



Groton Area looking at lack of numbers to field a boys varsity soccer team

It is highly unlikely that there will be a boys varsity soccer team this fall. A decision will need to be done in May. "We don't have enough to field a team and it's unfortunate," said Superintendent Joe Schwan. He would at least like to see a JV team fielded, if they can find a coach.

A program presentation for the second grade was given. It was stated that a big blessing for the second graders is the iPads for all students. They no longer have to rely on the computer cart. The students are learning how to use them more.

Becky Hubsch was one of 30 applicants to attend an Aspiring School Leaders Retreat April 25-26 in the Black Hills. The event is sponsored by School Administrators of South Dakota, TIE and the Department of Education.

There were several constitutional amendments to the SDHSAA portfolio. All but one were approved by the Groton board. The final one has to do with using free and reduced meals to factor into the average daily membership in determining classifications. It was stated that students with free and reduced meals have fewer access to activities. Board President Deb Gengerke questioned that statement. She pointed out that one school on the borderline of AA and A would stay A because of the criteria. She said she would like to see data that actually proves that those students have less access to more activities. She said she finds it hard that there is a limitation to any schools surrounding a large city like Sioux Falls or Rapid City. The board tabled making a decision pending more answers to questions.

The board approved for the Groton Youth Football program to use a bus to transport students to the NSU Football Camp May 22-23.

Jennifer Furman has resigned as the MS/HS Special Education Professional effective at the end of the school year.

- Paul Kosel

SDDP Elects Jennifer Slight-Hansen as Vice Chair



SIOUX FALLS - On Saturday, the South Dakota Democratic Party (SDDP) State Central Committee voted to elect Jennifer Slight-Hansen as SDDP Vice Chair. Vice Chair Jennifer

Slight-Hansen released the following statement:

"I am honored to be elected Vice Chair of the South Dakota Democratic Party. Thank you to the State Central Committee for this opportunity to serve South Dakota. I am excited to work alongside the SDDP staff and membership to elect Democrats up and down the ballot in 2022. This year we need to be laser-focused on engaging our youth and building a South Dakota that works for everyone."

Jennifer Slight-Hansen has served on the Executive Board of the South Dakota Democratic Party and as Chair of the Brown County Democrats for over a decade. Slight-Hansen was elected to the Aberdeen City Council in 2008 and served the city in that role for 10 years. Outside of politics, she helped found the Aberdeen Downtown Association, served for nearly 20 years on the Board of Directors of Homes Are Possible, Inc., and volunteered for Junior Achievement for 18 years. Jennifer Slight-Hansen lives in Aberdeen with her two children and husband.

The State Central Committee held a special election to fill the Party's vice chair role vacated by Nikki Gronli. Gronli resigned last month to accept a Biden Administration appointment as State Director of the South Dakota Rural Development Agency.

Strickland is new Groton police officer

Thomas Strickland is the new police officer in Groton. He started working this week.

Strickland has worked the past 10 years in Mobridge as a police officer and was also an officer at Sisseton. His previous work experience is being a park ranger in the southern Black Hills and was also a machinist.

Strickland is an Aberdeen Central graduate and he graduated from Southeast Tech in Sioux Falls for law enforcement science.

Strickland said he chose to apply in Groton to be closer to home. His parents live Aberdeen where he is currently staying until he can find housing in the area. He has two girls, Grace, 7, and Abi, 5.

He said, "I'm looking forward to getting to know the community and to interact with people."

Strickland likes to hunt and fish and he is a certified D.A.R.E. instructor and a certified Hunt Safe instructor.

- Paul Kosel



Thomas Strickland is the new Groton City Police Officer. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Local Tae Kwon Do compete well at Martial Arts Tourney

The Strongheart Martial Arts Academy, Groton family Tae Kwon Do competed last Saturday in the Greenquest Academy Invitational Martial Arts Tournament held in Breckenridge MN.

L-R Jagger and Jameson Penning of Pierpont, Instructor Master Paul Moulsoff of Aberdeen, Trace Peterson and Kason Oswald of Groton. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

First things first, I wanted to give thanks to Duane and Jack, who joined the team last year and have been providing excellent write-ups. I hope you all have enjoyed reading them as much as I have!

I decided to take over this week, however, since the draft is rapidly approaching. If you have been reading this column for the past few years, you know how much I love the NFL draft. It's like Christmas - we know the Vikings are going to get some shiny new toys to play with, we just don't know what they will be. To give you a better idea of who the Vikings could be targeting, let's do a quick roster breakdown by position.

Quarterback

The Vikings have four quarterbacks under contract. Kirk Cousins is under contract for the next two seasons, and with his high cap hit plus his no-trade clause, he isn't going anywhere. Behind Cousins, the Vikings have Sean Mannion, Kellen Mond, and Nate Stanley. It's unlikely the Vikings will use a high draft pick to get a QB.

Running Back/ Fullback

Just like QB, the Vikings are pretty set at running back and fullback. Dalvin Cook is one of the best RBs in the NFL, and likewise with C.J. Ham at FB. Mattison is a very good backup, with Kene Nwangwu and A.J. Rose providing depth. If the Vikings draft one, it'll likely be in the later rounds.

Wide Receiver

The Vikings have nine WRs on their roster. Justin Jefferson is one of the best WRs in the NFL, and Adam Thielen is a great number two. Behind those two, however, there isn't a lot of proven talent. K.J. Osborn, Ihmir Smith-Marsete, and Olabisi Johnson will all be battling for playing time, while Dan Chisena, Trishton Jackson, Blake Proehl, and Myron Mitchell will be battling for a roster spot. Because of the lack of WR depth, the age of Thielen (32), and this being a particularly good year for WRs in the draft, there's a possibility that the Vikings draft one in the first three rounds. Garrett Wilson (Ohio State), Drake London (USC), Jameson Williams (Alabama), and Chris Olave (Ohio State) are all receivers who are likely to be taken in the top 20 picks, while Jahan Dotson (Penn State), George Pickens (Georgia), Christian Watson

(NDSU), and Skyy Moore (Western Michigan) are likely targets in the 2nd and 3rd rounds.

Tight End

The Vikings have four TEs on the roster - Irv Smith Jr., Johnny Mundt, Ben Ellefson, and Zach Davidson. Irv Smith Jr. was poised for a breakout season in 2021 before an injury derailed his season, and his backup, Tyler Conklin, is now with the Jets. If the Vikings draft a TE, it won't be until late in the draft.

Offensive Line

It's no surprise that the Vikings' offensive line is the weakest link on the offense. The team is set at offensive tackle, with last year's first-round pick Christian Darrisaw at left tackle and Brian O'Neill at right tackle. The interior of the offensive line has question marks, however. Garrett Bradbury and Ezra Cleveland are penciled in at center and left guard, respectively, while Wyatt Davis, Chris Reed, and Oli Udoh will battle it out at right guard. There is no interior offensive lineman worthy of the 12th overall pick, but if the Vikings trade down, three possibilities would be Tyler Linderbaum (Iowa), Zion Johnson (Boston College), and Kenyon Green (Texas A&M). If they elect to wait until day two, Jamaree Saylor (Georgia) and Dylan Parham (Memphis) are names to keep an eye on.

Defensive Line

The Vikings are transitioning from a 4-3 defense (four defensive linemen, three linebackers) to a 3-4 defense this season, so it wouldn't be surprising if the Vikings look to upgrade through the draft. If the Vikings choose to go this route in the first round, the two defensive tackles from Georgia (Jordan Davis and Devonte Wyatt) would be great picks to complement Dalvin Tomlinson and free-agent signee Harrison Phillips.

Linebacker

Just like the defensive line, linebacker is another position that will need to be revamped due to the scheme change. Eric Kendricks and newcomer Jordan Hicks will be the two inside linebackers, while Danielle Hunter and Za'Darius Smith will be the outside linebackers. The Vikings will look to add depth here and could pounce if Devin Lloyd (Utah) or Nakobe Dean (Georgia) fall into the second round.

Cornerback

Cornerback is perhaps the Vikings' biggest need, which is ironic considering Mike Zimmer was a defensive guru who specialized in defensive backs. Since arriving in 2014, Zimmer (and the rest of the Vikings' front office) spent 12 picks on defensive backs - including three 1st rounders - and have almost nothing to show for it. Patrick Peterson will start, but his abilities are understandably diminishing with age. Beyond Peterson, however, there are a ton of question marks. Look for the Vikings to draft at least one CB in the early rounds of the draft. Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner (Cincinnati) is the top CB in the draft, but will likely be drafted in the top 10. Derek Stingley Jr. (LSU) could be available when the Vikings pick, and he has a ton of potential. If both of those players are gone, the Vikings will likely look to trade back to later in the 1st round and grab Trent McDuffie (Washington), Andrew Booth Jr. (Clemson), or Kaiir Elam (Florida).

Safety

Harrison Smith is still playing at a high level, but he'll be 33 this season. Xavier Woods was the other starting safety last year but he left in free agency. Camryn Bynum played well as the backup safety last season, so the Vikings may pencil him in as the other starter this year. However, the Vikings will likely look to add depth at this position later in the draft. One name to keep an eye on is Kyle Hamilton, who is clearly the best safety in this year's draft. Many draft experts say he is the best player in the draft, but because he plays safety he will likely fall down the draft board a bit. He will likely be gone by the Vikings' pick, but if he's still there I wouldn't be surprised to see the Vikings grab him as he'd be the perfect compliment to Harrison Smith.

Special Teams

The Vikings brought back Greg Joseph and Jordan Berry, and they are both adequate. I'd love to see the Vikings draft Matt Araiza (punter, San Diego State) in the seventh round. His nickname is "Punt God", and he has the potential to be a rare game-changer on special teams.

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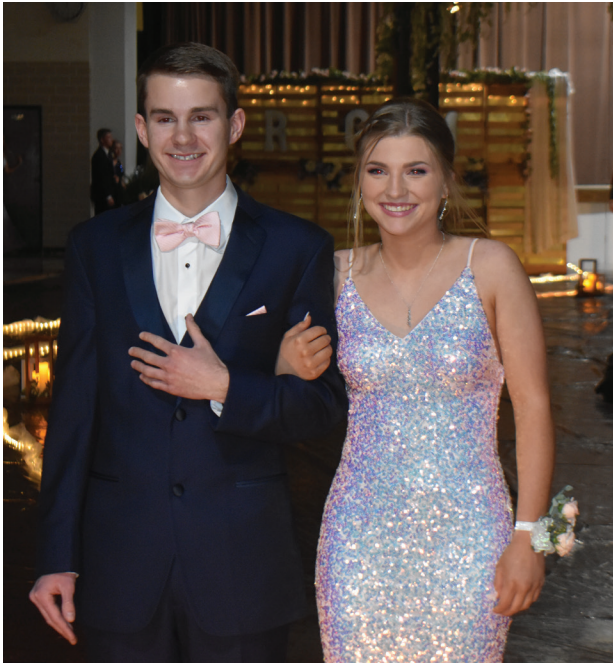
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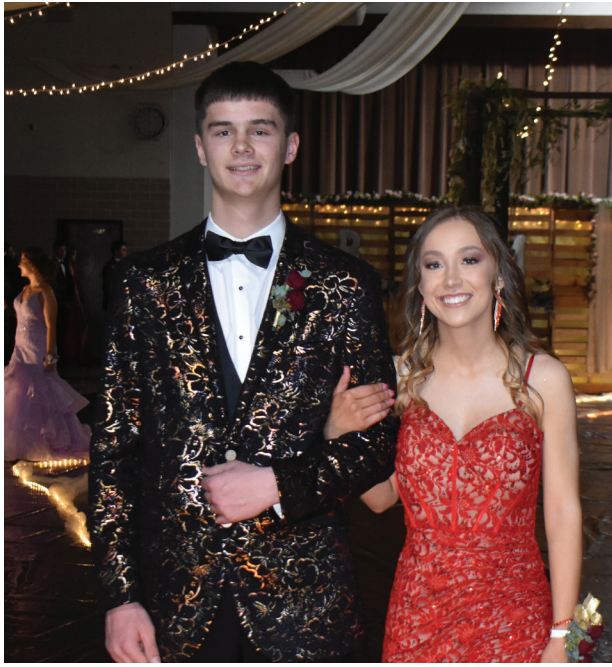
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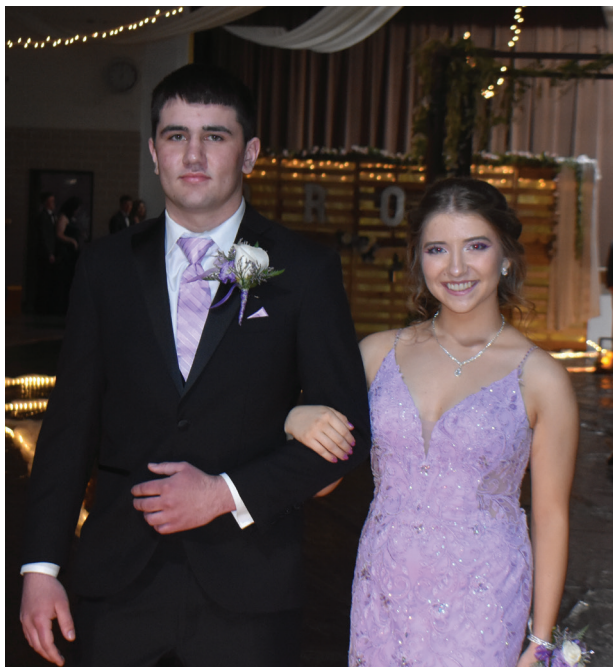
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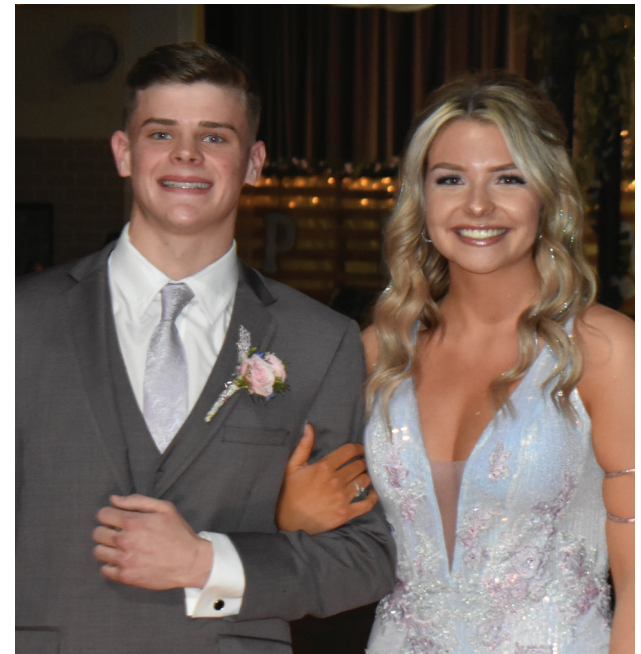
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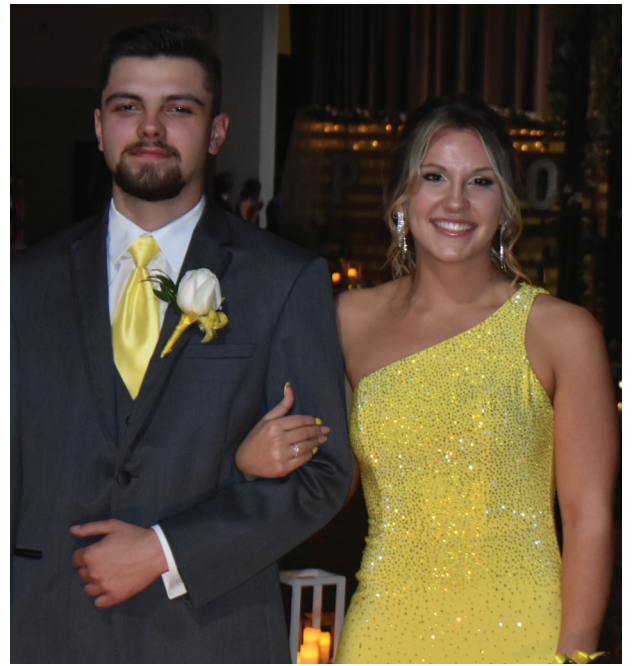
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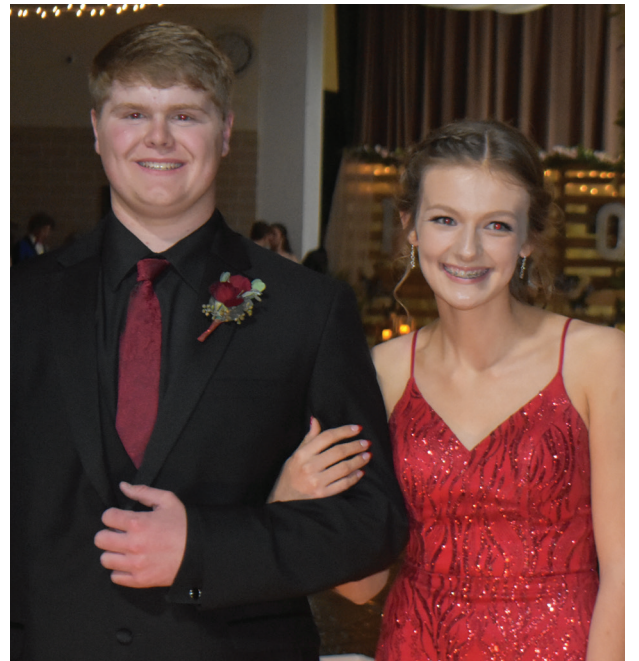
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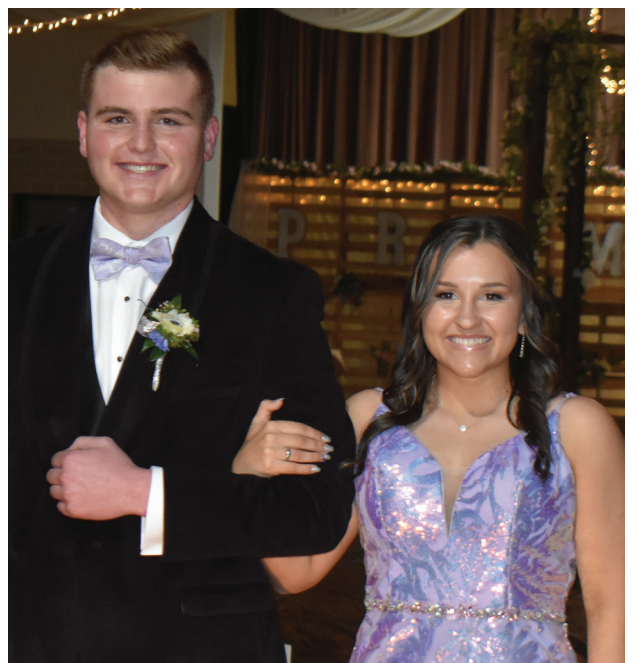
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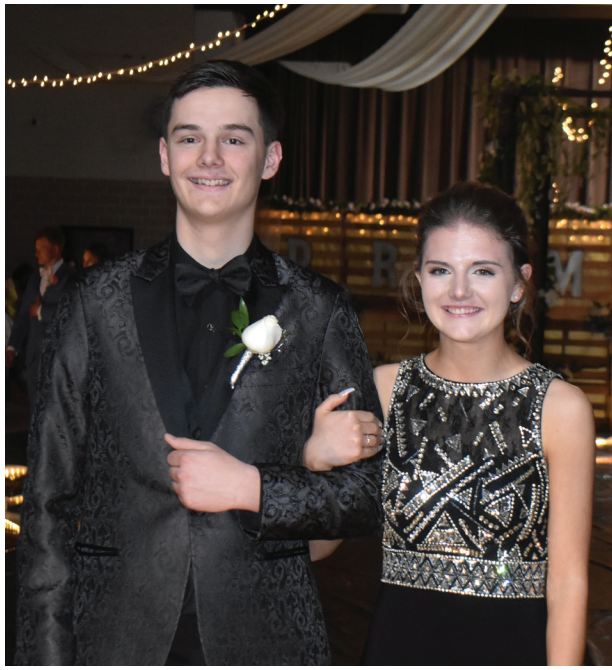
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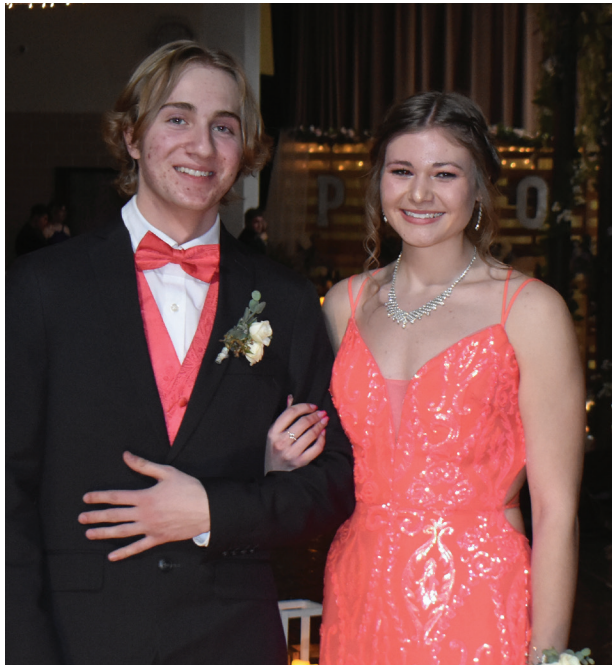
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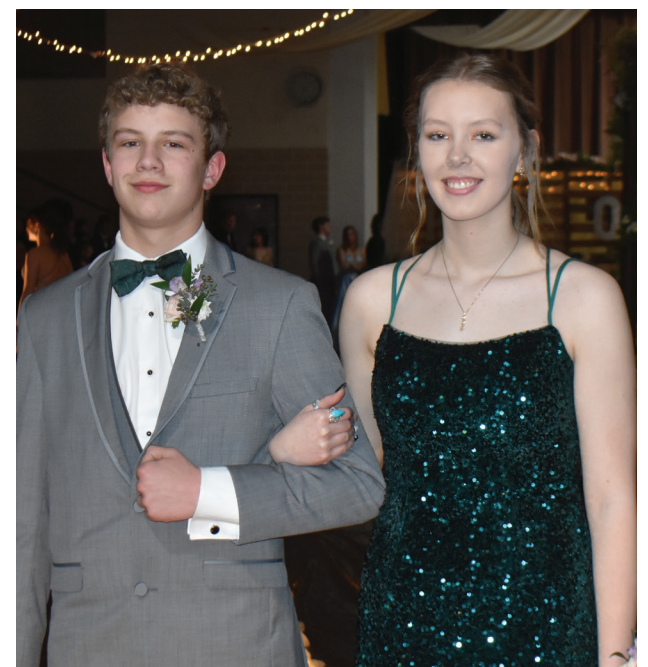
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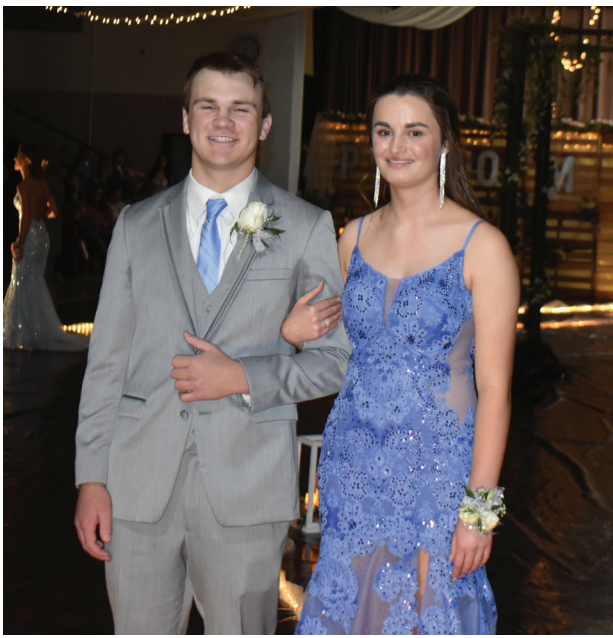
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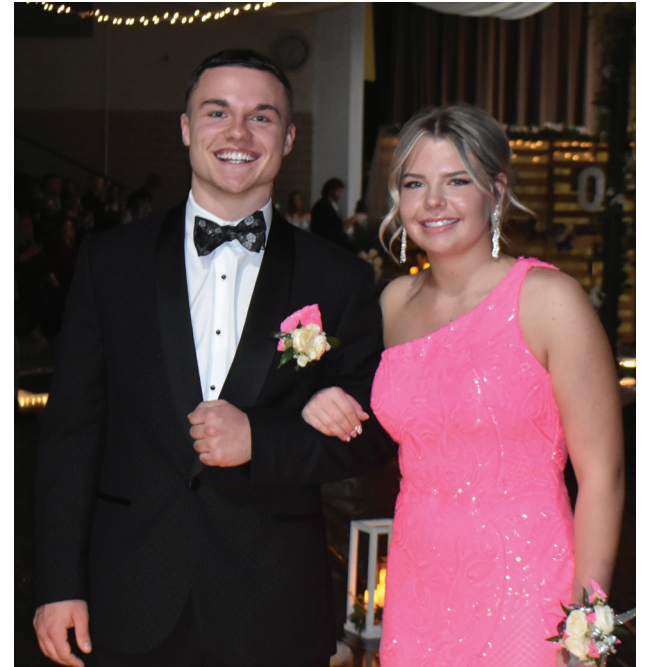
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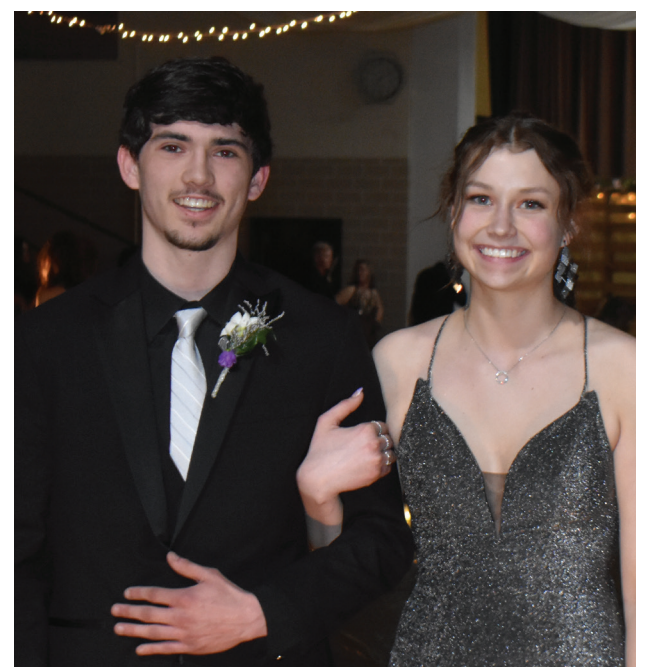
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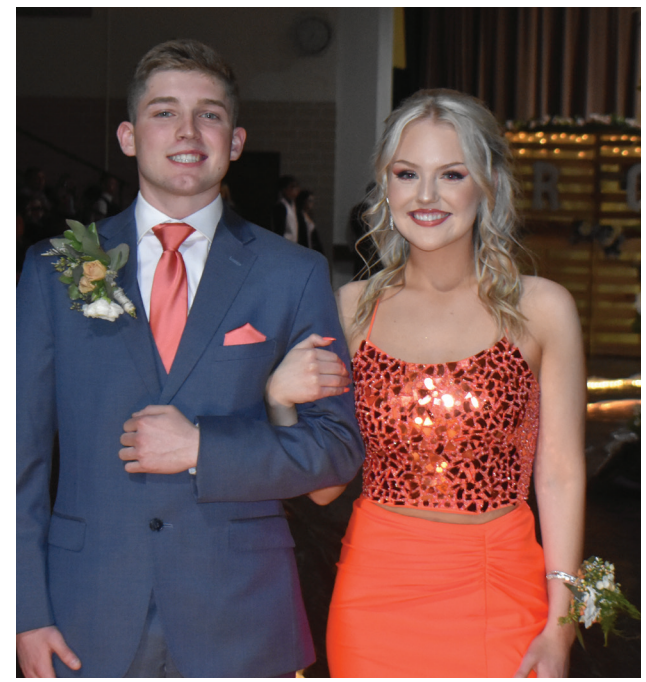
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School Lunch: Corn dogs, smiley fries.
Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, cranberry sauce, pumpkin bar, whole wheat bread

Friday, April 29

1 p.m.: Track Meet at Webster School
Breakfast: French toast sticks.
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Senior Menu: Salmon loaf, creamed peas, fruit, brownie, whole wheat bread.

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Political intrigue swirls around upcoming attorney general election

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South Dakota's political landscape will enter uncharted territory over the next two months as uncertainty over the Attorney General's Office tests party loyalties and candidate qualifications heading into the Republican state convention June 23-25 in Watertown.

The question of who will serve as the state's chief law enforcement official hangs in the balance.

Impeached and suspended Jason Ravensborg is working behind the scenes to build delegate support while also preparing for his Senate trial, to be held just days before the GOP convention.

Former two-term Attorney General Marty Jackley has returned to the campaign trail to give the GOP an alternative to the embattled Ravensborg, forming a political alliance with Gov. Kristi Noem to bolster his case among law enforcement officials and party leaders.

And Democratic Party Chairman Randy Seiler, a career prosecutor and former U.S. Attorney who lost to Ravensborg in the 2018 general election, has told South Dakota News Watch he will run for Attorney General again – but only on one condition.

"I won't run against Jackley," said Seiler. "But if Jason emerges as the Republican nominee, I will run."

Candidates for attorney general are decided not by voters in the June 7 primary but by delegates at the convention two weeks later, a process that allows political alliances to loom as large as legal credentials or, in Ravensborg's case, being the subject of a high-profile criminal investigation.

That creates an interesting timeline, with Ravensborg's impeachment trial set to begin June 21. If he's convicted by a two-thirds majority vote in the Senate, the 46-year-old Iowa native will be removed from office and disqualified "to hold any office of trust or profit under the state," according to state law.

Anything short of a conviction, however, means he can run again. Ravensborg has been contacting delegates trying to fend off a challenge from Jackley, who entered the race in March of 2021 and has the support of not just Noem but former attorneys general such as Roger Tellinghuisen and Mark Barnett.

"I would say circumstances caused my phone to ring and email to buzz fairly extensively," said Jackley, a 51-year-old Sturgis native who would become the first attorney general in state history to return to the office in non-consecutive terms.

Most political observers see Jackley as a clear favorite, with the understanding that strange things can still happen at the convention. Jim Gilkerson, a party delegate who is chairman of the Brookings County Republicans, said he will support Jackley because of "frustration" over Ravensborg's legal troubles and the way he has handled them.

Ravnsborg did not respond to an interview request for this story made through his spokesman, Mike Deaver.

"I really like Jason – he's a personal friend of mine," said Gilkerson. "But I don't think it's going to work for him to be Attorney General after the problems we've had. I don't know how you have something that serious happen and continue, or even want to continue, in that job."

That's been a quandary for South Dakota Republicans ever since Ravensborg struck and killed a pedestrian with his car on a highway



Attorney General Jason Ravensborg addresses supporters after his election win in 2018. Ravensborg was impeached April 12 and is awaiting a Senate trial that is set to begin June 21.

Photo: Courtesy Argus Leader

west of Highmore on Sept. 12, 2020, setting off 19 months of legal and political controversy, including power struggles within the state's dominant political party.

Noem pushed for the resignation of Ravensborg, who pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors and avoided jail time for the crash that killed Joe Boever. Ravensborg accused Noem of a conflict of interest and seeking more control of the Attorney General's office. Their feud served as a backdrop to the impeachment process, with House members voting 36-31 against Ravensborg.

In Ravensborg's absence, the office is being run by Deputy State's Attorney Charlie McGuigan, a veteran prosecutor who "can start the process of restoring trust and confidence in the office," according to Seiler.

"For the criminal justice system to operate efficiently and effectively, it needs the confidence and trust of the public," said Seiler. "By not stepping down and continuing to work while being the subject of an investigation, Jason put his own political career and ambitions ahead of the obligations and responsibilities of the Attorney General's Office."

Concerns about political machinations outweighing legal experience emerged within the party during Ravensborg's 2018 campaign. His primary credentials consisted of serving as part-time deputy state's attorney in Union County – a role that did not include lead trial work – and as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Ravnsborg's opponents at the 2018 convention in Pierre were Lawrence County State's Attorney John Fitzgerald, a seasoned Rapid City (Deadwood?) trial lawyer, and Fall River State's Attorney Lance Russell, whose state legislative experience included chairing the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"My analysis was that I didn't think Jason had ever tried a jury trial, and at the end of the day, I thought I had a good chance, and that John had a good chance because of our experience," said Russell. "I must say I was surprised that neither one of us did better than we did. I thought the delegates might put a little more stock in experience."

Each county can be represented at the convention by its party chairman, vice chairman, secretary and

treasurer, as well as committeeman and committeewoman. As many as three at-large delegates can be elected in the primary. Precinct committee members can also serve, meaning there are about 2,000 potential statewide delegates.

Ravnsborg, who raised more money than his GOP opponents in 2018, picked up 47 percent of delegate votes in the first round (in which Fitzgerald was eliminated) and 63 percent in a head-to-head matchup with Russell to secure the nomination.

"I have to give credit where credit is due," said Russell. "Jason ran circles around me in terms of contacts he had with precinct committee people and party leadership, and I think he's trying to do the same thing this

time around. Do I think he can beat Jackley? That's probably unlikely. But Marty should be making as many contacts as he can."

In his acceptance speech at the 2018 convention, Ravensborg pledged to be a "man for all the people" and urged party officials to be united for his cause. But questions about his qualifications lingered into the general election against Seiler, a career prosecutor who served as U.S. Attorney in Sioux Falls from 2015-17.

No Democrat has been elected Attorney General in South Dakota since Kermit Sande in 1972, but two Republicans who held the office – Mark Meierhenry and Tellinghuisen – crossed party lines to endorse Seiler in 2018.

"I was looking at it purely from a non-political standpoint," said Tellinghuisen, who served as Attorney General from 1987-91 and now works in private practice in Rapid City. "I thought Randy had far greater experience as a prosecutor than Ravensborg, and it was better to have someone with that background in the position."

Ravnsborg received 55 percent of the vote to defeat Seiler, taking office in January 2019. The fatal crash came less than 20 months later, and Tellinghuisen is careful to separate Ravensborg's job performance before the incident from the tumult that followed.

"I believe that the events that led us to this point had little or nothing to do with the actual performance or duties of the attorney general," said Tellinghuisen. "Whether or not these events have undermined public confidence in the office, I think that's a fair question."

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Marty Jackley (front row, center) takes a photo with College Republicans from South Dakota State University at the Lincoln Day Dinner in Brookings. Photo: Stu Whitney, South Dakota News Watch

2022 May Groton Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Emmanuel: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Grace Alone, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Methodist: Communion Sunday: Conde Worship at 9 a.m.; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Groton worship at 11 a.m.</p> <p>St. John's: Bible Study, 8 a.m.; Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Zion worship 11 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.</p> <p>2 p.m.: High School Baseball at Castlewood (V/JV)</p>	<p>2 Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, peaches, whole wheat bread.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.</p> <p>School Lunch: Cheese sticks, marinara sauce, corn.</p> <p>6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Bible Study</p> <p>3:30 p.m.: Junior High Track Meet at Aberdeen Roncalli</p>	<p>3 Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, fruit cobbler, whole wheat bread.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Hashbrowns, pizza.</p> <p>School Lunch: Hamburgers, fries.</p> <p>9:30 a.m.: Methodist Bible Study</p> <p>1 p.m.: Track meet at Milbank</p> <p>7 p.m.: Elementary Spring Concert</p> <p>7 p.m.: City Council Meeting</p>	<p>4 Senior Menu: Chicken Tetrazzini, peas, honey fruit salad, vanilla pudding, whole wheat bread.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Pancake bites.</p> <p>School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, tater tots.</p> <p>Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Noon: Chamber Meeting at City Hall</p> <p>5 p.m.: Emmanuel Sarah Circle</p> <p>6 p.m.: Emmanuel Confirmation</p>	<p>5 - National Day of Prayer</p> <p>Senior Menu: Beef tips in gravy over noodles, peas, lettuce salad, fruit, whole wheat bread</p> <p>School Breakfast: Eggs and sausage.</p> <p>School Lunch: Taco burgers, spudsters</p> <p>10 a.m.: Girls Golf at Moccasin Creek CC</p> <p>2 p.m.: Emmanuel Nigeria Circle</p> <p>7 p.m.: High School Spring Concert and Awards Night</p>	<p>6 Senior Menu: Bratwurst with bun, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, fruit.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll bake.</p> <p>School Lunch: Pizza, green beans.</p> <p>3 p.m.: Track Meet at Sisseton</p> <p>6 p.m.: FFA Banquet at GHS Gym.</p>	<p>7 10:30 a.m.: Track meet at Eureka.</p> <p>SEAS Confession: 3:45-4:15 p.m., SEAS Mass: 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>8 a.m.: City-wide Rummage Sale</p>
<p>8 - Mother's Day</p> <p>Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Emmanuel: Worship/Milestone, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Bethesda worship, 2 p.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Methodist: Conde Worship at 9 a.m.; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Groton worship at 11 a.m. (Sunday school sings at Groton service)</p> <p>St. John's: Bible study, 8 a.m.; Worship, 9 a.m.; Graduation reception, 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Zion worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p>2 p.m.: High School Baseball at Miller (V/JV)</p>	<p>9 Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.</p> <p>School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, corn.</p> <p>6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Bible Study</p> <p>10 a.m.: Girls Golf at Olive Grove Golf Course</p> <p>3:30 p.m.: Junior High Track Meet at Aberdeen Roncalli</p> <p>7 p.m.: School Board Meeting</p> <p>1 p.m.: Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center</p>	<p>10 Senior Menu: Hot turkey combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7-layer salad, apple sauce, cookie.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Muffins.</p> <p>School Lunch: Chicken strips, tater tots.</p> <p>9:30 a.m.: Methodist Bible Study</p> <p>6 p.m.: High School Baseball at Redfield (V/JV)</p> <p>7 p.m.: All School Play at GHS Gym.</p> <p>7 p.m.: Emmanuel Church Council</p>	<p>11 Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, acini depepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Egg bake.</p> <p>School Lunch: Sloppy joes, fries.</p> <p>Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m., UMYF at 7 p.m.</p> <p>6 p.m.: Emmanuel Confirmation.</p> <p>6:30 p.m.: Emmanuel League</p>	<p>12 Senior Menu: Honey glazed chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, mixed vegetables, ambrosia salad, whole wheat bread.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.</p> <p>School Lunch: Chicken fries, puzzle tots.</p> <p>10 a.m.: Girls Golf at Madison</p> <p>11 a.m.: NEC Track meet at Britton</p>	<p>13 Senior Menu: BBQ beef sandwich, potato salad, carrots and peas, seasonal fresh fruit.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Waffles.</p> <p>School Lunch: Hot dogs, chips.</p> <p>12:30 p.m.: Elementary Track and Field Day</p> <p>7 p.m.: All School Play at GHS Gym</p>	<p>14 SEAS Confession: 3:45-4:15 p.m., SEAS Mass: 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>15 - Graduation</p> <p>2 p.m.: GHS Graduation</p> <p>Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Emmanuel: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Avantara worship, 3 p.m. (Choir to help); Choir, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Methodist: Communion Sunday: Conde Worship at 9 a.m.; Groton worship at 11 a.m.</p> <p>St. John's: Bible Study, 8 a.m.; Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Zion worship, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>16 Senior Menu: Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, spinach salad, mandarin oranges, bread stick.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Oatmeal with toppings.</p> <p>School Lunch: Mac and cheese, cooked carrots.</p> <p>6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Bible Study</p> <p>10 a.m.: NEC Girls Golf at Moccasin Creek CC</p> <p>10 a.m.: JH Track Meet at Hamlin</p> <p>1 p.m.: Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center</p> <p>7:30 p.m.: St. John's Christian Literature Circle</p>	<p>17 Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, apricots, whole wheat bread.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Hashbrowns, pizza.</p> <p>School Lunch: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes.</p> <p>9 a.m.: St. John's Quilting</p> <p>2 p.m.: DARE Graduation in the Arena</p> <p>7 p.m.: City Council Meeting</p> <p>Methodist: Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.; Conde Ad Council</p>	<p>18 Senior Menu: Teriyaki chicken, almond rice with peas, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, orange sherbet, dinner roll.</p> <p>School Breakfast: Cook's Choice.</p> <p>School Lunch: Sack lunch made by kitchen.</p> <p>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</p> <p>Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>19 Senior Menu: Herbed roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, tomato spoon salad, cinnamon apple sauce, whole wheat bread.</p> <p>Faculty In-Service</p> <p>10 a.m.: Girls Golf at Sisseton</p> <p>10 a.m.: Region 1A Track Meet at Clark</p> <p>Methodist: Newsletter items due, UMW at 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20 Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, apple pie square, whole wheat bread.</p>	<p>21 10 a.m.: Emmanuel worship at Rosewood Court</p> <p>SEAS Confession: 3:45-4:15 p.m., SEAS Mass: 4:30 p.m.</p>

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The rest of the May calendar will be published later in the month which will include baseball schedules

Brown County April 19, 2022

Meeting Minutes

APRIL 19, 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. Commissioner Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Casey Weismantel, director of Aberdeen Area Convention and Visitors Bureau shared about National Travel & Tourism Week May 1-7th, 2022. A spring hospitality training will be available Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 at the Capitol Theatre from 8:30 am- 10:30 a.m.

ORDINANCE 216 – MINI AG REZONE – SECOND READING/ADOPTION:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to adopt 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. Roll call vote: Commission Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Sutton – aye. Ordinance adopted.

BID AWARD – SPRAY FOAM CONTRACTORS:

Bid reviewed and recommended as follows: Accept bid from Bahr Spray Foam for 1" with no coating in the amount of \$34,333.20 rejecting Bahr Spray Foam 1" with coating in the amount of \$46,355.92, 2" with no coating in the amount of \$68,666.40, Spray foam 2" with coating in the amount of \$80,689.12, also rejecting bids from TW Construction as follows: 1" no coating in the amount of \$37,142.92, 2" no coating in the amount of \$72,245.03, 1" with coating 68,342.92, 2" with coating \$103,455.03. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to award the bid to Bahr Spray Foam for inch with no coating contingent on funding source for the project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR SEALED PROPOSALS AWARD – WAGE STUDY :

One RFP was received from Condrey & Associates, Inc in the amount of \$37,500. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to award sole bidder. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FY2023 County Employee Benefits - Wellmark:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize chair sign Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield contract for county employee health insurance from 7/1/22 to 6/30/2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FY2023 County Employee Benefits – Dental:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize chair sign Delta Dental contract for county employee dental insurance from 7/1/22 to 6/30/2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FY2023 County Employee Benefits – HSA Health Benefit:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve increase in county paid health savings account contribution to \$61.79 per paycheck. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BODY CAMERA PURCHASE:

Chief Deputy Sheriff – Dave Lonzman, discussed the need to purchase new body camera for Sheriff Deputies. Quotes were presented from Body Cams in the amount of \$8,699 with one year warranty, Motorola in the amount of \$52,454 on a 5 year contract, and Wolfcom in the amount of \$20,044 for one year contract with \$4,000 annual license, Wolfcom in the amount of \$37,442 for a 5 year contract and 5 year warranty with camera replacement at year 3. Chief Deputy Lonzman recommended

Body Cams. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to purchase body cameras from Body Cams by Retired Cops. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of April 12th, 2022, and County Board of Equalization minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

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

Professional Fees: Armstrong Forensic Laboratory, Inc. \$220.00; AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$118.52; CERTIFIED LANGUAGES INTERNATIONAL LLC \$839.85; DAKOTA COUNSELING GROUP, LLC \$2,100.00; DEPENDABLE SANITATION INC \$26,706.60; KARPEL SOLUTIONS \$3,482.90; MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC \$78.08; MICHELLE GAIKOWSKI \$753.40; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC. \$1,232.50; NE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER \$910.00; SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE ABERDEEN \$168.00; SD DEPT OF REVENUE & REGULATIONS \$2,014.89; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC \$260.00; US DEPT OF TREASURY \$1,427.68; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$50.00. Publishing: GROTON INDEPENDENT \$191.22. Repairs & Maintenance: ABERDEEN AUTO CENTER, INC. \$27.45; CRAWFORD M S & F INC \$308.00; DAKOTA DOORS INC \$53.55; DERWIN D. KAMPA \$27,552.34; ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION \$327.67; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$110.00; HUB CITY ROOFING \$70,537.00; JAKE'S HEATING & COOLING \$3,571.44; MUTH ELECTRIC INC \$2,905.88; PANTORIUM CLEANERS INC. \$235.96; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC \$539.58; SCHWAN WELDING \$5,639.22; STEVEN LUST AUTOMOTIVE \$135.44; TITAN MACHINERY - ABERDEEN NH \$1,917.72; Wooden Mallet Custom LLC \$592.04. Supplies: ABERDEEN AUTO CENTER, INC. \$91.00; ABERDEEN MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY \$257.46; ADVANCE AUTO PARTS \$1,040.72; ARAMARK UNIFORM & CAREER APPAREL GROUP, INC \$126.29; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$1,396.33; COLE PAPERS \$903.68; CRAWFORD M S & F INC \$18.48; DAKOTA DOORS INC \$2,625.00; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$14,872.75; FASTENAL CO \$197.27; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$1,200.00; HOUSE OF GLASS \$186.91; KESSLERS \$127.27; L. G. EVERIST, INC \$15,384.61; LEIDHOLDT TOOL SALES, LLC \$273.77; MENARDS \$359.95; NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATION \$66.75; PHARMACHEM \$1,069.30; PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE, INC. \$156.53; RUNNINGS \$1,180.75; SANDERS'S SEW-N-VAC, INC \$57.50; SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP \$277.80; TASER INTERNATIONAL \$8,670.00; TITAN MACHINERY - ABERDEEN NH \$49.50; TRI STATE WATER \$35.00. Utilities: CITY OF ABERDEEN \$413.31; JAMES VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$227.50; NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATION \$4,713.07; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS \$6,613.03; WEST CORPORATION \$60.61; VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES LLC \$3,234.73 Rentals: Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. \$46.10 Others: OFFICE OF CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES \$10,044.00; SD ASSOC. OF COUNTY OFFICIALS \$1,018.00 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Gage seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report:

Acknowledge resignation of Leann Schutt, Brown County Dacotah Prairie Museum, Front Desk/ Volunteer Coordinator, Part-Time; effective June 11, 2022 and approve request to fill vacancy.

Acknowledge resignation of Tonya Merkel, Brown County Jail Nurse Full-time; effective April 27, 2022 and approve request to fill vacancy.

Acknowledge personal miles driven while using a county owned vehicle to be taxed at a rate of \$0.585 per mile. Kendall Titze 132 miles @ \$77.22; John Florey 126 @ \$73.71; Dirk Rog-

ers 532 @ \$311.22; Mike Scott 190 @ \$111.15

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following abatements: City of Aberdeen (Remove Solid Waste Special Assessment) LT 1 Wylie Park SD SE3, SW2, NW 11-123-64 (192.24A) @ \$34.49; City of Aberdeen (Remove Solid Waste Special Assessment) E20' LT17 & LT18 B 77 Hagerty & Lloyd Add @ \$34.49; City of Aberdeen (Remove Solid Waste Special Assessment) Lt 1 Harly Add (L468-470Morning HT) \$34.49; Ray Boschee (Building Removed) BOLS 31 S Einsenbeis LT 505-510 Morning HTS 2007 Highland Classis (HW12110) @ \$749.22; Better Living Homes (Building Removed), LLC BOLS #210 Park VLG LT 2 BK 1 Park VLG 1979 Detroitter 14x70 VINMNDH04D13803651A @ \$5.28; Katrina L. Esser; Anastasia C. Esser (Building Removed) BOLS Lakeside EST W2 26-123-64 1978 RITZCRAFT 14x66 VIN#r11070577 @ \$5.28; Better Living Homes (Building Removed) BOLS #501 Park Village LT 2 BK 1 Park Village 1967 Marshfield 12x64 VIN#6908 @ \$37.97; Kenneth BJur, Jan Bjur (Building Removed) BOLS 300' N of S 333' of E 350' NE 27-123-64 (MH) 1994 Century MY9489140K @ \$122.37. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following fair contract: Parmalee TN, LCC (entertainment). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES:

Moved by Wiese seconded by Gage to approve the following lease agreements: Aberdeen Area Humane Society for lease of Expo Building April 29th and 30th, 2022; American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for lease of Expo September 16-17, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ALCOHOL PERMIT – SPECIAL EVENT:

Moved by Fjeldhiem, seconded by Wiese to approve the following special event alcohol permits: Transfer of RL 5733 ON-Sale (Flying Pig) May 21, 2022 to Brown County Fairgrounds Clubhouse; Transfer of RL 5733 ON-Sale (Flying Pig) May 28, 2022 to Brown County Fairgrounds Clubhouse. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

•Load Limits will be removed April 29th, 2022.

Brown Count Application for Party State before the SD Public Utilities Commission regarding the application by Summit Carbon Solutions is approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Gage, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (Personnel). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declare the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County April 19, 2022 – BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Brown County Commission met to reconvene the recessed equalization board. The Chair and Vice-chair were absent. Present were Commissioners Sutton, Fjeldheim, and Gage. Oaths of office were taken by Commissioners Doug Fjeldheim, and Duane Sutton. Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke was present. Auditor Cathy McNickle called the meeting to order and called for nominations for a temporary Chair.

Commissioner Fjeldheim nominated Duane Sutton as temporary Chair for the 2022 Brown County Board of Equalization. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Sutton as temporary Chair of the 2022 Brown County Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPEALS:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization as stipulated to maintain equalization: WILLIAM COLBY CRAWFORD NW 19-126-60

@\$343133; RANDALL BRETSCHE SE 9-128-62 @ \$262269; DARYL LLOYD D. LLOYD ADD W2 OF 26-128-62 @ \$52098; DARYL LLOYD SE 13-128-63 @ \$289445; TERENCE NASH LT 1 NASH SD NW 10-124-64 @ \$320634; APRIL WALDNER BOLS LT 2 LILAC SD IN SW 31-121-64 1971 RITZCRAFT 12X62 VIN# 0701712961 @ \$0; ALLEN RINGGENBERG LT 5 BK 2 RICHMOND HEIGHTS SD E2 32-124-64 @ \$277133; JEFFRY STOHR LT 17-18 BK 12 ORIG CLAREMONT @ \$4999; DARYL RUSSELL 258' S OF N 900' OF E 353' NE 27-123-64 (@ \$203787; MICHAEL EWALT LT 17-18 BK 23 1ST ADD GROTON @ \$141651; DONALD SHANHOLTS LT 10-12 BK 32 1ST ADD GROTON @ \$136081; STEVE HARRY HARRY'S OL A-C EX LT 1 1ST SD HARRY'S OL C FERNEY SW 31-122-60 @ \$12319 AG class; RAYMOND THORPE LT 26 HOB-BY FARMS NORTH SE 19-124-63 @ \$8496; RONALD KASSA LT 2 KIPPLEY 1ST SD SW 19-125-63 @ \$3450; NELS OLSON LT 18 HOB-BY FARMS NORTH SE 19-124-63 @ \$5344; NELS OLSON LT 19 HOB-BY FARMS NORTH SE 19-124-63 @ \$9964; Kenneth Bjur BOLS 300' N of S 333' of E 350' NE 27-123-64 (MH) 1994 Century MY9489140K @ \$0. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization to maintain equalization: JANE FISCHER FISCHER'S 1ST SD NE 7-124-63 @ \$251,352. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to adjourn brown county equalization at 11:25 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle – County Auditor
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Brown County Schaffer Rezoning Approved

ORDINANCE #216
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Troy Schaffer is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

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

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

Notice of Hearing: March 30 and April 6th, 2022

Passed First Reading: April 12th, 2022

Passed Second Reading: April 19th, 2022

Adopted: April 19th, 2022

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Effective Date: May 17th, 2022

Duane Sutton - Chair, Brown County Commission

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Groton City April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

APRIL 12, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING

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, Wells, Blackmun, and Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, Paul Kosel, Terry Herron, Jason Wambach, Valerie Baker, Beverly Sombke, and Dwight Zerr.

Public comments were wel-

comed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

Valerie Baker and Beverly Sombke presented the possibility of starting a community garden within the city for individuals who do not have the space to have a garden. Council would like to look into how Aberdeen operates their community gardens. Further discussion was tabled to next council meeting.

Dwight Zerr requested a budget increase for the wastewater fund in order to complete various maintenance projects. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to transfer funds in the amount of \$30,000 from the swimming pool budget to the wastewater budget. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock to approve Resolution 20222 authorizing the Mayor of Groton, South Dakota to enter into an agreement for financial assistance between the City of Groton, South Dakota and South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources as follows (all members voted aye):

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GROTON has determined it is necessary to proceed with C462051-06, WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GROTON has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") was prepared; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GROTON submitted a funding application for \$1,326,000 for the Project to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and South Dakota Senate Bill 62 have allowed for additional grant allocations; and

WHEREAS, CITY OF GROTON qualifies for \$9,660,000; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GROTON received \$266,747.78 ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board will match \$266,747.78 of those funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GROTON:

1. That the CITY OF GROTON is hereby authorizing a request for consideration by the Board for a total of an additional \$266,747.78 of ARPA grant funds to be provided for this project.

2. That the CITY OF GROTON is hereby authorized to execute the applications and submit it to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the application for financial assistance.

3. That the MAYOR OF GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the CITY OF GROTON to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to go forth with the BDM Rural Water System Hookup Application for the airport, with the cost of the hookup being \$4,000.00. All members voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve the size of the Street Resurfacing Project to stay within the \$125,000 budget. All members voted aye.

The minutes from the previous meeting on April 5, 2022, 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, \$22,211.18, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,183.05, ; Public Safety, \$7,602.05, ; Public Works, \$10,426.08, ; Dacotah Bank, \$4,866.59, SS/Medicare/Withholding; Dacotah Bank, \$2,606.32, SS/Medicare/Withholding; USPS, \$241.90, Utility Billing Postage; Web Water, \$13,894.22, Water Services; SD State Treasurer, \$10,721.30, Sales and Excise Tax - March 2022; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Dacotah Bank, \$576.24, HSA contributions; Todd Gay, \$92.80, Mileage for SDMEA Conference; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$240.00, Supplemental Retirement; MJs Sinclair, \$1,937.05, Fuel purchases, car wash - PD Tahoe; Anita Lowary, \$150.00, Election Board - April 12, 2022; Melenie Sombke, \$150.00, Election Board - April 12, 2022; Julie Hinds, \$150.00, Election Board - April 12, 2022; Heart-

land Waste, \$8,171.45, Garbage hauling; Douglas Heinrich, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; April Abeln, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; Kellie Locke, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; Landon Johnson, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; Branden Abeln, \$407.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; Med Flex; Paul Kosel, \$78.58, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; Mileage Reimbursement - Heartland Annual Mtg; Runnings Supply Co, \$120.46, Hose reel, 9-pattern spray revolver, ratchet, garden hose; A&B Business Solutions, \$352.10, Printer Lease; Irby, Inc, \$14,027.65, Crimper kit, line hardware, crossarms, insulators, cutout fuses, overhead material, overhead wire for service replacements/repairs; WAPA, \$22,384.19, Power Services - March 2022; Heartland Consumer Power, \$56,726.84, Power Services - March 2022; Aramark, \$36.84, Rug Rent; Groton Daily Independent, \$107.69, Publication Fees; Dakota Doors Inc, \$192.35, Repairs to City Shop Door; Ecolab Pest Elimination Div. , \$106.00, Rodent Services - Rubble Site; Locators & Supplies, Inc., \$129.80, Marking White Paint; Cole Papers, Inc, \$162.02, Garbage Bags - Community Center & City Hall; Share Corporation, \$313.85, Dynasty Liquid (bacterial digestant), hand cleaner; James Valley Telecommunications, \$786.89, Telephone and Internet Services; Ken's Food Fair, \$140.47, Fuel, water, foam trays, paper products; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$2,375.57, Rubble site camera annual fee, One Call notifications, fuel, battery combo pack - pd, hanging file folder frames, The Pantry donation box, clothing - pd, postage fees, air compressor for city shop ; AutoZone, Inc. , \$51.03, oil, oil filter, brake fluid; Creative Product Sourcing, Inc., \$601.15, 2022 DARE T-Shirts ; NorthWestern Energy, \$61.91, Natural Gas - Watertower; South Dakota 811, \$9.45, Message Fees for Jan. 2022 - Mar. 2022.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Cutler to approve the March finance report. All members voted aye.

The Groton City Council, appointed as the Board of Canvassers due to the members' positions on the governing board in the jurisdiction of City of Groton for the Municipal Election held on the 12th day of April, 2022, hereby certify that the following is a true abstract of the votes cast in the jurisdiction of City of Groton at the election as shown by the returns certified to the person in charge of the election:

Mayor (three-year term)

Aaron Michael Grant 24

Scott Hanlon 218

All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Bahr to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 760 – Amending Rates for Municipal Utility Customers. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to allow Officer Tony Garcia to attend Taser Instructor Certification in Huron, SD on May 2, 2022. All members voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding the Spring Baseball Contract.

Reminder – 2022 Spring City Wide Clean Up: April 30, 2022 – May 6, 2022

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:07 PM. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:52 PM.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to promote Officer Justin Cleveland to Assistant Chief with a wage of \$28.00/hour. All members voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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Frederick Area School District

Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, Cash Balances and Payroll

Ending March 31, 2022	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Food Service Fund	Drivers Ed Fund	Governmental & Enterprise Fund Act. Totals	Custodial Fund	Ovid Stevens Scholarship Fund	Fiduciary Funds Account Totals
Beginning checking Balance	\$482,967.85	\$202,547.39	\$198,249.46	\$8,537.85	\$1,126.68	\$893,429.23	\$5,549.98	\$0.85	\$5,550.83
Beginning checking Balance	\$402,915.57	\$178,798.96	\$136,778.65	\$101.92	\$2,375.62	\$720,970.72	\$6,458.96	\$0.85	\$6,459.81
Receipts:									
Local Sources	\$3,919.86	\$50.00	\$49.90	\$2,252.65			\$18,503.75		
County Sources	\$47,261.36	\$24,990.67	\$11,238.01						
State Sources	\$50,523.00								
Federal Sources	\$10,798.91	\$234,823.00		\$8,705.68					
Interest	\$31.67						\$0.64		
Total Receipts	\$112,534.80	\$259,863.67	\$11,287.91	\$10,958.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,504.39	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements									
Bills	\$62,959.88	\$22,684.68	\$11,676.49	\$7,507.36			\$16,819.39		
Payroll	\$127,501.20		\$22,391.85	\$4,806.89					
Total Disbursements	\$190,461.08	\$22,684.68	\$34,068.34	\$12,314.25	\$0.00	\$259,528.35	\$16,819.39	\$0.00	\$16,819.39
Total checking balance	\$324,989.29	\$415,977.95	\$113,998.22	(\$1,254.00)	\$2,375.62	\$856,087.08	\$8,143.96	\$0.85	\$8,144.81
Beginning investment balance	\$271,909.91	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,651,719.16		\$27,419.15	\$27,419.15
Interest	\$1,983.67								
Total investment balance	\$273,893.58	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,653,702.83		\$27,419.15	\$27,419.15
Ending Fund Balance	\$598,882.87	\$2,349,612.15	\$1,560,173.27	(\$1,254.00)	\$2,375.62	\$4,509,789.91	\$8,143.96	\$27,420.00	\$35,563.96

**Frederick School
April 13, 2022**

Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

APRIL 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order on April 13, 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 Kusters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Janel Hettich.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the public are allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Action 22-085 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the agenda as amended: add FCCLA as #6, move all other agenda items down one number. All aye, carried.

Action 22-086 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held March 14, 2022, with correction added after Action 22-079: The board engaged in a discussion regarding the current Strength/Conditioning Program. This item was tabled until the April 2022 meeting; no action taken.; March 2022 financial report, district bills and March 2022 payroll. All aye, carried.

Claims approved: March 2022 Payroll – General Fund salaries 69,671.91; Special Education salaries 14,771.28; Food Service salaries 2,976.24. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 24,218.91; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,229.69; American Funds, retirement 1,466.70; Delta Dental, 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 13,969.80; SD Retirement Supplemental, 4,493.48. General Fund: Aberdeen Awards, sports awards 140.00; Ategra Bath Fertilizer, fuel 5,216.61; Air Madness, music trip activity 937.44; Amazon Capital Services, supplies 14.99; Amazon Capital

Services, supplies 1,038.90; AmericInn Sioux Falls North, travel 750.00; Avera St Luke's, athletic training 262.65; Blumhardt Chevrolet Inc, repairs 1,395.45; Brown County Treasurer, sewer tax 34.49; Cash-Wa Distributing Co of Fargo, LLC, food 776.23; Cash-WaDirect, prom 71.96; Century Stadium 14, music trip activity 526.88; Championship Productions, coach training-BP 175.50; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 1,132.58; Community Store, prom 7.50; Custodial Account-FASD, Imprest reimbursement 699.00; Flying J, fuel 47.60; GDI News, publishing 335.94; Glazier Clinics, Glazier Season Pass 49.95; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 196.42; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 242.88; Jostens Inc, supplies 146.40; Kessler's, supplies 170.87; Ketterling Photography, team photos 61.50; Main Street Station, repairs 320.18; Menards, supplies 179.97; Menards, supplies/repairs 238.39; Merchant Services, online lunch payment fees 20.80; Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 133.93; Midstates Group, sports awards 73.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electric 5,960.97; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 265.50; Quality Inn & Suites South, music trip hotel 3,058.72; Ringgenberg, Jessica, prom 343.36; SASD, conference registration 200.00; School Specialty, LLC, supplies 151.65; Sumption, Sarah, education reimbursement 60.00; Town of Frederick, utilities 1,218.87; United States Postal Service, postage 5.49; WalMart, graduation/prom supplies 314.32; World's Finest Chocolate Inc, music fundraiser 2,119.51 Total \$29,096.40. Imprest checks: Ipswich School District, track meet entry fee 200.00; Kusters, Jeffrey, AD conference meals 134.00; Northern State University, track meet entry fee 300.00; South Dakota Council of Administrators of SpEd, conference registration fee 20.00; Warner School District, business manager meeting 17.00; Zinter, Tonya, supplies reimbursement 48.00 Total \$719.00. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print contract 693.96; Amazon Capital Services, library books 111.85; American Time, clock 166.05; Interior Design Concepts, flooring 2,978.43; Northern State University, digital textbooks 28.10; Wordware Inc, lunchroom software 1,664.00 Total \$5,642.39. Special Education

Fund: Avera St Luke's, therapy services 4,253.40; Custodial Account-FASD, Imprest reimbursement 20.00; Geffre, Wendy, mileage reimbursement 84.00; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 17.08; Kusters, Christine, conference meal reimbursement 86.00; Sheraton Sioux Falls, conference travel 447.00 Total \$4,907.48. Food Service Fund: Cash-Wa Distributing Co of Fargo, LLC, food/supplies 6,096.74; Cash-Wa Distributing of Kearney Inc, food 35.17; Cash-WaDirect, supplies 87.29; Community Store, food 4.58; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 47.52; SNA Depository, membership dues 46.50; WalMart, supplies 20.99 Total \$6,338.79. Driver's Education Fund: Paradigm Driving Solutions, supplies 60.47 Total 60.47. Custodial Fund: Aberdeen Awards, LRC awards ...875.00; Pizza Ranch, LRC meeting 87.52; Scholastic Book Fairs – 30, Spring 2022 book fair 958.39; SD FCCLA, FCCLA (student paid) 113.00 Total \$2,033.91. Custodial Fund-Lake Region Boys Basketball Financials: Aberdeen Catholic Schools, Region share 176.37; Aberdeen Christian School, Region share 176.37; Arend, Brad, game worker 50.00; Armstrong, Glen, game worker 50.00; Beck, Bo, game worker 90.00; Benson, Steve, game worker 50.00; Bloom, Nathan, game worker 50.00; Bloom, Vanessa, game worker 50.00; Bohle, Stewart, game worker 50.00; Britton-Hecla School District, Region share 176.37; Bruns, Cody, game worker 25.00; Buck, Wade, game worker 142.08; Carey, Jon, game worker 25.00; Carson, Dave, game worker 25.00; Carson, Lisa, game worker 25.00; DeSpiegler, Gregg, game worker 180.00; Deutsch, Scott, game worker 239.64; First National Bank, cash for ticket sales 1,000.00; Fischer, Gail, game worker 50.00; Frederick Area School District, administrative stipend 40.00; Frericks, Kris, game worker 222.84; Friebel, Kay, game worker 25.00; Gaiowski, Bryan, game worker 407.76; Gleason, Vicky, game worker 25.00; Gottlob, Shayne, game worker 98.40; Hettich, Janel, secretarial stipend 100.00; Hills, Randy, game worker 50.00; Holt, Adam, game worker 90.00; Hosford, Mary, game worker 25.00; James, Carrie, game worker 25.00; Juhnke, Karlette, game worker 50.00; Jung, Kari, game worker 25.00; Kline, Eric, game worker 50.00; Knebel, Gar-

ret, game worker 25.00; Kusters, Jeffrey, administrative stipend 500.00; Kotzea, Ruth, game worker 50.00; Kretschman, Jeff, game worker 25.00; Krueger, Abby, game worker 25.00; Langford Area School District, Region share 176.37; Leola School District 44-2, Region share 176.33; Lutz, Patty, game worker 50.00; McCreary, Cheryl, game worker 50.00; Nelson, Mark, game worker 25.00; Ninke, Mike, game worker 125.00; Noffsinger, Zach, game worker 75.00; Northwestern Area School District, Region share 176.37; Palmer, Doug, game worker 25.00; Paulson, Matt, game worker 154.68; Pueppke, Danielle, game worker 25.00; Raasch, Paul, game worker 25.00; Rabenberg, Brian, game worker 25.00; Ramirez, Michelle, game worker 25.00; Rauen, Derrick, game worker 75.00; Reporter Farmer, plaques 57.00; Richter, Kyla, game worker 25.00; Robinson, Angie, game worker 25.00; Ruesink, Doug, game worker 310.32; Saylor, Pat, game worker 25.00; Schmidt, Mike, game worker 75.00; Schrenk, Rich, game worker 25.00; SD High School Activities Association, Region 1 6,654.00; Steiner, Shelly, game worker 50.00; Steinwandt, Timothy, game worker 180.00; Stengel, Nicci, game worker 25.00; Subway, meal 44.99; Summit School District 54-6, Region share 176.37; Vetter, Chad, game worker 25.00; Waage, Tom, game worker 180.00; Warner School District, Region share 176.37; Webster Area School District, armory rental 225.00; Wilmot School District, Region share 176.37 Total 14,154.00.

Reports were given by Mr. Kusters and Mrs. Ringgenberg. Ms. Hettich reported there will not be a 2022 School Board election as the only petition received was Alex Hart for his open position. Mr. Sumption reported the North Central Special Education Cooperative hired Ms. Becky Erickson as their new Director.

Mrs. Crystal Arthurs shared information about the FCCLA 2022 National Leadership Conference. Action 22-087 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve use of district funds to cover the following FCCLA National Leadership Conference expenses: registration fee for students and chaperone; chaperone expenses including hotel, meals and travel. All aye, carried.

Mrs. Chandler Cox presented a progress report and future plans

of the Strength and Conditioning program.

A presentation for Live Ticket was heard via telephone. No action taken.

Action 22-088 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve the amended 2022-2023 school calendar. All aye, carried.

Action 22-089 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to amend Action 22-074 to remove "licensed". All aye, carried.

Action 22-090 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve a district-funded paraprofessional to be hired for Preschool when class enrollment exceeds ten students. All aye, carried.

Action 22-091 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to submit ballot for Ryan Nelson for ASBSD Board of Directors Northeast Region Enrollment 265 and under. All aye, carried.

Action 22-092 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to adopt the 2022-23 SDHSAA Membership Resolution. Roll call vote-all aye, carried.

Action 22-093 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve 2022-23 North Central Special Education Cooperative District Membership Agreement. All aye, carried.

Action 22-094 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve Associated School Boards Protective Trust Bylaws Resolution. Roll call vote-all aye, carried.

Action 22-095 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve the 2022-2023 Associated School Boards Protective Trust South Dakota School Districts Benefits Fund Participation Agreement, Adoption & Renewal Motion. Roll call vote-all aye, carried.

Action 22-096 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the 2022-2023 Associated School Boards Protective Trust-Workers' Compensation Fund Participation Agreement, Adoption & Renewal Motion. Roll call vote-all aye, carried.

Action 22-097 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to accept the resignation of Donna Hoffman, Paraprofessional, at the end of the school year. All

aye, carried.

Action 22-098 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to offer contract to Alura Johnson for Assistant Volleyball Coach. All aye, carried.

The board took a 5-minute recess at 8:51 p.m.

Action 22-099 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to enter Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) – Employee Matters and SDCL 1-25-2 (4) Negotiations at 8:56 p.m. All aye, carried.

President Schlosser declared Board out of Executive Session at 11:30 p.m.

Action 22-100 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve the 2022-2023 negotiated agreement. All aye, carried.

Action 22-101 Motion by Achen second by Sumption to offer 2022-2023 certified contracts, with \$400 one-time bonus to be paid in December 2022. All aye, carried.

Action 22-102 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to offer 2022-2023 non-certified Employee Agreements. All aye, carried.

Action 22-103 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to offer 2022-2023 administrative contracts. All aye, carried.

Action 22-104 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to offer 2022-2023 Frederick Area coaching and extra-curricular contracts. All aye, carried.

Action 22-105 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to offer 2022-2023 Leola/Frederick co-op coaching contracts. All aye, carried.

The school board would like to congratulate Morgan Sumption for qualifying for the FCCLA 2022 National Leadership Conference in San Diego. The school board and administration would like to thank Donna Hoffman for her years of dedicated service to the Frederick Area School District.

Action 22-106 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to adjourn at 11:35 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Janel Hettich, Business Manager

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**Frederick School
Notice of
2021 Audit**

Notice of Audit of the Fiscal Affairs of Frederick Area School District No. 6-2

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 of Brown County, South Dakota, have been audited by Eide Bailly LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and that a detailed report thereon is filed with the governing board, the Business Manager, and the Department of Legislative Audit, 427 South Chapelle, Pierre, South Dakota, for public inspection.

The following findings and recommendations referred to in the report are hereby published in compliance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12:

Current Audit Findings and Recommendations

Finding 2021-001 - Lack of Segregation of Duties

Criteria: A good system of internal controls contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to its completion.

Condition: Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 has a limited number of office personnel and, accordingly, does not have

adequate internal accounting controls in revenue, expenditures, and payroll functions due to a lack of segregation of duties.

Cause: The School District has an insufficient number of staff members to adequately separate duties.

Effect: This condition increases the risk that fraud or errors might occur and not be detected in the financial reporting process.

Recommendation: Although it is recognized that the number of office staff may not be large enough to permit an adequate segregation of duties in all respects, it is important that management and those charged with governance be aware of this condition. We recommend that the School Board exercise adequate oversight of the accounting function.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

Finding 2021-002 - Preparation of Financial Statements and Footnotes and Material Proposed Adjustments to the Financial Statements

Criteria: An organization's internal control structure should provide for the recording of all necessary material adjustments and the preparation of financial statements and footnotes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited, including required footnotes and disclosures and all necessary material audit adjustments, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Cause: The School District does not have adequate staff trained to prepare the financial statements and footnotes including adjustments to material account balances.

Effect: This condition may affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation: This circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. It is the responsibility of manage-

ment and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

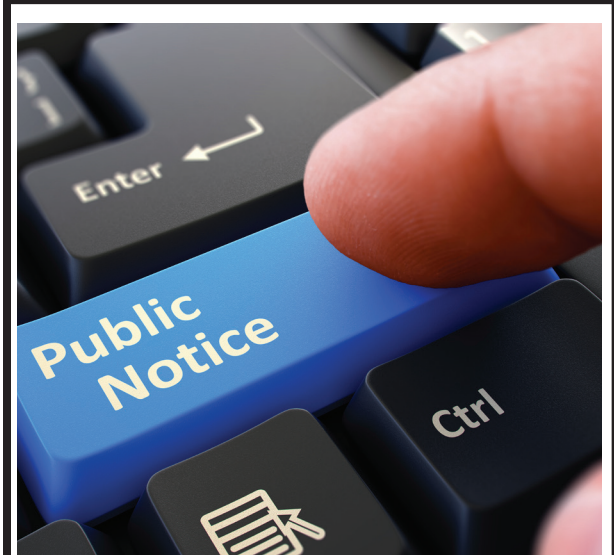
Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

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The Life of Wanda Stange



Services for Wanda Stange, 84, of Stratford will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 28th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Wanda passed away April 23, 2022 at Bethesda Home of Aberdeen.

Wanda (Vitense) Stange was born to Rudy and Lois Vitense on March 1, 1938 and grew up with 10 siblings. She graduated salutatorian from Columbia High School and gave up a scholarship to Jamestown College to marry Leon Stange May 25th 1956. They farmed with Leon's parents, Hu-

bert and Viola Stange for many years. As part of the farming operation, Leon regularly took livestock to Sioux Falls in a semi, and one became two and so on. Behold Stange Trucking began and needed a bookkeeper. So along with Wanda's mom duties, cooking, 4-H leadership, gardening, sewing, helping at church, cleaning, and keeping kids in line, she added bookkeeping and bossing truck drivers around, who lovingly called her "the old Lion".

Stange Trucking Inc. grew and moved to Redfield where Leon, Wanda (and Channon) went daily, while at the same time also managing the family farm. A 10 to 12-hour workday wasn't abnormal for them. Stange Trucking Inc. operated from 1968 until 1975. Leon and Wanda returned to the family farm and Wanda went to work for Braun Trucking in Warner. She got so skilled at doing truck drivers' paperwork that she created her own service bureau in 1976. Wanda ran Wanda Stange Prorate Services from her home, becoming the second largest service bureau in SD, and doing drug and alcohol testing for over 500 companies. She also kept books for the farm and Truck World, a company that was created by Leon, Wanda, and Loy in 1979. She rarely sat down.

In her 'spare' time she was an officer for LWML, embroidered baptism napkins, made baby blankets & other crafts and printed Playlists for Stratford Community Theatre. She was secretary for the Northland Independent Automobile Dealers Assn for many years which Leon and Wanda attended annually. She was also secretary of North American Transportation Services Assn and enjoyed attending national events with her sister-in-law, Darlene Wahl in tow. Leon and Wanda spent many February's in Yuma, Arizona with friends and Wanda's extended family.

Wanda sold the company in 2015 and it is still growing strong in Stratford today. Wanda retired to the family farm until 2018, when Leon passed away on their 62nd wedding anniversary. Later that year, Wanda moved to a memory care unit in Sioux Falls to be closer to children and grandchildren. After a repaired broken hip she moved to Bethesda Home in January of this year.

Wanda was one smart lady, an incredible cook, and her potato salad is legend around these parts. She loved her 14 grandchildren so very much and always had a large pan of rice crispy bars waiting. Holidays with the extended family was one of the joys of her life. She loved every minute of watching her family engage without her being the center of it.

She leaves behind children Cal Stange of Sioux Falls, Pam (Tim) O'Neil of Overland Park KS, Loy Stange of Stratford, Von (Cathy) Stange of Coralville IA, and Channon (Julie) Stange of Sioux Falls; 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; sisters Ione Schelbitzki, Shirley Dayton, Mavis Leif, Murriel Oles, brothers Forrest Vitense and Neil (Nan) Vitense, and sisters-in-laws Kathy Vitense and Darlene Wahl.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to LWML St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney, the Stratford Community Theater, or the Alzheimer's Association SD Chapter.

The Life of Donald "Don" Dayton



The funeral service for Donald 'Don' Dayton, 84, of Stratford, SD, will be held at Spitzer Miller Funeral Home on Friday April 29, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Ruth Clendenin officiating. Burial at West Rondell Cemetery. Don passed away Friday, April 22, 2022 surrounded by family in the same home he was born in.

Visitation will be from 3:00-7:00pm, Thursday, followed by a prayer service at 7:00pm at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 South Main Street.

Don Dayton was born July 24, 1937, to Arlo and Jeanette 'Nettie' Dayton on the family farm near Stratford, SD. He grew up and attended

country school, then played basketball in high school and graduated from Stratford High in 1955. Don met the love of his life, Olene 'Fae' VanStone, at the drive-in picture show, later being united in marriage on October 12, 1957. They lived on the farm, which has now been in the Dayton family for 127 years. Over the years, they raised chickens, pigs, beef cattle, horses, goats, sheep, and through his children's 4H projects, they added registered Brown Swiss dairy cattle to the farm. His children know him for his whistle that could summon them from anywhere on the farm to come to his aid! Beyond his time on the farm, Don and his brothers also did carpentry work together. After retiring from farming in 1995, Don worked as a custodian at Roncalli School where he made unforgettable memories and many friends.

Don could often be found out in his workshop making wood furniture projects and toys for family or starting a project with his grandkids. He enjoyed inventing and building of all sorts, including a motorized Ferris wheel out of license plates, rebuilding a farm tractor originally built and used for several years by his father, and restoring the first truck he purchased from his father while working as a young farmer, which was a 1940 International, his pride and joy. Among these talents, Don also spent a lot of time in the garden, watching westerns on TV, and singing and listening to old country music, especially Sherwin Linton. Don and Fae loved dancing, and found joy in teaching their kids to dance, too. Don was an avid hunter, once killing two does with a single shot. He also enjoyed the yearly Andover Thrashing Show and being a "friend of the fair" at the Brown County Fair while Fae served on the board. They also have fond memories of their family vacation to Disney World to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Don and Fae were also able to take a 19 day trip to Europe seeing England, France, Switzerland, Austria and Denmark.

Grateful for having shared Don's life are his wife Fae; children Barbara (James) Hoops, Becky (Daniel) Thyen, Stacey (Joel) Frink, Steven (Juliann) Dayton, Heather (Troy) Opdahl, Shad (Darcy) Wood, and Kara (Andrew) Paulson; grandchildren Elise Casavan, Matthew Anderson, Jared (Alyson) Anderson, Nathan (Jennifer) Thyen, Natalie (Justin) Arendsee, Andrew (Taylor) Thyen, Alex (Cassidy) Thyen, Dawson Frink, Aspyn Frink, Taryn Opdahl, Talayna Opdahl, Shaydon Wood, Steven Paulson, Henry Paulson, and Cort Paulson; great-grandchildren Chandler Pullman, Jessica Pullman, Jason Schmidt, Averi Thyen, Vaelyn Welk, Weston Thyen, Waylon Arendsee, and Wynonna Arendsee; sister-in-law Shirley Dayton, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Don in death are his parents: Arlo and Nettie Dayton; children Gregory Lee Dayton and Gordon Arlo Dayton; his siblings Hazel Dayton, Earl (Ida Mae) Dayton, Robert (Evelyn) Dayton, Ray (Esther) Dayton, Dale (Betty) Dayton, Mabel (Ed) Radcliffe, Ben Dayton, Arlys Ann Dayton, and Gladys (Delmar) Hansen.

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Rainstorms and old friends

"It was a dark and stormy night..." Those are words oft-mocked as a terrible way to begin a story, but in my case it was afternoon, with the low threatening rumble of thunder and closer crashes of lightning. Wind enough that you could almost feel the house lean into it. Thick clouds so that the world looked gray. A downpour with clicks of soft hail against the window. Blessed April showers.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

The dreariness may have been the cause of my melancholy mood or maybe my mood summoned the weather. It was afternoon but it felt like dusk. It was just background noise but I heard the word "populist" on a news program, and it reminded me of my old friend Tom Secrest, a political animal who'd confessed to me once that he was a bit of populist. I'm not sure I even knew exactly what it was. I just knew that Huey Long, The Kingfish of Louisiana politics, had been one.

One definition is "a politician, who strives to appeal to ordinary people who feel that their concerns are disregarded by established elite groups." These days, the word suggests a manipulator of emotions and grievances.

When I met Tom in Hettinger, ND, some 30 years ago, he had a signed picture of Richard Nixon on the wall of his law office. Tom had once been the state GOP chairman. But he'd come out of Texas as an LBJ Democrat, an affliction that lasted through college, later brushed off as a remnant of puberty, something naturally discarded at adulthood. I guess I never grew up.

In spite of our differences or perhaps the discovery of many more commonalities, we became friends. I'd moved to town to rescue the Adams County Record, a newspaper in receivership, the only way I knew how and that was to actually report the news. This made the good old boys with all those skeletons in the closet nervous. They claimed I was just stirring things up. But from my office window on Main Street, I watched the populace scurry like ants to a picnic to the post office the minute the newspaper came out. I'd become a populist.

Hettinger and Reeder had fantastic basketball teams and folks gloried in the coverage. But I took some beatings when I reported on the trial of a local saint who wasn't as saintly as it seemed. I called an old newspaperman, Omar Forberg, who absolved me of my sin with a line I've used since with my reporters: "Hey, he committed news."

When Tom heard my lament, he smiled sanguinely. "I used to be a fair-haired boy, too." I learned more about politics from Tom than anyone, something that burst my bubble when I discovered it was more about strategy than idealism. And I suppose he opened my eyes to human nature and its frailties. We became loyal friends but I'm not convinced I'd have wanted him in my foxhole.

We appeared weekly with Al McIntyre on the local radio morning show, BS in the A.M., where we raised blood pressures by discussing hot-button issues. Ginger Arndorfer was substituting for Al the morning Tom and I began discussing a controversy in New England where a roadhouse was bringing in strippers much to the chagrin of the churchies. "Well, you'd have to pay a cover charge to be offended," I said, as Ginger tried to steer us off the topic. But in sophomoric fashion we steamrolled ahead, noting that when it fed an infant, it was "the good breast" but when it had pasties and tassels, it was bad. And why didn't men have to wear shirts at the beach if nipples had to be covered? Weighty topics, indeed.

The more flustered Ginger became the more

we egged each other on, but when the show was over, Ginger's husband, Tom, tall and cowboy-tough, was waiting in the lobby. He demanded I march right back into the studio and apologize on the air but he seemed unprepared for my refusal. "You're going to be waiting a long time," I told him.

Meanwhile, Secrest was quietly donning his hat and overcoat. Why wasn't Tom Arndorfer yelling at him, I wondered. Secrest slipped out the door while the seething cowboy tried to figure out what to do with me. The confrontation eventually fizzled and I soon escaped myself, half-laughing at Secrest's retreat. I like to think that if I was getting pummeled he would have stepped in.

I miss the guy. The big chicken.

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Dear EarthTalk: I'm confused: Is China's government committed to fighting climate change or just making the problem worse?
—Paul J., Austin, TX



In the wake of the global climate summit in Glasgow, nations across the globe are not only self-reflecting, but also expecting others to carry their weight as we desperately try to keep the planet from warming. China is a common target for criticism when it comes to emissions; the most populous country on the planet uses fossil fuels for 87 percent of its energy production. To exacerbate the issue, 80 percent of that fossil fuel usage is represented by coal energy production. China is the world's largest producer of coal, consuming more than half of the global supply.

China's President Xi has responded to criticism surrounding the nation's coal production by pledging to phase down its coal usage starting in 2026 as well as halting construction on new coal plants abroad. While they will not be expanding coal plants to other countries, China has 60 new coal plants in production nationally, arguing that they have a right to pollute as they develop their country much like Western nations did to develop their economies.

China has been the world leader in carbon dioxide emissions since 2006, and today they are responsible for 25 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. While they have shown to be prolific polluters, the nation is also demonstrating that they are on the cutting edge of renewable energy. China leads the globe in solar energy production with 254,355 megawatts annually, while the next closest country, the United States, produces only 75,572 megawatts.

It is important to acknowledge that when it comes to the raw data associated with both greenhouse gas emissions and renewable energy production, China's 1.4 billion population (more than four times that of the U.S.) inflates those values. When broken down to the percentage of energy use, the United States and China are much closer than it seems. The United States uses renewable energy for nine percent of its total energy production while China's renewable energy production makes up ten percent of their total energy use. Both countries score as being "highly insufficient" according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in their efforts to reach emissions reduction goals required to mitigate warming.

China's latest announcement includes their goal to have emissions peak by 2030 and ultimately reach carbon neutrality by 2060. While this goal is far from being able to reduce the impacts of warming, environmental diplomats are optimistic that China will achieve these goals early, citing that China achieved nine of the 15 quantitative targets in its 2015 climate commitments ahead of schedule. Reducing emissions does not mean that China will cut all of their fossil fuel use, but they can also put effort into carbon sequestration through reforestation. China is getting greener at a rate faster than any other country with some areas increasing vegetation coverage by 16 percent per decade. On a global scale, while the sheer population of the country makes their pollution numbers seem much worse, they are on the same track as other global leaders like the United States: taking "green" strides, but just not fast enough.

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Smokeless Tobacco is a Cancer Risk



Kelly Evans-Hullinger, MD

From Babe Ruth to John Wayne, Americans have seen chewing tobacco in

popular culture for over a century. Spitting chew has been a trademark of cowboys and professional athletes alike and chewing tobacco use continues at high rates in the United States. In 2018 a survey showed 2.4 percent of American adults used smokeless tobacco, with snuff or snus pouch use on the rise and chewing tobacco on the decline.

Though smokeless tobacco use is not associated with lung cancer like smoking is, it has its own set of potential dangers. First, smokeless tobacco does contain nicotine, causes nicotine addiction, and thus can be very difficult to quit.

Chewing tobacco can wreak havoc on a person's teeth and gums. It causes tooth discoloration, dental cavities, tooth loss, and recession of the gums, sometimes requiring oral surgery.

Smokeless tobacco is a major risk factor for cancer of the oral cavity and throat. Smoking cigarettes also increases the risk of this type of cancer. Cancer of this region can be devastating partly because its treatment may result in the inability for a patient to use their mouth, throat, and vocal cords.

A person who uses or has used smokeless tobacco as well as current and former smokers should discuss that with their primary care provider as well as their dentist and dental hygienist, as those professionals can perform thorough oral and neck exams as part of their regular care. Any abnormality found should be investigated thoroughly.

Another crucial note is that many oral, head, and neck cancers are also associated with human papilloma virus, or HPV, infection. If you are on the fence about getting your children or yourself, if eligible, vaccinated for HPV, this disease is another excellent reason to do so.

The iconic Babe Ruth, who chewed tobacco and smoked cigarettes, died prematurely of throat cancer at age 53. Major League Baseball finally prohibited the use of smokeless tobacco in 2016.

If you use smokeless tobacco and are ready to quit, the advice is similar to that for quitting smoking. First, make a plan and talk to people who can help hold you accountable. Get rid of all stashes of tobacco at your home, workplace, and vehicle. Consider use of nicotine replacement therapy, such as patches and/or gum, or prescription medication which may make kicking your nicotine addiction a little easier. Finally, if you aren't successful this time, regear your plan and try again. It will absolutely be worth it.

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