



Student Internship

Torrence Wiseman helps fourth graders to succeed

by Dorene Nelson



Groton Area High School offers a variety of business classes. One of these classes, School Internships, offers seniors the opportunity to work in various local businesses of their choice.

The purpose of this internship is to teach students responsibility by working for someone other than their family. It helps them learn how to work with the public and with customers who might not be all that agreeable at times.

Internships could also help students decide on a part-time job while they are in college or maybe even to help them choose a future occupation.

The business teacher, Becky Hubsch, has set up this experience for the seventeen students enrolled in her School Internship class.

All students must be at their chosen place of work during their internship class. There are two separate sections of Internship classes this year. The student interns must contact the place they would like to work and have their own personal transportation.

Torrence Wiseman, daughter of Dustin and Kandi Wiseman, is interning in the fourth grade classroom at Groton Area Elementary School.

She has six sisters and one brother.

"I work part-time for Harbor Freight in Aberdeen," Wiseman said. "I divide my time between running the cash register and working in the warehouse."

"I decided to intern in the elementary school," she explained, "because I'd like to be a teacher someday. This hands-on experience is a good way to decide if that is really what I want to do."

"I enjoy working with the students and am finding that it is more fun than I'd expected," Wiseman admitted. "Everything is going well here, and I really enjoy working with small groups of students."

"Sometimes I work with just one student, but usually it is a group of three or four," she stated. "The best part of this job is helping those who struggle with their work and seeing their eventual success."

"The most difficult part of the job is having to repeatedly go over the same list of tasks every day," Wiseman smiled. "I actually prefer more variety in my daily work, but young kids need the repetition."

"Following high school graduation, I plan to attend Northern State University and major in elementary education," she said. "My experience here in the elementary has helped me realize that this will be a good job for me."



Coloring at the Library

Rose Mary Howard and her great-grandson, Finley Gauer, stopped at Wage Memorial Library on Wednesday to look at some books and to do some coloring. Rose Mary said that the new library is so bright and cheerful and they enjoy coming to the library to spend some time.

Junior High Activity buses may have to be eliminated

Junior high activity buses could be on the chopping block, but not by choice. Superintendent Joe Schwan said the district barely has enough bus drivers for the routes and when a junior high activity bus is run, it takes a driver off the route. Coaches could take the vans and the parents would car pool for the players. "We'll do what we can," Schwan said, "but there may come a time when we'll have to stop the activity buses for junior high events."

Schwan reported on the 2021 District and School Report Card. He said it looked well and was not disappointed in the results. There were no areas that brought up a red flag, especially with the COVID-19 year.

Karen Johnson resigned as kitchen staff effective October 12 due to health issues.

Alexandria Homsombath was hired as study hall/office assistant at \$12 and hour.



Honoring local veterans at the Groton Area Elementary Veterans Day breakfast. L-R Preston Hinkelman, Bruce Babcock, Emery Blackwood.



All State Chorus & Orchestra

The Groton Area music department was represented at the All State Chorus and Orchestra held recently in Rapid City. In back, left to right, Axel Warrington, Carter Barse, Elliana Weismantel, Rebecca Poor, Kayla Duncan (director); and in front, left to right, are Ashtyn Bahr, Cadance Tullis, Camryn Kurtz and Shaylee Peterson. (Courtesy Photo)

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Minnesota Vikings fall to 3-5 as they struggle to maintain an early 14 point lead against Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens. What looked like a huge road victory for the struggling Vikings quickly turned into another tough loss.

First Half:

The Vikings came into their matchup against the Baltimore Ravens hoping to claw their way to a win despite missing key players. After kicking off, the Vikings' defense was able to stop Lamar Jackson on a 4th & 2. However, the refs threw a flag on DJ Wonnum for a horse-collar tackle. After the replay, it was evident that Wonnum made a legal tackle. The Ravens capitalized on the blown call and kick a 37-yard field goal by Justin Tucker; Ravens 3 – Vikings 0.

Vikings responded with a 50-yard touchdown thanks to a deep ball from Kirk Cousins to Justin Jefferson on 3rd & 7; Vikings 7 – 3. After a Ravens punt, the Vikings got the ball at their own 6. On 3rd & 1, Dalvin Cook—who has struggled to break any long runs this season—finally got loose for a 66-yard run. Nine plays later, the Vikings extend their lead to 14-3 with a Kirk Cousins 1-yard touchdown on a quarterback sneak.

The game then saw both teams punt on their next two drives, respectively. With 1:52 remaining in the first half, rookie safety Cameron Bynum made an incredible diving interception and returned the ball to the 16-yard line. The offense could not move the ball and settled for a field goal with 1:29 remaining in the first half; Vikings 17 – Ravens 3.

Once again, the Vikings fail to lock it down

before halftime, this time it was thanks to a 42-yard defensive pass interference call on safety Xavier Woods. Devonta Freeman was able to get wide open for a 5-yard touchdown reception from Lamar Jackson with 0:19 remaining in the first half, cutting the Vikings lead to 17 – 10.

Second Half:

The second half began with fireworks for the Vikings as Iowa State rookie runningback, Kene Nwangwu, took a 98-yard kick-off for a touchdown to start the second half; Vikings 24 – Ravens 10. Down two scores, the Ravens were able to put together back-to-back long touchdown drives to even the score Vikings 24 – Ravens 24. These two drives saw the Ravens run 28 plays and use up 16:25 of game clock, a recipe that would begin to tire out the Viking defense.

The Vikings punt again. The Ravens drive down the field to score another touchdown. It would give them a 31-24 lead over the Vikings with 3:29 remaining.

With their backs against the wall, Kirk Cousins and the Viking offense (with just 13-yards in the second half), started their drive from the Ravens 25. Miraculously, the Viking's offense was able to put together a game-tying drive concluding in a 1-yard touchdown reception by Adam Thielen with 1:06 remaining in the 4th quarter. The game would go to overtime with both teams tied 31 - 31.

Overtime:

The Ravens got the ball to start overtime. As they were driving down the field, Vikings linebacker Anthony Barr tipped a Lamar Jackson pass and was able to corral it for an interception. However, the offense that showed up in their last drive decided to remain dormant, as they quickly punted on three plays and 1 yard of offense.

A tired Viking defense trotted back out onto the field and allowed the Ravens to drive the ball into field goal range. With 0:20 remaining in overtime, Ravens' kicker Justin Tucker nailed a 36-yard field goal to give the Ravens the win.

The final score of the game: Ravens 34 - Vikings 31.

Statistical Leaders:

Kirk Cousins 17 for 28, 187 yards, 2 TD

Dalvin Cook 17 carries for 110 yards rushing, 0 TDs

Justin Jefferson 3 catches for 69 yards, 1 TD

Next game:

The Vikings travel to Los Angeles to face the Chargers next week. Although this is a road game on paper, the Chargers are notorious for struggling to have their fans in the stadium for this game. Hopefully, the Vikings can rebound before their struggles become insurmountable.

Potpourri

That time change thing

It may be just legend, but an unnamed Native American is credited with saying, "Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom, and have a longer blanket." As cranky as people are getting about everything, I'm surprised they haven't begun protesting the time change.

I don't mind it—actually like it, as it fits the weird routine I've slud into. What I do mind is the clock change. Of course, if you're a rural electric customer, you have to reset your digital clocks every few weeks, anyway. Analog has its place. Remember VCRs? I bought the newish technology in the mid-80's for the ungodly sum of \$800 and ran it until the format died without ever setting the clock. I still haven't decided whether I should be proud or ashamed of that.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

Aaron Rodgers

I've never been a fan of Aaron Rodgers. Maybe it's because of the arrogant, blame-everyone-else-first quarterback mentality (as opposed to the aw-shucks, humility and good humor of columnists). But even after his exhausting "will I play or won't I" routine last summer, I began to appreciate the joy with which he performed when the season got underway. Now, this. We all get the "my body, my choice" mantra, especially when it suits one's particular needs at the moment, but don't lie about being vaccinated. Carson Wentz and Kirk Cousins came clean, and fine, that's up to them, their employer, and the workplace to deal with. Rodgers was trying to have it both ways. We remain in a pandemic, we have the finest medical minds ever assembled in America, and Aaron Rodgers is taking advice from Joe Rogen. You may as well take advice from me, which is: "Consult your doctor."

JFK Jr. doesn't show

If things aren't weird enough, hundreds of QAnon adherents gathered at Dealey Plaza in Dallas last week waiting for their savior, JFK Jr., who died in a 1999 plane crash, to be resurrected and reinstate Donald Trump to the White House. Presumably, JFK Jr. was a Democrat, so I'm not sure how that works. I guess you come back cleansed of your sins. Spoiler alert: He didn't show. However, there is some conjecture that Rolling Stone Keith Richards is actually JFK Jr. in disguise. I'm not kidding. Hopefully, they are.

And on the home front

This week, the Ashley Tribune and Wishek Star are carrying a letter to the editor from North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger refuting the assertions from Rep. Jeff Magrum, R-Hazleton, that there was something fishy in the North Dakota election, presumably because Donald Trump only got 65% of the vote in the state, down 3% from 2016. A letter from the Secretary of State slapping down a fellow Republican is rare, if unprecedented.

Magrum, who attended conspiracy theorist and pillow guy Mike Lindell's cybersecurity seminar, claimed, "cyber security experts have found discrepancies in the ND election... to the tune of approximately 15,000 votes being switched from President Trump to 'Obiden'."

Jaeger said, "That didn't happen. None were switched. All votes in the 2020 November election were accurately counted as cast by the voter... the election was administered according to state law. It included public voting system testing before and after the election."

Personally, I like Magrum, but I think casting doubt on the integrity of elections without ironclad proof is playing with fire that could torch democracy. And the "Obiden" thing is just disrespectful. Why offend a third of your constituents? We're not used to seeing that stuff from our elected representatives. Decorum is a good thing.

Shop local

There've been doom and gloom reports of a spoiled Christmas ahead because of shortages and supply chain issues brought on by the pandemic. Gosh, you mean I might not get that 70" flat screen? Well, the pandemic and the resulting issues have caused many people to reevaluate their lives. There are worker shortages because after doing the math, some folks realized they were just working to pay for daycare. Our just-in-time product delivery system is still backed up, but really, how tough do we have it?

We have supply chain issues because so much of what we buy comes from overseas. It's a global economy from oil to t-shirts. Here's my challenge: buy American and shop local as much as you can. Make them your first stop—not just in a crisis—but always. If we're not learning from all this and appreciating who we have serving us locally, shame on us.

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Groton to host Residential Development Meeting

The Groton City Council his hosting a Groton Residential Development Meeting on Monday, Nov. 15. The event will be held at noon at the Groton Community Center.

Casey Crabtree, Director of Economic Development at Heartland Consumers Power District, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend as Groton grapples with the need to add residential development.

The Life of Karen Bakke



Karen Bakke, age 72, of Marshall, Minnesota, died on Friday, November 5, 2021, after a valiant battle with cancer. The funeral was held Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at Living Word Lutheran Church in Marshall, Minnesota. Interment was held at the Groton Union Catholic Cemetery.

Karen Ann Sanderson was born on July 14, 1949, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Wayne and Patricia (Rix) Sanderson. She spent her childhood on a farm north of Groton, South Dakota, with sisters Kathy, Peggy, and Patti - playing paper dolls, and ice skating on the cattle pond.

Karen graduated from high school in Groton in 1967 and moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, to attend National College of Business. It was in Rapid City that Karen met the love of her life, Emmet Bakke, on a blind date. After an evening of conversation, they both knew they wanted to spend more time together, and they married on January 31, 1970.

Karen and Emmet were stationed in Rapid City, SD; Island of Guam; San Bernardino, CA; Denver, CO; and Wichita, KS, while Emmet finished his military commitment. They ultimately settled in Marshall, Minnesota, where they formed many lifelong friendships, and Karen's dream of becoming a mom of many continued. Erich, Kris, and Ryan joined the family through adoption in 1975.

Karen loved playing cards with the kids on snow and rainy days, and spent every night from Thanksgiving to Christmas making holiday goodies for friends and family members. She never missed the kids' sporting events and musical performances, and she joined every available booster club, parent group, and school committee to support their interests - all while working full-time for National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

After retiring from NRCS in 2010, Karen dedicated her time to the things she loved best: her faith, her friends, traveling, and playing with her nine grandchildren. She was a past member of the Jaycees and enjoyed time spent at the Senior Center playing cards and visiting with others.

Karen was a long-time member of Living Word Church, where she participated in several Bible study groups and helped out where ever needed. She also enjoyed volunteering at the local hospital gift shop. She was a loyal friend who sent birthday, anniversary, and holiday cards to everyone she loved and acquaintances. When the kids were young, Karen and Emmet took them on long summer trips throughout the US in their old wood-paneled station wagon. Later, the couple traveled the world by plane, train, and automobile. Nothing, however, could compare to Karen's many trips with her sisters, where they shopped, dined, and laughed until they couldn't breathe. Karen dearly loved her grandchildren, and it showed. No one could rock a baby to sleep or send the grandkids into fits of giggles the way she could. Karen will be dearly missed by all.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Emmet Bakke of Marshall; children, Erich Bakke of Green Bay, WI; Kristin (Bryan) Asche of Alexandria, MN; Ryan (Tonya) Bakke of Katy, TX; her beloved grandchildren, Katelyn Bakke, Andrea Williams-Verduzco, Dawson Bakke, Ian Bakke, Sawyer Bakke, Schylar Bakke, Zoe Bakke, Beaux Asche, Croix Asche; her dear nieces and nephews; and a multitude of friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Patricia Sanderson, and her in-laws, Peder and Olga (Skogen) Bakke.

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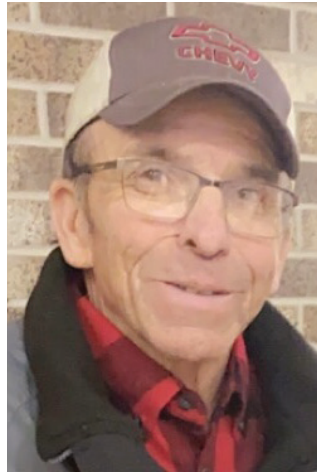
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The Life of James Olson



Memorial services for James F. Olson, 70, of Andover will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 13th at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Rev. Janine Rew-Werling will officiate. Inurnment will take place in Homer Cemetery, Pierpont under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

James passed away November 3, 2021 at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls.

James Fred Olson was born on October 2, 1951 in Webster to Milton and Violet (Spilloway) Olson. He attended school in Pierpont

and graduated from Langford High School in 1970. Jim began his lifelong career, farming on the family farm. On December 8, 1979 he was united in marriage with Arlene Biel in Watertown and they were blessed with three daughters.

Jim loved life on the farm, including his animals and several dogs. He was a kind and sentimental man, as well as determined. Jim was a hard-worker and cared deeply for his family, who he always referred to as "his girls". He enjoyed collecting toy John Deere tractors and had a countless number of caps. He was a regular at coffee and had never met a stranger. Jim was a member of the Pierpont Community Church until its closing.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Arlene of Andover, daughters, Jennifer "Jenny" Olson of Castlewood, Jamie Olson (Chris McDowell) of Sioux Falls, Janel (Brad) Penning of Pierpont, grandchildren: Jaedyn Penning, Talen Olson, Kyrell Baker, Beckham Olson-Wellnitz, Jameson Penning, Jagger Penning, Bentley "BJ" Olson-McDowell, his sister, Pam Donovan of Andover, several brother-in-laws and his neighbors.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his infant brother, Douglas Olson.

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Brown County Nov. 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 2, 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 Feickert to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GIS DATA ACQUISITION & PRICING POLICY: Scott Madsen, Brown County GIS Coordinator, discussed with the Commission the changes on fees for GIS Services and data request to offer discounted options to beacon subscribers. All pricing/fee is available at the Auditor's office upon request. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve updated GIS Services & Data Request Fee effective immediately. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY BURN BAN: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to table County Burn Ban discussion until next week's meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve following application from TelCom for telecommunication purposes: application for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 13 in section 20, Township 124N, range 62W, Brown County, South Dakota; application for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 16, in Section 32, 29, 20, 17, Township 124N, Range 62W, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve application from Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 14, in Section 22, Township 123, Range 63, Brown County, South Dakota for telecommunications purpose. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approved following application from Northern Electric for primary election usage: application of Brown County Highway Number 18, in Section 6 (SW ¼), Township 121 N, Range 61W, Brown County, South Dakota; application of Brown County Highway Num-

ber 142nd St, in Section NE 1, Township 121N, Range 62W, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES: Kendall Titze, Highway Assistant Superintendent, provided an update on current projects from his department. No actions taken.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the general meeting minutes of October 26, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: AGTERRA TECHNOLOGIES, INC. \$140.00; AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$1,061.12; CGI \$465.36; Christopher Owasu \$200.00; CHRISTY GRIFFIN-SERR LAW OFFICE \$11,162.25; DARCY LOCKWOOD \$15.00; GELLHAUS & GELLHAUS, PC \$160.00; Jonathan Molan \$200.00; LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER \$487.50; LUCY LEWNO \$160.00; MARK KATTERHAGEN \$15.00; RHODES ANDERSON INSURANCE \$50.00; SD SECRETARY OF STATE \$30.00; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC \$162.50; US BANK \$566.95; YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER \$625.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$718.00. Repairs & Maintenance: AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE \$8.32; CONSOLIDATED READY MIX, INC. \$5,110.00; Do All Insulation \$224.00; ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION \$113.54; GARY MCNEIL \$984.16; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$66.00; HOUSE OF GLASS \$80.61; HOVEN AUTO REPAIR INC \$156.20; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$12,318.75; KURT PRESZLER \$4,594.91; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$47.22; PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES, GARMENT DIVISION \$29.29; TripleC Pros LLC \$1,500.00; US BANK \$1,770.69. Supplies: CARLSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY \$6.28; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$56.18; COLE PAPERS \$247.92; FASTANEL CO \$219.47; GOVCONNECTION INC \$934.19; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$631.80; HANLON BROTHERS \$74,011.35; Heiman Fire Equipment \$1,269.70; HOUSE OF GLASS \$49.32; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$226,973.10; LANG'S AUDIO TV & APPLIANCE \$87.22; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$594.97; LEIDHOLDT TOOL SALES, LLC \$515.31; LIEN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY \$798.00; LUCY LEWNO \$6.53; M & T Fire and Safety \$1,750.00; MacQueen Emergency \$459.63; MB LLC \$175.88; MENARDS \$504.26; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$378.00; PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES, GARMENT DIVISION \$2,062.50; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$5,230.00; RUNNINGS

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Others: Country Load Trailer Sales \$10,540.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the following HR report: Acknowledge termination of Jeffrey Steele Jr as Part-time Brown County Maintenance effective October 27, 2021. Request to fill with full-time position as there are 2 part-time positions open and no applications have been received since 7-13-2021, when the other position opened. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE FEE: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 55-21
WHEREAS, Title 3, Solid Waste Management System, Chapter 3.07011 of the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, effective March 12, 1997, as amended, requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish the Solid Waste Special Assessment fee schedule for the following year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Solid Waste Special Assessment fees shall be effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the Brown County Sanitary Landfill:

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(Assessment plus applicable sales tax billed with the Real Estate Tax Notice)

1. Households within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that require curb service @ \$33.00 per year.
2. Households within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that do not require curb service @ \$83.00 per year.
3. Condominiums taxed as single units within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that require curb service @ \$33.00 per year.
4. Condominiums taxed as single units within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that do not require curb service @ \$83.00 per year.
5. Apartment Units and Assisted Living Units within incorporated Cities that require curb service @ \$15.00 per unit per year.
6. Seasonal Lake Cabins @ \$50.00 per year.
7. Mobile Home parks, outside incorporated municipalities, which provide or require lot side waste pickup during the entire assessment period, for deposit into a permitted landfill solid waste facility @ \$33.00 per unit per year.
8. Mobile Home parks, outside incorporated municipalities, which do not provide or require lot side waste pickup during the entire assessment period, for deposit into a permitted landfill solid waste facility @ \$83.00 per unit per year. Dated this 2nd day of November 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese.

Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

FAT TRUCK TRAILER PURCHASE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve purchase of fat truck trailer form County Load Trailer Sales in the amount of \$11,040, rejecting quotes from JGE Inc in the amount of \$12,918 (not a fixed rate) and Plains Ind & Repair LLC in the amount of \$22,975. Roll

call vote: Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve travel request for out of state for two personnel to pick-up purchased trailer from Madrid, NE from November 5-6, 2021. Roll call vote: Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Account for July 2021: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances: \$18,084,294.00; Total Savings Account Balances: \$4,825,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: \$3,976,798.16; Grand Total Cash and Balances: \$26,894,239.58; General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$9,550,647.94; Road & Bridge Fund \$5,501,679.72; Road & Bridge Fund - restricted \$423,243.27; 911 Service \$1,384,312.31; Emergency & Disaster \$186,782.16; Domestic Abuse \$1,069.17; Teen Court \$18,692.92; Grant \$32.11; JDAI -\$8,632.04; Richmond Youth \$21,916.96; 24/7 Sobriety \$56,615.57; ROD M&P \$106,045.05; Tif Debt Service \$6,849.56; Landfill + cash change \$2,589,796.52; Landfill - restricted \$1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds \$1,785,405.26; GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS \$26,894,239.58. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the following lease agreement: Aberdeen Police Department for lease/use of north side of the Fairgrounds Road and parking areas on November 8-13, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve September 2021 Sheriff's Report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to authorize Auditor to sign documentation to assign claim against an individual for Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEPTION CENTER: The Board of Commissioners discussed as a follow-up for the juvenile reception/daily check-in center proposal from previous meeting. The Board all agreed to the plan, however, advised to explore some other place/space in the Courthouse for a possible location. No actions taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Pat Wölbger, IT Director, met with the Commissioner to provide updates on on-going work/projects of his department. No actions taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel and security per SDCL 1-25-2(1, 6). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Chair declared the executive session closed with the following action taken: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve hiring Rachel Kippley as full-time Fair Manager and Fairgrounds Assistant @ \$65,000 annual salary effective immediately and to acknowledge her resignation as Brown County Commissioner effective January 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:47 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor
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**Groton School
Nov. 8, 2021**

Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
November 8, 2021

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

Moved by Weismantel, second Flihs to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: October 12, 2021, minutes, district bills, financial report, custodial accounts and investments, school lunch report and transportation report. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 198,280.79; FIT – 17,477.54; Medicare – 7,411.46; FICA – 31,690.14; American Funds – 547.60; SDRS – 30,267.34; HSA – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 1,390.00; Horace Mann – 857.61; Thrivent – 250.00; AFLAC – 2,914.02; Delta Dental – 3,996.98; SD Supplemental Retirement – 1,325.40; Division of Child Support – 365.79; Groton School Lunch – 184.70; Wellmark – 56,381.35; Standard – 679.68; Wage Works – 1,137.46; Avesis – 259.16; Advance Auto – parts, 236.50; Amazon – supplies, 821.19; Americinn RC – lodging, 655.92; Avera St. Luke's – service fee, 1,203.66; Brown County Treasurer – mosquito spray, 380.24; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt, Shelton – registration, 150.00; Cintas – rugs, 554.30; City of Groton – utilities, 66.89; Cole Papers – supplies, 1,275.29; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 38,936.68; Dakota Supply – supplies, 213.50; Kristi Ekern – services, 200.00; Geffdog – supplies, 426.60; Groton Area Chamber – dues, 500.00; Groton Area School – food, 273.00; Groton Area School – bank fee, 124.85; GDI – legals, 33.50; Hauff Mid-America – supplies, 2,884.75; Mike Imrie – services, 315.00; JW Pepper – music, 373.73; Jerke Irrigation – services, 266.25; Jostens – yearbook fee, 2,091.60; Matheson Tri-Gas – supplies, 267.51; David McGannon – plumbing, 3,433.64; Menards – supplies, 218.37; Midstates – supplies, 259.33; Amanda Morehouse – services, 225.00; Northside Implement – repairs, 1,847.37; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 21.55; Prorate Services – testing, 140.00; S&S Lumber – supplies, 3,218.40; Scholastic – subscription, 490.88; School Specialty – supplies, 38.59; Joseph Schwan – gas, 24.66; SDHSA – music, 9.00; SDI Innovations – planners, 1,476.40; Taylor Music – supplies/repairs, 599.62; Lindsey Tietz – supplies, 27.99; Treeline – trimming, 400.00; Trugreen – weed control, 456.00; Vermillion Music – registration, 300.00; WageWorks – fee, 118.25; West Coast Publishing – supplies, 170.50. Total General Fund – \$421,243.53.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – agreement, 2,214.04; AED – nurse equipment, 299.27; Amazon – books, 438.11; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 13,891.95; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – book, 67.20; Sydney Kurtz – software, 14.42; US Bank – principal/interest, 604,820.26. Total Capital Outlay – \$621,745.25.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 35,344.63; FIT – 3,130.99; Medicare – 1,311.00; FICA – 5,605.88; SDRS – 5,169.16; Waddell & Reed – 200.00; AFLAC – 639.00; Delta Dental – 917.94; SD Supplemental Retirement – 100.00; Wellmark – 10,239.67; Standard – 289.66; Wage Works – 58.33; Avesis – 55.87; Avera – services, 27,270.49; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 56.11; Rebecca Erickson – supplies, 54.14; Judy/Gene Williamson – mileage, 564.48. Total Special Ed – \$91,007.35.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary – 6,144.08; FIT – 415.34; Medicare – 220.88; FICA – 944.40; SDRS – 948.30; AFLAC – 218.49; Wellmark – 1,542.00; Standard – 3.84; Avesis – 19.63; Amazon – supplies, 8.80; Bernard Food – food, 311.76; Bimbo – bakery, 255.40; Cintas – services, 117.60; Custodial Fund

– advanced pays, 1,019.70; East Side Dairy – milk, 1,104.60; Reinhart – food, 5,401.21; SD DOE – food, 762.11; US Foods – food, 3,281.37. Total Food Service – \$22,719.51. OST Net Salary – 1,750.50; FIT – 116.99; Medicare – 62.52; FICA – 267.28; SDRS – 204.04; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 678.00; Standard – 23.28; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 277.09. Total OST – \$3,543.63. Total Enterprise – \$26,263.14.

CUSTODIAL FUND: Total – \$76,918.52.
RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 170,721.56; Other Local Sources – 122,316.30; County Sources – 9,119.14; Federal Sources – 35,852.45. Total Receipts – \$338,009.45.

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

The board continued discussion and necessary action on District response to COVID-19 issues including Groton Area and Brown County case counts and COVID-19 testing. No action was taken.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: Esser applications, school bus extraction drill, bus activity driving, pre-student teacher opportunity, social studies standards revision, SASD Leadership, region volleyball, goal setting workshop, 5th grade music concert, 4th grade science, OST coffee fundraiser, Veterans Day Breakfast and Program, math and science curriculum review, MAPS assessment, CTE training, dual credit registration, Native American Heritage Month, November tax collection and FY '21 audit.

Description	General Fund	Assigned Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption	Enterprise Fund	Custodial Fund	Total for District
1. Beginning Balance	1,552,676.37	149,575.03	1,624,948.69	314,149.50	0.00	73,605.96	142,940.60	3,857,896.15
a. checking	1,552,676.37	149,575.03	1,624,948.69	314,149.50	0.00	73,605.96	142,940.60	3,857,896.15
b. petty cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in	906,823.19	7,291.71	91,717.31	37,205.03	387.77	97,849.00	269,652.19	1,410,926.20
3. Revenue to date	2,459,499.56	156,866.74	1,716,666.00	351,354.53	387.77	171,454.96	412,592.79	5,268,822.35
4. Total accounted for	4,918,800.12	313,733.48	3,442,624.69	665,859.03	774.77	270,909.92	625,185.58	9,137,074.60
5. Transfers out	1,294,452.53	11,091.99	333,439.39	178,779.52	0.00	85,856.93	350,511.13	2,254,131.49
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	1,294,452.53	11,091.99	333,439.39	178,779.52	0.00	85,856.93	350,511.13	2,254,131.49
6. Ending Balance	1,165,047.03	145,774.75	1,383,226.61	172,575.01	387.77	85,598.03	62,081.66	3,014,690.86
a. checking	1,165,047.03	145,774.75	1,383,226.61	172,575.01	387.77	85,598.03	62,081.66	3,014,690.86
b. petty cash	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
October Receipts	141,631.67	370.00	43,588.21	23,090.65	382.85	37,577.41	91,368.66	338,009.45
October Expenses	434,154.25	114.42	42,111.05	64,336.41	0.00	28,124.62	76,918.52	645,759.27
Custodial Checking	62,081.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,081.66
Net Change	2,952,609.20	2,952,609.20	2,952,609.20	2,952,609.20	2,952,609.20	2,952,609.20	2,952,609.20	2,952,609.20
Certificate of Deposit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total all Funds	3,014,690.86	3,014,690.86	3,014,690.86	3,014,690.86	3,014,690.86	3,014,690.86	3,014,690.86	3,014,690.86

requested that the Electric Lineman salary be adjusted, because other areas around Groton pay higher for the same position. The Electric Lineman will also be attending a Transformer School in Marshall, MN December 15-17. Todd left the meeting at 7:42pm.

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

Mayor Hanlon reminded the board of what their Oath of Office was when they were all sworn into their seats. Hanlon reiterated that whatever is done is to better the community.

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

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Babcock to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.
Payroll, \$24,118.27, Employee salaries; Executive, \$678.35; Administrative, \$4,137.20; Public Safety, \$8,005.83; Public Works, \$11,296.89; Dacotah Bank, \$8,271.17, SS and WH; Dakotaland FCU, \$690.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank Card Services, \$1,775.45, Postage, headphones, pencil cups, magazine rack; rotating magazine rack, copy paper, drawer organizers; laptop locking cabinet, metal; Guardian, \$108.91, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$90.16, Employee insurance; Aflac, \$385.66, Employee insurance; Paul Kosel, \$60.00, Personal phone use Sept-Nov; Landon Johnson, \$60.00, Personal phone use Sept-Nov; Branden Abeln, \$60.00, Personal phone use Sept-Nov; Kellie Locke, \$60.00, Personal phone use Sept-Nov; Hope Block, \$60.00, Personal phone use Sept-Nov; Dacotah Bank, \$60.00, Chamber bucks for trick or treat on Main St prizes; SD State Treasurer, \$9,492.92, September sales tax; Allied, \$10,114.18, Employee health insurance; Auto Zone, \$383.88, Oil filters, brake parts, oil; Groton Chamber of Commerce, \$250.00, 2022 Dues; Drew Johnson, \$1,950.00, Legal fees 10/21; IT Outlet, \$3,275.00, Routers, CIPA compliance 3 year support; SD Federal Property Agency, \$333.00, Tape, goggles, blow gun, mop, surge protectors, pliers, gloves, pry bar, funnel, tool boxes, wrench; Grand Slam, \$608.96, Library monitor, port switch, surge strips, access point; Branden Abeln, \$14.00, Travel lunch; Paul Kosel, \$23.42, Travel lunch, med flex; Equipment Blades, \$853.16, Blades, bolts; SD Retirement, \$11,724.95, Employee retirement; Dakota Pump & Control, \$1,410.00, Annual lift station inspections, breaker, \$732.65, Service call to replace trash baskets; Geffdog, \$450.00, Personalized library pens; Runnings, \$224.98, 12 piece blade set; Irby, \$207.00, Impact wrench, machine bolt, \$250.00, Locating supplies, \$462.50, Top ties; Dakota Supply Group, \$179.40, Electric locks, \$942.86, Led lights; Colonial Research, \$227.19, Sewer chemicals; Diesel Machinery Inc., \$700.00, Excavator rental; Aramark, \$30.41, Rug rent; April Abeln, \$112.25, Med flex; Branden Abeln, \$80.60, Med flex; Alfred Tastad, \$150.00, Carpet repair after safe box removal; Sperry Stump Removal, \$1,440.00, Stump removal; Farmers Union, \$800.00, Fuel; Vermeer, \$4,633.00, Locator; Dakota Structured Cabling, \$108.56, Ethernet cable and connector; Share Corp, \$121.62, Paint; Dakota Riggers, \$213.31, Lifting chain for poles; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, \$211.00, Clutch cable.

The department reports were reviewed.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Bahr to approve the second reading of Ordinance

#754 Certifying 2022 City of Groton Property Tax Levy to Brown County. All members voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Babcock to approve the first reading of Ordinance #756 – 2022 Appropriations. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to allow the Mayor to sign the Funding Agreement with the State of South Dakota Department of Transportation for a runway project at the Groton Airport. All members voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Babcock to approve the pay request number eleven for Maguire Iron for \$52,122.40. All members voted aye.

An announcement was made that there will be a Groton Residential Development Roundtable Meeting November 15th at noon at the Groton Community Center with guest, Casey Crabtree, Heartland Consumer Power District's Director of Economic Development.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1- 25-2 (1) & (3) at 9:22pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 10:06pm.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Babcock to approve the Electric Department work hours to temporarily change to 7:00am to 3:30pm with a half hour lunch break to be reevaluated the first council meeting in December. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Hope Block, Finance Officer
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**Groton City
2022 Tax Levy**
Ordinance 754
An Ordinance certifying the 2022 City of Groton Property Tax Levy to Brown County
Be It Ordained by the governing body of the City of Groton, South Dakota that the City Finance Officer is hereby directed to certify the following amount of property tax levy to the County Auditor of Brown County, South Dakota, in the manner provided by law.
General Fund \$497,773
The amount of tax levy request is \$727,773. The amount of opt out request is \$230,000. The total request being \$497,773, for general purposes.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
ATTEST:
Hope Block, Finance Officer
First Reading: 10/19/21
Second Reading: 11/2/21
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**Westport Town
Nov. 1, 2021
Meeting Minutes**
Town of Westport General Meeting
November 1st, 2021
The Town of Westport met on November 1st, 2021 with Jason & Jennifer Bender, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson, and Doreen Hertel present. The following expenses were presented:
City General
NWPS (\$217.89), Groton Independent (\$18.81), Card member services (\$1,124.00), Brown County Treasurer- mosquito spraying (\$534.60), Runnings (\$338.96), B&B contracting (\$8,728.83), Dahme construction (\$3,952.87) & SDML Workers Compensation (\$509.00).
Sewer
NWPS (\$39.89), NRW –loan repayment (\$210.13) & Water Maintenance District (\$459.18).
Water
WEB (\$1,425.98) & Public

Health Laboratory (\$196.00).
Mitch Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Shane Storm.
The following deposits were presented:
City General
Brown County Collections (\$520.77), State of SD (\$3,794.49), & Interest (\$5.23).
Sewer
Resident Payments – (\$2,400.00).
Water
Resident Payments – (\$3,651.93).
NEW BUSINESS:
2022 liquor license for The Shed was approved. The city will receive approximate \$23,000 in COVID relief funds. We will have specific guidelines to follow for use of these funds. Snow removal contract was signed with B&B for the 2021-2022 winter.
Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$17.34. 20544

**Frederick City
Rubble Site
Permit Notice**
FREDERICK CITY
RUBBLE SITE PERMIT
City of Frederick
Notice of Renewal of Restricted Use Site Permit
The restricted use solid waste facility permit for the City of Frederick will expire on January 10, 2022. Frederick City is in the process of renewing the permit. The site is located one-half mile north of Frederick. (NE 1/4

SE 1/4 Section 2 T1127N-R64W, Brown County).
Acceptable wastes are: Burnable rubble and construction, trees, (cut in 6" lengths or less), tree branches, untreated wood, and yard waste for composting.
If you have any questions please call the Frederick Finance Office at 605-329-2242, anytime, to be directed to the proper person.
Diane Bruns
Frederick Finance Officer
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**Frederick Town
Sept. 20, 2021
Special Meeting**
Town of Frederick
Special Meeting Minutes
Frederick board held a special meeting Monday, September 20, 2021 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 12:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman R. Scott Campbell, Board member Jeff Koters, Finance Officer Diane Bruns, and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine.
Motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance #218 made by Campbell/Koters; motion carried.
Motion to adjourn made by Koters/Campbell at 12:02PM; motion carried.
M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer
Published once at the approximate cost of \$7.64. 20499

**Groton City
Nov. 2, 2021
Meeting Minutes**
November 2, 2021
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Blackmun, Bahr, Babcock, Cutler, Wells and Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Todd Gay, Attorney Drew Johnson and Finance Officer Hope Block.
Todd proposed to the board to change the electric department work hours to 7:00am to 3:30pm with a half hour break, because those are better work hours for a family life. Todd also requested that the Electric Department be paid time and a half when being called out. Lastly, Todd also

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Lee Raines on Veterans

For the past couple of years, I have been accumulating information about the veterans from the area around Groton, SD where I grew up. The study area expanded to include Andover, Columbia, Verdon, Ferney, Claremont, etc. If you are not familiar with this area, none of the towns are very big and most of the veterans that originated from those areas, came from the many farms that surrounded the little towns. The largest high school was Groton and the high school enrollment didn't get above 300 until the late sixties. It has since been substantially reduced and the other high schools in the area have closed. So you are talking about an area that is large (over 250 square miles) in area and very short of people. As the farms got bigger, the families got smaller and fewer and fewer kids need to be educated. Thus schools grew as the baby boomers needed to be educated and then schools got smaller, closed or consolidated.

I have completed a 80 page accumulation of veterans and when information is available, some of their "exploits". I have broken down the information as follows: 1940 to 1955 (WWII and the Korean Conflict); 1956 – 1961; Vietnam Era; and finally those who served in Vietnam. I would be happy to send a copy of it to you via email or a hard copy if you request it. The information came from the Aberdeen American News, the Groton Independent, and obituaries. Many of the individuals have passed away and took their stories with them. I wanted to celebrate this Veterans Day with a little of "did you know" about where I came from as it relates to these veterans who served their country. Please take the time to read this and let me know if you have information on a relative that I can add to this document.

Number of young men and ladies that served:

WWII and the Korean Conflict – 1940 through 1955: 466
1956 – 1961: 102
Vietnam Era (1962 – Mid 1975): 140
Vietnam: 51
Total: 759

Men that died from combat related injuries:
WWII and the Korean Conflict:
Clifford Hall – Columbia High School graduate.

Wallace Karnopp, US Navy – 1943 Groton High School graduate - lost at sea.

Donald Knapp, US Marines – son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knapp of Groton.

Raymond Lilly, US Army – Native of Andover.
Marvin Schliebe, US Navy – died at sea - Aberdeen – Married to Goldie Bernice Meyer from Groton.

Henry Stange, US Army – Groton – son of Conrad Stange formerly of Groton.

Charles Fuller, US Navy – 1935 graduate of Groton High School.

Alfred Breitkreutz, US Air Force – shot down by a MIG over Korea in 1952 – Native of Groton.

Vietnam:
William E. Pasch, US Army – Groton – 1968.
Roger Sletten Cameron, US Army – Pierpont – 1968.

Ronald Clifford Dexter, US Marines – Milbank – 1966.

Lanny Ray Krage, US Marines – Columbia – 1967.

Bernhardt W. (Pee Wee) Miller – Groton – 1967.

Donald Raymond Sandve, US Army – Langford – 1966.

Curtis Leland Williams, US Army – Webster – 1971.

Donald Protas – Groton – Cancer from Agent Orange.

Robert Sieber – Columbia – Cancer from Agent Orange.



Purple Heart Recipients:

LaVerne Deblizan – Vietnam.
Larry Ragels – Vietnam.
Henry Carlson – WWII.
Maurice Hitchcock – WWII.
Juel Kolbo – WWII.
Emil Krage – WWII.
Darwin R. Lovell – Korean Conflict.
Homer Mydland – WWII.
Herman Nilsson - WWII
Reuban Paul – WWII.
DeWain Peterson – WWII.
Lloyd Schlichting - WWII
Robert Schuelke – WWII.
Jay Swisher – WWII.
Norman Thurston – WWII.

Career Service Members:

Keith Baggett US Air Force.
James Baldry US Army/US Navy - Groton.
Robert Dauwen US Army 1963-1983 - Andover.
Denny Davis US Navy/Army National Guard - Groton.

Paul Karst US Army 1963-1997 - Groton.
Chuck Lowary (Lieutenant Colonel Retired) US Air Force – Groton High School Class of 1965.

Ron Mielke (Brigadier General Retired) South Dakota National Guard - Groton High School Class of 1960.

Berwyn Place (Colonel) – US Army.
Robert E. Rystrom (Lieutenant Colonel Retired) 1969-1990 - Graduated from Columbia High School.

Freddie Robinson (Warant Officer) US Army 1963-2002 - Stratford/Warner.

Bruce T. Schoonover US Army - Barnard/Columbia.

Alan E. Wockenfuss (Lieutenant Colonel Retired).

Emil H. Dobberpfuhl US Air Force - Groton.
Stephen Dresbach (Lieutenant Colonel Retired) – Groton High School Class of 1962.

Dennis Furman, South Dakota National Guard.

Donald Helmer (Colonel Retired) – Andover High School Class of 1949.

Owen Jones (Lieutenant Colonel Retired) – Groton High School Class of 1971.

Delton S. Feller, US Navy – Groton High School Class of 1927.

Raymond H. Jones, US Army Air Corps and Air Force Reserve – Hecla High School Class of 1933.

Kenneth V. Karnopp, US Navy - raised and attended two years of high school in Andover.

Charles Lapham, US Air Force - Andover High School Class of 1949.

Gerald Meister, US Army.
Arthur E. Mills, US Army – Andover.

J. F. Sherman, US Army - married to Jessie V. Rix in 1923.

Orville Simonson, US Army – Groton High School Class of 1940.

Marvin L. Tjosten – spouse Muriel Rasmussen of Putney.

Bob Karlen (Colonel Retired), US Army National Guard – Columbia and Aberdeen.

Brad Pigors, US Air Force – Groton High School Class of 1968.

Greg Von Wald (Lieutenant Colonel Retired) US Marines – Groton High School Class of 1967.

David Hosley (Major Retired) US Army – Groton High School Class of 1971.

Charles Lavern Ahern, US Air Force – Groton High School Class of 1943.

Norman Anderson, US Navy – Pierpont.
James Baldry, US Army/US Navy – Groton High School Class of 1940.

Charles Barthle (Colonel Retired), US Army – Groton High School Class of 1936.

A difficult issue associated with growing up in the small towns or farms in the Groton area related to opportunities for young people. If you did not have a large farm or a business to come home to, opportunities were very limited. To assume that so many men stayed in the military because of patriotic feelings is probably an over simplification. More likely that the best chance for success was staying in the military and making a career of it.

Women Who Served:

Kaye P. Gooding, US Army, Women's Army Corps – Andover.

Lynette M. Olson, US Navy - Columbia.

Jeannette Blader (Reid), US Navy – Groton High School Class of 1940

Mercedes Kelly (Julson), US Navy – Andover and Groton school teacher for over 42 years.

Lois Carson Knecht, US Navy Nurse Corps – native of Houghton.

Marilyn Martin, US Air Force - Groton.
Diana Morehouse, US Marines - Andover.

Clara Ruden (Rix), US Army, Women's Army Corps - Groton.

Kathy Shore, US Navy Waves - Columbia 1948 High School Graduate.

Joyce Elizabeth Sundling, US Navy - Groton.
Nancy Pulfrey, US Navy – Hecla.

I was amazed at the number of women that served their country especially before the Vietnam Era. Military service was difficult and especially for the women. The military was run by old white guys who most of the time didn't know what to do with a women.

Doug Hegdahl: "The incredibly Stupid One"

Hegdahl is from Clark and was a POW in the Hanoi Hilton in North Vietnam. Using "Old McDonald Had a Farm" as a mnemonic device he memorized over 250 names of Hanoi Hilton captives. When released after 852 days, he was able to assist the US Government in identifying which veterans were being held. His testimony also enabled the US to put pressure on the North Vietnamese leaders into releasing the captives.

Battle of the Bulge: The following local veterans were involved in the Battle of the Bulge:

Thomas (Chick) Blair
Don Bowles
Donald "Bud" Craig
Morris Spencer
Jay Swisher

Martin Weismantel, Columbia, entered the US Air Force in 1951. Clerk typist during induction processing misspelled his last name "Weismantle". Martin's name for the entire tour of duty was Weismantel.

Jean P. Ries left Hawaii seven days before Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese.

Donald E. Dombrowe was a Pearl Harbor survivor.

Lloyd Schlichting, served as a combat infantryman in the European Theater of Operations and was wounded in action April 1945. Along with being awarded the Purple Heart, he also earned the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, and Good Conduct Medal as well as the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with two stars. He was discharged in 1946. After being discharged, Schlichting returned to Groton High School and graduated in 1947.

There are so many names and so many stories, I only hope I have most of them correct. If you see any mistakes, please let me know. I am also looking for missing names of local veterans. Please email me the names and stories. Do not want them to die without being documented.

Lee Raines ~ 512 644 6061



Harvest for many farmers started early this year, but with the fall rains, it was just finished up prior to Wednesday's rain. Pictured are harvest scenes of Gary, Jon, Gavin Voss Farms. Three generations of family farmers. From left to right are Gary Voss, Gavin Voss, Jerad Shepherd, Mark Anderson, Jon Voss, Kevin Evenson, and Bruce Babcock. (Courtesy Photos)



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This Veterans and their families, along with the readers, are pictured above.



The colors were retired by Doug Hamilton and Bruce Babcock as Sierra Ehresmann played taps at the end of the service.

**Columbia City
Nov. 10, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

City of Columbia Council Meeting – November 10, 2021
CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Ellen Harr, Trevor Meints, Cole Kampa, Corey Mitchell
Community – Lon Gellhaus
Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the October 6th meeting. Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.
Warrant Vouchers: Warrant Vouchers: Web Water – 38.26; JVT – 125.37; Northwestern Energy – 446.14; Jeremy Dosch – 419.97; Kelsie Ehresmann – 321.99; GDI – 32.32; Cara Dennert – 823.50; Swanson Electric – 2852.05; Kolker Law Office – 47.93; Brown County Sheriff – 71.00; Brown County Weed & Pest – 898.44;
SDML Worker's Compensation Fund – 479.00; Web Water – 40.28; Northwestern Energy – 431.35;
Hansen Excavating – 971.63
Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.
COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORESPONDENCE – e-mails regarding NEFOG meeting (16th) and Annual Report meeting – Jan. 13th, 2022; SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation fee schedule for 2022; SD Dept. of Revenue – liquor license renewal; Gellhaus – petition notices; e-mail regarding mosquito grant
UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There were no changes to the current suspended Columbia Covid19 ordinance.; baseball field update.
Lon Gellhaus, representing Jan Gilchrist, presented information on vacating alleys on northeast side of town. He is working with the Register of Deeds and the Accessors Office to provide information for replating. The



Ashtyn Bahr and Alyssa Thaler gave the introductory remarks.

board discussed where these alleys are located. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the vacating of the published alleys. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.
Nuisances - One vehicle has been tagged recently – we'll see if they take care of the situation.
Streets – Corey received a letter from Dean Buntrock. Dean would like to cover the cost of paving all streets in town west of highway 16. Work will start this spring – they will form roads. The city needs to check on culverts this fall for any that might need replacement. We also have some trees that are in need of trimming along some streets. We did put one load of gravel on the streets. They are looking pretty good.
Parks - no report
Lagoon/sewer – The lagoons are sitting very low. We will not need a discharge this fall. There is still 3 ft in the north lagoon.
Rubble Site – We now have power at the site. JVT is putting internet there. Swanson will get it wired soon. We should burn it off after it snows.
NEW BUSINESS – Corey is going to check with Quality Quick Print in Aberdeen about some holiday signs.
FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara is working on Fiscal Year 2022 Budget report form for Rural Development. There is a NEFOG meeting next week in Aberdeen. Cara presented bank balances. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.
October 31, 2021 balances: SF - \$ 166,134.34; GF - \$ 155,425.91; FIT - \$13,978.76
Cash on hand - \$0
Ellen Harr made a motion to adjourn. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – meeting adjourned.
Next City Council Meeting - December 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.
Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$36.73. 20546

Groton's Veteran's Day Program



The All State Choir members sang the National Anthem.



The high school choir sang, "Thank You, Soldiers."



The fourth and fifth graders sang, "A Grateful Nation."



The junior high band performed, "This is My Country."



Quilts were given to the recognized Veterans this year. This one was for Dale Kurth. Veterans recognized were Glenn Cooper, Dale Kurth, Donald Pigors, Luverne Strom and Gerald Rossow.



The Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Graders sang, "You're A Grand Old Flag."



The second and third graders sang, "Veterans, We Love You."



The high school band performed the service songs.

All photos from the Veteran's Day program were lifted from the GDILIVE.COM video.

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South Dakotans want Native studies taught in public school

Bart Pfankuch
South Dakota News Watch

South Dakota education officials have struggled to revise social studies standards that include guidelines for teaching Native American history and culture, but a new poll suggests state residents are very firm in their support for inclusion of Native studies in public schools.

The poll of 500 registered South Dakota voters in October showed that 88% of respondents were very or somewhat supportive of teaching Native history and culture in South Dakota schools. The poll showed that 6.4% of respondents said teaching Native studies was not too important, 2.6% said not at all important and 3.2% were unsure.

The poll results come at a time when the public school system in South Dakota is grappling with how to update its social studies standards and improve the teaching of civics and history. The discussion over what history to teach in public schools in South Dakota has raised concerns of some Native American groups that Native history will be reduced, eliminated or whitewashed to ignore the historic and modern traumas suffered by many Native Americans, the state's largest minority group.

The poll results also arrived as the state Department of Education has reported that fewer than half of educators in South Dakota schools are using the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards, a set of concepts that provide a framework for teaching Native history and culture. The 35-page set of online lesson plans includes teaching aids in history, culture, language, treaties, identity and way of life of Lakota, Dakota and Nakota Sioux Indians, who make up most of the Native tribes in the Dakotas. A DOE survey of more than 700 educators in 125 districts found that only 45% of educators reported using the Oceti understandings in their schools.

The poll was sponsored by South Dakota News Watch and the Chiesman Center for Democracy at the University of South Dakota. The telephone poll was conducted in late October by Mason Dixon, and the margin of error was plus or minus 4.5%. The poll is the latest effort in the ongoing "South Dakota Matters" series of community conversations and polls sponsored by News Watch.

The overwhelming support for teaching Native history and culture was welcome news to some educators in South Dakota.



John Little

John Little, director of Native recruitment and alumni engagement at USD, said enhanced teaching of Native history and culture will give both Native and non-Native students a better sense of themselves and the world in which they live.

For Native students, seeing their own history presented as part of the state's history can be empowering, just as seeing their history overlooked can be harmful, said Little, an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, who grew up in South Dakota.

"The fear of not teaching Native history is erasure of our culture," said Little, who is teaching a Native studies course at USD this fall. "If you're being taught only certain things, and you see that you're not existing in the history being taught, it's detrimental for students to not see themselves in their culture."

For non-Natives, learning about indigenous people and culture will expand their worldview, Little said, ultimately making them better people and, in a practical sense, more marketable in the workplace.

"It's just really important to get outside your worldview and learn about culture and history whenever you have the opportunity," he said. "That will only enhance your job prospects and make you more marketable by learning different perspectives."

A struggle over standards

The poll was conducted as controversy has swirled around how Native history and culture are taught in South Dakota public schools.

In late July, a 50-member committee that spent months developing a proposed set of social studies standards submitted its report to the state Department of Education. In early August, the DOE put forward an amended version of the proposed standards that removed more than a dozen references to Native American history and culture and altered other references to standards aimed at teaching Native topics.

The department released a statement saying that "adjustments" were made to the proposed standards to provide "greater clarity and focus" for districts, teachers and the public.

The revisions led to an outcry among Native leaders in South Dakota, about 100 of whom, some on horseback, held a protest in Pierre in September to promote accurate and in-depth teaching of Native history and to call for the resignations of DOE officials and Gov. Kristi Noem.

Meanwhile, the DOE received more than 600 public comments on

the proposed standards, many opposed to the changes made by the state.

A short time later, Noem said she would delay the revision to the social studies standards.

"The Department of Education changed the working group's recommendations to the social studies standards significantly, but it is clear to me that there needs to be more public input to bring greater balance and emphasis on our nation's true and honest history," Noem said in a release at the time.

In October, Noem announced she was restarting the revision process, and the state is now accepting applications for membership on a new advisory committee.

Noem, a conservative Republican, has sparred with Native tribes over highway checkpoints during the COVID-19 pandemic and was banned from visiting the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 2019 after pushing a law aimed at punishing pipeline protesters.

Noem raised concern among some Native groups in early 2021 when she proposed her South Dakota Civics and History Initiative, a two-year, four-pronged plan to create new teaching content, provide new resources and training for teachers, and increase access to civic and historical lessons and experiences for students, especially at the elementary level. When the plan is finalized, use of the program will be optional for school districts.

Some Native leaders worry the initiative will be politicized and ultimately reduce the role Native history plays in public school curricula.

Native-led groups have also said they will bring forth legislation in 2022 to require teaching of Native studies in South Dakota public schools.

Montana and North Dakota already require schools to include Native American education in schools. The North Dakota Legislature this year passed a bill mandating that Native American history be part of the curriculum in all elementary and secondary public and nonpublic schools in the state. Montana in 1972 added to the state constitution the requirement to teach all students on "the unique cultural heritage of American Indians," noting that the state is "committed in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity."

Balancing what is taught



Jacqueline Sly

Jacqueline Sly, a former state representative from Rapid City who now chairs the South Dakota Board of Education Standards, said Native American history is being taught in public schools now, though it isn't being done systematically and varies in depth and extent from district to district and sometimes from class to class.

"It is being taught in our schools; I look at the materials they are using and all of them include Native American history," Sly said. "Could they do more? Potentially, yes. How in depth they go can depend on the teacher."

Sly praised the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings program.

But in the DOE survey answered by 718 public and private school educators this year, the vast majority of them teachers, DOE found that only 45% of educators reported implementing the Oceti understandings into their teaching. Only 37% reported that they understand the Oceti understandings well enough to teach them to students.

The survey also indicated that use of the Oceti understandings was "primary occurring in small, isolated efforts that lack systematic supports and dedicated time."

Another survey question indicated that while 55% of respondents said their school celebrates Native Americans Day, only 35% reported that they tell historical events from an indigenous perspective and 9% said their schools do not celebrate Native culture or history at all.

While 47% of administrators reported that the provided Oceti teach-

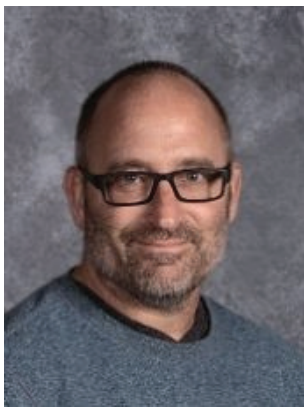


About 100 people, many of them Native Americans, held a protest in Pierre in September to push for improved teaching of Native American history and culture in South Dakota schools and to decry removal of Native references from proposed social studies standards.

Photo: Courtesy DRG Media Group



Lenni Billberg



Joe Delvaux



Shannon Fitzsimmons

ing resources to their staffs, only 27% said those resources provided were of "high quality."

Sly said that while the state sets education standards, local school districts have control over curriculum, or how teaching occurs. One challenge districts will face as they seek to increase or enhance teaching of Native history and culture is deciding what gets left out since the length of the school day will not change.

"If we want to expand on that, what else is given up to make room for that?" Sly said. "Do we give up some time on the Civil War, or on early pioneers in South Dakota? Finding that balance ... that's what teachers and people who are looking at curriculum are struggling with."

Sly said she was happy to see so many poll respondents in favor of teaching Native history and culture, and remains hopeful that the next attempt to revise the state social studies standards will result in a more cohesive plan for integrating Native studies into curricula.

"I definitely think there's resources there and we need to be using them as we're teaching our students about South Dakota history," Sly said. "As we move into this next revision, we need to look at those concepts and see how we can actually bring those into our standards."

In August, the DOE announced that about \$75,000 in new civics and history grants had been awarded to six school districts in South Dakota.

One of those initial grants, for about \$17,000, was awarded to Vermillion High School, where a team of social studies teachers is developing a new history course that will focus in part on Native history in South Dakota. Teachers Joe Delvaux, Lenni Billberg and Shannon Fitzsimmons are leading an effort to develop the new course, which will include significant experiential learning, such as field trips, guest speakers and hands-on activities that bring history to life.

Delvaux said he expects the course will launch in fall 2022 and focus on people who, before European settlement, influenced local and state history, including Native Americans, and on others such as Hutterites.

"We want to tell the most authentic story of the land and the people," he said.

Presenting an in-depth, honest account of history is important to provide students a way to connect with their community but also to become more well-rounded as individuals no matter what path they take in life.

"When you have a sense of place, you feel like you're connected to a region and a landscape," Delvaux said. "It roots you deeper in that community, it gives you some ownership of the past, the present and the future if you see and learn about the people who occupied this space before you, and then meeting people and hearing their stories."

Teachers in Vermillion will benefit from a wealth of local historic

sites and a variety of residents who are versed in Native history and culture, Delvaux said. The school also has a cooperative relationship with local Native leaders who are willing to share their knowledge and experience with students, he said. Connections to the University of South Dakota, located in Vermillion, will also be helpful, he said.

Billberg said Vermillion High had a previous course that focused on the history and culture of the Missouri River Valley, where Vermillion is located. She expects the new course will expand on those teachings in a hands-on way.

The state grant will provide teacher training, new materials, field trips, class speakers and events that can take their students deeper than ever into local and state history.

"Those are the things kids will retain and bring home with them, and they'll want to talk about those experiences," Billberg said. "As a world, sometimes we don't look at anything around us. We need kids to know where they belong and where they fit in, and carry that forth in their lives."

Little said the level of Native history being taught in South Dakota public schools varies by region and district. His own public school experience in south-central South Dakota was uneven, he said.

In sixth grade, Little took a required South Dakota history course with an aged textbook that he said did not include many references to Native history or culture. The book, he said, referred to the massacre at Wounded Knee as a "battle," which Little said mischaracterized what happened in southwestern South Dakota in 1890.

"It was a limited view of South Dakota history," he said. "If 300 mostly unarmed men, women and children are murdered, it was clearly not a 'battle.'"

But Little also took a Lakota language course as a freshman at Winner High School in which he saw films on Native history and was required to read a book by a Native American author.

"That class was important for me to see myself in the curriculum," he said.

Little said he has mixed feelings about proposals to mandate teaching of Native history and culture in public schools.

While he supports enhanced teaching of Native history, he worries that forcing districts to teach a course may lead to a backlash.

"You've got to find that balance because it's important to have that curriculum and those conversations about whose traditional homelands they're living on, but if it's force-fed, people don't like that," he said.

Little said a good place to start in South Dakota would be to ensure that the textbooks and materials being used in classrooms present a fair, true history of Native Americans and accurately represent their culture.



ABOUT BART PFANKUCH

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POLL RESULT: HOW IMPORTANT DO YOU FEEL IT IS TO INCLUDE NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE IN THE CURRICULUM OF SOUTH DAKOTA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

RESPONDENT GROUP

Very important/somewhat important — total
Not too important/not important —total
Not sure — total

ALL RESPONDENTS

61.2% very important/26.6% somewhat important — 87.8%
6.4% not too important/2.6% not important — 9.0%
Not sure — 3.2%

INDEPENDENTS

67.2% very important/28.0% somewhat important — 95.2%
2.4% not too important/0.0% not important — 2.4%
Not sure — 2.4%

DEMOCRATS

73.0% very important/19.7% somewhat important — 92.7%
5.1% not too important/0.7% not important — 5.8%
Not sure — 1.5%

REPUBLICANS

51.3% very important/29.8% somewhat important — 81.1%
9.2% not too important/5.0% not important — 14.2%
Not sure — 4.6%

Notes: Mason-Dixon poll conducted Oct. 20-23, 2021; total of 500 registered South Dakota voters; margin of error +/- 4.5%

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Environmentalists sure are glad Joe Biden is in the White House now, although some wish he would go further on sustainability initiatives. Credit: Prachatai, FlickrCC

Dear EarthTalk: Are environmental advocates happy with the Biden administration so far?

-- B.C., Philadelphia, PA

Overall, environmental advocates are much happier with Joe Biden in the White House than Donald Trump, given his administration's interest in pursuing sustainability and climate goals. Indeed, on Day One Biden wasted no time making good on several environmentally related campaign promises. He signed executive orders rejoining the Paris climate accord (Trump had pulled us out in 2017), revoking the permit for the controversial Keystone XL pipeline (green-lighted by Trump in 2017), and halting construction of Trump's infamous border wall that among other things restricted the habitat range of wildlife already struggling to hang on in the drought-stricken, warming-addled Southwest.

While Biden couldn't get everything done in a day, his administration has kept its eye on the conservation ball ever since. In early September, Biden's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it was restoring protections for Alaska's Bristol Bay. The Trump administration had blocked those protections in a shortsighted effort to pave the way for construction of a massive gold mine threatening the world's largest sockeye salmon run as well as ecosystems for hundreds of miles around. The Biden administration has also proposed cancelling controversial Trump-era petroleum drilling leases in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, but it's unclear whether this provision will remain in the larger Congressional budget reconciliation bill it's currently tied to given potential Republican backlash.

Another big move lauded by greens just weeks ago was Biden's executive order restoring Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante national monuments in Utah to their original boundaries; Trump had reduced them by 80 and 50 percent respectively. Eco-advocates also cheered Biden's move to restore federal rules designed to guide environmental reviews of major infrastructure projects that the Trump administration had scaled back in order to "fast-track" construction permit approvals. Additionally, Biden has pledged to overturn Trump-era rollbacks of endangered species protections so as to preserve the ability of the federal government to designate lands as critical wildlife habitat regardless of their development potential.

While many are pleased with Biden's actions so far, others worry they are too little too late. Activists from the grassroots Build Back Fossil Free campaign, which includes Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and the Center for Biological Diversity, among others, decry the Biden White House for not already using executive orders to stop fossil fuel project approvals and declare a climate emergency. According to a recent analysis by the research and advocacy organization Oil Change International, Biden could stop at least 24 major fossil fuel development projects with the stroke of a pen (including the controversial Line 3 and Dakota Access pipelines) and save upwards of 1.6 gigatons of greenhouse gas emissions—the equivalent of taking all the cars and trucks off U.S. roads for a year.

"We are out of time for the president to take his executive powers off the shelf," says Jean Su, energy justice director at the Center for Biological Diversity. "Anything less is leaving a scorched future for people and our planet."

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Resetting the Internal Clock

Daylight savings time has just ended and now everyone has had the chance to "fall back" to standard time. While many people enjoy that extra hour of sleep that comes each fall, 63 percent



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of Americans say that they would support the elimination of seasonal time changes and there are some health issues to consider. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine also supports this stance due to the sleep disruption that occurs related to this biannual change.

Our body has its own internal clock called the circadian rhythm which helps set our internal sleep-wakefulness cycle. This cycle is sensitive to light, especially daylight. It is responsible for the production of melatonin and serotonin in our brain. Melatonin helps synchronize our sleep-wake cycle to our environment. Unfortunately, bright lights and anything with a back lit screen – phone, television, tablet, or computer - suppresses your body's production of melatonin and can adversely affect your sleep quality.

A study completed in 2020 by the National Institutes of Health found that 150,000 Americans experience negative health effects related to daylight savings time changes, mainly with the "spring forward" changes. The four most prominent health conditions with increased risks of occurring in the weeks following the time changes include the following: cardiovascular disease (including increased risk of heart attacks), increased risk of injuries, worsening of mental or behavioral disorders, and flares in immune related diseases.

What can you do to minimize your risk? Try to gradually prepare the body by slowly adjusting your sleep cycle before and after the time change to make the change less abrupt. One thing that will help is by slowly changing your bedtime in 15 to 30-minute increments each night until you get to your new desired sleep and wake times. In the hours leading up to bedtime, try to avoid bright lights and anything with a back lit screen.

Going outside in natural daylight, especially in the morning, can help reset your internal clock. Light exercise in the morning or afternoon can help lower stress hormones and promote better sleep later that evening. Try to keep a bedtime routine and work to get seven to eight hours of sleep each night. A consistent schedule for when you go to bed and when you get up is much easier on your body and its internal clock.

So, after you have changed your smoke detector batteries and reset all your clocks, remember to work on gently helping your body reset its own internal clock with healthy choices. This will help you transition to the new time schedule with ease. Your body will thank you.

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