



Alison Tvinnereim Elementary Paraprofessional

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.



Alison Tvinnereim is the new paraprofessional at Groton Elementary School. She and her husband have two children and live in Aberdeen.

"I graduated from Roslyn High School and then attended Mount Marty College, Watertown, where I received a Business Degree," Tvinnereim said. "Following graduation, I started working at the Youth Development Center (YDC) in Aberdeen."

"The YDC is the child care center connected with the YMCA," she explained. "While working there for the past thirteen years, I was in charge of pre-school aged children."

"I decided I'd like to do something a little different so started checking into other jobs," Tvinnereim stated. "Since my sister Shelby Hendrickson is one of the fifth-grade teachers in Groton, I looked seriously into the job openings here."

"My position as a para will include various jobs such as recess and lunch duty," she listed. "However, my main responsibility will be helping the students in the classrooms."

"I'm looking forward to working in a smaller school and having a new and different assignment," Tvinnereim said.

Gerlach is 3-9 PE Teacher

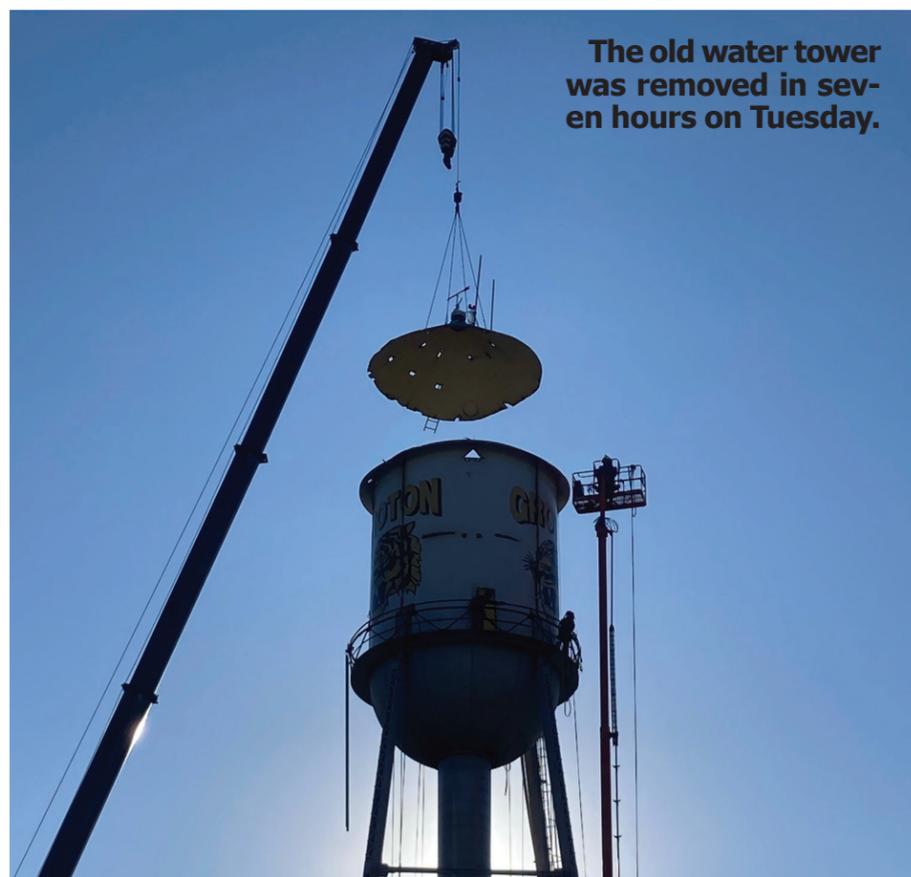


Kyle Gerlach started in the Groton School District as a paraprofessional in the elementary school and as the assistant boys' basketball coach.

His job assignment changed last year to being a paraprofessional in the middle school / high school Special Education department.

This coming school year, Gerlach will be the physical education / health teacher for grades three through nine and will continue as the assistant boys' basketball coach.

The following are volunteer assistant coaches: Carleen Johnson and Kaylin Kucker, girls' soccer; Garrett Wiedrick, boys' soccer; Carla Tracy, volleyball; and Dalton Locke, football.



The old water tower was removed in seven hours on Tuesday.

Rachael Pederson JH Reading and Seventh Geography

by Dorene Nelson



Rachael Pederson is the new seventh and eighth grade reading teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. She will also teach geography to seventh graders.

"I am from the Minneapolis, MN, area and graduated from Eastview High School, Eagan, MN, a school with over 4000 students," Pederson said. "I continued my education in Grinnell, IA, having earned an academic scholarship for Grinnell College."

"I received my Bachelor's Degree in Education with a history major that included an emphasis on English," she explained. "I received a Master's Degree in Education at Northern State University with an

emphasis on teaching and learning."

"Although I come from a huge metropolis, I firmly believe in rural schools, as proven by my educational experience," Pederson smiled. "In smaller schools, teachers are required to do more than just teach classes. I've coached oral interp, directed one-act plays, and supervised the yearbook!"

"I've taught in several schools beginning with teaching English, social studies, and computer to students in grades 7-12 in the African country of Lesotho, she stated. "Following that interesting and rewarding start to my teaching experience, I then taught at Timber Lake, SD; Sully Buttes, SD; and Gettysburg, SD; and now here in Groton, SD."

"My decision to become a teacher was probably started while I was in college," Pederson explained. "Volunteers from Grinnell College were asked to donate time teaching inmates in the local prison. I enjoyed this experience and started to understand that all kinds of people need help and an education."

Joie Spier

Sixth grade reading, language arts, and social studies

by Dorene Nelson



Joie Spier, originally from Madison, SD, is the new sixth grade teacher for reading, language arts, and social studies.

"Although I lived in Madison, I chose to attend high school in Rutland, SD, located about 14 miles away," Spier said. "I prefer small schools. Besides that, the bus picked me up in front of my house and took me to the school in Rutland, something that is not available inside the city limits of Madison!"

"After graduating from high school, I attended college at Northern State University where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education," she explained. "I originally

enrolled in NSU because I was recruited to play basketball in college."

"For my first year of teaching, I selected Groton because of its size as well as my personal background in attending a small school," Spier admitted. "I believe it will be easier for me to get to know my students when I'm working with smaller numbers."

"This year I'll be teaching reading, language arts, and social studies for all of the sixth graders," she listed. "Mr. Hawkins teaches math and science to the same students. It will be nice for the students to have their main classrooms next door to each other."

"At first I thought about becoming a school counselor, but I later decided to be a classroom teacher instead," Spier said. "I believe that all teachers are really counselors as well so I can sort of do both at the same time!"

"In addition to teaching sixth grade, I will also be the volley ball coach for the seventh grade girls," she stated. "This will help me to get to know some of my students more quickly."

Weekly Vikings Recap

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The only thing hotter than the 90-degree temps in Kansas City tonight was all-pro quarterback Pat Mahomes. He leads the Chiefs on two consecutive 80-yard drives, passing for two touchdowns on 8 of 9 passing, and carries the Chiefs to a 28-25 victory.

1st half:

Pat Mahomes quickly set the tone, taking advantage of the reserve Viking defensive backs and ultimately hitting Tyreek Hill on a 35-yard fly pattern down the right sideline.

Kirk Cousins once again plays the first three series of the game. Trailing 7-0, the Vikings moved the ball well on their first drive, mixing up the run and pass only to stall inside the 10-yard line to settle for a 26-yard field goal.

While sitting many of the starters on defense, the Vikings were no match for the KC starters as Mahomes wasted no time, quickly taking the Chiefs back down the field, hitting Blake Bell on a 5-yard toss to make it 14-3.

The Chiefs sit Mahomes the rest of the game and finish the half with a touchdown throw over the middle to make 21-3 at halftime.

Jake Browning takes over for Cousins once again, struggles to put points on the board. Browning has had ample opportunity to prove he could be Cousins' backup, but at this point, he will be hoping to make the team.

2nd half:

Kellen Mond got the second half to himself once again. Looking a little shaky early, he settled down and started hitting some passes throughout the half.

The Vikings finally score an offensive touchdown in the preseason as AJ Rose Jr scampers 31-yards in the 3rd quarter. Strong blocking up-front springs the rookie to his first TD of his career. Rose, hoping his performance in the first game and tonight will earn him a roster spot or at least a shot at the practice squad.

Kansas City answers with a short screen pass that turns into a 56-yard touchdown.

Vikings finish out the scoring with a 10-yard pick-6 from linebacker Parry Nickerson and another short run by Rose to close the game within 3 points.

A bright spot in the 2nd half had to be the return of longtime Viking favorite Everson Griffen. Wearing #58 for the preseason Griffen, showing he still has his spin moves and records one of two of the Viking sacks of Friday night.

The Vikings finish 0-3 and look to the regular season starting on September 12th.

Preseason observations:

It's tough to get a read on this year's Vikings team. Most of their starters sat for these three games, struggling offensively to score a touchdown until tonight and not overwhelming

anyone on the defensive side of the ball.

Fans will be expecting big production from Dalvin Cook, Justin Jefferson, Danielle Hunter, and Anthony Barr when the Vikings travel to Cincinnati to face Joe Burrows and Bengals in week #1. Winning on the road is tough, but luckily, the Vikings are going up against one of the lesser teams in the NFL.

Adding a veteran presence and longtime Viking favorite this past week in Everson Griffen is just what the team needed.

The Vikings will begin cutting players over the next few days and need to get down to 53 players for the regular season. The cuts will be tough as a player like KJ Osborn, who has impressed in camp and made a few nice catches tonight but is getting pushed hard by newcomer DeDe Westbrook and rookie Imir Smith-Marsette.

The Vikings still have a lot of questions to answer on the defensive side of the ball. In particular, the status of linebacker Anthony Barr. He has yet to dress for a game, and his last practice was the first week of August.

Next up: A full preseason recap and a preview of the upcoming 2021 NFL season.

Pastor Al: my church or yours

In the beginning, I didn't like church. Oh, I liked churches, the stained glass, high ceilings, and architecture, just not an hour of it, and certainly not with glowering, impersonal overlords in the pulpit, which is how I viewed my first ministers as a kid. Pastor Al changed that.

I laughingly referred to myself as a heathen in a recent phone call with my mom, but she quite seriously replied, "No, your church is the same as your grandfather's." My grandfather saw a higher power in the birth of foals and in the sunsets he watched while smoking hand-rolled cigarettes.

Al came to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Frederick, SD, not long out of seminary, on the tallish side, tanned, black hair, a good-looking young man with a beer in his refrigerator for you when you were invited over for a fresh fish dinner. Even if you were just 15. Now, you have to be 21 to eat fish.

An occasional beer was consistent with his rough and tumble farm-boy upbringing during which he engaged in pitchfork battles with his brother and narrowly missed him once when he threw one. Perhaps it was in the pasture at sunset where Al found God.

As soon as I could ask questions, I wrestled not so much with God, but with the Bible—the inconsistencies—and later, when I understood the concept of editing, with the idea that ancient imperfect men with political agendas



That's Life

by Tony Bender

and kingdoms could produce infallibility. Oh, I tried to embrace it; my plan was to sin like hell until I was on death's door and then seek forgiveness. That was before I understood the concept of karma. "...those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it," —Job 4:8

Al had been a smokejumper. I didn't know that, but it didn't surprise me when I read his obituary last week, because the man was real, and he became the first of four ministers I've called friends, even though my church isn't indoors.

So Al came to my church. Took me fishing. I learned to waterski behind his boat and its anemic motor. I dunked him in the shallows one day, and he rose furious like a hydra and held me under almost forever. And that's how it came to be that I was baptized for a second time by Pastor Albert Goldammer.

He hired me to mow the church lawn for \$10 a week, a princely sum in those days, maybe because there were six kids in the family and we had to earn our own spending money, maybe because there were so few town kids to do the job, or maybe because he sensed in me the perfectionism that had me crawling prayerfully, I suppose, on my hands and knees on Saturdays to pluck grass that jutted out along the church walls.

He took my brothers to their first movie. "And he bought us popcorn and everything," Scott reminisced on the phone with my Mom when he learned the news, a fifty-something teacher suddenly transported to a childhood memory.

He was my friend, but I didn't grasp our unspoken deal. He would come to my church and I should come to his. I fought and argued with my mother, won some and lost some, and when I was emancipated, I stopped. Sometimes I'd been out the night before drinking beer and maybe I thought Al might understand that I was walking in the path of Martin Luther. Sort of. Kind of. Maybe just a little.

One day, Whitey and I skipped confirmation class to play chess and read comic books—I won't even try to explain—and Al tracked us down and kept us until we knew our verses.

His commitment and humanness began to soften my stridency, and in time I began to judge the church by the congregation and less so by the puzzles in the scriptures. Good people doing good work. None of this enlightenment, if that's what it was, came swiftly, but I've thought about him often through the years because he planted that seed.

Years ago, when he had a parish in Redfield, SD, I was passing through and decided to look him up, and I stopped the first person who looked Lutheran, only to learn that Al was out of town. So, I never got to tell him these things. How he impacted my life, how maybe that unscheduled baptism at Elm Lake took hold, and how much his friendship meant. Now he knows.

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Flihs places fourth at Aberdeen golf meet

Brevin Flihs placed fourth at the Aberdeen Golf Meet held Tuesday. Flihs shot a 72, just three shots behind the winner from Watertown, Jake Olson, 69.

Carter Simon shot a 95, Logan Pearson a 96, Cole Simon a 96, Jackson Cogley a 97 and Tate Larson a 102. Groton Area placed fifth in a field nine teams.

Netters post season opening win



Madeline Flihs
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Sydney Leicht
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton Area's volleyball team posted a 3-1 win over Britton-Hecla Thursday night in Groton. The match was broadcast on GDILIVE.COM where GDI subscribers and ticket holders had access to the livestream.

Groton Area won the first game, 25-13. The game was tied at two and three before the Tigers took a 9-3 lead en route to the win.

Groton Area jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the second set and went on to win, 25-15.

Britton-Hecla challenged Groton Area in the third set as the lead changed hands six times and the game was tied six times before the Braves won the game, 25-23.

In the fourth set, the game was tied four times and there were two lead changes before Groton Area took over and went on for a 25-15 win.

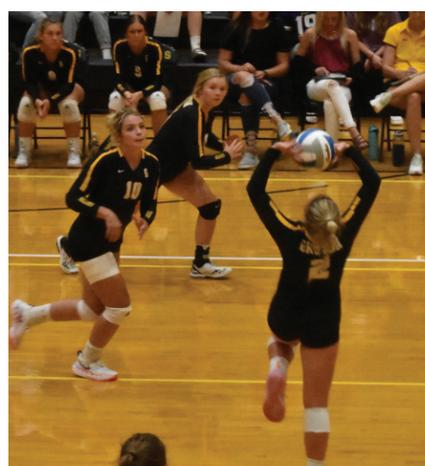
Sydney Leicht led the Tigers with 13 kills, five ace serves and 11 digs. Madeline Flihs had 16 digs, seven kills, three blocks and two ace serves. Anna Fjeldheim had eight kills, five ace serves and two blocks. Aspen Johnson had seven kills and one block. Trista Keith had 11 digs and two assists. Allyssa Locke had five ace serves. Elizabeth Flihs had 35 assists, two kills and one ace serve. Megan Flihs had two blocks and one kill and Maddie Bjerke had one kill.

Chloe Furman had three ace serves for Britton-Hecla, Alyssa James had nine kills, Jenna Werner had 18 digs and four blocks.

Aberdeen Christian fends off Groton Area



Trista Keith
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Elizabeth Flihs sets for Madeline Flihs and Maddie Bjerke
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton Area's volleyball team suffered its first defeat of the season as Aberdeen Christian posted a 3-0 win over the Tigers.

The first set was tied at one before the Knights took over and cruised to a 25-14 win. Sydney Leicht led the Tigers in that set with three kills while Aspen Johnson had two kills, Madeline Flihs had a kill and a block and Anna Fjeldheim and Elizabeth Flihs each had an ace serve.

The second saw the Knights with a commanding lead in the middle. The set was tied five times at the beginning with the lead changing hands twice. Then Aberdeen Christian went on a run and took an 18-10 lead. Groton battled its way back and tied the game at 22 and taking the lead, 23-22. The game was tied three more times before the Knights pulled off the win in extra points, 27-25. In that set, Johnson had three kills and a block, Fjeldheim had three kills, Madeline Flihs had two ace serves and a block, Leicht had a kill and block and Elizabeth Flihs and Megan Flihs each had a kill.

The third set was close all the way to the end with the game being tied 13 times and the lead changing hands seven times before the Knights won the game, 25-22. Leicht had two kills, a block and two ace serves, Madeline Flihs had two kills, Fjeldheim had two kills and an ace serve and Megan Flihs and Johnson each had a kill.

Groton Area finished with 13 ace serves, 28 kills, 26 sets, 76 digs and three blocks. Aberdeen Christian had 10 ace serves, 36 kills, 29 sets, 47 digs and 10 blocks.

Madeline Flihs led the Tigers in ace serves with four, Johnson led the Tigers in kills with eight, Elizabeth Flihs had all 26 sets and Flihs led the Tigers in blocks with two. Alyssa Thaler had 25 digs while Leicht had 20 and Allyssa Locke had 13.

For the Knights, Grace Kaiser had two ace serves, Mary Fits had 12 kills, Kaylee Block 26 assists, Joy Rohrbach had 14 digs and Mallory Miller had four blocks.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-15 and 25-21. Emma Schinkel had three kills and four ace serves, Lydia Meier had two kills

and six ace serves, Carly Guthmiller and Laila Roberts each had three ace serves, Faith Traphagen and Hollie Frost each had three kills, Anna Fjeldheim had a kill and an ace serve and Marlee Tollifson had a kill. Tami and Rich Zimney were the sponsors for the JV match on GDILIVE.COM.

The seventh graders lost to the Knights, 25-23, 25-17 and 15-9.

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Girls Soccer Team beats Vermillion

The first half was scoreless, but the action picked up in the second half as Groton Area's girls soccer team ended up defeating Vermillion, 3-2.

Riley Leicht scored first to give Groton a 1-0 lead and that was quickly followed up with a score by Laila Roberts to make it 2-0. Vermillion would score to make it 2-1. Roberts would score again to make it 3-1. Vermillion countered to make it 3-2 and Groton Area hung on to win.

Groton Area, now 4-0, will host Tea Area on Saturday.

The boys team ended up tying with Vermillion, 4-4. The boys, now 1-2, will host Tea Area on Saturday.

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Ipswich outlasts Groton, 3-1 in close sets



Alyssa Thaler
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Aspen Johnson
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton Area's volleyball team dropped a 3-1 match to Ipswich Tuesday night in Ipswich.

Groton Area won the first set, 25-23. That set was tied seven times and there were five lead changes with the last tie at 23. Groton Area scored the last two points for the win. Anna Fjeldheim had two ace serves, Elizabeth Fliehs and Sydney Leicht each had a kill, Madeline Fliehs and Aspen Johnson each had two kills and Allyssa Locke had two ace serves.

Groton Area had a 3-0 start in the second set, but then quickly fell behind as Ipswich went on to

win, 25-13. Elizabeth Fliehs had an ace serve, Sydney Leicht had two kills, Madeline Fliehs had three kills and Aspen Johnson had a kill in that set.

The third set featured being tied eight times with the lead changing hands three times as Ipswich maintained the upper hand throughout the set. Groton had trailed by one, 18-17, but Ipswich then scored the last seven points for the 25-17 win. Anna Fjeldheim had an ace serve and a kill, Sydney Leicht had three kills and an ace serve, Madeline Fliehs had two kills and an ace serve, Locke had an ace serve, Johnson had kill and a block and Maddie Bjerke had a kill.

The fourth set was very intense with Groton Area needing the win to force a fifth set. Both teams used two time-outs during that set. The set was tied a dozen times and there were four lead changes. Groton Area had a 24-22 edge, but Ipswich would score four unanswered points to win the set, 26-24. Fjeldheim had a kill, an ace serve and a block; Elizabeth Fliehs had two ace serves, Leicht and Emma Schinkel each had a kill, Madeline Fliehs had two kills and three ace serves and Johnson had two kills.

Groton Area had 13 kills for the match while Ipswich had 10. Groton Area had 22 sets with Elizabeth Fliehs having 15 and Locke four while Ipswich had 20 sets with Quincy Olivier having 19. Ipswich led in kills, 32-24, with Gracie Lange having 14 for Ipswich and Madeline Fliehs having eight and Leicht seven for Groton Area. Johnson had five of the team's blocks with Fjeldheim and Leicht each having one. Ipswich had three blocks.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-20 and 25-13. Groton Area also won the eight grade match, 2-0.

Groton Area, now 1-2, will travel to Webster next Tuesday.

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Brown County Ord. 201 Musch Rezoning

ORDINANCE #201
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, 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 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Linda Musch 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):

Lots 1 & 2, "Musch Subdivision" in the NE 1/4 of Section 25-T125N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39393 122nd St & 12207 394th 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.

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Aug. 24, 2021
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AUGUST 24, 2021 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Sutton, Wiese and Kippley. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

REZONE ORDINANCE 201_ SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to adopt ordinance 201: Applicant Linda Musch requesting 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). Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese – aye, Kippley – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Ordinance adopted.

VACATION OF SERVICE ROAD:

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: **RESOLUTION #44-21**

RESOLUTION TO VACATE SERVICE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY BE IT RESOLVED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the Petition to Vacate the Service Road Right-of-Way filed by Linda Fordham, Darin Duvall, Michael Rohl, Christopher Galvin, Lee Goetz and the Brown County Highway Department, is hereby granted and the service road right-of-way is hereby vacated for the following described areas: 50ft x 1,098ft Service Road Right of Way bordered on the N by 129th St and bordered on the S by Lots 14, 15, and 26 of the Replat of Lots 6, 7, and 8 in Block 2 of Gederos Subdivision and Lot 1, Goetz Consolidation Subdivision in Gederos Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Section 35, Township 124N, Range 64 W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed for record and duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Brown County. Dated this 24th day of August 2021. Seconded by commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese – aye, Kippley – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve application for occupancy made by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway number 11, in section 30, township 125, range 61, Brown County, South Dakota for telecommunications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE – HIGHWAY: Dirk Rogers (Highway

Superintendent) gave an update on upcoming road projects. General discussion was had on drainage options at the fairgrounds. No action taken.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of August 17, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following: Hiring of Pete Hesla as Brown County Landfill Office Assistant, temporary part-time; starting wage \$16.07/hour; effective August 16, 2021. Hiring of Michael Ellerbusch as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$16.82/hour; effective September 7, 2021. Hiring of Skylar Michael-John Burchardi as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$16.82/hour; effective September 7, 2021. Temporary 2021 Brown County Fair workers: Gate Control: Keyli Sawalzy - \$12.00/hour; Carlea O'Mearlaih - \$12.00/hour; Tony Price - \$12.00/hour; Steve Smith - \$12.00/hour; Tygen Mohr - \$12.00/hour; Tynazha Trolle - \$12.00/hour; Greg Taylor - \$12.00/hour; Mycah Trolle - \$12.00/hour; Rylan Duchenaux - \$12.00/hour; Trixie Hettich - \$12.00/hour; Kurtis Hettich - \$12.00/hour. Sanitation workers: Tim Norton - \$12.00/hour; Tim Coonfield - \$12.00/hour; Bobby Tenney - \$12.00/hour; Tony Freeman - \$12.00/hour; Jim Freeman - \$12.00/hour. Ticket Sales: Holly Vensel - \$14.50/hour; Becky Fjeldstad - \$14.00/hour; Anje Hinkelman - \$14.00/hour; April Fryer - \$14.00/hour; Jody Parsons - \$14.00/hour; Lynnsey Briese - \$14.00/hour; Malerie Henschel - \$14.00/hour. Ticket Scanners Supervisor: Jacque Ohleen-Kallhoff - \$12.00/hour. Ticket Scanners: Ally Jones - \$12.00/hour; Ryan Schaeffer - \$12.00/hour; Steve Smith - \$12.00/hour; Kameika Gibson - \$12.00/hour; Donna Stahl - \$12.00/hour; Patricia Maunu - \$12.00/hour; Christopher Locke - \$12.00/hour; Melanie Wipf - \$12.00/hour. Customer Service: Julie Van Dover - \$14.18/hour; Gordon Nelson - \$14.18/hour; Jan Erickson - \$14.18/hour; Linda Thurston - \$14.18/hour. Security: Brent Koens - \$30.00/hour; Nick Cochran - \$30.00/hour; Kyle Couchey - \$30.00/hour; Justin Cleveland - \$30.00/hour; Bryton Black - \$30.00/hour; Jonathon Waldner - \$30.00/hour; Brad Jung - \$30.00/hour; Gregory Brooks - \$30.00/hour; Jordan Brooks - \$30.00/hour; Landon Seaman - \$30.00/hour; Anne Weig - \$30.00/hour; Anthony Bisbee - \$32.00/hour; Brady Berg - \$30.00/hour; Dave Hunter - \$30.00/hour; Mike Wiese - \$30.00/hour; Keith Miller - \$30.00/hour; Mychal Rydeen - \$30.00/hour; Brady Woehl - \$30.00/hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve the following leases: Aberdeen Area Humane Society for lease of expo building September 25-26, 2021 and Melynda Sletten for lease of Club House September 25-26 with approved alcohol permission form. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 202 (REZONE)- SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize advertising for proposed rezoning ordinance 202. Application has been made by Tom Barber/Seth Anderson 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 September 21 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, "Barber's Subdivision of Lot 2 in Barber's Second Subdivision" and Lot 1, "Barber's Second Subdivision" in the SW ¼ of Section 31-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38216 130th St., 38220 130th St. & 38232 130th St.) 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. 202. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS: Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: **RESOLUTION 45-21 SHAWN GENGERKE'S OUTLOT 2**

"Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "SHAWN GENGERKE'S OUTLOT 2 IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese – aye, Kippley – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: **RESOLUTION 46-21 OSBORN BLOCK 5 SUBDIVISION OF STRATFORD**

"Be it resolved by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing, Osborn Block 5 Subdivision of Stratford in the sw1/4 of section 4-T121N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, Having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese – aye, Kippley – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:30 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Westport Town
Aug. 2, 2021
Meeting**

Town of Westport General Meeting

August 2nd, 2021
The Town of Westport met on August 2nd, 2021 with Deb & Don Schlosser, Derek Schoenfelder, Shane Storm, and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General
NWPS (\$273.95), Groton Independent (\$22.63), Darin McGaugh (\$197.64), & Running (\$259.99).

Sewer
NWPS (\$33.11) & NRW -loan repayment (\$210.13).

Water
Water Maintenance District (\$408.16) & Public Health Laboratory (\$30.00).

Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Derek Schoenfelder.

The following deposits were presented:

City General
Brown County Collections (\$260.65), State of SD (\$5,871.52), & Interest (\$3.53).

Sewer
Resident Payments - (\$2,375.00).

Water
Resident Payments - (\$3,560.82).

NEW BUSINESS:

Deb & Don Schlosser voiced their discontent, about a bill from the city. Lift Station draw down for loan was approved. 2022 budget was presented and approved. Resolution 15 was approved, for the water rates to increase in October. Bid on finishing lift station was discussed and decided at this time was too much to finish. Other alternative ways were discussed and put on hold. Replacement of culvert in front of church was tabled at this time.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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**Stratford Town
July 2021
Meeting**

Town of Stratford Minutes of July 2021 Meetings

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 12, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Community

Hall. Those in attendance were Bourassa, L Jark, Prickett, Moen. Prickett called the meeting to order.

Discussed the curb stop for the Ball Park/Memorial and best placement. New hydrant is needed; a leak has been identified. Need to call Schmidts to do the work. Bourassa to follow up.

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Prickett, 2nd by Jark. Tower - 3 valuations received for an average of \$18,187.50.

Johnson properties were discussed. Need to notify next of kin that the trailer will need to be removed by this fall.

FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: Dept. of Health (water testing) \$15.00, Groton Daily Indepen-

dent \$57.60, Heartland Heating/Cooling \$762.31, L Jark submitted a bill from Schmidt Construction Town's portion is \$250 for work at the reservoir and \$1816.96 for new sewer work, Matt's Tree Service \$1000, Menards (supplies) \$16.34, Schmidt Construction (water leak repair) \$428.57, SD DENR \$30;

Automatic Withdrawals: JVC (phone) \$43.20, NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$52.93 (sewer) + 435.10 (town), United Fire and Casualty \$424, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$2881.93.

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

WEB Water sent a letter regarding water price increase. Discussed an increase to current rate to \$5/1000 gallons.

Need to contact Circuit Riders for SD Rural Water about the cost of equipment to locate leaks. Brown County Mitigation Planning - Meeting on July 19th, Bourassa/Moen plan to attend.

Artesian Well - Pullman's has not returned calls; will try to contact again and also contact Stretch's out of Hitchcock.

July 4th - approximately 140 people attended. Ordered 65# of pork loin, had a full pan left over. Donated to Auxiliary for the Smoke Off. Times for activities worked well.

Wood Chips for the park - talk to Matt's Tree Service to see if he can grind some for us to avoid issues (termites)

Motion to adjourn until regular scheduled meeting August 9th at 7:00 PM by Prickett, 2nd by Jark.

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**Frederick Town
Aug. 11, 2021
Meeting**

Town of Frederick

August 11, 2021 Minutes
Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, August 11, 2021 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 8 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman R. Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kusters and Troy Millard, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer Diane Bruns and Mariah Heine, Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg, and citizen Gary Peterson.

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the July meetings were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kusters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Kusters/Millard; motion carried. The August general accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell and wastewater project accounts payable were approved contingent upon when grant funds are received with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$992.25; Badger Meter meter fees Wtr \$118.37; Century Bus Products lease & copies Gen'l \$96.10; D. Bruns CC \$157.92; D. Bruns wage FO \$1,337.60; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,707; EFPTS

taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr \$1,166.46; FDC Econ Dev \$1,200; FU Oil Co propane Mun Bldg \$991.20; GDI minutes Gen'l \$44.08; Gary's Engine Repair weed eater Cmtry \$259.99; JM Electric ½ tree removal Mun Bldg \$1,100; J. Kusters wage Gen'l \$46.17; JVT phone/svc FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l \$347.57; M. Cox wage EBL \$609.21; M. Heine wage FO \$1,002.85; Quality M. Morlock mowing Gen'l \$66.50; Menard's supplies FO/SP \$77.69; R. Bakeberg exp Swr \$20; R. Bakeberg wage St/Wtr/Swr \$1,888.94; R. Bakeberg veh. Allow St/Wtr/Swr \$75; R. Bakeberg sexton Cmtry \$21.54; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$115.44; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg \$79.59; SD Dept of Rev test Wtr \$30; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$92.35; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; USPS box rent Gen'l \$122; USPS stamps Wtr/Swr/Gbg \$165; WEB Water Wtr \$3,913.93; First National Bank of Frederick loan Swr \$3,763

WASTEWATER PROJECT

Dahme Construction \$49,668.12

OLD BUSINESS

Rich Bakeberg provided a utility report. The Frederick Area volunteer firemen will be holding a make up street dance on August 28 in front of the new building. The new Welcome to Frederick signs have been installed by Gary Peterson. The Frederick Development Corporation is exploring options to expand in town. A lot has been offered to the FDC to purchase and they are exploring options including loans and discussing possible drainage issues as well as tying in to the sewer and water lines. Motion to declare the two street sanders behind the Community Center as surplus property made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Two petitions will be posted including a petition for vacation of a portion of street by Frederick Farmers Elevator, and petition to rezone businesses by the highway from commercial to agriculture. DANR recognizes the Town of Frederick and Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg for safe and reliable drinking water. There was discussion about possible expenses for updating water lines to be included in the 2022 budget.

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Campbell at 9:28; motion carried.

M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer

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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.

OFFICIAL TAX LEVY OPT-OUT ELECTION BALLOT

Frederick Area School District No. 6-2

FREDERICK, SOUTH DAKOTA

September 7, 2021

The following tax levy opt-out was passed by the governing body and submitted to the voters. The tax levy opt-out does not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

\$200,000.00 General Fund Opt Out for 3 Years

To vote use a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square in front of "Yes" or "No".

Yes A vote "Yes" will increase the tax levy by the amount of the opt-out.

No A vote "No" will leave the tax levy as it is without the amount of the opt-out.

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The Life of Janet K. Thompson



Janet K. Thompson, 68, passed away peacefully August 22, 2021, at Brookdale Central Senior Living, Chandler, Arizona. Janet was born October 15, 1952 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She graduated from Groton High School in Groton, South Dakota in 1971. Janet worked in retail in Aberdeen, SD for 2 years prior to moving to Tempe, Arizona, where she worked for Ambassador Direct Mail Marketing in Tempe, Arizona until it closed in 1991. After its closing she and a co-worker opened their own direct mail marketing company, Valley Connections, in Tempe, Arizona where she remained until her retirement in 2013. Janet is survived in death by her sister Cindy {Gregg} Finlay, Las Vegas, Nevada, her twin sister Janice {Kurt} Haugland, Mesa, Arizona, her brother Lee {Jennifer} Groton, South Dakota, nephews and nieces. Janet is preceded in death by her parents Ruth and Ivan Thompson of Groton, South Dakota. A celebration of life will be held in Arizona at a future date to be determined. If considering a memorial gift, Janet requested that families donate to a charity of their choice. Condolences can be sent to Lee Thompson, 12859 404th Ave., Groton, SD 57445-5420.

In Memory of Merrye Gentry Dalluge



On September 2, 2020, Merrye Gentry Dalluge got her wings and went to walk with the angels. She bravely lost her battle with liver failure. Merrye was 73 years old.

Merrye was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., to Joseph and Marion Gentry on February 26, 1947. After the loss of her father, Merrye moved with her mother and brother to Seattle and then to Groton. She gained another father when her mother married Homer Mydland. Merrye was a great sister to her siblings, Joe, Renee and Jill.

Merrye graduated from Groton High School in 1965 and always had a special place in her heart for her small town in South Dakota. Merrye moved to Minneapolis after high school and married Jerry Dalluge. She had two sports loving sons. Merrye was a proud football and hockey mom for many years. Always the sports fan many of you knew her as the mom cheering on her boys or letting the referee know he made the wrong call.

Merrye graduated from North Hennepin College and found her true calling as a nurse while in her 40s. Merrye moved to Texas after going through the big D (and I don't mean Dallas). As her bumper sticker said she wasn't born in Texas but she got here as fast as she could! Merrye enjoyed many activities including cooking, sewing, crocheting, singing, church activities, watching her beloved Minnesota Vikings and most of all spending time with her family.

Merrye is survived by her son, Chris Dalluge, daughter-in-law Carrie Dalluge; her son, Jeremy Dalluge and her daughter-in-law Laure Dalluge. She is also survived by her five grandchildren: Alexa, Dawson, Jack, Megan and Emily Dalluge.

Her memorial was held at Rejoyce Lutheran Church in Frisco, Texas, for family and close friends on September 12, 2020. In lieu of flowers the family would like for you to make a donation to your church and loudly cheer on your favorite sports team (any team but the Packers!) in honor of Merrye. Go Vikes!

Fireman's Summer Bash in the GHS parking lot!

(Photos by Bruce Babcock)

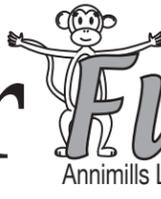


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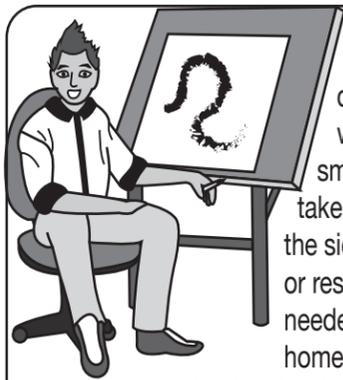


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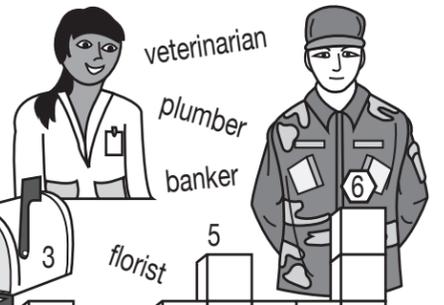
Kids: color stuff in!



I'll bet you can think of lots of people in your town or city who work to keep things running smoothly every day! Some people take care of older people, children or the sick. Others are ready to protect or rescue people whenever it is needed. Some workers keep our homes and yards in good repair. Shop owners stock clothing, hardware and everything else we need. Don't forget the restaurant workers and chefs who please us with delicious dishes when we are hungry! What job or career do you think *you* would like to have some day?

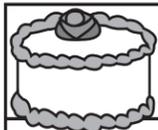
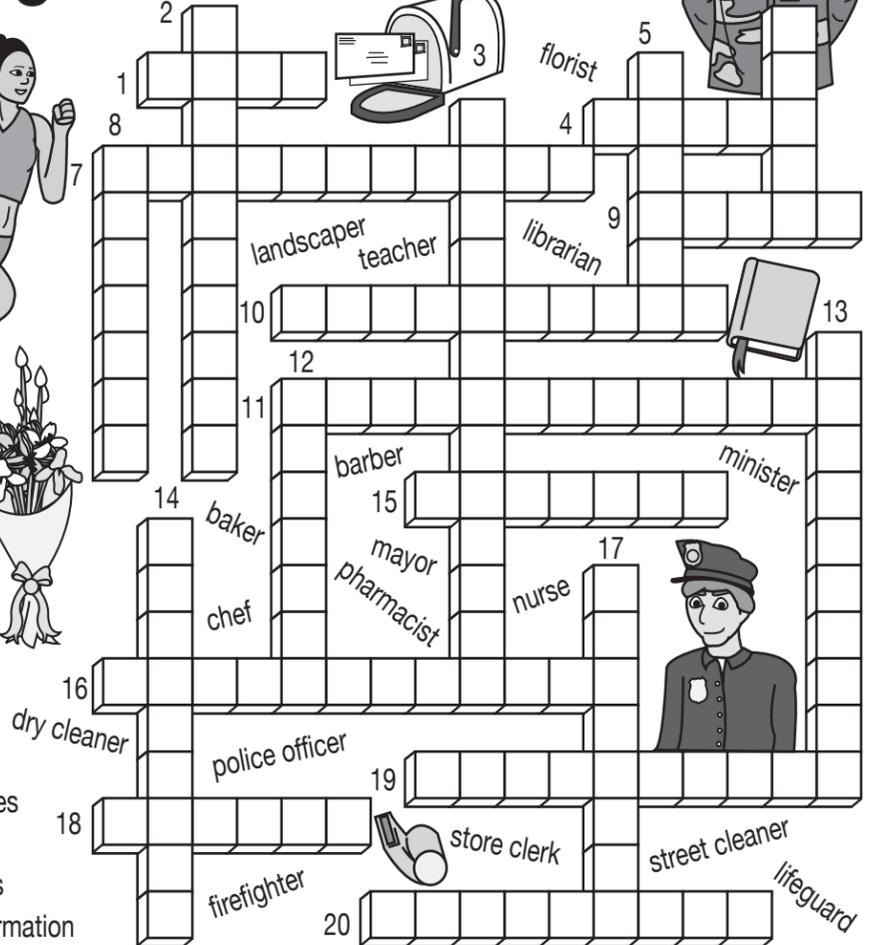
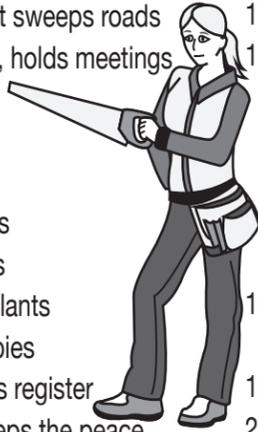
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Jobs and Careers



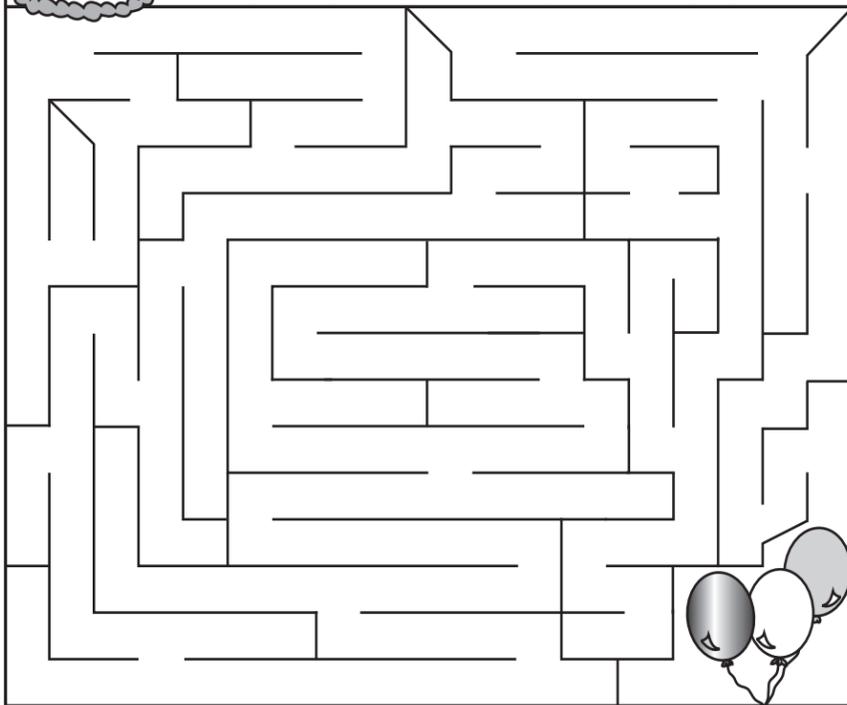
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with jobs and careers:

1. cooks in restaurant to feed people
2. gets medicines ready, gives advice
3. drives equipment that sweeps roads
4. leader of town or city, holds meetings
5. cuts or trims hair
6. cares for people, helps doctors
7. puts out fires, rescues people from buildings
8. works with flowers, plants
9. sells breads, cakes, pies
10. stocks shelves, uses register
11. protects people, keeps the peace
12. works on the water pipes
13. cleans, presses clothes
14. teaches swimming lessons, keeps swimmers safe
15. plans lessons, classes
16. doctor for pets
17. leads people in prayer, takes care of a church
18. helps families and businesses save and use their money
19. mows lawns, plants gardens
20. lends books, helps find information



Special Delivery

What's a party without a cake? Can you help "deliver" the bakery cake to the party?



Kids Working

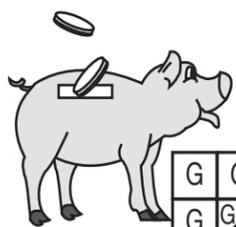


Kids can do some kinds of work to make money. Choose something you can do, that your parents agree to, and that you think people need done. (Make a plan with your parents – you may have to check local rules too.) **Match the first part of each job with the second part:**

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| 1. squeeze lemons to | A. when parents need to go out |
| 2. string beads | B. make lemonade |
| 3. look for a route | C. pets for neighbors on vacation |
| 4. walk and feed | D. to deliver newspapers |
| 5. baby sit children | E. to make bracelets, necklaces |
| 6. take acting lessons | F. and work in a movie, show |

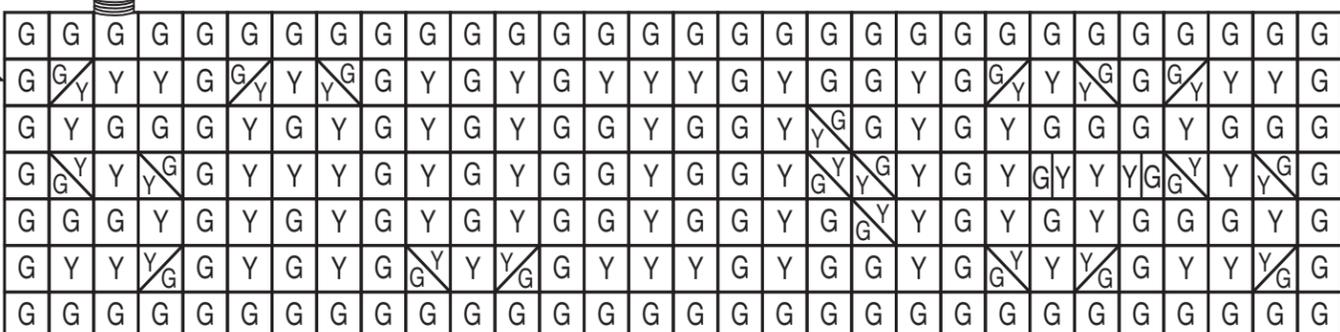


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| 1. feed chickens or do other chores | A. to work in neighbors' yards |
| 2. borrow a rake | B. bikes or build things like bird houses to sell |
| 3. light house cleaning | C. dust, vacuum, pick up |
| 4. water, bucket, soap, hose | D. and have a garage sale |
| 5. clean out closets | E. on the family farm |
| 6. fix things like | F. and wash cars with a friend |



Join the Club!

You can save money from jobs, gifts or an allowance. Tuck it away in a sock or piggy bank to start, then go to your local bank and sign up for your first bank account (some have kids clubs). **As you put money in, you will make this grow:**



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Respect People's Choices



Andrew Ellsworth, MD

This summer I attended the celebration of life service for Dr. Rick Holm, the original Prairie Doc who founded this newspaper column, a radio show and a television show now entering its twentieth season. He died from pancreatic cancer in March of 2020 during the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic and thus there was no public service at the time.

Many friends and family gathered to celebrate Rick. We sat on lawn chairs, shared tales, and sang songs in a beautiful park on a gorgeous evening. We recalled stories of him being notoriously late, knocking over wine glasses with his large hand gestures, and mistakenly eating potpourri thinking it was trail mix. Themes emerged of Rick's amazing ability to accomplish so much in a day, his skill for active listening, and his passion for finding the best in people.

His children shared memories of their dad, including their family bedtime prayer "Help us to be kind and honest and respect people's choices, and help us to be better people tomorrow." Rick crafted that prayer from the Hippocratic Oath, the promise that doctors make when they complete their training and before they begin their careers. The oath emphasizes the medical ethics principles of beneficence (to do good), and nonmaleficence (to do no harm), and the importance of patient autonomy (to respect people's choices).

Listening to the Holm bedtime prayer, I realized how the oath had taken on new meaning for me this past year as I observed people choosing to get vaccinated for Covid-19, or not. As a primary care physician, I know Rick would have recommended vaccination for all who are eligible. He was a proponent of preventative care and vaccines help prevent disease. Rick would have listened with kindness to the concerns of each patient. He would have explained with honest science how the vaccine works and how the risk of a severe reaction from the vaccine is greatly outweighed by the benefits of being vaccinated, such as reducing the chance of serious illness and complications from Covid-19.

Just as my colleagues and I promise to do, Rick would have cared with beneficence for his patients that were sick with Covid-19, even if they refused the vaccine. He would have respected their choices and held their hand with no maleficence, no judgement, or condescendence. At the same time, he would have celebrated with a Snoopy dance those who choose to get vaccinated, those who choose to quit smoking, to start exercising, and to eat healthier. As we carry his legacy into another decade, we continue the message of The Prairie Doc, "Stay healthy out there, people!"

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Gridiron Team takes down Redfield



Evan Nehls tackles Easton Millar.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

It was the same score as last week, but this week, Groton Area came out on top with a 10-7 win over Redfield in football action Friday in Groton.

In the 80 years that these two teams have played, according to master statistician Tom Woods, Groton and Redfield tied in two games and both teams won 39 games. The Groton win gives the Tigers an edge in this year, 40-39.

Groton Area had to get the early game bugs worked out. The Tiger defensive squad held Redfield's opening drive to four downs before they punted, but the Groton offensive team fumbled the ball on its first play from scrimmage.

Coach Shaun Wanner had talked about working on scoring within the 15 yard line, which is something the Tigers struggled at last week against Clark-Willow Lake. Later in the first quarter, the Tigers were within the 15 yard line and with 2:08 left in the quarter, Kaden Kurtz scored on a one-yard run. Jackson Cogley kicked the PAT and the Tigers took a 7-0 lead.

Redfield would even the score with 2:42 left in the first half when Mason Whitley scored on a 21 yard run. Sean Domke kicked the PAT and it was 7-7. Cogley attempted a 43-yard field goal at the end of the first half but ended up short and to the left. The first half remained tied at seven.

The Tigers marched down the field early in the third quarter and with 7:09 left, Cogley would kick a 28-yard field goal and the Tigers would take a 10-7 lead.

Redfield had the ball in the final minutes of the game, but the Tiger defense held them at bay to help secure the win.

The score was close and the stats were equally close with the Tigers getting the edge.

Groton Area had more first downs, 13-12, more yards rushing, 122-109, and more yards passing, 107-90.

In rushing, Groton Area had 29 carries for 122 yards. Kaden Kurtz had 18 carries for 87 yards, Andrew Marzahn eight for 30 and Favian Sanchez two for seven. Redfield had 33 carries for 109 yards. Mason Whitley had nine carries for 52 yards, Easton Millar had 10 for 23 yards, Mason Fey seven for 20 and Corbin Schwartz three for 16.

Kurtz completed nine of 14 passes for 107 yards. Receivers were Jordan Bjerke with four catches for 64 yards, Sanchez had three for 26 yards, Teylor Diegel one for 11 yards and Ethan Gengerke one for six yards. Redfield's Easton Millar completed eight of 16 passes for 90 yards with one interception by Pierce Kettering. Receivers were Keaton Rohlf with six catches for 86 yards and Nolan Gall had one for six yards.

Groton Area had five penalties for 30 yards and Redfield had three for 40 yards.

Defensive leaders for Groton Area were Kurtz with 14 tackles and one sack, Christian Ehresmann with eight tackles and one sack, Kettering with eight tackles and an interception, Jordan Bjerke with seven tackles and having one sack each were Gengerke, Evan Nehls and Logan Ringgenberg. Keaton Rolf led Redfield with nine tackles while Cam Schmidt and Sean Dombke with eight tackles each.

Groton Area, now 1-1 on the season, will travel to Webster on Friday. Redfield, now 1-1 as well, will host Clark/Willow Lake on Friday.

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Andrew Marzahn finds an opening. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jordan Bjerke caught the ball and gained a first down for the Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kaden Kurtz runs up the middle to gain more yards for the Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Dear EarthTalk: I've heard that Americans waste a huge amount of water and energy getting their clothes clean and dry. Do you have any tips for greening the laundry process? – B. Jones, Troy, NY

It's true that Americans use huge amounts of water and energy to keep their clothes clean, dry and soft. Indeed, the average U.S. home expends about 12,000 gallons of water on some 300 loads of laundry per year. The non-profit Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) estimates that as much as 20 percent of the water used in our homes goes down the washing machine's drain. Meanwhile, roughly 10 percent of a home's total electricity use goes toward laundry. No doubt, tightening up this one aspect of taking care of ourselves could make a serious dent in our carbon footprints and overall environmental impact.

Making a few tweaks to your laundry routine can help you make a serious dent in your carbon footprint and overall environmental impact. Credit: pexels.com.

Perhaps the quickest way to energy- and water-savings is to upgrade from an older laundry machine. Conventional washing machines (built before 2011) use some 40 gallons of water per load, while newer "HE" (high efficiency) machines can do just as good or better on 14 gallons or less. And since these HE machines have so much less water to heat up and are designed for maximum efficiency, they also use 50-80 percent less energy. They also spin faster, which removes more water from the clothes and thus saves dryer time. Whether or not your machine is HE, set it to the "high spin speed" or "extended spin" setting to remove excess moisture from clothes to reduce the amount of time and energy needed in the dryer.

Line-drying clothes is by far the most energy-efficient route, yet most of us (80 percent) rely on dryers to do the job quickly, despite the impact. While HE washing machines have been around for a decade now, it wasn't until the last few years that more efficient clothes dryers became widely available. Newer units, especially those that meet the federal government's stringent EnergySTAR efficiency standards, automatically sense how long to run and when to shut off based on the size/weight of the load.

If you have an older (conventional) dryer, consider purchasing a SmartDry sensor which attaches to the inside of your machine and then sends you wireless alerts when the load is dry, when delicates should come out, or if the machine has stopped working. The \$60 device saves an average of 15 minutes of dry time per load. While it's no replacement for a new machine, it can help you keep an older one from clogging up the landfill while putting off the expense and resource use of replacing it for a while.

Another low-cost way to reduce your laundry's environmental impact is by using a Cora Ball, an ingenious little recycled/recyclable plastic ball that catches plastic microfibers that shed off fleece clothing in the washing machine before it winds up in our waterways and oceans.

And if you like fabric softener but don't like subjecting yourself and those around you to harsh chemicals—most fabric softeners use dipal-methyl hydroxyethylammonium methosulfate, a synthetic chemical with softening and anti-static properties—try one of Friendsheep's Eco Dryer Balls, which naturally softens and fluffs laundry by gently tumbling in the dryer alongside your clothes, separating the fabrics so heat can flow better, reducing wrinkles and static cling while reducing dry time.

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