

Fines to be imposed on water restriction violators

Fines will be imposed on those not following the water restrictions. The first offense is a warning, then it will be \$50, the third at \$100, the fourth at \$200 and thereafter at \$500 for each offense in the same season.

A permit for new lawns will be available at \$100 for a 30-day permit which is renewable. The permit has to be approved by the council.

Dale Ringgenberg and Vickie Rossow and Jamie Rossow came before the council to discuss their sewer problems. These property owners had plugged sewers which they said was plugged at the main and not their individual service. The council agreed to pay \$935 of Ringgenberg's \$3,000 bill, which also did include some water service work. The council also forgave the \$375 sewer tapping fee. Rossow's bill of \$824.21 will be paid.

Dacotah Bank and SD Fit were designated as official banks and The Groton Independent as the official newspaper.

Kaitlin O'Neill Day is proclaimed for July 18, 2021, which is her birthday as well.

Paul Karst Day is proclaimed for July 30, 2021 during the State American Legion Baseball Tournament.

The new city sign was approved by the council for a cost of \$2,342. It will be paid for with COVID-19 relief funds.

Todd Gay will be offered the electric superintendent job. He is currently the electric superintendent in Winner.





Name: Lynette Grieve Occupation: Title I and RtI Elementary Teacher/PE Teacher Length of Employment: 38 Years

between 5 Schools At the Groton Area Elementary School, there are teachers who work as a part of educational intervention programs. Educational intervention programs are made for the express purpose of helping students who are struggling with subjects or ideas. Two of these programs are particularly

prevalent; RtI and Title I. RtI stands for Response to Intervention and is for students having trouble with understanding subjects and topics in class. Meanwhile, Title I provides much of the same services for students who are struggling with classwork, but aims to teach students on a more personal level to fill in the gaps of their knowledge. Lynette Grieve oversees teaching English to students who fall into the Title I and RtI programs. Mrs. Grieve began her career by attending Northern State University, which was called Northern State College when she was attending it. She graduated with two Majors in Elementary Education and Physical Education in 1983. Since then, she has taught in Gan Valley, Harold, her hometown of Wessington Springs, and is currently teaching at Groton. Between these schools, she has had a total of thirty-eight years of experience teaching elementary school students. As part of her work in the RtI and Title I programs, Mrs. Grieve has taught students from a variety of backgrounds. She has worked with these students to teach them what they need to know for future studies. As a teacher, Mrs. Grieve likes to see students blossom and grow into knowledgeable members of their communities. In addition to teaching RtI and Title I, Mrs. Grieve coaches the High School Track Team and the 7th Grade Girl's Basketball team. When she is not coaching or teaching, she enjoys her time with her children and grandchildren by watching movies with them. She is also an avid reader of historical non-fiction books. Editor's Note: This is a continuing series compiled by Benjamin Higgins. Higgins who is working for the Groton Independent through the Project Skills program.



Yard of the Week

The Groton Garden Club sponsors the "Yard of the Week" and this week, the Jerry and Elizabeth Abernathy yard at 108 E 3rd Ave. is the Yard of the Week. Elizabeth Abernathy is pictured above in front of their yard. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Spotlight on Groton Area Staff

Name: Sydney Kurtz Position: High School Special Education Teacher

Length of Employment: 2019-Present

As part of Groton Area High School's Special Education program, there are various staff members who assist special needs students with their classwork and studying. Each student has different strengths and weaknesses and may require different tools or strategies to grasp the concepts benign taught

in the classroom. As such, the faculty who work with special needs students must be able to adapt, improvise, and overcome difficulties alongside the student. Sydney Kurtz is a respected member of the faculty who work in the Learning Lab section of the high school. She exemplifies the idea that teachers who work with special needs students, no matter their background or experience, must be able to adapt to whatever roles they take on.

Before working at Groton Area High School, Mrs. Kurtz spent five



years working at the Teddy Bear Daycare in Groton. After her work at the daycare, she worked as a nanny for various families for eight years, and spent two years after that as a 7th Grade Special Education teacher at Simmons Middle School. After her work at Simmons, Mrs. Kurtz began her tenure at the Groton Area High School, where she has just finished her third year.

Mrs. Kurtz fills a variety of roles in the school, but there are certain duties she excels with. The primary part of her duties as a Special Education teacher is working with 9th and 10th Grade students who are on an IEP Plan or 504 Plan. She assists these students with daily work from their classes, along with providing the accommodations outlined on their 504 or IEP plan. Mrs. Kurtz also participates in various meetings, works with the 11th grade students in Algebra I, and assists students who are learning remotely by gathering their daily work and streaming their classes to them through Zoom.

When she is not working at school, Sydney spends her free time with her husband and daughter. She also enjoys travelling to the lake, visiting her family in Rapid CIty, and cheering on her husband while he coaches. Mrs. Kurtz and her husband are excitedly awaiting another child, due to arrive in August.

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Successful opioid addiction treatment slow to catch on in South Dakota

Danielle Ferguson South Dakota News Watch

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS WATCH

South Dakotans battling addiction to opioids are increasingly relying on medication-assisted treatments to overcome their cravings for the dangerous drugs and to avoid potentially deadly overdoses.

However, access to the life-saving medications is limited in South Dakota and some physicians in the state are reluctant to prescribe the drugs that have shown great promise in overcoming opioid abuse. Meanwhile, addiction experts and some law enforcement officials are trying to break down barriers to wider use of the treatments.

Medication-assisted treatments for addiction use drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to alleviate withdrawal symptoms and relieve cravings resulting from chemical imbalances in the body. As the prescription drug treatments take effect, physical symptoms of addiction will ease, allowing patients to focus on work, relationships and their health. The medications can be taken on a short-term or long-term basis and are increasingly viewed as a successful method of improving the lives and health of people addicted to opioids.

Opioids are a class of addictive drugs that include the illegal drug heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, and pain relievers legally available by a prescription. Opioids, which have devastated thousands of lives in other states, are not the most widely misused drugs in South Dakota but they are responsible for a majority of fatal overdoses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nationally, 70% of all overdose deaths involve an opioid.

While the treatment has been available for decades, access to medication-assisted treatment has gained traction in South Dakota only within the past five years. More than 90,000 drug overdose deaths are estimated to have occurred in the United States from September 2019 to September 2020, the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period according to the CDC. Opioid fatalities increased by 55% over the previous 12 months.

South Dakota experienced a more than 20% increase in all drug overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020, according to an emergency health alert from the CDC in December. About half of the 38 states that track synthetic opioid overdoses reported an increase of at least 50% in those overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020, according to the report. The largest increase in opioid abuse was seen in rural counties in western and midwestern states. Medication-assisted treatment is considered the most effective way to treat addiction, known as opioid use disorder. Evidence has shown medically supervised withdrawal from opioid addiction is safer than the abstinenceonly, or cold turkey approach, according to Avoid Opioid SD. About 90% of patients who receive the treatment remain free from addiction for more than two years, according to the FDA. Nearly 100% of all people who solely go to traditional drug treatment or rehabilitation will relapse, and many overdose because of misjudged tolerance within six months of release. "A lot of patients have told us it saves their life," said Dr. Dan Felix, a licensed mental



Outpatient therapist Caroline Vernon, left, of the Carroll Institute, therapist Daniel Felix, director of behavioral health, and Dr. James Wilde, who leads the Center for Family Medicine addiction care team, meet with patients receiving medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction either virtually or in person. Photo: Courtesy of South Dakota State University

health therapist and director of behavioral health at the Sioux Falls Family Medicine Residency program. "It prevents overdose and relapse. We take a de-stigmatized approach to treatment. Come and be the human that you are."

Janine Crowe, a 35-year-old resident of Sioux Falls, was addicted to opioids for more than a decade and could not shake her addiction until she began a treatment plan that included medications to ease her cravings for painkillers.

"It helps me stay sober," said Crowe. "It helped with my anxiety. It got me out of the mind frame of using drugs.

Medication-assisted treatment can be provided by physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners who undergo additional training to be certified with what is called an "X Waiver." Counseling and other care services are usually part of the overall treatment plan, but the medication itself is effective in curbing cravings, Felix said.

Methadone, an opioid, has been used to treat addiction to other opioids for more than 50 years, but it is potent and can only be taken through certified programs. The only facility in South Dakota that can dispense methadone is the Sioux Falls Treatment Center.

Buprenorphine is a more common, safer alternative. It partially activates opioid receptors in the rain, often reducing drug use and protecting patients from overdose by reducing cravings. Buprenorphine, which can be prescribed by a primary care physician, does not put patients in the euphoric and impaired state that makes opioids ripe for abuse. Some critics of the treatment say it is simply "trading one addiction for another," creating a difficult-to-change negative stigma around addiction treatments that some patients and doctors still cling to, Felix said. That thought can keep patients from seeking help or keep doctors from providing the treatment. "This is replacing one drug for another; it's replacing one that's going to kill you for one that's going to save your life," Felix said. "People are dying from this epidemic, and we have an amazing cure, vet people are stigmatizing it." Over the past five years, millions of dollars in federal and state funds have been used to train more health care providers to prescribe appropriate levels of pain medication to avoid addiction. Prevention efforts have been made to educate the public and providers on the

potential for opioid abuse.

Between June 2019 and May 2020, the Center for Family Medicine provided MAT education to 58 medical providers or medical students in South Dakota, 10 of whom eventually obtained waivers required to administer the opioid treatment medications. Each year, about 14 pharmacy students in the state receive the training.

As part of Avera Health's Project ECHO — Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes — the

Center for Family Medicine has provided training to providers from 66 different health care facilities.

More than 950 people have begun a medication-assisted treatment program at one of the three MAT providers in South Dakota, including the Center for Family Medicine, Project Recovery and Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health, according to the 2020 annual report from the state-led Opioid Abuse Advisory Committee. The committee, formed in 2016, has used more than \$24 million in federal funding to expand education and prevention, increase access to treatment, improve data collection and decrease the overall opioid supply across the state.

Even with these efforts, advocates say addiction care is still insufficient in South Dakota.

"South Dakota is kind of behind in its addiction care," said Dr. James Wilde, who leads the Center for Family Medicine addiction care team. "They don't treat the underlying reason for why people overdose."

Medication-assisted treatment was made more available last year during the pandemic when the Drug Enforcement Administration allowed providers to prescribe the medications to patients virtually. Normally, patients must be seen in person before being prescribed one of the medications to treat opioid addiction.

That flexibility will likely end when the State of Emergency surrounding the pandemic ends, reinstating a geographic hurdle for addiction patients in rural South Dakota, where care was and is still not as widely available. In 2016, only about 12 of South Dakota's 66 counties had at least one health care provider who could prescribe the most-used medication to treat opioid use disorder, buprenorphine, according to the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. Nationally, fewer than 1 in 10 people have access to this type of care. "MAT is the gold standard for opioid addiction treatment," said Dr. Stephen Tamang, a family physician for Monument Health and founder of Project Recovery in **Stephen Tamang**



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Rapid City. "When I started (practicing), there was a big dearth of access here. There were no significant services at all."

Project Recovery, the state's largest telehealth addiction recovery program, was founded in 2017. It has experienced rapid growth in service requests each month over the past year, Tamang said. Project Recovery can diagnose addiction and prescribe medication to patients via telemedicine and provides services to some tribal communities across the state, including those on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The number of prescriptions doctors give for opioids as a painkiller has been on the decline since 2012, but use and overdoses have been on a steady increase, mostly because of illegal manufacturing and selling. Some drugs sold on the streets are laced with powdered fentanyl, a substance up to 100 times more potent than morphine and usually mixed with other opioids to stretch supply. Humans can die from just 2 milligrams of fentanyl, equivalent to a few grains of salt, according to the DEA.

Law enforcement across South Dakota is seeing more fentanyl in illegal opioid sales. When someone seeking the opioids purchases pills illegally, they could be getting a more potent substance than they expect and accidentally overdose. Law enforcement seized 312 grams of fentanyl in South Dakota in 2020, according to the DEA. That equates to about 156,000 lethal doses.

"A lot of those overdose deaths are attributed to opioids, fentanyl," said Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Milstead. "That has a huge impact on people's lives and families. A lot of the time, these people aren't trying to kill themselves. These are accidental overdose deaths. It really raises to the level of recognizing it's a serious problem."

The Minnehaha County Jail will soon become the first facility in the state to treat inmates with opioid addiction medications after they arrive. The jail has allowed inmates who are already on the treatment to continue it, and has long allowed pregnant women to start or continue the treatment. Previously, the Yankton County Jail was the only jail that allowed patients to continue on the treatment, according to the Center for Family Medicine.

Everyone who gets booked into the Minnehaha County Jail is screened, said Warden Mike Mattson. There, health care providers can identify who is already on the treatment and who may qualify to start. Once someone is released, case managers will connect them to outside services in the community, Milstead said.

"They're not always Minnehaha County residents," Milstead said. "Fortunately, MAT is expanding the state so we can connect them with more [services] across the state."

Having the treatment in the jail is an opportunity to get help to people who don't normally have access to health care or other basic needs, and provide treatment when they are away from opioids, said Michelle Boyd, Minnehaha County programs and services coordinator. "The best time to get you into a program and your brain healing is when you don't have access to the drugs," Boyd said. "Being able to get them started on treatment so they can start to feel healed gives them that little boost. Once their head clears and they want their family back, that's the best time that you can give them a good start." Boyd said she has noticed a recent increase in the number of participants who use medication-assisted treatment and expects that number to continue to rise. Crowe, the Sioux Falls resident, is now in her last phase of drug court. She heard about medication-assisted treatment through other women who were also staying at the New Start treatment center.

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-- Dr. Dan Felix of the Sioux Falls Family Medicine Residency program

Crowe's addiction to pain pills and methamphetamine started in 2008, after her husband was killed by a relative on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation. She sought mental-health care at an Indian Health Service clinic, but was not provided anti-



depressants, she said. at a relative's home. That relative gave her the opioid Darvocet to manage pain from an infected ingrown toenail and Crowe enjoyed the euphoria that came with the pain relief.

"One thing led to another," she said. She

Janine Crowe went on to try trama-

dol and eventually moved to oxycodone and methamphetamine.

"I craved them bad," she said. "I woke up and thought about them."

She completed six months of traditional treatment, but relapsed shortly after being released.

"My heart was in it, but I couldn't get the drugs off my mind," she said. "Everything you do is drug-related. The reason you get up is because you're going to look for a drug. Your body language, you're sweaty, you get shaky, kind of like the flu feeling if you don't get it."

She was nervous to try the medicationassisted treatment, but she said it was her `last option."

She went to Falls Community Health and was given Suboxone in the form of a tablet that dissolves under the tongue. Within hours, she noticed her cravings cease and didn't feel the flu-like withdrawal symptoms she would normally feel if she went without using.

"I didn't want tramadol anymore," she said. "I didn't crave anything. A weight was lifted off my shoulders. It was a relief. I take one tablet three times a day."

Crowe now has a job, an accomplishment she would have thought unobtainable two years ago.

"I used to be on the streets, never held a job," she said. "Now I work. I've been sober for almost two years now."

HOW TO FIND HELP FOR ADDICTION

Here are some options to find medicationassisted treatment and other addiction services in South Dakota.

Avoid Opioid SD: https://www.avoidopioidsd. com/

Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health, Yankton:



Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Mil-She sought comfort stead hopes to be expand the use of medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction at the county jail. Currently, the jail allows people who are already on the treatment regimen to continue the medication while in jail. Photo by Danielle Ferguson, South Dakota News Watch

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"I said, 'I don't know if I can take this anymore," Crowe said. "They said, 'Why don't you try medication?' I said, 'There's medication?'"

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ments/



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Late Score Costs Groton Legion Against Lake Norden

Wednesday's game against Lake Norden (SD) was a heartbreaker for Groton Legion Post #39, as they lost the lead late in a 5-1 defeat. The game was tied at one with Lake Norden (SD) batting in the top of the seventh when Mathew S singled on a 0-1 count, scoring two runs. Lake Norden (SD) got things started in the first inning. Luke S drove in one when S singled. In the bottom of the third inning, Groton Legion Post #39 tied things up at one when Alex

Morris singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run.

Nicholai Arbach pitched Lake Norden (SD) to victory. The ace surrendered one run on four hits over seven innings, striking out 11 and walking zero.

Chandler Larson took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. Larson lasted six and two-thirds innings, allowing eight hits and three runs while striking out eight and walking one.

Larson led Groton Legion Post #39 with two hits in three at bats. Groton Legion Post #39 was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Morris had the most chances in the field with eight.

Lake Norden (SD) racked up ten hits in the game. Dawson Noem and Jackson Noem each managed multiple hits for Lake Norden (SD).

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Groton Jr Legion Can't Catch Up To Smitty's Jr. Legion

Groton Jr Legion fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 15-2 loss to Smitty's Jr. Legion on Monday. Smitty's Jr. Legion took the lead on a single in the first inning.

The Groton Jr Legion struggled to contain the high-powered offense of Smitty's Jr. Legion, aiving up 15 runs.

Smitty's Jr. Legion fired up the offense in the first inning. Smitty's Jr. Legion scored two runs when Braxton Kusler singled.

Smitty's Jr. Legion scored six runs in the sixth inning. The big inning for Smitty's Jr. Legion came thanks to singles by Drew Salfrank and Casey Vining, a walk by Carter Dingman, a fielder's choice by Woehl, and a double by Brenden Livermont.

Lemer earned the win for Smitty's Jr. Legion. The pitcher allowed one hit and two runs over four innings, striking out one. Phillip Zens threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Colby D took the loss for Groton Jr Legion. The hurler allowed three hits and three runs over two innings, striking out one.

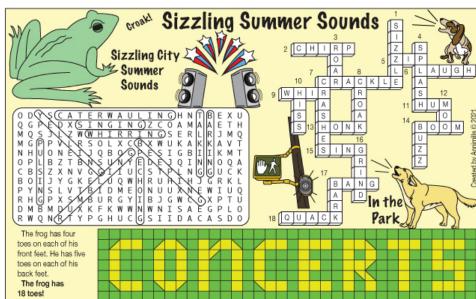
Andrew M went 1-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr Legion in hits. Groton Jr Legion was



sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Kaleb H made the most plays with five.

Smitty's Jr. Legion racked up 16 hits on the day. Salfrank, Kusler, Vining, Zens, Fischbach, and Livermont all managed multiple hits for Smitty's Jr. Legion. Salfrank led Smitty's Jr. Legion with four hits in five at bats. Smitty's Jr. Legion was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Fischbach had

the most chances in the field with five.



Verdon City Annexation Notice

City of Verdon will hold a meeting on July 30th at 9:00am Verdon, requesting annexation of Konkins outlot (40646 148th Street) into in city limits of Verdon SD. (0707.0721)

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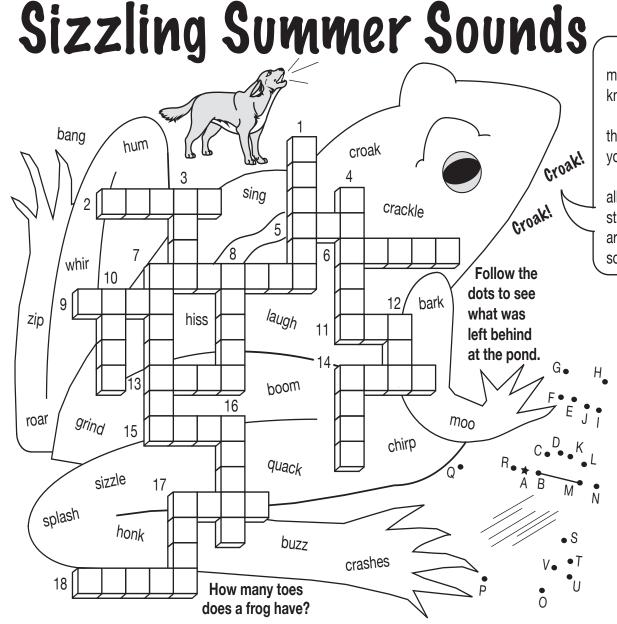
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Next, open a window or sit in the yard. Listen to all the noises in your neighborhood. Before you start to write, guess how many different sounds there are. Write your list and then count the number of sounds you heard. Were you close in your guess?

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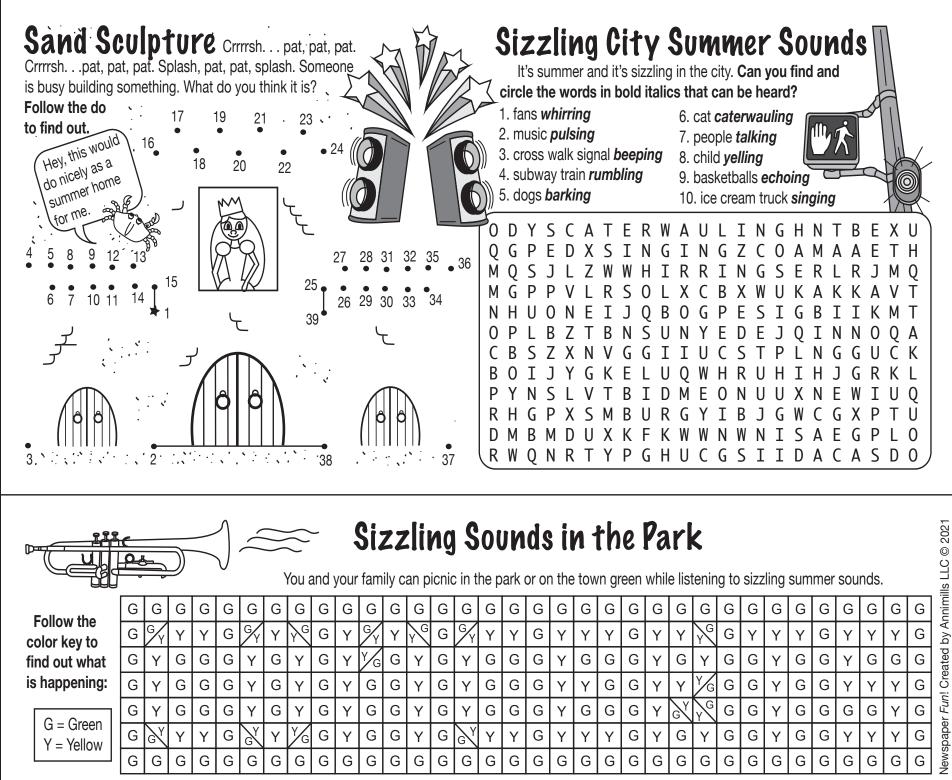
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Frederick School June 23, 2021 **Joint Meeting** UNOFFICIAL BOARD PRO-CEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

JUNE 23, 2021

The joint school board meeting was called to order on June 23,2021, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser at the Leola School. Frederick Area school board members present were Dan Nickelson, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Rich Achen. Leola school board members present were ReEtta Sieh, Richard Westphal, Trevor Zantow, Kristi Spitzer and Arnie Wollman. Others present were Business Managers Janel Wagner and Kayla Casey, Superintendents Bev Mver and Jeff Kosters, Leola Athletic Director Trevor VanTilburg and Brett Flemmer.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 20-143 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.

Members of the public were allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Action 20-144 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to approve the 2020-21 reconciliation amounts as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 20-145 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to offer 2021-22 Junior High Football coach position to Zach Mueller. All aye, carried.

Discussion on agenda item Resolution Procedure for Coop Agreement was moved to Executive Session.

Action 20-146 Motion by Nickeson, second by Ellwein to approve the Titan Student Activity Handbook as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 20-147 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to eliminate the Coaches Handbook. All aye, carried.

Discussion on the 2021-22 Sports Cooperative Agreement was tabled until after Executive Session.

Mr. Brett Flemmer presented information regarding the summer workout program currently being held in Leola.

Action 20-148 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve reimbursement to Leola for \$5.00 per hour worked by Chandler Cox during the sum mer workouts, through July 31, 2021. Aye-Nickelson, Achen, Hart, Schlosser. Ellwein abstain. Carried.

Action 20-149 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to approve the Agreement for Athletic Trainer Services with Avera St Luke's for one year. Frederick will pay Avera and will reconcile

at end of year. All aye, carried. The Annual Coaches Meeting will be in Frederick this year. Mr Kosters and Mr. Flemmer will confirm date and time.

2021-22 sports schedules were reviewed. No action taken. Discussion was held regarding elementary football. Steps will be taken to gauge student/ parent interest. No action taken.

Action 20-150 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve items presented as surplus and approve items to be sold to liquidation company. All aye,

carried. President Schlosser called a

Groton School June 28, 2021

Meeting Minutes UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING

June 28, 2021

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Harder, Gengerke, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve the agenda with one amendment under New Business Item #8 – hire Allison Tvinnereim. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve year-end District bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Aberdeen Awards – awards, 308.00; Ad-vance Auto – parts, 1,549.82; Amazon – supplies, 52.19; Cole Papers – supplies, 435.59; Cus-todial Fund – advanced pays, 12,367.10; Dependable Sanita tion – service, 1,238.00; Epic Sports – supplies, 1,459.13; Farm Tire – tires, 740.00; Gold Medal Squared – camp fee, 9,335.00; Groton Area – region BB fee, 1,058.92; Hillyard - supplies, 2,581.68; James Valley Telco – service, 851.41; Jeff's District - repairs, 128.00; Locke Electric – repairs, 12.00, toto, 100, Matchbox Rec – fee, 200.00; Midstates Group – supplies, 942.16; MJ's Sinclair – gas/ diesel, 2,690.60; NSU – camp fee, 900.00; NSU – camp fee, 650.00; Northwestern Energy – natural gas, 45.77; Keri Pap-pas – judge, 250.00; Petty Cash – postage, 148.90; Safety Service – repairs, 232.99; Sisseton School – registation, 51.62; SMSU – camp fee, 1,500.00; WageWorks – fee, 118.25; Wells Fargo – card charges, 1,536.45. Total General Fund -

\$43,482.37. CAPITAL OUTLAY: Decker Equipment – equipment, 46.85; House of Glass – door knob, 135.09; Menards – mirror, 72.98; S&P Global – rating fee, 15,750.00; Wells Fargo – card charges, 197.68. Total Capital Outlay - \$16,202.60. SPECIAL ED: Judy or Gene

Williamson – mileage, 282.24. Total Special Ed - \$282.24. ENTERPRISE: Food Service

Nardini Fire Equip - service, 290.65; US Foods – food, 2.02. Total Food Service - \$292.67. OST –Custodial Fund – ad-vanced pays, 121.58. Total OST - \$121.58.

Total Enterprise - \$414.25. Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda items.

Moved by Pharis, second Weismantel to approve 2nd reading of recommended chang-es for MS/HS Student Handbook. Motion carried.

The following items were reported in Administrative Reports: consolidated application submitted, salary schedules, bond rating certification and late June financial report.

Moved by Weismantel, sec-ond Harder to approve: **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER**

CONTINGENCY FUNDS WHEREAS: The General

Fund Contingency Account consists of \$50,000 THEREFORE: Be it resolved to transfer \$1,920 to Jr. KinderPharis to approve: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR SPECIAL EDUCTION

WHEREAS: The following budget function levels set by the Board of Education were not adequate to meet the operating needs of the District in Special Education

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Education, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12, adopts the following supplemental budget in Special Education by allocating \$21,980 from Cash on Hand to Mild to Moderate Special Ed (\$1,320), Physical Therapy Services (\$9,300), Occupational Therapy Services (\$7,300) and Deaf/Blind Mileage to Parents (\$4,060).

Date of Resolution, June 28, 2021.

Steven R. Smith, President M. J. Weber, Business Official

(Resolution carried.) Quotes for fuel oil, diesel and as were opened as follows: MJ's Sinclair/Fuel Stop: #2 Diesel – 2.806, #1 Diesel – 3.00, Etha-nol – 2.58, Lead-Free – 2.832, and E-85 – 1.54; Ken's Shell Express: #2 Diesel – 2.895, #1 Diesel – 3.148, Ethanol – 2.658, Lead-Free – 2.898 and E-85 – Moved by Weismantel, 1.761. second Fliehs to award 2021-22 fuel contract to MJ's Sinclair/Fuel Stop. Motion carried.

Quotes for official newspaper were opened as follows: Groton Independent – legal line rate \$0.342 per line, classified advertising \$0.20 per word, minimum charge of \$9 for 30 words and ad will appear in both weekly

and daily newspapers, local open display advertising \$5.00 per column inch, current subscribers 180; Webster Reporter & Farmer legal line rate \$0.338 per line adjusted to \$0.3042 for meeting minutes, classified advertising

\$0.40 per word, \$8 minimum for 1st week, \$0.35 per word, \$7 minimum for 2nd week, \$0.30 per word, \$6 minimum for 3rd week and \$.30 per word after that, local open display advertising \$7.80 per column inch, current Reporter & Farmer school district subscribers 125 and 161 for the Lake Region Advertiser. Moved by Rix, second Harder to award newspaper contract to Groton Independent. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to approve lane, changes for Emily Dinger MS+15 to MS+30, Sarah Hanten BS+15 to BS+30 and Janene Harry BS+30 to BS+45. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to declare Bus #11 as surplus property for disposal. Motion carried

Smith declared a short recess at 7:26 pm. The board returned at 7:28 pm.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to go into executive session at 7:28 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for a personnel issue and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 8:00 pm. Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to hire Allison Tvinnereim as Special Ed Para-professional for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried. Moved by Harder, second

vices, supplies 26.61; American

Red Cross Training Services,

training 160.00; Arts South Da-

kota, professional development

136.93; Churchill, Manolis, Free-

man, Kludt & Burns LLP, legal

fees 4,138.52; Cole Papers Inc,

supplies 139.64; Community

Store, supplies 24.43; Custo-

dial Áccount-FASD. Ímprest

reimbursement 2,482.76; Decker

Equipment, table legs 58.75;

Econo Lodae Black Hills state

track travel 1.758.72; Eureka

School District, track meet entry

fees 50.00; Éleet Farm Fuel,

state track travel 125; Foreman

Sales & Service Inc, repairs 1,232.60; Graves IT Solutions,

online backup 300.00; Heilman,

Robert, lawncare 485.00; Hub

City Rádio, advertising 500.00;

James Valley Telecommunica-

tions, telephone 242.51; JM

Electric Inc, repairs 1,140.85;

Ken's Alignment, repairs 159.00;

Langley, Sharon, education reim-

bursement 81.53; Merchant Ser-

vices, online lunch payment fees

15.53; Montana-Dakota Utilities

Co, electric 3,504.09; Pantorium

Cleaners Inc. supplies 107.25:

School Specialty, LLC, chair socks

368.97; SD High School Ac-

tivities Association, fees 186.00;

Shel's, gasoline 34.31; Shure,

microphone 189.00: TeamS-

nap, training app 69.99; Town of Frederick, utilities 596.79;

United States Postal Service, PO

Box fee/postage 144.00; Wag-

ner, Janel, meal reimbursement

48.00 Total 24,690.68. Imprest

checks: Britton-Hecla School

District, track meet entry fees

150.00; Cattail Crossing Golf

Course, golf meet entry fees

June 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes UNOFFICIAL BOARD PRO-

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

JUNE 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order on June 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Richard Achen and Alex Hart. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/ Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg, Business Manager Janel Wagner, and quest Eric Sumption.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the public are allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Action 20-132 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the agenda as amended: move #17 FBLA to #6; change HKG to #7 and move all other items down one number. All aye, carried.

Action 20-133 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held May 13, 2021; May 2021 financial report, district bills and May 2021 payroll, amendment to 2021 Employee Agreement for Mark Christianson ΔII ave carried

annsuanson. An aye, carneu.	
Ending May 31, 2021 General	
Beginning checking Balance\$1,885.51 Revenue:	\$3
Taxes	\$1

Weismantel to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Motion carried. M. J. Weber, Business Man-

ager Steven R. Smith, President The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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Brown County Dellman Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Lyndse Dellman to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on July 13, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 1, "Bagley Subdivision" in the NW ¼ of Section 2-T128N-R61W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (10048 404th Ave)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 199. ATTEST:

tional therapy 1,099.27; Total 1.099.27. Food Service Fund:

Arnao, Shannon, lunch money

refund 25.00; Community Store,

food 5.37; Géranen, Doug, lunch

money refund 72.60; Kilian,

Marnie, lunch money refund 51.20; Olson, Lee, lunch money

refund 5.90; Pantorium Cleaners

Inc, supplies 25.76; Weiszhaar,

Amanda, lunch money refund

16.60 Total 202.43. Driver's

Education Fund: Agtegra, fuel 193.06 Total 193.06. Custodial

Fund: Aberdeen Awards, LRC

track ribbons 1,662.00; Ipswich

School District, 2021 LRC track

meet officials 697.68; Pizza

Ranch, LRC meeting 112.45 Total

2,472.13. Scholarship Fund:

Áchen, Kaylin, 2021 Mark Nuese

Memorial Scholarship 500.00;

Sumption, Isaac, 2021 Sam

Kenser Memorial Scholarship

Enter board member Jon Ell-

wein and guest Thersia Cox at

7:01 p.m. Enter board member

information about Future Busi-

ness Leaders of America (FBLA)

to the board. No action taken.

HKG Architects presented infor-

mation regarding options for the

potential replacement of the high

school building. No action taken. Mr. Kosters, Mrs. Ringgen-

berg and Dan Nickelson (NCSEC

board representative) presented

information to the board about

community recycling efforts. She

also discussed the possibility of

starting a composting program

Ms. Thersia Cox presented

Mrs. Carli Flemmer presented

Mr. Andrew Schaunaman from

Dan Nickelson at 7:02 p.m.

2,000.00 Total 2,500.00.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0630.0707)

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Brown County Oswald Rezoning Notice NOTICE

Application has been made by Matt Oswald to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on July 13, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): The South 707' of the West

701' of the NW ¼ of Section 7-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13148 400th Ave). The public is invited to at-

tend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezon ing the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinańce No. 200. ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Sumption has agreed to represent the board as it's North Central Special Education Cooperative representative, replacing outgoing board member Dan Nickelson. Formal approval at the July 2021 meeting.

Action 20-137 Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to approve the opening of a clearing account in the Custodial Fund. All aye, carried.

Action 20-138 Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to approve a new position and advertisement for Assistant Cross Country coach beginning Fall 2021 season. All aye, carried.

Action 20-139 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to set the Fiscal Year 2021 closeout and public input meeting for a potential \$350,000 opt-out in General Fund for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021, in the school library. All aye, carried.

Action 20-140 Motion by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to set the Fiscal Year 2022 budget hearing for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021, in the school library. All aye, carried.

Action 20-141 Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to cast ballots for Jeff Kosters as Division IV Representative-Athletic/Activity Director in the 2021 SDHSAA run-off election, and Kelly Mesmer as West River At-Large Representative in the 2021 SDHSAA election. All aye, carried.

The school board would like to congratulate the 2021 track team for an excellent season, and the twelve athletes that qualified for the State Track meet. Special recognition to 4th place finishers

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Ending May 31, 2021 General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund			Governmental & Enterprise Fund Act, Totals	Custodial Fund
Beginning checking Balance\$1,885.51 Revenue:	\$366,187.09	\$128,002.66		\$2,262.92	\$491,042.11	\$7,562.96
Taxes\$217,221.94 Local Sources\$1,619.54 Intermediate Sources\$736.16	\$146,977.60 \$110.00	\$68,158.85	\$1,817.15	\$300.00		\$2,961.96
Interest		\$300.89	\$2,973.22			\$0.28
Total Revenue	\$147,087.60	\$68,459.74		\$300.00	\$441,047.25	\$2,962.24
Bills\$17,480.43 Payroll\$151,239.35	\$1,513.40	\$2,952.68 \$19,213.60		\$2.273.00		\$7,454.89
Total Disbursements	\$1,513.40 \$511,761.29 \$1,933,634.20	\$22,166.28 \$174,296.12 \$1,446,175.05	\$8,801.44	\$2,273.00	\$203,473.90 \$728,615.46 \$3,898,175.89	\$7,454.89 \$3,070.31 \$18,927.86
Interest		\$1,446,175.05 \$1,620,471.17		\$289.92	\$3,898,182.39 \$4,626,797.85	\$46.93 \$18,974.79 \$22,045.10

reports.

Frederick School

CEEDINGS

recess at 8:22 p.m. for 5 minutes.

Action 20-151 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to enter Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-(1) for employee matters at 8:28 p.m. All aye, carried.

President Schlosser declared Board out of Executive Session at 9:17 p.m.

The 2021-22 Sports Cooperative Agreement was discussed. Each board will approve final version at their respective July reqular meeting. No action taken.

Discussion was held regarding meeting scheduling. The com-mittee will meet minimally once at the end of the fall and winter sports season, or additionally if issues arise. No action taken,

Action 20-152 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President Janel Wagner, Business Manager

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garten, \$2,130 to Opportunity Room, \$770 to Limited English Proficient and \$200 to Technology in School for a total of \$5,020.

Date of Resolution, June 28, 2021.

Steven R. Smith, President M. J. Weber, Business Official (Resolution carried.) Moved by Rix, second Fliehs

to approve: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR

CAPITAL OUTLAY WHEREAS: The following budget function levels set by the Board of Education were not adequate to meet the operating needs of the District in Capital Outlay

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Education, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12, adopts the following supplemental budget in Capital Outlay by allocating \$15,200 from Cash on Hand to Counsel-ing Services (\$20) and Debt Services (\$15,000).

Date of Resolution, June 28, 2021.

Steven R. Smith, President M. J. Weber, Business Official (Resolution carried.) Moved by Gengerke, second

6 ♦ Groton Independent ♦ Wed., July 7, 2021

Claims approved: May 2021 Payroll - General Fund salaries 92,568.52; Special Education salaries 12,542.63, Food Service 3,333.03, Driver's Education 1,727.00. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 29,233.56; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,105.29; American Funds, retirement 1,460.26; Delta Dental, insurance 1,693.50; The Standard, life insurance 271.71; Security Benefits, retirement 1,235.26; Optilegra, vision insurance 391.38; Wellmark, health insurance 16,317.00; SD Retirement 15.674.02; SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.26. General Fund: Aberdeen School District 6-1, ATEC tuition 4,267.20; Agtegra, fuel 1,916.70; Amazon Capital Ser-

72.00; Ellendale School District, track meet entry fees 160.00; First National Bank, state track meet meal 1,632.00; Ipswich School District, track meet entry fees 50.00; Raasch, Paul, BBB camp 128.76; Rolling Hills Golf Club, golf meet fees 40.00; Sisseton American Legion, track meet entry fees 150.00; Waubay School, track meet entry fees 100.00 Total 2,482.76. Capital Outlay Fund: Á&B Business Solutions, managed print contract 670.70; Amazon Capital Services, library books 374.72; Decker Equipment, shipping 571.40; Interior Design Concepts, locker room flooring 9,262.60; Menards, window a/c's 419.98 Total 11,299.40. Special Education Fund: Avera St Luke's, occupa-

using kitchen waste.

Action 20-134 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to approve paying \$85.00 monthly toward the cardboard recycling container being rented from A1 Sanitation by the Community Store, beginning July 1, 2021. All aye, carried.

Mr. Dan Nickelson presented a proposal to the board for the starting of a STEM program.

Action 20-135 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to start a STEM program in Fall 2021. All aye, carried.

Action 20-136 Motion by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to approve hiring Spellman Painting for parking lot striping. All aye, carried.

Incoming board member Eric

Isaac Sumption in the 100-meter dash and Morgan Sumption in the 800-meter run; and a 5th place finish in the 4x200 relay and a 7th place finish in the Medley relay, with runners in both relays included Stephen Achen, Wil Nordine, Mason Hinz, and Isaac Sumption.

The board would like to recognize and thank outgoing board member Dan Nickelson for his 7 years of service.

Action 20-142 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President Janel Wagner, Business Manager

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Brown County Aqua Addicts

Special License NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE/WINE LICENSE

Notice is hereby given accord-ing to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following Malt Beverage License Application is set for 8:48 AM on the 20th day of July 2021, in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners. in the Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register complaint on

their approval may appear: Aberdeen Aqua Addicts Ski Team, 3301 S Hwy 281 (PO Box 293), Aberdeen, SD 57401 – S ½ of SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Sec 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th PM Brown County SD. Special P.M.Brown County, SD. Special License effective July 23, 24 & 25, 2021

ATTEST

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Owner Rep. Services Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OWNER REPRESENTATION SERVICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market

Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on August 3, 2021, at said time and place all sealed proposals will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: owner representation services for the Brown County Jail.

Envelopes containing proposals shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and be marked on the envelope. "Owner Representation Services" to be opened on August 3, 2021. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept the proposal they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from State Sales Tax. Specifications are on file and

may be obtained at no charge at the Brown County Sheriff, 22 Court Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. Phone: 605-626-7100

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle Brown County Auditor

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approximate cost of \$16.00. 20173

Brown County June 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes JUNE 29, 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, Sutton, Wiese and Kippley. Commis-sioner Feickert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. RFP OWNER REPRESENTA-TION SERVICES – COUNTY JAIL EVALUATION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to authorize advertising and set date for opening of proposal for Owner Representation Services County Jail Evaluation with added language on the specifications. Proposal opening set for August 3, 2021 at 8:45a.m. Specifications are on file at the Brown County Sherriff Office and may be obtained at no charge. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. SOUTH DUMPSITE CON-TRACT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to authorize the Chair sign the updated purchase agreement for property at 2210 S 5th Street (Dixon's Outlot 3 of Dixon Outlots 3-6 in the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 123 N, Range 64 W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota) in total amount of \$85,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the general meeting minutes of June 22, 2021. All members

present voting aye. Motion carried

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

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's 1,741.96; Christopher A. Haar \$7,070.31; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,070.31; Cogley Law Office, Prof Llc \$7,656.25; CommTech Inc. \$80.00; Devnet \$3,445.31; Dohrer Law Office \$7,656.25; Jerald M. Mcneary \$7,070.31; Kristi Spitzer \$1,200.00; Kuck Law Office \$7,070.31; Lumen \$247.49; Marco Inc \$450.00; Michael R. Sandvig \$1,207.96; Mi-chelle Gaikowski \$93.00; Sanford Health \$1,303.89; Sd Dept Of Health \$140.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$7,656.25; Tyler Technologies Inc \$13,050.00. Publishing: Groton Independent \$401.80; Blade Empire Publishing Co., Inc. \$40.28; Midstates Printing \$2,221.00. Repairs & Mainte nance: Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$21,323.50; Nelson Sales & Service, Llc \$10.00; Imeg Corp \$1,891.12; Pro Windmill Inc. \$250.00; Burdette Security & Technologies, Llc \$5,454.69; Hf Jacobs & Son Construction Inc \$14,764.70; Walth Safety Service Inc \$2,500.00; Muth Electric Inc \$150.30; Quality Welding \$56.00; Pantorium Cléaners Inc.

\$222.90 Supplies: Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$228,131.90; Cole Papers \$955.68; Nelson Sales & Service, Llc \$65.97; Share Corp \$426.00; Past Perfect Soft-ware Inc. \$540.00; Jebro Inc. \$34,368.01; Hf Jacobs & Son Construction Inc \$17,076.50; Government Form & Supplies \$405.00; Midstates Printing \$893.00; Menards \$361.46; Quality Welding \$41.60; Run-nings \$5.68; Dakota Supply Group \$546.47; Fastenal Co \$171.40. Travel & Conference: Cole Weick \$750.00; Audrey Rider \$131.27. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation Inc \$165.00; Montana Dakota Utilities Co \$29.28; Northern Valley Communication \$2,869.54; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$3,648.75; Qwest Corporation \$1762.62. Others: Office of Child & Family Services \$4,904.25. Jury: John Husk \$1,005.84; Kathleen Caron \$1,085.28 Stephanie L. Glynn \$1,093.64; Nancy L. Homan \$978.52; Michael R. Sandvig \$1,207.96; Joshua C. Nikolas \$997.88; Alicia Malewicki \$457.56; Heidi M. Fiedler \$1,013.84; Delvin J. Lee \$1,401.16; Ronald S. Campton \$1,136.96. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. HR REPORT: Moved by Sutton

seconded by Feickert to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following: Acknowledge resignation of Brian Bahr, Brown County JDC Supervisor, effective July 16, 2021. Request to fill. Approve hiring of Dorion Anderson as full-time Brown County Planning Administrative Assistant/Planning Technician effective July 19, 2021 @ \$18.35/ hour. All members present voting

aye. Motion carried. SET HEARING DATE_TEMPO-RARY MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date for Temporary Malt Beverage License: Aberdeen Aqua Addicts Ski Team, 3301 S Highway 281, Aberdeen, SD – S ½ of SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Sec 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota. Hearing set for July 20, 2021 at 8:48 a.m. Brown County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. 2021 BROWN ERS UNION AND FARM SAFETY CAMP RENTAL DONATION RE-QUEST: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve request from Brown County Farmers Union and Farm Safety Camp to waive the \$500 rental fee for this year's camp to be held on July 13, 2021 at the Brown County Fairgrounds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. AUDITORS REPORT OF AC-COUNTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Auditor's Report of Account for May, 2021: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Ac-count Balances: \$23,571,742.40; Total Savings Account Balances: \$4,700,447.42; Total Certifi-cates of Deposit: \$3,976,798.16; Grand Total Cash and Balanc-es: \$32,256,687.98. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$16,078,153,73; Road & Bridge Fund \$2,230,640.48; Road & Bridge Fund - restrict-ed \$423,243.27; 911 Service \$1,243,781.07; Emergency & Disaster \$53,660.69; Domestic Abuse \$773.50; Teen Court \$23,256.96; Grant \$32.11; JDAI -\$6,915.70; Richmond Youth \$21,916.96; 24/7 So-briety \$16,935.29; ROD M&P

\$104,690.26; Tif Debt Service \$458,975.06; Landfill + cash change \$3,744,709.97; Land-fill - restricted \$1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds \$6,462,354.89; GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS \$32,256,687.98. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Lottery Application: SD State Chili Cook-off Committee for raffle on August 21, 2021 the Brown County Fairgrounds. All members pres

ent voting aye. Motion carried. MOSQUITO CONTROL GRANT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize chair sign grant agreement with the SD Department of Health for mosquito control efforts effective July 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022 in amount of \$15,000. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following abatements for condemned & hauled away mobile homes: Kay Kying @ \$88.45; Better Living Home LLC @ \$42.63; Kirth Matt @ \$39.59. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXPE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared executive session

osed with no action taken. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Sutton & Kippley provided updates on personnel change with the SD Association of County Commissioner. No ac-

tions taken. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Feickert discussed with the Board a recent call that he got from one county resident asking to consider his request to burn cattails within his property. With the County Burn Ban in effect, the Board advise to have the resident contact their Fire District for options. No actions taken

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese Commission at 9:49 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor Published once at the total ap-proximate cost of \$78.75. 20174

Claremont Town June 8, 2021

Meeting Minutes The Board of trustees for

the town of Claremont met on 6-8-2021 at 8 pm in city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Rasmussen and Spencer pres-ent. Others present were Matt and Spencer Traylor and Lesia Thomas. The minus of the May meeting were presented and approved on a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were approved: General Shane Johnson, gas for mower, 74.00; GDI, publishing, 60.57; Dakota Bank, loan on city hall, 573.55; Dakota Electronhali, 5/3.55; Dakota Electron-ics, repair siren, 325.00; Britton bookkeeping, W2 forms/ filing, 79.88; NWE, lights / city hali, 382.96; Missi Smith, 19 ½ hrs/ mowing, 198.10; Post Office, Stamps, 55.00; James Valley, telecom, 98.99; Charla Rye, wago 250.00; Charba Labacon wage,350.00; Shane Johnson, trustees-9 meetings, 623.31; Jason Spencer, trustees-9 meetings, 623.31; Frank Rasmussen trustees 9-meetings, 623.31; WSSW: BDM, water purchased, 933.64; Helms & Assoc., waste water improvement, 38,517.85; NWE, water, 42.07; NWE, sewer, 121.50; Dependable Sanitation, citywide cleanup, 976.00; SD Public Health Lab, water samples, 15.00; Rural Development, water loan, 576.00; The Board granted a temporary Liquor License to the Public and Recreation committee for June 26th at the Baseball Baseball program Fundraiser. The change order from Helms and Asso, was approved. A Resolution was passed on a motion by Rassmussen and seconded by Spencer to accept preliminary and final plat legal description: Full Circle Ag Subdivision " in the NW ¼ and W 1/2SW ¼ of section 2-T125 N-R60 W in the town of Claremont, Brown County, South Dakota. Physical address: 118 T2 410th Ave. and 706 7th- Claremont. With no further business before the board a motion was made by Spencer to adjourn and seconded by Rasmussen. CRye, F.Ó. Published once at the total ap-proximate cost of \$19.69. 20175

Frederick School June 28, 2021 **Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2 JUNE 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order on June 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Alex Hart, Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein and Dan Nickelson. Also present was Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg, and Business Manager Janel Wagner.

Members of the public were allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Action 20-153 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as amended: delete #10 Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) – Legal Matters; add #10 as Piano stipend. All aye, carried. Mr. Kosters presented information to the audience about the \$350,000.00 opt out that the board will be voting on at the July 12, 2021, meeting. Community members asked questions and made

comments to the board about the opt-out. No action taken. Guests exited at 7:42 p.m. Action 20-154 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve the transfer of \$29,433.00 Contingency Funds to functions 1131, 2311, 2317, 2321, 2410, 2529, 2545, 2549, 2559, 6200, 6500, and 6900 within the General Fund and adopt the supplemental budget for 2020-2022:

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All aye, carried.

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Action 20-155 Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to approve Fiscal Year 2021 district bills as esented – to be published in July 12, 2021 minutes. All aye, carried.

Action 20-156 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to authorize the transfer of \$366,125.00 from Capital Outlay to General Fund; \$19,215.00 from General Fund to Food Service, and \$2,530.00 from General Fund to Driver's Education. All aye, carried. Action 20-157 Motion by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to approve the publishing of the Fiscal Year

2022 budget. All aye, carried.

Action 20-158 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve items presented as surplus and approve items to be sold or discarded. All aye, carried.

Action 20-159 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to approve \$100.00 stipend payment to Tonya Zinter for piano playing at each concert, to be paid out of music fundraising funds. All aye, carried. Action 20-160 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President

Janel Wagner, Business Manager

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Groton Jr. Teeners Jumps Out To Early

Lead In Victory Over Milbank Groton Jr. Teeners grabbed an early lead on its way to an 8-4 victory over Milbank on Tuesday. Groton Jr. Teeners scored on a error in the first inning, a single by Jarrett Erdmann in the first inning, a walk by Brevin Fliehs in the first inning, and a groundout by Nicholas Morris in the second inning.

After Milbank scored one run in the top of the third, Groton Jr. Teeners answered with one of their own. Groton Jr. Teeners then answered when Teylor Diegel singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

Caden Mcinerney was the winning pitcher for Groton Jr. Teeners. Mcinernev surrendered three runs on two hits over four innings, striking out three. Kellen Antonsen threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Joe Schulte took the loss for Milbank. The bulldog went two innings, allowing six runs on two hits and striking out three.

Diegel, Fliehs, Braxton Imrie, Morris, and Erdmann each collected one hit to lead Groton Jr. Teeners. Diegel led Groton Jr. Teeners with four stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with ten stolen bases. Milbank tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Josh Pederson led the way with eight.

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It is already July, which means that the next month will have a Vikings preseason game. While preseason football is notoriously boring, it's always good to see the new additions early. With how many new additions the Vikings have it will actually be worth watching.

The last week has been relatively quiet for the Vikings. There are still talks of Harrison Smith getting extended, but the biggest news was Vikings popular announcer Paul Allen announcing that Everson Griffen really wants to play for the Vikings again.

While the Vikings should still sign a free agent or two, they are pretty set at defensive end.

This week, we continue our roster breakdown with the defensive line. This is one of the groups I am most excited about. This is going to be a special unit after being a liability for the team last season.

Danielle Hunter (DE)- There isn't any convincing that needs to be done on Danielle Hunters behalf. The only concern is if he can bounce back to his pre-injury form or not. All reports so far have indicated that Hunter looks good and is expected to have no limitations during camp.

Prior to missing the 2020 season with a neck injury, Danielle Hunter became the voungest player in NFL history to reach 50 sacks. He is a game changer and is enough by himself to completely change the Vikings defensive line. The good news for the Vikings, is that they are getting a lot more back than Danielle Hunter.

Michael Pierce (NT) – During the 2020 NFL Free Agency period, the Vikings brought in Michael Pierce, a big run stuffer from the Baltimore Ravens. Due to COVID-19, Pierce opted out of the 2020 NFL season.

The Vikings really missed Pierce's presence last season. If you don't believe me go watch the game where Alvin Kamara broke the NFL record for touchdowns in a single game. Their interior defensive line was an issue last season, but should be a strength this year.

Dalvin Tomlinson (DT) – Mike Zimmer clearly took his run defense failures personally last season. Despite getting Pierce back, the Vikings still brought in Dalvin Tomlinson. Like Pierce, Tomlinson is a big run stuffer who immediately upgraded the Vikings interior defensive line.

With Pierce and Tomlinson in the middle, it is going to be very hard for teams to run the football. Tomlinson comes to the Vikings



from the New York Giants. Many Giants fans expressed how they were sad to see him go after he signed with the Vikings.

Stephen Weatherly (DE) – Weatherly spent his first 4 seasons with the Vikings. Last season he signed with the Carolina Panthers where he started a career high 9 games. Back with the Vikings he finds himself with the potential for a bigger role.

Many people think the Vikings need to upgrade this position prior to the season starting. I am actually okay with Weatherly. He only has to play slightly above average with Pierce, Tomlinson, and Hunter lined up next to him.

Sheldon Richardson (DT) – Sheldon Richardson is another person who spent time with the Vikings prior to last season and came back to the team. He is an interesting free agent addition to the team. He is good enough to be a starter but the Vikings are so good right now that he finds himself as a backup rotational pierce.

Richardson can also play defensive end, so the Vikings can use him or draw up some packages that utilize him more.

The rest – The Vikings drafted Patrick Jones (DE) this year and DJ Wonnum (DE) last year. Both those young players will provide amazing depth. Don't count either of them out for a starting position either. Wonnum showed some promise last season playing alongside as struggling unit.

Another defensive lineman I'm excited about is Jaylen Twyman. I feel he is going to be a special player. Unfortunately he was recently shot while visiting family in Washington D.C., but is expected to make a full recovery.

Near death experiences on **Independence Day**

Every Independence Day I reminisce about celebrations past, the fireworks shot from a barge as viewed from Douglas Island with Juneau's mountains and cruise ships providing the backdrop, the most spectacular show I've ever seen. Then there were the fireworks in Frederick, SD, where we'd lean back on the hoods of cars at the

That's Life

by Tony Bender

ball field, slathered in bug spray, to watch a great small town display that drew hundreds from surrounding towns.

And there was the time at Uecker Yards when Teddy Uecker tried to burn down the City of Hettinger, ND. One of his rockets set the



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dry grass of the adjacent airport alight with a north wind that pushed the flames towards an unsuspecting city.

The late great Jim Howe, his daughter Maureen's boyfriend, and I immediately leaped the barbwire fence and tore off our shirts to beat the flames out. It was nip and tuck, yet while we were singeing chest hair and eyebrows, Ted cackled like Nero, because the man loves anarchy. Really, he should be locked up.

The next day, when I brought my stinky, sooty, smokey clothes to Carmel's Cleaners, Carmelo Bonomo lifted an eyebrow and shook his head. Apparently, I wasn't the first one in. He should have cleaned them for free, after all we'd saved the whole damn town.

But most prominent in my memories are the adventures I had in Frederick, driving around shooting bottle rockets into each other's car windows and the bottle rocket that went straight down a neighbor's chimney with an explosion that billowed black soot into the air.

There were the escapades with my friend Whitey, who I think got his nickname from his dad, Bob, our baseball coach, probably because he liked Whitey Ford, and also because Whitey had platinum-almost white-hair, and all of Whitey Ford's velocity and none of his control. It was always quiet in center field when Whitey pitched. There were two probable outcomes; he'd strike them out or plunk them in the ribs. Not even the most suicidal of batters, crowded the plate. Whitey always won, though. He was a switch hitter like Mickey Mantle and a pretty good stick, too.

I still don't know for sure why we were friends. He had a mean streak, although the hit batsmen were by accident. He couldn't possibly have hit them on purpose. But about that mean streak, here's an example: One day Gare Bare's dad sent us to retrieve the geese which sometimes wandered too far to down to the Maple River that cut through their property. If you know anything about geese, you know they can't be herded, and they're mean as Whitey's fastball was. You had to catch and carry the geese one at a time. One day, Whitey offered to hold my goose while I crawled over the barbwire fence, a rare moment of kindness you might imagine, but once I'd straddled the fence, he put a goose up close and it bit me right on the rear. It left a bruise. He wasn't cruel for the sake of cruelty, however. There had to be humor involved.

Another time, when we were lighting off fireworks in the street in front of my house, I knelt down, concentrating deeply, to light a firecracker with a whole string of Black Cats hanging out of my back pocket. Whitey was standing behind me. You see where this is going don't you? Suddenly, my butt exploded. He'd lit them off! It felt like the worst spanking you could imagine, but thankfully it blew the pocket off my jeans. Afterward, my pocket flapped in the wind, attached only by the rivets at the top corners, while Whitey rolled in the



grass laughing so hard he hyperventilated.

And there was the day we were shooting off Roman candles when he decided to aim his at me, but his Roman candle didn't shoot straight. Mine did, though, and I began bouncing them off his chest until he retreated. Now, Whitey was fast, a darn fine running back and a good sprinter, but he wasn't fast enough to outrun a Roman candle, and I was merciless, so by the time the thing finally petered out, I'd pretty much burned the white T-shirt off his back. Vengeance was mine.

This is the part where I offer a somewhat sincere disclaimer: Kids, don't try this at home or at least without adult supervision, unless the adult is Whitey. All sorts of bad things could happen. But if you decide to go after Whitey, I'll understand and look the other way. With him if you don't strike first, he will. © Tony Bender, 2021

President Calvin Coolidge Vacations in South Dakota

President Calvin Coolid William Williamson des and First Lady Grace Co the Black Hills in his au Homesteader, Teacher,



HISTORY & HERITAGE Friend." He was South I

congressional district, which covered the state's west river counties, from 1921 to 1933.

In March 1926, Williamson received a telegraph from Francis Case, publisher of the Hot Springs Star, encouraging him to invite Coolidge to the Black Hills.

Williamson did so, and also contacted South Dakota Gov. Carl Gunderson and other officials, urging them to do the same. He arranged for the State Game Lodge in Custer State Park to be the summer White House and for the state's congressional delegation to meet with the president.

"It soon became apparent, however, that the President thought the Hills were too far from Washington for present consideration," Williamson wrote in his autobiography.

The president vacationed in the Adirondack Mountains of New York in the summer of 1926.

Undeterred, Williamson and other South Dakotans turned their focus to the summer of 1927.

"Early in 1927, (South Dakota Senator Peter) Norbeck and I discussed plans of approach to the White House. We felt nothing would be gained by annoying the President with numerous calls," the congressman wrote.

Williamson had photographs of the Black Hills sent to him. He and Norbeck selected two of the best and took them to the White House to give to Grace Coolidge, extending an invitation to come to the Black Hills.

president to discuss another matter.

"When we had finished, I casually asked if Photo South Dakota State Historical Society – State Archives he had made any plans for his next summer's vacation," Williamson wrote.

The president said that he had been pestered with flies and mosquitoes and annoyed by people constantly watching him during a previous summer vacation. When Williamson said that would not happen in the Black Hills, Coolidge replied that he would consider going there.

Williamson and others realized that the president had to be assured that the nation's temporary capital would have sufficient housing for the president's family and staff, a way to ensure the president's safety, and adequate transportation and communications such as telegraph and telephone. They made sure that these items were in place.

In April 1927, Coolidge asked Williamson why he thought the Black Hills would be a good place for him to spend his vacation. That session of Congress had been long and controversial, and the president looked pale and tired, Williamson wrote.

"I waited a moment and then answered by saying, 'That which appeals to me is their restfulness ... The summer days are cool and pleasant, with little wind, and there is a lot of sunshine. They are practically free from flies and mosquitoes and sufficiently remote to discourage prowlers with binoculars. For recreation, there are clear, cold streams well stocked with trout and you will see deer, elk and mountain sheep most anywhere along the roads."

The official announcement that President Coolidge would spend the summer in the Black Hills was made on May 31, 1927. The State Game Lodge would be the first couple's residence and the president's office would be Rapid City High School.

The train carrying the president and first lady arrived in Rapid City on June 15

Senator Norbeck and I were always invited together with our wives, as guests when the President was in attendance at any public gathering while on vacation in the Black Hills."

Many towns in the Black Hills were anxious to have the first couple attend their celebration, and the Coolidges complied with these requests as far as time and their other activities permitted.

That summer, Williamson witnessed the president waving a gigantic cowboy hat to a wildly cheering crowd at the Tri-State Roundup in Belle Fourche and being adopted into the Lakota nation during a ceremony at the Days of '76 celebration in Deadwood. The congressman accompanied the president to the Pine Ridge Reservation, Custer, Newell, Nisland and other places.

The first couple departed for Washington, D.C., on Sept. 9, 1927.

"From all appearances both he and his wife enjoyed their stay in the Black Hills," Williamson wrote in concluding the chapter about the president's vacation. "Certainly they looked happy and fit when they waved good-bye to the crowd at the station at Rapid City.'

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The photograph shows when the Coolidges arrived at the train station in Rapid City in June 1927. From left are Senator Peter Norbeck, President Calvin In February 1927, Williamson met with the Coolidge, First Lady Grace Coolidge and **U.S. Representative William Williamson.**

"Norbeck and I were the only members of the congressional delegation who were in the Hills during the entire summer of 1927. The White House Secret Service headed by (Col. Edmund) Starling would not permit any person or delegation to call on the President that was not sponsored and vouched for by some person or official well known to the Service to be trustworthy and such person had to accompany and remain with the sponsored person or group while with the President. This explains in part why

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When the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776, the American colonies still needed to win the Revolutionary War to truly gain their independence from the British Empire. The war continued another seven years until September 3, 1783. One of the deadliest and repairing powerlines and other duties as assigned in the water, threats to the Continental Army, however, was not the British Army, it was disease, especially smallpox.

Boston had an outbreak of smallpox in 1775 from British Redcoats arriving to fight the rebellion. George Washington knew very well the dangers of smallpox after having had it himself as a young man, which left scars on his face. To keep his soldiers safe, Washington did not allow anyone from Boston near his troops. Washington wrote to John Hancock, the president of the Continental Congress, that he would "continue the utmost vigilance against this most dangerous enemy." Later, when the British withdrew from Boston, Washington allowed only soldiers with immunity into the city.

Most of the Continental Army had never had smallpox while most of the Redcoats had. This put the Americans at a big disadvantage. An attempt by the Continental Army to take Quebec failed in part because of heavy losses due to smallpox. In fact, General John Thomas died of smallpox in July 1776.

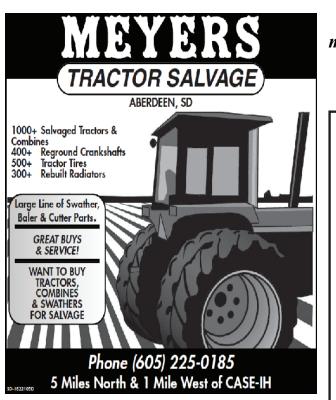
This was before the advancement of vaccinations. However, there was a procedure known as variolation, an early form of vaccination which involved exposing a cut on the recipient's arm to a small dose of the virus, hopefully just enough to trigger immunity without causing severe illness or death. The procedure was illegal in many places including Washington's home state of Virginia.

Washington knew they could not afford to lose more soldiers to smallpox. Thus, despite push back from the Continental Congress, Washington ordered this primitive form of vaccination for the entire army, and by the end of 1777 more than 40,000 soldiers had received it. Infection of the army dropped from 20 percent to one percent and lawmakers repealed bans of variolation for smallpox across the colonies.

George Washington's efforts at guarantine and primitive vaccination helped protect the Continental Army from disease which helped them eventually defeat the British Army and earn independence for the United States of America.

The war on Covid-19 may take several years as well. History shows how vaccination can be a great weapon against disease. Unfortunately, many remain unvaccinated, and hundreds in the U.S. continue to die each day. We need to rally both nationally and locally, to unite our efforts so we can gain our independence from Covid-19.

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Late Score Costs Groton Jr. Teeners Against Milbank

Tuesday's game against Milbank was a heartbreaker for Groton Jr. Teeners, as they lost the lead late in a 5-4 defeat. The game was tied at four with Milbank batting in the top of the fifth when an error scored one run for Milbank.

Groton Jr. Teeners lost despite out-hitting Milbank five to three. Milbank fired up the offense in the first inning, when Gage Anderson grounded out, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners knotted the game up at four in the bottom of the fourth inning, when an error scored one run for Groton Jr. Teeners.

Josh Pederson took the win for Milbank. The ace lasted two innings, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out two and walking zero.

Carter Simon took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners. The pitcher allowed one hit and three runs over two innings, striking out two and walking zero.

Reese Rabe started the game for Milbank. The bulldog allowed four hits and four runs over three innings, striking out three Karsten Fliehs started the game for Groton Jr. Teeners. Fliehs lasted three innings, allowing two hits and two runs while striking out four

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OUR TEAM

Braxton Imrie went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits.

Milbank stole eight bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Pederson led the way with four.

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Groton Area Senior Citizens **May 10**

Groton Seniors met with 8 members present. President had the flag pledge. Bev Sombke thanked for the sympathy card in the death of her mother Grace Albrecht. We received help from Trievent to buy flowers for the Community Center. Ruby Donovan bought a Birch tree and planted it on the boulevard on the north side of the center.Cards were played, the winners. pinochle-Bev Sombke, conasta- Pat Larson, door prizes- Dick Donovan, Elda Stange, Ruby Donovan. Lunch was served by David Kliensossor and Sarge Likness.

May 17

Seniors met with 12 members. President had the flag pledgee, Cards were played, the winners. pinochle-David Kliensossor, whist-Darlene Fischer, canasta-Ruby Donovan and Marilyn Throson, door prizes-Darlene Fischer, Ruby Donovan, Kelly Miracle. Lunch was served by Darlene Fischer

May 24

Seniors met for a potluck dinner, 10 members were present. President had the flag pledge. A short meeting was held. Ruby Donovan got the flowers and planted them at the Community Center. After the potluck Senior bingo was played. Tony Goldade won black out. Cards were played after bingo, door prizes went to Eunice McColister, Balinda Melson and Kelly Miracle. Elda Stange Sec.

June 14

Groton Seniors met

Groton Area School Notice of Hearing for Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET th

Groton Area School District Board	of Education wi	Il conduct a pu			nference Room o	n Thursday, July 15,	2021 at 7:00 p.m. to
the forthcoming budget for fiscal yea	ar July 1, 2021, t				Food	Enterprise	Total
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High School Programs	1,141,755	29,225					
Jr. Kindergarten		650					
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Mild/Moderate Disabilities		650	527,914				
Severe Disabilities		3,625	145,549				
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Opportunity Classroom	54,786	0	51,151				
Limited English Proficient	21,689	850					
Title I Programs Counseling Services		0 550					
Medical Services		2,150	10,000				
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Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy			75,000				
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Title I Prof Development School Library Services		8,450					
Technology in School	84,247	139,000					
Election Services			400				
Legal Services Audit Services			400				
Board of Education							
Office of the Superintendent		2,250					
Office of the Principals Other Support Services		750					
Fiscal Services		6,700					
Architect & Engineering		100 750					
Other Facilities Acq & Constr Building Care & Upkeep		139,750 32,500					
Vehicle Maintenance	381,876	90,300					
School Lunch					255,669		
Title I Evaluation Services Special Ed Administrative			25,117				
Special Ed Transportation			28,829				
Out-of-School Time Program			,			87,231	
Driver's Education State Unemployment						13,204	
Early Retirement							
Debt Service		806,350		0			
Athletics		32,750					
Forensics Other Co-Curricular		1,050 600					
Contingency	50,000						
Transfers Out		550,000	000 570	750		100 425	9 021 007
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,986,690 Capital	990,570 Special	750 Bond	255,669 Food	100,435 Enterprise	8,931,097
MEANS OF FINANCE		Outlay	Education	Redemption	Service	Fund	
Local Sources:	2 740 074	1 710 500	000 200	225			
Taxes Regular Tuition	3,/40,8/4	1,710,500	906,200	325		9,500	
Summer School Fees						5,500	
Transportation Fees							
Interest Earned Food Service Sales					24,050		
Co-Curricular Revenue					27,030		
Other Local Revenue		4 74 9 59 9	9,300	225	24.050	63,500	
Total Local Sources County Sources:		1,710,500	915,500	325	24,050	73,000	
State Fines							
Revenue In Lieu of Taxes							
Total County Sources							
State Sources State Aid							
State Apportionment	49,000						
Wind Farm Revenue	170,000						
Bank Franchise Tax Mentor Teacher Program							
State Cash Reimbursements					850		
Other State Revenue			5,000		050		
Total State Sources Federal Sources:			5,000		850		
Federal Wetlands	5,000						
Small Rural School Achievemen		0					
Clean Diesel Grant Cares Act - Esser I		0 0			0	0	
Title IV, Part A	10,000	0			5	0	
Title I, Part A							
Improving Achievement Title II, Part A							
Cares Act - Esser II	108,244	287,598			15,083	255	
Cares Act - Esser III		46,000					
Federal Cash Reimbursements Other Federal Revenue		5,013			155,000		
Total Federal Sources		338,611			170,083	255	
Other Sources:							
Transfer In Sale of Surplus Property		0			25,000		
Total Other Sources		0			25,000		
TOTAL REVENUE		2,049,111	920,500	325	219,983	73,255	8,457,743
Cash on Hand TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE		(62,421) 1,986,690	70,070 990,570	425 750	35,686 255,669	27,180 100,435	473,354 8,931,097
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for a meeting and cards. 11 members were present. President Ruby Donovan opened with the flag pledge. A short meeting was held. There was no old or new business. Meeting was adjourned. Cards were played, the winners of the games. pinochle-Bev Sombke, canasta-Pat Larson, whist-Elda Stange, door prizes-Ruby Donovan, Eunice Mc Colister, Elda Stange. Pizza lunch was served by Kelly Miracle.

June 21

Present were 9 members. Cards were

played, the winners, members were prespinochle-Sarge Likent. President had the ness, canasta-Eunice flag pledge and table Mc Colister, 3 handed prayer, and Bingo was played after dinner. whist- Darlene Fischer, door prizes- Sarge Lik-Dick Donovan won the ness, Pat Larson, Darblackout Cards were played after bingo. lene Fischer. Lunch was served by Eunice Door prizes went to Pat Larson, Tony Gol-Mc Colister June 28 dade, Eunice McColis-

Groton Seniors met ter. Elda Stange Sec. for a potluck dinner. 9





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Groton Post #39 Defeats Northville (SD) In A Blow-Out Victory

Groton Legion Post #39 had no trouble on offense today, winning big over Northville (SD) 12-3

Groton Legion Post #39 got things started in the second inning. Cade Larson singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post #39 scored five runs in the fourth inning. The big inning was thanks to singles by Pierce Kettering and Chandler Larson, an error on a ball put in play by Jace Kroll and Alex Morris, and a walk by Darien Shabazz.

Morris took the win for Groton Legion Post #39. The righty went two innings, allowing zero runs on zero hits, striking out five and walking one. Larson, Peyton Johnson, and Jackson Cogley all put in work in relief out of the bullpen, steering their team towards the victory.

Josh McQuerrie took the loss for Northville (SD). The hurler went four innings, allowing seven runs on seven hits and striking out seven.

Groton Legion Post #39 had 13 hits in the game. Kettering, Jayden Zak, Shabazz, and Larson each collected multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Larson, Shabazz, Zak, and Kettering each collected two hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39. Groton Legion Post #39 was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Larson had the most chances in the field with 11.

Northville (SD) collected five hits. McQuerrie and Ben Fischbach all had multiple hits for Northville (SD).

Groton Post #39 Falls To Northville (SD) After Third Inning Score

Groton Legion Post #39 lost the lead late in a 7-3 defeat to Northville (SD) on Tuesday. The game was tied at one with Northville (SD) batting in the bottom of the third when an error scored one run for Northville (SD).

Groton Legion Post #39 lost despite out-hitting Northville (SD) five to three.

Groton Legion Post #39 got things started in the first inning. Groton Legion Post #39 scored one run when Tate Larson singled.





Northville (SD) evened things up at one in the bottom of the second inning when Carson Gohl grounded out, scoring one run.

Northville (SD) scored three runs in the fourth inning. Northville (SD) offense in the inning was led by Kade Stahl, Ben Fischbach, and Gohl, who all drove in runs.

Fehi pitched Northville (SD) to victory. The ace allowed five hits and three runs over four innings, striking out four.

Jayden Zak took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. The pitcher surrendered four runs on three hits over two and a third innings, striking out three.

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The Life of Lauren Harrison

Lauren Leroy Harrison, 80, of Groton, SD, passed away July 3, 2021 at Avera St. Lukes, Aberdeen, SD.

He was born January 1, 1941 at Leola, SD to Harold and Laura (Bain) Harrison. He grew up on the family farm and attended rural school at the end of their driveway. He graduated from Forbes High School in 1959 and then attended Ellendale State Teacher's College, Ellendale, ND, graduating with his Bachelor's Degree in Teaching. He was united in marriage to Vergene "Jean" Moore on September 17, 1960. Lauren began his teaching career at Kensal, ND teaching there for one year before going to teach and coach at Florence, SD. In 1970, Lauren

and Jean moved to Groton, SD, where he taught business and later computers for 33 years before retiring in 2003. He also helped coach track and football. During the summer months, Lauren worked for the ASCS office in Ellendale.

Lauren was a great outdoorsman; and he loved hunting, fishing and archery hunting. He enjoyed going to the River, where he spent many hours fishing. For many years he went elk hunting with his brother Wayne and brother-in-law, Lyndon in Colorado. He also enjoyed tending to his yard and gardening. He was loyal to his Dairy Queen Coffee Crew. Lauren had a great sense of humor.

He will be forever loved and missed by his wife Jean, of 61 years in September; his brother, Wayne (Priscilla) Harrison; two sisters-in-law, Cecile (Gary) Ringgenberg and Lynette (Loren) Winters; brother-in-law, Lyndon (Claire) Moore; and nieces & nephews, Craig (Nancy) Harrison, Steve (Penny) Harrison, Nancy (Tom) Cutler, Joe (Lori) Harrison, Lee (Laura) Winters, Lindsay (Andrew) Ryan, Ben Moore and Jia Moore. Lauren was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, Bud & Violet Moore, an infant daughter, Laurie and a brother, Dale.

There will be a prayer service on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home, Groton, SD. His funeral will be Friday, July 9, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.at the First United Methodist Church, Aberdeen, SD with one hour visitation prior to the service. Burial will be at the Oakes View Cemetery near Oakes, ND. Lauren's funeral service will be live streamed on the Dahlstrom Funeral Home website www. dahlstromfuneralhome.com on his obituary page.





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