirement of Loren Bahr as transportation director was accepted effective July 30, 2021. He will, however, be around to help out as needed.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY OF GROTON AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Beginning Balance	402,154.00	226,232.00	202,594.00	830,980.00
Revenues and Other Sources:				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	657,351.00			657,351.00
General Sales and Use Taxes	590,868.00		27,786.00	618,654.00
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,186.00			1,186.00
Licenses and Permits	23,096.00			23,096.00
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
Federal Grants	280,005.00			280,005.00
State Grants	33,760.00			33,760.00
State Shared Revenue	69,608.00			69,608.00
County Shared Revenue:	1,573.00			1,573.00
Charges for Goods and Services:				
General Government	1,514.00			1,514.00
Public Safety	1,064.00			1,064.00
Highways and Streets	3,090.00			3,090.00
Health	35.00			35.00
Culture and Recreation	61,154.00			61,154.00
Cemetery	11,875.00		50.00	11,925.00
Fines and Forfeits				
Court Fines and Forfeits	12.00			12.00
Animal Control Fines	900.00			900.00
Library	4.00			4.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources:				
Investment Earnings	23.00			23.00
Rentals	0.00		19,695.00	19,695.00
Special Assessments	0.00	55,562.00		55,562.00
Contributions and Donations from Private Sources	44,803.00			44,803.00
Agreement Income	15,701.00			15,701.00
Other Revenues	236,530.00		133,624.00	370,154.00
Total Revenue and Other Sources	2,034,152.00	55,562.00	181,155.00	2,270,869.00
Expenditures and Other Uses:				
Legislative	24,159.00			24,159.00
Executive	8,349.00			8,349.00
Elections	688.00			688.00
Financial Administration	313,460.00	1,200.00		314,660.00
Other General Government	16,656.00			16,656.00
Police	372,559.00			372,559.00
Highways and Streets	232,543.00			232,543.00
Airport	0.00		29,566.00	29,566.00
Cemeteries	12,461.00			12,461.00
Transit	2,500.00			2,500.00
Health	3,834.00			3,834.00
Recreation	206,764.00			206,764.00
Parks	10,269.00			10,269.00
Libraries	4,563.00			4,563.00
Auditorium	17,813.00			17,813.00
Debt Service	0.00		22,638.00	22,638.00
Other Expenditures	271,549.00	17,832.00	124,590.00	413,971.00
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	1,498,167.00	19,032.00	176,794.00	1,693,993.00
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance	535,985.00	36,530.00	4,361.00	576,876.00
Ending Fund Balance:				
Unassigned	938,139.00	262,762.00	206,955.00	1,407,856.00
Total Ending Fund Balance	938,139.00	262,762.00	206,955.00	1,407,856.00
Governmental Long-term Debt				2,389,159.00

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Garbage Fund	Electric Fund
Beginning Balance	337495	171547	22615	1106253
Revenues	1340878	209376	115463	1792493
Expenses	1108466	121505	105950	1248078
Ending Balance:				
Restricted for Equipment Repair and Replacement_180000	71452			
Restricted for Other Purposes	318455	259418	32128	1650668
Unrestricted	816894			
Long-term Debt				
The preceding financial data does not include fiduciary funds or component units. Information pertaining to those activities may be obtained by contacting the municipal finance officer at 605-397-8422.				
Municipal funds are deposited as follows:				
Depository	Amount			
Dacotah Bank	\$2,369,787.00			
SD FIT	\$1,554,690.00			
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The Life of Edward Gerald Burke

Edward Gerald Burke, 77, died Fri., June 4, 2021, at his home in Watertown, S.D., under the care of Prairie Lakes Hospice and surrounded by his family.



Cremation has taken place under the direction of Crawford-Othus Funeral Chapel, Watertown, and a memorial gathering will be held Thurs., June 17, from 4-7 p.m. at the chapel.

Edward was born Nov. 11, 1943, in Rapid City, S.D., to Gerald and Hazel (Seaton) Burke of Owanka, S.D. Since his dad was a section foreman for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, his family moved several times as branch lines were abandoned. They lived in Owanka, Salem, Iroquois, Groton, Pierre and Carthage

where Edward graduated from high school in 1961.

He studied electronics at the Dunwoodie College of Technology, Minneapolis, Minn., and television repair at Lake Area Technical College, Watertown. Over the years, he worked for Flying Tigers in Chicago, Ill., and Roller Blade, Inc. in Minnesota and ran the Avenue Arcade bar in Huron, S.D. In his later years, Edward provided daycare for his three grandchildren, two nieces and a nephew. He was an avid bowler, enjoyed attending auctions and was interested in genealogy.

Edward married Karen Buchheim, daughter of Harold and Irene Buchheim of Oldham, S.D., in 1972.

Survivors include his wife, Karen; daughters, Kellie (Jim) Christensen and Kelsie Burke, all of Watertown; son, Gerald, Mankato, Minn.; brother, Allan (Leah) Burke of Linton, N.D.; step-brother, Dale (Nancy) Peterson, Scotts Valley, Calif.; grandchildren, Maercedes, Lexus and Alex Christensen, all of Watertown; Karen's sisters and their spouses, Connie (Daniel) Stevens of Huron and Karla (Steve) Wess of Watertown, and his nieces and nephews.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents; Karen's parents; step-father, Leonard Peterson; step-brothers, Laurel (Sharon Wolf) and Lane Peterson, and one brother-in-law, Merle Buchheim.

The Life of Doris Alberts



Mass of Christian Burial for Doris Alberts, 92, of Groton will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 18th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Father Tom Hartman will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 6-7 p.m. with a wake service and rosary at 7:00 p.m.

Doris passed away May 4, 2021 at Prairie Heights Healthcare in Aberdeen.

Doris Norene Alberts was born May 29, 1928 to Michael Schliesman and Catherine (Giessinger) Schliesman at Milbank, S.D. She attended St Lawrence Catholic school through high school and graduated in 1946. After graduation she attended Presentation Heights Nursing school in Aberdeen and graduated in 1949. She was proud to wear her cap and pin. She was working at St Luke's Hospital where she met George Alberts, Jr. who was one of her patients. They were married June 5th, 1950 at St Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank, S.D.

Doris and George moved to Putney where George was farming. In 1957, they bought the house and land that they called home and raised 3 children. Doris continued her nursing career, working for St Luke's Hospital, Brown County Public Health, various doctor offices and Gerber Professional Assn. She retired in 1990.

She belonged to St John the Baptist Church and SEAS Catholic Church in Groton, SD Nursing Association, Putney Ladies Aide and Putney bridge club. Doris and George enjoyed going dancing and entertaining family and friends. She enjoyed doing crocheting, knitting, hardanger and counted cross stitch. Many family and friends have things that she made.

Celebrating her life are 3 children, Marilyn (David) Anderson of Van Meter, IA, Michael Alberts of Groton and Brenda Henley of Littleton, CO, four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, five step great grandchildren, one sister Nancy (Richard) Stump of Boise, ID, 3 sisters-in-law Kathy (Leon) Schleisman of Milbank Mavis Kirschenmann of Aberdeen and Arliss Alberts of Aberdeen.

She is preceded in death by her husband George, her parents, one sister and two brothers.

Bristol student receives MSU Moorhead scholarship

Moorhead, Minn., June 10, 2021— Whitney Voss, Bristol, S.D., has received a FM Sertoma Club Scholarship from Minnesota State University Moorhead where she is majoring in speech language pathology. Whitney is a graduate of Groton Area High School. Her parents are Chad and Joy Voss.

The FM Sertoma Club Scholarship is for fulltime undergraduate students that are enrolled in the speech language and hearing sciences program that are also active in their Collegiate Sertoma Club.

Minnesota State University Moorhead is a comprehensive regional university offering 150 majors, emphases and options, 12-professional programs, 31 areas of teacher licensure, 40 certificate programs and 15 graduate degrees. MSU Moorhead is a member of the Minnesota State system.

Sam Pappas competes in National Speech and Debate Tourney

by Kristen Gonsoir

I wanted to give a quick shoutout to Samantha Pappas has just finished up Round Zero at her SECOND National Speech and Debate Association tournament! With her practice round out of the way, she will prepare a minimum of 5 more extemporaneous speeches and present them to her judges.

For those not familiar with the speech world, this means Sam will be given at least 5 more completely random questions about the United States (politics, economy, health, international relations, business, or any other topic) and will have 30 minutes to write a 7 minute speech explaining her answer to those questions. It is a crazy challenge, but one that I know she will excel at!

Good luck to SD state champ and two time national qualifier, Sam Pappas! She should be starting her prep time for her next speech soon, but if you have a chance today or tomorrow please send her a word of congratulations! She certainly deserves it!!

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