

# **Dolan presents activities report to school board**

Athletic Director Brian Dolan talked about several things that are in the works in the Northeast Conference at the school board meeting held Monday night.

Florence-Henry had submitted a request to join the Northeast Conference; however, they have now been moved to Region 2 so that request was withdrawn for now. Waubay-Summit is also considering going the conference. Dolan said it would help secure Class A games without having to travel. Aberdeen Roncalli is also going back to Class A.

Another thing in the works is more double headers. Dolan said he was not thrilled this past year with only six C games for the boys and four or five for the girls. "We need more games." He is anticipating that the C division may have play their own schedule with more double headers in the works.

There will be a meeting Thursday to decide if there is enough interest in fielding a boys varsity soccer team. He said right now, it's right on the borderline.

Board member Marty Weismantel also mentioned that the Huron athletic director has expressed an interest in forming a junior varsity football schedule for this part of the state. Dolan said he was also aware of that and will follow up. On the varsity level, homecoming has been set for September 23 with Sisseton.

Dolan said it's a hard balance with girls soccer and volleyball since so many of the girls play both. Soccer takes its toll on the girls legs and then they have to play volleyball. He said that you can tell the difference in vollevball in October after soccer

Superintendent Joe Schwan reported on the State A Tournament. He said that he was very impressed with the fans and players at the state tournament. "Our community was represented well at the State A. It was very impressive and our kids were fantastic."

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Elementary track and field day is set for May 13th at 12:30 p.m. Elementary numbers are up one in each kindergarten and fifth grade.

The work comp fee is about \$2,000 lower than last year. There is a 4% Increase in the health insurance premium.

The board accepted the resignation of Becky Erickson as a special education teacher, JH VB coach and JH GBB coach at the end of the school year. She has accepted the director position of the North Central Special Education Cooperation.

The board accepted the resignation of Ray Adams as high school math teacher.

There are 11 openings in the Groton School. - Paul Kosel

# POPS Concert set for April 3rd

The Groton Area High School music department will present its annual POPS Concert on Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Tickets will not be sold in advance. Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

The concert will feature performances from the award-winning Prismatic Sensations Show Choir and High School Flex Band, as well as many talented soloists. There will be no reserved seating, and seats do fill up quickly, so plan on arriving early to get a great view of the show! The doors will open one hour prior to show time. This concert is one of the highlights of the year for the music department, and you do not want to miss it!

Come on out, have some Coca-Cola and popcorn, and enjoy performances by many of our music department's students!

If you have card tables that the music department may borrow for the day, please label them with your name and drop them off at the high school or e-mail Mrs. Yeigh at desiree.yeigh@k12.sd.us to arrange a pick up.

Both POPS Concert performances will be broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM.

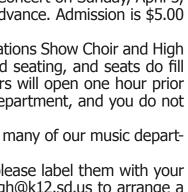


**Pierce Kettering** Senior





**Dillon Abeln Sophomore** 



**Blake Pauli** Freshman







# **February Students of the Month**

is over.

Reports were also given by the health curriculum and the music department. Desiree Yeigh reported that the high school band numbers are "scary low." She said it may be questionable if there will be a pep band or marching band next year. An idea being floated around is to include eighth graders in the high school band to help bolster numbers. She said that the sixth grade band numbers are the highest they have been since she has been in Groton. It was suggested to bring in a lesson teacher from NSU to help in the department.

Janene Harry gave a tour of the art department.

These students have been named the February Students of the Month.

Groton Area School works to ensure that all levels of academic instruction also include the necessary life skills teaching, practicing, and modeling that encourages essential personal life habits that are universally understood to facilitate helping our students become good human beings and citizens. It is learning with our heads, hearts, and hands to be caring and civil, to make healthy decisions, to effectively problem solve, to be respectful and responsible, to be good citizens, and to be empathetic and ethical individuals.

Students are selected based on individual student growth in the areas of: positive behavior, citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards.

### Weekly Vikings Recap By Jack & Duane Kolsrud Breaking down the Za'Darius Smith signing

The Vikings made headlines this week with the signing of former Green Bay Packer, Za'Darius Smith. Smith was a dominant edge rusher in 2019 and 2020, amassing a total of 26 sacks in those two years. However, last year Smith struggled with injuries early and did not achieve one single sack until the Packers' playoff loss to San Francisco in January. To many Vikings' fans, Smith's injury history might be a major concern. However, if you break down Smith's contract with the Vikings, there is little to no risk for the Vikings with this signing.

On the surface, Smith's contract with the Vikings reads as a 3-year, \$42,000,000 deal, with \$11,500,000 guaranteed. That might seem like a lot for a 30-year-old edge rusher coming off a season where he played only 2 games. Yet, if you look at the details of the contract, this contract does not affect the Vikings salary cap in any significant way.

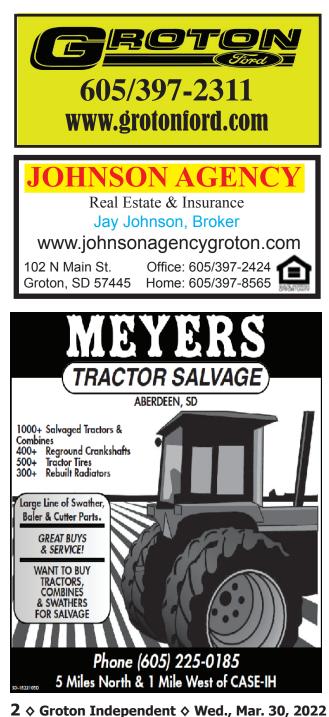
For starters, Smith's cap hit for the 2022 season will only be \$3,343,137. To put that into perspective, the salary cap for every NFL team this year will be \$208.2 million. Thus, Smith will only take up 1.6% of the Vikings' entire salary cap this year. For an edge rusher with the potential to have twelve or more sacks this year, that is an enormous bargain for the Vikings.

However, it does appear that Smith's contract will become significantly more expensive for the Vikings in 2023. For the 2023 season, Smith will carry a \$14,166,666 cap hit for the Vikings. Not only would this make Smith's contract take around 6.3% of the entire Vikings' salary cap, but it would also give Smith the second highest cap hit for the Vikings behind Kirk Cousins. For the 2024 season, Smith's cap hit would increase even further to \$21,666,668, an astronomical amount for a 32-year-old edge rusher.

Given that the two final years of Smith's three-year contract would be too much for the Vikings to pay, the Vikings created an easy way out of Smith's contract after the 2022 season with low dead cap numbers. To clarify, dead cap is salary cap space that is taken up by a player no longer on a team. This usually stems from guaranteed money paid to a player who has been released or traded. If the Vikings cut Smith after the 2022 season, they would only have a dead cap of \$3,333,334 on their salary cap. If they cut him after the 2023 season, they would only have a dead cap of \$1,666,668 on their salary cap. Both these dead cap amounts would be very manageable for the Vikings team.

Thus, looking at all the details of the Za'Darius Smith signing, I think he only plays one year with the Vikings. Not only does Smith come with injury concern, but he is also on the wrong side of the 30. Could Smith perform extremely well alongside Hunter, and force the Vikings to keep him? Sure. However, I don't think the Vikings would play out Smith's contract as the money just gets too steep. Therefore, all I can say is enjoy this year with Za'Darius Smith as it likely will be his only season with the Vikings.

Looking Ahead



The Vikings will begin their offseason workout programs on April 4. It will be the first time that Vikings' head coach, Kevin O'Connell, will be able to get his hands on the Vikings players. It will be interesting to see if O'Connell's coaching philosophy when it comes to practice is vastly different than former Vikings' head coach, Mike Zimmer.

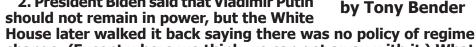
# That's Life by Tony Bender

#### Spring quiz

Hello again, friends. Before you start putting away your snow shovels and go galavanting off to the beach, it's time to take stock of recent and current events. Stop groaning. I just don't want you going out there unprepared and underinformed like some kind of voter. However, should you choose to do so, there's probably an opening at Fox News.

- 1. The hills are alive with the sound of:
- a. It depends. Is this a Wes Craven picture?
- b. Music
- c. Artillery

d. The strangled cries of Lawyers in Love 2. President Biden said that Vladimir Putin



change. (Except where we think we can get away with it.) What would the White House like to see changed?

a. A lightbulb. A bipartisan committee will look into it.

- b. Biden's shorts
- c. That stupid extra innings rule

d. An Oval Office with right angles to keep the president from going in circles

#### 3. There's a plan to sequester CO2 underground in North Dakota because:

- a. Landowner demand for carbonated wells
- b. Landfills are a growth industry.
- c. Big Energy hasn't done nearly enough damage.
- d. We were almost out of bad ideas.

4. Virginia Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, sent Trump's Chief of Staff Mark Meadows 29 messages...

- a. Urging him to overturn the election results
- b. Professing her red hot monkey love
- c. Containing twerking videos
- d. Pretending to be a Nigerian prince

#### 5. Billings, Montana airport personnel's response to Ted Cruz's tantrum, "Do you know who I am?!"

- a. Yes, but we're willing to help you, anyway.
- b. Aidy Bryant?
- c. Sorry, the beard had everyone fooled.
- d. No, but we recognize your sheep.

#### 6. There have been reports of a distilled water shortage in North Dakota because:

- a. It was a slow news day.
- b. Diverted to Williston for fracking
- c. Biden rejected new permits on public land
- d. Is this even America anymore?
- 7. Ketanji Brown Jackson made the news last week for:
- a. Scoring 60 against the Celtics

b. Refusing to say whether or not she likes beer during Supreme Court conformation hearings

- c. Freeing all the pedophiles and releasing the Kraken
- d. Bringing the Republic to its knees

#### 8. The Cleveland Browns signed quarterback Deshaun Watson because:

a. Mistook the number of sexual assault cases against him for touchdown passes

- b. Well, you forgot about Ben Rothlisberger's assaults, didn't you?
- c. Everyone deserves a 22nd chance
- d. To upgrade the character in the quarterback room
- 9. According to today's horoscope, if you are an Aries you:
- a. Are 100% a serial killer.
- b. Drive 55 in the passing lane.
- c. Double dip your chips
- d. Shot a man in Reno just to watch him die



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10. Gas prices are so gosh-darn high because:



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a. It's a complex global market with many producers, refiners, and suppliers. b. It's a fluster cuck. c. Biden's fault.

d. The important thing is windmills are killing all the birds.

#### Bonus: According to a new study, a fourth vaccine...

a. Reduces COVID deaths by 78% b. Has a better tracking device c. Turns you into Spiderman d. Makes you swim faster

Answers: 1. C; 2. D; 3. A. 4. D; 5. D; 6. C; 7. B; 8. A; 9. A; 10. D; Bonus: D. Grading: 11-9 correct: We're on the same wavelength. You should get that checked. 6-8 correct: Another disappointing playoff performance. 3-5 correct: If this were baseball, those would be Hall of Fame numbers. 0-2 correct: Well, the lobotomy took.

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# Fliehs Earns Top State Honors in National Corn Yield Contest

ST. LOUIS (March 23, 2022) – A commitment to continuous improvement in environmental and economic sustainability. A contribution to the body of agronomic research that pushes the needle forward on efficiency. An innate call to be one's personal best.

These are the hallmarks of the American farmer. It is this steadfast spirit that the National Corn Growers Association tips its hat to every year as we salute farmers from across the country for their efforts and exceptional results in the National Corn Yield Contest. Through their efforts, NCGA members contributed valuable data that will help all growers overcome incredible obstacles as they continue to drive efficient and sustainable agricultural production. We are proud of the dedicated families and individuals who make up our rural communities and we earnestly salute this year's winners.

Jeffery Fliehs of Groton, SD, placed Third in the state A:Conventional Non-Irrigated Class with a yield of 262.2127 bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was Hefty Seed H4933. The winning field was located in SD.

Jeffery Fliehs was one of 530 state winners nationwide. The 2021 contest participation





# Vendor Fair Held Saturday

The Vendor Fair was held Saturday at the Groton Community Center. A good crowd came and went throughout the day and there were a lot of vendors on hand. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

included 7,213 entries from 47 states. Of the state winners, 27 growers – three from each of nine classes – were named national winners, representing 14 states.

The average yield among national winners was more than 376.7593 bushels per acre – more than double the projected 2021 U.S. average of 177 bushels per acre. While there is no overall contest winner, yields from first, second and third place farmers' overall production categories topped out at 269.4164 bushels per acre.

"The National Corn Yield Contest provides a special two-fold opportunity — contribute to the knowledge that will help corn farmers thrive in the future while enjoying good-natured competition and comradery with their peers today," said Lowell Neitzel, chair of NCGA's Member and Consumer Engagement Action Team. "At its core, NCGA shapes dynamic, change-driven farmers, from the grassroots activists speaking up on policy issues to the dedicated farmer leaders who lead our organization."

"As farmers, we always strive to do more with less. We innovate using data, technology, and hard-won expertise. We work tirelessly to leave our farms better for the next generation, with gratitude to those who cared for it before us. Challenge yourself to be a part of building our tomorrow! I invite new and old faces alike to enter the contest in 2022. I urge you to learn how to start making that positive change today by going to ncga.com."



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• Average planting population for the national winners was 38,111 seeds per acre, compared to 34,751 for all entrants.

• National winners applied an average of 276.1851 pounds of nitrogen, 82.5925 pounds of phosphorus and 134.0740 pounds of potassium per acre.

• Average commercial nitrogen use per bushel of yield was 0.88 pounds for the national winners and 0.89 pounds for all entrants.

• 40 percent of the national winners applied trace minerals, compared to 41 percent of all entrants.

• 45 percent of national winners applied manure, compared to 18.35 percent of all entrants.

The National Corn Yield Contest began in 1965 with 20 entries from 3 states. At that time, the highest overall yield was 218.9 bushels per acre, while the national yield average was in the mid-60 bushel-per-acre range.

All 2021 contest winners were invited to attend the 2022 Commodity Classic held March 10-12, 2022, in New Orleans, LA. For a complete list of winners and for more information about NCYC, visit the NCGA website at www.ncga.com.



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The boys basketball awards banquet was held Sunday evening at the Olive Grove Golf Course. The varsity players receiving awards are Wyatt Hearnen, Best Effort Award and Most Improved Award; Jacob Zak, Defensive Player of the Year; Cade Larson, Best Attitude Award; Lane Tietz, Best Effort, Offensive Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player; Ryder Johnson, Andrew Periboom Award: (Scout Player of the Year); and Kaden Kurtz, Best Teammate and Most Valuable Player of the Year. Tietz was also named to the NEC All-Conference first team and was the second highest vote getter. Kaden Kurtz was named to the second team of the All-Conference Team. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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The C team awards were presented which finished 3-3 on the season. Coach Brian Dolan said they may be a switch in the conference to have more double header games which may mean that the C team may have to have its own schedule. Those winning awards were Gage Sippel, Defensive Player Award; Keagan Tracy, Best Effort; Ryder Johnson, Offensive Player of the Year; and Blake Pauli, Best Attitude and Best Teammate; not pictured is Carter Simon, Teammate of the Year. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

### What Do You Think About? **By Bryan Golden**

"Change your thoughts and you change your world." -- Nor- MVP awards. The awards man Vincent Peale

Your mind is constantly filled with thoughts. Are you aware of what you are thinking about? Are your thoughts random or are they directed by you? Do you think about what you can do or what you can't do? Are your thoughts positive or negative?

The only thing you have total control over is what you think about. Successful people think about their goals and how to accomplish them. When faced with problems, they think about solutions. Their minds are constantly thinking about where they are going and how to get there.

Your mind works 24 hours a day processing your thoughts. Although your mind doesn't care whether your thoughts are positive or negative, the resulting impact on your life is striking. Your mind is a magnet that attracts whatever you think about. Positive thoughts attract positive situations and people, while negative thoughts attract just the opposite.

Your thoughts may be much more negative than you realize. You are influenced by your past experiences as well as by the people around you. It's common to accept negative thinking as normal. Over the years, your thoughts may have become more negative than you realize. You accept your progressively negative thoughts as ordinary because this process happens so gradually.

Although your mood is directly affected by what you think about, you are rarely taught to direct, monitor, and be aware of your thoughts. Instead, you see all the wrong examples of people around you thinking negatively.

A change in thinking always precedes a change in results. In order to make any changes in your life, you must first alter what you think about. Before you can change your thoughts, you must first be aware of what they are. Start making a conscious effort to monitor what you are thinking about. You want to es-tablish a link between your thoughts and your mood. What are you thinking about when you feel good? What are you thinking about when you feel down? Next, decide how you would like to feel and what goals you would like to attain. What do you need to think about in order to accomplish this? Now you are in a position to change your l thoughts as needed. Your thought patterns are well engrained. Persistent effort is required to change them. Don't worry if at times you revert to your old negative ways of thinking. When you catch yourself regressing, immediately adjust your thoughts to get you back on track. This system isn't magic. It's proven and time tested to work. Unfortunately, you won't be able to readily get support because not enough people understand this process and how it works. However, you may receive a fair amount of criticism from those you share this with. People become comfortable with their negative thinking and don't believe there is any rea-son to change. Furthermore, they don't recognize any cause and effect relationship between their thoughts and what is happening in their lives. It's difficult, if not impossible to convince these people otherwise. You don't have to prove anything to anyone. All you need to do is apply this concept to your life and you will see results. Don't get frustrated. Changing any habit takes time and effort. You control your life through your thoughts. Get started today thinking about what you want to achieve rather than reasons you can't do it. Your mind works on whatever you think about. Be vigilant to ensure your thoughts are positive. Keep at it in order to reach any destination you desire. Bryan is the author of "Dare to Live Without Limits." Contact Bryan at Bryan@columnist.com or visit www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits. com Copyright 2022 Bryan Golden

Cade Larson was named junior varsity Best Attitude and Best Teammate. Not pictured is Cole Simon who won Best Effort, Offensive MVP and Defensive are voted on by the teammates. The JV team finished 13-4 on the season. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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2021-22 Groton Area Girls Basketball Team: (front row) Emily Clark, Kennedy Hansen, Alyssa Thaler, Allyssa Locke, Laila Roberts, Brooklyn Hansen, (middle row) Cali Tollifson, Kayla Lehr, Elizabeth Fliehs, Jerica Locke, Brooke Gengerke, Talli Wright, Coach Matt Locke, (back row) Coaches Joie Berg and Becky Erickson, Rylee Dunker, Ashley Johnson, Faith Traphagen, Gracie Traphagen, Sydney Leicht, Aspen Johnson, Hollie Frost, Jaedyn Penning, Coach Trent Traphagen. Not pictured: Mia Crank and Emma Kutter. (Photo by Deb Gengerke)



2021-22 Girls Basketball Letter winners: (front row) Elizabeth Fliehs, Laila Roberts, Alyssa Thaler, Allyssa Locke, Jerica Locke, (back row) Kennedy Hansen, Jaedyn Penning, Faith Traphagen, Aspen Johnson, Gracie Traphagen, Sydney Leight, Brooklyn Hansen, Brooke Gengerke. (Photo by Deb Gengerke)



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The Girls Basketball Banquet was held Friday evening at the Olive Grove Golf Course. Individual award winners are: (front row) Jerica Locke, Defensive MVP; Sydney Leight, Coaches' Award; Aspen Johnson, Coaches' Award; Gracie Traphagen, NEC Second Team All-Conference and Offensive MVP; (back row) Brooke Gengerke, Hustle and Heart; Allyssa Locke, Academic All-State, Tiger Award, and B103 Senior Game; Alyssa Thaler, Academic All-State and B103 Senior Game. (Photo by Deb Gengerke)



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#### **Brown County** March 22, 2022 **Meeting Minutes** MARCH 22, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 213 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to adopt Ordinance 213. Applicant Neil Bellikka requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC): Pro-posed Outlot 1 and Outlot 2, "B and B Outlots" in the NE 1/4 of Section 23-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Gage-aye, Fjeldheimaye. Ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE 214 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance 214. Applicant Roger Spanier requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): "Spanier Outlot A" in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T123N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wieseaye, Gage-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE 215 - FIRST READING:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to pass first reading of proposed ordinance 215. An ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4 Zoning, Chapters 4.01 Definitions, 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P), 4.07 Mini Agriculture District (M-AG), 4.15 Light Industrial District (LI), and 4.16 Heavy Industrial The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PIPELINE - SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS:

Jay Volk with Summit Carbon Solutions met with the board of County Commissioners to introduce the project. No action taken.

LEGISLATIVE RECAP:

Julie Johnson, Brown County Lobbyist, met with the Brown County Commissioners to provide a recap of the 2022 legislative session and gave an update on legislation affecting correctional facility capital improvement projects. No action taken. LANDFILL SPRING CLEAN-UP

- WAIVE FEES:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve waiving fees on all material types from Residential Users only during the Spring Residential Cleanup at the Brown County Landfill, to be held from April 22 - May 7th, 2022. No large demo projects

(houses, tree belts, etc.) will be allowed for free. No free waste

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following application for occupancy of Brown County Highway Right of Way to replace poles. Application is made by Mike Baumgarn for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 10, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the general meeting minutes of March 15, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims:

Insurance: SD PUBLIC AS-SURANCE ALLIANCE \$144.88. Professional Fees: Aberdeen ED \$590.07; Acute Care Ab-erdeen \$176.95; AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$723.95; CGI \$70.00; GBR INTERPRETING & TRANS-LATION SERVICES \$300.00; Heather Molan \$200.00; HMN Architects, Inc. \$5,022.93; IMEG Corp \$1,700.00; JODI K. HOFFMANN \$1,267.70; KRISTI SPITZER \$1,200.00; MICHELLE GAIKOWSKI \$15.20; Radiol-ogy - North Center \$606.00; Ross K. Den Herder \$174.60; SANFORD CLINIC ABERDEEN \$347.14; SANFORD HEALTH \$53.95; SANFORD HEALTH OC-CUPATIONAL MEDICINE AB-ERDEEN \$226.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$930.12; GRO-TON INDEPENDENT \$878.93 Repairs & Maintenance: B & B CONTRACTING INC \$28,697.76; HOUSE OF GLASS \$298.20; KIRBY KIESZ \$102.00; LIEN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY \$210.00; PRO WINDMILL INC. \$595.00; SEWER DUCK INC \$1,000.00; STEVEN LUST AU-TOMOTIVE \$15.16; TRAIL KING Industries, Inc. \$30,369.00; WOODMAN REFRIGERATION, INC \$120.41. Supplies: AD-VANCE AUTO PARTS \$543.02; APH STORES, INC \$28.96; ARA-MARK UNIFORM & CAREER APPAREL GROUP, INC \$123.29; BEHNKE PIT \$13,658.28; COLÉ MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP-MENT INC \$254.15; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$63.11; FADIA CHAMPLAIN \$6.25; GOVCON-NECTION INC \$2,497.41; KIRBY KIESZ \$157.00; LABSOURCE INC. \$959.64; LEIDHOLDT TOOL SALES, LLC \$13.93; MARCO INC \$18.15; MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC \$78.08; MB LLC \$72.18; MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGI-CAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS \$26.22; MENARDS \$226.69; NORTHERN VALLEY COMMU-NICATION \$26.76; SANDERS'S SEW-N-VAC, INC \$164.95; TRAIL KING Industries, Inc. \$20,981.57; WEST PUBLISH-ING CORP. \$1,785.86. Travel & Conference: SD ASSOC. OF COUNTY OFFICIALS \$185.00; SD ASSOC OF COUNTY COM-MISSIONERS \$30.00. Utilities: CITY OF ABERDEEN \$306.30; DEPENDABLE SANITATION INC \$348.00; MIDCONTINENT COM-MUNICATIONS \$85.39; NORTH-ERN VALLEY COMMUNICATION \$5,210.68; NORTHWESTERN **ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS** \$4 246 68 OWEST CORPORA-TION \$1,496.08. Others: Michael Klarenbéek \$9,200.00. All members present voting aye. Motion

HR REPORT:

carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Human Resource Report: Acknowledge resignation of

March 25, 2022 and approve request to fill vacancy. Acknowledge reclassification

ese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese - aye, Gage - aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted. RFSOLUTION #15-22 A MITCHELL ADDITION

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing a Mitchell Addition in the SE1/4 of Section 7, Township 121 North, Range 65 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined is hereby ap-proved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert ave, Sutton - ave, Wiese - ave, Gage – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

ZONING ORDINANCES - SET HEARING/AUTHORIZE ADVER-TISING:

Moved by Gage, seconded by Wiese to set hearing and authorize advertising for first reading of the following zoning ordinance to be held April 12 2022 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:45 a.m: Proposed Ordinance 216, Applicant Troy Schaffer requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): Lot 3, "Feickert's Second Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 20-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following abatement: Northern State University (Remove solid waste and sales tax on bare lot) \$172.43. All members present voting age. Motion carried. SHERIFF REPORTS:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following February 2022 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Feickert, second-

ed by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:05a.m. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown Countv Auditor

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## **Brown County** Surplus

# Property NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROP-

ERTY SALE Notice is hereby given for surplus auction. Auction to consist of the following Brown County Highway department surplus: New Holland LW-190 Wheel Loader - 2001 - Serial Number ZEFOLW19000730109, 2006 Trail King Utility Trailer Model TKT12U - Vin Number 1TKU020266M015188, 2009 Tilt Trailer 20FT - Vin Number 4UGFH20269D017153, 2008 Chevrolet Pickup - CK20743 - Vin Number 1GCHK23K28F212929, Barry Braaten, Brown Coun-ty Landfill, full-time; effective 1990 Chevrolet Pickup - CK309 3500 - Vin Number 1GCH-K34N7LE126545, JD 6400 Mow-er Tractor - 1997 - Serial Number L0640000V191892 with Tiger Offset Mower 780 & Tiger Side Mount Mower - Serial Number 89115, JD 6400 Mower Trac-tor - 1997 - Serial Number L06400V191911, Alamo Eagle Batwing Mower 15 Foot - 2007 -Serial Number 10294, Cub Cadet 2552 Riding Lawn Mower - Serial Number 1B185G10144, 4 inch water pump model 8A2-B. Live auction to be conducted online at jarkworlie.com Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 10a.m. This is a Live Virtual Online Sale only. Items will be offered / auctioned in catalog order. Go to www. jarkworlie.com and go to April Live Virtual Consignment Sale. Click on the "CLICK HERE FOR CATALOG" icon to go into sale, register and bid. Please register at least 24 hours prior to bidding. Pre-bidding will be offered on all items prior to start of auction. For more information call Jark/ Worlie Auction Service at (605) 225-1828 or the Brown County Highway Department at (605)

# **Brown County** Schaffer

**Rezoning Hearing** NOTICE Application has been made

by Troy Schaffer to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 12 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 3, "Feickert's Second Sub-division" in the SE1/4 of Section 20-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (12769 384th Ave)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 216.

ATTEST (0330.0406)

Cathy McNickle, Brown County

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#### **Brown County Chemical Dealers Bid Notice**

NOTICE TO CHEMICAL DEAL-ERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, Brown County Courthouse Annex at Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until 8:45 A.M. on April 05, 2022, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing of chemical for the Brown County Weed and Pest Board for 2022. Proposal Guaranty: No deposit

or bond will be required at time of bid opening. Contract: 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 in accordance with the bid as accepted. Successful bidder shall furnish proper certificates of insurance as required by Brown County. Contract for the chemicals shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of eight months from April 1 to November 30, 2022.

Sealed envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota and be marked "Chemical Bid for Brown County Weed and Pest Board" and to be opened at 8:45

A.M. on April 05, 2022. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Specifications are on file and may be obtained at no charge at the office of the Brown County Auditor and the Brown County Weed and Pest Office ATTEST: Cathy McNickle,

Brown County Auditor (0323.0330)

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they may find necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means as provided by law.

Plants and animals designated as being noxious weeds and declared pests in the state of South Dakota are Leafy Spurge, Salt Cedar, Perennial Sow Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Hoary Cress, Canada Thistle, Purple Loose-strife, Absinth Wormwood, and Gypsy Moth.

In addition, Musk and Plumeless Thistle, Yellow Toadflax, and Bull Thistle have been approved by the South Dakota Weed and Pest Control Commission and are subject to the same suppression, control and eradication require ments as the before mentioned plants and animals.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that upon establishing probable cause to believe a noxious weed or declared pest infestation exists upon any property in Brown County a representative of the Brown County Weed and Pest Board will enter upon said property for the purpose of inspecting and confirming that such infestation actually exists. Cathy McNickle, Brown County

Auditor (0323.0330)

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#### **Brown County Classification & Total** Compensation Study Public Notice of Request for

Proposal for Classification and Total Compensation Study

Notice is hereby given; Brown County invites written proposals from qualified consultants to perform a Classification and Total Compensation Study. Proposals will be received in the Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Mar ket St., Aberdeen, SD 57401, until 8:45 am on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Proposals should be clearly marked "Classification and Total Compensation Study The proposal shall be signed by an authorized consultant or representative and made in accordance with the Request for Proposal.

A complete Request for Proosal may be obtained online at http://www.brown.sd.us/ or the Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market St., Aberdeen, SD 57401. The proposal opening will be held at the Brown County Commission Meeting on Tuesday April 12, 2022, at roughly 8:45 a.m.

Brown County does not discriminate against a bidder or consultant based on age, disability, national origin, race/color, religion, sex, or any other basis prohibited by state or federal aw relating to discrimination in employment. Cathy McNickle, Brown County

Auditor

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#### **Henry Township OPT OUT NOTICE**

ATTENTION TAXPAYERS: NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The Governing Board of Henry Township do to state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax

### **Groton City** Notice of Mayor Election NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELEC-

TION MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON A Municipal Election will be held on April 12, 2022 in Groton, South Dakota. If the polls can not be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

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

At the election, the following questions will be voted upon or offices will be filled:

Mayor 3-year term Aaron Michael Grant or Scott Hanlon

The polling place in each precinct of this municipality is as follows:

City of Groton voters may vote at the Groton Community Center, 109 N 3rd Street, Groton, SD 57445. In-person absentee voting is available at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD 57445. Voters may vote during business hours in-person until 5:00 p.m.

on the day before the election. Any voter who needs assis tance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the Municipal Finance Officer at 605-397-8422 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities

Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer (0330.0406)

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#### **Groton City** March 21, 2022

#### Equalization

MINUTES FOR THE CITY OF GROTON LOCAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The City of Groton Local Board of Equalization met on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00pm at 120 N Main Street. Board members present were Mayor Scott Hanlon, Council members: David Blackmun, Shirley Wells, Jon Cutler, Karyn Babcock, Brian Bahr, and Kristie Fliehs. Also present was Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer.

The Local Board of Equalization received one written notice of appeal in objection to property assessments presented by Wanda Hamilton, in reference to property owned by Douglas and Wanda Hamilton. Hamilton objected based upon the fact that the lot in question, LT 1 BK 27 1ST ADD, is an empty lot lo-cated within the flood plain, and doubled in value from the year prior. The Local Board of Equalization made a recommendation to the Brown County Board of Equalization for a change in total valuation of the property from \$12,107 to \$6,000.

No other property owners were present on March 21st to object to assessments. The Local Board of Equalization reviewed the property assessment list and recommended that Brown County review the following property valuations: LT 17-18 BK 23 1ST ADD, LT 10-12 BK 32 1ST ADD, and LT 8-12 BK 20 1ST ADD due to seemingly unwarranted increases

The Groton City Local Board of Equalization adjourned at 8:32 PM on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler. All members present voted aye. ATTEST:

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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will be accepted from commercial contractors or businesses (including mobile homes). Limit of four car or pickup tires. In the event circumstances beyond the control of Brown County (flood, tornado, fire, other) would occur during the FREE Cleanup period the Brown County Commission reserves the right to end the free cleanup period at such time. and implement the regular fee structure. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTAINER PURCAHSE LANDFILL:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to authorize the purchase of new 50 yard and 20 yard containers for use by the landfill. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

#### LANDFILL SCALE:

Mike Scott, Landfill Manager met to discuss the purchase of a new scale. The current scale is accurate and operational, but at the end of its life and showing deterioration in the concrete and steel structure. No action taken. APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY:

of Jennifer Stoddard from Brown County Chief Deputy State's Attorney to Brown County State's Attorney; effective March 17, 2022. No change in compensation.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES:

Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Gage to approve the following lease agreement: Mosbrucker Rodeo for lease of Expo Building and Expo Addition (if available) April 1st and 2nd, 2022. All members present voting age. Motion carried.

PLATS:

#### **RESOLUTION #14-22 JEFF** HOWARD FIRST ADDITION

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Jeff Howard First Addition in the SW1/4 of Section 32 T124N - R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wi-

626-7118.

ATTEST

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

#### (0330.0406)

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#### **Brown County Noxious Weeds Declared Pests**

NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY O CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DECLARED PESTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 23rd day of March, 2022 pur-suant to SDCL 38-22 as amended to all owners, occupants, agents and public officials in charge of lands in Brown County, South Dakota, that they are responsible for the suppression, control, and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations that

my exist on such lands. Chemical, biological and/or cultural control methods used for the suppression, control and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations shall be those approved for such purposes by the Brown County Weed and Pest Supervisor, Regional Extension Educator or the

South Dakota Department of Ag. Upon failure to observe this notice, the county Weed and Pest Board is required to proceed pursuant to the law and have the noxious weeds or declared pests destroyed by such methods as

limitation in the amount \$30,000 starting with the calendar year of 2023 taxes payable in the year 2023. This opt out will be for 10 years, which will be through taxes payable in the year 2033. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least two-thirds vote of the board.

This decision may be deferred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing board within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread and excess levy to raise tax dollars stated amount.

Signed: Cliff Pray Board Chairman, John Zeck Board Member, Mark Abeln Board Member, Matt Oswald Board Member, Darlene Sass Board Member.

(0330.0406)

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# **Brown County** Notice of Consolidated

Equalization NOTICE OF MEETING OF CONSOLIDATED EQUALIZATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commission-ers, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen School Board, sitting as a County Board of Equaliza-tion (SDCL 10-11-66) of Brown County, SD will meet in the Com-missioners' Chambers in said County on TUESDAY, the 12th day of April, 2022, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said County for year 2022. All persons considering them-

selves aggrieved by said assessment are required to submit writ-ten notice to the County Auditor no later than April 5, 2022.

Cathy McNickle, County Audi-tor, Brown County, SD Dated this 30th day of March,

2022

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#### **Groton City** March 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 PM at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Babcock, Cutler, Fliehs, Wells, Blackmun, and Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, Deputy Finance Officer April Abeln, Paul Kosel, Todd Gay, and Logan Manhart.

Public comments were wel-comed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Logan Manhart, candidate for District 1 State House in South Dakota, shared a summarization of who he is and expressed his interest in familiarizing himself with the community that he is striving to represent, which includes Groton, SD.

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

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

Payroll, \$23,849.54, Em-ployee salaries; Administra-tive, \$4,656.59, ; Public Safe-ty, \$7,283.93, ; Public Works, \$11,032.82, ; Culture & Recreation, \$876.20, ; Dacotah Bank, \$5,390.82, SS/Medicare/Withholding; Dacotah Bank, \$408.32, HSA Distributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; NorthWestern Energy, \$13.06, Natural Gas Service; City of Groton, \$100.00, Utility deposit - Cory Lookingbill; Farmers Union Co-op Assoc., \$1,387.20, Diesel Fuel; USPS, \$240.42, Utility Bill Postage; SD Municipal Leage, \$216.00, District 6 An-nual Meeting Registration Fees; SD State Treasurer, \$10,646.91, Sales/Excise Tax - February 2022; Share Corporation, \$267.20, Sweeping Compound Oil - 50lbs; A&B Business Solu-tions, \$325.27, Printer Lease; Heartland Consumers Power District, \$72,786.11, Power Services - February 2022; WAPA, \$22,742.35, Power Services February 2022; Runnings Supply Inc, \$59.99, Air Hose Reel w/ Hose; Web Water, \$13,023.01, Water Services; Michael Todd & Company, Inc., \$81.08, 16" Poly Push Broom, Tapered Handle; Badger Meter, \$26.70, Cellu-lar Service Fee; Greg's Repair, \$202.42, Tire Repair, Transmission Fluid - Groton PD 2017 Ford; Branden Abeln, \$186.20, Med Flex; Heartland Waste , \$8,145.55, Garbage Hauling February 2022; ULINE, \$704.82, Convex Safety Mirror, Two Tier Folding Chair Dolly - 84 capacity; Locke Electric, Inc, \$76.53, 2/0 Crimp, Rubber Tape, Labor - Well House; Douglas Heinrich, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Úsage Reimbursement - February 2022; April Abeln, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - February 2022; Kellie Locke, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - February 2022; Landon Johnson, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - February 2022; Branden Abeln, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement February 2022; Paul Kosel, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - February 2022; Thomas & Sarah Theisen, \$80.04, Utility Deposit Refund; City of Groton, \$219.96, Utility Deposit Refund Applied to Bill - Theisen & Odland; Ken's Food Fair/ Shell Express, \$467.43, Fuel, water, paper products, gar-bage bags, coffee; MJ Sinclair, Inc., \$1,482.29, Fuel purchases; Dollar General, \$148.25, Coffee, markers, batteries, candy, paper/ cleaning products; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$317.09, FB Ad Promotion, postage - dog tag stamps, water contracts, GPD computer backup battery; RDO Equipment Co, \$762.35, Headlight - payloader, cutting edges for grader, bolts; James Valley Telecommunica-tions, \$862.16, Telephone & Internet Services; Todd Gay, Electric Utility Supervisor, explained to the council the need for the authorization to purchase supplies and materials to run electric lines underground to alleviate the possibility of outages when updating takes place on the power lines. Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Wells to authorize the purchase of supplies and materials in the amount of \$30,112.50 from WESCO Distribution. All members voted aye. Todd Gay expressed his want to attend the SDMEA Confer-ence and Technology Expo in Watertown, SD on April 5-6.

Additionally, he explained that Landon Johnson would not need to be in attendance, and that Todd would rather see finances invested on Landon attending training and schooling opportunities. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to authorize Todd Gay to attend the SDMEA Conference and Technology Expo in Watertown, SD. All members voted aye.

Todd Gay exited the meeting. Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Bahr to approve the February finance report. All members voted ave.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Blackmun to enforce Spring garbage routes as of March 21, 2022. All members voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wells to award the pool resurfacing contract to Go Get Fred, Inc. in the amount of \$181,126.30. All members voted

Moved by Blackmun and sec-onded by Cutler to forgive the interest accrued for curb & gutter completed at 608 N 2nd Street in the amount of \$3,939.60, leaving a principal amount of \$7,620.00 to be owed. All members voted

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Wells to authorize the payment of IMEG invoices in the amount of \$39,138.46. All members voted ave.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Éliehs to authorize a Family Pass for the Groton Pool to be used as a donation for the Lynso Keller Benefit Auction on April 30, 2022.

Anita Lowary, Julie Hinds, and Melenie Sombke were appointed as the Election Board for the April 12th Election at a wage of \$150 for the day, per person, on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Cutler. All members voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Babcock to authorize the Allied Health Insurance refund to be processed through payroll and distributed evenly amongst the 11 current employees that were a part of that group. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and sec-onded by Wells to reschedule the Equalization Meeting for March 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to approve the Community Center surplus items (E.g. Five (5) Wood Tables originally made by Fred Blader, Two separate Plastic File Cabinets, Four Drawer Cabinet w/ No Key, 21 Margarita Glasses, 2 Large Platform Stages, and Large 90s-00s Model Big Screen Television) with sealed bids due by 5:00 PM on April 5th, 2022. All members voted aye. Additionally, Karyn Babcock addressed the council as to the progress with the Community Center Food Bank. The shelving units are up and ready to be stocked. Babcock also mentioned the possibility of using the parking lot of the community center in the future for a farmer's market.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to accept the Aeronautics Fund for Airport Improvement in the amount of \$8,841.20. All members voted aye.

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Babcock to accept the Stephanie Miller-Davis Library Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used for the 2022 Summer Reading Program. All members voted ave.

Mayor Hanlon signed the proclamation declaring March 14th – 20th as Groton Tiger

hiring was tabled to the next council meeting. All members voted ave

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Blackmun to deny the request for Groton PD Officers to exceed vacation time cap. All members voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Cutler to authorize the \$3.00 raise continuation for Deputy Finance Officer, with the added requirement of the Finance Office completing weekly department reports. All members voted aye. Moved by Bahr and seconded

by Fliehs to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. All members oted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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#### **Frederick Town** March 9, 2022 **Meeting Minutes** Town of Frederick March 9, 2022 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, March 2022 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:10 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Troy Millard, Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg, and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine. Also attending the meeting was Austin Sumption, and joining for the second half of the meeting was Board member Jeff Kosters.

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

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The March accounts payable was approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,369.12; Badger Meter meter fees Wtr \$122.82; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$93.39; D. Bruns CC \$149.15; D. Bruns wage FO \$1,337.60; Dakota Supply Group supplies Sts \$175.73; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,724; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/ CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr \$898.98; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; FDC Econ Dev \$1,200; Frohling Law Office legal Gen'l \$2,276.25; FU Oil propane EBL \$1,474.49; J. Kosters wage Gen'l \$46.17; JM Electric Inc repairs EBL \$541.57; JVT phone/svc FO/EBL/Wtr/ Gen'l \$344.98; M. Cox wage EBL \$588.13; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.37; Menards supplies Swr \$127.88; R. Bakeberg wage St/Wtr/Swr \$476.41; R. Bakeberg veh. allow. St/Wtr/ Swr \$75; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg \$82.84; SD Dept of Rev labs Wtr \$15; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$3,366.04; USPS stamps Wtr/ Śwr/Grbg \$232 OLD BUSINESS

Rich provided a utility report. New water meters are being installed in residences. One petition was turned in by Jeff Kosters for the board member vacancy. The overdue utility bills will need to be presented to the board on a monthly basis

Brown County Sheriff's Office" stricken from the last line made by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. An application was received for the assistant utility manager position, and the applicant will be contacted for an interview soon. Equalization week is March 21-25 and a meeting will be held Monday, March 21 at 7PM in the Community Center.

Auditor Motion to adjourn made by

Millard/Kosters at 8:25 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine Assistant Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$35.60. 21060

#### **Brown County** Bellikka **Rezoning Notice** ORDINANCE #213

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-

ES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-

SCRIBED PROPERTY BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Neil Bellikka is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC):

Proposed Outlot 1 and Outlot "B and B Outlots" in the NE 1/4 of Section 23-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (39265 & 39285 133rd St)

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

Notice of Hearing: March 2 and 9th, 2022

Passed First Reading: March 15th, 2022

Passed Second Reading: March 22nd, 2022

Adopted: March 22nd, 2022 Published: March 30th, 2022 Effective Date: April 19, 2022 Duane Sutton - Chair,

Brown County Commission ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County

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#### **Brown County Spanier Rezoning Notice**

ORDINANCE #214 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

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

TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-SCRIBED PROPERTY

ty Ordinances, as amended, to

rezone the following described

property filed by Roger Spanier

is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota,

that the Petition to Amend Title Second Revision Brown Coun-

ATTEST:

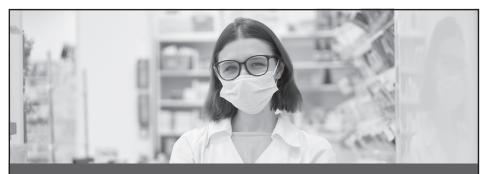
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Dusty Décor 57 & Farmers Daughter Boutique - 40336 161st St. Breakfast & lunch served by The Branch Eatery						
Raymond Prairie Secrets - 17013 414th Ave.	<b>Chelsea</b> J <u>B's Country Store</u> - 36836 155th St.					
<b>Tulare</b> <u>Prairie Pickers</u> - 37485 183rd St. Lunch served by Sandy's Red Truck Diner	<u>Kellie Bisbee</u> - 36548 155th St.					



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Ordinances is hereby amended

to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

"Spanier Outlot A" in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T123N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (41125

134th st) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this

Ordinance. Notice of Hearing: March 2

and 9th, 2022 Passed First Reading: March

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Cathy McNickle, Brown County

Week to honor the Groton Area Boy's Basketball Team earning an invitation to the State A Boy's Basketball Tournament. Congratulations Tigers! Reminder – SDML District 6

Annual Meeting - March 23, 2022

Logan Manhart and Paul Kosel exited the meeting.

Moved by Blackmun and sec-onded by Fliehs to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:09 PM. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:17 PM. Moved by Blackmun and sec-onded by Wells to hire the following seasonal employees: Brian Gravatt - Cemetery Maintenance; Aaron Severson Public Works; Kami Lipp, Karla Pasteur, and Tricia Keith
Swimming Pool Co-Managers; Lifeguards: Gretchen Dinger, Cadence Feist, Elizabeth Fliehs, Madeline Fliehs, Carly Guthmiller, Kelli Hanson, Aspen Johnson, Trista Keith, Emma Kutter, Jacob Lewandowski, Tanae Lipp, Al-lyssa Locke, Lydia Meier, Emma Schinkel, Cody Swanson, Lane Tietz, Marlee Tollifson, Faith Traphagen, Gracie Traphagen, and Grace Wambach. Baseball

in order to give prompt notices and turn off water now that all have an accessible shut off valve. JM Electric has offered to sell an old utility vehicle used for their business to the city. They of-fered to sell it at \$8,500 with the value shown on multiple vehicle valuation websites as being between \$11,900-\$18,700. Motion to purchase the 2009 Ford F250 for a city utility vehicle from JM Electric made by Kosters/Campbell; motion carried with Millard abstaining. NEW BUSINESS

The Surface Water Discharge Compliance Inspection was accepted with a motion by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Austin Sumption attended to ask the city to act as a passthrough agent for a grant that was awarded to the Frederick Athletic Association. The North Brown Community Foundation awarded a grant to the Frederick Athletic Association to improve the baseball field by redoing the plates, especially the pitcher's mound and home plate. Motion to act as a passthrough agent made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #222 with the phrase "by the

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#### **Frederick School** March 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes UNOFFICIAL BOARD PRO-CEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

MARCH 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order on March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Alex Hart, Jon Ellwein and Eric Sumption. 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. Mrs. Crystal Arthurs addressed the school board with concerns regarding preschool scheduling, and Mr. Brock Pashen addressed the school board with concerns regarding the current Strength and Conditioning program.

Action 22-073 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as amended: add Offer Coaching Contract as #11, move all other agenda items down one number. All aye, carried.

A discussion took place regarding the current preschool program, which is privately owned by Mrs. Ellen Schlosser and operates from a classroom in the school. The board listened to concerns from attendees in attendance, as well as engaged Mrs. Schlosser in the discussion.

Action 22-074 Motion by Sumption, Jon Ellwein called for a second – second by Achen that a licensed private preschool for full days within the district school building, or the district will oper-ate a full day preschool program. Jon Ellwein requested vote. Aye by Sumption, Ellwein and Achen; nay by Hart; Schlosser abstain. Carried.

Action 22-075 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve

consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held February 9, 2022; February 2022 financial report, district bills and February 2022 payroll. All aye, carried.

Claims approved: February 2022 Payroll – General Fund salaries 88,871.74; Special Education salaries 15,879.17; Food Service salaries 3,266.70. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 29,449.42; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,229.69; American Funds, re-tirement 1,466.70; Delta Den-tal, insurance 1,922.28; The Standard, life insurance 297.81; Security Benefits, retirement 1,238.48; Optilegra, vision insurance 428.36; Wellmark, health insurance 18,015.00; SD Retirement 15,945.38; SD Retirement Supplemental, 4,493.48. General Fund: Agtegra Bath Fertilizer, fuel 4,471.69; Allevity Entertainment, post prom 1.030.00: Amazon Capital Services, supplies 234.35; Anderson's, supplies 676.48; Avera St Luke's, athletic trainers 4,851.15; Bunke, Luke, basketball official 565.00; Cash-Wa Distributing Co of Fargo, LLC, FFVP/concessions supplies 804.55; Cash-WaDirect, FFVP 65.35; Centricity, FCCLA supplies 381.00; Clark, Winston, basketball official 105.00; Coffee Cup, fuel 125.00; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 1,905.39; Cory Greewood Speaks, student assembly ,700.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment Inc, repairs 8.89; Custodial Account-FASD, Imprest reimbursement 4,236.75; Duenwald Transportation LLC, music trip bus 2,257.00; First National Bank, FCCLA/music trip meals 3,870.00; Foreman Sales & Service Inc, repairs 3,162.24; Gardner Locksmithing, repairs 130.00: Generation Genius, online subscription 60.00; Goehring, Troy, basketball official 50.00; Green Iron Equipment, repairs 4.05; Hoffman, Andrew, basketball official 440.00; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 105.72; JM Electric Inc, repairs 938.74; Johnson Controls Inc, service agreement 12,436.35; Jostens Inc, supplies/

yearbook 1,456.01; JW Pepper & Son Inc, music 55.99; Ken's Super Fair Foods, concession supplies 10.63; Kessler's, supplies 80.72; Kountry Kakes, concessions supplies 54.07; Kristi's Cakes, concessions supplies 91.44; Main Street Station, repairs 285.00; Menards, supplies 47.11; Merchant Services. online lunch payment fees 45.19: Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 784.79; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electric 4,540.24; Mosyle Corporation, monitoring subscription 11.00; Napa Central, repairs 296.31; National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Assocition, coaching membership 135.20; North Central Special Education Cooperative, teacher inservice/cost share 5,948.12; O'Reilly Auto Parts, repairs 10.98; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 257.45; Pomp's Tire Service Inc, repairs 873.10; Region Music Contest, entry fees 70.00; Running Supply Inc, repairs 53.77; Scholastic Testing Service, Inc, supplies 261.83; SD FCCLA, State Leadership Conference registration 905.00; SDASBO, conference registration 75.00; SDHSCA, coaching membership 52.00; SDIAAA, coaching membership 52.00; South Dakota Medicaid, administration fee 52.22; Steinwandt, Joshua, basketball official 105.00; Sumption, Austin, basketball official 665.00; Titans Cross Country, concessions workers 250.00; Town of Frederick, utilities 617.92; United States Postal Service, postage 4.91; WalMart, supplies 383.00; Z's Fresh Market, supplies 87.17 Total \$63,232.87. Imprest checks: Allevity Entertainment, post prom deposit 1,030.00; Brown County Sheriff, finger-printing 20.00; Cantalope, Bill, BBB ref 120.00; Division of Criminal Investigation, background check 43.25; Gottlob, Shayne, BBB ref 120.00; Kurth, Travis, BBB ref+mileage 158.64; Washington Pavillion Management. Inc, music trip activity 2,744.86 Total \$4,236.75. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print contract 693.96; CommTech Inc, continuum soft-

ware 149.99; DRN, internal hard drive 874.00; Graves IT Solutions, backup server 3,771.00; Johnson Controls Inc., HVAC controls update 14,217.30 Total \$19,706.25. Special Education Fund: Avera St Luke's, therapy services 2,723.40; Geffre, Wendy, mileage reimbursement 109.20; North Central Special Education Cooperative, cost share 8,774.71; United States Postal Service, postage 19.67; WalMart, preschool screening supplies 49.51 Total \$11,676.49. Food Service Fund: Cash-Wa-Direct, food 120.73; Cash-Wa Distributing Co of Fargo, LLC, food/supplies 7,091.37; Child & Adult Nutrition, food 136.88; Community Store, food 35.49; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 54.90 Total \$7,439.37. Custodial Fund: Aberdeen, Awards, LRC CC awards 526.00 Total \$526.00. Mr. Kosters and Mrs. Ringgen-

berg presented reports. Action 22-076 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to open negotiations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. All aye, carried.

Action 22-077 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve Open Enrollment applications #SY2223-1, #SY2223-#SY2223-3, #SY2223-4, #SY2223-5, and #SY2223-6. All aye, carried Action 22-078 Motion by

Achen, second by Ellwein to approve coaching contract for Megan Russo, 2022 Assistant Track Coach at \$3,100.00. All aye, carried.

Action 22-079 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to offer contract to Leesa Ware for Head Volleyball Coach. All aye, carried.

Action 22-080 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to designate Gerry Kaufman as the District Title IX Investigator through June 30, 2022. All aye, carried.

Action 22-081 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the refinishing of the avmnasium floor and replacing flooring in gymnasium hallways/ lunchroom restrooms; approved to issue check to order flooring materials. All aye, carried.

Motion by Sumption, no sec-

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ond to order desks for Superintendent and Business Manager offices. No action taken.

Action 22-082 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to adopt the supplemental budget for 2021-2022

GENERAL FUND:

\$846, Reading intervention training, 10-1111-921-334; \$276, electric pencil sharpeners, 10-2410-921-479; \$500, Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program, 10-2569-914-411; \$7,075, Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program, 10-2569-914-461; \$1,000, Substitute teacher salaries, 10-1121-000-120; \$77, Social Security taxes, 10-1121-000-210; \$2,670, Substitute teacher salaries, 10-1131-000-120; \$204, Social Security taxes, 10-1131-000-210; \$4,696, Health insurance, 10-2227-000-230; \$19,000, Gym floor refinish, 10-2549-000-323; \$295, Bus Office supplies 10-2529-000-479; \$805, DOT physicals, , 10-2559-000-319; \$13,000, fuel for vehicles, 10-2559-000-413; \$809, football field lining kit/stencil, 10-6100-000-479; \$1,967, Pixellot camera system , 10-6900-000-319; \$4,851, Athletic Trainers , 10-6900-010-319; \$700, Fitness Center repairs, 10-6900-309-323; \$565, Cross Country banners/track awards, 10-6900-000-411; \$285, Yearbook charges, 10-6900-303-411; \$4,450, Strength & Conditioning salary 10-6900-000-111; \$340, Social Security , 10-6900-000-210; \$297, copier paper, , 10-1111-000-411; \$297, copier paper, , 10-1121-000-411; \$297, copier paper, , 10-1131-000-411; \$297, copier paper, , 10-2321-000-411; \$297, copier paper, , 10-2410-000-411; \$297, copier paper, , 10-2529-000-411; \$66,193, GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

\$7,575, Fresh Fruits & Vegetables grant, 10-4151-914; \$11,598, ESSER II grant, 10-4190-921; \$2,057, ESSER III grant, 10-4191-922; \$44,963, cash on hand; \$66,193, GEN-ERAL FUND MEANS OF FINANCE CAPITAL OUTLAY:

\$6,063, student desks/art room tables/stools, 21-1111-921-549; \$2,022, art room tables/stools, 21-1121-921-549; \$2,022, art room tables/stools, 21-1131-921-549; \$96,941, HVAC system upgrade, 21-2535-922-520; \$90,350, 71passenger bus, 21-2559-922-549; \$2,070, Learning A-Z licensing fee, 21-1111-923-473; \$19,000, football field upgrades, 21-6100-000-549; \$750, lounge refrigerator, 21-2549-000-549; \$3,771, server (replacement), 21-2227-000-541; \$5,213, gym halls/ lunchroom bathroom flooring .. 21-2542-000-549; \$271, band uniform pants (additional sizes) 21-1131-000-549; \$4,042, staff laptops, , 21-2227-000-541; \$10,335, football field upgrades, 21-6100-000-549; \$242,850 ... CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDI-TURES

\$31,228, ESSER II grant, 21-4190-921; \$231,156, ESSER III grant, 21-4191-922; \$19,750, donations, , 21-1920; -\$39,284 reduction of cash on hand due to grant funds received; \$242, ČAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDI-TURES

All aye, carried.

Action 22-083 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve class size caps of grades K-6 at 25 students, and to include a classroom aide at 20 students for grades K-3. All ave, carried.

The school board would like to congratulate the following students on being recognized as All Lake Region Conference basketball athletes: Laura Sumption – First Team; Ethan Morlock - Second Team; Sofi Losure and Mason Hinz - Honorable Mention.

Action 22-084 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President

Janel Hettich, Business Maniger

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Frederick Area School District								
	Statement of	Cash Receipts, 0	Cash Disburse	ements, Cash	<b>Balances and Payro</b>	oll		
Ending February 28, 2022General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Food Service Fund	Drivers Ed Fund	Governmental & Enterprise Fund Act. Totals	Custodial Fund	Ovid Stevens Scholarship Fund	Fidicuary Funds Account Totals
Beginning checking Balance \$458,508.31 Receipts:	\$189,511.31	\$164,977.13	\$3,149.74	\$2,375.62	\$818,522.11	\$6,803.67	\$0.85	\$5,344.41
Local Sources\$3,848.05 County Sources\$4,726.43 State Sources\$100,246.99	\$2,720.40	\$1,224.25	\$1,446.00			\$3,006.19		
Federal Sources	\$13,343.00		\$5,901.37			\$0.37		
Total Receipts\$119,472.70 Disbursements	\$16,063.40	\$1,224.25	\$7,347.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,006.56	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bills	\$26,775.75	\$5,452.51 \$23,970.22	\$5,182.45 \$5,212.74	+0.00		\$4,851.27	±0.00	+4 054 27
Total Disbursements	\$26,775.75	\$29,422.73	\$10,395.19	\$0.00	\$240,159.11	\$4,851.27	\$0.00	\$4,851.27
Custodial (Imprest)(\$1,500.00) Total Net Transfers(\$1,500.00) Total checking balance\$402,915.57	\$0.00 \$178,798.96	\$0.00 \$136,778.65	\$0.00 \$101.92	\$0.00 \$2,375.62	(\$1,500.00) \$720,970.72	\$1,500.00 \$1,500.00 \$6,458.96	\$0.00 \$0.85	\$0.00 \$6.459.81
Beginning investment balance\$271,903.79 Interest\$6.12	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05	φ101192	<i>42,57,5102</i>	\$3,651,713.04	φογ Ισοισο	\$27,419.15	\$6,459.81 \$27,419.15
Total investment balance	\$1,933,634.20 \$2,112,433.16	\$1,446,175.05 \$1,582,953.70	\$101.92	\$2,375.62	\$3,651,719.16 \$4,372,689.88	\$6,458.96	\$27,419.15 \$27,420.00	\$27,419.15 \$33,878.96

#### Groton School March 28, 2022 **Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF FDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING

March 28, 2022 President Gengerke called

the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the GHS Library ConferOthers present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Smith, second Weismantel to approve the agenda with one addition under New Business Item #7 - consider adding volunteer track coach. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported. Members of the public are

requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda items.

Teachers Austin Fordham. Desiree Yeigh and Kayla Duncan presented an overview of the K-12 Music Program, Janene Harry reported on the Art Department and Kyle Gerlach, ynnette Grieve and Brian Dolan discussed the Health/PE and Athletic Department.

The following topics were ddressed in administrative re-

tive Trust Health Fund Renewal and Participation Agreement for 2022-23. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Fliehs to delegate 2022-23 Group Health Plan selection of coverage to school board negotiation committee members for final approval on April 1, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Pharis to approve resignation of Rebecca Érickson as Special Ed Teacher and junior high volley

volunteer track coach. No action was taken.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to adjourn at 10:01 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Deborah Gengerke, President The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official

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# **Brown County** Notice of

County Equalization NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as a County Board of Equalization (SDCL 10-11-25) of Brown County, SD will meet in the Commissioners' Chambers in said County on TUESDAY, the

ence Room. Members present: allowed five minutes to address Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel.

the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members



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school calendar, 2021-22 snow days, SASD Leadership Acad-

emy, Homecoming September 23, 2022, teaching position vacancies, spring assessments, NWEA MAPS and dual credit registration.

Motion by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve amendment to 2022-23 ASBSD Protective Trust Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Hard-er to approve ASBSD Protective Trust Worker's Compensation Renewal and Participation Agreement for 2022-23. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to approve ASBSD Protec-

ports: state basketball, 2022-23 ball and girls basketball coach, at the end of the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried. Moved by Rix, second Fliehs

to approve resignation of Ray Adams as HS Math Teacher, at the end of the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried.

The board took a short recess at 8:12 pm and returned at 8:14 pm.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to go into executive session at 8:14 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issues and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried. Gengerke declared the board

out of executive session at 9:59

pm. The board discussed adding a



#### **Groton City** Firemen Event

#### License Notice

Notice of Hearing upon Ap-plication for a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council on the 5th day of April, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Groton City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider a special event alcoholic beverage license for Fireman's Fun Night at Groton Fire Hall, 305 E Railroad Ave, in the City of Groton, South Dakota on April 23, 2022.

Any person interested in the approval or rejection of any such application may appear and be heard.

Dated at Groton, South Dakota this 29th day of March, 2021. Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer

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12th day of April, 2022, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said County for year 2022.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to submit written notice to the County Auditor no later than April 5, 2022.

Cathy McNickle, County Audior, Brown County, SD Dated this 30th day of March,

2022 (0330.0407)

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#### **Brown County** Spray Insulation Notice

NOTICE TO SPRAY INSULA-TION CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street Suite 1 Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:46 A.M on April 5, 2022, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project – Labor and supplies required for either one inch (1'')or two inches (2") foam insulation spray on the ceiling of the Beef Barn located on the Brown County Fairground, 400 24th Ave NW, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Énvelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market

Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope.

Brown County Fairground Beef Barn Spray Insulation Project" to be opened on April 5, 2022.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or bank draft, for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

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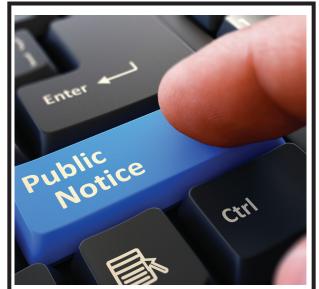
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# Groton Senior Citizens

February 14 Groton Seniors met and nine members were present. President Sarge Likness opened the meeting with the flag pledge. Minutes and treasure reports were read and accepted. There was no old or new business. A get well card was given to Dick Donovan. He sliced on the ice and cracked some ribs and hurt his shoulder. Meeting was adjourned, Cards were played. The winners of each game. Pinochle- Sarge Likness, Canasta- Eunice McColister, Tony Goldade brought a birthday cake and ice cream for his birthday. The birthday song was sung to him. Paper Paul gave each a stuffed animal for Valentine day. Door prizes, Bev Sombke, Elda Stange and David Kliensassor. February 21 Senior citizens met for their pot luck dinner. Ten members attended. President had the flag pledge and table prayer. After dinner Bingo was played Pat Larson won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes went to Pat Larson, Dick Donovan, and Sarge Likness.

# **Groton Prairie Mixed**

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# National political climate aided passage of SD transgender sports ban in 2022 session

#### **Stu Whitney South Dakota News Watch**

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS WATCH

Much of the political momentum behind South Dakota's transgender sports ban, signed into law by Gov. Kristi Noem in February, can be traced not to the legislative process in Pierre but to national athletic competitions and the controversy involving University of Pennsylvania swimmer Lia Thomas.

Thomas swam collegiately as a male before transitioning and competing as a female in 2021-22 after undergoing hormone therapy. She eventually became the first openly transgender athlete to win an NCAA Division I championship in any sport. Her success was seized upon by conservative politicians and media as proof that "boys competing against girls" was a threat to competitive fairness in female athletics.

In South Dakota, one of several battleground states over transgender rights, getting Senate Bill

much a story of who fought for the measure as a matter of which groups did not argue against narrative.

"It struck a chord," said lawyer and lobbyist Dave Zimbeck, who represents the Sioux Falls Sports Authority, one of several organizations that publicly opposed transgender sports legislation in 2021 but which stayed out of the fray this year. The group's strategy changed due to shifting public sentiment and the belief that the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which stages championship events in South Dakota, pass transgender legislation.

"Lia Thomas came along and Fox News and other outlets made her the poster child for their cause," said Zimbeck, whose organization works to lure sporting events to Sioux Falls in conjunction with First Premier Bank and Sanford Health. "A lot of people who were in the middle on this issue saw the physical stature of (Thomas) and her success and had trouble getting past that. We made the decision that there was a lot of futility in jumping in and taking a big stand, that this thing was on a fast track to approval."



Gov. Kristi Noem signs Senate Bill 46 into law at the State Capitol in Pierre on Feb. 3. The South Dakota legislation prevents transgender students from playing on sanctioned sports teams that align with their gender idenity. Photo: Courtesy Joe Sneve, Argus Leader

brought her own bill and touted it as protect-46 passed and signed into law was not as ing fairness in female sports, she encountered less resistance.

Critics called it a solution without a problem, it, with the Lia Thomas situation changing the since South Dakota has had one transgender female compete in high school sports since the state activities association adopted its transgender policy in 2013. Yet the threat of repercussions from a business perspective had lessened.

'What's different from prior years is the inaction or ambivalence of the NCAA, as evidenced by the growing number of states that have passed legislation with little or no consequence," said Nate Lukkes, general counsel no longer plans to pull events from states that for the South Dakota Board of Regents, which oversees the state's colleges and universities. "When you see states like Texas, Florida and Alabama passing laws and the NCAA not acting upon them, the fear of reprisal starts to get diminished and watered down."

## Caught in the middle

Sioux Falls is scheduled to host a Division I men's hockey regional in 2024 and 2026, in addition to a Division II volleyball championship in 2024 and Division II wrestling championship in 2026. The city also hosts the Division I Summit League basketball tournament each year at the Denny Sanford Premier Center, with winners advancing to the NCAA men's and women's tournaments. Despite the transgender sports ban, Sports Authority officials expect those events to stay in Sioux Falls, though future bid cycles could be in flux. "It's a moving target right now," Zimbeck said, citing the challenges faced by the NCAA to keep up with an evolving legal and cultural issue. Educational organizations such as the Associated School Boards of South Dakota and the South Dakota High School Activities Association have consistently argued against transgender sports bans, pointing out that they run counter to federal Title IX guidelines and recent court decisions establishing transgender individuals as a protected group. Title IX, passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibits sex discrimination in educational institutions that receive federal funding. President Joe Biden's administration issued guidance last June saying that

orientation or gender identity will be treated as a violation.

"If you have state law on one side mandating a certain position and federal law and the courts seeing it differently, you're in a difficult situation," said Wade Pogany, executive director of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota. "When I met with school board members from across the state, their clear message was that they supported the process that the SDHSAA already had in place and that this issue had not been a problem at the local level."

Nationally, though, Lia Thomas' emergence after satisfying NCAA transgender protocols - which required testosterone-suppressing drugs for a least a year prior to women's competition - moved the political meter. A 2021 Gallup poll showed that while 66 percent of respondents favored allowing openly transgender men and women to serve in the U.S. military, only 34 percent said that

transgender athletes should be able to play on teams that match their new gender identity.

As public opinion shifted, so did the NCAA. The organization changed its policy in January to require transgender athletes to meet testosterone thresholds set by the governing body of each separate sport, while also remaining quiet on punitive measures against states that passed transgender laws.

Gail Dent, the NCAA's associate director of communications, wrote to South Dakota News Watch in an email that "there is no additional information to share at this time" regarding potential boycotts. She also shared a link to the association's revised transgender participation policy.

For transgender rights activists seeing a wave of restrictive legislation in statehouses around the country, the silence of the NCAA is deafening.

'The NCAA is faltering and backtracking in terms of articulating what its stance is," said



South Dakota is one of 12 states that have passed laws that ban transgender females people born as males who transition to females — from competing in women's and girls' sports, with SB 46 set to take effect July 1.

These types of legislation have sparked a national debate about the balance between inclusivity and competitive integrity, as well as on the scope of civil rights for transgender students.

Organizations such as the South Dakota Board of Regents, South Dakota Chamber of Commerce, Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce and Visit Rapid City also remained neutral this year after previously working to defeat transgender sports bans. In 2021, these groups played a role in Noem refusing to sign House Bill 1217 despite the Republican governor earlier declaring support for the measure, a reversal that drew heat from far-right conservatives in South Dakota and nationally. At this year's session in Pierre, when Noem

Lia Thomas, a transgendered female swimmer at the University of Pennsulvania, became in March the first transgendered athlete to win a national NCAA title, spurring controversy over participation of transgendered females in women's athletics. Photo: Courtesy Facebook

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Shannon Minter, a transgender legal expert with the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco. "They've caved to political pressure and tried to remove themselves from the responsibility of having their own policy by punting to these various sanctioning bodies, which is very disappointing."

# Legal uncertainties loom

The South Dakota High School Activities Association drafted its policy for transgender athletes in 2013, responding to a recommendation by 77 percent of superintendents in a statewide survey. The move came in reaction to guidance from the Office for Civil Rights under the Obama administration that transgender status was protected under Title IX, not just in theory but in legal actions taken by the Department of Justice.

The SDHSAA policy required that transcripts and family statements be submitted to "prove" that a student has an affirmed gender identity other than the one assigned at birth, with an independent hearing officer (such as a judge or current member of the state bar) available to review submitted information before rendering a decision.

SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos said the organization has had one transgender female athlete go through the system (she graduated several years ago) and fewer than five transgendered males out of 40,000 students who participate annually in high school sports in South Dakota.

"As it stands now, if a student comes and wants to compete as a transgender female, the school or student would contact us and fill out a waiver form and that would begin the process," said Swartos. "After July 1, if schools contact us with a student wishing to file a waiver, we will refer them to state law and tell them it's not allowable under the statute."

The law is focused on preventing transgender girls from playing female sports, stating that "only female students, based on their biological sex, may participate in any team, sport or athletic event designated as being for females, women, or girls."

The SDHSAA is working with its legal counsel to determine how to handle transgendered males competing in boys sports.

As for language in the law that mandates designating each sport as either female, male or co-ed "based on the biological sex at birth of the participating students," Swartos said that football may need to be labelled "co-ed" to avoid excluding athletes such as a female Garretson High School student who kicked for the varsity team last fall.

Swartos, who testified against the legislation, is well aware that the Office for Civil Rights under President Biden asserts that banning transgender students from participating in extracurricular activities that correspond to their gender identity is a Title <u>IX violation</u>.

Federal judges in Idaho and West Virginia have issued rulings that prevented such actions from taking effect, with appeals pending. "It's a little nerve-racking that we're in a position where if we follow state law then we're not following guidance from the federal government," said Swartos. "It puts us in a position to violate one or the other." That conundrum could be costly, as the SDHSAA is not listed among the entities covered in the law's wording that the "attorney general shall provide legal representation at no cost to that entity or individual." In West Virginia, attempts by the state activities association to remove itself as a defendant in the lawsuit were denied by the judge.

leges and universities are covered under the law's "hold harmless" clause for legal representation, they still have exposure. While the NCAA's new policy uses testosterone thresholds from various governing bodies for eligibility, South Dakota's law effectively bans participation for transgender student-athletes, putting the athletic departments in conflict with NCAA and Title IX provisions.

"There are uncertainties with respect to the legal landscape and how that will play out," said Lukkes, the Regents' general counsel, add-

ing that the board knows of no current trans- year later in G.G. v. Gloucester County School gender athletes in the state university system. "For the time being, South Dakota, through this legislation, has decided what constitutes fair and equitable competition in this state, and that's what our policy will be based on."

# **Preparing for court** challenge

kota's law likely won't have to wait long. Susan Williams, executive director of the Transformation Project, a nonprofit advocacy group in Sioux Falls, said several potential plaintiffs IX and Fourteenth Amendment "equal protection" grounds.

"At this point, we have a couple of transgender girls who were planning on playing sports next school year," said Williams. "There are a few East River and a couple West River. It's a thing that had crossed their mind, like, 'maybe der students have been historically discrimi-I'll try out for volleyball,' or 'maybe I'll go out nated against, not favored. for gymnastics or play soccer with my friends." Of course, now that is out of the question. They're pursuing all their options."

the court cases if they come. National groups such as Lambda Legal, the Human Rights Campaign, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the ACLU have been active on behalf of transgender rights.

believes the South Dakota law will be chal-

lenged in the federal Eighth Circuit Court rather than waiting to see how the Idaho and West Virginia appeals unfold. He also believes the lawsuit will be filed before July 1.

"The goal is to bring a lawsuit that prevents the discriminatory law from ever going into effect," Minter told South Dakota News Watch. "We can't just stand by and allow this type of extreme law that openly discriminates against an entire class of students to go unchallenged."

The conservative-leaning composition of the U.S. Supreme Court has instilled confidence in some Republican circles that rulings on transgender civil rights will favor the new laws, but recent high-court decisions don't support that assumption.

In 2020, the Supreme Court ruled in Bos-

tock v. Clayton County "If you have state law on one side that discrimination against gay or transgender emmandating a certain position and ployees falls under the federal law and the courts seeing protections of Title VII of it differently, you're in a difficult the Civil Rights Act and situation [and] when I met with should be classified as sex school board members from across discrimination. Justice Neil Gorsuch, appointed by the state ... this issue had not been President Donald Trump, wrote the majority opinion. - Wade Pogany, executive director of the That principle was ex-Associated School Boards of South Dakota tended from employment to the educational realm a

Board, when the Supreme Court refused to hear a case involving a transgender Virginia student who had sued for being forced to use women's restrooms despite identifying as male. That decision upheld a lower court's ruling that the student's protections under Title IX had been violated by the policy.

Mark Miller, Noem's chief of staff, argued Those anticipating challenges to South Da- during committee hearings that the principle of Title IX protects female athletes from being denied opportunities because of transgender participation. The governor, whose office didn't respond to a request for comment on this have emerged for a court challenge on Title story, has characterized her support for the measure as a way to "protect Title IX" from being misused by the federal government.

But the Idaho judge, in ruling against that state's transgender sports ban in 2020, challenged the claim that motivations behind the law aligned with Title IX, noting that transgen-

Zimbeck, who lobbied against South Dakota's legislation for the Sports Authority in 2021, sees similarities between the Idaho case and It's unclear which organization would handle South Dakota, where there is no evidence of girls or women losing opportunities to transgender athletes or competitive fairness being compromised.

"The whole concept that Title IX is the principle protecting (cisgender females) by Minter, of the lesbian rights center, said he putting this law on the books is disingenuous at best - and probably a flat-out falsehood," Zimbeck said.

# South Dakota seen



Wade Pogany

a problem at the local level."

Though South Dakota's col-



Gov. Kristi Noem has characterized South Dakota's new law as a way to protect fairness in girls sports. Executive director Dan Swartos said that the SDHSAA has had one transgender female athlete go through the system since 2013 and fewer than five trans males out of 40,000 students who participate annually in high school sports in South Dakota. Photo: Courtesy Sioux

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### as test state

South Dakota has frequently served as a testing ground for transgender legislation, with Christian groups such as Alliance Defending Freedom, the Family Policy Alliance and the Heritage Foundation providing bill language and testimony.

Some of these efforts drew national headlines, such as when the late South Dakota legislator Roger Hunt, R-Brandon, proposed in 2015 that high school athletes should undergo "visual inspections" to determine their gender as part of the eligibility process.

Rep. Fred Deutsch, R-Florence, a supporter of transgender legislation, apologized in 2020 for comparing gender reassignment procedures to

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Nazi medical experiments that occurred during the Holocaust. His bill to ban such procedures died in a Senate committee after drawing tepid support from Noem.

Deutsch was also instrumental in the 2016 Legislature passing a "bathroom bill" that would have banned transgender students from using restrooms and locker rooms aligned with their gender identity, instead segregating them by offering single-occupancy facilities or "controlled use" of restrooms or locker rooms. Critics derided the bill as discriminatory and potentially damaging to the state's business interests.

When then-governor Dennis Daugaard, a Republican, weighed whether to veto the measure, the Sioux Falls mayor at the time, Mike Huether, and major employers Sanford Health, Citibank and First Premier Bank, expressed concern that adopting the law would put South Dakota in the crosshairs of powerful entities such as the NCAA.

"Our commitment to the fair treatment of individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, has not changed and is at the core of what we believe," the NCAA said in a statement at the time. "We'll continue to monitor current events in all cities bidding on NCAA events, as well as cities that have already been named as future host sites."

Daugaard ultimately vetoed the bill, citing liability concerns and adding that the measure "does not address any pressing issue concerning the school districts of South Dakota."

North Carolina passed a similar law that was signed into law several weeks later, triggering a national backlash. Companies such as Adidas and PayPal reversed plans to invest in the state, the NBA removed its 2017 All-Star Game and the NCAA made good on its promise by moving several championship events to different sites.

The economic toll from those actions was not lost on other governors, including Noem, who mentioned the NCAA's sway when explaining her decision to withdraw support for last year's transgender sports bill in South Dakota.

"The NCAA is a private association," Noem said at a press conference following her decision not to sign the bill. "That means they can do what they want to do. And even though I fundamentally disagree with them when it comes to this issue, if South Dakota passes a law that's against their policy, they will likely take punitive action against us."

Though Noem tried to rally support for a "Defend Title IX Now!" coalition, she was assailed by hard-core conservatives as a "sellout" who "caved" to corporate interests. In a contentious interview on Fox News, host Tucker Carlson asked her: "Why not just say, 'Bring it on, NCAA. I'm a national figure. Go ahead and try and exclude us. I will fight you in the court of public opinion and defend principle." Why not just do that?" The first-term governor took a more aggressive position for the 2022 legislative session. Her office put forth a retooled bill, removing logistical challenges for schools and adding a clause to provide legal representation from the attorney general for various entities in case they were sued. Mainly, though, Noem rode a wave of shifting sentiment resulting from Lia Thomas's collegiate swimming success. Not only did the NCAA soften its rhetoric about consequences for anti-trans sports legislation, but powerful interests within her own state stayed mostly silent. The Sioux Falls Chamber, whose public policy director said the 2021 measure would "negatively affect the whole state," declined to take a stand this time around, even with Amazon scheduled to open a fulfillment center in the city later this year.

policies that have the potential to impact the by the Supreme Court," said Swartos. "Our business climate in our city and state," president and CEO Jeff Griffin said in response to emailed questions from News Watch. "We base our policy on it.' This year a different apcarefully reviewed the language in SB 46 and determined that we would maintain a neutral stance on the bill."

Asked whether Amazon or any other company had weighed in, Griffin said his office is 'not aware of any businesses that have voiced concern about this legislation."

And yet, with public sentiment leaning in one direction and judicial precedents trending the other, the transgender sports issue is far from settled. The final evaluation of South Dakota's latest foray into the culture wars will likely be determined at the end of a long and potentially expensive trail of appeals.

"This is going to have to be heard probably

approach has been, 'Let's wait for this to play out in the courts so we can get that ruling and proach was taken, and you have to follow the legislative process whether you agree with it or not."



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Marzahn, Johnson take first at NSU

The first track meet of the season was held inside at Northern State University. Aspen Johnson placed first in the triple jump and Andrew Marzahn placed first in the 55m dash.

#### **Girl's Division**

55m Dash: 7, Laila Roberts, 8.21; 13, Jerica Locke, 8.45; 18, Karen Jangula, 8.71; 21, Brooklyn Hanson, 8.79; 22, Kayla Lehr, 8.88; 30, Emilie Thurston, 9.06; 42, Trista Keith, 9.54.

4x160 Relay: 2, Groton (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hanson, Aspen Johnson, Laila Roberts), 1:33.27.

4x160 Relay: 9, Groton (Kayla Lehr, Brooklyn Hanson, Jayla Jones, Karsyn Jangula), 1:39.58. 4x400 Relay: 5, Groton (Jerica Locke, Faith Traphagen, Kennedy Hanson, Rylee Dunker), 4:54.

SMR 100-100-200-400m: 3, Groton (Laila Roberts, Kennedy Hanson, Jerica Locke, Faith Traphagen), 3:51.43.

SMR 100-100-200-400m: 7, Groton (Kayla Lehr, Karsyn Jangula, Brooklyn Hanson, Rylee Dunker), 4:01.02.

Shot Put: 5, Maddie Bjerke, 8.77m; 7, Faith Fliehs, 8.43m; 13, Emma Kutter, 7.48m; 17, Emma Schinkel, 7.20m; 23, Ashley Johnson, 6.50m.

High Jump: 7, Anna Fjeldheim, 1.32m.

Long Jump: 2, Aspen Johnson, 4.26m; 7, Kennedy Hanson, 4.07m; 9, Trista Keith, 3.97m; 13, Anna Fjeldheim, 3.77m.

Triple Jump: 1, Aspen Johnson, 8.72m; 8, Tristia Keith, 7.87m.

#### **Boy's Division**

55m Dash: 1, Andrew Marzahn, 6.92; 6, Keegan Tracy, 7.22; 10, Korbin Kucker, 7.36; 22, Colby Dunker, 7.65; 32, Christian Ehresmann, 7.87; 42, Karsten Jeschke, 8.02; 45, Logan Ringgenberg, 8.10; 51, Payton Mitchell, 8.32; 52, Caden McInerney, 8.43.

4x160m Relay: 5, Groton, (Andrew Marzahn, Keegan Tracy, Colby Dunker, Jackson Cogley), 1:23.37.

4x160m Relay: 9, Groton, (Christian Ehresmann, Korbon Kucker, Karsten Jeschke, Caden McInerney), 1:28.94.

4x400m Relay: 4, Groton (Andrew Marzahn, Keegan Tracy, Colby Dunker, Jacob Lewandowski, 4:11.29.

SMR 100-100-200-400m: 4, Groton (Andrew Marzahn, Colby Dunker, Keegan Tracy, Jacob Lewandowski), 3:15.11.

Shot Put: 4, Holden Sippel, 12.15m; 5, Caleb Hanten, 11.83m; 10, Kaleb Antonsen, 11.12m; 28, Logan Ringgenberg, 9.34m; 42, Drew Thurston, 7.91m.

High Jump: 5, Jackson Cogley, 1.57m.

Long Jump: 6, Jackson Cogley, 5.26m; 25, Caden McInerney, 3.96m; 27, Payton Mitchell, 3.72m.

### **Death Notice: Hilda Sippel**

Hilda Sippel, 99, of Groton passed away March 30, 2022 at Good Samaritan Society, St. Martin Village in Rapid City. Memorial services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral

"The Chamber engages in advocacy on

Chapel, Groton.



A nice blanket of snow fell Wednesday morning About four inches has fallen with the moisture content being about half an inch. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

	SATURDAY	<b>2</b> ACT testing in Groton, 8 a.m. to Noon	Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt 10am Sharp Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt 10am Sharp at the City Park Dueling Pianos Baseball Fundraiser at the Legion Post #39 6-11:30pm	16 Emmanuel: 10 a.m.: Rosewood Court	<b>23</b> GHS Prom, 7 p.m. Firemen's Spring Social at the Fire Station 7pm-12:30am to Amonth I Candy Treat US 12, Groton	<b>30</b> Lynso Keller Benefit Auction, 5:30 p.m., Groton American Legion
ar	FRIDAY	FFA CDE at SDSU, Brookings FFA CDE at SDSU, Brookings School Breakfast: Stuffed Bagels School Lunch: Fish Sandwich, Puzzle Tots Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend veggies, fruit crisp, whole wheat bread.	8 11:30 a.m.: Track meet in Miller School Breakfast: Egg bake. School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans. Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.	<b>15</b> No School, Groton City & States offices closed 7 p.m.: Worship at Emmanuel with Methodist & CM&A. St. John's: 7 p.m. worship	<b>2.3</b> School Breakfast: Waffles. School Lunch: Pizza, green beans. School Lunch: BRQ beef sandwich, potato Senior Menu: BRQ beef sandwich, potato Station 7p Station	<b>29</b> 1 p.m.: Track Meet at Webster School Breakfast: French toast sticks. School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, green beans. Senior Menu: Salmon loaf, creamed peas, fruit, brownie, whole wheat bread.
inity Calenda	EDNESDAY THURSD. -8145		8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.: FFA CDE in Groton 6 p.m.: FFA Banquet Emmanuel: 2 p.m. Nigeria Circle School Breakfast: Biscuits and jelly. School Lunch: Nachos. Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed po- tatoes with gravy, carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.	<b>14</b> Emmanuel: 7 p.m.: Worship with 1st com- munion for youth St. John's: 7 p.m. Worship with com- munion School Breakfast: muffins. School Lunch: Tacos. School Lunch: Tacos. School Lunch: Sweet and sour pork, steamed rice, carrot and broccoli medley, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.	<b>21</b> Track Meet in Redfield School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels. School Lunch: Chicken fries, mashed potatoes. Senior Menu: Ham and raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, crazy cake, dinner roll.	<b>28</b> 10 a.m.: Girls Golf Meet in Redfield 7 p.m.: Middle School Spring Concert School Breakfast: Egg omelets. School Lunch: Corn dogs, smiley fries. School Lunch: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, cranberry sauce, pumpkin bar, whole wheat bread.
<b>Groton Commu</b>				<b>13</b> 7 p.m.: "Way of the Cross" at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Emmanuel: 6 p.m. Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. League School Breakfast; Eggs and sausage. School Menu: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes. Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.	<b>20</b> 6 p.m.: FCCLA Banquet in GHS Arena Lobby Emmanuel: 6 p.m. Confirmation, Newsletter deadline School Breakfast: Hash browns, pizza. School Burch: Grilled cheese sandwich, cooked carrots. School Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, cooked carrots. Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, noodles romanoff, lemon buttered broc- coli, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.	<b>27</b> Emmanuel: 6 p.m. Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. League. School Breakfast: Muffins. School Lunch: Sub sandwiches, chips. School Lunch: Sub sandwiches, chips.
2022 April Gro	TUESDAY	<b>GRODION</b> VET CLINIC 1503 N Broadway, Groton, 605/397	7 p.m.: City Council Meeting 7 p.m.: City Council Meeting St. John's: 1 p.m.: Ladies Aid LWML School Breakfast: French toast sticks. School Lunch: Tangereine chicken, rice. Senior Menu: Hamburger with bun, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, ice cream sundae.	<b>12</b> 11 a.m.: Track meet in Groton Emmanuel: 7 p.m. Church Council School Breakfast: Blueberry French Toast Bake. School Lunch: Hot dogs, fries. School Lunch: Hot dogs, fries. School Lunch: Hot turkey sandwich, macaroni salad, mandarin orange des- sert, sherbet.	<b>19</b> 7 p.m.: City Council Meeting St. John's: 9 a.m.: Quilting School Breakfast: Cereal. School Lunch: Pulled pork sandwich, tater tots. Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, fruit, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.	<b>26</b> State FFA Convention at SDSU State FFA Convention at SDSU 11:30 a.m.: Track Meet in Groton School Breakfast: Doughnuts. School Lunch: Popcorn chicken, tater tots. Senior Menu: Lemon chicken breast, creamy noodles, spinach salad, baked apple slices, whole wheat bread.
202	MONDAY	Webster 1-800-658-2252	Emmanuel: 6:30 a.m Bible Study Emmanuel: 6:30 a.m Bible Study School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. School Lunch: Cheese sticks, marinara sauce, corn. Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, boiled potato, squash, fruit, whole wheat bread.	7 p.m.: School Board Meeting 7 p.m.: School Board Meeting 1 p.m.: Senior Citizens meet at Groton Community Center Emmanuel: 6:30 a.m Bible Study School Breakfast: Frittata. School Breakfast: Frittata. School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn. School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn. Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, cookie, whole wheat bread.	<b>18</b> No School, Groton City & States offices closed 10 a.m.: Girls Golf at Whetstone Creek GC in Milbank GC in Milbank 31. John's: Christian Literature Circle, St. John's: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m. Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, but- termilk biscuit, peas, mandarin oranges, cookie.	<b>25</b> Emmanuel: 6:30 a.m Bible Study Emmanuel: 6:30 a.m Bible Study Noon: Senior Citizens potluck meeting at Groton Community Center School Breakfast: Eggs and breakfast potatoes. School Lunch: Hamburgers, tiny whole potatoes. School Lunch: Hamburgers, tiny whole potatoes. School Lunch: Swiss steak with mush- room gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veg- etables, pears, whole wheat bread.
	SUNDAY	Aberdeen 225-6772 Redfield 1-800-843-1865 1-800-247-4650	<b>3</b> 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., POPS Concert 3:30 p.m.: GHS FCA Meeting: "The Chosen" Watch Party at Kim Weber's house, 501 E 16th Ave Emmanuel: 9 a.m. Worship with com- munion, 10:15 a.m. Sunday school, 10:15 a.m. 1st Communion Class, 7 p.m., Choir St. John's: 8 a.m. Bible Study, Worship with communion at 9 a.m. at St. John's and 11 a.m. at Zion, 10 a.m. Sunday School	<b>10</b> Emmanuel: 9 a.m. Worship with communion, Procession of Palms, 10:15 a.m. Grace Alone Study, 1:30 p.m. Baby Shower for Jared and Alyson Anderson, 7 p.m. Choir St. John's: 8 a.m. Bible Study, Worship at 9 a.m. at St. John's followed by Voter's Meeting and 11 a.m. at Zion, 10 a.m. Sunday School	<b>17 - EASTER</b> Emmanuel: 7 a.m. Worship with com- munion and breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Worship with communion, 3 p.m. worship at Avantara (serving group) St. John's: B a.m. Bible Study, Worship with communion at 9 a.m. at St. John's and 11 a.m. at Zion, 10 a.m. Sunday School	<b>24</b> Princess Prom 4:30-8pm Emmanuel: 9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. Sunday school, 10:15 a.m. Grace Alone Study, 7 p.m. Choir St. John's: 8 a.m. Bible Study, Worship at 9 a.m. at St. John's and 11 a.m. at Zion, 10 a.m. Sunday School

Dear EarthTalk: I've heard that PPE waste is a growing environmental burden these days. Is anyone working on ways to solve this problem? -- B. Jackson, Jewett City, MD

From healthcare workers and teachers, grocery clerks and students, no one has escaped the increased need for personal protective equipment (PPE) the past two years. Though inarguably a critical agent in preventing the spread of disease, PPE has inadvertently created a new "shadow pandemic"-billions of these single-use items now line streets and parking lots and pollute oceans. Globally, it is estimated that 129 billion facemasks and 65 million pairs of gloves are disposed of each month. "Other than burning [PPE], there is really nothing we can do," says Sander Defruyt, head of the plastics team at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, a charity aimed at eliminating waste and pollution. "It's designed to be waste."

The issue isn't PPE itself; it's single-use PPE made from nonreusable materials. Designed to be leak-proof and tear-resistant, disposable PPE can't be washed and reused, since the cleaning process would compromise the



protective integrity. Deepening an already astounding waste mismanagement problem, these throwaway items end up as potentially contaminated pollution simply because they have to.

Luckily, the problem has not gone unnoticed. In the medical community, the case for reusable PPE has gained traction as institutions have developed methods and materials to lengthen the lifecycle of protective gear. Burlington Medical, a maker of durable, reusable medical garments, increased production of their healthcare clothing supplies by 500 percent during the pandemic. They use sustainable materials in their process and operate an on-site medical



Waste from disposable personal protective equipment is piling up. What can be done about making and using more sustainable forms of PPE? Credit: Anna Shvets, Pexels.

laundry facility to sterilize PPE. Studies on mask filtration by the Nonwovens Institute (NWI) at North Carolina State led to a partnership with NatureWorks to develop new technology that allows for mask reuse even after chemical cleaning. Globally, companies are testing science-backed efforts to improve mask viability without compromising safety.

Those outside the medical community have access to a variety of sustainable PPE options. French company Geochanvre makes 100 percent biodegradable face masks from hemp, including a recyclable band. Change Plastic for Good developed an additive to make plastic biodegradable, now used to create masks, and MEDU Protection offers washable medical PPE that can be returned for disinfecting and conversion into scrubs and bags. EcoGreen Communities offers compostable face masks, reusable gloves and reduced carbon medical aprons.

The most sustainable option is undoubtedly reusable PPE, but the use of plastic and other disposable protective gear isn't going away anytime soon. Rather than tossing in the garbage, there is a way to recycle some of these items. TerraCycle offers paid recycling services that collect, inspect and repurpose PPE through a detailed process available through their website, and Thermal Compaction Group (TCG) out of Wales has developed a process that re-engineers specific PPE to resell to the plastics industry.

"Plastics are not the problem; the way the human race discards plastic remains the issue," says Tim Hourahine, compliance manager at TCG. With PPE becoming part of our daily routine, we have alternative solutions to sustain both our health and the environment.

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and can alter someone's mental state.

What About Medical

**Cannabis?** 

Since ancient times,

marijuana has been

used for medicinal and

recreational purposes

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and in many states.



binoids may be helpful in treating nausea and vomiting from cancer treatments, loss of appetite and weight loss from AIDS, chronic pain syndrome, multiple sclerosis symptoms, glaucoma and children suffering from seizures. There may be other medical benefits we are not yet aware of. We need more research to determine safe treatments and establish confidence.

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became illegal during prohibition, like alcohol. Later, under the Controlled Substances Act in the 1970's, the federal government classified marijuana a Schedule 1 drug. This classification includes heroin, LSD, and ecstasy, all deemed to have no safe, effective medical use and a

This Schedule 1 status imposes bureaucratic and legal barriers, mak-

ing it difficult to conduct scientific research on the medical benefits

from marijuana. Studies that have been conducted are small and lim-

ited. Thus, physicians are less confident recommending marijuana for

patients. Not to mention, use or possession remains illegal federally

The word cannabis refers to all products derived from the plant can-

nabis sativa. There are hundreds of compounds in this plant, called cannabinoids. Cannabidiol (CBD) is one of them, and tetrahydrocannabinol

(THC) is another. The word marijuana often refers to products from the plant that contain large amounts of THC, which is psychoactive

Cannabinoids can trigger receptors in the brain to release neurotrans-

mitters to affect mood, sleep, pain, and memory. Drugs with canna-

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Marijuana use can cause harm. It can do more than dull the brain and give someone the munchies. It can increase the risk of motor vehicle crashes. In some individuals it can increase the risk of developing schizophrenia or other mental illnesses. Frequent use by adults and use in adolescence can decrease attention and memory, or cause cannabis use disorder, which has symptoms of craving, withdrawal, lack of control, and negative effects on personal and professional responsibilities. Sometimes people develop recurrent severe vomiting. Vaping products with THC have resulted in severe lung injury. Marijuana has been used as a medicine for a very long time in various cultures. Yes, it can be addictive, and it can cause problems. Although, when you consider the harms from alcohol, tobacco, narcotic pain kill-

ers, and other medications, perhaps cannabis deserves a chance to be further studied and used when medically appropriate.

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