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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.

Winners are featured on Page 4

Thanks to April Abeln for the photos



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.

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 acvocates say women in South Dakota have for years traveled long distances to out-of-state clinics because of the restrictive laws in thier 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

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.

her organization helps around 150 to 200 it's really hard to get an abortion in South women gain access Dakota," said Dr. Marvin Buehner, a Rapid to the procedure in a typical year. In 2020, 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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Total abortions South Dakota residents Out-of-state residents

Source: South Dakota Department of Health vital statistics reports

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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 Fergu-

son/South Dakota News Watch

Continued from previous page

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.

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 Court announced in May it would hear the aid and access, said Charon Asetoyer, CEO of case in its fall term, which begins in October. the center.

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 those 90 pieces of legislation this year, in-

"We always had the right and the knowledge to decide the size of our family, the makeup a child if the reason is a known diagnosis of 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 not care for children born out of attempted counterpart. It was your decision, and it was abortions; respected."

Legislature against laws such as ones that after the first pill and creates a penalty for 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

Indigenous women, who experience rape ban most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, about two months earlier than the Roe v. Wade decision allows. The U.S. Supreme Noem's office said in a statement that any "For Native women, it's difficult to get the changes to the state's abortion laws wouldn't resources together to make the trip to Sioux 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

- The requirement that women cannot abort Down Syndrome;
- That doctors face a penalty if they do
- That physicians read to patients that they Buehner, who has testified in front of the can reverse a two-step medication abortion 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 DANIELLE FERGUSON



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





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



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



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





1st Place Truck: 1963 Chevy C10- Jim



1st Place Ford: 1955 Ford Fairlane- Terry Haaland



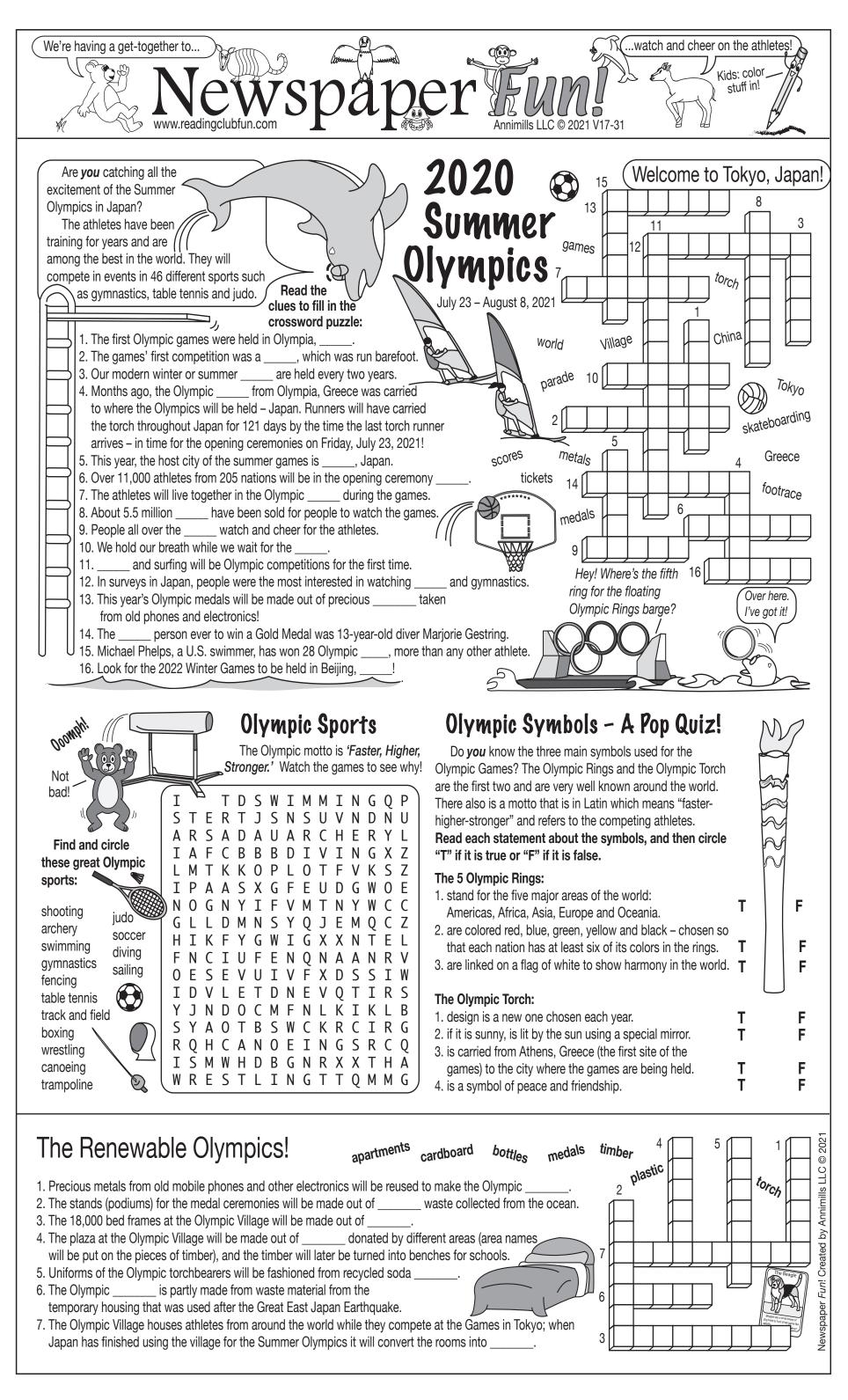
1st Place Mopar: 1968 Dodge Dart GTS- Miron Fisk III



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



People's Choice: 1977 Plymouth Volare Roadrunner- Brittany & Kaylynn Mack



Groton City Ord. 748 Annual Budget Ordinance NO. 748

An Ordinance Establishing a Schedule for Introduction and Adoption of the Annual Municipal Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Groton, South Dakota

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, as follows:

I. 1-3-8 Introduction and Adoption of Annual Municipal Appropriation Ordinance.

A. Pursuant to SDCL 9-21-34 the annual municipal budget ordinance shall be submitted to the City Council for first reading not later than the first regular meeting in November.

B. The second reading of the annual municipal budget ordinance shall be held at least five days after the first reading.

C. The annual municipal budget ordinance shall be published prior to December 31st following adoption.

II. Any and all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

First Reading: 7/6/21 Second Reading: 7/20/21 Published: 7/28/21 CITY OF GROTON, SD ATTEST:

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Hope Block, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$13.39. 20223

Groton City July 20, 2021 **Meeting Minutes**

July 20, 2021

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Blackmun, Bahr, Cutler, Fliehs and Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Paul Kosel, and Finance Officer Hope Block.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

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

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

Payroll, \$41,027.04, Employee salaries; Executive, \$470.97, ; Administrative, \$3,759.50, ; Public Safety, \$7,968.59, ; Public Works, \$8,608.81, ; Culture & Recreation, \$20,219.17, ; First State Bank, \$10,875.59, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$495.82, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$690.00, Employee savings; United States Postal Service, \$207.88, Utility billing postage; Auto Zone, \$155.76, Filters and coolant; Locke Electric, \$696.68, Repair underground wire break, add outlet at City Hall, lights at ball field. AC at community center, load management install; SD State Treasurer, \$11,297.35, Sales and excise 6/21; James Valley, \$782.88, Utilities; Greg's Repair, \$181.99, 17 Ford blower motor repair; Mike Frey, \$150.00, Jr Legion Claremont tournament fee; Dale Ringgenberg, \$935.00, Sewer repairs; Jamie Rossow, \$334.41, Sewer repairs; Patios Plus, \$489.80, Sewer repairs at Rossow's; TMC Construction, \$392.70, Sewer repairs at Rossow's; McGannon Plumbing and Heating, \$343.59, Sewer repairs s: McGannon Plumb ing and Heating, \$368.68, Sewer repairs at Ringgenberg's; KR Body Shop, \$500.00, Windshield replacement '15 Equinox - travel

damage from Pierre trip (Block);

Aaron Severson, \$439.04, Coach mileage reimbursement;

\$3,229.20, Dust guard; Van Diest, \$1,430.00, Mosquito control chemical; Harve's Sport Shop, \$69.51, Baseball card books; SD One Call, \$192.15, Message fees; Dairy Queen, \$156.00, Food for resale; Associated Supply Company, \$180.50, Vac hose for pool; Colonial Research, \$290.02, Cleaners; Badger Meter. \$24.92. Cellular service fee; Core & Main, \$233.05, Curb box, nuts; Matheson Tri-Gas, \$60.00, Fire extinguisher service at City Wesco, \$73.40, Brackets JGE, \$596.41, Hydraulic leak repair on skid loader; IMEG, \$11,081.04, Construction, staking, admin, survey, design, bid; Groton Independent, \$82.57, Publishing; Cole Papers, \$65.44, Trash bags; Heartland Waste, \$8,115.38, Garbage hauling; DGE Engineering, \$268.50, Midco fiber review; Ecolab, \$212.00, Pest control; Heartland Consumer Power, \$69,009.26, Power 6/21: Best Western Ramkota Hotel. \$129.99, Lodging for Budget Training; Bryan Rock Productions, \$1,084.41, Agrilime; True Pitch, Inc., \$1,028.00, Clay for field maintenance; Matt Locke, \$207.70, Lodging reimbursement; Seth Erickson, \$207.70, Lodging reimbursement; Farmers Union, \$1,440.00, Fuel; Nelson Sales and Service, \$209.85, Carburetor, element air cleaner for ballfield chromer; Ken's Food Fair, \$6,853,20, Food for resale, gas, batteries; Western Area Power, \$19,392.03, Power 6/21; Mac's, \$39.42, Eye screw for ball field; Menards, \$132.76, Picture frames, wire rope cable, and clamps: M1's Sinclair, \$3,215,35. Gas, tire repairs; Groton Area School District, \$72.50, Toilet paper; Running's, \$105.97, Charger booster, ratchet strap; Hope Block, \$166.24, Travel expense for Midwest Assistance Workshop, and meals for budget training; Kristie Fliehs, \$233.20, Travel expense for budget training;; Moved by Cutler and seconded by Blackmun to approve the June Finance Report, All members voted aye.

Dustbusters Enterprises Inc.

The second reading of Ordinance #748 Appropriation Ordinance Schedule was approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Wells. All members

voted aye. The first reading of Ordinance #749 Regarding the Issuance of Local Medical Cannabis Establishment Permits and/or Licenses was approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Cutler. All members voted ave.

An announcement was made that the grant application for \$15,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act for the Wage Memorial Library has been approved. This grant will provide new laptops, computers, IPads and an automated book system for the Wage Memorial Library.

The Groton Mitigation Plan was discussed. The plan will expire February 2022, and needs to be updated in order for the City of Groton to be able to access FEMA grants. Council members will bring ideas to update the Mitigation Plan to the next coun-

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to approve the AB Contracting Application for Payment #5 for \$28,808,70. All members voted ave.

A utility easement with Pharis Real Estate Limited Partnership was approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Fliehs. All members voted ave.

Kosel and Block were aproved to attend the 2021 South Dakota Risk & Safety Conference November 3rd & 4th in Pierre, SD on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Wells. All members

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1- 25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:33pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:30pm.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Fliehs to hire Todd Richard Gay as the Electric Utility Supervisor at \$50 per hour with two weeks of vacation for the remainder of 2021 along with four weeks of vacation in 2022. This motion will also implement \$200 per week on call pay for the Electric Department employees splitting on call time equally. All members voted ave.

After Assistant Finance Officer, Kellie Locke's 6-month probationary period, she will receive a dollar per hour raise on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Wells. All members voted ave

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Hope Block, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$61.12. 20224

Notice of Annual Meeting NOTICE OF 64th ANNUAL

MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the 64th Annual Meeting of the members of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, will be held at Groton High School in Groton, South Dakota on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 9am, with registration beginning at 8:30am.

The meeting is called pursuant to the cooperative's bylaws for the following purposes:

1. To receive and act upon reports of the officers and management of the cooperative for the previous year's operations.

2. To elect three directors for two years and two directors for three years. 3. To act upon any other busi-

ness that may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Dated: 04/26/2021 Roger Zastrow, Secretary Published once at the total approximate cost of \$10.77. 20225

Frederick Town July 14, 2021

Meeting Minutes Town of Frederick July 14, 2021 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, July 14, 2021 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman R. Scott Campbell, Board member Troy Millard, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer Diane Bruns and Mariah Heine, and Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg. Also attending the meeting were Brandon Smid of Helm's and Associates, Ted Dickey of NECOG, Hugh Dahme of Dahme Construction, and Kevin Barton, Frederick Fire Chief.

Chairman Campbell opened he meeting and led in the

Pledge of Allegiance.
The minutes of the June meetings were read and approved with a motion by Millard/ Campbell: motion carried. Note that there was a typo in the June minutes with a check to Mavis Cox in the accounts payable written as 647.31 and should have been 551.11. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Mil-The July general and wastewater project accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell: motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun

July 23, 2021 2020 Summer Olympics August 8, 2021 Welcome to Tokyo, Japan! A Pop Quiz! The 2 false state are number 2 on top and number 3 on the WIMMI N G 7 V I L М Rings -2. The five colors were chosen 3. The Olympic Torch is carried R E S m **Olympia**, Greece wh is the first site of the Ga The Renewable Olympics 14 [] Y | O | U | N | G | E | S | T 3 C A R D B O A R D 16 C H I N A voter registration.

Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$960.30;

Badger Meter meter fees Wtr

\$118.37; Century Bus Products

lease & copies Gen'l \$97.16;

D. Bruns CC \$144.99; D. Bruns

wage FO \$1,301.42; Dahme

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pair Wtr \$7,403.63; Dahme

Construction Inc. watermain repair Wtr \$45,059.15; Dahme

Construction Inc. water leak

Wtr \$3,583.66; Dahme Con-

struction Inc. watermain repair

Wtr \$47,637.13; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$2,169.78; EF-PTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/

Sts/Wtr/Swr \$1,243.82; DANR wtr fees Wtr \$100; True Value supplies Gen'l \$10.99; FDC Econ

Dev \$1,200; Heidi Losure sign design Gen'l \$95; GDI minutes Gen'l \$45.91; J. Kosters wage Gen'l \$46.17; JVT phone/svc FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l \$347.87; M. Cox wage EBL \$647.31; M. Heigh was EQ \$41.003 \$5; Quality.

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Wtr/Swr \$1,507.68; R. Bake-berg veh. Allow St/Wtr/Swr

\$230.87; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$115.44; Runnings sup-plies SP \$11.93; SD Dept of Rev

sales tax Grbg \$88.17; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$92.35; USDA-RD

loan Wtr \$475; Visa SAM registr. Gen'l \$229; WEB Water Wtr

\$4,263.07; First National Bank of

Dahme Construction

The process and planned

completion of the wastewater

Bakeberg provided a utility re-

unteer firemen will be holding a

make up street dance on August

28 in front of the new building.

Motion to approve a temporary liquor license and allow the

streets to be blocked on 3rd Ave

from Main St south to the alley

for the dance made by Campbell/

Millard; motion carried. The new

Welcome to Frederick signs will be picked up and installed by

Motion for second reading to

increase the sewer rate to \$48

effective August 1, 2021 made by Millard/Campbell, roll call vote

had ayes by all; motion carried.

Motion to accept the 2nd quarter Emma Burnham Library report

made by Millard/Campbell; mo-

Millard/Campbell at 8:19; mo-

Assistant Finance Officer

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Frederick Town

July 16, 2021

Special Meeting

Frederick board held a special

meeting Friday, July 16, 2021 in the Frederick Community Center

beginning at 12:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman R. Scott Campbell, Board mem-

ber Troy Millard, and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine.

tor's payment number 11 in the amount of \$49,668.12 made by Millard/Campbell; motion

Motion to approve contrac-

Motion to adjourn made by

Millard/Campbell at 12:02PM;

Assistant Finance Officer

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Frederick School

Voter

Voter registration for the Frederick Area School District 6-2

Opt-Out Election to be held on

Tuesday, September 7, 2021, will close on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Failure

to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights

for this election. If you are in

doubt about whether you are

registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.

gov or call the county auditor at 605-626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's

office, municipal finance office,

secretary of state's office, and

those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF,

WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as

provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to

request a mail-in registration

form or access a mail-in form at

with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for informa-

tion and special assistance in

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans

www.sdsos.gov.

VOTER REGISTRATION

RegistrationNOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR

notion carried.

M. Heine

Special Meeting Minutes

Town of Frederick

Motion to adjourn made by

Gary Peterson.

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tion carried.

M. Heine

NEW BUSINESS

project was discussed. Rich

The Frederick Area vol-

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OLD BUSINESS

WASTEWATER PROJECT

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Janel Wagner, Business Man-Frederick Area School District

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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 FRED-ERICK AREA will conduct an election to approve or disapprove the tax levy opt out pursuant to SDCL 10-12-43. election will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Rich Schlosser, Board Chairman

Eric Sumption, Board Member Richard Achen, Board Member Jon Ellwein, Board Member Alex Hart, Board Member Attest: Janel Wagner, Busi-

ness Manager Date 7/12/2021

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Brown County Wood Waste Grinding Bid SEALED BID

WOOD WASTE GRINDING **BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL**

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until the hour of 8:47 AM. Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners regarding 2021 WOOD WASTE GRINDING for the Brown County Landfill.

Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his/ her proposal has been accepted. and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County, South Dakota. The successful bidder shall also furnish proper certificates of insurance required by Brown County.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ON 2020 WOOD WASTE GRIND-ING FOR THE BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL". To be opened on Tuesday, 8:47 A.M., August 17, 2021. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Specifications and notice to bidders are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office and at the Brown County Landfill and may be obtained at no charge. ÁTTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County

Auditor (0728.0811)

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Brown County Musch Zoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Linda Musch to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on August 17, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation

District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lots 1 & 2, "Musch Subdivision" in the NE 1/4 of Section 25-T125N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 201.

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0728.0811)

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Brown County Ord. 199 Dellman Rezoning

ORDINANCE #199 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION **BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-**ES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE

CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Lyndse Dellman is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described 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 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by

the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: June 30 and July 7, 2021 Passed First Reading: July

13, 2021

Passed Second Reading: July 20, 2021

Adopted: July 20, 2021 Published: July 28, 2021 Effective Date: August 17, Doug Fjeldheim, Chair

Brown County Commission ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County

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Brown County Ord. 200

Oswald Rezoning

ORDINANCE #200 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CER-TAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Matt Oswald is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described 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 1/4 of Section 7-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13148 400th Ave). BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED

by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: June 30 and July 7, 2021

Passed First Reading: July 13, 2021

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ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown Coun-

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6 ♦ Groton Independent ♦ Wed., July 28, 2021

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 READ-ING: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to adopt rezone or-dinance 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 1/4 of Section 2-T128N-R61W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (10048 404th Ave). South Darota (10048 404th Ave).
Roll call vote: Commissioner
Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wieseaye, 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). Commis-sioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeld-heim-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 14 of NW 14 of Sec 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, SD (3301 S Highway 281) . Roll call vote: Commission 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 Audi, 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 CON-TRACTS: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager, met with the Com-mission 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_CLUB-HOUSE 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

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 \$/,349.2/; 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/Fair-grounds \$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; \$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;

\$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 In-vestments, Inc \$282.85; Sterling Solutions Inc \$750.00; Timothy C. Gardner \$25.00; 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 Farrand 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 Enter-prises, 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 - Aber-deen 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 Tele-communications \$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;

\$85,636.69; Baranko Brothers, Inc \$1,106,711.07. All members present voting aye. Motion 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 prown'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 1, 1981. tive 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

Medicine Aberdeen \$42.00; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$3,115.63. Rentals: Sewer Duck Inc \$175.00; 446-Praxair Distri-bution, Inc \$45.87; Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$175.56. Others: Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC

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 Thomp-son 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 pres-

ent 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

DEPUTY CORONER APPOINT-MENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve appointment of Dan Snyder as Deputy Coroner. All members present voting aye. Motion car-

ried.
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/DISCUS-SION_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 costshare. The county will assist so they can purchase the culvert at a county price to lower some

cost. No actions taken. PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUS-SION_SOUTH DUMPSITE LOCA-TION: Ross Aldentaler, Deputy States Attorney, discussed status of the South Dumpsite purchas-

ing 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 Groton Area School District 06-6

2021-22 Auxiliary Staff Salaries

Bahr, Loren 3,242.07

Bahr, Loren27.00/hr

 Bartell, Karin
 17,955.00

 Bisbee, Amanda
 15,441.31

 Clocksene, Brandon
 31,606.45

 Dunker, Natasha ^
 16,101.98

 Farmen, Clayton Jr. ^
 36,420.80

 Farmen, Clayton Jr. (bus driving)
 6,506.75

 Fliehs, Claire ^
 12,698.40

 Fliehs, Duane ^
 14,185.60

 Foottsch Tari
 15,249.78

 Johnson, Karen
 7,594.97

 Kampa, Rita
 30,030.89

 Krueger, Heidi
 27,273.20

 Krueger, Jill
 15,501.16

 Krueger, Lois
 27,901.96

 Lewandowski, Rebecca
 16,327.08

 Lipp, Kami
 17,341.54

Lipp, Kami ... 17,341.54
Madsen, Brenda ^ * 18,522.63
McInerney, Linda ... 14,889.70
Miller, Lynn ... 13,459.80
Mitchell, Jamie ... 15,441.30

 Mitchell, Jamie
 15,441.30

 Monson, Stan
 5,643.00

 Morton, Darlene
 8,223.39

 Nehls, Mike ^
 48,057.40

 Padfield, Chuck
 6,619.20

 Peterson, Kristi ^ *
 41,860.00

 Pigors, Tom ^
 36,420.80

 Schinkel, Jasmine ^
 16,280.71

 Sippel, Lisa
 15,189.94

 Tietz, Deb
 24,583.67

 Ulmer, Melissa
 17,359.92

 Wattier, Sue ^
 31,449.60

 Weber, Kim ^
 24,910.43

 Wimmer, Bertha ^
 27,913.60

 Schwan, Brett ^ *
 74,373.21

 Schwan, Joseph ^
 108,306.43

 Sombke, Kiersten ^
 70,706.93

 Weber, Michael ^
 78,590.89

 2021-22 Certified Teacher Salaries Adams, Ray..... 52,238.18 Bortem. Jordyn...... 42,250.00 DeHoet, Lindsey 46,812.88 Dinger, Emily 52,709.14
Donley, Don 64,719.86
Duncan, Kayla * 48,261.35
Eichler, Emily 50,576.06

2021-22 Administrator Salaries

Zoellner, Anne 52,399.31 Certified Staff - 180 days, unless noted ^ Indicates additional contract days * Indicates additional extra-curricular Auxiliary Staff - 171 days, unless noted..... ^ Indicates additional contract days

* Indicates additional extra-curricular

 Vogel, Dustin.
 45,260.84

 Wanner, Shaun *
 62,986.10

 Weisenberger, Carrie.
 50,571.70

Winburn, Debra...... 56,827.51

Strom, Jenna * 2,957.50 Traphagen, Trent * 3,380.00 Zoellner, Darin *...... 5,070.00

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Low lying fog blanketed the areas a couple of morning this past week. (Photo by Paul

Cheer someone up! Send a balloon

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Groton area

JAMES VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS **64TH ANNUAL MEETING**

Thursday, August 5th at 9am **Groton Area High School**

Registration begins at 8:30am in the old gym. All members who register for the meeting will receive a **\$20 credit** on their JVT account.

\$500, \$250 (2) and \$100 (2) JVT credits to be given away!





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 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 remember reading this later in the year.

Josh Metellus – Metellus was selected in



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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



That's Life by Tony Bender

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 Andrew Sendejo and Anthony Harris. Just 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.

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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

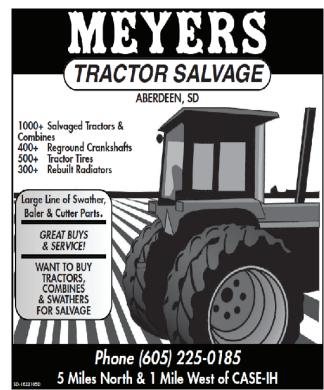
contemplative side, too. Along with Williams Syndrome, came all sorts of serious issues. I can't remember them all, but he had major heart surgery in the late `80s, club feet, crossed eyes, and in general, he was a very sick boy who made many visits to Mayo. You think you've had it tough? Not even close, 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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Groton School July 15, 2021

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

REGULAR MEETING July 15, 2021

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

Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under Reorganization Meeting New Business Item #11 - approve lane change for Alexa Schuring and under Reorganizational Meeting New Business Item #12 - approve lane change for Mellissa Smith. Motion carried.

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

Weber presented the 2021-22 District Budget with no tax levy increases anticipated at this time. No action was taken.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve District minutes of June 14, 2021, and June 28, 2021. Motion carried.

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda

Moved by Pharis, second Harder to approve June 2021 financials, custodial accounts, and investments. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to approve June 2021 School Lunch Report. Motion carried

Moved by Rix, second Fliehs to approve June 2021 Transporta tion Report. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: State Superintendent Conference, ASBSD/SASD Joint Convention, 2021-22 School Year COVID protocols, medical marijuana update, Alternative Instruction Legislation, Pandemic EBT Program, dual credit courses, new staff computer pickup, and CO certificate refinancing finalized on July 27th.

With no further old or continuing business remaining it was moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to adjourn the final 2020-21 school board meeting at 8:16 pm. Motion carried.

After a short recess, Weber convened the first meeting of school year 2021-22 at 8:17 pm and read Oath of Office statements to install Kara M. Pharis and Martin D. Weismantel for

three-year terms as school board members.

Weber took nominations for 2021-22 School Board President. Moved by Pharis, second Fliehs to nominate Gengerke. Moved by Rix, second Smith to nominate Weismantel. Motion carried 5-2 to nominate Gengerke as 2021-22 School Board President with Rix and Smith voting nay.

Gengerke opened the floor for Vice-President nominations. Moved by Rix, second to Fliehs to nominate Weismantel. Motion by Smith, second Rix cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Weismantel as . Motion carried.

Gengerke appointed committee assignments for next year as follows: Building, Grounds and Transportation – Fliehs and Harder, Personnel, Policy & Curriculum – Gengerke and Pharis, and Negotiations - Rix, Smith and Weismantel.

Gengerke read a potential conflict disclosure statement from Business Manager Mike Weber pursuant to SDCL 23-3. In addition to contractually serving the Groton Area School District, Mr. Weber also serves as the Business Manager for the North Central Special Ed Coop. Moved

by Smith, second Weismantel to authorize a waiver on the disclosure statement on the grounds that the terms of the contract are fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest. Motion carried.

Gengerke read a potential conflict disclosure statement from Superintendent Joe Schwan pursuant to SDCL 23-3. Mr. Schwan's wife serves as the Opportunity Room Counselor for the school district and receives a contract for pay. Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to authorize a waiver on the disclosure statement on the grounds that the terms of the contract are fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest.

MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021
General Assigned Capital Special Bond Ent

Description Fund	Gen Funds	Outlay	Education	Redemption	Fund	Fund	District
1. Beginning Balance 1,310,020.82	166,442.24	1,494,432.18	282,971.70	157,818.14	51,718.27	161,560.84	3,624,964.19
a. checking	166,442.24	1,494,432.18	282,971.70	157,818.14	51,718.27	161,560.84	3,624,964.19
b. petty cash0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in							
3. Revenue to date 5,262,103.71	32,190.29	1,889,387.46	940,278.34	100,303.47	287,301.01	758,098.67	9,269,662.95
4. Total accounted for 6,572,124.53	198,632.53	3,383,819.64	1,223,250.04	258,121.61	339,019.28	919,659.51	12,894,627.14
5. Transfers out	•			•	•	•	
6. Expenditures to date 5,019,448.16	49,057.50	1,758,870.95	909,100.54	258,121.61	265,413.32	776,718.91	9,036,730.99
a. encumbrances0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements 5,019,448.16	49,057.50	1,758,870.95	909,100.54	258,121.61	265,413.32	776,718.91	9,036,730.99
7. Ending Balance 1,552,676.37	149,575.03	1,624,948.69	314,149.50	(0.00)	73,605.96	142,940.60	3,857,896.15
a. checking	149,575.03	1,624,948.69	314,149.50	(0.00)	73,605.96	142,940.60	3,857,896.15
b. petty cash(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
June Receipts 651,861.43	0.00	229,074.19	92,175.10	0.89	16,115.67	56,044.96	1,045,272.24
June Expenses 879,910.07	3,839.11	335,336.26	170,380.76	51,035.36	26,526.68	17,592.57	1,484,620.81
District Checking	3,714,955.55	•	-	-	•	-	
Certificate of Deposit							
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Motion carried.

Total all Funds ..

Moved by Fliehs, second Harder to approve the following consent agenda items: July 2020 District bills; Rodney Freeman, Jr. and his associates of Huron as official school attorney; Groton Independent as official newspaper; Weber as custodian of all district accounts: Eide Bailly to conduct FY21 school district audit, Weber to continue existing funds, establish new accounts and continue to invest and reinvest in local institutions which serve the greatest advantage to the District; Weber to publish staff salaries; Dacotah Bank as official bank depository; Groton Area School District Policy Manual with such revisions as previously approved; Special Education Comprehensive Plan; office personnel to administer Custodial Funds and National School Lunch Program funds with oversight by Weber; J. Schwan to administer or direct federal programs with Consolidated Applications for Title Programs and related ESSA compliance issues assigned to the building principals; J. Schwan to act as Asbestos Compliance Officer: J. Schwan or his designee to close school in emergency situations or inclement weather; J. Schwan or designee to institute NSLP and School Breakfast Agreement: Food Safety Plan. HACCP-Based Standard Operating Procedures; J. Schwan or designee to institute ASBSD school bus mutual assistance pact; Weber to transfer petty cash and incident payment funds in accordance with SDCL 13-18-16/17; and peripheral sports and other volunteer school workers such as chain gang, line judges, Booster Club/PAC workers, assistant coaches, volunteer coaches. volunteer drivers, school board members etc., to be included in the school's worker's compensa-

tion insurance coverage. Motion carried. GENERAL FUND: Net Salary 447,730.34; FIT – 47,857.53 Medicare - 16,922.04; FICA 72,356.08; American Funds 1,638.00; SDRS - 67,162.94; HSA - 300.00; Waddell & Reed 3,120.00; Horace Mann -2,865.53; Thrivent – 750.00; AFLAC - 7,658.75; Delta Dental 8,917.90; SD Supplemental -1,927.29; Groton School Lunch 277.05; Wellmark – 122,149.00; Standard Life – 1,411.52; Wage Works - 1,624.95; Avesis 645.64; Amazon - supplies, 1,094.32; ASBSD - insurance, 19,909.82; ASBSD – fee, 25.00; Avera – services, 2,803.15; Cole Papers - paper, 2.688.00; Council on College Admission - fee, 60.00; DA Services - services, 3,685.00; Dakota Electronics radio, 291.90; EMC – insurance, 105,827.00; Farm Tire – tires, 512.00; Follett – service fees, 1,513.46; Groton Area – bank fee, 47.60; GDI - legals, 358.95; Joel Guthmiller – shirts, 38.34; Hillyard – supplies, 1,014.93; Ken's – supplies, 30.54; Mid-states – printing, 73.00; MJ's – gas, 1,205.10; Northside Implement - repairs, 4,403.95; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 1,289.51; Riddell – services, 2,498.75; rSchoolToday – fee, 1,321.25; S&S Lumber – supplies, 149.70; SASD - dues, 2,064.00; SD Teacher Placement – dues, 435.00; SDCA – fee, 130.00; Stamp Fulfillment – envelopes, 4,227.20; Stan Houston – repairs, 12.10; Supreme – supplies, 317.48; Swank Movie Licensing – fee, 545.00; TIE – dues, 1,650.00; Trugreén – services, 734.00; UŚ Postal Service – rent, 212.00. To-tal General Fund – \$966,482.61.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Aberdeen Blinds - blinds, 2,148.30; Amazon - equipment, 2,200.85; Apptegy – service fee, 6,255.00; Choice Financial – lease, 19,599.01; D2L – software, 10,000.00; Generation Genius fee, 120.00; Gopher - PE equipment, 542.59; Hewlett-Packard – lease, 16,637.76;

Interstate - battery, 50.20; NWEA - software, 35,723.70; Riverside Technologies – server. 4,800.00; SHI International software, 3,610.50; SUI - soft-Total Capital ware, 6,045.00.

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Outlay - \$107,732.91. SPECIAL ED: Net Salary 70,998.25; FIT – 7,755.62; Medicare – 2,675.60; FICA – 11,440.74; SD Retirement 10,312.76; Waddell & Reed 600.00; AFLAC - 1,443.81; Delta Dental – 1,294.74; SD Supplemental Retirement – 300.00; . Wellmark – 18,795.00; Standard 272.22; Wage Works 90.00; Avesis – 185.58; ASBSD insurance, 4,304.87; Dollar General – supplies, 115.02; Rebecca Erickson – expenses, 855.48; Ken's - supplies, 81.89; Sydney Kurtz - expensesa, 840.00. Total Special Ed - \$132,361.58.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary – 5,094.07; FIT – 553.44; Medicare – 182.18; FICA – 779.02; SD Retirement – 308.38; AFLAC – 110.07; Wollmark, 771.00. Wellmark - 771.00; Standard Life - 1.92; Wage Works -8.33; Avesis - 19.06; ASBSD insurance, 1,345.26. Total Food Service - \$9,172.73. OST Net Salary - 8,637.74; FIT 673.48; Medicare - 302.38; FICA - 1,292.64; SD Retirement - 631.88; AFLAC - 0.00; Wellmark 0.00: Standard Life - 0.00: ASBSD - insurance, 269.05; Groton Area - mileage, 2,360.40; Ken's – supplies, 1,198.12. Total OST - \$15,365.69.

Total Énterprise Funds – \$24,538.42

CUSTODIAL FUND: Total -

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 538,083.21; Other Local Sources – 76,461.46; County Sources – 4,624.15; State Source es – 22,733.17; Federal Sources – 52,334.89; Other Sources – 351,035.36. Total Receipts –

Moved by Weismantel, second Smith to set time and date for regular school board meetings on the second Monday of each month and additionally on fourth Monday for the months of September, March, April, and June, to be held in GHS Conference Room at 7:00 pm, with consideration to reschedule other dates. times and places when deemed necessary or appropriate. Motion carried.

Gengerke appointed Rix as voting member of the North Central Special Education Governing Board for the 2021-22 school year.

Weber presented a list of outdated inventory items from staff. Moved by Rix, second Fliehs to declare the items as surplus property for disposal or resale. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to set board member salaries at \$50 per meeting and board president salary at \$75 per meeting, with mileage if applicable. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Rix to set rate for substitute teacher pay at \$125/day. Motion carried. Moved by Rix, second Harder to set substitute bus drivers rate at \$65/day. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Weismantel to approve admission & lunch prices: Admission - Adults \$5, \$6 for doubleheader, \$45 for 10-punch ticket, \$75 for all-season pass, Grades 1 through 12, \$4; Activity Tickets – Grades 6 through 12, \$30, Grades 1 through 5, \$25; Breakfast – Adults, \$3.25, Grades 6 through 12, \$3.00, Grades JrK through 5, \$2.50; Lunch – Adults, \$4.50, Grades 6 through 12, \$3.75, Grades Jr. K through 5, \$3.25, 2nds – Grades 6 through 12, \$1.25, Grades JrK through 5, \$1.00. Motion

Moved by Harder, second Pharis to set OST rates at \$2.75/ hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to approve 2021-22 work agreements for Loren Bahr. Mo-

Moved by Pharis, second Rix to approve lane change for Scott Thorson from BS 15 to BS+45. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Fliehs to approve lane change for Alexa Schuring from BS to BS+15. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to approve lane change for Mellissa Smith from BS to BS+15. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Weismantel to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manag

orah Gengerke, President The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes

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Senior Legion Region 6B 4-Hit Day For Doeden Earns Groton **Victory Over Claremont**

Jonathan Doeden had a busy day at the plate on Thursday, smacking four hits in Groton Post 39's 14-8 victory over Claremont Post 262. Doeden doubled in the second, doubled in the fourth, doubled in the fifth, and singled in the sixth.

Groton Post 39 earned the victory despite allowing Claremont Post 262 to score six runs in the fourth inning. Kade Larson, Benjamin Gustafson, Colin Frey, and William Cutler each had RBIs in the big inning.

Groton Post 39 got things moving in the first inning, when Chandler Larson singled on a 1-0 count, scoring two runs.

After Claremont Post 262 scored one run in the top of the third, Groton Post 39 answered with one of their own. Claremont Post 262 scored when Cutler doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run. Groton Post 39 then answered when Cade Larson singled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 pulled away for good with two runs in the fourth inning. In the fourth Alex Morris singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run and Frey induced Jayden Zak to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

Groton Post 39 notched five runs in the sixth inning. Groton Post 39 offense in the inning was led by Darien Shabazz, Doeden, Morris, and Larson, who all drove in runs.

Morris got the win for Groton Post 39. The pitcher lasted six and two-thirds innings, allowing ten hits and eight runs while striking out nine and walking one. Jackson Cogley threw one-third of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Boston Marlow started the game for Claremont Post 262. The pitcher surrendered five runs on three hits over one inning, striking out two and walking zero. Frey and Gustafson entered the game from the bullpen, throwing four and a third innings and two-thirds of an inning

Groton Post 39 totaled 13 hits in the game. Doeden, Morris, and Larson all managed multiple hits for Groton Post 39. Doeden led Groton Post 39 with four hits in five at bats.

Claremont Post 262 scattered ten hits in the game. Cutler, Gustafson, and Jesse Keough each collected multiple hits for Claremont Post 262. Cutler went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Claremont Post 262 in hits.

Salmen's Walk-Off Seals The Deal In **Redfield Victory Over Groton**

A walk-off fielder's choice led Redfield Post 92 past Groton Post 39 6-5 on Thursday. The game was tied at five with Redfield Post 92 batting in the bottom of the seventh when Darien Shabazz induced Eric Salmen to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

Groton Post 39 scored three runs in the fourth inning, but Redfield Post 92 still managed to pull out the victory. Peyton Johnson and Cade Larson all drove in runs in the frame.

Groton Post 39 got on the board in the first inning when Chandler Larson singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

Keaton Rohfls was credited with the victory for Redfield Post 92. The pitcher went seven innings, allowing five runs on seven hits and striking out four.

Shabazz took the loss for Groton Post 39. Shabazz allowed zero hits and one run over two-thirds of an inning, striking out one.

Johnson started the game for Groton Post 39. The pitcher went three and a third innings, allowing three runs on three hits and striking out one

Owen Osborn went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Redfield Post 92 in hits.

Alex Morris led Groton Post 39 with two hits in four at bats. "Powered by Narrative Science and GameChanger Media. Copyright 2021. All rights reserved."





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 selfdiagnose 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 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.





BIDS

LOOKING FOR BOTH AN A/E firm and a Building contractor to assist with technical project management services for a new bus barn being built near Oglala, SD. The A/E will design the 4300sf bus barn. The contractor will construct the bus barn. Email info@projectsolutionsinc. com for inquiries by 8-02-2021

EMPLOYMENT

ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE AND MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE-McLaughlin, SD. Assists electrical lineman in constructing, maintaining, and repairing powerlines and other duties as assigned in the water, sewer, streets, garbage, and park departments. Position is open until filled. Applications may be picked up at the City Finance Office or send resume to: City of McLaughlin, PO Box 169, McLaughlin, SD 57642 Telephone: 605-823-4428 Fax: 605-823-4429

STRASBURG CARE CENTER in Strasburg, ND has a position for Certified Dietary Manager (CDM) available to replace retiring manager. The CDM is responsible for overseeing the operation of the Dietary department to include staffing, food ordering and preparation, food delivery and clean-up in accordance with facility procedures, physician's orders, resident care plans and appropriate regulations. Full-time position with benefits. If interested contact Brian at 701-336-2651 or sccadmin@ bektel.com. Applications are online at www.strasburgcarecenter.org.

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT: The Town of Summit, SD is accepting resumes for a Public Works Maintenance Superintendent. Qualifications: HS diploma or GED and valid SD CDL. Applicant must possess or be able to acquire within 1 year of employment the following: Water Treatment and Distribution Class 1 certification from the State of South Dakota. Wage DOE and qualifications. Send resume to norma.arend@outlook.com or mail to Town of Summit, PO Box 751, Summit SD 57266, phone 605-881-2469. Resumes accepted until filled. The Town of Summit is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

HIRING BUS DRIVERS: \$30 per hour. Route drivers \$1,000 signing bonus. Sub drivers \$500 signing bonus. Call Huron School District Transportation Department 605-353-6989

NORTHWEST AREA SCHOOLS Multi-District/Education Cooperative in Isabel, South Dakota is seeking applications for the 2021-2022 school year for the following position/s: open until filled. Early Childhood Special Education Instructor, CTE CADD Instructor: Intro. to Drafting and Design/Architectural Drafting and Design. South Dakota licensure is required and work-related experience may count toward certification. NWAS offers competitive salary, benefits, transportation and SD Retirement. Contact Quinn Lenk, Director, at 605-466-2206, or email quinn.lenk@k12.sd.us. Northwest Area Schools Multi-District/Education Cooperative does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

NOTICES

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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 gargalesis refers to "harder laughter-inducing" tickling.

Thought for the Day: "There's something beautiful about keeping certain aspects of your 10 \$ Groton Independent \$ Wed., July 28, 2021 life hidden. Maybe people and clouds are beautiful because you can't see everything." -- Kamenashi Kazuya

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 co-chairmen; and Linda Anderson, treasurer. 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

- 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."

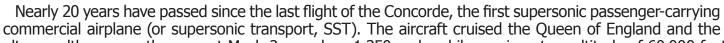
Answers

- 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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ARTHTAL

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



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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