

Weekly Vikings Roundup

-Season of Change

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The rumors at the end of the season proved true and the Vikings’ owners end the Rick Spielman and Mike Zimmer eras after eight up and down seasons. It looked like a promising start in 2014 after making the playoffs in three of the first six seasons but the wheels came off on the defensive side of the ball in 2020 and 2021. Mike Zimmer, known for his defensive prowess, just couldn’t put it together over the past two years and the Vikings ranked near the bottom of the NFL. That along with numerous other issues that seem to be coming to light over the past week lead to his dismissal as the third-winningest coach in franchise history.

The defensive woes could be attributed to some key injuries to guys like Anthony Barr and Danielle Hunter- perennial Pro Bowl players that can control games upfront that could hide the deficiencies in the backfield. In a pass-friendly league, there is a premium on defensive backs and the Vikings were not nearly as dominant in that department as in earlier Zimmer years with Xavier Rhodes and Terrance Newman playing alongside Harrison Smith.

That put a lot of pressure on the Viking’s offense to out-score their opponents this season. While in the past had you told Zimmer your team would score 25 points per game, he would have been feeling pretty good about his team’s chances of making a run for the division title. As we saw all year long though, the Vikings could never maintain momentum late in games, leading the NFL in a stat your team does not want to be the best at- points given up in the final two minutes of each half. Another stat that was revealed this week was the Vikings lead the league in the most three and outs with 53. This stat is telling as it means your defense is seldom getting a break when they most need it - when the game is going the other way after the other team may have just scored.

So it was time for a change and the Wilfs are now looking for a new general manager and head coach. The early consensus is to hire an offensive-minded head coach.

The feeling is Zimmer was too much involved on the defensive side of the ball but also wanted to be a run-first offensive team. That just isn’t the norm these days in the NFL. The perfect world would be a coach that manages the entire team equally and hires coordinators that are allowed to coordinate. That’s easy

It’s time to brag

I’m taking a break from watching football to write about football—fantasy football, specifically. Now, I know this might be a huge bore for some of you, but this column is for real Americans. Besides, I’ve never written about fantasy football before. Because I never had anything to brag about. Most years, I write it off as a donation to all the sharks in my league.

I realize I’m taking a risk by publicly confessing to this possibly illegal endeavor. We used to have a lawyer in the league—the late Rep. Billy Kretschmar—so I feel a little naked approaching this column without legal representation, but I did elicit a promise once from North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem to look the other way. But, Wayne’s retiring, so let’s hope his replacement is another laissez-faire Republican (whose name is easier to spell) and not one of those nosey do-gooder liberals seeking to protect me from making my considerable annual donation. Most years, anyway. By now, you’ve gathered that this was my year, and I’m not saying it’s been a while, but if North Dakota had droughts like mine, it would be the Sahara. I got so demoralized, one year I just took a knee.

When I was riding high, I used to pick on poor Billy who often dozed through the draft until awakened to make inexplicable picks. “Hey, Billy,” I said once, “Why don’t you just cut us all a check and get it over with?” But dang if he didn’t take the trophy home one year. We called it the North Dakota Miracle. I don’t know if lightning strikes twice, but apparently, miracles do, based on my unlikely victory.

When League Manager Keith Ulmer, the Mad Genius, announced the winners by group text, someone wondered, “Who picked Tony’s team for him?” A fair question considering my team historically has been where careers go to die. Pretty much everyone I’ve picked ended up on injured reserve, but at least none of them did a striptease on the field and quit mid-game like Antonio Brown, one of Ron D. Meidinger’s unfortunate picks. Don’t weep for Ron, though, he’s in the money and one of those sharks I was talking about. I call him Jaws.

It got so bad, NFL players would beg me not to pick them. I used to pick players I didn’t like just to spite them. I had Aaron Rodgers last year, but it took until this season for the Bender Curse to take hold in the form of a much-publicized broken toe.

My first year was awful, and it was downhill from there. I picked Barry Sanders, who, to the best of my knowledge, never scored a touchdown. My team’s name is the Fumbling Disappointments. While I’m sure I’ve had the worst luck over the years, accompanied, let’s face it, by subpar football acumen, the worst single blow anyone ever took was Josh Hoffman, who nabbed Tom Brady with the first pick the year after he threw for 50 touchdowns, only to see him go out with a season-ending knee injury in the first game. To be fair, Brady thought I’d picked him.

When the Ashley Football League met last week, Gary Ulrich, aka “Chief,” because he’s a Kansas City fan, was trying to figure out who finished in the basement this year. “I don’t know who it is,” I said, “but I could show him around.” I was there so often, I had to pay rent.

As we approached the finish line with me holding a healthy lead, the Mad Genius kept trying to goad me into an early celebration like the time the Dallas Cowboys’ Leon Lett spiked the ball before he got to the end

zone. But I ain’t stupid. I’m just bad at fantasy football. You never want to offend the Football Gods, especially when they’ve been merciful. “Ima stay humble,” I always replied.

Now, though, with the trophy firmly in hand, Ima brag. Spiking the ball. Trash-talking. The whole bit. The trophy—that’s what it’s all about, not the tens of thousands of dollars involved. (Pennies, if Stenehjem quits early.) Jaws D. Meidinger built a special shelf for it in his entry so everyone who walked in the door would have to see it. That’s why I’ve never set foot in his house and believe me, he and Wanda begged. I get enough humiliation in my life. Besides, the basement is cozy and has wi-fi and cable TV.

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to say but may be difficult to find in this era of analytics.

On the general manager side - Rick Spielman had his moments at finding diamonds in the rough with middle-round picks, hitting on some top-notch first-rounders but missed on several high draft picks as well.

If the team is stuck with Kirk Cousins at quarterback, then they need to hire someone that will shore up the young and up-and-coming offensive line. The missing pieces appear to be at the right guard position and a top-notch center. With the #12 pick in the draft, they may opt for Iowa center Tyler Linderbaum . The perfect scenario would be to pair him up with another Hawkeye in Brandon Scherff, a free agent All-Pro from the Washington Football Team that is hopefully interested in moving back closer to home.

The next few weeks will tell the story of the Viking future for the next 5-10 years to come. It’s been a long time since a trip to the Super Bowl and the Viking loyal fan base is ready to get rewarded for their never-ending love for the purple.

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Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Groton, 120 N Main Street, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445, until 2 PM local time on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, for the above referenced project. Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents. The City of Groton reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

At or shortly after the time named above and within the office of the City of Groton, Groton, SD such Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed by the City of Groton at a subsequent meeting of the Groton City Council.

The Project includes the following Work:

- Rehabilitate and paint 480,000-gallon Ground Storage Reservoir.

As per the Contract Documents, the date for Substantial Completion on this project is June 17, 2022.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be viewed and obtained at www.questcdn.com by entering Quest project number 8111294. Please contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Upon request, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project.

Bidders shall comply with the Equal Opportunity Clause published at 41 CFR Part 60 and Executive Orders 11246, 11518, and 11625, as amended. This requires Bidders will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Requirements are explained further in the specifications.

Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with Title 40 CFR 33 and Executive Order 12138. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this regulation which concerns utilization of Disadvantaged/Minority Business Enterprises (DBE/MBE) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBE) are explained in the specifications. The DBE/MBE and WBE goals for participation in this contract in terms of percentage of contract value are as follows:

Disadvantaged/Minority Business Enterprises..... 1%
Women's Business Enterprises..... 4%

Davis-Bacon and Related Acts wages apply to this project in its entirety. All provisions relative to those acts must be met.

The low responsive bidder will be required to certify to compliance with the American Iron and Steel provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. This certification form may be found on page AIS-21 and 22 of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) General Conditions and must be included in the bid proposal.

Please be advised that waivers or exemptions from the American Iron and Steel provision that cite International Trade Agreements DO NOT comply with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 as it applies to the SRF programs. Claims from suppliers that the American Iron and Steel provision does not apply to certain products based on the International Trade Agreement exemptions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 will not be accepted.

The successful bidder, including any contractors and their subcontractors on the project, must be registered in SAM.gov (System for Award Management).

The low responsive bidder must assure compliance with the requirements of Public Law 115-232, Section 889, Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

BY: April Abeln, Interim Finance Officer

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**Groton City
Jan. 12, 2022
Special Meeting**

January 12, 2022

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 6:00pm at Groton City Hall for a special meeting. The following members present were: Fliehs, Babcock, Blackmun and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Deputy Finance Officer April Abeln and Attorney Johnson.

At 6:00pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock to discuss personnel matters under SDCL 1-25-2 (1) & (3). All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 7:28pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Fliehs to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
April Abeln, Deputy Finance Officer

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**Groton City
Ord. 757
Ordinance Revision**

2022 REVISED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROTON CITY COUNCIL

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
David Blackmun
Shirley Wells
Jon Cutler
Brian Bahr
Kristie Fliehs
Karyn Babcock
Drew Johnson City Attorney
Hope Block Finance Officer
ORDINANCE NO. 757

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in Revision of the General Code and Zoning Ordinances of the City of Groton, South Dakota."

The full document of Ordinance #757 – Updated Ordinances as of 2022 is available at City Hall or online at <https://city.grotonsd.gov/ordinances.html>

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City of Groton that this Ordinance in Revision of the Ordinances of the City of Groton, South Dakota, is hereby read, approved, and adopted as follows:

First Reading: November 16, 2021

Second Reading: December 7, 2021

Approved & Adopted: December 7, 2021

Published: January 12 & 19, 2022

Effective: February 7, 2022

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Attest:
Hope Block, Finance Officer (0112.0119)

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**Brown County
Jan. 11, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

JANUARY 11, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING: Meeting called to order by Chair Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Fjeldheim, and Gage. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Commissioner Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABATEMENT REQUEST: Individual met to discuss abatement and senior tax freeze. Treasurer Patty VanMeter advised on the appeal process for senior tax freeze denial. No commissioner action necessary.

EMS PLATFORM PURCHASE: Dave Lunzman (Chief Deputy Sheriff) met to request purchase of Fat truck emergency stretcher kit. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to accept low quote submitted from Maximum Equipment Inc in the amount of \$5,330.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2022 BROWN COUNTY ASSESSMENT PLAN: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to acknowledge 2022 Brown County Assessment Plan as presented by Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID SET HEARING AND AUTHROIZE ADVERTISING -USED 4.5YD LOADER, GRAVEL, ROAD OIL, HOT MIX, AND CRUSHING EQUIPMENT RENTAL: Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Gage authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for the following items: Used 4

Yard Loader, Gravel, Road Oil, Hot Mix, and Crushing Equipment Rental at 8:46 a.m., on February 1, 2022 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Specifications are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office and the Brown County Highway Department Office and may be obtained at no charge. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the general meeting minutes of January 4, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Assurance Land Surveying \$463.00; Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota \$5,724.36; AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$107.65; CGI \$1,221.92; COMPASS COUNSELING & ASSESSMENTS INC \$4,000.00; DAKOTA COUNSELING GROUP, LLC \$1,900.00; DARC Y LOCKWOOD \$55.50; DEAN SCHAEFER COURT REPORTING \$201.00; DICTATION SALES & SERVICE, INC. \$3,980.00; DWARE INC \$4,350.00; GIS WORKSHOPS, LLC \$999.60; HELMS & ASSOCIATES INC \$5,431.10; KUCK LAW OFFICE \$44.60; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC \$996.89; LEWIS & CLARK BHS \$1,104.00; LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER \$146.66; LUCY LEWNO \$675.00; MARK KATTERHAGEN \$70.50; MARK EKEREN \$15.00; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC. \$1,564.00; MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS, INC \$6,450.00; PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY \$1,645.00; PULSEPOINT FOUNDATION \$8,000.00; SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE ABERDEEN \$156.00; SD ASSOC OF COUNTY WEED AND PEST SUPERVISORS \$50.00; SD DEPT OF HEALTH \$2,575.00; SDAE4-HP \$120.00; STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA \$600.00; WEST PUBLISHING CORP. \$672.02; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$50.00; YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER \$610.15. Publishing: Central Dakota Times \$11.78; GROTON INDEPENDENT \$114.02; HUB CITY RADIO \$300.00; LEE ENTERPRISES \$61.68. Repairs & Maintenance: ACTIVE DATA SYSTEMS INC \$12,406.00; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$2,074.90; DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC \$10.00; LEIDHOLT ELECTRIC LLC \$628.95; MARK KOLB \$430.00; MCGaugh Family Inc \$330.00; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$359.18; R.D. OFFUTT COMPANY \$2,999.37; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$3,255.58; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$241.00; RUNNINGS \$193.97; TRANSSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC.; 8,954.91; WALTH SAFETY SERVICE INC \$915.45; WOODMAN REFRIGERATION, INC \$175.51. Supplies: ABERDEEN MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY \$1,540.94; ACTIVE DATA SYSTEMS INC \$4,016.00; AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE \$49,121.35; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$1,915.59; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$122.35; CHARM-TEX \$118.90; COLE PAPERS \$661.86; DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC \$861.47; DAKOTA OIL \$34.75; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$43.52; EARTHGRAINS BAKING CO. INC. \$1,054.45; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC \$996.87; FARNAMS GENUINE PARTS INC \$49.36; FIRE SAFETY FIRST, LLC \$61.20; GOVERNMENT FORM & SUPPLIES \$75.00; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$16.20; GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC \$2,185.48; INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF SD \$555.85; KEN'S SUPERFAIR FOODS \$51.65; Linn Kamin \$51.81; LUCY LEWNO \$26.12; MENARDS \$180.27; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$1,436.00; PHARM-CHEM \$655.50; PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE, INC. \$117.73; PRECISION KIOSK TECHNOLOGIES \$2,700.00; R.D. OFFUTT COMPANY \$580.11; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$4,423.14; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$42.50; RUNNINGS \$1,287.24; SATELLITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE, LLC \$1,449.50; SD REDBOOK FUND \$1,593.14; TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$12,459.36; TRI STATE WATER \$35.00; TYLER BUSINESS FORMS \$295.61; WALTH SAFETY SERVICE INC \$76.90; ZASTROW'S SALES & SERVICE \$614.76; ZASTROW'S SALES & SERVICE \$500.05. Travel & Conference: ASSOCIATION OF SD COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARDS \$600.00; DOUG FJELDHEIM \$218.08; DUANE SUTTON \$111.86. Utilities: CITY OF ABERDEEN \$1,193.22; ECONOMY PROPANE LLC \$2,507.40; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS

\$16,316.68; STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA \$149.22; TOWN OF FREDERICK \$76.00; WEB WAT-TER DEVELOPMENT ASSOC. INC. \$86.14. Rentals: ROLAND L. MOERKE \$657.25. Others: NES-DCAP (NE SD COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM) \$2,500.00; SD ASSOC. OF COUNTY OFFICIALS \$451.00; SD DEPT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES \$4,019.29; WEX HEALTH INC. \$3,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following HR report: Acknowledge reclassification for Jon Sorenson from Brown County Communications shift supervisor to full-time dispatcher, effective January 6, 2022 at \$24.67 per hour. Acknowledge Resignation of Emily Meier, Brown County Museum Intern; effective October 2, 2021. Approve amendment to 12/28/21 HR report step schedule: Morgan Bingham, Sierra Kamin, Nichole Krenz, MaKayla Madsen, dispatcher step two at \$21.49 per hour. Approve amendment to 12/28/21 HR Report step schedule: Meagan Delahanty wage at \$17.32 per hour. Approve hiring of Kaycee Cronin as Brown County Fair/4-H admin assistant, full-time; starting wage \$15.50 per hour; effective January 3, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN: Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: RESOLUTION #4-22 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BROWN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, WHEREAS Brown County has experienced severe damage from strong winds, flooding, hail, heavy snow, heavy rain, and tornadoes on many occasions in the past century, resulting in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; WHEREAS a Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed after more than one year of research and work by the Brown County Emergency Management, NECOG, and the Natural Hazard Mitigation Committee; WHEREAS the Plan recommends hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property affected by the natural hazards that face the County; WHEREAS a public meeting was held to review the Plan as required by law; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners and the County of Brown that: The Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of Brown County, The respective County official identified in the strategy of the Plan is hereby directed to implement the recommended action assigned to them. These officials will report annually on the activities, accomplishments, and progress to Brown County Emergency Management, The Brown County planner will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the plan to the Brown County Commission. This report shall be submitted to the County Commission by November 1st of each year. Seconded by Commissioner Gage. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-absent, Gage-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

FAIR CONTRACTS (BOOTH, CAMPER SPONSORSHIP): Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to authorize the fair manager to sign booth rental contracts, camper space rental contracts and sponsorship agreements for the 2022 Brown County Fair as they are presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to appoint Josie Gorecki as an alternate member to the planning and zoning board. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following lease agreement: Aberdeen Drift Busters Snowmobile Club for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge January 22nd, 2022 with approved alcohol use permission form. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID SET HEARING AND AUTHROIZE ADVERTISING – LAND-FILL LAND LEASE: Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Gage authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for Landfill Land Lease on 8:46 a.m., on February 1, 2022 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Specifications are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office and the Brown

County Landfill Office and may be obtained at no charge. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve, and authorize chair sign first quarter grant report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY INTERSET: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage approve 1st quarter interest in the amount of \$4,334.77. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following October and November 2021 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS: Discussion to have quarterly department head meetings in 2022. Meeting are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each quarter. Quarter 1 meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2022.

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE – UNION: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to proceed with negotiating committee. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to go into executive session to discuss personnel, contracts, and security per SDCL 1-25-2(1,4,6). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:50 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
Nominating
Petitions**

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND FOR FILING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITIONS The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the primary election is March 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by March 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed. The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run as an independent candidate in the general election is April 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by April 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. central time it is considered filed. For the offices of Brown County Commissioner, Brown County Auditor, Brown County Register of Deeds, Brown County Sheriff, and Brown County Commissioner 2 Year Term, nominating petitions must be filed in the office of the Brown County Auditor 25 Market St, Aberdeen, SD. The nominating petitions for the offices of United States Senator, United States Representative, Governor/Lt. Governor, State Senate Districts 1,3,23 State Representative Districts 1,3,23, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of School and Public Lands, Public Utilities Commissioner, must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501. Nominating petitions for the offices Brown County Commissioner, Brown County Auditor, Brown County Register of Deeds, Brown County Sheriff, and Brown County Commissioner 2 Year Term, Precinct Committeeman and Precinct Committeewoman for the Republican Party and County Republican Party At Large Delegates must be filed in the office of the Brown County Auditor during regular business hours. Nominating petitions for the offices of United States Senator, United States Representative, Governor/Lt. 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Brown County Gravel Bid Notice

NOTICE TO GRAVEL PRODUCTION CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS
Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota until the hour of 8:48 A.M. on February 1, 2022, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing and delivery of ONE (1) YEARS SUPPLY OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GRAVEL MATERIALS.
Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of the bid opening.
Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in accordance with the bid as accepted or as required by the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON GRAVEL AGGREGATE MATERIALS" to be opened February 1, 2022 at 8:48 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.
Contract for GRAVEL MATERIALS shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.
(0119.0126)
Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Hot Mix Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX SUPPLIERS
Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:48 A.M., February 1, 2022. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing all materials and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for road maintenance and construction on Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of bid opening.
Contract Notice: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County.

SDCL 58-6-62: POLICY TO BE WRITTEN THROUGH LICENSED RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT AGENT-COUNTERSIGNATURE OF RESIDENT AGENT – VIOLATION AS MISDEMEANOR. No authorized insurer may make, write, issue or place any policy, contract or insurance, or general or floating policy upon persons or property, or covering a subject of insurance or bonding to be performed in South Dakota unless the policy is written through a licensed resident agent, or a non-resident agent when countersigned by a resident agent.

Contract for Asphalt Plant Mix Materials shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.
Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 and to be clearly marked on the outside of the

envelope: "BIDS ON ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX MATERIALS" to be opened on February 1, 2022 at 8:48 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.
Section 320.5 – Basis of Payment: "A" – Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for Maintenance and Construction. The accepted quantities of Asphalt Plant Mix will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton.
(0119.0126)
Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$52.98. 20821

Brown County Equipment Rental Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ASPHALT CONTRACTORS AND MACHINERY DEALERS
Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:48am on February 1, 2022. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Paving, Patching & Crushing Equipment for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2022. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces, Brown County Landfill Forces and the Brown County Fairground Forces to complete the projects.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.
Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance.

Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" to be opened February 1, 2022 at 8:48am. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.
(0119.0126)
Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Road Oil Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ROAD OIL SUPPLIERS
Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:48am, February 1, 2022. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing and delivery of Road Oil to the Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.
(0119.0126)
Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County 4.5 Yard Loader Bid Notice

Notice to Equipment Dealers
Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, until 8:48 A.M. on February 1, 2022. At that time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for furnishing and delivery of ONE (1) Used 4.5 Yard Loader F.O.B., Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, Brown County Court House Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401. The bids are to be clearly marked on outside of the envelope: "Bid on ONE (1) Used 4.5 Yard Loader" to be opened on February 1, 2022 at 8:48 A.M.
Proposal Guarantee: The proposal guaranty required, and that must accompany each bid, is a certified check, a cashier's check, or bank draft certified by a national or state bank and payable at sight to Brown County, South Dakota in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, or in lieu thereof, bidder may furnish a bid bond of ten percent (10%) of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County, South Dakota.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, which they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.
Brown County is EXEMPT from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.
Specifications are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office, and the Brown County Highway Department Office and may be obtained at no charge.
(0119.0126)
Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Land Lease Bid Notice

NOTICE OF COUNTY LAND LEASE BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, until 8:46 A.M. on February 1, 2022, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for "COUNTY LAND LEASE/ BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL". DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO LEASE: Northwest Quarter of Section 13 Township 123 North, Range 65 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Brown County South Dakota (129 ACRES). This quarter is directly EAST of the Brown County Landfill. Minimum lease amount per acre: \$100.00. Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "COUNTY LAND LEASE / BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL", to be opened on February 1, 2022, at 8:46 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Auditor's Office and the Brown County Solid Waste Department Office and may be obtained at no charge.

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Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Groton City Pool Resurfacing Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Groton, SD, City Council, for the following project: POOL RESURFACING GROTON MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL, 228 E. 11th Ave. It is the intent of the City of Groton to receive Base Bids for the project listed above. Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 pm, Tuesday, February 15, 2022 Central Time, at Groton City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD.
The City of Groton reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive technical deficiencies, informalities or irregularities or rebid any project.
CITY OF GROTON
BY: April Abeln, Interim Finance Officer
(0119.0126)
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Groton City DANR Notice on Project

Groton, South Dakota
C462051-06
DATE January 19, 2022
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT WITHIN THE CITY OF GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) conducted a review of a proposal from the city of Groton for Phase 2 of a Water Distribution System Improvements project.

The city of Groton is proposing to replace the last of its remaining 6-inch asbestos pipe with PVC, loop water lines in the southern and northeastern parts of town and paint the ground water storage tank.
The city of Groton was awarded a \$1,326,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan. The loan has a rate of 1.625 percent and a term of 30 years. Current residential water rates are \$56.95 per month. Groton has pledged a project surcharge to repay the loan. This surcharge will be \$7.85 per user per month.

Listed below are the reasons for granting a categorical exclusion:

1. The project is solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.
2. No comments requiring mitigative action were received from the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, United States Department of Interior, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Natural Resource Conservation Service, or through the public participation process.

The proposed action does not involve any serious local objections, nor does it meet any of the criteria for not granting a categorical exclusion as specified in [Section 6.505(c) (i) through (iii) of 40 CFR Part 6, Subpart E].

The Groton Water Distribution System Improvements Phase 2 project will not affect any historical or archaeological resources. The project should have no direct or indirect adverse effects on plant life or wildlife. No other environmentally sensitive issues have been identified in the planning of this project.

The review process did not indicate that significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an EIS has been made. This action is taken on the basis of a careful review of the engineering report, environmental information documents, correspondence with responsible governmental agencies and other supporting data which are on file at the Division of Financial and Technical Assistance, Environmental Funding Program, DANR, Pierre, South Dakota, and are available for public scrutiny at the Groton city office in Groton, South Dakota.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for consideration by DANR after publication of the Categorical Exclusion Determination. After evaluating the comments received, DANR will make a final decision.
Michael A. Perkovich
Administrator
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Lady Tigers beat Langford Area

Groton Area had a 15-point run in the first half as the Lady Tigers defeated Langford Area, 41-15.
Groton Area jumped out to a 13-4 lead after the first quarter and upped it to 25-6 at half time and 36-10 after the third quarter.

Sydney Leicht led the Tigers with 10 points and two steals. Alyssa Thaler had nine points, three rebounds and one steal. Gracie Traphagen had eight points, 11 rebounds, one assist, two steals and one blocked shot. Kennedy Hansen had five points, one rebound, one assist and two steals. Jerica Locke had three points, five rebounds, three assists and four steals. Allyssa Locke had two points, one rebound and two assists. Brooke Gengerke had two points and two rebounds. Aspen Johnson had two points and four rebounds. Jaedyn Penning had two rebounds and one steal. Brooklyn Hansen and Faith Traphagen each had one rebound.

Groton Area made 12 of 27 in field goals for 49 percent, was two of 20 in three-pointers for 10 percent, 11 of 18 from the line for 61 percent, had 31 rebounds, seven turnovers, seven assists, 12 steals, 12 fouls and one blocked shot.
Megan Gustafson led the Lions with seven points while Katherine Jensen had six and Emily Jensen had two points. Langford Area made five of 38 field goals for 13 percent, was five of six from the free throw line, had 16 team fouls and 11 turnovers.
The game was

broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Groton Ford, Dacotah Bank, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors and Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls.
Groton Area led at the quarter stops at 10-5, 17-9 and 26-9 en route to a 30-15 win in the junior varsity game.
Brooklyn Hansen had seven points while Jerica Locke had six, Kennedy Hansen five, Mia Crank four, Faith Traphagen and Rylee Dunker each had three points and Jaedyn Penning had two points.
Emily Jensen led the Lions with seven points while Clarissa Guy had six and Autumn Wegleitner added two points.
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Ending December 31, 2021	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Food Service Fund	Drivers Ed Fund	Governmental & Enterprise Fund Act. Totals	Custodial Fund	Ovid Stevens Scholarship Totals	Fiduciary Funds Account
Beginning checking Balance	\$434,845.20	\$203,705.91	\$155,591.86	\$428.21	\$875.62	\$795,446.80	\$9,044.63	\$0.85	\$5,344.41
Receipts:.....									
Local Sources.....	\$9,837.50	\$750.40		\$1,386.20			\$3,040.19		
County Sources	\$167,281.33	\$106,307.13	\$49,292.22						
State Sources.....									
Federal Sources.....	\$20,983.37			\$9,066.75					
Interest	\$35.12						\$0.42		
Total Receipts.....	\$198,137.32	\$107,057.53	\$49,292.22	\$10,452.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,040.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements									
Bills	\$22,322.17	\$103,640.84	\$42.00	\$5,100.64			\$4,947.84		
Payroll	\$134,305.71		\$22,060.15	\$5,417.96					
Total Disbursements	\$156,627.88	\$103,640.84	\$22,102.15	\$10,518.60	\$0.00	\$292,889.47	\$4,947.84	\$0.00	\$4,947.84
Total checking balance.....	\$476,354.64	\$207,122.60	\$182,781.93	\$362.56	\$875.62	\$867,497.35	\$7,137.40	\$0.85	\$7,138.25
Beginning investment balance	\$271,691.49	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,651,500.74		\$27,419.15	\$27,419.15
Interest	\$205.79								
Total investment balance.....	\$271,897.28	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,651,706.53		\$27,419.15	\$27,419.15
Ending Fund Balance	\$748,251.92	\$2,140,756.80	\$1,628,956.98	\$362.56	\$875.62	\$4,519,203.88	\$7,137.40	\$27,420.00	\$34,557.40

Frederick School
Jan. 10, 2022
Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
JANUARY 10, 2022
The meeting was called to order on January 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Richard Achen, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Jon Ellwein was excused. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Janel Hettich. The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the public are allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic

of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.
Action 22-056 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.
Action 22-057 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held December 13, 2021; December 2021 financial report, district bills and December 2021 payroll. All aye, carried.
Claims approved: December 2021 Payroll – General Fund salaries 74,593.51; Special Education salaries 14,617.75; Food Service salaries 3,413.97. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 25,529.17; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,105.29; American Funds, retirement 1,466.70; Delta Dental, insurance 2,076.48; The Standard, life insurance 278.83; Security Benefits, retirement 1,238.48; Optilegra, vision insurance 422.18; Wellmark, health insurance 18,015.00; SD Retirement 14,532.98; SD Retirement Supplemental, 4,493.48.
General Fund: Aberdeen School District 6-1, ATEC tuition 6,096.00; Agtegra Bath Fertilizer, fuel 4,513.83; Amazon Capital Services, supplies 90.66; Cash-Wa Distributing Co of Fargo, LLC, FFPV supplies 1,334.09; Cash-Wa Distributing of Kearney Inc, concessions supplies 336.11; Coca-Cola Bottling Company High Country, concessions supplies 462.74; Cole Papers Inc....., supplies 632.63; Crawford Trucks & Equipment Inc, repairs 50.30; Custodial Account-

FASD, Imprest reimbursement 1,713.64; Dakota Supply Group, supplies 170.08; Dumire, James, repairs 300.00; Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs 169.37; Green Iron Equipment, repairs 3.42; Hauff Mid America Sports, supplies 51.90; Hobby Lobby, supplies 14.99; Kessler's, supplies 127.87; Merchant Services, online lunch payment fees 22.49; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electric 4,590.20; Pioneer Athletics, football field paint 659.00; Sam's Club, concessions supplies 149.04; Town of Frederick, utilities 617.92; UPS Store, postage 11.36 Total 22,117.64. Imprest checks: Kurth, Travis, BB ref 158.64; Wanner, Shawn, BB ref 120.00; We Help Two, FCCLA fundraiser 1,315.00; Zimmerman, Kim, BB ref 120.00 Total 1,713.64. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print contract 693.96; Amazon Capital Services, library books 6.79; Cole Papers Inc, janitor cart 284.19; Graphic Edge, LLC, GBB practice jersey 68.00; Foreman Sales & Service Inc, 71 passenger bus 90,350.00; Johnson Controls Inc, HVAC controls update 17,060.76; Lenovo, staff laptop 2,157.04; Menards, lounge refrigerator 750.40 Total 111,371.14. Food Service Fund: Cash-Wa Distributing Co of Fargo, LLC, food/supplies 2,136.79 Total 2,136.79 Custodial Fund: Community Store, Build Your Base 98.03; Hauff Mid America Sports, BBB tshirts-reimb by BBB fund 794.63; Pizza Ranch, LRC mtg 95.98 Total 194.01.
Mr. Kosters and Mrs. Ringgenberg presented reports.
Action 22-058 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve the updated Back to School Plan. All aye, carried.
Discussion was held regarding adding a preschool program administered by the district. No action taken.
Action 22-059 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the Employment Agreement for Marie Knutson as Paraprofessional at \$14.00/hour. All aye, carried.
Action 22-060 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to accept the resignation of Sarah Sumption, Junior High Girls Basketball coach. All aye, carried.
The school board would like to congratulate Katelyn Mehlhaff being crowned as Senior Snow Queen and Gabby Millard being crowned as Junior Snow Queen for the Frederick Area.
Action 22-061 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. All aye, carried.
Rich Schlosser, President
Janel Hettich, Business Manager
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Tigers have triple win over Aberdeen Roncalli

The Groton Area boys basketball team came home with a triple win over Aberdeen Roncalli Thursday at Roncalli.

It was a lucky 13 night as both the varsity and the junior varsity teams had 13-point rallies on January 13.

Groton Area varsity had a 12-7 lead after the first quarter. A 13-point rally in the first half propelled the Tigers to a 31-19 lead at half time and a 50-28 lead after three quarters of play.

Four players hit double figures for the Tigers with Kaden Kurtz leading the way with 16 points, five rebounds, one assist and three steals. Wyatt Hearnen had 12 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals. Jayden Zak had 11 points, one rebound, five assists and three steals. Lane Tietz had 11 points, three rebounds, two assists and one steal. Jacob Zak had nine points, five rebounds, one assist, one steal and one block. Tate Larson had two rebounds. Cole Simon had one rebound and three steals. Holden Sippel had one rebound.

The Tigers made 18 of 32 field goals for 56 percent, three of 17 three-pointers for 18 percent, 14 of 19 free throws for 74 percent off of Roncalli's 21 team fouls, had 24 rebounds, seven turnovers, 12 assists, 13 steals, 17 fouls and one blocked shot.

Darwin Gambler and Maddox May led the Cavaliers with seven points each while Aiden Fisher had five, Caden Shelton and ZeeZrom Mounga each had four points, Maddox Miller and Keegan Stewart each had there points and Jayden Munroe added two points.

The Cavaliers made 13 of 39 field goals for 33 percent, was five of 13 from the line for 38 percent, and had 22 turnovers.

The junior varsity team trailed for most of the game until the final quarter when a 13-point rally boosted the Tigers to a 36-31 win. The Cavaliers held a 2-1 lead after the first quarter with the scoring happening in the last 60 seconds of the quarter. Roncalli led at half time, 17-8, and after three quarters, 27-16. Groton Scored 13 unanswered points to take a 32-29 lead with 23 seconds left in the game and scored the final four points for the win.

Cole Simon led the Tigers with 14 points while Taylor Diegel had 11, Colby Dunker five, Cade Larson three, Logan Ringgenberg two and Holden Sippel one. Darwin Gambler led the Cavaliers with 15 points while Aiden Fisher had six, Jayden Munroe had five, Hunter Binder three and Parker Grieben two.

Groton Area won the C game, 40-37. The Tigers held a 6-4 lead after the first quarter. Roncalli tied the game at 12 and 15 before the Tigers took a 17-15 lead at half time. The Tigers went on to a 31-24 lead after three quarters. Aberdeen Roncalli took a 33-32 lead with 2:40 left in the game but Groton Area scored six straight points to take the lead and secure the win.

Keagan Tracy and Ryder Johnson each had nine points, Blake Pauli had seven, Carter Simon six, Gage Sippel five, and Turner Thompson and Karter Moody each had two points.

Parker Grieben led the Cavaliers with 14 points while Carter Samson had 11, Jackson Lewno five, Brody Weinmeister four and Danny Schumacher added three points.

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- Paul Kosel

Zoellner, Krueger place first at Gettysburg JV Tournament

Groton Area's junior varsity wrestling team went to Gettysburg on Saturday where all seven wrestlers placed. Walker Zoellner and Liza Krueger both placed first, Nick Morris was second, John Bisbee, Isaiah Scepaniak and Cameron Johnson all placed third and Noah Scepaniak placed fourth.

JV 72-78: Noah Scepaniak's place is 4th and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Clayton Horst (Ipswich/Bowdle) won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton) (Fall 0:25)

Round 2 - Landon Houska (Chamberlain) won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton) (Fall 2:55)

Round 3 - Maverick Classen (Clark/Willow Lake) won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton) (Fall 0:29)

JV 95-95: John Bisbee's place is 3rd

Round 1 - Blake Butler (Lemmon/McIntosh) won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton) (Fall 0:53)

Round 3 - Isaac Johnson (Clark/Willow Lake) won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton) (Fall 1:58)

JV 106-106: Walker Zoellner's place is 1st and has scored 18.0 team points.

Round 1 - Walker Zoellner (Groton) won by fall over Dominic Kluckman (Deuel) (Fall 4:19)

Round 2 - Walker Zoellner (Groton) won by decision over Garrett Huizenga (Linton) (Dec 3-0)

Round 3 - Walker Zoellner (Groton) won by fall over Xadyn LaPlante (CEB/Dupree) (Fall 2:50)

JV 126-129: Isaiah Scepaniak's place is 3rd

Round 1 - Roy Antrim (Faith) won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton) (Fall 0:11)

Round 2 - Chisum Blum (Chamberlain) won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton) (Fall 0:26)

JV 126-132: Cameron Johnson's place is 3rd

Round 1 - Jerrod Larsen (Chamberlain) won by decision over Cameron Johnson (Groton) (Dec 5-4)

Round 3 - Cole Nitschke (South Border) won by fall over Cameron Johnson (Groton) (Fall 0:58)

JV 132-138: Nick Morris's place is 2nd and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Nick Morris (Groton) won by fall over Gus Buchanan (Harding County) (Fall 3:23)

Round 3 - Cutler Schaunaman (South Border) won by fall over Nick Morris (Groton) (Fall 4:17)

Girls 85-94: Liza Krueger's place is 1st and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Liza Krueger (Groton) won by fall over Macee McGregor (Webster) (Fall 1:02)

Round 2 - Liza Krueger (Groton) won by fall over Zoey Donovan (Chamberlain) (Fall 0:58)

Six grapplers place at Battler Invite

Several Groton Area wrestlers placed at the Potter County Wrestling Tournament held Saturday. Placing fourth were Christian Ehresmann, Korbin Kucker and Cole Bisbee; placing fifth were Lane Krueger and Brevin Fliehs; and Porter Johnson placed sixth. Groton Area placed seventh in a field of 20 teams.

113: Porter Johnson (10-15) placed 6th and scored 8.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Cade Costello (Harding County) 12-12 won by fall over Porter Johnson (Groton) 10-15 (Fall 0:52)

Cons. Round 1 - Porter Johnson (Groton) 10-15 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Porter Johnson (Groton) 10-15 won by fall over Abrym Heinert (Newell) 1-10 (Fall 2:55)

Cons. Round 3 - Porter Johnson (Groton) 10-15 won by decision over Taylor Merkel (Clark Willow Lake) 10-10 (Dec 8-5)

Cons. Semi - Nicholas Schlachter (Potter County) 15-9 won by fall over Porter Johnson (Groton) 10-15 (Fall 4:48)

5th Place Match - Xavier Donovan (Chamberlain) 6-5 won by major decision over Porter Johnson (Groton) 10-15 (MD 13-0)

132: Pierce Kettering (18-11) scored 7.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Pierce Kettering (Groton) 18-11 won by fall over CJ Fitzsimmons (Deuel) 4-13 (Fall 2:00)

Quarterfinal - Matthew Wolf (South Border) 15-5 won by decision over Pierce Kettering (Groton) 18-11 (Dec 8-3)

Cons. Round 2 - Pierce Kettering (Groton) 18-11 won by fall over Gage Baumgarn (Webster) 11-18 (Fall 2:56)

Cons. Round 3 - Quinn Long (Chamberlain) 7-12 won by fall over Pierce Kettering (Groton) 18-11 (Fall 1:25)

138: Brevin Fliehs (16-7) placed 5th and scored 7.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Brevin Fliehs (Groton) 16-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Ethan Mcelhone (Clark Willow Lake) 15-9 won by major decision over Brevin Fliehs (Groton) 16-7 (MD 13-0)

Cons. Round 2 - Brevin Fliehs (Groton) 16-7 won by decision over Tucker Adkins (Deuel) 2-13 (Dec 10-6)

Cons. Round 3 - Brevin Fliehs (Groton) 16-7 won by decision over Jackson Charron (Pierre T.F. Riggs) 1-2 (Dec 7-6)

Cons. Semi - Bryce Reuer (Chamberlain) 14-10 won by decision over Brevin Fliehs (Groton) 16-7 (Dec 4-2)

5th Place Match - Brevin Fliehs (Groton) 16-7 won by decision over Caden Wilson (Faulkton Area) 8-12 (Dec 7-0)

145: Christian Ehresmann (18-5) placed 4th and scored 16.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 18-5 won by fall over Jaxon Ducheneaux (Pierre T.F. Riggs) 14-12 (Fall 1:00)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 18-5 won by decision over Colton Brady (Stanley County) 19-15 (Dec 8-6)

Semifinal - Chase VanDerBoom (Newell) 25-4 won by fall over Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 18-5 (Fall 3:57)

Cons. Semi - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 18-5 won by fall over Jaxon Ducheneaux (Pierre T.F. Riggs) 14-12 (Fall 4:08)

3rd Place Match - Lucas Arcoren (Sully Buttes) 16-10 won by tech fall over Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 18-5 (TF-1.5 5:00 (19-4))

152: Korbin Kucker (15-12) placed 4th and scored 16.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Korbin Kucker (Groton) 15-12 won by fall over Timmy McGaugh (Faulkton Area) 2-8 (Fall 1:50)

Quarterfinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton) 15-12 won by fall over Korbin Whiteley (Deuel) 12-8 (Fall 2:23)

Semifinal - Gunnar Kvistad (Clark Willow Lake) 20-4 won by fall over Korbin Kucker (Groton) 15-12 (Fall 3:02)

Cons. Semi - Korbin Kucker (Groton) 15-12 won by decision over Lincoln Fortin (Warner) 11-7 (Dec 6-1)

3rd Place Match - Korbin Whiteley (Deuel) 12-8 won by fall over Korbin Kucker (Groton) 15-12 (Fall 2:13)

160: Cole Bisbee (22-9) placed 4th and scored 17.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Cole Bisbee (Groton) 22-9 won by fall over Ty Graesser (Chamberlain) 1-2 (Fall 3:21)

Quarterfinal - Cole Bisbee (Groton) 22-9 won by fall over Taylor Meier (South Border) 1-2 (Fall 1:16)

Semifinal - Landon Schumacher (Linton HMB) 19-8 won by decision over Cole Bisbee (Groton) 22-9 (Dec 5-1)

Cons. Semi - Cole Bisbee (Groton) 22-9 won by major decision over Lincoln Dikoff (Faulkton Area) 9-12 (MD 13-2)

3rd Place Match - Ethan Martinmaas (Pierre T.F. Riggs) 7-9 won by fall over Cole Bisbee (Groton) 22-9 (Fall 1:39)

220: Lane Krueger (15-6) placed 5th and scored 9.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton) 15-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Preston Cavalier (Warner) 12-7 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton) 15-6 (Fall 0:56)

Cons. Round 2 - Lane Krueger (Groton) 15-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Lane Krueger (Groton) 15-6 won by decision over Herman Frisvold (Lemmon/McIntosh) 9-9 (Dec 2-1)

Cons. Semi - Grey Gilbert (Harding County) 23-5 won in tie breaker - 1 over Lane Krueger (Groton) 15-6 (TB-1 1-0)

5th Place Match - Lane Krueger (Groton) 15-6 won by fall over Wyatt Powers (Chamberlain) 3-12 (Fall 3:46)

Kucker wins both matches at Groton Triangular

Korbin Kucker wrestled two matches and won both with a pin at the Groton triangular held Thursday night. Pierce Kettering and Brevin Fliehs each won a match via forfeit in the Redfield match and both pinned their opponents during the Webster match. Liza Kruger wrestled one match in the girls division and she won via a pin.

In Redfield match, Porter Johnson, 113, was pinned by Conner Zens with 24 seconds left in the match, Isiah Schaeponiack was pinned by Jacob Fehlman in 21 seconds, Pierce Kettering at 132 and Brevin Fliehs at 138 both won by forfeit, Christian Ehresmann, 145, was decided by Mason Whitley, 7-5; Korbin Kucker, 145, pinned Collin Dean in 20 seconds, Cole Bisbee, 160, was pinned by Mason Fey in 52 seconds; Lane Krueger, 220, pinned Gavin Nichols in 3:16, and Walker Zoellner, 106, was pinned by Brady Risetter in 1:49.

In the Webster match, Liza Krueger won her match by pin with one minute left in the match, Pierce Kettering, 132, pinned Blaise McGregor in seven seconds, Brevin Fliehs, 138, pinned Gage Baumgarn in 3:49, Cameron Johnson was pinned by Cael Larson in 1:07, Christian Ehresmann, 152, pinned Gavin Witt in 1:02, Korbin Kucker, 160, pinned Cole Shoemaker in 55 seconds, Porter Johnson at 113, Cole Bisbee at 170 and Noah Voeller at 195 both won by forfeit, Lane Krueger, 220, was pinned by Caleb McGregor in 2:36, and Walker Zoellner, 106, was pinned by Tacey Miller in 3:31.

Team scores had Redfield beating Webster, 54-27, Redfield beating Groton Area, 57-24, and Groton Area beating Webster Area, 42-24.

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Northern State University releases fall 2021 dean's list

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., has released the dean's list for the fall 2021 semester.

Students who have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester are eligible for the dean's list.

nBath: Andrew Buechler, Samantha Ferguson, Kaitlyn Kassube, Megan Malisa, Collin Schmidt

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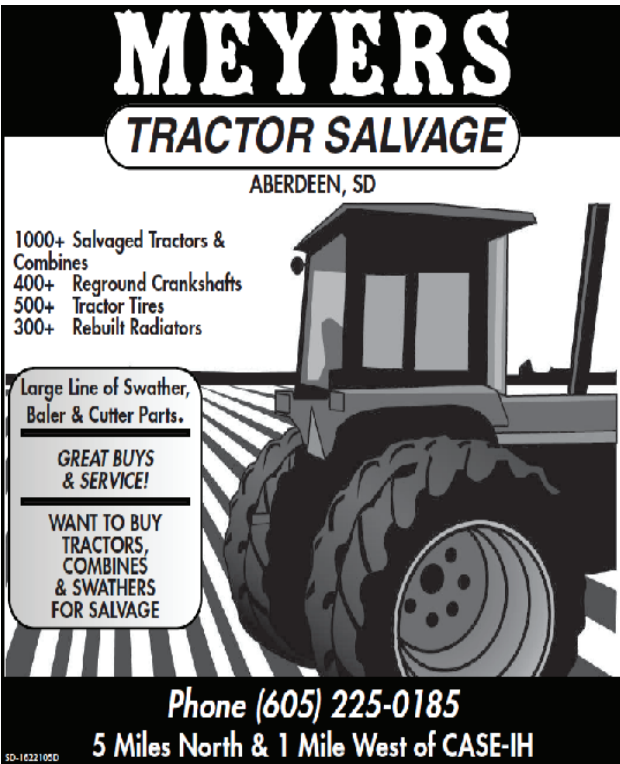
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Groton Area boys dominate all aspects of game with win over Deubrook

Groton’s defense and offensive weapons proved to be much more than what Deubrook could handle as the Tigers posted a 68-42 win over the Dolphins. The game was played Saturday at the Redfield Holiday Classic. It was the lowest scoring game for Deubrook this year.

With Kaden Kurtz not feeling well, Wyatt Hearnen was the next player up and started for the Tigers and he made his presence known right off the bat. The Dolphins, with starters ranging from 6-6 to 6-0, were no match for the quickness of the Tigers. Hearnen was quick to score eight points in the first quarter on quick passes under the basket where he was left unguarded. Groton Area took a 15-12 lead after the first quarter.

Jayden Zak and Lane Tietz lit the nets on fire in the second quarter and Groton Area took a commanding 42-20 lead at half time. The Tigers made 10 of 15 field goals in the second quarter and the Dolphins had 12 turnovers in the first half. Zak made nine points in the second quarter including a three-pointer and Tietz made 13 points in the second quarter which included triple three-point shots.

The momentum geared down in the second half, but Deubrook posed no threat at all as the Tigers led, 52-31 after the third quarter.

Lane Tietz made four of eight two-pointers and four of six three-pointers and led all scorers with 22 points. He had two rebounds, four assists and four steals. Jayden Zak made four of seven two-pointers and three of seven three-pointers to add 18 points to the tally and had six rebounds, three assists and one steal. Wyatt Hearnen made seven of eight field goals and finished with 14 points, seven rebounds, one assist, three steals and one blocked shot. Jacob Zak had seven points, five rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots. Tate Larson had six points which included four of four free throws, had six rebounds, four assists and one blocked shot. Cole Simon had one point and one steal. Colby Dunker had one rebound and one steal. Logan Ringgenberg and Holden Sippel each had one rebound. Cade Larson had two assists and one steal.

Groton Area made 18 of 38 field goals for 47 percent, seven of 19 three-pointers for 37 percent, 11 of 15 free throws for 75 percent, had 30 rebounds, 10 turnovers, 14 assists, 13 steals, 13 team fouls and a season high four blocks.

Deubrook was led by Nicholas Bowne with 12 points while Jacob Jorenby had nine, Andrew Trooien seven, Mason Shaw four, Sutton Fritz three and Gavin Landmark, Landen Johnson and Parker Crooks each had two points and Dominic Lacek added a free throw. Deubrook made 16 of 45 field goals for 36 percent, six of nine free throws for 67 percent, had 19 turnovers and 17 team fouls.

Groton Area is now 8-0 on the season while Deubrook goes to 4-4.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls, the John Sieh Agency, Groton Ford and by Dacotah Bank.

- Paul Kosel

Groton boys have clean sweep over Webster

Groton Area had a 17 point rally in the second quarter to put down Webster Area in boys basketball action, 64-38. The game was played Monday in Groton.

Groton Area held a 10 point lead early in the game and led 15-12 at the end of the first quarter. The Bearcats closed to within one, 17-16, before Groton Area rattled off 17 straight points and led at half time, 36-18. It was a 50-33 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 25 points, three rebounds, two assist and one steal. Tate Larson had 12 points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal. Jacob Zak had 11 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Cole Simon had six points, two rebounds and two steals. Jayden Zak had two points, two rebounds, one assist and five steals. Kaden Kurtz had two points, five rebounds, one assist and four steals. Wyatt Hearnen had two points, one rebound, one steal and one block. Colby Dunker and Logan Ringgenberg each had two points and Cade Larson and Braxton Imrie each had one assist.

Groton Area made 25 of 49 in field goals for 51 percent, two of eight three-pointers for 25 percent, made eight of 11 in free throws for 78 percent, had 22 rebounds, seven turnovers, 10 assists, 17 steals, seven team fouls and one block shot.

Jaydon Keller led the Bearcats with 16 points while Jaiden McCreary and Jacob Pereboom each had seven points, Gavin Sannes had four, Caron Mount two and Tommy Vergeldt and Tayne Dunse each had one point.

Webster Area made 15 of 40 field goals for 38 percent, five of 11 from the line for 45 percent, had 17 turnovers and 15 team fouls.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Dacotah Bank, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors and Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 45-20. The Tigers led at the quarterstops at 15-6, 30-8 and 43-12. Teylor Diegel led the Tigers with 13 points while Cole Simon had 10, Logan Ringgenberg and Holden Sippel each had eight points and Braxton Imrie and Colby Dunker each had three points.

Tommy Vergelat led Webster Area with 12 points while Martin Dorsett had four and Ian Lesnar two.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Molly and Mike Ringgenberg.

Groton Area made it a clean sweep with a 33-18 win of the C game. Blake Pauli led Groton Area with nine points while Turner Thompson and Keagan Tracy each had six, Ryder Johnson and Caden McInerney each had three points and adding two each were JD Schwan, Karter Moody and Logan Warrington.

- Paul Kosel

Groton Prairie Mixed

Jan. 5 Team Standings: Cheetahs 9 ½, Chipmunks 9, Jackelopes 6, Shih Tzus 4 ½, Foxes 4, Coyotes 3

Men’s High Games: Lance Frohling 211, 201, Roger Spanier 196, Mike Siegler 195

Women’s High Games: Lori Wiley 190, Vicki Walter 172, 166, Sue Stanley 165

Men’s High Series: Lance Frohling 577, Mike Siegler 507, Roger Spanier 507

Women’s High Series: Lori Wiley 478, Vicki Walter 474, Sue Stanley 442



Tate Larson and Wyatt Hearnen.
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jayden Zak shooting
Jacob Zak in the background.
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Lane Tietz
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Claremont Town Resolution of Sewer Rates

RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT SEWER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS, ESTABLISHING \$4.70 SURCHARGE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
WHEREAS, the following sewer rates are hereby established to satisfy the obligations of the town of Claremont to meet the costs of construction, operation, and maintenance of the sewer system.
All residential and commercial users shall be charged a fixed charge of \$14.15 for operation and maintenance of the sewer system. In addition to the fixed charge, the following surcharges are hereby established by the town of Claremont to pay for debt service. A \$32.85 surcharge payable by each customer of its sewer system to finance the project financed by the CW01 loan with the borrower bond Series 2019. The collection of the surcharge CW01 started April 2019. A surcharge of \$4.70 payable by each customer of its sewer system to finance the project financed by the CW02 loan with the borrower bond Series 2021. The collection of the CW02 surcharge started July 2020.
The surcharges shall remain in effect until such time as the borrower bond is paid in full, they shall be collected at the same time as other charges of the system, and established a surcharge account to segregate the income from other system income for bookkeeping purposes to be pledged to the South Dakota Conservancy District. The surcharges shall be reviewed from year and modified in order to provide the required 110 percent debt coverage.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the Town of Claremont, S.D., that the aforementioned adjustment to sewer rates be charged.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of January, 2022.
/s/ Shane Johnson
Shane Johnson
Town President
ATTEST:
/s/ Charla Rye
Charla Rye, Finance Officer
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Claremont Town Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY
MUNICIPALITY OF CLAREMONT
THE following offices will become vacant/or up for renewal due to the expiration of the present term of office:
CLAREMONT TOWN COUNCIL
Shane Johnson, 3 year trustee term
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Charla Rye
Finance Officer
Town of Claremont
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Claremont Town 2022 Salaries

Salaries for 2022
Town of Claremont
Trustees: \$75 per meeting
Finance Officer: \$400 per month
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Road Maintaining: \$16 per hour.
Charla Rye
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Claremont Town January 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 1-11-2022 at 7 p.m. in City Hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with Trustees Rasmussen and Spencer present.
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer.
On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed:
General:
NWE, street lights 353.15, city hall 135.00, \$488.15; NAPA Auto Parts, shop-maintainer, \$267.46; James Valley, telecommunications, \$6.42; Full Circle Ag, propane, \$1,455.38; Dacotah Bank, city hall loan, \$573.55; Shane Johnson, 5 hrs. snow removal, \$73.88; IRS, 4th quarter federal tax, \$515.81; Post Office, stamps, \$58.00; Jason Spencer, 7 hrs. snow removal, \$103.44; Charla Rye, wage, \$350.00.
WSSW:
Helms and Associates, grant/sewer, \$14,750.80; NWE, water, \$49.05; NWE, sewer, \$85.80; BDM, water purchased, \$1,048.00; SD Public Health Lab, water samples, \$30.00; Ecolab, rodent control, \$171.38; Rural Development, water loan, \$576.00.
A resolution adjusting the Town of Claremont sewer rates for residential and commercial customers establishing \$4.70 surcharge and providing an effective date was oked on a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer. Motion carried.
With no further business before the Board a motion was made to adjourn by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer. Motion carried.
C. Rye, F.O.
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Groton Prairie Mixed Jan. 13 Team Standings: Cheetahs 11 ½, Chipmunks 11, Shih Tzus 8 ½, Jackelopes 6, Foxes 6, Coyotes 5

Men’s High Games: Ron Belden 222, Brad Larson 188, Lance Frohling 183

Women’s High Games: Nicole Kassube 177, Karen Spanier 176, Brenda Waage 170

Men’s High Series: Ron Belden 514, Larry Frohling 492, Brad Larson 488

Women’s High Series: Vicki Walter 467, Nicole Kassube 460, Karen Spanier 453

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Glimpses From Greenfield 2022–Week 1

The first week of the Legislative Session was typical in many ways. However, for the Appropriations Committee, we have been hard-at-work for two weeks. With the unprecedented number of dollars being showered upon the states by the federal government, as well as the state revenues which are off the charts, we have many important deliberations to make this year. We want to be responsible about the decisions we make which will likely revolve around long-term infrastructure investments and taking a look at the potential for changes to some tax rates.

On Tuesday, the Governor delivered what I consider the best State of the State address I’ve ever heard. She showcased many of the recent success stories of South Dakota and the people who have called this “home” for mere months to several decades. It is no secret that people have been flooding into SD to enjoy our local tourism opportunities. In so many cases when those people are here, they realize our way of life is second-to-none, and those people are choosing to relocate to SD. They embrace the freedom so many of us have enjoyed all our lives, and they say, “I want this for my family!” Additionally, the Governor was quick to point out a few of the countless success stories of lifelong South Dakotans. Clearly, we have a very good thing going for us, and that is due to the SD Governor and government honoring people’s freedoms and liberties and allowing them to make decisions that are in their best interests, while so many other states and federal government bureaucrats are trying to stifle individual initiative and ingenuity.

We also heard from Chief Justice Steven Jensen with the State of the Judiciary address and from Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins, Jr. with the State of the Tribes address. Both individuals discussed their outlook, highlighting challenges we must collectively work together to overcome.

To-date, there have been 74 House Bills and 85 Senate Bills introduced. Additionally, there have been two Joint Resolutions dropped in the hopper calling for Article V Conventions (Conventions of States) which would contemplate amendments to our US Constitution. At this point, it is premature to delve deeply into all these issues, as most of them have not even had initial committee hearings. One bill that has emerged from Senate State Affairs is SB 46, which would establish that extracurricular activities reserved for girls and women would be protected as female-only even when boys who identify as girls seek to participate. This has gotten a tremendous amount of media coverage both on the local level and the national scene. The bill passed the State Affairs Committee, 8-1, and will be heard on the Senate floor this week.

With that, I want to express my continued gratitude for the trust you have place in me to work for you! This is my 22nd year in the Legislature. After this year, I will be term-limited out of the Senate, and I am currently seeking the Republican nomination to be your next Commissioner of School and Public Lands. In the meantime, there is much work to be done on the legislative front, and I encourage you to reach out via email. My address is brock.greenfield@sdlegislature.gov.

Until next time, I wish you health and happiness and God’s richest blessings for you and your family.

Brock

Conde National League

Jan. 10 Team Standings: Pirates 13, Giants 12, Mets 10, Cubs 10, Braves 9, Tigers 6
Men’s High Games: Ryan Bethke 195, 191; Russ Bethke 182, 190; Tim Olson 172
Men’s High Series: Ryan Bethke 537, Russ Bethke 521, Tim Olson 459
Women’s High Games: Vickie Kramp 191, Sam Bahr 167, Nancy Radke 162
Women’s High Series: Nancy Radke 469, Vickie Kramp 430, Sam Bahr 410

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Snow Queen Thank You

I want to thank the Groton Snow Queen Committee for sponsoring me at the State Snow Queen Festival in Aberdeen. I would also like to thank the local businesses that donated to my basket: Purina, Beauty Brew Boutique, Lori’s Pharmacy, S & S Lumber, Groton Dairy Queen and the Groton Vet Clinic. Thank you all for the generous donations. I had an amazing time and met many wonderful girls. Thank you for making it all possible.



Christina Zoellner

Dear EarthTalk: How will the homes of the future look and feel different as a result of global warming?

—A.G., Silver Spring, MD

No doubt, homes are changing dramatically as the planet warms. Recent data from the United Nations Environment Programme shows that construction and use of residential buildings accounts for 17 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions. As architects and engineers look to reduce their environmental footprint, homes are starting to change in several key ways.

In general, new construction homes are the most likely to be the most resilient to climate change. New forms of concrete that are made from recycled or waste-based material save a large share of carbon emissions associated with the production of virgin concrete. Painting the roof white or another light color can reduce air conditioning use extensively by reflecting the sun's rays and their heat back toward the sky instead of absorbing them into the building structure. The U.S. Department of Energy reports that painting your roof white or another light color enables it to

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reflect solar radiation and keep up to 50 degrees colder than a typical roof on a hot day.

As for winter, making sure a house's shell is tight and free of drafts is one key to efficiency, as well as the use of eco-friendly insulation in walls and roofs. Strategically placed windows can help reduce winter heating bills through so-called "passive solar" heating.

The use of integrated systems and smart home technology to link up appliances and lights and run them only when needed is another hallmark of the home of the future. Likewise, design and materials considerations will play a large role in making these new homes as energy and water efficient as possible.

The geographic distribution of housing is also changing due to global warming. Cities across the U.S. are debating proposals to build high-density housing along bus and rail lines, with the hope that easier access to public transportation will reduce vehicle emissions. Inside, the homes of the future are likely to be chock full of eco-friendly innovations to reduce energy usage, from space age insulation materials to hyper-efficient electric appliances and lights that turn on and off as needed.

Finally, some places are taking an entirely new approach to housing. The Netherlands, a nation at extremely high risk of flooding, is pioneering floating homes, which are anchored tightly to the shore but can rise and fall with the tide. Unlike houseboats, the Dutch floating homes are connected to their local electricity and sewage systems and are stabilized in the water with a concrete hull, according to YaleEnvironment360. Though they function essentially the same as any other house, their ability to ride out a flood will protect them from damage long into the future. As seas rise and coastal communities around the world lose their land to the water, the Netherlands' floating houses could be harbingers of what the homes of the future will look like.



The homes of the future will be built to use a lot less energy and withstand harsher, more extreme weather events thanks to global warming. Credit: Karin S, Pexels.com.

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The People at your Table

One of my favorite parables describes the difference between heaven and hell. In both places, hungry people sit at tables laden with delicious food. In hell, people suffer and starve because they cannot eat with the long utensils provided. In heaven, people are happy and thrive because they use the utensils to feed each other.

Many cultures and religions have some variation of this story. It illustrates a universal truth: we depend on each other. The current pandemic has starkly illustrated this interdependency, and it does not sit comfortably with our American culture of self-reliance and rugged individualism.

As a physician, I depend on nurses, techs, therapists, and pharmacists. I depend on hospitalists to care for patients too sick to stay home. Hospitalists depend on intensivists to care for the sickest. Doctors depend on nurses providing hands-on care at the bedside, respiratory therapists adjusting ventilators, technicians operating machines which substitute for failing organs. And we all rely on those who sterilize equipment, launder sheets, clean rooms, repair machines, and prepare food.

Two years into the Covid 19 pandemic, those of us who remain in healthcare are tired. We have enough beds, and ventilators, and protective equipment, but the human infrastructure is struggling to keep up.

Unfortunately, we cannot simply hire more people. Becoming a physician requires 11-plus years of higher education. Most care team members have at least two years of specialized schooling which is only the beginning; learning is an ongoing process. Health systems may accelerate some of the administrative hurdles to get more people to the bedside, but we cannot accelerate the time it takes to know what to do there.

The upcoming tsunami of Omicron Covid patients threatens to swamp our health care systems. Not only are more people in need, but their needs are far more intense. In addition to Covid patients, people with other illnesses and victims of accidents still need health care services. As my colleagues and I anticipate the coming surge, we wonder how we will meet it. Who will die that with more support, might have lived?

Like the people in the parable, we need each other. Those who are eligible, please get your Covid shots and boosters. Vaccinated people are less likely to need a hospital bed, and less likely to carry the virus to someone more vulnerable. Get your flu shot. Influenza infections are skyrocketing, too. Wear a high-quality mask in public, to protect yourself and others and avoid spending long periods of time in crowds.

We all depend on each other to stay safe. Like those diners in heaven, please use the available tools and do your part for the person across the table.

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