



New water tower to get water

Water will start going into the new water tower next week. It will be partially filled and then the engineers will take elevation shots to make sure the tower footings are holding. Then a little more water will be added and they will wait before taking more elevation shots. The entire process will take up to three weeks.

Advance 2021 Child Tax Credits to begin July 15th

You may begin receiving advanced monthly payments from the IRS starting on July 15. The advanced monthly payments will be sent to those who are eligible as part of the full amount of the 2021 Child Tax Credit.

Here is what you need to know:

There is nothing you need to do to receive these advanced monthly payments.

Payments will be sent by the IRS via direct deposit, paper check, or debit card around the 15th of each month July - December.

You should have received letters from the IRS with additional details about your monthly payments.

You can also verify the details of your monthly payments through the IRS Child Tax Credit Update Portal.

These payments could impact your refund amount when you file your 2021 taxes in 2022.

If you would prefer to receive the full amount of the Child Tax Credit when you file your 2021 taxes in 2022 rather than advanced monthly payments, you can opt out of monthly payments.

Most people will receive about half of the Child Tax Credit as advanced monthly payments and the other half when they file their 2021 taxes in 2022. This could make your 2022 refund look smaller than what you typically receive.

There are certain situations where you might want to consider opting out of these payments to avoid needing to pay back these monthly payments on your 2021 tax return.

South Dakota State University announces dean's list

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The following students have been named to the dean's list for academic excellence after the spring 2021 semester at South Dakota State University. To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk received a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Cassandra Ann Townsend, Andover *

Matthew Robert Sperry, Bath *

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Dylan Michael Frey, Claremont *

Seth Allen Howell, Columbia

Cory Wren Murphy, Frederick *

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Turner Thomas Webb, Groton

Chesney Jesine Olson, Langford *



With the recent smoke coming from Canada and the west coast, it has created some interesting sunsets. (Photo by Tina Kosel)

Antique military vehicle parade coming to Groton

On July 28th there will be an antique military vehicle parade in Groton. It will consist of 45 antique vehicles and will start at the north end of Main street and go to the Legion on the south end. They will set up the vehicles for display and there will be coffee and doughnuts provided by the Legion. The parade will start at 9am. These individuals will only be in town until 9:45. They are traveling the Yellowstone Trail and have other stops to make. They have been doing this for a number of years on historic highways across the US.

From the MVPA Convoy

We are pleased to be in Groton for a quick breakfast stop. We will be following the Historic Yellowstone Trail Highway route from Aberdeen to Milbank on the first day of a 24 day convoy across the Midwest to eastern Ohio.

Our core purpose is to honor Veterans of All Wars with our vehicles and to show the American Public the vehicles used by our Veterans keep America free. These old war horses have been restored to original condition and are all privately owned. Our convoy averages about 30 mph across the historic highways of America. About half of the owners are Veterans, including Australian and New Zealanders.

We have completed two transcontinental convoys on the old Lincoln Highway (2009 & 2019), the Alaska Highway, Route 66, the Bankhead transcontinental Highway from Virginia to San Diego, and now a large part of the Yellowstone Trail.

This year we have about 40 historic military vehicles ranging from a 1918 Dodge Bros Staff car to a 1941 Packard Navy Staff Car, to many WWII Jeeps and Dodges, to the M-series trucks that fought in Vietnam. We have "heavies" such as deuces, 5 tons and 10 tons as well as newer Desert Storm era vehicles.

We are a non-profit and do not solicit any funds nor do we sell anything.

We plan on "racking and stacking" the convoy on Main Street in front of the Legion Post. We hope that the local residents will come out and see our vehicles and talk about their experiences in the Military. We also introduce these trucks to thousands of people who have never seen them before.



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Spike in suicides in South Dakota causing fears of emerging mental-health crisis

Danielle Ferguson

South Dakota News Watch

A significant spike in the number of suicides in South Dakota in the first three months of 2021 has put the state on pace for a record year for suicide deaths and has prevention experts worried that a long-range mental-health crisis may be emerging.

New data from the state Department of Health show that from January through March 2021, 59 people died by suicide in South Dakota. By comparison, 28 suicide deaths were reported in the first three months of 2020, and 40 suicide deaths occurred in the first three months of 2019.

If the pace of deaths in early 2021 continues, the state would see a record 236 suicides in 2021, a 27% increase in deaths compared to 2020, when there were 186 suicide deaths, and a 70% jump over 2010, when 139 people died by suicide.

State officials have not yet reported data regarding age, gender, ethnicity and location of the 2021 suicide deaths, but prevention experts are increasingly concerned that young adults and health-care workers may be at higher risk and that school-age children face the greatest risk.

Lingering stress from the COVID-19 pandemic coupled with existing mental-health conditions are seen as possible causes for the rise in suicides in early 2021.

State prevention experts were surprised by the rapid rise in suicides because the rest of the nation saw declining suicide deaths in 2020 and because the number of suicides in South Dakota in 2020 and 2019 went virtually unchanged.

In South Dakota, 186 people died by suicide in 2020, compared with 185 in 2019 and 168 in 2018. Suicide is the the ninth-leading cause of death in South Dakota, but it is the second-leading cause among residents ages 15 to 34, according to the Helpline Center, a statewide suicide prevention agency.

Pennington County, home to Rapid City, has seen a significant number of suicides so far in 2021, with 21 deaths reported in the first six months of the year compared to 34 deaths in all of 2020, according to a local suicide prevention organization.

Meanwhile, requests for help related to suicide are also up so far this year. The Helpline Center has received 1,163 suicide-related calls from across South Dakota in the first six months of this year, compared to 941 calls at this time last year.

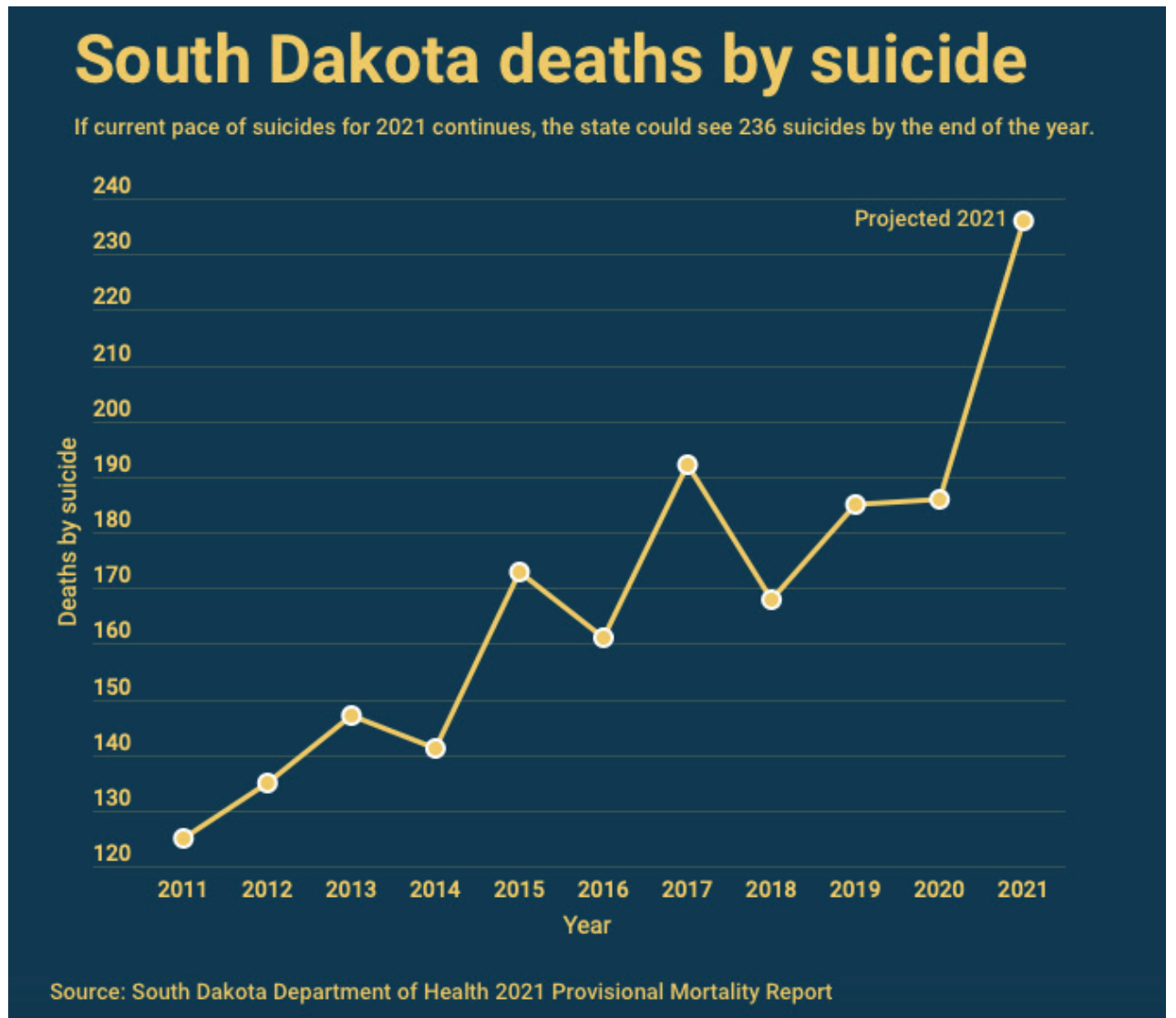
More people were admitted to Avera Behavioral Health over the past 12 months than during that same time frame in previous years. Normally, about 6,000 admissions are made each fiscal year. From July 2019 to June 2020, there were about 5,300 admissions. From July 2020 to June 2021, there were more than 6,700 people admitted.



Thomas Otten

Most of those admitted to the hospital have made a plan or intend to die by suicide, said Thomas Otten, assistant vice president for behavioral health services at Avera Health.

"That's a pretty good indication that there are more attempts at suicide happening in



our region," he said.

The first quarter 2021 mortality data does not include information from the Indian Health Service, which did not respond to a data request for this story. Historically, however, the suicide rate for Native American residents of South Dakota is estimated to be about 2.5 times higher than the rate for caucasians, according to the department of health.

Suicide prevention specialists say they saw a recent rise in attempts and deaths by suicide among people in their 20s and 30s. In Pennington County alone, 12 of the 34 people who died by suicide last year were in the 20-39 age group, according to the Front Porch Coalition.

While specific age data for the last year was not yet available, advocates say they've seen more children with suicidal thoughts over the past year. Multiple new programs aimed at youth suicide prevention and training for youth on how to detect warning signs have started across the state in response.

The Helpline Center recently started mental health training for students in grades 10-12 to learn about suicide warning signs. The Front Porch Coalition and Rapid City Police Department started a program in the fall that works with children who are considered at high risk for suicide or with those who know someone who died by suicide.

"Kids particularly had a difficult time with COVID-19," said Otten. "Their friends were taken away from them. Doing school all online is a very different experience than doing it in person. A lot of kids struggled with those kinds of things."



Katy Sullivan

In South Dakota, hospitals typically see a dip in youth admissions during the summer months. That has yet to happen this year.

"Our population has not dipped as much in

the summer as usually we expect," said Katy Sullivan, director of Monument Health Behavioral Health Center. "We expect youth admissions to decrease in summer, when they're outside and not in school, but we're not seeing that dip with our teen and child population."

Mental health professionals say some South Dakotans have been coping with financial, physical and emotional tolls wrought by the pandemic on top of existing mental health conditions, and lingering stigma around seeking help could put more people's mental health in jeopardy.

Deaths by suicide typically increase within two years of a natural disaster, which could include the pandemic that began in January 2020 and is still causing illnesses and deaths, said Bridget Swier, director of communications and outreach at the Front Porch Coalition, a suicide prevention and support group in Pennington County.

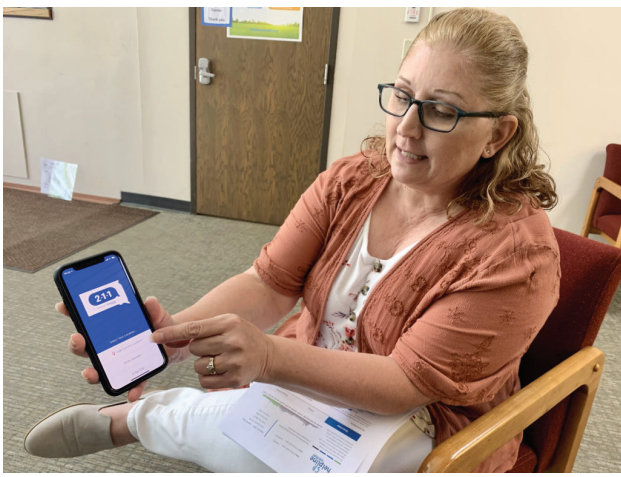
"Generally, when a natural disaster hits, the community rallies together, neighbors help each other out, and we find ways to help each other. That sense of community was strong during the pandemic, but toward the end, as people go back to their lives, that sense of togetherness isn't as strong," Swier said. "I think we're just beginning to see long-lasting impacts in regard to mental health."

Now that people in South Dakota and across the country are re-entering into what many consider a "normal life" in the post-pandemic era, the transition can be difficult for people who experienced any kind of loss during the pandemic, such as losing a job, losing a loved one to COVID-19 or losing friends over political arguments.

"We can't expect people to go back to living like it's 2019," said Sheri Nelson, Suicide Prevention Director at the Helpline Center.

The jump in suicides in the winter months of January through March in South Dakota is somewhat unusual compared to typical pat-

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Sheri Nelson, suicide prevention director for the Helpline Center, shows the new 211 app for cell phones. Users can look up mental health help specific to their county, and anyone can also call 211 or the state suicide hotline at 1-800-273-8255 at any time for help. Photo: Danielle Ferguson, South Dakota News Watch

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terns of depression, one expert said. Suicide deaths typically increase in the springtime and taper off in the summer, experts said. There are psychological and physical aspects to the spring that can exacerbate mental health conditions. Spring is usually a time for rejuvenation after a long, cold winter. But for people with mental health concerns, seeing others enjoy a fresh start may make them feel even worse for not being happier after winter.

"Those who may have spent the winter depressed find themselves, in the spring, still depressed, but with the energy and motivation to take their own life," Adam Kaplin, Johns Hopkins psychiatrist, said in a recent Johns Hopkins publication.

Deaths by suicide across the nation decreased last year. According to preliminary statistics published by the National Center for Health Statistics in March 2021, there were 44,814 suicides reported in 2020, compared with 47,511 in 2019 and 48,344 in 2018.

Detailed national data about suicide deaths and attempts usually lag about two years behind the current date, but smaller-scale studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that more people were showing symptoms of depression or anxiety and having suicidal thoughts last year, despite a decrease in the number of suicides.

A CDC study released in August 2020, however, showed that 10% of people said they had suicidal thoughts within the past 30 days. In 2018, a similar survey found that 4% of people said they had considered suicide in the previous 12 months.

Even though nationally fewer people were reported to have died by suicide last year, experts say that doesn't indicate a decrease in rates of suicidal thoughts or other mental health issues.

"There wasn't a dip in suicidality. There was a dip in reports and people coming into the hospital," Sullivan said. "More people were trying to deal with things on their own. They didn't want to come to the hospital and risk an exposure to COVID-19."

More healthcare professionals were in need of mental health aid over the last year and a half, advocates said. Medical professionals already had higher rates of suicide risk than most other professions before the pandemic. That risk was exacerbated by increased workloads and fear of COVID-19 infection. Because of that increased risk, Avera recently started a hotline specific to healthcare professionals, where any healthcare worker can get free confidential conversations over the phone.

Many who called into the Helpline Center said they didn't want to burden friends or family with their problems, Nelson said. That and a negative stigma around receiving help for mental health issues could have contributed to the decrease in people who reached out.

Negative stigma around mental health and suicide is particularly strong in the Midwest,

Swier said. The stigmatization often prevents people from seeking help, especially men in their 40s, one of the most prevalent groups of people who die by suicide in South Dakota.

"We're hard workers. We pull ourselves up by our bootstraps. We don't talk about our feelings and we get our work done," Swier said. "If there's stigma, who is going to be comfortable saying, 'I'm having a tough time?'"

Swier said individuals who want to be supportive can educate themselves on the warning signs of suicide and support suicide prevention organizations. Suicide prevention is "everyone's business," Swier said.

"If you are struggling, it's OK to reach out and get help," Nelson said. "There is help out there. It's normal to talk about mental illness, to talk about addiction, to talk about suicide. We want to get rid of that stigma so people will come forward."

HOW TO GET HELP IN A CRISIS

Here are some resources to get help for yourself or someone else who may be considering suicide.


The Helpline Center: Callers across the state can obtain county-specific resource information and be connected to a suicide hotline.

- Call: 211 or 1-800-273-8255
- Text: Text your zip code to 898211
- Front Porch Coalition: 605-348-6692
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255 (TALK)
- Crisis Text Line: Text CONNECT to 741741
- Trans Lifeline: 1-877-565-8860
- The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7386 or text START to 678678



The 211 Helpline Center has a variety of publications aimed at helping people in crisis. Photo: Danielle Ferguson, South Dakota News Watch

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Groton Jr. Teeners Claims Blow-Out Victory Over Watertown White Sox 13/14, 17-2

Groton Jr. Teeners had everything working on Wednesday, winning big over Watertown White Sox 13/14 17-2

Groton Jr. Teeners got things moving in the first inning, when an error scored one run for Groton Jr. Teeners.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied six runs in the third inning. Groton Jr. Teeners scored its runs on an RBI single by Korbin Kucker.

Brevin Flihs pitched Groton Jr. Teeners to victory. Flihs went four innings, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out six.

Dominic Joens took the loss for Watertown White Sox 13/14. Joens lasted two innings, allowing five hits and seven runs.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied nine hits. Kucker, Flihs, and Taylor Diegel each managed multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Kucker

led Groton Jr. Teeners with three hits in four at bats. Groton Jr. Teeners tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Flihs led the way with two.

Kohl Nygaard went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Watertown White Sox 13/14 in hits.

Diegel's Walk-Off Gives Groton Jr. Teeners Victory Over Watertown White Sox 13/14

A walk-off fielder's choice led Groton Jr. Teeners past Watertown White Sox 13/14 7-6 on Wednesday. The game was tied at six with Groton Jr. Teeners batting in the bottom of the fifth when Dayne Martin induced Teylor Diegel to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

Watertown White Sox 13/14 scored five runs in the third inning, but Groton Jr. Teeners still managed to pull out the victory. The offensive firepower by Watertown White Sox 13/14 was led by Izzac Honeyman and Dominic Joens, all driving in runs in the inning.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Groton Jr. Teeners tied things up at six when Ryan Goldade drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners notched four runs in the fourth inning. Groton Jr. Teeners offense in the inning was led by Braxton Imrie, Jarrett Erdmann, and Goldade, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Korbin Kucker was the winning pitcher for Groton Jr. Teeners. Kucker lasted one inning, allowing zero hits and zero runs while striking out three and walking one. Nicholas Morris threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Martin took the loss for Watertown White Sox 13/14. The bulldog allowed zero hits and one run over one-third of an inning.

Jack Elshere started the game for Watertown White Sox 13/14. The pitcher lasted three innings, allowing one hit and four runs while striking out one Gavin Englund started the game for Groton Jr. Teeners. The righty allowed two hits and five runs over two innings, striking out three

Diegel, Erdmann, and Drew Thurston each managed one hit to lead Groton Jr. Teeners. Groton Jr. Teeners tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Karsten Flihs led the way with two.

Kohl Nygaard went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Watertown White Sox 13/14 in hits.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is blimp travel really making a comeback? Is it eco-friendly? – J. Roe, Islip, NY

The blimp, forever besmirched due to the Hindenburg explosion in 1937—when one of the first commercial blimps caught on fire—never really fulfilled its potential as a commuting vehicle.

Fast forward to the 21st century, and companies like Hybrid Air Vehicles (HAV) are taking steps to reintroduce airships safely. HAV's Airlander 10, for example, uses inert helium for buoyancy instead of flammable hydrogen (which the industry began doing right after the Hindenburg disaster), thus eliminating the threat of disasters like the Hindenburg. Today's blimp can be an efficient cargo carrier, and can also seat 100 passengers and travel 200-300 miles quickly on hybrid (diesel/electric) power—making blimp travel one of the greenest ways to travel medium-length distances.

Traditional commercial jets are not only much more costly to make but also accelerate global warming and impact local air quality. Commercial aircrafts use large amounts of fossil fuels and emit harmful greenhouse gasses like carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and sulfate or soot particulates.

As a hybrid vehicle with a helium-filled balloon for buoyancy—the Airlander 10 drastically reduces the amount of fuel necessary to keep it airborne. HAV reports that the Airlander will emit 90 percent less carbon dioxide per passenger than a commercial jet. However, the company plans to replace all hybrid versions with 500 kW electric motors—two forward motors by 2025 and two rear motors by 2030—to make the aircraft fully electric and producing zero emissions.

HAV adds that while blimps created in the past could not withstand rough weather conditions, the Airlander "will be able to withstand lightning and icing and operate in most weathers." With the ability to cover 4,000 miles, reach the altitude of 20,000 feet, and travel approximately 80 miles per hour, the Airlander maximizes energy efficiency and is designed to remain airborne for up to five days at a stretch.

"This isn't a luxury product, it's a practical solution to challenges posed by the climate crisis," HAV Chief Executive Tom Grundy tells The Guardian.

In addition to commercial passenger and cargo transportation, the Airlander may just be the newest eco-tourism vehicle. With large windows that provide a clear view of the landscapes below and little predicted turbulence due to reduced engine usage, the Airlander is perfect for luxury eco-travel. In fact, Swedish travel firm OceanSky has already purchased an

Believe it or not, blimps are making a comeback as a green short hop commuter travel option.

Airlander that will include a customized luxury cabin, where passengers can enjoy stunning, unparalleled views while flying over places like the North Pole.

Although an Airlander prototype crashed during a 2019 test flight, another test flight performed in 2021 proved successful. As with all commercial aircraft, the Airlander

requires certification from regulators before operation. Though the Airlander does not yet have approval, HAV looks forward to building 12 Airlanders yearly with hopes of producing upwards of 250 over the next few decades.

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What kinds of things might a beachcomber find in the sand or in shallow waters?

1.) for money - **COIN**

2.) for Dad - **RAZOR**

3.) for music - **HORN**

4.) for writing - **FEIN**

1. metal d etec t or p e n

2. s e o o p

Pinch found twenty three coins while combing the beach.

What part of a fish is like a man's arms and legs?

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Kids: color stuff in!



Beachcombing!

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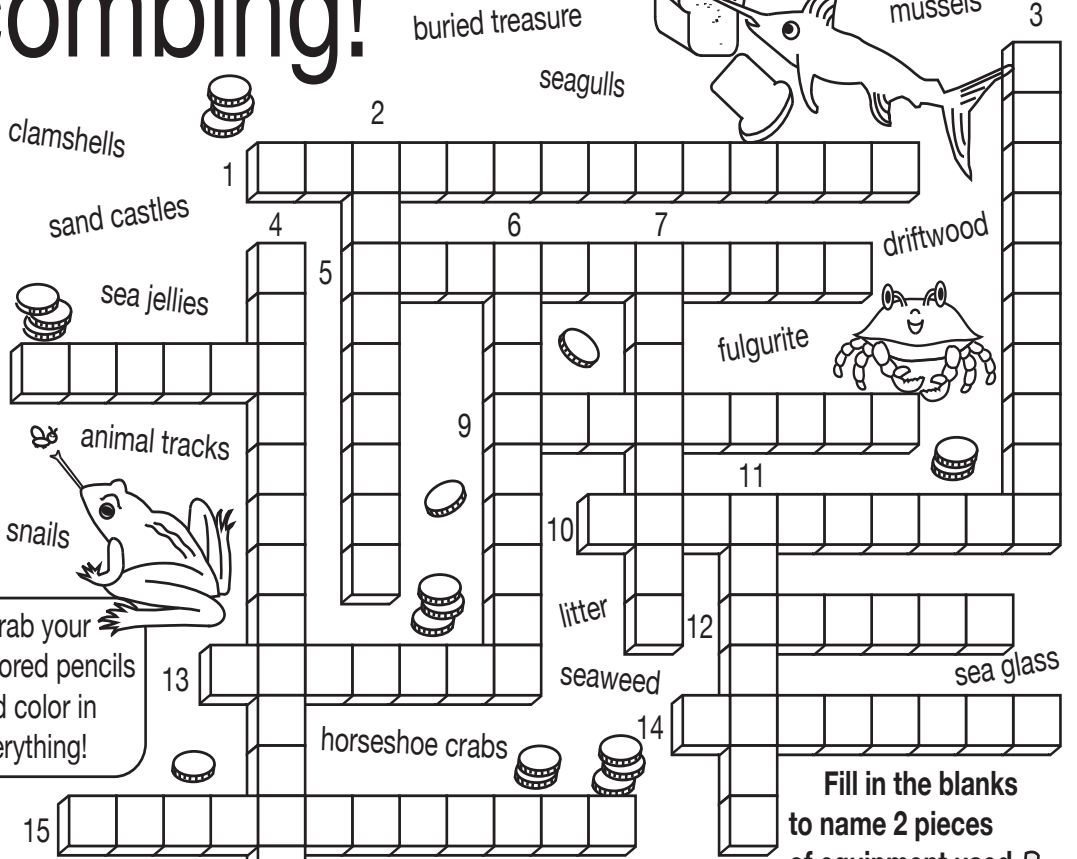
What kinds of things might a beachcomber find in the sand or in shallow waters?

Read the clues to find out:

A **beachcomber** is a person who likes to search the sands and shallow waters for things to use, to make into something else or to sell because they have some value. Pretend that you and your family live on the beach and are beachcombers. What do **you** think you might discover?



Grab your colored pencils and color in everything!



Across

- box of valuable jewels in the ground
- forts with moats around them
- trash
- glass tube formed in sand when lightning strikes the sand
- soft-bodied water animals live in these
- carry their "homes" on their backs
- plants that live in the ocean
- broken pieces worn smooth
- paw prints

Down

- reddish-brown coated piece of metal
- have tentacles that can sting
- have large oval shells and long stiff tails
- pieces of trees, furniture, etc. washed ashore
- birds that live by the seashore
- soft-bodied water animals with narrow, dark-blue shells

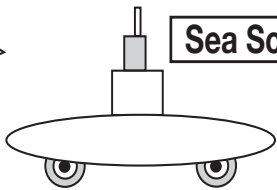
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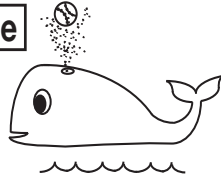
Let's Go Beachcombing!

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You and your family are diving deep into the sea. You find a cave and explore it. In the center, this is what you see! **Everything is mixed up in this sea scene. What silly things do you see?**



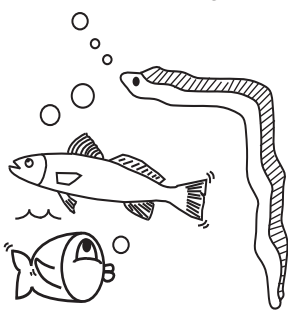
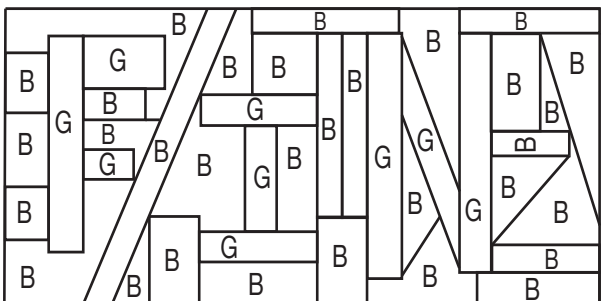
Sea Scene



Motion in the Water

B = Blue G = Green

All sea creatures use different body parts to move through the water. The body part you will see in the box below works with the fish's muscles to push it through the water. It also keeps the fish from "rolling over." It helps the fish steer and "brake," too. **What part of a fish is like a man's arms and legs?**



2 in 1 puzzle!

Treasure hunting time!

Yay!

Treasure Hunt After crowds leave for the day, Pinch scutters around looking for treasure. What did he find today?

G = gold
S = sand
B = black

Beachcombers

Imagine that your family lives on a beach. There are no stores, so you have to search or comb the beach to find things your family needs. **Unscramble these words to find things you might use:**

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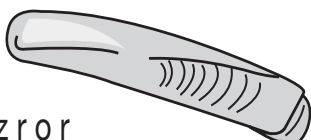
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2.) for Dad to shave -

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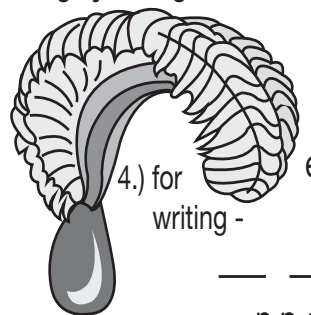
3.) for music -

h o l s h e l n r



4.) for writing -

n p e



Brown County July 6, 2021

Meeting Minutes

JULY 6, 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. Commissioner Sutton 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.

PUBLIC HEARING LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve transfer of Retail (on-sale) Liquor License: 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 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION:

Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION 39-21 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT SDPAA BOARD MEMBER** WHEREAS, the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance requires a resolution of support from the governing body of an applicant to the Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Brown County hereby supports Mike Wiese to serve on the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance Board of Directors.

Dated this 6th day of July 2021. Seconded by Kippley. Roll call vote Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Kippley-aye, Wiese-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

ELECTION EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor, requested to purchase KnowInk Poll Pads to replace the current e-poll books used for entering voters on Election Day at the polling places. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize the purchase of 33 KnowInk pollpads @ \$45,705.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RICHMOND AREA ROAD CONVERSATION: The Board of Commissioner had an open conversation about the roads at the Richmond area. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, will send figures and information needed to the Board. No actions taken.

FAT TRUCK VEHICLE PURCHASE: Dave Lonzman, Sheriff's Chief Deputy, discussed with the Commissioner the grants and donations they have secured and the remaining estimated amount needed to purchase a fat truck vehicle. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to commit \$25,000 towards the purchase of the Fat Truck vehicle if able to secure enough to cover the remaining amount needed. Roll call vote: Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-nay, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve the following applications for occupancy submitted by Northern Valley Communications for telecommunication purposes: occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 6, in Section 13, 24, 36_19, 30_13, 24, 25, Township 124, 123, Range 65, 64, Brown County, South Dakota; occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 12W, in Section 15, 14, 13, 19, 18, 20, 17, Township 123, Range 65, 64, Brown County, South Dakota; occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 13W, in Section 34, 34, Township 124, Range 64, Brown County, South Dakota; occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 13, (section information on-file at the Highway shop), Township 124, 123, Range 63, 62, Brown County, South Dakota; occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 4, in Section 1,6, Township 123, Range 64, 63, Brown County, South Dakota.

HR REPORT: Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following: Acknowledge retirement of Michael Ernst, Brown County Court Security, effective July 1, 2021. Approve request to hire a part-time Dacotah Prairie Museum Collections employee.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
LEASES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve the following leases: Watertown Human Service Agency for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on August 17-19 2021; Montgomery's Furniture for the lease of two stages on July 16, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
SHERIFF'S REPORT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the Sheriff's Report for May 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
LOTTERY PERMITS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve the following Lottery

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kota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES_ HIGHWAY: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, discussed with the Commissioners status on current road projects. No actions taken.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve the general meeting minutes of June 29, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,327.95; Auditor \$8,937.74; Treasurer \$13,663.46; SA \$23,442.83; SVAWA \$1,731.00; Maintenance \$9,225.19; Assessor \$14,636.39; Register of Deeds \$9,124.94; VSO \$4,546.67; GIS \$2,411.38; IT \$7,650.41; HR \$3,639.08; Sheriff \$39,237.76; Jail \$50,482.66; Court Security \$5,817.75; JDC \$21,367.53; Welfare \$2,982.62; Museum \$8,360.00; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,227.40; Fair Board \$3,532.01; 4-H \$1,326.72; Weed \$4,083.12; Planning & Zoning \$4,584.71; Highway \$42,092.80; Dispatch \$30,883.69; Emergency \$4,160.96; Teen Court \$690.69; JDAI \$1,786.92; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,333.70; Landfill \$14,859.37; FICA \$20,622.60, Medicare \$4,832.33; HSA \$1,068.48; Health Insurance \$116,417.10; Dental Insurance \$7,639.50; Life Insurance \$1,074.74. **CLAIMS:** Professional Fees: Drew Becker \$200.00; Heartland Funeral Home \$1,800.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$96.00; Kennedy Pier Loftus, LLP \$346.50; Marco Inc \$75.00; Avera St. Luke's \$520.86. Repairs & Maintenance: Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$1,330.56; Dakota Fluid Power Inc \$92.95; Great Western Tire Inc \$10.00; House Of Glass \$79.59; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$1,734.40; Kevin W. Stein \$1,690.92; Lawson Products, Inc \$21.31; Loiseau Construction, Inc. \$217,729.95; Mc-Gaugh Family Inc \$190.00; RDO Equipment Co. - Ag \$4,787.88; Roland L. Moerke \$25.00; Timothy C. Gardner \$296.57; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$361.23; Supplies: Aberdeen Medical Center Pharmacy \$657.49; Agetgra Cooperative \$48,582.63; Bakken Build Maintenance \$500.00; C. Scott Bader \$50.00; Cole Papers \$637.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$2,721.11; Dave Lonzman \$129.00; Fire Safety First, LLC \$672.16; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$170,582.04; Mc-Gaugh Family Inc \$13,634.00; Nico Jung \$48.41; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$27.96; Uline \$279.48; Dakota Fluid Power Inc \$1,423.54; Dakota Supply Group \$26.22; Fastenal Co \$339.70; Great Western Tire Inc \$8,558.80; Interstate Battery System Of SD \$111.95; Lawson Products, Inc \$286.77; Mac'S Inc \$55.77; Mb Llc \$228.30; Menards \$50.83; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc. \$2,595.51; RDO Equipment Co. - Ag \$3,731.81; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory \$209.25; Runnings \$924.54. Travel & Conference: City Of Groton \$117.72; Mark Milbrandt \$266.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$197.38; Midcontinent Communications \$458.61; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$13,463.15; Qwest Corporation \$362.28. Rentals: Sewer Duck Inc \$150.00. Others: Butler Machinery Co \$40,458.50. Jury: David Hales \$11.68; James Brandner \$12.52; Robyn Warrington \$26.80; Mandi Du Toit \$10.84; Alan Pine \$10.84; Michelle Matheson \$11.68; Michael Herman \$11.68; Roderic Hanson \$33.52. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Application: Stratford Community Theatre for raffle on July 24, 2021 in Stratford, SD; Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Swanson-O'Connor Chapter 13 for raffle on May 31, 2022 at the Brown County Fairgrounds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:57 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$86.10. 20183

Frederick Town June 24, 2021

Special Meeting

Town of Frederick Special Meeting Minutes

Frederick board held a special meeting Thursday, June 24, 2021 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 2:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman R. Scott Campbell, Board member Troy Millard, and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine.

Motion to approve contractor's payment number 10 in the amount of \$67,212.87 made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Campbell at 2:05 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine Assistant Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$7.64. 20184

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 (0707.0714)
Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$16.00. 20173

Groton City July 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Blackmun, Bahr, Babcock, Cutler, Fliehs and Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Paul Kosel, Deputy Finance Officer April Abeln, Dale Ringgenberg, Vicki Rossow, Jamie Rossow, and Terry Herron.

Dale Ringgenberg presented bills for sewer repairs that had been done on his property and asked that the City pay half. Jamie Rossow, on behalf of Vicki Rossow, also expressed his concerns for sewer bills that they had incurred.

Dale Ringgenberg, Vicki Rossow and Jamie Rossow left the meeting at 7:31pm.
Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.
Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Fliehs to approve a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Stacy

Frederick Area School 2021-22 Salaries

Frederick Area School District 06-2 2021-2022 Salaries		Non-Certified Staff (per hour)	
Administration		Cox, Thersia	13.37
Kosters, Jeff	82,000.00	Elsen, Janet	21.63
Ringgenberg, Jessica ...	60,809.00	Gunther, Ashley	12.65
Wagner, Janel	49,925.00	Gunther, Faye	19.09
Brotzel, Julie	46,348.00	Hoffman, Donna	14.66
Kosters, Christine	4,650.00	Kosters, Zachary	16.55
Podoll, Lance	5,000.00	Morlock, Marty	13.00
Sumption, Stacey	30,327.00	Nickelson, Tamie	12.00
.....		Reineke, Traci	12.00
Certified Staff-164 days		Sumption, Michelle	13.98
Achterberg, Taylor	40,165.00		
Anliker, Jennifer	43,946.00	Coaching Salaries	
Arthurs, Crystal	41,136.00	Barondeau, Janelle-Head CC	5,663.77
Barondeau, Janelle	51,928.00	Barondeau, Janelle-Asst Track	3,943.11
Dallmann, Jennifer	43,384.00	Haas, Wayne-Asst Track	3,607.11
Hoffman, Morgan	40,165.00	Kosters, Jeff-Head Golf	5,232.44
Hoyle, Jennifer	41,442.00	Kosters, Jeff-Head Football	6,234.30
Kosters, Christine	48,392.00	Kosters, Jeff-Head GBB	5,552.71
Langley, Sharon	45,990.00	Morlock, Marty-Asst Football	4,516.11
Little, Jennifer	40,829.00	Morlock, Marty-Head Track	5,443.83
Meidinger, Melissa	42,771.00	Nickelson, Don-JH BBB	2,128.86
Morlock, Marty	48,862.00	Pashen, Brock-Head BBB	4,555.16
Pashen, Brock	43,256.00	Sumption, Alex-Asst BBB	3,100.00
Podoll, Caitlin	43,077.00	Sumption, Sarah-Asst GBB	3,752.83
Schmidt, Ashley	45,530.00	Sumption, Sarah-JH GBB	2,494.31
Sumption, Sarah	48,249.00	Sumption, Warren-Asst JH BBB	1,033.23
Tschosik, Paula	46,818.00	Thorpe, Bryson-Asst JH BBB	1,033.23
Ulmer, Maggie	43,103.00		
Zinter, Tonya	56,622.00	Co-curricular Salaries	
.....		Arthurs, Crystal-FCCLA	1,500.00
Bus Drivers (per route)		Kosters, Jeff-Drivers Education	2,000.00
Bakeberg, Richard	40.00	Kosters, Jeff-Athletic Director	4,604.00
Christianson, Mark	45.07	Pashen, Brock-Yearbook	2,627.13
Cox, Thersia	45.07	Podoll, Caitlin-Oar Interp	1,095.17
Kosters, Jeff	45.07	Ringgenberg, Jessica-Drama Club	1,307.96
Podoll, Lance	46.81	Sumption, Sarah-Science Fair	720.27
Underberg, Keith	28.81		
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Mayou for a Celebration of Life for Sandra Mayou at the City Park on July 18, 2021. All members voted aye.

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

Moved by Wells to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.
Payroll, \$34,184.05, Employee salaries; Executive, \$549.09; Administrative, \$3,759.52; Public Safety, \$8,461.50; Public Works, \$8,585.51; Culture & Recreation, \$12,828.43; First State Bank, \$9,887.57, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$495.82, HCA contributions; Dakotaland FSU, \$690.00, Employee savings; Allied Benefits, \$8,892.33, Employee insurance; SD Retirement, \$7,849.54, Employee retirement; Colonial Life, \$90.16, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$108.91, Employee insurance; Aflac, \$309.60, Employee insurance; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$430.00, Employee retirement; Employers Mutual Ins, \$77.30, Employee insurance; AB Contracting, \$168,646.00, Water tower replacement request #3&4; Maguire Iron, \$47,250.00, Water tower replacement request #7; Milbank Baseball Assn, \$200.00, Jr Legion tournament fee; Joseph Brunson, \$120.36, Utility deposit refund; City of Groton, \$383.07, Utility deposit and overpayment refunds; Kent Johnson, \$144.13, Utility deposit refund; Kevin Jondahl, \$197.67, Utility deposit refund; Carol Knecht, \$326.94, Utility deposit and overpayment refunds; Ron Krause, \$200.00, Milbank tournament entry fee; Heather Nelson, \$243.48, Utility deposit refund; SD State Treasurer, \$9,864.71, Sales tax; Web Water, \$28,126.34, Water 6/21; Full Circle Ag, \$304.13, Chemicals; Lien Transportation, \$6,150.69, Hot mix; Ken's, \$37.44, Concession food for resale; Darrel's Sinclair, \$107.60, Tire repairs; Lori's Pharmacy, \$69.50, FO School basket, batteries, band aids; Groton Ford, \$153.68, Windshield wiper hose repair on '17 Explorer; Aramark, \$26.44, Rug rent; Core & Main, \$341.80, Water couplings, and stop; Diesel Machinery, \$2,700.00, Roller rental; Nelson Sales & Service, \$45.00, Chainsaw repair; Nelson Sales & Service, \$61.49, Weed eater repair; Nelson Sales & Service, \$45.00, Weed eater repair; Border States, \$2,260.27, Meter socket; Harve's Sport Shop, \$524.92, Batting helmet, baseballs; Paul Kosel, \$133.10, Reimbursement for fire resistant clothing; Auto Zone, \$243.30, Filters and oil; NW Energy, \$804.91, Natural gas; Irby, \$146.94, Gloves, and glove testing; Groton Independent, \$467.39, Publishing; Jensen Rock & Sand, \$14,229.70, Gravel; Red Horse, \$82.78, Family crisis meal and lodging; Wesco, \$73.80, Transformer padlocks; Sontech, \$329.33, Telescoping pole and mount for PD vehicle; Greg's Repair, \$216.08, 17 Ford new spark plugs and coil boots; Dakota Supply Group, \$32.76, Water gasket, sewer coupling; Dairy Queen, \$144.60, Food for resale; Banyon Data Systems,

\$990.00, Software tech support annual fee; SD Dept of Health, \$205.00, Water Testing; April Abeln, \$49.99, Reimburse for paid ad for water restrictions on Facebook (accidentally charged on personal card); April Abeln, \$42.70, Med flex; Farmers Union, \$702.10, Fuel; Locke Electric, \$85.71, Change oil on sewer generator; Runnings, \$95.97, Socket set, fan; Runnings, \$43.98, Ball field line and rake; Runnings, \$205.99, Cemetery air compressor; Runnings, \$238.98, Impact wrench, socket set; Runnings, \$45.98, Propane kit, towels; Hope Block, \$267.52, Travel reimbursement for Finance Officer School; Kellie Locke, \$250.72, Travel reimbursement for Finance Officer School; Ramkota Hotel, \$636.00, Lodging for Finance Officer School; National Notary Assn, \$35.00, Notary insurance-1 year; Menards, \$26.99, Park lawn blanket; Menards, \$53.97, Entry sensor and mirror; Jace Kroll, \$120.00, Umpire pay; Zach Sahli, \$25.00, Umpire pay; Austin Jones, \$25.00, Umpire pay; Brody Dehoet, \$15.00, Umpire pay; Evan Nehls, \$125.00, Umpire pay; Peyton Johnson, \$75.00, Umpire pay; Darian Shabazz, \$45.00, Umpire pay; Pierce Kettering, \$55.00, Umpire pay; Jackson Cogley, \$75.00, Umpire pay; Alex Morris, \$50.00, Umpire pay; Chandler Larson, \$30.00, Umpire pay; Braxton Imrie, \$40.00, Umpire pay; USPS, \$122.00, PO Box fee; Drew Johnson, \$1,150.00, Legal fees; Coca Cola, \$4,437.00, Soda for resale; A&B Business Solutions, \$338.04, Copier rent; Mike N Jo's, \$301.85, Windshield repair on '05 Tahoe; Mike N Jo's, \$2,308.00, Repaint slide at the park; Geffdog, \$4.08, Signage; Jesse Zak, \$1,030.00, Hot water heater rebate; S&S Lumber, \$841.12, Frame, covers, brushes, wipes, sea foam, bracket, anchor, leather gloves, watering can, field marker, fuses, edging, bungee cords, reflective numbers, oil, zip ties, basketball net, keys cut; Cole Paper, \$546.54, Trash bags and toilet paper; Dollar General, \$446.85, Water, paper products, cleaners, chalk, coffee, swim pants, food for resale, air fresheners, first aid supplies, gloves, batteries, thumb tacks, kids' scissors, cat litter, window markers, tape, popsicles

Department reports were reviewed.
Moved by Bahr and seconded by Blackmun to implement fines for noncompliance of the City's

water restrictions. A warning will be mailed certified followed by fines starting at \$50 and doubling thereafter. In addition, Council may approve a \$100 thirty-day special permit for watering of new lawns. All members voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Babcock to delegate The Groton Independent as the City's official newspaper and official banks as Dacotah Bank and SD Fit. All members voted aye.
Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Fliehs to proclaim July 18, 2021 as Kaitlin O'Neill Day. All members voted aye.
Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Fliehs to proclaim July 30, 2021 as Paul Karst Day. All members voted aye.
The first reading of Ordinance #748 Appropriation Ordinance Schedule was approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Cutler. All members voted aye.
Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to approve the Maguire Iron Application for Payment #8. All members voted aye.
Moved by Wells and seconded by Babcock to order a sign for City Hall and Wage Memorial Library with the City doing the installation. All members voted aye.
The Groton Lions Club will be sponsoring the 5th Annual Summer Fest from 9am-4pm on July 11, 2021 at the Groton City Park.
Moved by Wells and seconded by Fliehs to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1- 25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:20pm. All members voted aye.
Drew Johnson and Terry Heron left the meeting at 9:03pm.
Council reconvened into regular session at 9:34pm.
Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to forgive the \$375 sewer tapping fee for Dale Ringgenberg and to reimburse him \$935 (\$480 for the excavator minimum charge and \$455 for sewer labor) for his sewer expenses incurred. Motion also included reimbursing Vicki Rossow \$824.21 for her sewer expenses. All members voted aye.
Motion by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to offer Gay Todd Richard the Electric Utility Supervisor position. All members voted aye.
Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm. All members voted aye.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
April Abeln, Deputy Finance Officer
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STIP PUBLIC MEETINGS

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2022-2025 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period. Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be conducted on the following dates to receive public comment on the tentative program.

- July 8, 2021 Ramkota Inn Pierre 7:00 PM (CDT)
- July 13, 2021..... AmericInn Aberdeen..... 7:00 PM (CDT)
- July 14, 2021..... Ramada Airport Sioux Falls 7:00 PM (CDT)
- July 15, 2021..... Ramkota Inn Rapid City 7:00 PM (MDT)

Meetings will be in-person and virtual. For more information and how to participate virtually, please visit <https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/planning/tentative-statewide-transportation-improvement-program-stip> Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting.

Frederick School
July 12, 2021
Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
JULY 12, 2021

The board conducted the public hearing for the proposed budget of the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

The meeting was called to order on July 12, 2021, at 7:06 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser.

Members present were Dan Nickelson, Jon Ellwein, Richard Achen and Alex Hart.

Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Janel Wagner.

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

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 20-161 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to approve the agenda as amended.

add Richard Achen to #10 Oath of Office to newly elected Board Members; move #23 Resolution for Opt-Out to #13 - move all items down one number;

add Offer Coaching Contracts after Surplus Items. All aye, carried.

Action 20-162 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve minutes of the meetings held on June 14, 23, and 28, 2021.

All aye, carried. Oath of office was read and signed by Janel Wagner, Business Manager.

President Schlosser called a recess to begin annual organization meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Exit Dan Nickelson, enter Eric Sumption at 7:10 p.m.

Business Manager Wagner called the annual organization meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Oath of office was administered by Janel Wagner, Business Manager, to board members Richard Achen, Rich Schlosser and Eric Sumption.

Ms Wagner called for nominations for President.

Action 22-001 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to nominate Rich Schlosser for President.

It was moved by Achen, second by Hart to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Rich Schlosser as President. All aye, carried.

presented: A. Jeff Kosters - Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director B. Jessica Ringgenberg - K-8 Principal Action 22-005 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve the following Custodial Duties for the 2021-2022 fiscal year:

a. Set date and time of regular school board meetings as the second Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. in the School library;

b. Designate Business Manager as custodian of all district funds, and to serve as School Board Secretary and Investment Officer;

c. Authorize Business Manager to continue existing funds and establish new accounts and to invest/reinvest funds in local institutions which serve the greatest advantage to the District;

d. Establish Custodial Accounts for Lake Region Conference, Clearing, and Imprest;

e. Acknowledge the designation First National Bank of Frederick and Plains Commerce Bank as the official depositories of funds for the district;

f. Authorize participation in the South Dakota Public Funds Investment Trust;

g. Authorize Business Manager to electronically transfer funds-notice of transfer will be provided to Superintendent and/or Board President prior to transfer;

h. Authorize Business Manager to prepay bills that have early payment discounts and to make monthly credit card payments;

i. Authorize the Board President to counter sign checks;

j. Authorize Business Manager to act as Official Representative of all federal funds;

k. Authorize Business Manager to transfer interest earned on all funds, including Custodial, to General Fund;

l. Designate Groton Daily Independent as official newspaper;

m. Authorize Business Manager to publish 2021-2022 staff salaries;

n. Designate Rodney Freeman Jr. as 2021-2022 school attorney;

o. Set board member salary at \$60.00 per meeting, plus mileage at current state rate;

p. Set substitute teacher and secretary salary at \$100.00/day for certified (includes current or lapsed, but not revoked) and \$85.00/day for non-certified; substitute kitchen and custodian salary at \$11.00/hour;

q. Set 2021-2022 lunch prices: adult \$4.00 and milk at \$0.35;

r. Identify Frederick Area School District #6-2 as an Equal Opportunity Employer;

s. Approve Public Notices of Non-Discrimination and Federal Programs Assurances;

t. Authorize Superintendent as: i. Representative for Special Education and to administer all federal programs

ii. Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth iii. Truancy officer iv. Public Records officer v. Asbestos Compliance officer;

Ending June 30, 2021 General Fund Revenue: Taxes \$124,003.59 Local Sources \$4,670.36 Intermediate Sources \$976.40 Interest \$36.47 Federal & State \$94,395.00 Total Revenue \$224,081.82

Disbursements: Bills \$24,931.71 Payroll \$111,984.33 Total Disbursements \$136,916.04 Transfers: Transfer-from Gen Fund to Food Service (\$19,215.00)

Transfer-from Gen Fund to Driver's Education (\$2,530.00) Transfer-from Cap Out to Gen Fund \$366,125.00 Total Net Transfers \$344,380.00

Total checking balance \$482,965.30 Total investment balance \$518,373.14 Ending Balance \$1,001,643.56

Capital Outlay Fund: Beginning checking Balance \$51,419.52 Revenue: Taxes \$68,134.60 Local Sources \$4,670.36 Intermediate Sources \$976.40 Interest \$36.47 Federal & State \$94,395.00 Total Revenue \$68,134.60

Disbursements: Bills \$11,299.40 Payroll \$111,984.33 Total Disbursements \$11,299.40 Transfers: Transfer-from Gen Fund to Food Service (\$19,215.00)

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Total checking balance \$482,965.30 Total investment balance \$518,373.14 Ending Balance \$1,001,643.56

Special Education Fund: Revenue: Taxes \$31,585.99 Local Sources \$4,670.36 Intermediate Sources \$976.40 Interest \$36.47 Federal & State \$94,395.00 Total Revenue \$31,585.99

Disbursements: Bills \$1,099.27 Payroll \$8,613.23 Total Disbursements \$9,712.50 Transfers: Transfer-from Gen Fund to Food Service (\$19,215.00)

Transfer-from Gen Fund to Driver's Education (\$2,530.00) Transfer-from Cap Out to Gen Fund \$366,125.00 Total Net Transfers \$344,380.00

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Disbursements: Bills \$202.43 Payroll \$610.88 Total Disbursements \$813.31 Transfers: Transfer-from Gen Fund to Food Service (\$19,215.00)

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aye, carried. Action 22-006 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: June 2021 financial report, custodial accounts and investments; FY2021 District bills, June 2021 payroll and FY2022 District bills. All aye, carried.

Claims approved: June 2021 Payroll - General Fund salaries 62,316.72; Special Education salaries 6,498.80, Driver's Education 1,139.82. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 19,057.95; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 917.74; American Funds, retirement 1,315.26; Delta Dental, insurance 1,693.50; The Standard, life insurance 271.71; Security Benefits, retirement 1,060.26; Optilegra, vision insurance 391.38; Wellmark, health insurance 16,490.00; SD Retirement 11,090.22; SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.26.

FY2021 Bills General Fund: Amazon Capital Services, supplies 359.38; Blumhardt Chevrolet Inc, repairs 753.17; Custodial Fund, Imprest reimbursement 167.00; Dakota Broadcasting, advertising 500.00; DIGI Security Systems LLC, key cards 340.43; Double D Body Shop, repairs 379.70; Executive Mgmt. Finance Office, records storage 109.83; Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs 1,393.22; GDI News, publishing 169.64; Great Plains Lutheran School, region golf share 24.61; Hub City Radio, advertising 500.00; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 17.68; Kosters, Jeffrey, SDHSCA dues reimbursement 51.50; Meidinger, Melissa, Kindergarten Academy travel 246.48; Menards, repairs 19.16; Merchant Services, online lunch payment fees 5.00; Mid-American Research Chemical, gym floor supplies 3,276.19; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electric 2,542.38; O'Reilly Auto Parts, repairs 107.14; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 111.21; Pomp's Tire Service Inc, repairs 66.00; Scrubber City, Inc, repairs 28.28; Spellman Painters, parking lot striping 672.02; Town of Frederick, utilities 640.29; Watch Game Film, viewing program 100.00. Special Education Fund: Avera St Luke's, occupational therapy 297.10. Driver's Education Fund: Agtegra, fuel 20.06; Blumhardt Chevrolet Inc, repairs 165.00. FY2021 Bills General Fund: Amazon Capital Services, supplies 1,840.12; Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc, Cyber insurance premium 2,114.00; ASB Property/Liability Fund, property/liability insurance 32,505.00; Associated School Boards of South Dakota, membership dues 886.02; BSN Sports, LLC, supplies 280.73; Cole Papers Inc, copier paper 1,279.20; Curriculum Associates, supplies 402.36; Dakota Electronics, alarm maintenance 240.00; eBoard Solutions Inc, policy software 300.00; Emedco, supplies 328.93; Frederick Forward, cost share 1,800.00; Gaggle Net Inc, safety management 668.25; GDI News, annual subscription 393.96; Gopher Sport, supplies 160.92; Goverlan Inc, maintenance support 291.00; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 343.17; Interactive Educational Services Inc, website hosting fee 850.00; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 240.84; Kosters, Jeffrey, membership dues 133.90; Markerboard People, The, supplies 144.70; NCS Pearson Inc, Aimsweb Plus Reading Program 520.00; Pomp's Tire Service Inc, repairs 66.00; Riddell/All American Sports Corp, sports equipment reconditioning 1,858.17; Rochester 100 Inc, supplies 135.00; SASD, memberships 1,302.00; School

Specialty, LLC, supplies 394.02; SchoolMate, planners 225.00; SD Teacher Placement Center, enrollment fee 435.00; SDBCA, membership 25.00; SDSTE, membership 30.00; Technology & Innovation in Education, membership 1,000.00; Workers' Compensation Fund, premium 5,758.00. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print contract 670.70; Apple, Inc, ipad cases 9,995.00; Ems Linq Inc, menu software 250.00; JJ & ZAK, ICU Database Renewal 999.00; Myers, Eric, flooring installation 6,735.00; Renaissance, online curriculum 2,400.00; rSchool Today, activity scheduler-renewal 300.00; Savvas Learning Company LLC, enVision Math 2.0 Common Core 1,078.20; SHI International Corp, licensing 1,931.72; Software Unlimited Inc, accounting software 5,945.00. Special Education Fund: Amazon Capital Services, supplies 15.99; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 205.91; NCS Pearson Inc, KTEA-3 77.00; School Specialty,

LLC, supplies 43.16; TeachTown, Inc, online curriculum 2,214.97; Workers' Compensation Fund, premium 663.00. Food Service Fund: SNA of SD, Conference Registration 260.00; Workers' Compensation Fund, premium 675.00. Driver's Education Fund: Workers' Compensation Fund, workers' comp premium 66.00.

Action 22-007 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the Employment Agreements for Tamie Nickelson and Traci Reineke for Paraprofessionals with salaries to be published in July. All aye, carried.

Action 22-008 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve Coaching Contract for Alex Sumption for Assistant Boys Basketball with salary to be published in July. All aye, carried.

Action 22-009 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the FY2021 audit engagement letter from Eide Bailly. All aye, carried.

Action 22-010 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the North Central Special

Education Cooperative Comprehensive Plan. All aye, carried.

Action 22-011 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the 2020-2021 financial statement for the Ovid Stevens scholarship trust. All aye, carried.

Action 22-012 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve items presented as surplus and approve items to be discarded. All aye, carried.

Action 22-013 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to offer coaching contracts to Kennedy Kosters-JH Football and Sarah Sumption-Assistant Cross Country. All aye, carried.

Congratulations to Isaac Sumption and Morgan Sumption for being named to the 2021 All-Area Track and Field team.

Action 22-014 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. All aye, carried. Rich Schlosser, President Janel Wagner, Business Manager Published once at the total approximate cost of \$213.02. 20186

Frederick School Notice of Opt Out

ATTENTION TAXPAYERS: NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF \$200,000

RESOLUTION FOR OPT OUT AND VOTE TO BE HELD

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-2 do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute for the GENERAL fund. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$200,000 starting with calendar year 2021 taxes payable in the calendar year 2022. This opt out will be for 3 years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2024. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board.

Also, be it resolved that the GOVERNING BOARD OF FREDERICK AREA will conduct an election to approve or disapprove the tax levy opt out pursuant to SDCL 10-12-43. The election will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Signed Rich Schlosser, Board Chairman Eric Sumption, Board Member Richard Achen, Board Member Jon Ellwein, Board Member Alex Hart, Board Member Attest: Janel Wagner, Business Manager Date 7/12/2021 Published once at the total approximate cost of \$15.67. 20187

Stratford Town June 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of June 2021 Meetings Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 14, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Community Hall. Those in attendance were Bourassa, L Jark, Prickett, Moen, M. Lerew, B. Schley, D. Schley. Prickett called the meeting to order.

Lerew talked about having a corn maze North of town and wanted to know if there was anything he and the Bellator Titans would need to do to meet town requirements. Town will work with the club as needed. The club is a non-profit so no sales tax will be collected; they raise funds for All Kids Bike and Toys for Tots.

B. Schley talked about park

updates and funding that is in the process of being raised. Will work with her on planning and grants as the project progresses. D. Schley talked about paintball in the tree area South of town. Town board agreed to help with waivers, funding and plans as the project progresses. He also gave an update on the internet service in the facility, remodel plans and One-Act Play/raffle. During the meeting he also discovered the sump pump may need to be replaced. Dave will check in the morning.

Tower - Moen will reach out to the state to find out the best way to proceed.

Street Light - Jark to call about adding a light by the lift station.

Curb Stop for the park may be fed by the line going by Johnson's across from the ballpark.

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

FINANCE REPORT: Bills presented for the month: Dept. of Health (water testing) \$15.00; Groton Daily Independent \$17.63;

Automatic Withdrawals: JVC (phone/internet) \$108.38, NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$61.19 (sewer) + 467.50 (town), United Fire and Casualty \$424, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$2402.21.

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

Issues with water heater discussed. There appears to be air in the line, no expansion tank, back check valve.

Safety Audit was discussed. Wood chips are needed. Will make plans with B. Schley on other recommendations.

Artesian well - no update. Weekly calls being made; no

return calls.

July 4th - Clean up day set for Sunday before to do some extra work in the park and around town to spruce things up. Parade will start at 5:00 PM, supper at 6:00, games to follow and fireworks at dark.

Dead trees in the boulevard - Jark to call Matt's Tree Service to have them removed.

Motion to adjourn for special discussion regarding the tower until June 17th at 7:00 PM by Bourassa, 2nd by Prickett. Next regular meeting July 12th at 7:00 PM

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in a follow up session on June 21, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Community Hall. Those in attendance were Prickett, Bourassa, L Jark, Moen, J. Ellingson.

Briefly reviewed the contract between Ellingson and JVC/ NVC. Parcel ID 7699 can be sold to Ellingson for fair market price without the bid process as it is a railroad section (SDCL 6-13-5.1). The board decided to get three (3) estimates from local landowners to get fair market value.

Motion to adjourn until regular scheduled meeting by Bourassa, 2nd by Jark.

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Verdon City Annexation Notice

City of Verdon will hold a meeting on July 30th at 9:00am, 75 N. 3rd St., Verdon, requesting annexation of Konkins outlot (40646 148th Street) into city limits of Verdon SD. (0707.0721)

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Dominique Clare

We are at a point in the offseason where there isn't a lot of news. The players are gearing up for camp and enjoying their final bit of free time with their families.

This week, we continue our roster breakdown with the linebackers.

The linebacker position is particularly important in the Mike Zimmer system. He likes to run a 4-3 base with three very versatile linebackers. Two of those linebackers will often line up in both A gaps so the offense must respect the potential of constant pressure. The Vikings have a couple of guys Zimmer already trusts and will need someone to step up to the plate after that.

Eric Kendricks – You can't talk about underrated players in the NFL without mentioning Eric Kendricks. He has been a top linebacker in the NFL the last few years despite only one All-Pro recognition.

Kendricks is elite in all fashions of the game. He is excellent at tackling, can cover like a defensive back, can blitz very well, and is almost always in the right position to make the play. His being on the roster allows Mike Zimmer to call games exactly the way he wants to. Especially when paired with another athletic linebacker.

Anthony Barr – While not as good as Kendricks, Anthony Barr is a very good linebacker. I don't think he gets the respect he deserves from the Vikings fan base. He has taken a lot of criticism for his recent struggles in coverage, and while that may appear to be the case, it was more an issue of a bad matchup that was never adjusted for during the game.

Barr missed last season due to injury and his loss showed just how valuable he is to this Vikings team. What they could do on defense with their backup linebackers was very limited. With Barr back, the 1-2 punch between him and Kendricks will give the Vikings a top LB unit in the league again.

Ryan Connelly – Although most teams prefer pulling their third linebacker in favor of an extra cornerback, the Vikings defense is a little more old-school and gives the third linebacker plenty of reps. This player is going to have a big impact, and the success of this unit rides on whichever player claims the spot. Right now Ryan Connelly is the frontrunner to start heading into camp.

That could change as the Vikings get a closer look at new addition Nick Vigil and draft pick Chazz Surratt. Connelly was picked up by the Vikings in 2020 after being waived by the New York Giants. He started a few games for the Giants in 2019 before suffering a season-ending ACL injury. The Vikings are hoping he can pick up where he left off before his unfortunate injury.

Nick Vigil – It's good to have backup players that are starting material because the defense rotates a lot of players in and out (in addition to injuries as the Vikings saw last year). Nick Vigil is just that.

He is definitely capable of starting, coming to the Vikings with great experience. Last season for the Chargers he played in 15 games, two

of them being starts. His career is trending in a great direction as he joins the Vikings.

Chazz Surratt – It's always difficult to predict where a rookie is going to enter the mix, especially in a Mike Zimmer defense that is known for making rookies "earn it." The Vikings drafted Chazz Surratt with the 78th overall pick of the 2021 draft. It was a move that puzzled some, but the Vikings must see something in him.

Surratt entered the University of North Carolina as a quarterback before switching to linebacker and having a great career. The Vikings feel he is an instinctual player that can bring a lot to the table. He truly is a wild card for this upcoming season.

Troy Dye – Because of the injuries last season, Troy Dye stepped in as a rookie and got some early experience for the Vikings. I liked what I saw from him for the most part. He was no Anthony Barr, but he showed potential and is worthy of being on the final 53-man roster.

I am comfortable with Dye stepping in for a rotation or filling in for an injury at any time. He may eventually develop into a starter as he is only 24 years old right now.

The Rest – After those 6 players, the Vikings have some others fighting for spots on the team. Their names are Blake Lynch, Tuf Borland, Cameron Smith, and Christian Elliss. Keep an eye on Smith, who sat out the entire 2020 season after doctors found a heart irregularity during Covid checkups.

Hey dad, the tigers lost today

"Dear Dad," I wrote 28 years ago to my recently-departed father, "the Tigers won today." My brother Scott and sister Sherry and I don't know why he loved the Tigers, but they were blue collar sons of a gritty city, an automobile Mecca like no others, so his love for them was fitting. Norm Cash, Al Kaline, Mickey Lolich...

We were in Minneapolis Thursday to see the Twins, and yes, the Tigers, play—my siblings and Scott's wife, Pam. Sherry knows Target Field like the back of her hand; she's got the



That's Life

by Tony Bender

dream retirement job as a fan services employee for the Twins, but on Thursday she was a chatterbox fan from our seats behind the Twins dugout.

Earlier that day, Scott let us choose from some of Dad's baseball memorabilia he had stashed away. I chose a Sports Illustrated collection of covers going back to the days of Mickey Mantle, whose autographed ball I once gave to my father only to get it back too soon. Sherry picked a yearbook spanning decades of Twins baseball with pictures of every player through the World Series years. She brought it along hoping to get it autographed. She snagged Tim Laudner right off the television stage before the game, a big man with a big World Series ring on his finger. She even got him to sign my program. "Will that do you, Ma'am?" he asked politely. Oh boy, would it. She was giddy.

She was a first-rate centerfielder. I taught her myself, burning fastballs to her in the backyard until she had to ice her hand, but she always came back for more. After playing baseball with me, softball was a snap. She holds the title of fastest centerfielder in the family, a contest decided after church and instigated by Gus Speidel, who took two bucks off me while Sherry stole my pride in a sprint from the centerfield fence, 385 feet from home plate. I passed her at the pitcher's mound but she refused to yield and had me by an inch at home.

Before the game, we had a snort at Gluek's Bar, established in 1934, the kind of rustic pub Dad would have felt at home in. Scott ordered the \$2 "mystery beer" which turned out to be Hamm's, great, sure, but Dad liked Grain Belt.

The crowd, some 19,000, still sparse after pandemic restrictions, was typical. A good-natured, knowledgeable, an everyone-is-your-friend kind of atmosphere that makes baseball attendance more like a picnic, and one of the reasons baseball will always be America's game. For 2 hours and 23 minutes we bonded, just as the game had bonded my father and me.

The Twins were held hitless by Tiger rookie Tarik Skubal for four innings. J.A. Happ was just as good for the Twins, eventually winning a game that saw the Twins battle back from a 3-1 deficit to win 5-3 with help from homers by Ryan Jeffers and Miguel Sano'. Jeffers, the catcher, was batting .193 and looked lost at the plate before launching one to centerfield. Former league MVP Josh Donaldson missed two pitches by six inches, going 0-3, but made a spectacular grab at third base and threw out the runner while sitting splay-legged on his rump! What an arm. Second-bagger Jorge Polanco made the play of the night though, snagging a grounder a foot in front of second base, flipping it to the shortstop Andrelton Simmons from his glove to start a double play. Two cellar-dwelling teams gave us great baseball.

On the way out, as Sherry led us to the parking garage, she spotted Twins TV broadcaster Dick Bremer and pitching great Jim Kaat in the hall. Before we could get their autograph, the elevator door opened, but Kaat invited us inside where Sherry got her autographs from the towering stars while I snapped a picture. She was beaming. Bremer, who seemed a bit put off at first, quickly recalibrated, because he could see how much this meant to the fastest centerfielder from Frederick, SD. Kaat was especially sweet. He didn't have his glasses, so Sherry helped him find his photo from 1974.

It was a wonderful way to cap a wonderful day. The elevator door opened, but before he stepped off, Bremer looked me in the eye with a grin and the enthusiasm of a true fan. "You saw a great game today, didn't you?"

It was a great game, Dad. The Tigers lost, but the Benders won, and somehow it feels like you were there.

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Guest Column by The Community Coach

by Paula Jensen

True or False | Collaborative leadership exists in my community?



I recently shared a big discovery in my community coaching work – the main thing holding back our vision of thriving rural communities is the absence of collaborative leadership.

Collaborative leaders are rare in our small towns because we think it will be faster and easier if we just do it ourselves. This was a hard realization for me. A couple decades ago, I was one of those individualistic leaders launching multiple new projects and events in my community, expecting others to get onboard with me and be as excited about my idea as I was.

This individualistic culture among leaders in rural communities works to serve our own needs over the needs

of the community as a whole. In this culture-type, we are seen as autonomous, and our social networks tend to be influenced by the attitudes and preferences of only a few individuals. Then, we often sit back, complain, and wonder why no one wants to get involved.

True collaboration can only develop when organizations and leaders recognize that none of us can truly succeed without the assets and innovation of others. So, how do you get started with a collaborative leadership model? Here are 13 characteristics, in no particular order, I've learned and practiced on my path to becoming a more collaborative leader.

Gather your Crowd - A collaborative leader engages a team-approach rather than a single-person approach to projects or initiatives. If you cannot find others passionate about the project, maybe it's not the right time to launch.

Build Relationships - A collaborative leader knows how to compromise and build trust between multiple constituencies.

Share Leadership - A collaborative leader distributes power, authority, and responsibility across the group and fosters shared commitments that everyone can agree live with.

Work from Strengths - A collaborative leader helps a team identify individual assets, then links and leverages those assets to create new opportunities.

Breakdown the Silos - A collaborative leader can build a network between a wide range of community partners that offers resources and support for the betterment of the community.

Include Everyone - A collaborative leader can exercise inclusion through the power of ideas, the power of communication, and the power of listening.

Establish Communication - A collaborative leader practices open and frequent communication by creating a system that engages the team and informs the community.

Lead with Questions - A collaborative leader can help diverse groups of people solve problems and resolve conflicts by asking powerful questions. Start with three magic words, "How might we...?"

Embrace Innovation - A collaborative leader is entrepreneurial (i.e., able to see and capitalize on opportunities to do good work and improve results) and is visionary about the future.

Focused Conversations - A collaborative leader has the ability to help the team discover what's possible through good questions that lead to balanced conversation, lots of listening, next steps and accountability.

Adaptability is Key - A collaborative leader understands change is inevitable and can react as circumstances shift and new opportunities emerge.

Mobilize Action - A collaborative leader explores with the team the potential barriers to success, then sets a plan of action with built-in accountability and success measures.

Steward & Celebrate - A collaborative leader recognizes that relationships, if not nurtured and celebrated, can deteriorate over time, and break down the success that has been achieved.

Collaboration is the essential ingredient for our survival and success as thriving rural communities. Don't be overwhelmed by the length of this list, just pick one or two. Start by building from your existing strengths, then through practice and implementation a collaborative leader will emerge. I encourage you to take this list, when you're ready, to the local coffee shop and start a conversation by asking, How would you answer this question -- True or False | Collaborative leadership exists in my community?

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

a Chinese fortune cookie distribution factory named Wonton Food, which happened to correctly foretell five of the six winning numbers. Each grateful recipient took home between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

* Master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock was an ovophobe, or someone who is frightened of eggs.

* Children of identical twins are genetically siblings, not cousins.

* Notwithstanding the fact it has no feathers, beak or talons, the Goodyear Blimp is the official bird of Redondo Beach, California.

* James Cameron sold the film rights to "The Terminator" for \$1. It went on to earn a worldwide total of \$78.3 million at the box office in 1984.

* The comb jelly, aka the warty comb jelly, sea walnut or "*Mnemiopsis leidyi*," is the only known animal to have a transient anus -- or, in more common parlance, a disappearing butt.

* The green code in "The Matrix" was actually created from symbols in the code designer's wife's sushi cookbook.

* Comic Sans, designed by Vincent Connare in 1995, has been labeled the world's most hated font. Even its creator isn't much of a fan, admitting that he has only used it once, to write a complaint letter to his internet provider. At least he received a refund.

* Australia's Lake Hillier and Hutt Lagoon are known for their vibrant pink and lilac hues, due to the presence of the algae "*Dunaliella salina*."

Thought for the Day: "There is something beautiful about all scars of whatever nature. A scar means the hurt is over, the wound is closed and healed, done with." -- Harry Crews

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By Jill Kruse, DO ~ Prairie Doc® Perspectives

The Butterfly Effect

My daughter recently brought home a monarch caterpillar. We cared for it in a container making sure it had a supply of fresh milkweed leaves and kept its cage clean. It seemed perfectly content to munch on leaves all day. After a few days it hung upside-down from the lid of the cage and we waited for it to form a chrysalis, and eventually convert to a butterfly.

We used the time lapse video capability of our cell phone to capture the transformation. Watching the video, the change seems easy, quick, and effortless. There does not appear to be any major effort or pain involved for the caterpillar. However, after researching the subject, we came to appreciate the significant process the caterpillar undergoes which is not apparent to the naked eye of the observer.

Unless we take time to learn about the butterfly's makeover, we may tend to minimize it as an uncomplicated process. Literally everything about the caterpillar changes. Its old body is completely broken down for the new one to form. Enzymes are released to break down the caterpillar skin and hormones allow new body parts to be formed. To the spectator, it looks easy, to the caterpillar, it is a monumental task.

This got me thinking about how change is difficult for people, and how important it is for us to support each other as we attempt it. Many changes in life are painful and complicated, especially those we make to improve our health, or our physical, emotional, or spiritual wellbeing.

Breaking old habits and creating new, healthier behaviors involves a transformation. It requires that we learn new ways of thinking and practice positive self-talk which is sometimes uncomfortable and challenging work. Quitting smoking, walking every day, choosing different healthier foods, and avoiding junk food are changes that offer long-term benefits. The work may not seem worth it in the short-term. You may want to give up, especially when others do not seem to notice your struggles or understand how you are feeling inside. You may miss the way things were before you embarked upon your journey.

Look to the butterfly for encouragement to continue your transformation. Change may feel like a struggle, but when your wings emerge and you take flight thanks to your healthier habits, the change will be its own reward.

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Groton Jr Legion Beats Moorhead By 14 Runs

Groton Jr Legion easily did away with Moorhead 15-1 on Sunday. Groton Jr Legion fired up the offense in the first inning, when Tate L doubled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run.

Groton Jr Legion scored seven runs in the fifth inning. Kaleb H, Colby D, Logan R, and Cole S powered the big inning with RBIs.

Kaleb took the win for Groton Jr Legion. The pitcher went four and a third innings, allowing one run on four hits and striking out six. Jordan B threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen. Jordan recorded the last two outs to earn the save for Groton Jr Legion.

#10 started the game for Moorhead. The hurler allowed five hits and six runs over one inning. #11 and #18 entered the game from the bullpen, throwing three and a third innings and two-thirds of an inning respectively.

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

Groton Jr Legion racked up 18 hits. Colby, Jordan, Tate, Cole, Dillon A, and Andrew M each had multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Tate, Jordan, and Colby each collected three hits to lead Groton Jr Legion.

Despite Collecting Seven Hits, Groton Jr Legion Falls To Brandon Valley

Groton Jr Legion out-hit Brandon Valley seven to six, but it wasn't enough in an 8-1 loss on Sunday.

The Groton Jr Legion struggled to put runs on the board and had a tough time defensively containing Brandon Valley, giving up eight runs.

#19 led things off on the hill for Brandon Valley. The bulldog allowed seven hits and one run over six innings, striking out three and walking one.

Colby D was on the hill for Groton Jr Legion. The pitcher went one and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs on two hits and striking out three. Jordan B and Dillon A entered the game from the bullpen, throwing two and two-thirds innings and two-thirds of an inning respectively.

Groton Jr Legion totaled seven hits. Andrew M and Jordan all collected multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Jordan and Andrew each collected two hits to lead Groton Jr Legion.

Brandon Valley was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. #16 made the most plays with six.

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Groton Legion Post #39 Outdone By Post 7 Huron, 4-0

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

Layne W earned the victory on the pitcher's mound for Post 7 Huron. The righty went seven innings, allowing zero runs on two hits, striking out 11 and walking zero.

Alex Morris took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. The righthander allowed six hits and four runs over six innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Johnson went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post #39 in hits.

Peyton B led Post 7 Huron with two hits in three at bats.

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Groton Jr. Teeners Downs Aberdeen 13s, 8-5

Groton Jr. Teeners beat Aberdeen 13s 8-5 on Friday.

Groton Jr. Teeners opened up scoring in the first inning. An error scored one run for Groton Jr. Teeners.

Taylor Diegel earned the victory on the hill for Groton Jr. Teeners. The pitcher surrendered three runs on one hit over six innings, striking out seven. Braxton Imrie threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Ridley took the loss for Aberdeen 13s. The hurler surrendered five runs on four hits over four innings.

Groton Jr. Teeners had seven hits in the game. Brevin Flihs and Diegel all collected multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Diegel and Flihs each managed two hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners. Imrie led Groton Jr. Teeners with four stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with eight stolen bases.

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Groton Legion Post #39 Drops Game To Lennox After Late Score

Groton Legion Post #39 stayed in it until the end, but Lennox pulled away late in a 7-5 victory on Friday. The game was tied at four with Lennox batting in the bottom of the fifth when Brando Otte singled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post #39 lost despite out-hitting Lennox nine to five. Lennox got on the board in the first inning. A sacrifice bunt by Otte scored one run for Lennox.

Brandon Fodness got the win for Lennox. The fireballer surrendered five runs on eight hits over five and a third innings, striking out five and walking one. Max Bambas threw one and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Peyton Johnson took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. The southpaw went six innings, allowing seven runs on five hits and strik-

ing out eight.

Groton Legion Post #39 socked one home run on the day. Alex Morris went deep in the third inning.

Johnson led Groton Legion Post #39 with two hits in four at bats.

Peyton Eich went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Lennox in hits. Eich led Lennox with six stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with 12 stolen bases.

Groton Legion Post #39 Takes Victory Over Renner SD

Groton Legion Post #39 scores more runs than Renner SD, takes victory on Friday to the tune of 5-1.

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

Chandler Larson got the win for Groton Legion Post #39. The righty surrendered one run on seven hits over six and a third innings, striking out three. Alex Morris threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Joe J took the loss for Renner SD. The bulldog went six innings, allowing five runs on eight hits and striking out three.

Groton Legion Post #39 racked up eight hits in the game. Darien Shabazz and Pierce Kettering all had multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Kettering and Shabazz each managed two hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39.

Kyle K led Renner SD with three hits in four at bats.

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Region VFW Baseball Tournament Groton Grabs Lead In Eighth Inning To Defeat Clark

SDVFW 14U Groton ran off with the lead late in the game in a 7-6 victory over SDVFW 14U Clark on Tuesday. The game was tied at five with SDVFW 14U Clark batting in the top of the eighth when Gavin Englund induced Waylon Olson to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

There was plenty of action on the basepaths as SDVFW 14U Groton collected nine hits and SDVFW 14U Clark had six.

SDVFW 14U Clark got on the board in the first inning when Olson doubled on a 1-0 count, scoring two runs.

After SDVFW 14U Clark scored one run in the top of the third, SDVFW 14U Groton answered with one of their own. SDVFW 14U Clark scored when Lincoln Reidburn drew a walk, scoring one run. SDVFW 14U Groton then answered when Braxton Imrie singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

Englund earned the victory on the mound for SDVFW 14U Groton. The ace lasted three and a third innings, allowing one hit and three runs while striking out two.

Cooper Pommer took the loss for SDVFW 14U Clark. The hurler allowed one hit and one run over one and two-thirds innings, striking out four and walking one.

Taylor Diegel started the game for SDVFW 14U Groton. The bulldog went four and two-thirds innings, allowing three runs on five hits and striking out eight. Dawson Lantgen started the game for SDVFW 14U Clark. The bulldog surrendered four runs on seven hits over four and a third innings, striking out three.

SDVFW 14U Groton totaled nine hits in the game. Carter Simon, Imrie, and Diegel all collected multiple hits for SDVFW 14U Groton. Diegel, Imrie, and Simon each collected two hits to lead SDVFW 14U Groton. Imrie led SDVFW 14U Groton with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with five stolen bases.

Jakob Steen went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead SDVFW 14U Clark in hits.

SDVFW 14U Groton Sets The Stage For Victory With Early Lead Over SDVFW 14U Webster

SDVFW 14U Groton jumped out to an early lead over SDVFW 14U Webster and took home an 11-3 victory on Wednesday. SDVFW 14U Groton scored on a fielder's choice by Braxton Imrie in the first inning, a single by Korbin Kucker in the first inning, a single by Nicholas Morris in the first inning, an error in the second inning, a walk by Kucker in the second inning, and a stolen base by Imrie in the second inning.

SDVFW 14U Groton tallied four runs in the fifth inning. SDVFW 14U Groton big bats were led by Gavin Englund, Brevin Flihs, Taylor Diegel, and Imrie, all driving in runs in the inning.

Flihs got the win for SDVFW 14U Groton. The hurler allowed four hits and three runs over five innings, striking out seven. Kellen Antonsen threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Ian Lesnar took the loss for SDVFW 14U Webster. The pitcher went one inning, allowing three runs on four hits and walking one.

SDVFW 14U Groton racked up 13 hits in the game. Diegel, Karsten Flihs, and Englund each had multiple hits for SDVFW 14U Groton. Diegel led SDVFW 14U Groton with three hits in four at bats.

SDVFW 14U Webster racked up five hits on the day. Matthew Mount and Trey Dunse all managed multiple hits for SDVFW 14U Webster.

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The Life of Rod Kluess



A Celebration of Life for Rod Kluess, 69, of Groton was held Saturday, July 10th at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel. Burial followed in Lorinda Cemetery, Henry.

Rod passed away July 8, 2021 at his home in Groton.

Rodney (Rod) Allen Kluess was born in Watertown on July 12, 1951 and lived in Clark where he graduated from Clark High School in 1969. He started working in the elevators during high school. Rod eventually moved to Groton in 1973 and became General Manager of three elevators in Groton, Ferney and Stratford. He married his high school sweetheart, Arlys Sharp on August 28, 1971 and they would

have celebrated 50 years next month. They had two children, Cassie and Wade.

Rod loved to be in rodeos from high school through his 20s riding bulls and bare back horses. He bowled men's and mixed league and loved to golf. He also enjoyed hunting pheasants, geese, ducks and deer until he was older and said "I'd rather watch the deer run instead of shooting them." He coached his wife's softball teams, but his big love was fishing! He met many friends in fishing with many stories about "the big one that got away." He was proud of winning several tournaments. Rod was an avid Minnesota Twins and Detroit Lions fan.

Rod is survived by his wife and two children, Cassie Monson and Wade Kluess, his grandchildren, Colton, Clayton and Becca, two great-grandchildren, Rayce and Holden and his sister, Carmen.

Preceding him in death were his parents and brother, Meredith.

Pallbearers were Robbie Easthouse, Ryan Easthouse Colton Monson, Becca Monson, Clayton Stippich and Rich Zimney.

The Life of Cheri Strom

Memorial services for Cheri Strom, 57, of Groton will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 15th at New Life Fellowship, 619 8th Ave NW in Aberdeen. Pastor Micah Westby will officiate.

Cheri passed away in Groton on July 10, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Cheryl Lynn Sippel was born on November 29, 1963 in Aberdeen to Milton "Mick" and Katherine (Tastad) Sippel. She attended school in Groton, graduating from Groton High school in 1982. Cheri then went on to Stewarts School of Hairstyling in Aberdeen. In 1984, she was united in marriage with Ron Belden and together they had three children. Cheri was later employed at Avera when she decided to go into the Nursing Program at Presentation College. She was married to Randy Kurtz and they were blessed with two sons. Cheri graduated with her degree in 2003 and over the years worked as an RN at Avera St. Lukes, Redfield Community Hospital, Beverly Healthcare, Groton and Sun Dial Manor, Bristol. On June 3, 2011 she married her longtime friend, Thomas Strom. Cheri followed her passion for hairdressing and opened Cheri's on Main in 2012.

Cheri loved animals of all kinds, especially her farm cats and chickens. They spent many hours at Enemy Swim Lake, camping and enjoying the outdoors. Cheri absolutely loved time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Celebrating her life is her husband, Tom of Groton, her parents, Mick Sippel of Groton and Kathy (Jack) Erickson of Britton, her children, Garrett (Emily) Belden of Denver, CO, Gregory Belden of Groton, Alicia Gauer (Colin Burrer) of Groton, Wyatt Kurtz and fiancé Megan Ulmer of Aberdeen, Clayton Kurtz of Groton, four grandchildren, Brantley Belden, Addison Gauer, Finley Gauer, Wrenley Kurtz, her siblings, John (Lisa) Sippel of Groton and Doug Sippel of Groton. Cheri is also survived by her brother-in-law, Dwight (Eugenia) Strom, sister-in-law, Crystal Strom of Pierpont, her parents-in-law, Luverne & Carol Strom and longtime friend, Rubiann Fisher.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents. Honorary Urn Bearers will be "The Lake Crew."



Claremont Resident Graduates from Mount Marty University

YANKTON, SD (July 8, 2021) - Amy Keough of Claremont, SD, was recently awarded a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Mount Marty University.

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