



Jordyn Bortnem MS/HS Special Ed Teacher

by Dorene Nelson

The Groton School District is getting ready for a new school year with the hiring of five new teachers and one new paraprofessional. Three of the five are filling positions for teachers who retired at the end of last year.



Jordyn Bortnem is the new middle school / high school special education teacher for the Groton Area School District. This will be her first year of teaching.

"I graduated from Brookings High School followed by receiving my Bachelor's Degree from Northern State University in special education with an early childhood endorsement," Bortnem stated. "I also am certified to coach various sports."

"When deciding what area of education to concentrate on, I chose special education since I believe it is the most rewarding area," she admitted. "Teachers

in this area very often witness lots of growth in the special children who are in their charge."

"I have been assigned half of the students in grades six through eight," Bortnem explained. "I will work with these students in small groups as well as working with them individually."

"There are a few students who will need me to accompany them to their classes," she stated, "in order to help them individually and to reassure them that they have their completed assignments with them."

"One of my responsibilities is to teach math to the students that have been assigned to me," Bortnem said. "Obviously I will also work on any behavior issues these students may be struggling with."

"I decided to apply for this position in Groton because it is the size of school I'd like to work in," she smiled. "I also enjoy having the added attractions available in Aberdeen."

Becky Hubsch Business/computer teacher

by Dorene Nelson



Becky Hubsch is the new middle school / high school business and computer teacher for the Groton Area School District.

"After I graduated from Summit High School, I attended South Dakota State University, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Education with a minor in business," Hubsch explained. "Following that I earned a Master's

Certificate in non-profit management from the University of South Dakota."

"Prior to accepting employment in the Groton district, I was active in other school districts including Enemy Swim Day School as the Community Education Director and GED instructor. I was also the business manager for the Summit School District," she stated.

"My job here has many parts since I teach computers to sixth and eighth graders, personal finance, business classes for high school students, and assist with the dual credit program," Hubsch listed. "The dual credit classes provide high school students with high school credit and college credit at the same time. The cost of these dual credit classes is one-third the cost of college tuition."

Becky and her husband live near Bristol, SD, with their two children.

Emily Van Gerpen K-12 Counselor

by Dorene Nelson



Emily Van Gerpen is the new K-12 counselor for the Groton School District. "I graduated from high school in Avon, SD, and began my college education at the University of South Dakota," Van Gerpen stated. "I received my Bachelor's Degree in psychology as well as Media and Journalism, which allowed me to work in marketing and communications."

"After working in this area for four years, I decided to attend Northern State University where I received a Masters's Degree in Counseling," she said. "I switched to this area because I love school and am fascinated by human interactions and

how each individual mind works."

"I previously worked in the Miller, SD, school district as the elementary school counselor," Van Gerpen explained. "In addition to that responsibility, I also worked in the special education area and helped with their dual credit program."

"Here in Groton, I have been assigned to do mental health counseling for students in all grades as well as social/emotional health," she listed. "I will work with one section or grade level at a time."

"I'm especially happy that I have the freedom to set up my own schedule, whether working with groups or with individuals," Van Gerpen smiled. "In the elementary I will be doing various counseling sessions with individuals, small groups, and classrooms."

"I'm excited to be here in the size of school that I'm familiar with yet close to a larger city," she admitted. "Groton feels like a great place to be!"



Storm clouds tower above the Groton Water Tower Monday night. The 100-year old water tower will be coming down next Tuesday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Weekly Vikings Recap

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

On a beautiful Saturday night with the temperatures in the 70's, US Bank Stadium doors were open and the fans were in mid-season SKOL chant form. That wasn't enough though to push the Vikings to their first win of the preseason, losing to the Colts 12-10.

Both teams dressed most of their players, there were notable starters that remained on the bench.

Mike Zimmer was determined to have the Vikings play better on defense after the debacle against the Broncos. Neither team broke 300 yards in total offense nor scored an offensive touchdown. The Vikings "bend don't break" defense returns to hold the Colts to 4 field goals but the Vikings just managed a pick 6 and a field goal for themselves.

1st half:

Kirk Cousins started the game, playing the first 3 series and going 5 of 7 for 23 yards. Adam Thielen injures his calf on a 3rd down slant pass and limps off the field.

The Viking's defense stepped up following Cousins 2nd straight 3 & out. With the Colts up 3-0, Ehlinger drops back for a short pass, throws out to the right flat only to have the ball tipped at the line. 2nd-year linebacker Troy Dye gathers up the deflection and scampers 33 yards for the Viking's 1st touchdown of the year. A good sign for Zimmer as the Viking's defense failed to score a touchdown in the 2020 season.

Jake Browning took over for Cousins to finish the first half, going just 6 of 15 for 83 yards. He did help get the Vikings into field goal position late to take a 10-6 lead into halftime but his confidence level looked shaky for the 2nd week in a row.

2nd half:

The 2nd half was dedicated to Kellen Mond, the rookie 3rd round pick from Texas Tech. Mond goes 6 of 12 for 86 yards. Despite being a 3-year starter in the Big 12, Mond is learning quickly the speed of the NFL is much greater than the college game. A couple of nice passes to Chad Beebe highlighted his effort but it's obvious the Viking's backup QB role is a long way from being decided.

Rookies standouts:

Chazz Surrat from North Carolina lead the team with 5 tackles and showed his speed and athleticism while competing for that 3rd linebacker spot with Nick Vigil and Troy Dye.

Imir Smith-Marsette from Iowa, hoping to get a shot at the 3rd wide receiver spot, showed off his return skills averaging 31 yards on 2 kickoffs and 17 yards on a lone punt return.

Despite the good night, it appeared Zimmer would prefer he not return kicks from deep

in his endzone- this was confirmed in Zim's post-game presser.

Preseason observations:

Offensively, the O-line is still a work in progress. Giving up 2 sacks and a couple of costly penalties that stymied drives are of concern but the run blocking looks improved. With Conklin sidelined, there is a big competition for the 3rd tight end position.

Defensively, the Vikings were able to put pressure on the QB but did not record a sack. New additions Michael Pierce and Dalvin Tomlinson have shored up the middle and will make the defensive line formidable upon the return of Danielle Hunter.

Bashaud Breeland played well at defensive back in pass coverage but last year's starter, Cameron Dantzer continues to struggle at the corner.

Special teams have improved significantly from a game ago in both returns and kick coverage. Vikings punter Britton Colquitt had a much better outing and kicker Greg Joseph goes 1 for 2 just missing a 51-yard field goal in the first half.

Next up:

Lots of cuts will occur this week and Friday night lights in Kansas City versus the Chiefs.

About the writers:

Jack(son) is a 3rd-year law student at Mitchell Hamline School of Law and Duane(dad) is an e-commerce software consultant. Lifetime Viking fans and family season ticket holders for the past 25 years. SKOL!!

You won't read this

The Ashley Tribune turned 120 years old this year, and the Wishek Star 77, and it's a miracle, because as the Wishek mayor said this month, "No one reads the paper." She suggested that residents' feedback should be sought instead on Facebook. The Ashley mayor told a constituent that he doubted enough people read the paper to warrant advertising the forthcoming controversial city destruction of gravesite décor.

So what kind of outlier are you? Some kind of educated freak?

Several years ago, during my purchase of the papers from my business partner, an independent analysis reported that those two papers covered 70% of the people in McIntosh County. And for all the apparent disinterest in newspapers, 8.5 nobodies out of 10 people in North Dakota still voted to publish the official minutes in the paper. The people have spoken.

When communities lose their newspapers, they lose government accountability because the public watchdog is gone. In the absence of journalistic scrutiny, taxes rise. There was a recent study of nearly 1600 newspapers including about 300 closures. "Papers show that there are political consequences, or political outcomes, when local newspapers close," said co-author



That's Life

by Tony Bender

Chang Lee, assistant professor of finance at the University of Illinois at Chicago. "(However) If you look at the municipal bond market, you can actually see the financial consequences that have to be borne by local citizens as a result of newspaper closures."

Your local newspaper remains the best source for critical news that affects your pocketbook, and we're a hub for millions of dollars in commerce. Does real journalism happen on Facebook? We know you can get an immunology degree there. But did they cover the county commission? School board? City council? Rodeo? Fair? 4-H? The big football game? Do they donate to school fundraisers? Do they record our community's history?

We often have folks coming in to research family history, obituaries—and even dispute a high school scoring record, which subsequently changed. The scorebooks were long gone.

It's a godsend to discover that we have anecdotal circulation experts in our midst. Please come to work Wednesday to answer the phone, where it will begin to ring if the paper isn't in post office boxes at the usual delivery time. Folks (who apparently don't even subscribe) sure are in a hurry not to read the paper. I tell employees who've received tongue-lashings over subscription issues, callers are showing us great respect. Because they want the paper that badly. For the birdcage, I guess. It's been well established by our mayors that no one reads it.

Hundreds of online readers like the immediacy and reliability of our website. We sell hundreds of newsstand copies, too. To nobody, apparently.

Several weeks ago, I wrote admiringly of our local government, and I like and respect our mayors, which is why their disrespect of our business suggests a disconnect. The median age in McIntosh County is nearly 54. Nationwide it's 38; we have an older population, which is why newspapers remain the central news hub in rural America. Not everyone does Facebook.

Did I suggest the newspaper is a business with payroll, taxes, overhead, and budgets just like "real" businesses? I did. But we're the Rodney Dangerfield's of businesses. We're also magicians. We've managed to stay afloat for nearly 200 cumulative years with no readers!

You'd think elected leaders would have the best interests of their businesses at heart. You don't hear them disparage other businesses, saying things like, "No one buys groceries at that store. No one drives Fords, anymore. Or Chevies. No one gets their hair cut there. No one eats at that cafe. No one banks there." Because that would be incompatible with the facts. Besides, they don't know the ins and outs of those businesses. But apparently, they know newspapers.

Hold it, did you hear that radio ad? Me neither. I don't listen to that station. The nightly news? Don't watch it. It's shallow headlines. In-depth news comes from print journalists. What about Facebook? No, I missed your kitty picture because surprisingly not everyone sees everything there, either. 70%, maybe? Not even close.

"Gosh, Tony," you're thinking, "Aren't you being a little hard on those mayors?" Maybe. I suspect no malice on their part, just off-the-cuff remarks that threw us under the bus. At any rate, they won't read this. Or admit it, anyway. Maybe I'll post it on Facebook.

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Yard of the Week

The Duane and Laura Hinmann yard at 1103 N. Broadway is this week's Yard of the Week. The Yard of the Week is sponsored by the Groton Garden Club. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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The Ann Gibbs yard at 406 E. 9th Ave. was chosen as the Yard of the Week for the week of August 15. The Yard of the Week is sponsored by the Groton Garden Club. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



D-Day is Tuesday for old water tower

Slowly the 100-year old water tower is seeing its demise. On Tuesday, the old tower was drained and for the first time, it was darkened as the lights were turned out on the tower. Next Tuesday, the tower will forever be removed from the city's skyline. Part of Railroad Ave. will be blocked off as they set up the big crane. Work is expected to begin early in the morning and be completed by end of day. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The second pipe from the new tower to the city's infrastructure was tied in on Wednesday. There are two eight-inch pipes that will feed the city. In the photo, they are dropping in pea rock around the pipe. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Vaccines and the Proper Role of Government

by Ian Fury

Communications Director
Governor Kristi Noem (SD)

As President Biden plans to mandate vaccines for nursing homes and pressure businesses into mandating vaccines for their employees, Governor Noem is ready to fight back. If President Biden illegally mandates vaccines, she will take every action available under the law to protect South Dakotans from the federal government.

But some want her to push legislation that would ban businesses from mandating vaccines for their employees. At face value, it sounds like a nice idea. After all, Governor Noem would agree that businesses shouldn't be instituting these policies for their employees. But it isn't in her authority to tell businesses how to operate. Frankly, if such an action were in her authority, then it would be in Biden's as well. It isn't; thank God for that.

Conservatives know this conversation well. We had a very similar one regarding the Masterpiece Cakeshop case just a few years ago, when liberals tried to tell cake bakers how to run their business. We had another similar fight when liberals tried to tell nuns and Hobby Lobby that they must provide contraception for their employees.

It's wrong when government oversteps its authorities to tell people how to do business. It's wrong when the Left does it, and it's wrong when the Right does it.

Governor Noem knows that people are frustrated -- that they don't want their employer telling them what to do. Frankly, she doesn't think that businesses should be mandating their employees to be vaccinated, either. And if they do mandate vaccines to their employees, they should make religious and medical exemptions available.

But she doesn't have the authority as Governor to tell them what to do.

Since the start of the pandemic, she has remained focused on what her authorities are -- and what they are not.

South Dakota is in a strong position because she didn't overstep her authority. She didn't trample on the rights of our people. She was the only Governor in the country who never ordered a single business or church to close. And she's not going to start now.

When leaders overstep their authority, that is how we break this country. If government starts acting unconstitutionally -- even if it's doing something that we like -- that is a dangerous path to walk. It will lead to the destruction of our Constitution and our nation.

We must be a nation of laws. And government must be constrained by the Constitution.

It's not conservative to grow government to tell businesses what to do and how to treat their employees. Remember what President Reagan said: "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

Governor Noem's focus will always be this: ensuring South Dakota remains a great place to live, work, raise a family, and do business. If she starts telling South Dakotans how to do business, it will destroy the Freedom that made South Dakota's economy the strongest in the nation.

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Claremont Town
August 10, 2021
Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 8-10-2021 at 7:00 pm in city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present. Also present Karen Schaufus of Helms and Asso. The minutes of the July meeting were approved on a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the following warrants were approved: General: JGE, mower, 6739.00; Dacotah Bank, city hall loan, 513.33; James Valley, telecommunications, 94.00; GDI, publishing, 35.56; Full circle Ag, propane, 357.86; NWE, lights/street light, 456.72; Missi Smith, 14.5 hrs/mowing, 147.31; WSSW: B&B Contracting, grant/sewer project, 10,405.25; State Health Lab, sampling water, 15.00; DSG, water meter parts, 10.28; SDARWS, class B dues, 360.00; NWE, water, 80.77; NWE, sewer, 61.01; Helms and Asso., grant/miles mileage, meals, 21,647.75; BDM, water purchase, 1828.70; Rural Development, water loan, 576.00; Karen was present to update the Board on the sewer project. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the 6th pay estimate was approved for the sewer project. With no further business before the Board a motion was made to adjourn by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen motion carried.

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Brown County
August 17, 2021
Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 17, 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 Feickert led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
 REZONE ORDINANCE 201_ FIRST READING: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve first reading of ordinance 201: Applicant Linda Much request to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lots 1&2, "Much Subdivision" in the NE ¼ of Section 25-T125N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39393 122nd St & 12207 394th Ave). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
 BID OPENING_WOOD WASTE GRINDING: Time and place as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for wood waste grinding at the Landfill. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to award bid to Dakota

Wood-Grinding, Inc. at a rate of \$650 per mill hour with a \$2,500 mobilization fee. Dakota Wood-Grinding, Inc was the sole bidder. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY BURN BAN: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to remove county burn ban effective Monday, August 23, 2021, with the stipulation that the public will still abide by the current rules in place for any control burn in the county. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2022 PROVISIONAL BUDGET DISCUSSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to set and assign a revenue on a yearly basis for Fairground's improvement for a 5-year duration for a total amount of \$250,000. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2022 PROVISIONAL BUDGET DISCUSSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve \$10,000 annual salary increase for County Sheriff, County Auditor, County Treasurer and County Register of Deeds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2022 PROVISIONAL BUDGET: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the provisional budget for 2022. Roll call vote: Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2022 PROVISIONAL BUDGET SET HEARING DATES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to set hearing dates, and authorize publication of the provisional 2022 budget. Public hearing is scheduled for September 7, 2021, at 8:46 a.m. for the purpose of considering the provisional budget. Public hearings will be held as necessary until the adoption scheduled for September 28, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the general meeting minutes of August 10, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,327.95; Auditor \$8,960.57; Treasurer \$13,731.76; SA \$23,515.33; SVAWA \$1,575.00; Maintenance \$8,467.93; Assessor \$13,504.39; Register of Deeds \$9,124.94; VSO \$4,068.65; GIS \$2,411.38; IT \$7,349.27; HR \$3,648.58; Sheriff \$42,909.68; Jail \$54,310.12; Court Security \$4,173.13; JDC \$23,871.30; 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 \$5,332.71; Highway \$43,521.21; Dispatch \$32,362.30; Emergency \$4,160.96; Teen Court \$703.97; JDAI \$1,846.25; 24/7 Sobriety \$801.52; Landfill \$15,447.32; FICA \$21,137.86; Medicare \$4,897.37; Retirement \$64,174.37. CLAIMS: 4-H Performing Arts \$200.00; Angies Clean All \$6,400.00; Southern Squire, LLC \$22,500.00; Brown County 4-H Leaders Association \$5,350.00; Brown County Old Time Tractor Pullers Association \$1,200.00; Bryan Swoboda

\$1,000.00; Dakota Kids Pedal Pull \$752.50; CDD Touring, Inc. \$95,000.00; Swampson, LLC \$5,000.00; Eli Young LLC \$40,000.00; Frederick Perez \$7,500.00; JaCee Engelhart \$1,400.00; Dreambound Enterprises, Inc. \$25,000.00; Jump Zone Inflatables \$3,000.00; Keith Raymond \$4,000.00; Marty Davis \$3,800.00; Four 13, LLC \$25,000.00; Mike Walker \$3,800.00; Mogen's Heroes \$1,000.00; BUSIC Entertainment, LLC \$73,000.00; Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Inc. \$40,000.00; Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo \$5,400.00; Phil Baker \$750.00; Piles of Smiles Entertainment \$1,700.00; Randy Buker \$4,800.00; Boo-Ray, LLC \$40,000.00; Reliant Talent Agency \$7,000.00; Rewinder \$2,800.00; La Vita Bella Enterprises, Inc. \$40,000.00; Sutton Rodeo \$48,200.00; T&K Rentals \$15,100.00; Theatrical Media Services, Inc. \$62,930.00; Union Cattle Band \$450.00; Apollos Beacon LLC \$3,000.00; Gerald Mark Flora \$4,500.00; Romeo Entertainment Group Inc \$12,000.00; PRCA \$16,900.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following: Acknowledge resignation of Tammy Nieman, part-time Brown County Veteran's Service Office, effective August 6, 2021. Request to fill. Acknowledge resignation of Heather Kulwicki, full-time Brown County Correctional Officer effective August 9, 2021. Request to fill. Acknowledge resignation of Keith Russell Stewart, full-time Brown County Jail Correctional Officer effective July 28, 2021. Request to fill. Acknowledge resignation of Breanna Locke, full-time summer help at Brown County Fairgrounds effective August 13, 2021. Acknowledge resignation of Brandon Richardson, full-time Brown County Jail Correctional Officer effective August 19, 2021. Request to fill. Approve transfer of Russell Ochsner from Brown County Jail Correctional Officer to Brown County Court Security, effective July 12, 2021. Request to fill. Approve hiring of Jennifer Kolb as full-time Brown County JDC Correctional Officer effective August 23, 2021 @ \$16.82/hour. Approve hiring of Jaydon Gross as full-time Brown County Correctional Officer effective August 24, 2021 @ \$16.82/hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIREWORK PERMIT: Moved by Kippley seconded by Sutton to approve the following fireworks display permit: Lew's Fireworks for display at the Fairgrounds on August 21, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following leases: Aberdeen Downtown Association for the lease of the W ½ of the parking lot N of the Museum on August 27-28 for the Sizzlin' Summer Nights Event; Renae Rohrbach & Cade Scherbenke for the lease of the Clubhouse on August 28, 2021 with permission to serve alcohol; Madison Tentonson for the lease of the Clubhouse on October 9, 2021 with permission to serve alcohol; Honey Berg for the lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on August 14, 2021 with permission to serve alcohol. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign application for a Special Malt Beverage License, submitted by Celtic Faire Inc for special event to be held at the Richmond Lake Youth Camp September 19-20, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION_ELM LAKE DUMP SITE: Rachel Kippley provided an update with the other Commissioners as to what the Elm Lake Association had agreed upon on their meeting regarding the Elm Lake Container site. It was also discussed that the contract needs to get updated written in between the county and the site landowner. No actions taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session to discuss contract per SDCL 1-25-2(4). 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 10:28 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor
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Groton City
August 17, 2021
Meeting Minutes

August 17, 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, Flihs, Babcock 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 Blackmun and seconded by Wells. All members voted aye.

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

Payroll, \$40,032.54, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$3,807.55; Public Safety, \$7,862.27; Public Works, \$11,012.82; Culture & Recreation, \$17,349.90; First State Bank, \$11,043.82, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$495.82, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$690.00, Employee savings; City of Groton, \$1,162.62, Utility deposit refunds, family crisis pool passes, postage; Maguire Iron, \$64,395.00, Pay request 8 & 9; AB Contracting, \$28,808.78, Pay request 5; Nellie Hatfield, \$254.61, Utility deposit refund; Bryan Howard, \$104.78, Utility deposit refund; Galeyn Kersting, \$129.04, Utility deposit refund; Jose Urzu, \$221.86, Utility deposit refund; Greg's Repair, \$1,025.95, 17 Ford tires, battery; USPS, \$208.24, Utility billing postage; Web Water, \$25,868.66, Water 7/20; James Valley, \$900.61, Utilities; Ken's Food Fair, \$4,212.57, Gas, food for resale, paper products; Maddie Bjerke, \$264.32, Coaching mileage; Convergint, \$487.25, City Hall drop box repairs; Wyatt Locke, \$686.00, Coaching mileage; Dalton Locke, \$845.60, Coaching mileage; Jarrett Erdmann, \$80.00, Umpire fees; Wesco, \$458.81, Pole line attachments; Jensen Rock & Sand, \$6,542.58, Gravel; MJs Sinclair, \$1,575.23, Fuel; Avera Occupational Medicine, \$68.00, Drug testing fee; ULINE, \$380.01, Bike rack for City Hall; Heartland Power, \$67,610.27, Power 7/21; Western Area Power, \$18,961.53, Power 7/21; Jim of All Trades, \$1,886.07, 5 new bookshelves, various labor donated; Dairy Queen, \$110.10, Food for resale; Badger Meter, \$24.92, Cellular fee; Quality Quick Print, \$8.00, Baseball signs laminated; A&B Business Solns, \$369.91, Copier rent; Grand Slam, \$400.00, Utility billing computer repairs and reloading FO computer to be used as library computer; Cheryl's Cleaning Service, \$60.00, Cleaning City Hall; IRBY, \$14,420.06, Electrical maintenance supplies; Office of Attorney General, \$330.00, Late fee for audit (33 days past due, to be taken off the final bill from Eide Bailly); IMEG, \$4,200.00, Survey, design, bidding; Topkote Inc, \$146,897.71, Chip seal project 93,358 sq yds; Runnings, \$42.06, Adaptors, bit set; Menards, \$45.97, Map light torch kit; Auto Zone, \$147.36, Oil filters, oil; Heartland Waste, \$8,158.50, Garbage hauling; Landon Johnson, \$14.00, Meal reimbursement; Geffdog, \$20.00, Embroider logo on FR clothing; Dollar General, \$306.75, Food for resale, paper products, cleaners

The July Finance Report was approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Bahr. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Flihs to approve Eide Bailly's 2018/2019 Audit Report for the City of Groton. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Bahr to table the first reading of Ordinance #750 Water Rates. All members voted aye.

Groton's Hazard Mitigation plan was updated and approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock. All members voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1- 25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:00pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:12pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
 Hope Block, Finance Officer
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Yard of the Week

The David and Val McGannon yard at 106 N. Broadway was chosen as the Yard of the Week for the week of August 8. The Yard of the Week is sponsored by the Groton Garden Club.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Yard of the Week

The Jason and Tara Hill yard at 907 N. 1st St was chosen as the Yard of the Week for the week of July 25. The Yard of the Week is sponsored by the Groton Garden Club. Pictured are Jason, Hank and Hazel.

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PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD

For the Year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

	101	201	207	226	229	230	238	248	251	401	Proprietary Fund
	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	E911 Fund	EM Fund	Domestic Abuse Fund	Teen Court Fund	JDAI 24/7 Fund	Sobriety Preservation Fund	Mod & Debt Service Fund	BCT1 Fund	Landfill Solid Waste Fund
100 General Government											
111 Board of County Commissioners.....	284,500.00										
112 Contingency.....	250,000.00										
120 Elections.....	148,200.00										
130 Judicial System	70,000.00										
141 Auditor	394,221.00										
142 Treasurer	574,000.00										
151 States Attorney	1,096,809.55										
153 Court Appointed Attorney	725,000.00										
154 Abused and Neglected Child Defense.....	21,000.00										
159 Teen Court.....											
159 JDAI.....						37,165.00	69,891.68				
161 General Government Building.....	1,109,817.00										
162 Director of Equalization.....	627,557.88										
163 Register of Deeds.....	379,000.18										
165 Veterans' Service Officer	170,834.82										
166 Predatory Animal (GFP)	4,198.37										
170 Geographic Information System	112,103.00										
171 Data Processing	454,688.90										
172 Human Resources	207,997.00										
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,629,927.70	-				37,165.00	69,891.68	43,000.00			
200 Public Safety											
211 Sheriff	2,084,927.77										
212 County Jail.....	2,623,190.66							97,162.39			
213 Coroner	51,915.00										
214 Court Security.....	239,448.19										
215 Juvenile Detention.....	1,085,406.43										
221 Fire Protection	17,000.00										
222 Emergency & Disaster Services				256,176.86							
225 Communications Center (911).....		1,537,562.43									
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	6,101,888.05	1,537,562.43	256,176.86					97,162.39			
300 Public Works											
311 Highways, Roads, & Bridges.....	10,000,000.00										
322 Solid Wastes											3,035,820.00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	10,000,000.00										3,035,820.00
400 Health & Welfare											
411 Support of Poor.....	231,942.70										
421 County Nurse.....	20,000.00										
424 Ambulance	1,000.00										
433 Care of Aged											
434 Domestic Abuse					12,500.00						
441 Mentally Ill.....	70,500.00										
442 Aspire/Live/Dakotabilities	15,160.00										
443 Drug Abuse.....	25,000.00										
444 Mental Health Centers	40,000.00										
445 Mental Illness Board.....	30,000.00										
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE.....	433,602.70				12,500.00						
500 Culture & Recreation											
511 Public Library	14,800.00										
512 Historical Museum.....	355,978.61										
521 Recreation Program.....	5,000.00										
522 Parks.....	113,799.60										
523 Exhibition Building O & M.....	366,131.17										
524 County Fair	1,192,760.49										
526 Area IV Nutrition	3,000.00										
527 Community Transit	2,000.00										
TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION	2,053,469.87										
600 Conservation of Natural Resources											
611 4-H Coordinator	88,527.20										
615 Weed Control.....	193,234.61										
TOTAL CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	281,761.81										
700 Urban & Economic Development											
711 Planning & Zoning	223,638.50										
712 Urban & Rural Development.....	25,991.27										
721 Tourism, Ind. & Rec. Development	18,250.00										
TOTAL URBAN & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	267,879.77										
750 Payments to other Governments											
800 Debt Service										904,349.18	
911 Operating Transfers Out.....	4,602,076.86										
TOTAL OTHER USES	4,602,076.86										
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	20,370,606.76	10,000,000.00	1,537,562.43	256,176.86	12,500.00	37,165.00	69,891.68	97,162.39	43,000.00	904,349.18	3,035,820.00
Cash Balance Applied	1,951,214.96	1,000,000.00	205,562.43	80,000.00		11,665.00		7,162.39	17,800.00		363,920.00
311 Current Property Tax Levy.....	15,695,695.00										
Less 25% to Cities	(22,171.00)										
311 TIF Property Taxes										904,349.18	
312/319 - Other Taxes	165,500.00	800,000.00									4,400.00
NET TOTAL TAXES.....	15,839,024.00	800,000.00								904,349.18	4,400.00
320 Licenses & Permits	161,000.00				7,500.00						
330 Intergovernmental Revenue.....	723,425.00	4,142,500.00	880,000.00	60,000.00	2,000.00	14,500.00	69,891.68	15,000.00			40,000.00
340 Charges for Goods & Services	2,540,580.00	2,000.00			3,000.00			75,000.00	25,000.00		1,900,000.00
350 Fines & Forfeits	42,500.00										
360 Miscellaneous Revenue.....	175,000.00	3,500.00	2,000.00	100.00		1,000.00			200.00		727,500.00
370 Other Financing Sources.....	10,000.00	4,045,000.00	450,000.00	116,076.86		10,000.00					
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	3,652,505.00	8,200,000.00	1,332,000.00	176,176.86	12,500.00	25,500.00		90,000.00			2,667,500.00
SUBTOTAL	21,442,743.96	10,000,000.00	1,537,562.43	256,176.86	12,500.00	37,165.00	69,891.68	97,162.39	43,000.00	904,349.18	3,035,820.00
Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18).....	1,072,137.20										
NET MEANS OF FINANCE	20,370,606.76	10,000,000.00	1,537,562.43	256,176.86	12,500.00	37,165.00	69,891.68	97,162.39	43,000.00	904,349.18	3,035,820.00

Proprietary Fund
Landfill Fund

Net Assets, January 1 20215,171,015.30
Estimated Revenue.....2,567,500.00
Less Estimated Expenses-4,234,568.16
Estimated Net Assets, December 31 20213,503,947.14

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ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, will meet in the Courthouse at Aberdeen, South Dakota on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2022 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 28th day of September, 2021. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

Frederick Area School Meeting Minutes
Aug. 9, 2021

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
 AUGUST 9, 2021

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

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

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

Action 22-015 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the agenda as amended: change #13 to Approve Coaching Contracts. All aye, carried.

Action 22-016 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held July 12, 2021; July 2021 financial report, district bills and July 2021 payroll. All aye, carried.

Claims approved: July 2021 Payroll - General Fund salaries 65,222.26; Special Education salaries 6,864.78. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 19,646.10; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 917.74; American Funds, retirement 1,315.26; Delta Dental, insurance 1,693.50; The Standard, life insurance 275.11; Security Benefits, retirement 1,060.26; Optilegra, vision insurance 391.38; Wellmark, health insurance 16,490.00; SD Retirement 11,069.70; SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.26. General Fund: Agtegra Bath Fertilizer, fuel 403.96; Amazon Capital Services, supplies 411.85; American Red Cross Training Services, training equipment 137.81; Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, travel 232.90; Barondeau, Janelle, reimbursement 107.10; Bledsoe Chiropractic, DOT physicals 90.00; BSN Sports, LLC, sports equipment 414.58; Cengage Learning Inc, workbooks 255.20; Crawford Trucks & Equipment Inc, repairs 253.20; Custodial Account, Imprest reimbursement 206.75; Dakota Broadcasting, advertising 500.00; Demco Inc, supplies 693.15; Ellendale True Value, keys 7.45; Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs 70.46; Foreman Sales & Service Inc, repairs/DOT inspections 2,169.54; Frederick Area Athletics, concessions food 16.00; GDI News, publishing 320.36; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 436.15; Institutional Compliance Solutions, Title IX training 698.00; James Valley Telecommunica-

tions, telephone 252.28; JM Electric Inc, football field fence 847.52; Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, repairs 1,087.81; Jostens Inc, yearbooks 665.28; Kosters, Jeffrey, conference meal reimbursement 75.00; Leola School District 44-2, weight room supervisor 90.00; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, supplies 298.95; Menards, repairs 133.76; Merchant Services, on-line lunch payment fees 35.80; Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 458.96; Midstates Group, awards/banner 164.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electric 2,082.51; My Place Hotel-Watertown, Conference 202.00; NE Superintendent, meetings 50.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 121.10; Plank Road Publishing Inc, supplies 124.95; Price, John, repairs 235.00; Ramsey Solutions, curriculum 250.00; Scholastic Inc, supplies 583.96; Scholastic Teacher Store, supplies 117.93; School Specialty, LLC, supplies 2,222.59; SD High School Golf Coaches Association, membership 10.30; SD School Superintendents Association, conference 185.00; SDACTE, conference registration 320.00; SDASBO, conference 75.00; SDFBCA , membership 20.60; SDIAAA, membership dues 51.50; State Line Concrete LLC, sidewalk repair/goal posts 2,551.05; Sumpston, Sarah, training reimbursement 35.00; Town of Frederick, utilities 626.24; United States Postal Service, postage 47.50; WalMart, supplies 278.94 Total 21,724.99. Imprest checks: Brown County Sheriff, finger-

printing 60.00; Division of Criminal Investigation, background check 129.75; Warner School District, HASBO meeting 17.00 Total 206.75. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print contract/overage 1,163.88; Apple, Inc, ipads 29,400.00; Applied Computer Systems, Inc, software license 3,628.67; BSN Sports, LLC, sports equipment 5,749.16; Cole Papers Inc, cleaning machine 3,295.89; Edgenuity Inc, Digital Libraries 6-12 Comprehensive 1,200.00; Emerald Group, reception desk 2,850.00; HP Inc, staff laptop 538.04; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, equipment 6,038.00; Lenovo, staff laptop 1,256.50; Menards, blinds for elementary classrooms 1,151.82; Ramsey Solutions, curriculum 949.82; Riddell/All American Sports Corp, football shoulder pads 1,935.95; Typing Club, license 119.50 Total 59,277.23. Special Education Fund: Amazon Capital Services, supplies 16.99; Avera St Luke's, occupational therapy 178.26; Geffre, Wendy, mileage 50.40; LessonPix Inc, membership 36.00 Total 281.65. Custodial Fund: Maverick's Steak & Cocktails, HASBO meeting 110.21 Total 110.21.

Mr. Kosters and Mrs. Ringgenberg presented reports.

Action 22-017 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve the updated Back to School Plan. All aye, carried.

Action 22-018 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the ARP-ESSER Plan. All aye, carried.

Action 22-019 Motion by

Achen, second by Ellwein to approve Johnson Controls contract to replace HVAC controls. All aye, carried.

Action 22-020 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to cast ballot for Kelly Mesmer as West River At-Large Representative in the 2021 SDHSA run-off election. All aye, carried.

Action 22-021 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve Open Enrollment applications #22-6, #22-7, #22-8, #22-9, #22-10, #22-11, #22-12, and #22-13. All aye, carried.

Action 22-022 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to appoint the 2021 Opt-Out Election board in Westport of Laura Adema (Supervisor), Kathy Schaanaman, and Lisa Ham; in Frederick of Mavis Cox (Supervisor), Heidi Martilla-Losure and Diane Bruns, at a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour. All aye, carried.

Action 22-023 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve coaching contracts for Sarah Sumption, Assistant Cross Country at \$3,100.00 and Kennedy Kosters, Junior High Football at \$2,000.00. All aye, carried.

Discussion was held regarding the replacement of the flooring in the gym hallways. No action taken.

Action 22-024 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to set 2021-2022 adult lunch price at \$4.05. All aye, carried.

Action 22-025 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the advertisement for bids for a new bus to replace route bus #9-1. All aye, carried.

The school board would like

to thank the basketball coaches for putting on summer basketball camps.

Action 22-026 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
 Janel Hettich, Business Manager

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Frederick City Notice to Vacate Right-Of-Way

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE RIGHT-OF-WAY A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 AT 7 PM, IN THE FREDERICK COMMUNITY CENTER TO OBTAIN PERMISSION BY THE FREDERICK FARMERS ELEVATOR TO VACATE ALL PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS ACQUIRED BY DEED(S) AS FOLLOWS:

Running East and West commonly known as 4th Street, bordered by Frederick Farmers Elevator Cooperative on the North and Frederick Farmers Elevator Cooperative on the South locate in Section 11, Township 127, Range 64, Town of Frederick, Brown County, South Dakota. The public right-of-way is approximately 66 feet wide and 150 feet in length. It is located in the old D.M. St. P&P railroad right-of-way. (0818.0825)

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Frederick Area School District Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, Cash Balances and Payroll

Ending July 31, 2021	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Food Service Fund	Drivers Ed Fund	Governmental & Enterprise Fund Act. Totals	Custodial Fund	Ovid Stevens Scholarship Fund	Fiduciary Funds Account Totals
Beginning checking Balance	\$202,547.39	\$198,249.46	\$8,537.85	\$1,126.68	\$893,429.23	\$5,549.98	\$0.85	\$5,550.83
Receipts:								
Local Sources	\$662.00							
County Sources	\$663.39	\$307.64						
State Sources								
Federal Sources								
Interest						\$0.33		
Total Receipts	\$1,325.39	\$307.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.33	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements								
Bills	\$30,304.62	\$3,517.13	\$935.00	\$251.06		\$206.75		
Payroll		\$11,298.93	\$610.88					
Total Disbursements	\$30,304.62	\$14,816.06	\$1,545.88	\$251.06	\$230,416.96	\$206.75	\$0.00	\$206.75
Total checking balance	\$173,568.16	\$183,741.04	\$6,991.97	\$875.62	\$744,461.53	\$5,343.56	\$0.85	\$5,344.41
Beginning investment balance	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,898,487.51	\$27,440.02	\$27,440.02	
Interest								
Total investment balance	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,898,494.04		\$27,440.02	\$27,440.02
Ending Fund Balance	\$2,107,202.36	\$1,629,916.09	\$6,991.97	\$875.62	\$4,642,955.57	\$5,343.56	\$27,440.87	\$32,784.43

NVC Cell Tower Notice - Bath

Public notice issued concerning proposed cell tower on 922 Railroad Avenue, Bath, SD.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Northern Valley Communications proposes to build a 199' self-support Communications Tower. The Site location is 922 Railroad Avenue, Bath, SD 45.467056, -98.325201.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1198549.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest)

HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Northern Valley Communications.

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JVT Cell Tower Notice - Groton

Public notice issued concerning proposed cell tower on 234 East 1st Avenue, Groton, SD.

PUBLIC NOTICE: James Valley Telecommunications proposes to build a 199' self-support Communications Tower. The Site location is 234 East 1st Avenue, Groton, SD 45.445773, -98.097812.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1198546.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest)

HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: James Valley Telecommunications.

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JVT Cell Tower Notice - Hecla

Public notice issued concerning proposed cell tower on 312 Main Street, Hecla, SD.

PUBLIC NOTICE: James Valley Telecommunications proposes to build a 199' self-support Communications Tower. The Site location is 312 Main Street, Hecla, SD 31.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1198550.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest)

HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: James Valley Telecommunications.

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JVT Cell Tower Notice - Houghton

Public notice issued concerning proposed cell tower on 101 Pine Street, Houghton, SD.

PUBLIC NOTICE: James Valley Telecommunications proposes to build a 199' self-support Communications Tower. The Site location is 101 Pine Street, Houghton, SD 45.761416, -98.213300.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1198548.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest)

HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: James Valley Telecommunications.

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JVT Cell Tower Notice - Frederick

Public notice issued concerning proposed cell tower on 410 Main Street, Frederick, SD.

PUBLIC NOTICE: James Valley Telecommunications proposes to build a 250' self-support Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is 410 Main Street, Frederick, SD 45.832605, -98.50703.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1198547.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest)

HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: James Valley Telecommunications.

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JVT Cell Tower Notice - Stratford

Public notice issued concerning proposed cell tower on 14352 395th Ave Stratford, SD.

PUBLIC NOTICE: James Valley Telecommunications proposes to build a 199' free stander Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is 14352 395th Ave Stratford, SD 45.2992, -98.3276

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1198551.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest)

HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: James Valley Telecommunications.

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During summer vacation we are keeping a lookout for cool treats. We ride our bikes or walk together to the stores with the sign:

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Frederick School Notice of Opt Out Election

NOTICE OF SCHOOL OPT OUT ELECTION FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6-2

A School District Opt Out Election will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in all the voting precincts in School District No. 6-2, Frederick, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central time on the day of the election.

Proposed \$200,000 General Fund Opt Out for three (3) years. Yes No

The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows: Frederick Community Center - Precinct 22 Westport Town Hall - Precinct 14

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the school business manager at (605) 329-2355 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Janel Wagner
 Business Manager
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Verdon City Konkin's Annexation

City of Verdon has approved the annexation of Konkin's outlet (40646 148th St) on July 30th 2021 into city limits. The resolution is held to be approved on Sept. 13 at 9:00 a.m., 75 N 3rd St Verdon SD.

I love ice cream sandwiches!



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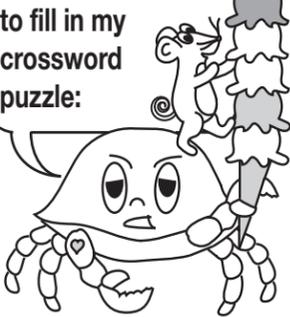
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I like to make root beer floats!



Kids: color stuff in!

What's your favorite frozen dessert? Ice cream is one of the world's most popular treats. **Read my clues to find out the history of ice cream and to fill in my crossword puzzle:**



What's the Scoop?

The Sweet History of Ice Cream

According to a letter written by his daughter, Mr. Marchiony started to make ice cream sandwiches so that grown-ups wouldn't have to be seen licking cones in public.

1. The ancient Greeks of Athens enjoyed _____ mixed with honey and fruit (400 B.C.).
2. Some people think that the Emperor Nero ordered ice to be brought back from the mountains and mixed with _____ or juice and fruit for banquets (Rome, 54-68 A.D.).
3. "Ice cream" in _____ during the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.) had milk mixed into it and maybe even some rice. Some stories say Marco Polo may have brought fruit ices from China to Italy.
4. The popularity of "ice cream" moved throughout Europe with the French people adding _____ to make the ice cream richer tasting.
5. Making ice cream was simple at first - sweetened cream in a bowl or pot was put into ice to cool. The _____ it got, the more solid it became.

6. In 1843, Nancy M. Johnson of Philadelphia got the first _____ for a small hand-cranked ice cream freezer. It made smoother ice cream.
7. Some newcomers to America, like Italo Marchiony from Italy, sold lemon ices and ice cream from _____ in little glasses that people often would walk away with or break.
8. He started to make little _____ bowls by hand, which was a lot of work. He invented a machine that could make 10 waffle cups at a time and got a patent for it in 1903.
9. In 1904, Mr. Marchiony sold ice cream at the World's Fair in St. Louis. He ran out of waffle cups and began to roll up waffles from a waffle maker into _____ and filled them with ice cream, starting "walk-away" ice cream cones.
10. In 1920, Good Humor sold their ice cream from white _____ driven through neighborhoods.
11. The _____ - _____, a favorite ice cream, was first sold by J. F. McCullough in 1938.
12. In 1983, Ben and Jerry's ice cream was used to build the world's largest ice cream _____.
13. Thanks to the invention of _____ most people have ice cream in their homes.
14. Vanilla is the most popular _____ followed by chocolate!

Cool Treats!

During summer vacation we keep a lookout for cool treats. We ride our bikes or walk together to the stores with this sign on it.

Follow the color key to see the sign:

S = strawberry (pink) C = chocolate (brown)

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You Scream ...
We All Scream for ...

What Kind of Treat?

Today, there are a lot of different kinds of cold or frozen treats. The U.S. government has regulations that tell manufacturers what they must have in their ice cream to be able to market and sell a product as "ice cream." At home, families can make their own treats using any ingredients that they like. **Read the descriptions in the clues below. Fill in the crossword puzzle with the item being made:**

Astronaut Ice Cream!

Even astronauts want dessert! A sweet, freeze-dried ice cream treat was developed for them. This ice cream doesn't need refrigeration and can be taken on a hiking or camping trip. **Follow the color key to see where astronauts take it:**

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C = chocolate (brown) V = vanilla (yellow)

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Girls Soccer Team goes 3-0 with win over St. Thomas More

Groton Area Girl's golf team went 3-0 Saturday with a 3-0 win over St. Thomas More. The game was played Saturday in Groton.

Laila Roberts scored the first goal with 29:46 left in the first half. Kennedy Hanson added the second goal with 38:01 left in the game and Carly Gilbert scored with 15:44 left in the game. Groton Area had a dozen other opportunities to score while St. Thomas More only threatened Groton's goal three times.

Girls soccer go 2-0 with win over Belle Fourche

The Groton Area girls soccer team went to 2-0 on the season with a 6-0 win over Belle Fourche on Friday. The game was played in Groton and the soccer teams will host St. Thomas More today with the girls playing at 1 p.m. followed by the boys game. The boys lost their game to Belle Fourche, 11-1.

Brooklyn Hanson scored first for the Tigers with 37:17 left in the first half. Laila Roberts added a goal just two minutes later. Riley Leicht added two goals, scoring at the 26:18 mark and the 22:49 mark to make it 4-0 at half time. Sydney Leicht scored both goals in the second half. The first was a header with 32:29 left and she kicked the second one in with 23:46 left.

Flihs places 10th at Milbank golf meet

The Groton Area boys golf team took part in a meet on Aug. 19 at the Whetstone Creek Golf Course in Milbank. Brevin Flihs medaled with a 10th place finish, shooting identical 45 scores for a total of 90.

Carter Simon shot a 51 and a 59 for a score of 110. Cole Simon shot a 53 and a 61 for a score of 114. Logan Pearson shot a 57 and a 63 for a score of 120 and Jayden Schwan shot a 60 and a 68 for a score of 128.

In the junior varsity meet, Tate Larson shot a 51 and a 53 for a score of 104.

Groton Area boys golf takes second at NEC Meet

Groton Area's boys golf team placed second at the Northeast Conference meet held Tuesday in Milbank. Roncalli won the team title with 337 points followed by Groton Area with 377, Milbank was third with 388 and Redfield was fourth with 438. Those with incomplete teams were Sisseton and Tiospa Zina.

Two Groton Area golfers were medalists at the meet with Brevin Flihs placing third, shooting a 39 and a 42 for a total score of 81. Carter Simon placed 14th, shooting a 46 and a 52 for a total score of 98. Also scoring a 98 was Cole Simon, shooting a 45 and a 53. Tate

Larson had a 42 and a 58 for a total score of 100. Jackson Cogley shot a 58 and a 51 for a total score of 109. Andrew Marzahn shot a 49 and a 56 for a total score of 105.

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Return to Wellness

By Dr. Luke Mortimer, M.D.

I recently saw a patient I hadn't seen in more than 18 months. This patient had previously come to me somewhat routinely for arthritic knees. Together, we constructed a conservative treatment plan to help increase activity and prolong the life of those knees. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic put a dent in our plan. Prior to the pandemic, this patient had been a borderline diabetic with some other medical comorbidities. Upon their return, we found a lot had changed. The patient had gained 30 pounds, decreased activity, and could not move about very well. We had to revise our plan based upon the patient's current condition. I have observed, over the last few months, this scenario is not unusual.

With the pandemic, many people simply stopped moving and as a result their joint related complaints skyrocketed. This inactivity created a significant increase in pain and discomfort in those with underlying arthritis. As patients continue to return to society and have a difficult time picking up where they left off, what do we do to help them get back to their normal?

First, identifying the significance of their medical and orthopedic issues is key. Those with more combined orthopedic and medical issues may require a multidisciplinary approach amongst physicians. Success is more likely if the patient and orthopedic surgeon work together with the primary care physician to assist in management of weight, diabetes, cardiac and other issues that need specific attention. Great communication amongst providers is essential to maximize the benefit for the patient.

Second, developing a plan that will assist in overcoming these issues is the next goal. This may involve cautious use of anti-inflammatories or corticosteroid injections to help decrease inflammation. It may involve viscosupplementation or "gel" injections to assist with lubrication. Physical therapy to focus on getting specific muscle groups to unload the joint while also allowing increased movement may be a great place to begin. Walking, water walking, water aerobics, elliptical machine, bike riding, or hiking are great examples of low impact activities that promote good joint health. The overall goal is to get patients that stopped moving back to an active lifestyle. As many of my patients and colleagues say, "motion is the lotion".

We all know the pandemic has been difficult and affected us all in different ways. Getting outside, increasing activity, and developing goals to help people get moving again is paramount for overall health. A good conversation and developing a plan with your local health care team is a great way to begin your return to wellness.

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Groton Garden Club August Meeting

The August meeting of the Groton Garden club met at the home of Arlys Kluess. Twelve members answered roll call and recited the pledges in unison. Yard of the week winners were August 1, Bob and Jeanne Wanous, August 8, David and Val McGannon, August 15, Ann Gibbs. The August-September yards will be chosen by Ardella Theunissen, Toni Winther: Bev Sombke and Karyn Babcock. The club will decorate Main Street on September 14 at 1:00, for Jungle Day. We also will have a float for homecoming Chaired by Jolene Townsend. Pam Rix gave the program on "which gardener are you"? A delicious dessert was served following the program.

Postage Rates going up

USPS will raise rates for regular, First-Class mail by 6.8% and for package services by 8.8%. A standard stamp will go from \$0.55 to \$0.58. The rate increase will go into effect Aug. 29. This will be the last time you can buy the Forever Stamps at the current price.

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Storm rumbles through Groton

A storm, quite literally, rumbled through Groton early Tuesday morning. The lightning did not create cracks of thunder, but a loud constant rumble that shook homes around town. The wind also took down branches and this tree south of the swimming pool. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The minimall and Ken's Food Fair are having a new curb installed on the north side of the parking lot. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



GROTON'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ **Fall City-Wide Rummage Sale**
September 11 • 8:00 am-3:00 pm
- ▶ **Couples Sunflower Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course**
September 12 • 12:00 pm
- ▶ **Groton Airport Fly-In/Drive-In, Groton Municipal Airport**
September 18-19 (Weather Permitting)
- ▶ **Lake Region Marching Band Festival**
October 8 • 10:00 am
- ▶ **Pumpkin Fest at the City Park**
October 9 • 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- ▶ **Groton United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat**
October 29 • 5:30-7:00 pm
- ▶ **Downtown Trick or Treat**
October 29 • 4:00-6:00 pm
- ▶ **Front Porch 605 Christmas at the Barn**
November 12-14 • 10:00 am-5:00 pm
- ▶ **Legion Post #39 Turkey Party**
November 13 • 6:30 pm
- ▶ **Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center**
November 25 • 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- ▶ **Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services**
December 11 • 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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DOR partners with DPS in adding new functionalities to the DMV Now Kiosks

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakotans can now complete five different transactions by using a DMV Now Kiosk.

Earlier this summer, the Department of Revenue launched not only a new look to the DMV Now Kiosk, but also doubled the number of locations for drivers to access the kiosks.

Transaction types include:

Updating contact information,
Renewing a driver license or ID card,
Renewing a vehicle's registration,
Printing a seller's permit, and
Reporting the sale of a vehicle.

Kiosk usage has increased 180% in a 5-year span, from 53,069 kiosk users in Fiscal Year 2017 to 148,483 kiosk users in Fiscal Year 2021.

Rosa Yaeger, Director of the Motor Vehicle Division explains, "The Department is excited about the kiosk growth over the years. By adding more machines, locations, and functionality, the goal is to keep that growth momentum going. Our hope is that each kiosk helps to expand access of motor vehicle services for South Dakotans."

Jane Schrank, Director of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety's Driver License program, said, "This is another cooperative effort between the two state government agencies and it is the public who benefits. It is easy to renew your driver's license at a kiosk or online and people find that it saves them a lot of time."

South Dakotans can complete a transaction at any kiosk across the state. The kiosk does not have to be in the same county you live in. Please bring your South Dakota driver's license or ID card and have a form of payment ready (credit or debit card). For information on how to use a DMV Now Kiosk, please visit: <https://dor.sd.gov/newsroom/how-to-use-a-dmv-now-kiosk/>.

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Dear EarthTalk: How did Toyota go from being the leader in mass-produced greener cars to being a laggard in the sector?
-- P. Brooks, Demarest, NJ

It's hard to believe that Toyota, the automaker behind the hugely successful hybrid-electric Prius, is no longer viewed as a leader in greener cars. According to Danny Magill, an analyst at the London-based think tank InfluenceMap, Toyota has gone from a leading position to an "industry laggard" in clean-car policy as other automakers push ahead with ambitious electric vehicle (EV) plans.

InfluenceMap gives Toyota a "D-" grade—the worst among automakers—saying it exerts policy influence to undermine public climate goals. While companies like Tesla have produced fully electric cars that are all the rage now on the American road, Toyota, focusing on gas-electric hybrids and futuristic fuel cell vehicles, has started to lose market share. Records show that the Prius hybrid reached its peak in 2012 as the world's third best-selling car line with 247,230 sales; sales declined to 69,718 in 2019, and 2020 was certainly much worse (given the pandemic's pull on the economy at large).

Toyota officials have publicly argued that too aggressive a transition to fully electric vehicles could have negative setbacks. Instead, Toyota believes that hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles are more realistic in our transition away from gasoline-powered cars to reduce emissions. "Too little attention is being paid to what happens between today, when 98 percent of the cars and trucks sold are powered at least in part by gasoline, and that fully electrified future," says Toyota spokesperson Eric Booth.

Toyota's renewed focus on hybrid-electric vehicles may be attributable their forward-looking hydrogen-fueled automobiles having been a bust as to marketplace success. These zero-emission cars contain hydrogen tanks and fuel cells that can convert hydrogen into electricity, unlike other electric vehicles that are battery-powered. Toyota's hydrogen models can travel hundreds of miles on a tank, and emit only water vapor. But the expense of hydrogen fuel and the lack of refueling infrastructure has kept the technology from going mainstream. Given these setbacks, Toyota has advocated for their hybrid technology as a logical transition to greener transportation when hydrogen becomes more accessible.

Over the past few years, the company has also sued the Mexican government in an attempt to block fuel efficiency standards there. Toyota has also supported the former Trump administration's court battle with California over revamping Clean Air Act emissions standards. Also, Toyota is rumored to be part of a collaborative lobbying effort with the Washington, D.C.-based Alliance for Automobile Innovation to fight new regulations calling for zero-emissions vehicles. Moreover, Toyota's Political Action Committee was the top donor to Republicans in Congress who opposed the results of the 2020 presidential election.

While Toyota continues its opposition to true EVs, major markets like China have begun an aggressive shift towards EV production and can ultimately force the company's hand. Environmentalists and economists agree that in order for Toyota to increase its profit margins and remain viable into the future, it needs to rethink its vision—and prepare for a battery-electric future.

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Once upon a time the Prius was the king of the green cars, but nowadays electric vehicles are all the rage with consumers. Credit: Prescott Pym, Flickr rcc.

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Cyclones edge past Groton Area in opening game

It was a field goal that sealed the win for Clark/Willow Lake as the Cyclones edged past Groton Area, 10-8, in the opening season game played Friday in Groton.

According to veteran stats guy, Tom Woods, the last time Groton Area played Clark was in 2010 as Clark/Willow Lake was playing nine-man football up until this year when they were put back to 11-man.

Clark/Willow Lake scored first with 2:46 left in the first period on a nine yard run by Gage Burke. Tyson Huber kicked the PAT and it was 7-0.

On fourth down with 9:14 left in the game, Tyson Huber would kick a 25-yard field goal to make it 10-0.

Taylor Diegel found an opening and scampered 50 yards to score for the Tigers with one second left in the game. The PAT was good on a throw from Kaden Kurtz to Jackson Cogley and the final score was 10-8.

Everything that Clark/Willow Lake done was on the ground as they attempted no passing. Groton Area had four opportunities to score within the 20 yard line but the passing defense foiled those opportunities.

Groton Area had 10 first downs while the Cyclones had 11. Groton Area was 20 of 86 in rushing with Kaden Kurtz being nine for 46 yards, Favian Sanchez three for 19 yards, Andrew Marzahn six for 14 yards and Pierce Kettering two for seven yards. The Cyclones had 39 carries for 188 yards with Trey Huber having 21 carries for 89 yards, Tyson Huber had eight carries for 64 yards, Gage Burke had six carries for five yards, Griffin Musser had one carry for 16 yards and Turner Fjelland had two carries for five yards.

Kaden Kurtz did all of the passing, completing 16 of 29 passes for 156 yards with one interception. Pass receivers were Pierce Kettering with one catch for 57 yards, Jordan Bjerke had five for 35 yards, Jackson Cogley had six catches for 31 yards, Favian Sanchez had two for 20 yards, Ethan Gengerke had one for 10 yards and Andrew Marzahn had one for three yards.

Groton Area had one fumble, with was the first play of the game, but it was recovered. Both teams had five penalties with Groton having 35 yards and Clark/Willow Lake 25.

Defensive leaders for the Tigers were Pierce Kettering with eight tackles, Jackson Cogley seven, Kaden Kurtz seven, Favian Sanchez and Andrew Marzahn each had six.

Cole Brenden had eight tackles to lead the Cyclones while Lucas Kanregieter and Mitchell Larson each had seven and Tate Burke had six.

Groton Area, 0-1, will host Redfield on Friday while Clark/Willow Lake, 1-0, will host Dakota Hills (Waubay/Wilmot/Summit).

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