



## Antique Military Parade held Wednesday in Groton

There was an antique military vehicle parade in Groton on Wednesday. It consisted of 45 antique vehicles and started at the north end of Main street and go to the south end. They set up the vehicles for display on the last block of Main Street. The above panoramic photo distorts the straightness of Main Street, but you can see how they were all parked. Discussion on having this parade come to Groton started back in April. 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.

# Groton Summer Fest a Success



Almost 35 registered vendors attended this year's event!



Dale Grenz spoke at the Church service sponsored by the Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church.



Almost 100 Cars were entered in the car show with some being triple parked so all could fit in the City Park.



Robyn Snyder of Winning Edge Graphics in Alexandria, MN was at Summer Fest with her Lightning McQueen car. Behind Lightning, Travis Kurth has Jump Zone Inflatables sponsored by the Groton American Legion Post #39.

**Winners are featured on Page 4**

**Thanks to April Abeln for the photos**

**There will be no weekly print edition of The Groton Independent next week.**

# Halt to abortions in South Dakota during pandemic led women to get procedure in other states

By: Danielle Ferguson

A temporary halt to abortions in 2020 at the only clinic in South Dakota where the procedures take place led to a big drop in abortions performed in the state last year, but it did not prevent women who wanted to terminate their pregnancies from doing so elsewhere.

During the seven-month pause in procedures at the Planned Parenthood clinic in Sioux Falls, hundreds of South Dakota women traveled out of state to get an abortion and many requested financial help to pay for and get access to the procedure.

Advocates for abortion rights say some South Dakota women also turned to potentially dangerous alternatives in an attempt to terminate their pregnancies in 2020.

According to a data analysis by News Watch, abortions performed in South Dakota fell from about 400 in 2019 to 125 in 2020. But last year, more than 450 South Dakota women traveled to a different state to obtain an abortion, far more than in a typical year, according to statistics from health departments in neighboring states.

The decline of in-state abortions in 2020 is largely attributed to Planned Parenthood halting the procedures for seven months, when the out-of-state physicians that typically travel to Sioux Falls to do the procedures one day a week were restricted from travel due to COVID-19.

Abortion rights advocates say women in South Dakota have for years traveled long distances to out-of-state clinics because of the restrictive laws in their home state.

But data from neighboring states clearly show that pregnant women in South Dakota more frequently traveled to other states for the procedure in 2020 compared to previous years.

"Historically, we know people are going to get abortions whether it's available or not, whether it's legal or not," said Kim Floren, a board member of the Justice Empowerment Network, the former National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League of South Dakota. "There's no reason people should have to risk their health and safety to have bodily autonomy in 2021. Everybody should have the right to decide what to do with their body regardless of where they live."

In October 2020, Planned Parenthood in Sioux Falls resumed offering abortions one day per month and recently started offering the procedures two days per month.

One leader of the anti-abortion movement in South Dakota said the pause on the procedures in the state in 2020 "saved more lives," was "wonderful" for the efforts to eliminate abortion in the state and is one of a number of factors contributing to the anti-abortion movement "winning this war."

"This temporary halting of abortions in South Dakota ... it's one of the good things that came out of COVID restrictions," said South Dakota Right to Life Director Dale Bartscher. "It is our goal to see that abortion is illegal and unthinkable."

Advocates for the right to choose abortion say the pandemic amplified the desire of women to avoid the rigid restrictions on women's access to the procedure in South Dakota. They said that getting the procedures during the pandemic was disproportionately more difficult for women with lower incomes, women in rural areas and women of color.

Some pregnant women leave the state to sidestep South Dakota's two mandatory doctor's appointments and the 72-hour waiting period, the longest pre-procedure waiting period in the country. South Dakota also requires that women get counseling from a pregnancy help center in those 72 hours and that doctors must give state-mandated medical language to patients before the procedure.

South Dakota also does not help pay for abortions, and is the only state to not comply with a federal requirement that the state Medicaid health insurance program pay for abortions in cases of rape or incest. A federal Government Accountability Office report released in 2019 said South Dakota hasn't complied since 1994; Gov. Kristi Noem's Office said this week South Dakota would continue to not cover abortion costs under Medicaid.

"'Hard' isn't even the word for it," said Evelyn Griesse, co-founder of the abortion rights group South Dakota Access for Every Woman. "It has become much more punitive against women across the country, and against practitioners."

Griesse, who has been an advocate for abortion rights since the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized the procedure, said her organization helps around 150 to 200 women gain access to the procedure in a typical year. In 2020, she estimates more than 300 reached out for help.

In 2019, 33 South Dakota women went to Nebraska for an abortion. In 2020, 132 traveled there for the procedure. Last year, 152 South Dakota women traveled to Minnesota for an abortion, compared to 99 in 2019.

North Dakota, which also has just one abortion clinic, took in 10 more patients



**Evelyn Griesse, 79, discusses her years of advocating for access to abortion in South Dakota. She co-founded South Dakota Access for Every Women, which offers financial aid to women seeking abortions.** Photo: Danielle Ferguson, South Dakota News Watch

Watch

from South Dakota in 2020 compared to the year prior. Overall, the number of abortions in North Dakota slightly increased last year, from 1,121 in 2019 to 1,171 in 2020.

Iowa experienced a jump of nearly 200 out-of-state patients seeking an abortion in 2020 compared to 2019. The Iowa Department of Health did not provide data specific to South Dakota residents, but Sioux Falls-area advocates estimate a good number of those patients came from eastern South Dakota.

In 2020, 123 South Dakota women went to Colorado for an abortion, down slightly from the 134 who traveled there in 2019. Abortions there have been increasing over the last five years. An increasing number of patients from out-of-state have traveled to Colorado for the procedure in the last five years, including women from South Dakota and hundreds from Texas and Wyoming. Abortion rights advocates said they suggest the majority of women in western South Dakota go to Fort Collins, Colo., where they can complete the procedure in one visit.

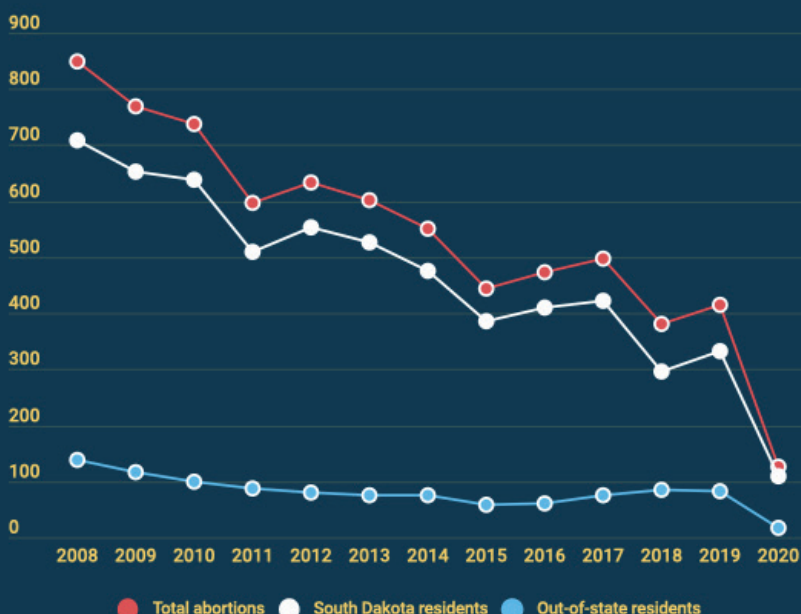
Access to abortion in South Dakota has declined steadily in recent years and the number of the procedures in the state has also fallen. In the past several decades, lawmakers in South Dakota have passed and upheld among the most restrictive laws in the nation.

"Lawmakers chipped away at access, so now it's really hard to get an abortion in South Dakota," said Dr. Marvin Buehner, a Rapid City-based OB-GYN who does not perform elective abortions.

Nationally, women are having a harder time accessing the procedure, according to a nationwide study from the Guttmacher Institute, a primary source for research and policy analysis on abortion in the United States. The institute reports that patients travel an average 34 miles each way to access abortion, while one in five American women travel at least 50 miles to reach the closest abortion provider.

In South Dakota, that average round-trip was about 240 miles in a non-pandemic year, Floren said. Last year, after the Planned Parenthood in Sioux Falls paused abortions, that average increased to about 600 miles round trip, according to the network, which helps patients access transportation, childcare,

## Abortions done in South Dakota



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**Gala Byrun, of Sioux Falls, volunteered in mid-July 2021 for 40 Days for Life, a national pro-life campaign that enlists volunteers to station outside of Planned Parenthood facilities to give women other options to abortion.** Photo: Danielle Ferguson/South Dakota News Watch

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lodging, interpreters, birth control and other support.

The majority of abortions done in South Dakota are self-paid by patients. Most abortions in the state cost between \$600 and \$700. Women last year requested on average \$400 for gas money, lodging and aid for the procedure from the empowerment network. At one point, the organization ran out of funds to distribute because of the high demand, said Floren. Some women didn't have transportation and some had to save money to fix a car before they could travel.

"People are needing greater amounts with all those extra problems that came with the pandemic," Floren said. "People are struggling and you see that."

Some women also turned to dangerous alternatives, said Floren and Griesse. Both advocates recalled stories of women who, out of desperation to terminate a pregnancy, took excessive amounts of Vitamin C or herbs, or they ordered potentially unsafe pills from the internet.



**Al Novstrup**

State Sen. Al Novstrup, R-Aberdeen, said he is not concerned that some South Dakota women had to drive longer distances than usual to have an abortion in 2020.

"People can't travel an hour or two to make a life-changing decision? Like that's a big obstacle? People drive from Aberdeen

to Sioux Falls all the time for a basketball game," said Novstrup, a new board member for South Dakota Right to Life.

"It's an argument that's insulting," Novstrup said. "To think we don't have cars? Doesn't match up. If you're making a decision to end the life of your child, whether you've got to drive one hour or five hours, (traveling) is probably a false argument."

Access to reproductive healthcare is even more limited for Native American women in South Dakota who primarily receive care from the federal Indian Health Service.

Due to a 1976 amendment that prohibits the use of federal money to pay for an abortion, IHS does not provide abortion except in rare cases, such as rape, incest or if the mother's life is threatened by the pregnancy. Between 1976 and 2002, only 25 abortions were performed at an IHS facility in the U.S., according to a study from the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center based on the Yankton Sioux Reservation.

Birth control and the Plan B pill - a single, highly concentrated dose of levonorgestrel, the same hormone used in many daily birth control pills to prevent pregnancy - were made available to Native women over the counter three to five years after it was available for the general public, according to the center.

Indigenous women, who experience rape and incest at higher rates than any other group of women, are put at even more of a disadvantage because of this lack of financial aid and access, said Charon Asetoyer, CEO of the center.

"For Native women, it's difficult to get the resources together to make the trip to Sioux Falls, let alone out of state," Asetoyer said. "Last year was a very, very difficult year for women. I don't think it's over yet, but it did have a horrendous impact."

Giving women the right to decide when they want to start their families and how many children they would like to have has long been a tenant of Native American culture, Asetoyer said.

"We always had the right and the knowledge to decide the size of our family, the makeup of our family and whether or not we wanted to have children or how many," she said. "It wasn't a decision that was made by our male counterpart. It was your decision, and it was respected."

Buehner, who has testified in front of the Legislature against laws such as ones that include language physicians must tell patients, such as that an abortion terminates the life of a separate being and increases risk for depression and suicide, said increasing access would address inequality in the state.

"People with no means are stuck with pregnancies they don't want and a lot of times can't afford," he said. "They're in poverty, an abusive relationship, have a lot of kids. It's a vicious cycle. Not being able to terminate an unwanted, unplanned pregnancy adds to all those problems."



**Supporters of access to abortion counter-protest an anti-abortion rally in Sioux Falls in October 2020. The Justice Empowerment Network led the counter protest when Operation Save America, a Christian-based pro-life organization, visited Sioux Falls.** Photo: Courtesy of Justice Empowerment Network

Women who receive an abortion in South Dakota do so for varying reasons, according to reports from patients provided to the state Department of Health. The proportion of women who say they get an abortion because of financial concerns has gradually increased over the last few years, from 21% in 2006, to 44% in 2016. In 2020, just over half of the women in South Dakota who sought an abortion said they did so because of financial concerns.

"A woman is the one living this situation. She's the one that knows her circumstances the best and now if she wants to take on another mouth to feed, if another person to take care of is going to extend her too far," said Griesse, 79, who traveled to New York to have an abortion in 1971, two years before the Roe v. Wade decision.

The seven months South Dakota stopped abortions is the longest period of time any state has gone without the procedure since Roe v. Wade.

South Dakota is one of 10 states with a "trigger" law, which would almost immediately ban abortions if the 1973 decision is reversed, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

The case threatening Roe v. Wade, centered on a Mississippi law passed in 2018, seeks to

ban most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, about two months earlier than the Roe v. Wade decision allows. The U.S. Supreme Court announced in May it would hear the case in its fall term, which begins in October. Noem's office said in a statement that any changes to the state's abortion laws wouldn't be fully known until if and when a high court decision is made.

More abortion restriction laws have been enacted in 2021 nationwide than in any year since Roe v. Wade, according to the Guttmacher Institute, the leading organization on abortion data collection.

South Dakota lawmakers passed eight of those 90 pieces of legislation this year, including:

- The requirement that women cannot abort a child if the reason is a known diagnosis of Down Syndrome;
- That doctors face a penalty if they do not care for children born out of attempted abortions;
- That physicians read to patients that they can reverse a two-step medication abortion after the first pill and creates a penalty for anyone who coerces a woman into having an abortion. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has said the claim that a medication abortion can be "reversed" after the first pill is not supported, but said some women who do not take the second pill continue with their pregnancies.

**ABOUT**

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**The Barstool Boys, Bob Boehmer & Bob Bawdon were on stage playing music throughout the day at Summer Fest.**



**The moon had a red tint to it thanks to the smoke in the air from wildfires in Canada and the west coast of the United States.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**1st Place Open: 1951 Henry J- Bob & Tammie Schweigert**



**1st Place Youth: 1976 Chevy Camaro Rally Sport- Jaedyn Bierman**



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**Best of Show & 1st Place Street Rod: 1934 Ford Roadster- Ron & Kitty Eisenbeisz**



**1st Place Mopar: 1968 Dodge Dart GTS- Miron Fisk III**



**1st Place Olds/Buick/Pontiac: 1964 Buick Riviera- Ken & Cindy Reinbold**



**1st Place Tri-5 Chevy: 1955 Chevy Belaire- Bob & Della Flocchini**

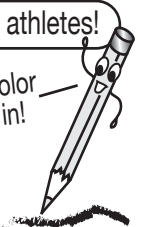


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Are **you** catching all the excitement of the Summer Olympics in Japan?

The athletes have been training for years and are among the best in the world. They will compete in events in 46 different sports such as gymnastics, table tennis and judo.

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- The first Olympic games were held in Olympia, \_\_\_\_\_.
- The games' first competition was a \_\_\_\_\_, which was run barefoot.
- Our modern winter or summer \_\_\_\_\_ are held every two years.
- Months ago, the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ from Olympia, Greece was carried to where the Olympics will be held - Japan. Runners will have carried the torch throughout Japan for 121 days by the time the last torch runner arrives - in time for the opening ceremonies on Friday, July 23, 2021!
- This year, the host city of the summer games is \_\_\_\_\_, Japan.
- Over 11,000 athletes from 205 nations will be in the opening ceremony \_\_\_\_\_.
- The athletes will live together in the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ during the games.
- About 5.5 million \_\_\_\_\_ have been sold for people to watch the games.
- People all over the \_\_\_\_\_ watch and cheer for the athletes.
- We hold our breath while we wait for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and surfing will be Olympic competitions for the first time.
- In surveys in Japan, people were the most interested in watching \_\_\_\_\_ and gymnastics.
- This year's Olympic medals will be made out of precious \_\_\_\_\_ taken from old phones and electronics!
- The \_\_\_\_\_ person ever to win a Gold Medal was 13-year-old diver Marjorie Gestring.
- Michael Phelps, a U.S. swimmer, has won 28 Olympic \_\_\_\_\_, more than any other athlete.
- Look for the 2022 Winter Games to be held in Beijing, \_\_\_\_\_!

## 2020 Summer Olympics

July 23 - August 8, 2021

Welcome to Tokyo, Japan!

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Hey! Where's the fifth ring for the floating Olympic Rings barge?  
Tokyo skateboarding  
Greece  
footrace  
Over here. I've got it!



### Olympic Sports

The Olympic motto is 'Faster, Higher, Stronger.' Watch the games to see why!

Find and circle these great Olympic sports:

- shooting
- archery
- swimming
- gymnastics
- fencing
- table tennis
- track and field
- boxing
- wrestling
- canoeing
- trampoline
- judo
- soccer
- diving
- sailing

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### Olympic Symbols - A Pop Quiz!

Do **you** know the three main symbols used for the Olympic Games? The Olympic Rings and the Olympic Torch are the first two and are very well known around the world. There also is a motto that is in Latin which means "faster-higher-stronger" and refers to the competing athletes.

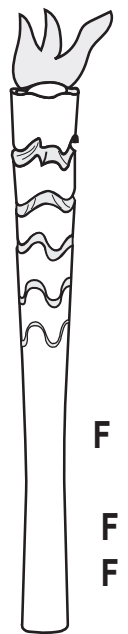
Read each statement about the symbols, and then circle "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.

#### The 5 Olympic Rings:

- stand for the five major areas of the world: Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania. T F
- are colored red, blue, green, yellow and black - chosen so that each nation has at least six of its colors in the rings. T F
- are linked on a flag of white to show harmony in the world. T F

#### The Olympic Torch:

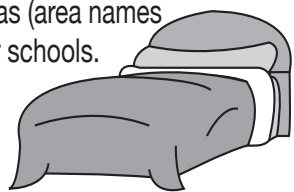
- design is a new one chosen each year. T F
- if it is sunny, is lit by the sun using a special mirror. T F
- is carried from Athens, Greece (the first site of the games) to the city where the games are being held. T F
- is a symbol of peace and friendship. T F



### The Renewable Olympics!

- Precious metals from old mobile phones and other electronics will be reused to make the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_.
- The stands (podiums) for the medal ceremonies will be made out of \_\_\_\_\_ waste collected from the ocean.
- The 18,000 bed frames at the Olympic Village will be made out of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The plaza at the Olympic Village will be made out of \_\_\_\_\_ donated by different areas (area names will be put on the pieces of timber), and the timber will later be turned into benches for schools.
- Uniforms of the Olympic torchbearers will be fashioned from recycled soda \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ is partly made from waste material from the temporary housing that was used after the Great East Japan Earthquake.
- The Olympic Village houses athletes from around the world while they compete at the Games in Tokyo; when Japan has finished using the village for the Summer Olympics it will convert the rooms into \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Brown County  
July 20, 2021  
Meeting Minutes**

JULY 20, 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 Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the agenda with the addition of a possible adoption for rezone ordinances. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 199 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION READING:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to adopt rezone ordinance 199: Applicant Lyndse Dellman requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): Lot 1, "Bagley Subdivision" in the NW ¼ of Section 2-T128N-R61W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (10048 404th Ave). Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

**ORDINANCE 200 SECOND READING & ADOPTION:** Moved by Feickert seconded by Wiese to adopt rezone ordinance 200: Applicant Matt Oswald requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): The South 707' of the West 701' of the NW ¼ of Section 7-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13148 400th Ave). Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

**TEMPORARY MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARING:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese approve Temporary Malt Beverage License for Aberdeen Aqua Addicts Waterski Team - S ½ of SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Sec 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, SD (3301 S Highway 281). Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

**OPENING AUDIT CONFERENCE 2020 (SD DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT):** Christopher Theroux, SD Department of Legislative Audit, met with the Commission to discuss the 2020 audit of Brown County. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to authorize chair to sign engagement letter for the 2020 Opening Audit Conference. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RURAL DUMPSITE CONTRACTS:** Mike Scott, Landfill Manager, met with the Commission to discuss status of rural dumpsites in the county, specifically the Elm Lake location. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to redo contract for the Elm Lake dumpsite location (placing contract under Brown County's name) and to do a counteroffer of \$500 yearly fee paid by the County to be renewed every 5 years. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION CLUBHOUSE LEASE:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve \$100 rate for the use of the Clubhouse for an event on September 18 by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**COUNTY BURN BAN:** A member of the public aired out his concern regarding the current burn ban in Brown County. He opens up about controlled burning that farmers normally do to manage their lands but are not able to do this time due to the burn ban in place. EM Director Scott Meints will do some research on what other nearby counties are doing to address the same situation. No actions taken.

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:** Tabled for next week. No actions taken.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of July 13, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL & CLAIMS:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following payroll & claims: PAYROLL Commission \$4,327.95; Auditor \$8,960.57; Treasurer \$13,731.76; SA \$23,725.33; SVAWA \$1,575.00; Maintenance \$8,502.76; Assessor \$15,800.21; Register of Deeds \$9,124.94; VSO \$4,574.75; GIS \$2,411.38; IT \$7,349.27; HR \$3,648.58; Sheriff \$42,909.68; Jail \$56,938.06; Court Security \$4,830.73; JDC \$23,344.38; Welfare \$2,982.62; Museum \$8,625.67; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,025.30; Fair Board \$3,541.11; 4-H \$1,349.93; Weed

\$4,209.85; Planning & Zoning \$3,864.71; Highway \$40,490.81; Dispatch \$32,362.30; Emergency \$4,160.96; Teen Court \$703.97; JDAI \$1,846.25; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,267.25; Landfill \$15,447.32; FICA \$21,400.57; Medicare \$5,005.02; HSA \$150.00. CLAIMS: Repairs & Maintenance: Ace Refrigeration Llc \$96.90; Assurance Land Surveying \$516.53; City Of Aberdeen \$9,475.00; Eilers Water Conditioning & Lawn Irrigation \$187.50; House Of Glass \$87.58; Hub City Roofing \$87,453.00; Interior Design Concepts, Inc \$720.16; Leidholt Electric Llc \$122.45; Midwest Alarm \$256.20; Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$189.32; Pierson-Ford-Lincoln -Mercury \$76.24; Sewer Duck Inc \$475.00; Showtime Investments, Inc \$282.85; Sterling Solutions Inc \$750.00; Timothy C. Gardner \$25.00; Titan Machinery - Aberdeen Nh \$9,073.08; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$9,700.00. Supplies: 446-Praxair Distribution, Inc \$701.70; Aberdeen Pit Stop \$4.99; Advance Auto Parts \$836.40; Ashley Farrant Dunham \$40.00; Century Business Products \$2,528.28; Charm-Tex \$434.34; Cole Papers \$297.28; Dakota Supply Group \$1,481.87; Gannett Holdings LLC Ohio \$293.51; Gretchen A. Sharp \$40.00; Id&C \$523.64; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$25,059.81; Kesslers \$119.04; Leidholdt Tool Sales, Llc \$23.71; Lucy Lewno \$4.50; Menards \$176.46; Michelle E Winchester \$45.00; Northern Valley Communication \$26.83; O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC \$4.99; Pierson-Ford-Lincoln -Mercury \$27.94; Randall E. Weber \$353.00; Rdo Equipment Co. - Ag \$450.00; Runnings \$14.27; Titan Machinery - Aberdeen NH \$594.30; Walth Safety Service Inc \$250.00; West Publishing Corp. \$2,279.37. Travel & Conference: Sarah Swenson \$21.15; SD State 4-H Office \$55.00; Erin Spencer \$151.34; Sarah J Jesz \$153.22; Shay Potter \$448.38; Haydn Podoll \$351.50. Utilities: City Of Aberdeen \$3,488.83; City Of Hecla \$101.32; Dependable Sanitation Inc \$348.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$217.50; Northern Electric Coop, Inc \$86.00; Northern Valley Communication \$1,499.96; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$2,601.01; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$42.00; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$3,115.63. Rentals: Sewer Duck Inc \$175.00; 446-Praxair Distribution, Inc \$45.87; Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$175.56. Others: Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC \$85,636.69; Baranko Brothers, Inc \$1,106,711.07. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following: Approve Jodi Brown's Domestic Violence grant, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 @ \$40,950.00 effective July 4, 2021. Approve increase of Jodi Brown's county portion of wages @ \$1035.24 per pay period as the Domestic Violence grant amount went down. Approve Kelsi Vinger's JDAI grant, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 @ \$48,000.00, effective July 4, 2021. Approve transfer of Tobias Stugelmayer from Brown County Building Maintenance Custodian to Brown County Landfill Facility Maintenance @ \$16.07/hour effective July 26, 2021. Request to fill. Acknowledge the following personal miles driven at \$0.56 per mile for the month of April & May: Kendell Titze 216 @ \$120.96, John Florey 234 @ \$131.04, Dirk Rogers 1,444 @ \$808.64, Mike Scott 360 @ \$201.60. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LANDFILL CELL 4 PROJECT PAY ESTIMATE #3:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve pay estimate #3 for Baranko Brothers in the amount of \$1,106,711.07 for cell four construction at the landfill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASES:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following leases: Lee Thompson for the lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge and dorm on Aug 5-8, 2021 with approved alcohol use permission; Boy Scouts for the lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp and Infirmary on June 12, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOTTERY PERMITS:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the following lottery permit applications: Richmond Lake Association for a raffle on July 31, 2021 at Anchors Away; Aspire Foundation for a raffle on August 22, 2021 at the Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TEMPORARY MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve temporary malt beverage license to Aberdeen Hockey Association

at the Brown County Clubhouse on August 16-22, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DEPUTY CORONER APPOINTMENT:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve appointment of Dan Snyder as Deputy Coroner. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSION MITIGATION PLAN:** Commission Duane Sutton discussed Brown County Mitigation. Brown County is working with North Eastern Council of Governments (NECOG) to develop a comprehensive mitigation plan for Brown County. Mitigation meetings will be held over the next few months and proposed mitigation plan will be available for public review before adoption. No actions taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSION JAMES RIVER CULVERT:** Two members of the public met with the Commission to discuss about the degrading condition of a culvert on the James River that drains all property from south Tacoma Park east of highway 18. The last time it has been replaced was 25 years ago and a \$12,000 quote was provided to replace the culvert and gate this time. The Board of Commissioners advised to have them check with the state railroad and the James River District for a cost-share. The county will assist so they can purchase the culvert at a county price to lower some cost. No actions taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSION SOUTH DUMPSITE LOCATION:** Ross Aldentale, Deputy States Attorney, discussed status of the South Dumpsite purchasing contract. No actions taken.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:54 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor

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**Groton Area School 2021-22 Staff Salaries**

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2021-22 Administrator Salaries .....	2021-22 Auxiliary Staff Salaries .....
Schwan, Brett ^ * .....	Bahr, Loren .....
Schwan, Joseph ^ .....	Bahr, Loren .....
Sombke, Kiersten ^ .....	Bartell, Karin .....
Weber, Michael ^ .....	Bisbee, Amanda .....
.....	Clocksene, Brandon .....
2021-22 Certified Teacher Salaries .....	Dolan, Kristen .....
Adams, Ray .....	Donley, Don (bus driving) .....
Bortem, Jordyn .....	Dunker, Natasha ^ .....
DeHoet, Lindsey .....	Farmen, Clayton Jr. ^ .....
Dinger, Emily .....	Farmen, Clayton Jr. (bus driving) .....
Donley, Don .....	Fliehs, Claire ^ .....
Duncan, Kayla * .....	Fliehs, Duane ^ .....
Eichler, Emily .....	Foertsch, Teri .....
Erdmann, Julie .....	Franken, Adam (.5 bus driving) .....
Erickson, Rebecca * .....	Groeblichhoff, Joni ^ .....
Fjeldheim, Susan .....	Gustafson, Beth ^ .....
Fordham, Austin * .....	Guthmiller, Joel (bus driving) .....
Franken, Adam ^ * .....	Hjermstad, Randy ^ .....
Gerlack, Kyle * .....	Hoffman, Jan .....
Gibbs, Ann .....	Johnson, Karen .....
Gonsoir, Kristen * .....	Kampa, Rita ^ .....
Grieve, Lynette * .....	Krueger, Heidi ^ .....
Guthmiller, Joel * .....	Krueger, Jill .....
Hanten, Sarah .....	Krueger, Lois ^ .....
Harry, Janene .....	Lewandowski, Rebecca .....
Hawkins, Lance * .....	Lipp, Kami .....
Helvig, Aaron ^ * .....	Madsen, Brenda ^ * .....
Helvig, Jill .....	McInerney, Linda .....
Hendrickson, Shelby .....	Miller, Lynn .....
Hubsch, Becky .....	Mitchell, Jamie .....
Kjellsen, Greg * .....	Monson, Stan .....
Kjellsen, Jordan * .....	Morton, Darlene .....
Kurth, Travis * .....	Nehls, Mike ^ .....
Kurtz, Diane .....	Padfield, Chuck .....
Kurtz, Sydney .....	Peterson, Kristi ^ * .....
Lone, Janel .....	Pigors, Tom ^ .....
Milbrandt, Julie * .....	Schinkel, Jasmine ^ .....
Pederson, Rachael .....	Sippel, Lisa .....
Peterson, Todd .....	Tietz, Deb .....
Schuring, Alexa .....	Ulmer, Melissa .....
Schwan, Jodi ^ .....	Wattier, Sue ^ .....
Smith, Melissa .....	Weber, Kim ^ .....
Spier, Joie * .....	Wimmer, Bertha ^ .....
Thorson, Scott .....	.....
Tietz, Lindsey * .....	2021-22 Off Staff Salaries .....
VanGerpen, Emily .....	Activity Trip Bus Drivers .....
Vogel, Dustin .....	Auxiliary Adult Subs .....
Wanner, Shaun * .....	Auxiliary Student Subs .....
Weisenberger, Carrie .....	Bus Driver Subs .....
Winburn, Debra .....	Certified Teacher Subs .....
Yeigh, Desiree * .....	Dolan, Brian .....
Zoellner, Anne .....	Duncan, Seth * .....
.....	Erickson, Seth * .....
Certified Staff - 180 days, unless noted .....	Hanson, Chelsea * .....
^ Indicates additional contract days .....	Harry, Aubray * .....
* Indicates additional extra-curricular .....	Kucker, Chris * .....
.....	Locke, Matt * .....
Auxiliary Staff - 171 days, unless noted .....	Scepaniak, Ryan * .....
^ Indicates additional contract days .....	Strom, Jenna * .....
* Indicates additional extra-curricular .....	Traphagen, Trent * .....
.....	Zoellner, Darin * .....
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# Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Dominique Clare

Football is finally here. The rookies are reporting to camp as the team looks to kick off their 2021 campaign. Even though camp is starting the Vikings are still finding ways to improve their roster. They brought in another free agent over the weekend that will make the receiver room a much better unit. The Vikings agreed to terms with speedy receiver Dede Westbrook who will compete for the 3rd receiver position with Chad Beebe and Bisi Johnson. Even if that is the last move of the offseason, this has been one of the best offseasons by the Minnesota Vikings in a long time. If Westbrook pans out it is going to be hard for opposing corners to match up against the receiving corps of Westbrook, Adam Thielen, and Justin Jefferson.

This week we continue our roster breakdown with players who will be the last line of defense against other teams receivers corps, the safeties.

Safety has historically been a strong position for the Vikings, as they have had many studs throughout the years at the position. There will be a mix of experience for the Minnesota Vikings this year at safety.

Harrison Smith – The Vikings have been excellent at the safety position for a long time and that reason starts and ends with Harrison Smith. He is excellent at coverage, tackling, and making adjustments. He is the leader of this defense and one of the best in the NFL.

Smith is still playing at an elite level and the Vikings need to capitalize on having a generational player leading the defense.

Xavier Woods – Playing opposite of Harrison Smith is a safeties dream. We often see players get an over inflated value after playing with Smith. I expect that to be no different with Xavier Woods who the Vikings signed during this past offseason. He is currently slated to start at the free safety position.

He is solid but not a spectacular player. By the end of this season people will be talking about how good he is. It happened with Andrew Sendejo and Anthony Harris. Just remember reading this later in the year.

Josh Metellus – Metellus was selected in

the 5th round of the 2020 NFL draft by the Vikings. He was on the practice squad for a bit and then the Vikings called him up to the active roster. He played in 15 games, primarily on special teams getting some NFL experience. This year he will back up Harrison Smith and look to contribute any way he can.

Camryn Bynum – The Vikings selected Bynum with the in the 4th round of the 2021 NFL draft. Bynum was actually the 16th ranked cornerback in the draft, but the Vikings plan to utilize him as a safety. This could end of being a steal because of that. Bynum is an amazing run defender and was ranked by Pro Football Focus as the best run defender in his draft class of all corner backs.

I would not be surprised to see Bynum steal that starting position from Xavier Woods by the end of the season.

The Rest – After those four players the Vikings have are bringing Luther Kirk and Myles Dorn to camp. It is also speculated that cornerback Harrison Hand may take some snaps at the safety position during camp.

## What Mike can do

Sometimes we have to be reminded of the wonder and miracles around us. We're an unappreciative bunch, ain't we?

I was about to go to bed Friday night, it was nearly midnight, when my phone pinged. A former Frederick resident shared a Facebook post from Aspire, the Aberdeen organization my brother Mike has been affiliated with for decades now. It's a non-profit agency that provides services to people like Mike, those with intellectual and developmental challenges.

The post was a brief feature on Mike and his art, featuring and subtly advertising his paintings, which sell at remarkably sensible prices—that's a hint, cheapskates.

Our mutual friend gushed about Mike's talent, and of course, his sweet personality. I describe him as the purest soul I've ever known. It's no accident that Mike has more friends than his five siblings put together. Friends will pick him up at his house in Aberdeen and go to the Brown County Speedway or to see the Northern University Wolves play, not because they pity Mike but because they love being around him. If you're single, spend a day with Mike and he'll introduce you to any number of attractive opposites. He's better than a cute puppy.



## That's Life

by Tony Bender

After 30 minutes of messages bragging up Mike, with me agreeing to every one, I crawled into the sack, but weary as I was, I couldn't stop thinking that I had inexplicably taken Mike's inspirational gift for granted, I'd had failed to fully recognize how much beauty there is in all of this.

Mike's gift became evident some years ago. I have one Mike Bender original, a polar bear in a dark, yet sparkling, snowy, starry night, and another brilliant abstract entitled "Prairie Sunset" that was part of an Aspire art show several years ago. I missed the show but when I saw a picture online, I demanded to buy it, but it had been snatched up by an intuitive art lover and spirited away to Hawaii. (Folks, they're going fast!) I got a print from Mike as a gift and I never get tired of looking at it, marveling at the colors. It does what great art should, makes me feel something, everything.

There's a juxtaposition between those artworks. One is dark and sweet, the other brimming with joy. Sunrises are supposed to be the optimistic ones, the promise of a new day fulfilled, but sunsets remind us, "What a day it's been!"

Mike, a blue baby, was eventually diagnosed with Williams Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. People like Mike are often described as having "cocktail party syndrome," effusive personalities with an extraordinary ability to remember faces, which all rings true. But as Mike, now 52, has matured, we see a more contemplative side, too.

Along with Williams Syndrome, came all sorts of serious issues. I can't remember them all, but he had major heart surgery in the late '80s, club feet, crossed eyes, and in general, he was a very sick boy who made many visits to Mayo. You think you've had it tough? Not even close, mister. He grinned through it all, and when it hurt too much to grin, he endured. And every one one of us adored him from birth—the whole town of Frederick did, and I'm pretty sure he could run for mayor in Aberdeen and win. Except he's not good with numbers.

We all wondered what Mike could do after he was mainstreamed through a caring school system. Aspire nurtured him through several jobs and played a big part, in conjunction with my mom and sisters, in his current state of independence. Today, he drives his scooter to Kessler's Grocery where he works in the liquor department. I've been meaning to ask him about family discounts. God bless every employer who gives the disabled an opportunity. You're going to heaven, for sure, or at least to the better part of purgatory.

Mike's proven that he can do most of the things we all can, even if it takes some bossing around from his sister Sherry to get his weeds pulled and the grass mowed. But the revelation here is that he's capable of so much that most of us aren't. No one is more empathetic than Mike. No one loves more than Mike. No one is loved more. And no one can paint like Mike. He's an artist. At life.

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By Mandi Greenway, M.D. ~ Prairie Doc® Perspectives

## Self-Diagnosis Can Be Rash

"Doc, what's this scaly rash on my arm? Do I have ringworm again?" A lot of the rashes I see in my dermatology clinic are red and scaly. In fact, what first drew me to dermatology as a profession was watching a dermatologist distinguish between seemingly similar red, scaly rashes all day. It intrigued me at the time, and I wanted to be just like her.

I can always tell when my patient is a farmer, because they usually treat any rash as ringworm before coming to see me. How does ringworm happen and why are farmers so familiar with it? Ringworm, first of all, is not a worm. It is actually caused by a fungus that infects our skin and causes a circular rash wherever the fungus came in contact with our skin. Without treatment, the circle will continue to expand and enlarge, forming concentric rings. The rash usually itches and is bothersome.

There are several families of fungus that can cause ringworm (tinea corporis in medical speak). They can be spread directly from other people, animals, or soil. The most severe infections typically happen when we get ringworm from animals. Growing up on a farm, I am very familiar with how much farmers interact with their livestock and pets. Farmers are accustomed to diagnosing ringworm on their animals and often will treat themselves if they see a similar rash. I'm pretty sure every farm family has had at least one member who has come down with this common infection at one time.

But all that is scaly, and circular is not ringworm. I remind my patients, especially farmers, that there are lots of different rashes that can look similar. It is not always in your best interest to try to self-diagnose and treat.

Nummular eczema is a type of eczema that forms red, scaly, circular patches on our skin. Granuloma annulare is another rash that forms raised rings on the skin. These are both treated differently than fungal infections and make up the most common rashes that are misdiagnosed as ringworm.

There are other, less common, rashes that can signify underlying medical conditions inside your body. Even though ringworm is a common, non-dangerous skin infection, if your rash doesn't improve with over-the-counter antifungals you should always check with your doctor.

Mandi Greenway, M.D. is a contributing Prairie Doc® columnist. She practices dermatology in Mitchell, South Dakota and is the featured guest on the show this week. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPB most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- \* Prior to becoming America's 38th president, Gerald Ford had a side gig as a model. In 1942, shortly after joining the Navy, he landed an uncredited spot on the cover of Cosmopolitan in his uniform.
  - \* Scotland has 421 words for snow.
  - \* Coca-Cola can remove blood stains. Pour a whole can into your wash, along with the blood-stained clothing and your usual detergent, then run a normal cycle. The laundry will come out stain-free.
  - \* "Albert Einstein" is an anagram for "ten elite brains." Hmm, seems fitting to us.
  - \* Sales data gathered by the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council indicates a strong link between the number of hot dogs and sausages sold at Major League Baseball stadiums and their team's ability to win games.
  - \* Your nose is always visible to you, but your brain ignores it through a process called Unconscious Selective Attention.
  - \* "Prison Inside Me" is a hotel of sorts in South Korea where people pay to be locked away in solitary confinement for 24 hours. "Jail mates" wear matching uniforms, sleep on the floor in 54-square-foot cells and are forbidden to speak to each other. Meals are minimal -- a steamed sweet potato and banana shake for dinner and rice porridge for breakfast. Like any good getaway, the prison stay comes with a souvenir: a certificate of parole upon completing one's stint in solitary confinement!
  - \* Who says there's no such thing as truth in advertising? Nebraska's recent advertising campaign slogan, complete with T-shirts and coffee mugs, was "Nebraska: Honestly, it's not for everyone."
  - \* Tickling has been divided into two types. Knismesis refers to "light featherlike" tickling, and gargaesis refers to "harder laughter-inducing" tickling.
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## Service Club Feature Groton Garden Club

by Dorene Nelson

According to Groton's Centennial History Book of 1981, the Groton Garden Club had been organized in May 1951. A number of Groton citizens got together and decided that there were some vacant lots on Main Street that were detracting from the other buildings on Main Street.

Therefore, these ambitious citizens planted flowers, not only on Main Street, but also in the City Park and at the junction of Old Highway 12 and Main Street!

Currently there are sixteen members in the Garden Club who meet on the third Monday of each month at member's homes. They meet at 6:30 p.m. and pay yearly dues of \$10.00.

The current officers are Laurie Mitchell and Pam Rix, co-chairmen; Linda Gengerke, secretary; and Linda Anderson, treasurer.

The purpose and events of the Groton Garden Club are to educate its members with monthly programs, plant flowers and maintain the circle in the Groton City Park, and select a "Yard of the Week" from June through September.

The members of the garden club decorate Groton's Main Street in the fall to coincide with Groton High School's homecoming. They also maintain their own yards and encourage the community to beautify their yards as well.

The club celebrates Arbor Day on the last Friday in April by planting a tree somewhere in the city (many years this is done in May because of the weather).

Many other events have been planned but are now postponed until at COVID allows them to be held.

Great joy and happiness came to the Garden Club when the GROW South Dakota Association informed the group that the association would be putting in an irrigation system in the City Park circle in 2020. This was made possible through a grant that helps small cities improve their over-all attractiveness.

What a wonderful, wonderful gift this is to the Groton Garden Club. Thank you, GROW South Dakota! GROW South Dakota is a statewide non-profit organization that provides programs and loan products to advance housing, community, and economic development in the State.

The Groton Garden Club is a great organization for like-minded people to meet and enjoy their love of gardening, whether it's the indoor or the outdoor kind or both. Club members enjoy socializing, friendship, laughter, and, of course, good food!

The club's motto is "Give a weed an inch; it will take a yard." The club flower is the petunia, and the bird is the robin.

Contact any club member to find out where the next meeting is to be held and come join us. Happy Gardening!



### Garden Club Officers

**Linda Gengerke, secretary; Laurie Mitchell and Pam Rix, co-chairmen; and Linda Anderson, treasurer.**



### Garden Club Members

Back row: Arlys Kluess, Eunice McColister, Bev Sombke, Jolene Townsend, Marjorie Overacker, Linda Anderson, Toni Winther, Pam Rix, Ardella Theunisson, and Deb McKiver  
Front row: Elda Stange, Linda Gengerke, Pat Larson, and Laurie Mitchell  
Not pictured: Janice Fliehs and Karyn Babcock



**The members of the Groton Garden Club take care of the Circle of Flowers located in the Groton City Park. An irrigation system was installed with the aid of a grant from GROW South**

## FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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1. Which Kool & the Gang song was used in "Pulp Fiction"?
  2. Who wrote and released "Silly Love Songs"?
  3. Which Canadian singer won Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for "You Needed Me"?
  4. Name the U.K. boy band who released "I Owe You Nothing."
  5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "If I see you tomorrow on some street in town, Pardon me if I don't say 'Hello.'"

#### Answers

1. "Jungle Boogie," in 1994, during the opening credits. The song has seen wide usage, ranging from a Justin Timberlake cover, to a Muppets short film, to playing at the Cincinnati Bengals home games.
2. Paul McCartney, in 1976. He wrote the song in response to critics (as well as John Lennon) who claimed McCartney only wrote silly love songs. The song went to No. 1.
3. Anne Murray, in 1979. The soap opera "Guiding Light" used the song in its show for two years.
4. Bros, in 1987. The song climbed charts in Australia, France, Iceland and more.
5. "Walk On By," by Leroy Van Dyke in 1961. Released on the country singles chart, Van Dyke's song spent 19 weeks at No. 1. That record held for 51 years until 2013, when it was topped by Florida Georgia Line's "Cruise."

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Dear EarthTalk: Are the new SST jets friendlier to the environment than the SSTs of the 1970s?  
—P. Barnes, Midlothian, TX

Nearly 20 years have passed since the last flight of the Concorde, the first supersonic passenger-carrying commercial airplane (or supersonic transport, SST). The aircraft cruised the Queen of England and the ultra-wealthy across the seas at Mach 2 speed, or 1,350 mph, while soaring at an altitude of 60,000 feet. In 1996, the Concorde achieved its fastest flight from New York to London in under three hours.

Now a new wave of supersonic flight may be on the horizon with the recent partnership between United Airlines and Denver-based Boom Supersonic. In June 2021, United Airlines announced plans to purchase 15 of Boom Supersonic's first commercial supersonic jet, the Overture. Boom plans to engineer the Overture to fly up to 88 passengers at a speed of Mach 1.7, or 1,300 mph, at 60,000 feet. Most flight times will be cut nearly in half: Traveling from Paris to Montreal will only take three hours and 45 minutes instead of the usual eight and a half hours; a trip from San Francisco to Tokyo take just six hours rather than the usual 10 hours and 15 minutes.

Boom and United plan a modern, economically-viable, ecologically-sustainable version of the old Concorde, which was "a ludicrously expensive environmental disaster," according to the International Council on Clean Transportation. "It helps to remember that we're talking literally about 1960s technology," Boom Supersonic's Founder Blake Scholl told CNN Travel. "So much has changed."

In collaboration with Prometheus Fuels, a California-based company, Boom plans to design a 100 percent carbon-neutral plane powered by sustainable alternative fuels. The company claims that Prometheus' technology is able to economically remove CO2 from the air and use renewable, clean electricity from solar and wind to turn it into jet fuel. After successfully running their XB-1 test engines with a blend of more than 80 percent sustainable aviation fuel, Boom has confidence that sustainable fuels can safely be used in flight. If all goes as planned, the Overture may be flying passengers as soon as 2029.

Virgin Galactic is also throwing its hat into the ring of supersonic commercial air travel. In August of 2020, the company unveiled plans to collaborate with Rolls Royce in developing sustainable commercial high-speed aircraft capable of an astonishing Mach 3, or approximately 2,300 mph. The smaller-scale aircraft will hold 9-19 passengers and utilize state-of-the-art sustainable aviation fuel and "other sustainable technologies and techniques."

Aerion Supersonic, which publicized plans last year to build a \$375 million manufacturing facility at Florida's Orlando Melbourne International Airport, also expressed its commitment to having carbon neutral emissions and designing their aircraft to run on 100 percent sustainable aviation fuels. However, due to financial challenges, the company announced in May 2021 that it will not be able to move forward with the facility at this time.

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## Wanner named to Dean's List

MANKATO, Minn. (July 27, 2021) - The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past spring semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Matt Cecil.

Among 3,608 students, a total of 1,070 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2,538 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Eliza Wanner was named to the Honor's List at MSU.

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