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Freshmen and sophomores from Groton Area are on the World Classroom trip to Washington, D.C. They had their picture taken in front of the White House. Pictured in the back two rows, left to right, are Christian Ehresmann, Payton Mitchell, Caden McInerney, Dillon Abeln, Nick Morris, Bryce Wambach, Blake Pauli, Jackson Garstecki, Kayla Lehr, Kate Profetta, Karlie McKain, Emma Kutter, Emma Bahr, Sarah Menzia, Turner Thompson, Logan Ringgenberg, Faith Traphagen, Ava Wienk, Jeslyn Kosel and Emily Overacker; in front are Carson Herrick, Aiden Heathcoat, Faith Flihs, Jayla Jones, Cadence Pullan, Claire Heinrichs, Ashley Johnson and way in front is Laila Roberts holding Gilbert. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



It was a surprise to see Kasey Waage helping with the food distribution for World Classroom. She works for the organization and flew in to help with food and other aspects of the tour. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



These girls were chosen by the Groton American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls State this year. Pictured left to right are Alyssa Thaler, Kennedy Anderson, Kansas Kroll, Allyssa Locke, Brooklyn Imrie, Trinity Smith and Cassidy Schultz. (Courtesy Photo)



The Groton World Classroom group got to see the Changing of the Guard at the unknown tomb at Arlington National Cemetery. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Groton Trap Team takes second at state

The Groton High School trap team placed 2nd at the State High School Trap Tournament held at the Aberdeen Gun Club June 12 - 13th where they also placed 1st in their class 2A conference for 2021.

Pictured top row left to right are Lane Kreuger, Adrian Knudson, Paxton Bonn, Trevor Harry, Dylan Kreuger, Caleb Furney, Taryn Taylor, Lee Iverson and Luke Simon.

Middle row left to right Tristan Kampa, Porter Johnson, Nick Morris, Payton Mitchell, Gavin Khali, Paisley Mitchell, Tina Zoellner, Hollie Frost, coaches Stephen Wright, Bill Zoellner and Tom Mahan.

Front row left to right are Titon Stange, Ethan Pigors, Michael Powers Dinger, Jaeger Kampa, Cadence Feist, Lisa Kreuger, Charlie Frost, Isaiah Scepaniak, and Ryder Daily. Not pictured is Danny Feist. (Courtesy Photo)



The parents and students climbed up and around the Albert Einstein Memorial for a group photo shot.



The Groton Area students had a chance to talk with some of the uniformed division of the United States Secret Service. Did you know the original purpose of the Secret Service was to trace down counter fitters and they had worked for the Treasury Dept. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Groton group got off the bus at the Minneapolis airport terminal. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



UNITED STATES FLAG, 1861

The stars on this flag include the 11 states of the Confederacy. The U.S. government never recognized the right of the Southern states to leave the Union, and their stars remained on the American flag throughout the war.

Groton's group of the World Classroom Tour went on the tour of the Battle of Gettysburg during the American Civil War. Since the museums were closed, the Gettysburg Tour was used to fill that gap of the tour. It was a very interesting and moving tour. Seeing the battle field and having everything described as it happened puts a whole new perspective on the American Civil War.



Bob Moore was the tour guide for the Battle of Gettysburg. (Photo lifted from video)



If you look at the barn closely, right above the lower roof line you will see a black dot. That is a hole in the barn from one of the bullets fired during the war. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Left photo features the tour guides of the World Classroom Tour. They are Shelby Anderson, an elementary school teacher from Kansas City, Mo.; Christian Mirasol, an independent D.C. area tour guide from Fairfax, Va.; and Jayden Holsey, who works full time for World Classroom in Aberdeen. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

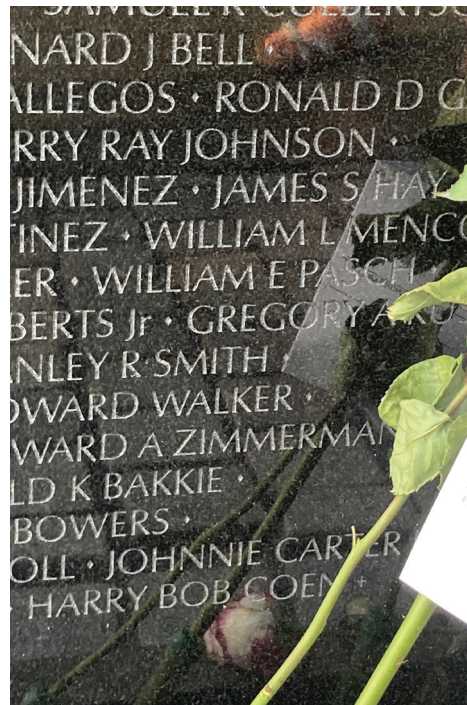


On Feb. 23, 1945, during the Battle of Iwo Jima (Feb. 19 to March 26), six Marines planted the U.S. flag at the summit of Mount Suribachi. The scene was photographed by journalist Joe Rosenthal of the Associated Press and his image soon became famous around the world. Located on the southern tip of the Japanese island, Mount Suribachi is a dormant volcano that is 546 feet (166 meters) high. The summit has a dominating view of the rest of Iwo Jima, including its black sand beaches. During the battle, one of the bloodiest in the Pacific theater, Japanese forces used this vantage point to direct artillery fire onto the American forces. Soon after the start of the battle, the Americans aimed to capture the position.

A 40-man combat patrol, led by 1st Lt. Harold G. Schrier, was the first American unit to reach the summit of the mountain on Feb. 23. These men were from the 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines, and they carried with them a U.S. flag taken from the USS Missoula, a tank transport ship that delivered troops and cargo to Iwo Jima. Earlier, Schrier had been handed the flag by his battalion's adjutant and was told, "If you get to the top, put it up." The Groton Group of students and parents posed for a photo in front of the memorial. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pictured are Kasey Waage, Brenda Madsen, Mary Johnson, Paul Kosel and Al Ward in front of Martins Restaurant in Georgetown. This is the second time that Madsen, Johnson and Kosel have been on the World Classroom Trip.



The Vietnam Memorial Wall was visited by the Groton group. In the left photo, you will notice the name of William E. Pasch, a Groton native. Yesterday was Father's Day so the wall was lined up with flowers. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Thanks to the January 6 riot on the nation's Capital, the entire Capital grounds are now fenced off and no access is given to the general public any more. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Groton group visit the Kennedy burial site at Arlington National Cemetery where it also features the eternal flame. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



"Martha Washington" posed for a picture with the Groton group at the Washington farm in Mt. Vernon. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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WC Dundee Awards
World Classroom Tour Guides gave out Dundee Awards at the end of the trip.

Top Left: Bryson Wambach given by Shelby Anderson - Sportsmanship Award for Bowling (even after Shelby beat him)

Top Right: Emma Bahr given by Jayden Holsey - Best Laugh

Right: Christian Ehresmann given by Jayden Holsey, Best Wipe Out and also Best Dressed (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Summer is...

1. ants at a picnic
2. butterfly fluttering by
3. camping in the backyard with friends
4. picking berries
5. chasing a firefly that glows in the dark
6. thunder and lightning during storms

A Secret Spot
A Lazy Summer Day...
Sorry, Gone

Hot Expressions:
1.D, 2.A, 3.F, 4.B, 5.C, 6.E

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Groton City June 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2021
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Blackmun, Bahr, Babcock, Cutler and Fliels via telephone and Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Paul Kosel, Finance Officer Hope Block, Anita Lowary, Deb McKiver and Valerie Baker.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, and Baker introduced the idea of a summer food program for kids that would start in 2022. Baker asked the City to consider letting this program use the Community Center from 11 am-1 pm on the weekdays when that time came. Baker will submit more details to the board at a later date. Lowary asked that the board consider fixed income Groton residents before passing the second reading of the ordinance that would implement a \$7.85 surcharge. McKiver announced that the Olson developers paid for the utilities to be brought to their development and future developers should have to do the same. Lowary, Baker and McKiver left the meeting at 7:24 pm.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Wells. All members voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Bahr to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.

Payroll, \$35,753.76, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$3,759.50, ; Public Safety, \$8,671.96, ; Public Works, \$8,417.06, ; Culture & Recreation, \$14,905.24, ; First State Bank, \$9,567.49, SS and WH ; First State Bank, \$3,495.82, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$690.00, Employee savings; Sue Fjeldheim, \$320.00, Umpire pay; USPS, \$208.17, Utility billing postage; Madisen Bjerke, \$320.00, Umpire pay; Web Water, \$20,816.13, Water 5/21; MTI Distributing, \$122.90, Evolution; Dakota Brush, \$216.50, Squeegees, brushes to clean pool; Mid-American Research Chemical, \$599.92, Ballfield paint; Farmer's Union, \$1,269.60, Fuel; Dakota Riggers, \$496.19, Transformer slings; DSG, \$11.25, Tape; T&R Electric, \$440.00, Single phase pole mount; Lien Transportation, \$6,632.67, Airport blade work; Lien Transportation, \$2,628.36, Hot mix; Aramark, \$48.03, Rug rent; ULIN, \$399.89, Outdoor drop box; Jace Kroll, \$40.00, Umpire pay; Evan Nehls, \$40.00, Umpire pay; Metering & Technology, \$3,455.41, Pump house meters, wire, gaskets, nuts and bolts; Cole Papers, \$155.98, Paper towels, hand soap; Groton Area School District, \$72.50, Case of toilet paper; Heartland Waste, \$8,096.73, Garbage hauling 5/21; A&B Business, \$385.17, Copier rent; Bruce Kleinsasser, \$1,620.00, Lifeguard recertification; Western Area Power, \$18,402.39, Power 5/21; Harve's Sport Shop, \$398.86, Catcher's gear, leg guards; Ken's Food Fair, \$1,835.27, Gas, paper products, food for resale; MJs Sinclair, \$1,733.49, Mower tire and battery repairs, gas; CWD, \$486.55, Food for resale; Convergint Technologies, \$428.57, City Hall drive through microphone and doorbell repairs; Nelson Sales and Service, \$274.70, Trimmer kit, carburetor, trimmer kit; Mac's, \$139.46, Light, ratchet, socket set, fasteners; Stan Houston, \$74.95, Asphalt equipment; Groton Independent, \$161.70, Publishing; SDML, \$25.00, Budget training registration - KF; Heartland Power, \$31,167.05, Power 5/21; Diesel Machinery, Inc, \$2,700.00, Roller rental; Badger Meter, \$24.03, Water meter cellular piece; Cole Simon, \$40.00, Umpire pay; Bradin Althoff, \$40.00, Umpire pay; Cadan McInerney, \$40.00, Umpire pay; Nick Morris, \$40.00, Umpire pay; Groton Fluid, \$153.68, 17 Ford wiper fluid hose repair; Galls, \$435.03, PD uniforms; Ecolab, \$212.00, Pest control; Groton Autoworks, \$68.25, Baseball chromer repairs; Groton Autoworks, \$60.71, R&R heater hose connector and reassemble; James Valley, \$1,373.15, New service installation and utilities; IMEG, \$12,193.28, Water improvements and tower construction and staking; Dairy Queen, \$120.60, Food for resale; Wesco, \$116.40, Locating paint;

The May finance report was

approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Bahr. All members voted aye.

The Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License for Amateur Baseball games at 411 W 3rd Avenue in Groton on 6/20/21 and 7/18/21 was approved on a motion by Fliels and seconded by Cutler. All members voted aye.

The second reading of Ordinance #747 Revising Water Rates was approved with revisions on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Babcock. All members voted aye.

The Groton Chamber (with the help of the POET Never Satisfied Grant) was thanked for providing the City new trash cans and flower pots on Main Street.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Bahr to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:47pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:17pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Hope Block, Finance Officer
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Groton City Ord. 747 Water Rates

ORDINANCE NO. 747
An Ordinance entitled "Amending Rates for Groton Municipal Utility Customers" to be effective July 1, 2021.

Be it ordained by the City of Groton, South Dakota that Ordinance No. 8-1-4 be amended to read as follows:

8-1-4 Rates.
Rates for the use of utilities furnished by the City shall be established by Ordinance by the Groton City Council.

Section 4. Water Rates:
The schedule of rates governing Residential or General Service Consumers of water in the City of Groton which follows is to be used for billing on a monthly basis throughout each year. Each water service is figured independently from any other water service at each customer's location.

a. Residential and General Service Water Customers
Meter Charge: \$9.62 plus
Minimum charge: \$20.05 per month which includes 0-2,000 gallons
Next 18,000 gallons at \$5.26 per 1,000 gallons
Over 20,000 gallons per month at \$4.68 per 1,000 gallons.

Plus, Water Surcharge: \$11.50 per customer who receives or

benefits from the new water tower (this surcharge is to be implemented whether or not the water is capped, to be removed in July of 2049)

Plus, Water Surcharge: \$7.85 per customer who receives or benefits from the water system (this surcharge is to be implemented whether or not the water is capped, to be removed in July of 2051). Residents who qualify for Section 4c are not required to pay this surcharge.

b. Bulk water rate: \$6.00 per 1000 gallons
c. Residential Low Income Discount

A \$9.62 per month discount will be allowed on the meter charge of residential consumers for a period of 12 months (from January to December) if the consumer provides proof that the family is eligible to receive low income fuel assistance (LIEAP).

d. Residential or General Service consumers found to be using unmetered water furnished by the City of Groton water system shall be disconnected until a meter is installed by the property owner.

Passed First Reading: 6/1/21
Passed Second Reading: 6/15/21

Published: 6/15/21
Effective: 7/5/21
Attest:

Hope Block, Finance Officer
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Who wrote and released "Don't Think Twice, It's All Right"?
2. Which artist penned and released "Little Town Flirt"?
3. Which former Beatle had a hit with "My Sweet Lord"?
4. Where was the Singing Nun from?

Answers:

1. Bob Dylan, in 1962. The song has been covered by dozens of artists, including the Four Seasons, who recorded it under the pseudonym The Wonder Who?, one of numerous names the group used.
2. Del Shannon, in 1962. The song climbed to No. 1 in Australia and Ireland, but didn't reach the top 10 in the U.S.
3. George Harrison, in 1970. Harrison was sued for allegedly copying the melody to the 1963 "He's So Fine," but instead he claimed he followed a Christian hymn "Oh Happy Day," which was out of copyright.
4. Belgium. Jeanne-Paule Marie Deckers was famous for her song "Dominique" in 1963.
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City of Groton DRINKING WATER REPORT WATER QUALITY

Secretary's Award

The City of Groton has supplied twenty consecutive years of safe drinking water to the public it serves and has been awarded the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence by the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources. This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Water Source

We serve more than 1,458 customers an average of 94,000 gallons of water per day. Our water is surface water that we purchase from another water system. The state has performed an assessment of our source water and they have determined that the relative susceptibility rating for the Groton public water supply system is low.

For more information about your water and information on opportunities to participate in public meetings, call (605)397-8422 and ask for Hope Block.

Additional Information

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants can be obtained by calling the Environment Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Groton public water supply system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Detected Contaminants

The attached table lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2020 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2020. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

The City of Groton public water system purchases 100% of their water from WEB Water Development Association (1089).

2020 Table of Detected Regulated Contaminants For Groton (EPA ID 0147)

- Terms and abbreviations used in this table:
 * Maximum Contaminant Level Goal(MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
 * Maximum Contaminant Level(MCL): the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
 * Action Level(AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. For Lead and Copper, 90% of the samples must be below the AL.
 * Treatment Technique(TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. For turbidity, 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU
 * Running Annual Average(RAA): Compliance is calculated using the running annual average of samples from designated monitoring locations.

Units:

- *MFL: million fibers per liter *pCi/l: picocuries per liter(a measure of radioactivity) *ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
 *mrem/year: millirems per year(a measure of radiation absorbed by the body) *ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter(mg/l)
 *ppq: parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
 *NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units *ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter(ug/l) *pspm: positive samples per month

Substance	90% Level	Test Sites> Action Level	Date Tested	Highest Level Allowed (AL)	Ideal Goal	Units	Major Source of Contaminant
Copper	0.8	0	09/14/20	AL=1.3	0	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead	2	0	09/15/20	AL=15	0	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

Substance	Detected	Range	Date Tested	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Units	Major Source of Contaminant
Combined Radium *	1	ND - 1	05/23/16	5	0	pCi/l	Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride *	0.49		11/03/20	4	<4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (RAA)	18.2		08/26/20	60	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Haloacetic Acids (RAA) *	22.68		11/16/20	60	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Total Coliform Bacteria *	1	positive samples		1	0	pspm	Naturally present in the environment.
Total trihalomethanes (RAA)	11.6		08/26/20	80	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Total trihalomethanes (RAA) *	12.02		11/16/20	80	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.

Please direct questions regarding this information to Mr Terry Herron with the Groton public water system at (605)397-8422.
 * WEB Water Development Association (1089) test result.
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South Dakota's First Female Pilot: Nellie Zabel Willhite

Nellie Zabel Willhite's dream took her to great heights.

On Jan. 13, 1928, Willhite soared into history as South Dakota's first woman pilot.

"Up and up, to a height of about 6,000 feet, she went soaring around above the field, banking, turning, diving and climbing. After about 10 minutes, she brought the ship gently to earth in a perfect landing, according to Mr. Tennant (Harold Tennant, who operated Dakota Airlines flight school and was the chief pilot for Dakota Airlines at Renner Airport) without a bump or a swing," stated an article in the Jan. 22, 1928, Sioux Falls Daily Argus-Leader.

Willhite was born in the Black Hills on Nov. 22, 1892. Her father, Charles Zabel, was a freighter on the Fort Pierre to Deadwood Trail. A case of measles as a child severely impaired Nellie's hearing. Her widowed father enrolled her at the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls. While in Sioux Falls, she met Leonard and Dollie Mead of Yankton and became their foster daughter. Leonard Mead was the director of what was later called the South Dakota Human Services Center. Nellie was briefly married to Frank Willhite.

By 1927, she was living in Sioux Falls and spending her weekends at the Renner Airport north of Sioux Falls watching the airplanes fly. Tennant told Willhite that if she learned to fly an airplane, she would be the first South Dakota woman to learn to fly, according to Norma Kraemer of Deadwood. Kraemer, who is also a pilot, met Willhite in the 1980s. Flying lessons cost \$200, though. Willhite wrote her father, by then a postmaster in Sheboygan, Wis., about her desire to learn how to fly.

He replied, "Tomorrow is payday and I am sending \$100, and next payday I will send you another \$100 ... I am sending you this under one condition and that is, that I don't want you to pay it back."

He added a postscript asking Willhite to be satisfied in just plain flying, for most of the accidents occurred

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when pilots were performing stunts. This letter is part of the Nellie Zabel Willhite Collection at the Center for Western Studies at Augustana University in Sioux Falls.

Willhite started her lessons in November 1927 at the Dakota Airlines flying school. After accumulating 13 hours of flying time, she soloed. In 1928, "solo" was considered "being a pilot," according to Kraemer.

Zabel purchased an open cockpit biplane for Willhite for \$2,750 after she convinced him to buy her a plane so she could make a living as a pilot. These open cockpit planes have none of the features or weather information of modern aircraft according to Kraemer. The compass was on the floor between the pilot's feet. The airspeed was sort of a reed that bent in the wind, strapped to one of the wing struts. The airplane's water-cooled engine was prone to lines breaking and forced landings.

In response to a letter from Willhite asking what to name the plane, Zabel suggested his nickname of "Pard." "In fact, it would be a 'Pard' to both you and me ... I suppose you will have the '13' also," Zabel wrote.

Willhite did have the word "Pard" and the number "13" painted on the plane. She considered 13 her lucky number as she was the 13th student to enroll in Dakota Airlines flight school and took her first solo flight after 13 hours of flying time on a 13th.

One of the first trips Willhite made once she had her own plane was to fly her father over the Fort Pierre to Deadwood Trail he had walked many times as a freighter.

"This was an ambitious trip for anyone in an airplane in 1928 with no aviation maps or radio navigation aids available," Kraemer wrote in "South Dakota's First Century of Flight."

Willhite performed as a stunt pilot and raced other airplanes at fairs, air shows and airport dedications. She sold rides, charging passengers between 50 cents and \$1.00 per ride and issuing them a souvenir ticket that bore her photograph and certifying that they flew with "Pard."

Willhite sold "Pard" in 1932 when it became too costly to maintain. By 1937, the reality of how difficult it was to make a living as a pilot made Willhite realize that she needed to find another way to support herself. She continued to fly as a hobby, keeping her pilot's license current into the 1950s, according to Kraemer.

Willhite overcame personal challenges throughout her life. She never viewed herself as handicapped, according to Kraemer.

The Ninety-Nines formed in November 1929 as a mutual support group for women pilots. The name came from the number of women pilots who were founding members. Willhite was one of the charter members. She organized the first South Dakota chapter in 1941.

Willhite received a variety of honors during her lifetime. She was inducted in the South Dakota Hall of Fame and honored on her 95th birthday when Gov. George S. Mickelson declared Nov. 22, 1987, as Nellie Zabel Willhite Day in South Dakota. She was also one of the first four people inducted into the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame.

Zabel's fears of his daughter being killed in a plane crash proved groundless. Willhite died at age 98 in Sioux Falls.

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The photos are of Nellie and of Nellie standing beside her plane, an Alexander Eaglerock biplane. (Photo South Dakota State Historical Society - State Archives)



Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* On May 19, 1996, Kermit the Frog gave the commencement speech at Southampton College, Long Island University.

* TASER is actually an acronym for Tom A. Swift's Electric Rifle. "Tom Swift" references the book character who is not just an inventor of amazing gadgets, but a childhood favorite of the Taser's inventor, Jack Cover.

* The average high-school swimmer swims 1 million strokes per season.

* Researchers found

that male bottlenose dolphins in Western Australia's Shark Bay have formed "boy bands" that harmonize their mating calls together in order to better attract females.

* While working as an extra on the set of "The X-Files," singer Michael Buble was fired for stealing a hot dog from the craft services table.

* The most common injury caused by makeup is scratching the eye with a mascara wand.

* A local folk remedy in Boho, Ireland, involved placing soil from the local church under one's pillow while sleeping to cure

infections. The nature of the remedy proved more scientific than divine when, in 2018, a microbiologist found the soil contains a previously unknown strain of streptomycetes, which can be used to create antibiotics.

* Out at sea, a tsunami is only about 3 feet high, and could pass a boat without being noticed.

* At the 2011 World Scrabble Championships in Poland, a competitor demanded officials strip-search his opponent after a "G" tile went missing. The officials decided against it due to a lack of evidence of cheating.

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Doing better than our fathers

I sat under a partly sunny sky on Father's Day contemplating fatherhood. I awoke to a text and Father's Day greetings from Dylan who started it all for me nearly 25 years ago. He was on vacation in the Black Hills. India was still snoozing after a bachelorette party at Green Lake. She was pretty chipper when she went to bed at 4:30 a.m., leading me to believe there was nothing overly nefarious that took place at the lake cabin.

The air smelled of fresh rain. We got a meager 30/100ths, enough to nourish the crops another day, though.

I remembered my own father, gone some 28 years now, into the ether at 55, so every year I have past that mark, I count myself lucky. I thought about the rare times we went fishing together and the more frequent times he hit me fly balls and grounders behind the Methodist Church until I became a competent center fielder.

Dad tried to be a disciplinarian—the keyword is “tried,” because he and Mom had planned to have a large family, and when I, the oldest, turned out to be a renegade, the strategy was to rein me in, because can you imagine six outlaws!? After about a dozen years of that fruitless tactic, I think they decided to let me be me. I'd run amuck, get grounded, and then do it again two weeks later.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

Because I was a born observer and student of human psychology, a born writer, I suppose, I reasoned that every child is born pretty much being who they are. Some respond to discipline, some to finesse, and some are no trouble at all. As I contemplated these things while incarcerated in my room, subsisting on bread and water (hey, this is my story), I realized that all the things my father was were passed down from his father and grandfather and generations lost to memory. There's a natural evolution and there should be. Every new father should be better than his own at the best job in the world. I don't think that's sacrilege.

I know Dad was proud of me, the risks I took that he couldn't understand, my willingness to reach beyond my grasp. Once, when he was having a drink with my buddy Gare Bare, he told him, “One thing about Tony, he decides to do something, and the son-of-bitch does it!” Now, he never told me that, but I heard it all the same, and I don't think he ever spoke sweeter words. I had him for three and a half decades, but we were just becoming friends, equals, when I lost him.

What did I learn? I understood quickly that Dylan wouldn't respond to “Because I'm your Dad” orders. Sure, I could have been a drill sergeant, which is what I would have been had I been a young father, but I was seasoned enough to understand him. He was what the Lakota call Heyoka, a contrarian. He crawled backward, for cripes sake! Dylan would do the right thing but you had to explain why it was the right thing.

Now, India was a stubborn little anarchist (still is) so I employed humor and charm when I could and direct orders when I had to, to which she would insolently grunt before stomping like a three-foot bull elephant to her room.

But it's simple really, if your kids have good hearts, you've succeeded.

One of the best things I learned about parenting is that a good hug solves just about anything, but we weren't huggers. With our Russian and German blood and ancestors who spent their time either invading or being invaded, it doesn't come naturally. But genetics can be overcome. To a point. I'll still never dunk a basketball. The hugging component came from my brother Joel who would come home from Denver with big bear hugs and it just sort of caught on. Turns out, Joel's a pretty good daddy, and now, a wildly enthusiastic grandpa.

It's evolution. We were grounded in ethics and loyalty with a willingness to stand up to and even get knocked down by bullies by the example Dad and Mom set, a firm foundation upon which we could build. Upon which our sons and daughters can build. That's really who I wrote this for, but it's for fathers, too. You can teach an old Dad new tricks.

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By Dominique Clare



Things are looking up for the Minnesota Vikings. Not only is the Danielle Hunter situation officially settled, but they also made a splash in free agency with some of their unused cap space.

The Vikings signed Hunter to a contract extension that was a win for both parties. Hunter got money upfront and can get a new contract next season on par with his production. The Vikings got cap relief for this season to build on an already impressive offseason.

With that extra money, the Vikings didn't waste any time, signing free agent DT Sheldon Richardson. This is Richardson's second stint with the Vikings after spending time with the Cleveland Browns. He joins a stacked defensive line headlined by Danielle Hunter, Dalvin Tomlinson, and Michael Pierce. Speaking of Hunter, head coach Mike Zimmer said Hunter ‘looks fantastic’ after seeing him move around the practice field.

This week, we continue our roster breakdown with the tight ends.

Irv Smith Jr. – This is the year Irv Smith Jr. gets a real opportunity to make himself known to the NFL. With Kyle Rudolph departing for the New York Giants, Smith gets the chance to be that guy.

He is a much different type of tight end than Rudolph was. Rudolph was a big sure-handed catcher with average speed and blocking ability. Smith, on the other hand, is fast enough to be respected as a wide receiver and can still get the job done blocking. He presents a lot of ways for Klint Kubiak to use him. So expect to see a heavy dose of Irv Smith Jr. this upcoming season.

Last season he caught 30 passes for 365 yards and 5 touchdowns. There is no reason why he shouldn't have at least double that.

Tyler Conklin— While the fans and media have been high on Irv Smith Jr., head coach Zimmer has been raving about what Tyler Conklin brings to the table. Zimmer told the media that he is one of the players who is improving from last season.

One thing that Conklin does better than Smith is blocking. He is an excellent blocker and that alone will have him heavily involved in a Vikings offense that is focused around star running back Dalvin Cook.

He is also a pretty good receiver, which will allow the Vikings to get some decent gains with him out of 12 personnel (1 running back, two wide receivers, 2 tight ends). His best use in the passing game will be play-action as the defense will look at him as primarily a blocker. And that is when he is going to make them pay.

Last season Conklin brought in 19 receptions for 194 yards and 1 touchdown in a limited role. It will be interesting to see where he develops from here.

The rest – With Irv Smith Jr. and Conklin locking up the top two tight end positions, the Vikings will be looking to find the team's third TE. It is an important role for short-yardage situations and of course depth. Currently on the roster are Brandon Dillon, 2021 draft pick Zach Davidson, and undrafted free agent signing Shane Zylstra who switched from wide receiver to tight end after the Vikings signed him. He is also the younger brother of Former Vikings receiver Brandon Zylstra.

My favorite to win the 3rd spot on the depth chart is Zach Davidson. He is tall and an athlete. I think he would bring something unique to the table. He is also a little raw. If the Vikings can get to work on him, I have high hopes for his future.

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M. Strong At The Plate As Groton Jr Legion Defeats Smittys 14u

Andrew M didn't feel much like getting out on Thursday, tallying four hits and leading Groton Jr Legion to a 15-4 win over Smittys 14u. Andrew singled in the first, singled in the second, doubled in the third, and singled in the fifth.

Groton Jr Legion got things started in the first inning when Kaleb H's sac fly scored one run for Groton Jr Legion.

Groton Jr Legion put up six runs in the third inning. The rally was led by doubles by Dillon A and Andrew, a triple by Braden A, and by Tate L.

Ryan G was credited with the victory for Groton Jr Legion. The hurler went five innings, allowing four runs on seven hits.

#14 took the loss for Smittys 14u. The hurler surrendered six runs on seven hits over one and two-thirds innings, walking one.

Groton Jr Legion tallied 14 hits. Andrew, Colby D, Jordan B, and Tate each had multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Andrew led Groton Jr Legion with four hits in four at bats. Colby led Groton Jr Legion with four stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with 13 stolen bases.

#13 went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Smittys 14u in hits.

Two Pitchers Team Up As Groton Jr Legion Defeats Smittys 14u In Shut-Out

Groton Jr Legion defeated Smittys 14u 4-0 on Thursday as two pitchers combined to throw a shutout. Jordan B induced a groundout from #5 to finish off the game.

Groton Jr Legion scored three runs in the fifth inning. Groton Jr Legion's offense in the inning came from by Jacob L, a groundout by Caleb H, and a double by Cade L.

A double by #8 in the first inning was a positive for Smittys 14u.

Braden A got the win for Groton Jr Legion. The lefty lasted four and a third innings, allowing three hits and zero runs while striking out eight. Jordan threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

#5 took the loss for Smittys 14u. The pitcher lasted four and a third innings, allowing two hits and two runs while striking out two and walking zero.

Tate L, Cade, and Colby D each managed one hit to lead Groton Jr Legion.

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Groton Legion Post #39 Takes A Tough Blow From Milbank Post #9

Nothing came easy for Groton Legion Post #39 on Thursday, as they fell 9-0 to Post #9

A single by Peyton Johnson in the fifth inning was a positive for Groton Legion Post #39.

Kaden K earned the win for Post #9. Kaden surrendered zero runs on one hit over five innings, striking out ten and walking zero.

Alex Morris took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. The pitcher went three and a third innings, allowing seven runs on eight hits, striking out six and walking one.

Johnson went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post #39 in hits.

Post #9 saw the ball well today, racking up ten hits in the game. Merik J and Cole S each managed

multiple hits for Post #9. Merik led Post #9 with three hits in four at bats. Post #9 didn't commit a single error in the field. Justus O had the most chances in the field with ten.

Late Score Costs Groton Legion Post #39 Against Milbank Post #9

Groton Legion Post #39 lost the lead late in a 3-2 defeat to Post #9 on Thursday. The game was tied at two with Post #9 batting in the top of the sixth when Kellan H drew a walk, scoring one run.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Post #9 pitchers struck out eight, while Groton Legion Post #39 sat down seven.

In the first inning, Post #9 got their offense started. Kellan drove in one when Kellan doubled.

Groton Legion Post #39 knotted the game up at two in the bottom of the third inning. Jackson Cogley doubled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run.

Cole S earned the victory on the mound for Post #9. The righthander went two-thirds of an inning, allowing zero runs on zero hits, striking out one and walking zero.

Peyton Johnson took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. The lefthander went five and two-thirds innings, allowing three runs on seven hits and striking out seven.

Micah D started the game for Post #9. Micah allowed six hits and two runs over five and a third innings, striking out seven and walking one

Alex Morris, Douglas Heminger, Cogley, Jayden Zak, Jonathan Deden, and Pierce Kettering each managed one hit to lead Groton Legion Post #39.

Post #9 tallied seven hits. Kellan and Steve A each managed multiple hits for Post #9. Kellan went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Post #9 in hits. Post #9 didn't commit a single error in the field. Kaden K had eight chances in the field, the most on the team.

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4-Hit Day For D. Leads Groton Jr Legion Past Frederick

Colby D did the opposing team no favors on Wednesday, picking up four hits over five at bats and leading Groton Jr Legion to a 22-4 win over Frederick. Colby singled in the third, singled in the fourth, singled in the fourth, and doubled in the fifth.

Frederick scored three runs in the second inning, but Groton Jr Legion still managed to pull out the victory. The big inning for Frederick came thanks to a groundout by Micah Kranzler and a fielder's choice by Brayden Sumption.

Groton Jr Legion fired up the offense in the first inning, when Braden A's sac fly scored two runs for Groton Jr Legion.

Groton Jr Legion took the lead for good with five runs in the third inning. In the third Colby singled on a 2-1 count, scoring two runs, an error scored one run for Groton Jr Legion, and Sam Vetter induced Andrew M to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

Groton Jr Legion put up ten runs in the fourth inning. Groton Jr Legion's big bats in the inning were led by singles by Colby, Andrew, and Colby, a walk by Dillon A, by Tate L, a home run by Tate, an error on a ball put in play by Cade L, and a double by Jordan B.

Dillon took the win for Groton Jr Legion. Dillon allowed one hit and zero runs over two innings, striking out four and walking one. Cole S and Ryan G entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Vetter took the loss for Frederick. Vetter went three and a third innings, allowing 12 runs on seven hits and striking out three.

Tate started the game for Groton Jr Legion. The righthander lasted one-third of an inning, allowing zero hits and one run

Groton Jr Legion socked one home run on the day. Tate went deep in the fourth inning.

Groton Jr Legion had 14 hits in the game. Colby, Andrew, Dillon, Jordan, and Tate all managed multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Colby went 4-for-5 at the plate to lead Groton Jr Legion in hits. Groton Jr Legion was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Cade made the most plays with nine. Andrew led Groton Jr Legion with four stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with 15 stolen bases.

With Colby On The Mound, Groton Jr Legion Shuts Out Frederick

Colby D didn't allow a single run as Groton Jr Legion defeated Frederick 12-0 on Wednesday. D. allowed just one hit.

Groton Jr Legion scored six runs in the second inning. The offensive firepower by Groton Jr Legion was led by Andrew M, Tate L, Kaleb A, Braden A, and Jacob L, all driving in runs in the frame.

A single by Kodi Moser in the third inning was a positive for Frederick.

Colby led things off on the hill for Groton Jr Legion. The ace lasted three innings, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out eight.

Groton Jr Legion had nine hits in the game. Kaleb, Braden, Andrew, and Tate all managed multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Tate, Andrew, Braden, and Kaleb each managed two hits to lead Groton Jr Legion.

Moser went 1-for-1 at the plate to lead Frederick in hits.

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Early Lead For Aberdeen 13s Seals Fate For Groton Jr. Teeners

Groton Jr. Teeners watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 15-3 loss to Aberdeen 13s on Wednesday. Aberdeen 13s took the lead on a groundout in the first inning.

The Groton Jr. Teeners struggled to put runs on the board and had a tough time defensively containing Aberdeen 13s, giving up 15 runs.

Aberdeen 13s got things started in the first inning when Becker grounded out, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners scored three runs in the third inning. Groton Jr. Teeners's big inning was driven by an error on a ball put in play by Jarrett Erdmann and Carter Simon and a single by Nicholas Morris.

Aberdeen 13s scored seven runs in the third inning. Aberdeen 13s's big inning was driven by singles by Mike and Ridley, a sac fly by Karson, by Levi, and a groundout by Brayden.

Becker was the winning pitcher for Aberdeen 13s. The ace lasted four innings, allowing one hit and three runs while striking out five and walking one.

Taylor Diegel took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners.

The righthander went one inning, allowing three runs on zero hits and striking out one.

Morris led Groton Jr. Teeners with one hit in two at bats.

Aberdeen 13s stole 11 bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Mike led the way with three.

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The Liver, We Can't Live Without It

The liver is one of the most amazing but underrated organs in our bodies. We cannot live without it, and, unlike the kidney, we cannot bypass it with a dialysis machine. Lose your liver and you lose your life.

The liver is essential for digestion, but also detoxifies our blood, filtering, breaking down, and disposing of chemicals we cannot use. While there are many toxins that can harm the liver cells, it has an amazing ability to regenerate itself. It can suffer immense damage, nearly die out, then recover and allow many more years of life.

To help us discuss liver damage, we look at 'hepato' from the Greek 'hepar' or liver. Thus, the words 'hepatocellular' meaning cells of the liver, and 'hepatitis' referring to inflammation of those cells. Hepatitis can cause cirrhosis (liver scarring), liver failure, liver cancer and death.

The classic forms of hepatitis (yellow jaundice) are caused by the hepatitis viruses, A, B, and C. Hepatitis C is particularly aggressive but thankfully there is now a drug that can kill this virus.

Toxins and chemicals can also cause hepatitis, the most common being drinking alcohol and acetaminophen (Tylenol). The combination of both is especially toxic. Other commonly used medications that can damage the liver include aspirin, cholesterol drugs called statins, anti-seizure meds like phenytoin (Dilantin), ketoconazole, some antiviral drugs, and anabolic steroids. If you take these prescription meds, do not stop. Instead talk to your doctor if you have questions.

Unknown to many people is the fact that even some herbs and supplements, used excessively, can cause liver damage. Comfrey, black cohosh, aloe vera, cascara, kava, and chaparral are just a few; even vitamins taken in quantity have poisoned the livers of children who mistook them for candy.

Regrettably, in our obese society, fatty liver is fast becoming one of the most common forms of liver damage. Fatty infiltration of the liver cells causes inflammation. NASH (nonalcoholic steatohepatitis) is the worst form of this. There is no medication; the only known cure is significant weight loss.

A simple blood test can reveal if your liver enzymes are in the normal range or if they are showing inflammation. The liver may be underrated, but please do not ignore it. Schedule your annual exam and talk to your doctor about your liver. Catch problems early and you might prevent long-term complications.

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Groton Jr Legion Defeats WIN Despite Allowing 3-Run Inning

Groton Jr Legion managed through a push by WIN in the third inning where Groton Jr Legion coughed up three runs, but Groton Jr Legion still won 17-5 on Monday. The big inning for WIN came thanks to a walk by Noah and an error on a ball put in play by Sam.

Groton Jr Legion secured the victory thanks to nine runs in the third inning. The big inning was thanks to singles by Cole S, Kaleb H, Colby D, and Cade L, a walk by Tate L, by Andrew M, and an error on a ball put in play by Jordan B.

Groton Jr Legion opened up scoring in the first inning. Braden A hit a solo homer.

Groton Jr Legion put up nine runs in the third inning. Groton Jr Legion big bats were led by Cole, Andrew, Kaleb, Tate, Jordan, and Colby, all driving in runs in the frame.

Colby was credited with the victory for Groton Jr Legion. The ace allowed two hits and five runs over two and two-thirds innings, striking out eight. Ryan G threw one and one-third innings in relief out of the bullpen. Ryan recorded the last four outs to earn the save for Groton Jr Legion.

Gage took the loss for WIN. Gage surrendered 17 runs on 13 hits over four innings, striking out two.

Groton Jr Legion socked one home run on the day. Braden went yard in the first inning.

Groton Jr Legion scattered 13 hits in the game. Colby, Braden, Tate, and Cade all had multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Braden and Colby each collected three hits to lead Groton Jr Legion. Groton Jr Legion stole 28 bases during the game as seven players stole more than one. Andrew led the way with seven.

Fehi went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead WIN in hits. Fehi led WIN with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with five stolen bases.

Groton Jr Legion Defeats WIN In High-Scoring Game, 12-9

Both offenses were strong in Groton Jr Legion 12-9 victory over WIN.

Groton Jr Legion got on the board in the first inning. Jordan B drove in one when Jordan singled.

WIN scored four runs in the third inning. WIN scored its runs on a grand slam by Dawson.

Cole S took the win for Groton Jr Legion. The righthander surrendered six runs on six hits over three innings, striking out two. Jordan threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen. Jordan recorded the last six outs to earn the save for Groton Jr Legion.

Dawson took the loss for WIN. The pitcher surrendered 12 runs on ten hits over four innings, striking out five.

Groton Jr Legion tallied 11 hits in the game. Cade L, Jordan, and Tate L each racked up multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Cade led Groton Jr Legion with three hits in three at bats. Groton Jr Legion tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Tate led the way with three.

Dawson went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead WIN in hits.

Groton Jr. Teeners Can't Catch Up To Webster VFW POST 4690 14U

Groton Jr. Teeners watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 6-3 loss to Webster VFW POST 4690 14U on Monday. Webster VFW POST 4690 14U took the lead on a walk in the first inning.

Groton Jr. Teeners lost despite out-hitting Webster VFW POST 4690 14U eight to four.

Webster VFW POST 4690 14U got things started in the first inning. Justin Pence drew a walk, scoring two runs.

Matthew Mount got the win for Webster VFW POST 4690 14U. The righty lasted five innings, allowing eight hits and three runs while striking out seven and walking one.

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

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied eight hits on the day. Korbin Kucker and Brevin Flihs each managed multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Flihs and Kucker each managed two hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners. Groton Jr. Teeners stole five bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Kucker led the way with two.

Groton Jr. Teeners Beats Webster VFW POST 4690 14U In Low-Scoring Affair

Both teams were strong on the pitcher's mound Monday, but Groton Jr. Teeners defeated Webster VFW POST 4690 14U 3-2. Groton Jr. Teeners pitchers allowed just one hits to Webster VFW POST 4690 14U.

Webster VFW POST 4690 14U fired up the offense in the first inning, when Matthew Mount drew a walk, scoring one run.

In the bottom of the second inning, Groton Jr. Teeners tied things up at one. Kellen Antonsen singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners pulled away for good with two runs in the third inning. In the third Karsten Flihs grounded out, scoring one run and Antonsen singled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run.

Jarrett Erdmann earned the victory on the hill for Groton Jr. Teeners. The pitcher lasted four innings, allowing one hit and two runs while striking out six. Gavin Englund threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Jack Shoemaker took the loss for Webster VFW POST 4690 14U. The pitcher surrendered three runs on four hits over four innings, striking out four.

Antonsen went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits. Groton Jr. Teeners tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Korbin Kucker led the way with three.

Devin Snaza led Webster VFW POST 4690 14U with one hit in two at bats.

Groton Legion Post #39 Beats LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth By 13 Runs

Groton Legion Post #39 had everything working on Monday, winning big over LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth 14-1

Groton Legion Post #39 notched six runs in the fifth inning. Jackson Cogley, Darien Shabazz, Chandler Larson, and Brodyn DeHoet each had RBIs in the frame.

Alex Morris toed the rubber for Groton Legion Post #39. The righty went five innings, allowing one run on four hits, striking out eight and walking zero.

Colin F was on the hill for LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth. The pitcher allowed eight hits and eight runs over four innings, striking out two. Jesse K threw one inning out of the bullpen.

Groton Legion Post #39 scattered 12 hits in the game. Shabazz, Peyton Johnson, and Jonathan Doeden each managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Johnson and Shabazz each managed three hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39. Groton Legion Post #39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Pierce Kettering had the most chances in the field with eight.

Jackson Throws Shutout As Groton Legion Post #39 Defeats LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth

Jackson Cogley didn't allow a single run against LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth, throwing a complete game shutout and leading Groton Legion Post #39 to a 14-0 victory on Monday

Groton Legion Post #39 secured the victory thanks to 11 runs in the third inning. Groton Legion Post #39's offense in the inning came from singles by Brodyn DeHoet, Jonathan Doeden, DeHoet, Pierce Kettering, and Cogley, doubles by Alex Morris and Jayden Zak, a sac fly by Cogley, and an error on a ball put in play by Zak.

Groton Legion Post #39 notched 11 runs in the third inning. Morris, DeHoet, Zak, Cogley, Doeden, and DeHoet each had RBIs in the big inning.

One bright spot for LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth was a single by Ben G in the first inning.

Cogley was the winning pitcher for Groton Legion Post #39. The pitcher allowed two hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out three and walking one.

William C took the loss for LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth. William allowed 12 hits and 13 runs over two innings, striking out one and walking one.

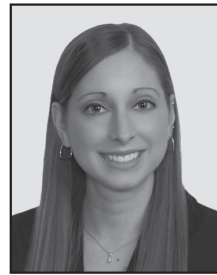
Groton Legion Post #39 racked up 14 hits in the game. DeHoet, Kettering, Doeden, and Morris each racked up multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Kettering and DeHoet all had three hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39. Groton Legion Post #39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Morris had three chances in the field, the most on the team.

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From the Editors of E - The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: What are "dark sky havens" and are there any near me? -- D. Morris, Troy, MI

A bright moon hangs over the clear, terrestrial night sky permeated by winking stars, illuminating the town below with various hues of blue. While some can only fantasize of these beautiful night settings, these nighttime skies do in fact exist—in what is commonly known as "dark sky havens."

In considering the necessity of these dark sky havens, we must first examine why most night skies are not all like this in the first place. In most populated, industrialized areas, artificial light from sources ranging from streetlights to factories to commercial properties cause intensive light pollution—casting a dusky yellow stain over the sky's natural glow. This excessive artificial light cannot only harm wildlife and the earth's atmosphere, but also people. For example, blue LED light can disrupt sleep rhythm and increase risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer, according to the American Medical Association. Thus, many environmental advocates have pushed for state-level legislation on limiting artificial light, particularly in places like Colorado.

In addition to local legislation to restrict light pollution, acquiring a dark sky status requires direct effort from an entire community. While local governments need to measure light levels regularly and curtail public lights, community residents must reduce their own light usage—especially for any outdoor lighting that can spread to other properties. On a wider scale, residents can implement smarter, greener lighting with LED technology, which can reduce both your electricity bill and carbon footprint by maximizing energy efficiency, which consequently lowers greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.

Reducing light pollution and creating dark sky havens can be important elements in environmental preservation, economic development and public health. In many rural areas, dark sky initiatives promote tourism for stargazing and meteor-shower watching—luring more visitors and thus more money. Even more, preserving natural nighttime darkness is a worthwhile investment for public well-being. "A view of the night sky can soothe the soul," says John Barentine, astronomer and policy director of International Dark-Sky Association. "In an era when so many people are suffering from the sensory overload of modern life, as well as what psychologists are calling 'nature deficit syndrome,' the night sky offers calm, quiet contemplation."

Though the International Dark-Sky Association's standards for managing artificial light are high and certification can take years, dark sky zone applications have expanded widely in Colorado, including the towns of Crestone, Cuchara, Paonia, Pagosa Springs, Naturita, Nucla and La Veta. In the surrounding Rocky Mountain region, towns in states like Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming have filed at least 10 applications for dark sky certification. Along with the 25 dark sky towns in the U.S. that you can visit, there are also 77 dark sky designated parks around the nation where you can lay out a blanket after sunset and bask in the nocturnal wonders of starry nights.

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Dark sky havens are places where nighttime light pollution is limited to non-existent and the stars can truly shine in the night sky.



The Groton Community Transit Fundraiser was recently held. It was held at the Groton Community Center due to the heat. Volunteers Karyn Babcock with grandsons Kason and Rylan along with Eli from Texas. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Deb Fredrickson at the greeting table. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Some of the volunteers at the Transit Fundraiser. (Photos by Bruce Babcock)



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**Brown County
June 15, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

JUNE 15, 2021 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. at the Richmond Lake Youth Camp, 37925 Youth Camp Rd Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Sutton, Wiese and Kippley. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

FIRST READING – REZONE ORDINANCE 196: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve first reading of ordinance 196: Applicant T&J Investments (Todd Muldoon) requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG) 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). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIRST READING – REZONE ORDINANCE 197: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve first reading of ordinance 197: Applicant Tim Reed requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG) "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). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY BURN BAN: Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 34-21
WHEREAS, Brown County having received very little snowfall, or rain across the entire county, over the past 8 months and

WHEREAS, much of Brown County is currently listed in severe drought and part of the county listed in moderate drought by the United States Drought Monitor, and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission is dedicated in taking steps to protect the health and safety of all residents of the County and all property within the County, and

WHEREAS the Brown County Commission has consulted with local fire officials and emergency management officials in regards to the severity of this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Commission enact this resolution on an emergency basis and impose a ban to prohibit or restrict all types of open burning with the exceptions of campfires in campfire rings or pits, burning barrels 55 gallon or less that are equipped with a screen, or barbecue grills, in order to protect the public health and safety; and

RESOLVE that the burn ban will be in place until further notice; and

FURTHER RESOLVE that criminal and civil penalties per County Ordinance 18.0703 be imposed if found in violation of this Resolution.

Dated this 15th day of June 2021.
Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE FAIR-GROUNDS: Kurt Smith, Fairgrounds Superintendent, discussed with the commission department updates and oncoming improvement projects for the Fairgrounds and the Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge & Dorms. No actions taken.

EMPLOYEE PICNIC 2021: Cathy McNickle, County Auditor, discussed on plans for the coming Employee Picnic for this year. No actions taken.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the general meeting minutes of June 8, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims:

Insurance: Financial Services of Aberdeen, Inc. \$598.94. Professional Fees: Agterra Technologies, Inc. \$70.00; April Clark \$109.30; Certified Languages International LLC \$1,450.35; CGI \$1,449.00; Darcy Lockwood \$36.00; Dependable Sanitation Inc \$31,242.40; Erin Olson \$200.00; Helms & Associates Inc \$46,244.74; Kuck Law Office \$21.80; Lewis & Clark BHS \$1,104.00; Lincoln County Treasurer \$1,432.19; Lucy Lewno \$340.00; Mark Kat-

terhagen \$36.00; Michael Johnson \$223.98; Michelle Galkowski \$91.80; Minnehaha County Auditor \$276.34; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$156.00; SD Dept of Health \$3,305.00; Software Unlimited Corp \$2,016.00; West Publishing Corp. \$175.05; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$150.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$365.10; Zylstra Investigations \$507.50; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$1,451.63; Avera St. Luke's \$347.22; Hughes County Auditor \$5,055.60.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$4,025.81; Groton Independent \$200.07; Lee Enterprises \$18.85.

Repairs & Maintenance: Diesel Machinery \$10,990.14; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$147.16; Fire Safety First, LLC \$675.00; Hanlon Brothers \$6,090.00; Hanten's Repair \$19.88; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$13,680.00; Huff Construction Inc. \$2,465.00; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$19,383.75; Leidholt Electric LLC \$1,356.25; Poms Tire Service, Inc \$622.00; Schwan Welding \$422.47; Steven Lust Automotive \$159.82; Transsource Truck & Equipment, Inc. \$4,393.39. Supplies: Praxair Distribution, Inc \$443.81; Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$500.00; Aberdeen Auto Center, Inc \$112.98; Aberdeen Fire & Rescue \$228.00; Agterra Cooperative \$12,716.81; Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel Group, Inc \$86.25; Brent A Fischer \$22.20; Carlsen Funeral Home & Crematory \$605.00; Cole Papers \$196.74; Dakota Oil \$991.00; Day County Treasurer \$6,325.00; Diesel Machinery \$11,854.57; Hanten's Repair \$269.90; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$60,941.93; Interior Design Concepts, Inc \$14.79; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$47,549.04; Lucy Lewno \$13.02; Mac's Inc \$5.00; MB LLC \$339.60; Menards \$390.19; PharmChem \$510.80; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc. \$87.30; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$222.98; Runnings \$886.66; Sanders's Sew-N-Vac, Inc \$223.92; Sioux Falls Crane & Hoist, Inc. \$736.00; Stan Houston Equipment Co. \$86.55; Transsource Truck & Equipment, Inc. \$4,231.86; Tri State Water \$55.25; Truenorth Steel \$11,868.00; Van Diest Supply Co \$2,922.50; Web Water Bottling Company \$19.50. Travel & Conference: SD Veterans Service Officers Association \$200.00. Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$1,900.69; City of Hecla \$106.00; Economy Propane LLC \$392.96; Kelsi Thilmony-Vinger \$75.51; Midcontinent Communications \$85.00; Northern Electric Coop, Inc \$755.16; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$735.38; Qwest Corporation \$62.26; Town of Frederick \$68.00; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$200.05; Web Water Development Assoc. Inc. \$80.34. Rentals: Praxair Distribution, Inc \$45.39; Pantorium Cleaners \$43.89.

Others: SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$921,937.20. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following: Approve hiring of Brock Hoyle as full-time Brown County Chief Deputy Auditor effective June 10, 2021 @ \$24.62 per hour. Approve reclassification of Sarah Swenson from Brown County Equalization Office Appraiser to Senior Appraiser effective June 28, 2021 at \$24.62 per hour. Approve hiring of Jason Reed as part-time Brown County Building Maintenance Custodian effective June 8, 2021 @ \$11.61 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve the following fair contract: Southern Squire LLC F/S/O Black Stone Cherry (entertainment) @ \$22,500.00. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

LANDFILL PURPLEWAVE SURPLUS REQUEST ADVERTISING: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising for sale at auction for the following item: 2002 Bomag 772 RB Landfill Compactor. Bids may be submitted online at purplewave.com. Auction to conclude on July 13, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUTO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE (CARES Act & ARP): Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve an automatic budget supplement for 2020 CARES Act revenue received in 2021 to the following revenue accounts: Intergovernmental Revenue (101-4.331.91) @ \$1,977,354.36; Federal Grants Revenue (207-4.331.23) @ \$753,871.37; ARP Federal Grants Revenue (290-

4.331.00) @ \$3,772,010.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND OPERATING TRANSFERS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the following operating transfers as adopted in the 2021 budget from the General Fund (101-911-191) in total amount of \$4,620,333.97 to the following: Road and Bridge Fund (201-371) @ \$3,962,400.00; E-911 Fund (207-371) @ \$450,000.00; EM Fund (226-371) @ \$164,525.87; 24/7 Sobriety Fund (248-371) @ \$43,408.10. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following lease agreement: Aberdeen Downtown Association for the lease of the Clubhouse for concert (back-up place in case of inclement weather) on June 17 & July 15, 2021; Relay for Life for the lease of Expo Building on September 10, 2021; Rob Van Meter for the lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge on July 3-5, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to authorize the Chair to sign Amendment Number 1 to Agreement Number 716665 (Bridge Improvement Grant) with SD Department of Transportation, amending to adjust the ending date of the agreement. A copy of the agreement is on file with the Brown County Auditor. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ALCOHOL LICENSE TRANSFER SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to set hearing date for transfer of Retail (on-sale) Liquor License, Ronald Wagner DBA Highway 12 Liquors to transfer to Stacy Gossman 5485 Hwy 12 East, Aberdeen, SD – Outlot A SE 15-123-63 Brown County, SD. Hearing set for July 6, 2021, at 8:46 a.m., Brown County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the following abatement & refunds: Brown County (for county tax sale) @ \$10,654.36; Sharolyn & Kevin Jondahl (second half of special paid directly to City of Groton @ \$324.36; Brown County (for county tax sale) @ \$400.35; Brown County (for county tax sale) @ \$20,665.76; Groton City Refund (non-exempt to exempt) @ \$3969.06. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE HIGHWAY: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, gave updates on road projects for his department and provides overview of the road tour to be conducted by the Commissioners after the meeting. No actions taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:24 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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**Brown County
Liquor License
Transfer Notice**

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR TRANSFER OF RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the transfer of a Retail (on-sale) Liquor License is set for 8:46 A.M. on the 6th day of July, 2021 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, Brown County, South Dakota at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on their approval may appear.

TRANSFER - RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR:

Ronald Wagner DBA Highway 12 liquor transfer to Stacy Gossman, 5485 Highway 12 East, Aberdeen, SD – Outlot A SE 15-123-63, Brown County, SD

ATTEST

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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**Brown County
Compactor
Surplus**

NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

Notice is hereby given for surplus auction. Auction to consist of the following Brown County Landfill department surplus: 2002 Bomag 772 RB Landfill Compactor. Bids may be submitted online at Purplewave.com. Auction to conclude July 13, 2021. For information please contact the Brown County Landfill at (605)380-0111.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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**Brown County
June 15, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

JUNE 15, 2021 - JOINT BROWN COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND BROWN COUNTY MEETING

Brown County Commission and the Brown County Planning Commission met in joint session at 7:00 p.m. in the Brown County Courthouse Community Room, 25 Market St, Aberdeen, SD. Present from the Brown County Commission were Commissioners Kippley, Weise, Feickert. Absent from Brown County Commission were Commissioners Sutton and Fjeldheim. Present from the Brown County Planning and Zoning Commission were David North, Dale Kurth, Darwin Bettmann, Patrick Keatts, James Meyers and Stan Beckler. Planning and Zoning Vice Chair Stan Beckler called the meeting to order.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 198: A TEMPORARY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS AND/OR LICENSES.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:
Moved by Kippley, seconded by North to recommend approval of the temporary emergency ordinance 198 to the Board of County Commissioners. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 198 BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve first reading of Ordinance 198, a temporary emergency ordinance regarding the issuance of local medical cannabis establishment permits and/or licenses. Public hearing with second reading and possible adoption is scheduled for June 22nd, at the regular Brown County Commission meeting. Meeting to be held at the Brown County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 Market St Aberdeen, SD at 8:45 a.m. Proposed ordinance is on file for public review at the Brown County Auditor's Office. (605)626-7110. Cathy.McNickle@browncounty.sd.gov. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN JOINT MEETING:
Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn joint Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Brown County Planning and Zoning continued regular session.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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**Frederick Town
June 9, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Frederick
June 9, 2021 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, June 9, 2021 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman R. Scott Campbell, Board members Troy Millard and Jeff Kusters, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer Diane Bruns and Mariah Heine, and Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg. Craig Larson and Kevin Barton also joined the meeting later.

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the May meetings were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kusters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Kusters; motion carried. The June accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Kusters; motion carried. The June Wastewater project accounts payable were discussed and approved contingent upon when we receive our funding with a motion

by Campbell/Kusters; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,190.89; Ashley Gunther EBL \$44.10; Badger Meter meter fees Wtr \$118.37; Bug Control Mun Bldg \$142.43; Century Bus Products lease & copies Gen'l \$95.52; Community Store Mun Bldg/SP \$62.60; D. Bruns CC \$124.67; D. Bruns wage FO \$1,456.12; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,555; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr \$1,467.37; FA Fire Protect District reimburse fuel Wstwr \$3,885.99; FU Oil propane EBL \$415.91; FDC Econ Dev \$1,200; GDI minutes Gen'l \$57.89; J. Kusters wage Gen'l \$46.17; JVT phone/svc FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l \$349.83; M. Cox wage EBL \$647.31; M. Heine wage FO \$1,044.02; M. Morlock mowing Gen'l \$149.61; Menards supplies Mun Bldg \$73.43; R. Bakeberg wage St/Wtr/Swr \$2,253.39; R. Bakeberg veh. Allow St/Wtr/Swr \$75; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$207.78; Runnings spray trailer Gen'l \$309.99; SD Dept of Health colliform test Wtr \$15; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg \$72.99; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$138.52; USPS Wtr/Swr/Grbg \$165; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$73; WEB Water Wtr \$3,841.14; First National Bank of Frederick loan Swr \$3,763

WASTEWATER PROJECT
Dahme Construction \$291,995.77; Helm's and Associates \$47,116.50
OLD BUSINESS

Rich Bakeberg provided a utility report. Midsummer on the Maple will take place June 26 with a street dance put on by the Frederick Area volunteer firemen.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to increase the sewer rate to \$48 to fulfill contract obligation made by Kusters/Campbell, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried. The city is in the process of vacating a portion of 4th street for the Frederick Farmers Elevator construction project. Motion to publish a public announcement giving notice to the city mowing lots with tall grass made by Millard/Kusters; motion carried. Craig Larson noted that he tore down the old house and cleaned up the area on his lot.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues made by Millard/Kusters at 8:09; motion carried. Chairman Campbell declared out of executive session at 8:28. Motion to advertise for utility manager assistant position made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

Motion to approve change order #6 for the wastewater project made by Kusters/Millard;

motion carried.
Motion to adjourn made by Kusters/Campbell at 8:32; motion carried.

M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer
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**Groton City
Special Event
License Notice**

Notice of Hearing upon Application for a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council on the 6th day of July, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Groton City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider a special event alcoholic beverage license for a Celebration of Life for Sandra Mayou at the Groton City Park 715 N Main Street in the City of Groton, South Dakota on 7/18/21.

Any person interested in the approval or rejection of any such application may appear and be heard.

Dated at Groton, South Dakota this 23rd day of June, 2021.
Hope Block, Groton City Finance Officer

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**Frederick Town
Weed and Tall
Grass Notice**

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE TOWN OF FREDERICK

All weeds and tall grass on any lot within the city need to be cut. Notice will not be given personally, but is being given generally in this notice.

Such notice shall provide that each owner, occupant or person in charge of any lot within the city shall cut and remove all noxious weeds, and keep grass and other weeds cut from alley to street even in the right of ways as to prevent problems from occurring. Failure to keep such weeds and grass cut will cause the same to be cut and assess the cost thereof against the property benefited.

One notice shall be sufficient for the 2021 growing season
The Frederick Town Board
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Groton Carnival of Silver Skates



Two Friends of the Silver Skates were recognized during the afternoon performance. Karyn Babcock painted the skate that is north of the building and Katie Anderson for your work on redoing the scenery. Pictured left to right are Silver Skates Chairman Lindsey Tietz, Karyn Babcock, Dawn Imrie, Deb Schuelke, Coralee Wolter, Tina Kosel, Amanda Sperry, Katie Anderson and Sarah Hanten.

(Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

by Dorene Nelson

With its 82-year history, the Carnival of Silver Skates is probably one of the oldest organizations in Groton. Although it started with a hockey game between two Aberdeen teams, figure and stunt skating were also included during the 1938 event.

The original ice skating rink was east of the high school but was moved in 2009 to the west of Highway 37 near the baseball complex. The warming house was finished in the fall of 2010. The tradition of "decorating" the rink with used Christmas trees was done from the very first carnival.

The Carnival of Silver Skates elected its first queen in 1938 with more decorations and the back ground on one end of the rink. Costumes for most of the skaters were first used in 1942.

The Carnival of Silver Skates has been held almost every year since. When the weather is too warm or too cold, the event might be canceled or moved to another location. There was no carnival

in 1943, 1944, or 1945 because of World War II.

The event was officially named the "Carnival of Silver Skates" in 1949 and included many guest skaters as well as local ones.

The Carnival of Silver Skates provides an opportunity for the youth of Groton and surrounding areas to be involved in outdoor ice skating as a past time, an organized activity, and a performance.

Volunteers teach basic skating skills that will not only be used to participate in the Carnival but will also serve them in their future as both a past time or for exercise.

In addition to the nine officers, there are about 90-100 skaters who participate every year.

The current club officers are as follows: Lindsey Tietz, Chairperson; Tina Kosel, Co-Chairperson; Katie Anderson, Secretary; Dawn Imrie, Treasurer; Sarah Hanten, Communications Chairperson; Deb Schuelke, Costume Chairperson; Coralea Wolters, Skating Instructor Chairperson; Jaymie Overacker, City Liaison; and Amanda Sperry, Member at Large.

The board meets about 8 times a year, less often in the spring and summer months and becoming more frequent as the Carnival ap-

proaches. The group usually meets at the Dairy Queen in Groton, but the past year most of the meetings were held via zoom with only a few in person meetings at the warming house. The meeting times are set at the convenience of the board members, usually on a weeknight or a Sunday afternoon.

Obviously the major and only event sponsored by the club is Groton's Annual Carnival of Silver Skates. Each skater pays a \$20 registration fee. Not only is this an eighty-two year old event, the Carnival of Silver Skates is a community event and the longest running outdoor show of its kind! In 1988 Governor George S. Mickleson proclaimed the days of January 30-31 as Carnival of Silver Skates Days in South Dakota to recognize the 50th anniversary of the event.

Youth from preschoolers to seniors in high school are involved. It is a fun and safe activity that both boys and girls can participate in. There are also many opportunities for adults to get involved through serving on the executive board, being a skating instructor, or volunteering to help on the day of the Carnival. Many of the adults that are involved are past skaters that want to ensure this community tradition/event continues on as strong as it always has been.



The Spirit of Gilbert Award went to Groton Area staff Diane Kurtz, Brenda Madsen and Mary Johnson for leading the way for a successful World Classroom Tour to the Washington, D.C. area. Gilbert is the name given to the ball. The ball is used for leading the group and for entertainment purposes. All World Classroom Tours use "Gilbert." (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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