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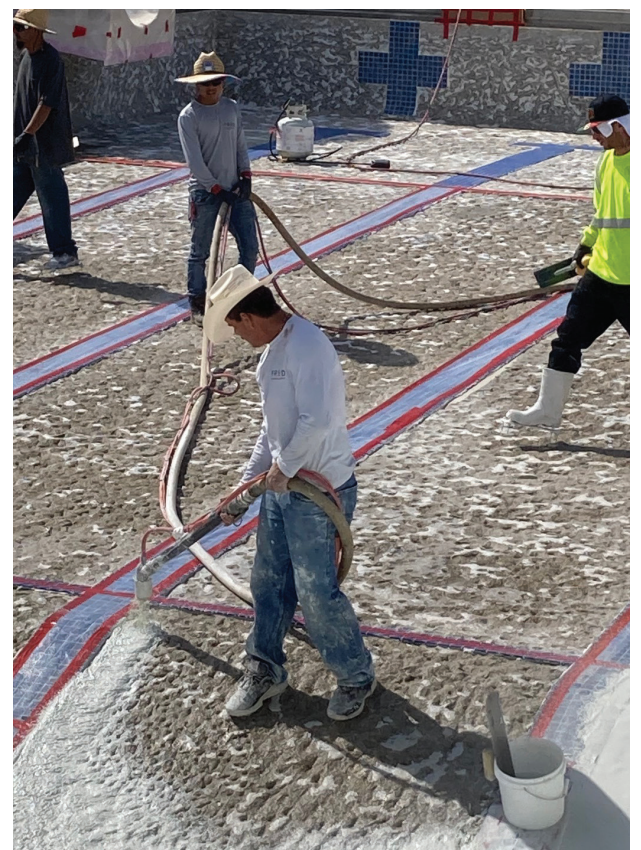
Flag Pole Base Poured
Joe Foertsch of Patios Plus is pouring the concrete into the hole in front of City Hall. This will be the site for the new flag pole.



The final process of putting down the plaster was done Thursday and Friday of last week. It was then filled and the pool opened up Tuesday evening.



There was a line of swimmers waiting in line as the pool opened Wednesday afternoon.



The crew from Go Get FRED used a blower to blow the plaster and then they would trowel it out.



Flihs receives

Ms. Lacrosse Award

Madeline Flihs received Ms. Lacrosse and All State Lacrosse Midfielder Aberdeen Cobras. The tournament and awards were in Watertown this past weekend. (Photo by Bridget Flihs)

Lacrosse is a team sport played with a lacrosse stick and a lacrosse ball. It is the oldest organized sport in North America, with its origins with the indigenous people of North America as early as the 12th century.



Madeline Flihs is pictured in front. She is a member of the Aberdeen Cougars LaCrosse team.

Robins fly

Writer's note: I stumbled across this column written when India headed off to college. Time flies. She's back and will be interning at a law office this year with law school on the horizon.

Mama Robin built a nest a scant six feet from the front door this year. Brave girl, that one, or perhaps just trusting. The azure eggs were visible just below eye level, and India and I watched the progression from broken shells to featherless, famished babies with gaping mouths, as their gaunt, overworked mother retrieved worms and bugs from the lawn. Almost overnight it seemed, the nest grew crowded by the fully-feathered fledglings.

"How are you doing?" friends have been asking lately when they see me. "Well, she's off to college," I say. "I'm already walking around in my underwear, peeing with the door open and drinking from the milk carton. Hard telling what it will be like in a month." Then come the lines I've repeated like a lame haiku:

It's very quiet now...
Just Gus and Me and the Cat...
That's the way Life goes...

For the first time in a quarter century, I am alone. I used to be so good at it. Craved solitude. I moved from city to city, from one microphone to another, never looking back, friends and lovers lost in my wake. Then marriage, kids, light, darkness, divorce, and then light again.

It's been just India and me for a few years, now. Plus Gus the Wonder Pug and Squirrel the World's Grumpiest Cat. They both seem morose. Perhaps I'm just anthropomorphizing. Pugs naturally look sad and that cat... his bellicosity increases with his years. Feline nature or maybe he just wants the litter box changed.

I take Gus for a ride a couple times a week. This is what I've become—a pug chauffeur. I try to scratch his ears more often and tell him he's a good boy, although he really isn't all that good—a bit of a maniac, really, barking at everything that moves and some things that don't.

There are people in the guesthouse, but Gus snoozed through their late arrival, so this morning he went out to bark at their parked cars. He usually doesn't miss a thing. He has successfully defended this household from ax murderers disguised as UPS and FedEx drivers as well as suspicious tractors and butterflies with bad intent. And the wind. You can't trust the wind.

I took up gardening this year, possibly in a subconscious effort to keep occupied. Then again, maybe I just like flowers. With nearly a score of containers planted, I wavered on planting anything in the window boxes on India's old playhouse. A friend suggested I plant them for India with her choice of flowers. She chose marigolds, because she doesn't know much about flowers and it was the only thing that came to mind. Though they started small, they are in full bloom, pungent and vibrant, bursting from the boxes. As I water them and appreciate the blooms, it dawns on me that those marigolds really might be for me. A wise friend, indeed.

We text, we talk, we laugh, we sass and pretend it doesn't ache a little. Sadly, Gus doesn't really get that somehow that's "his India" on that FaceTime screen coming through that anemic speaker. But he cocks his head and tries to understand.

"Did you listen to the song?" India asked the other day. I hadn't. India and Dylan send me music often but I don't always listen right away. I didn't realize this one was an original composition—A Song For Home. Melancholy and sweet, guitar strings ringing in the key of something, it's wistful and hopeful, a metaphor for life's journey.

Was I leaving for you, for the fame and fortune?

Or just to spread my roots and grow...

Can I make a promise on the fastest comet?

I'll be home before too long...

It's been three weeks and 1,295 miles ago. When I got home from the airport, after two hours of windshield contemplation, before I faced the echoes inside, I glanced at the robin's nest. They'd flown.

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That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

As we hit a lull in the offseason for the Vikings, we thought we'd take each week to look at different position groups for the Vikings. We'll look at any competition that might occur, as well as make our predictions for who will make the final 53-man roster. This week we will look at the wide receivers fighting to make the Vikings.

Wide Receivers:

Locks to make the 53-man roster: Justin Jefferson, Adam Thielen, and KJ Osborn

The Vikings will come into the 2022 season with the three-headed monster of Jefferson, Thielen, and Osborn. Is this trio on the same level as the "Three Deep" trio of Randy Moss, Cris Carter, and Jake Reed from 1998? No. However, this group is somewhat of a poor man's version of that, which is not a slight at all. Jefferson, although not the same player as Moss, fills the role as the dynamic young talent who has the potential to be the best wide receiver in the league. Thielen takes over the Carter role of being the red zone threat. And, Osborn appears to have the potential to be similar to Reed, not quite good enough to be the second wide receiver on a team but yet overqualified as the third option. If all things work out, this could be a fun group this year.

Players competing for the fourth and fifth wide receiver spots: Ihmir Smith-Marsette, Jalen Nailor, and Bisi Johnson

The real competition to look out for during training camp on the Viking's offense will be between these three wide receivers. All three come in with both potential and question marks. Bisi Johnson, who caught three touchdowns as a rookie, has the best NFL resume of the three but missed all of the 2021 season with a torn ACL. Smith-Marsette is probably the best athlete of the three but waited until the last game of the 2021 season to have any sort of production on offense. Lastly, Nailor might have the best chance of three to make the roster solely off the fact that he is a rookie that the new Vikings' regime invested a draft pick in. Yet, it is still challenging to commit to a guy who was a 6th-round pick.

Likely to be cut or placed on the practice squad: Trishton Jackson, Myron Mitchell, Blake Proehl, and Albert Wilson

Barring any major injuries to the top six wide receivers on the team, these four wide receivers will likely not make the Vikings' 53-man roster come week 1 of the 2022 season.

The biggest question mark in the wide receiver group: Dan Chisena

Dan Chisena has been a staple on special teams for the Vikings the last two seasons, providing solid work as a gunner on punt coverage. Despite all of that, Chisena has yet to break into any role on the Vikings' offense. Oddly enough, Vikings' center Garrett Bradbury has more career receptions than Chisena. Perhaps the new head coach, Kevin O'Connell, will keep Chisena on the roster because of his value to the special teams. Nonetheless, I would not be surprised if Chisena fails to make the 53-man roster.

53-man roster predictions:

Each week the debate that happens at home between son and dad will play out with our predictions.

Jack's (son) prediction

Justin Jefferson, Adam Thielen, KJ Osborn, Ihmir Smith-Marsette, Jailen Nailor, and Dan Chisena

Duane's (dad) prediction

Justin Jefferson, Adam Thielen, KJ Osborn, Ihmir Smith-Marsette, Albert Wilson and Dan Chisena.

Why did dad pick Wilson- he brings another veteran receiver to the team that outside of Thielen, is very young at the position. Nailor has the potential but unless there is an injury, he most likely will be a member of the practice squad.

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Brown County June 10, 2022 Canvass Minutes

JUNE 10, 2022- CANVASS OF JUNE 7, 2022 JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION

Brown County Commissioners Vice-Chair Mike Wiese, Doug Fjeldheim, and Mike Gage convened for purpose of canvassing the June 7, 2022 Joint Primary election, as authorized by SDCL 12-20-36 at 2:00 p.m. on June 10, 2022 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Also present were the Aberdeen School Board and the City of Aberdeen. Vice-Chair Wiese called the meeting to order.

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the Official Canvass, as follows:

- United States Senator - Republican**
 - John R. Thune 3,454
 - Bruce Whalen 823
 - Mark Mowry 232
- United States Representative - Republican**
 - Dusty Johnson 2,924
 - Taffy Howard 1,624
- Governor - Republican**
 - Steven Haugaard 1,046
 - Kristi Noem 3,530
- State Senator District 01 - Republican**
 - Michael H. Rohl 759
 - Joe Donnell 312
- State Senator District 03 - Republican**
 - Al Novstrup 1,794
 - Rachel Dix 1,222
- State Senator District 23 - Republican**
 - Bryan J. Breitling 136
 - Spencer Gosch 120
- State Representative District 03 Republican (elect 2)**
 - Kaleb W Weis 1,118
 - Brandei Schaeffbauer.. 1,327
 - Richard Rylance 1,264
 - Carl E. Perry 1,606
- State Representative District 23 - Republican (elect 2)**
 - Kaleb W Weis 1,118
 - Scott Moore 118
 - Brandon Black 91
 - Gregory Brooks 103
 - James D. Wangness 78
- County Commissioner At Large - Republican (elect 3)**
 - Mike Russell 1,500
 - Drew Dennert 3,118
 - Mike Gage 2,225
 - Mike Wiese 2,600
- Delegates to State Convention - Republican (elect 3)**
 - Ashton Dennert 1,399
 - Charlene Cornelius 1,192
 - Tabor Schabot 798
 - Ron Cornelius 962
 - Drew Dennert 2,691
 - Jack Hieb 1,688
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-03 - Republican**
 - Daniel Kaiser 145
 - Heath Johnson 70
 - Dave Lunzman 123
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-06 - Republican**
 - George Paul Dennert 262
 - Douglas Roggow 108
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-07 - Republican**
 - Kyler Dinger 211
 - Steven Lust 362
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-08 - Republican**
 - Brandon Black 81
 - Gregory Brooks 74
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-09 - Republican**
 - Andrew Bergan 124
 - Rickey L. Hansen 42

- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-10 - Republican**
 - Daniel Richardt 21
 - Timothy Prater 14
 - Justin Rezzatto 13
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-12 - Republican**
 - Darren Engelhart 92
 - Jeffrey T. Sveen 73
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-13 - Republican**
 - Jeffrey Kippley 62
 - Patrick G Rohl 29
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-15 - Republican**
 - Michael Rohl 228
 - Ken Bjur 74
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-16 - Republican**
 - Michael Evans 42
 - Kaleb Weis 65
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-17 - Republican**
 - Keith Miller 55
 - Kevin Gerard Weig 31
- Precinct Committeeman Precinct-19 - Republican**
 - Jesse Zak 125
 - Brandon Bible 62
- Precinct Committeewoman Precinct-03 - Republican**
 - Mary Jane "MJ" Lunzman 108
 - Joni Hansen 67
 - Laura Zylstra Kaiser 117
- Precinct Committeewoman Precinct-07 - Republican**
 - Sophie Doeden 194
 - Lia Dinger 241
- Precinct Committeewoman Precinct-12 - Republican**
 - Heidi Engelhart 95
 - Mary Jorgensen 66
- Precinct Committeewoman Precinct-15 - Republican**
 - Monica Meyer 180
 - Jan Bjur 52
- Precinct Committeewoman Precinct-16 - Republican**
 - Kayla Weis 52
 - Debora J Ross 11
 - Barbara Evans 30
- Precinct Committeewoman Precinct-17 - Republican**
 - Shannon Broderson 57
 - Anne Miller 41
- Precinct Committeewoman Precinct-19 - Republican**
 - Glenna M. Remington ... 119
 - Kriszi Zak 84
- School Board Member Aberdeen School District 6-1 - Nonpartisan (elect 2)**
 - Gayle Bortnem 3,438
 - Mike Bockorny 2,644
 - Duane Alm 3,117
- City Council Member Aberdeen Ward-NE - Nonpartisan**
 - Erin Fouberg 919
 - Mark Remily 238
 - Andy Schaunaman 364
- City Council Member Aberdeen Ward-NW - Nonpartisan**
 - Charlotte Liebelt 667
 - Jon Boon McNutt 470
- City Council Member Aberdeen Ward-SE - Nonpartisan**
 - Chad Nilson 350
 - Kyle Walz 320
 - David Novstrup 523
- Constitutional Amendment C: A Constitutional Amendment Requiring Three-Fifths Vote for Approval of Ballot Measures Imposing Taxes or Fees or Obligating over \$10 Million. - Nonpartisan
 - Yes 2,375
 - No 5,170
- All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN:**
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Canvass Meeting for the June 7, 2022 Joint Primary Election. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County June 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

JUNE 7, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patty Tracy, an area resident updated the commission on an issue regarding drainage at Richmond Lake. District 3 Representative, Carl Perry, gave an update on the upcoming regional jail meeting.

BID OPENING-ENTERTAINMENT CONSULTANTS:

Place and time as advertised, to open read and consider bids for entertainment consultants for the Brown County Fair. Bids were received and opened from Winterset Concert Events; Romeo Entertainment Group; and Pepper Entertainment. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to defer bids for review. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RIGHT OF WAY APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve the applications for occupancy by Northern Valley Communications for Telecommunications in the following locations: Occupancy of Brown County Highway 6, in section 36,25, Township 121, Range 65; Highway 27, section 31-35,56, township 121, range 63-65; Highway 2, section 34,27, township 121, range 65, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, gave an update on recent and upcoming highway projects.

MINUTES:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the general meeting minutes of May 31, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims and payroll: PAYROLL Commission \$4,503.96; Elections (Voucher) \$3,030.00; Auditor \$9,637.93; Treasurer \$14,192.31; SA \$25,960.10; SVAWA \$0.00; Maintenance \$9,892.56; Assessor \$15,275.89; Register of Deeds \$8,242.40; VSO \$4,143.28; GIS \$2,483.72; IT \$7,850.69; HR \$4,061.37; Sheriff \$41,754.86; Jail \$50,783.07; Coroner (Voucher) \$0.00; Court Security \$6,733.45; JDC \$29,880.09; Welfare \$2,161.43; Museum \$10,515.70; Parks/Fairgrounds \$5,518.51; Fair Board \$4,152.00; 4-H \$231.30; Weed \$5,442.14; Planning & Zoning \$5,715.03; Highway \$43,740.30; Dispatch \$31,849.09; Emergency \$4,285.81; Teen Court \$528.96; JDAI \$1,846.15; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,316.58; Landfill \$14,471.67; MATCHING BENEFITS: FICA @ \$22,071.13, Medicare \$5,161.78, HSA \$864.96, Wellmark BCBS \$114,460.84; Delta Denta; \$7,361.70; Dearborn Life \$1,013.54, SDRS Retirement \$46,059.97; CLAIMS Insurance: SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE \$114.11; Professional Fees: DARCY LOCKWOOD \$18.00; DEVNET \$9,876.25; LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER \$323.20; LUCY LEWNO \$170.00; MARK KATTERHAGEN \$18.00; MICHELLE GAIKOWSKI \$57.00; NE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER \$1,612.00; PRCA \$1,800.00; SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE ABERDEEN \$84.00; SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL, LLC \$2,523.00; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM \$45.00; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$50.00; Publishing: MIDSTATES PRINTING \$139.00; Repairs & Maintenance: DAKOTA DOORS INC \$86.73; Ad-amssoft LLC \$125.00; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$189.79; Consolidated Electrical Distributors Inc \$3.90; DAKOTA DOORS

INC \$652.89; FIRE SAFETY FIRST, LLC \$706.00; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$12.00; HOUSE OF GLASS \$423.47; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$37,800.35; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$75.00; Meister Mowing LLC \$1,395.00; PIERSON-FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY \$197.35; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$51,178.05; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$160.00; SCHWAN WELDING \$1,165.50; Supplies: AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE \$32,492.50; APH STORES, INC \$279.66; BAKKEN BUILD MAINTENANCE \$500.00; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$499.88; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$5.36; CHARM-TEX \$790.50; COLE PAPERS \$586.52; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$279.39; DS SOLUTIONS, INC. \$560.00; ELECTIONS SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE LLC \$2,269.80; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$8.50; GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC \$50.40; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$44,633.84; LABSOURCE, INC. \$2,630.64; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$1,168.44; LUCY LEWNO \$6.53; MENARDS \$129.69; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$372.00; PANTORIUM CLEANERS INC. \$28.00; PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE, INC. \$52.42; R.D. OFFUTT COMPANY \$2,884.37; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$7,574.63; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$98.25; RUNNINGS \$1,000.88; SANDERS'S SEW-N-VAC, INC \$244.93; SCHWAN WELDING \$9,849.00; Travel & Conference: DEADWOOD RESORTS, LLC \$80.00; MICHAEL ELIASON \$3,000.84; Utilities: AT&T MOBILITY \$301.21; CITY OF ABERDEEN \$734.76; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$129.58; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS \$14,280.05; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$90.00; TITAN MACHINERY - ABERDEEN NH \$573.16; Rentals: FORDHAM SIGNS & DESIGN \$2,200.00; Others: SD ASSOC. OF COUNTY OFFICIALS \$1,006.00; SD DEPT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES \$4,902.42; WEX HEALTH INC. \$7,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

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

Acknowledge resignation of Jennifer Powell, Brown County Jail/JDC PRN Nurse, effective May 26, 2022.

Approve hiring of Brett Wilson as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$18.87/hr; effective June 14, 2022

Approve hiring of Dawson Anderson as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$18.87/hr; effective June 14, 2022

Approve hiring of Nicole Phillips as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$18.87/hr; effective June 14, 2022

Approve hiring of Stacey Uselman as Brown County Fair/4H Office Admin, full-time; starting wage \$15.97/hr; effective July 5, 2022

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – NSU GRANT:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chair sign letter in support of Northern State University's grant proposal to the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) Build to Scale Challenge Grant Program for the Northern Innovation and Startup Center. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve the following lease agreement:

Rob VanMeter for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp July 3rd, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to go into executive session to discuss legal and contracts and personnel per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Groton Jr. Teeners Takes Victory Over Aberdeen, lose second game in first loss

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U beat Aberdeen 7-3 on Monday in games played in Groton. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U notched three runs in the third inning. The big inning was thanks to a walk by Kellen Antonsen, a single by Carter Simon, and by Karter Moody.

Gavin Englund was the winning pitcher for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righty lasted six innings, allowing seven hits and three runs while striking out eight.

PlayerD took the loss for Aberdeen. PlayerD went two innings, allowing two runs on one hit and striking out three.

Jarogoskie started the game for Aberdeen. The pitcher surrendered five runs on seven hits over two and two-thirds innings, striking out five

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U totaled eight hits. Simon, Karsten Flihs, and Jarrett Erdmann all had multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Erdmann, Flihs, and Simon each managed two hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Simon led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with three stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with ten stolen bases.

PlayerC went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Aberdeen in hits. Aberdeen was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Glover had the most chances in the field with eight.

Groton Jr. Teeners lost its first game of the season in the second game to Aberdeen, 10-5. The game was tied at three after three innings before Aberdeen scored four runs in the fourth and three in the seventh to pull away for the win. Groton had five runs on 10 hits. McGannon and Groeblichhoff each had two hits for Groton.

Pierce on the mound, Groton Legion shuts out Webster

Pierce Kettering threw a gem on Monday for Groton Legion Post #39, allowing zero runs and besting Webster by a score of 13-0

Groton Legion Post #39 opened up scoring in the first inning, when Jackson Cogley singled on a 0-1 count, scoring two runs.

Groton Legion Post #39 notched three runs in the fifth inning. The offensive onslaught by Groton Legion Post #39 was led by Dillon Abeln, Cogley, and Cade Larson, who all drove in runs. One bright spot for Webster was a single by Brent Bearman in the fourth inning.

Kettering was the winning pitcher for Groton Legion Post #39. The pitcher went five innings, allowing zero runs on one hit and striking out eight.

Carter Williams took the loss for Webster. The bulldog lasted two and two-thirds innings, allowing five hits and seven runs while striking out one.

Groton Legion Post #39 totaled eight hits. Kettering and Bradin Althoff each managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Althoff and Kettering each managed two hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39. Groton Legion Post #39 was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Larson had the most chances in the field with eight.

Bearman led Webster with one hit in two at bats.

In Walk-off, Locke Electric Loses To Outlaws

It came down to the last play, but Locke Electric was on the wrong end of a 13-12 defeat to Outlaws on Sunday in Miller. The game was tied at 12 with Outlaws batting in the bottom of the tenth when Jay Winter's sac fly scored one run for Outlaws.

Despite the loss, Locke Electric did collect 11 hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, Outlaws had 18 hits on the way to victory.

Outlaws captured the lead in the third inning. Dustin Harvey hit into a fielder's choice, scoring one run.

Locke Electric evened things up at 12 in the top of the eighth inning. Locke Electric scored one run when Cody Jensen doubled.

Locke Electric notched four runs in the sixth inning. Locke Electric offense in the inning was led by Wilson Bonet and Spencer Locke, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Outlaws scored four runs in the seventh inning. McDonnel, James White, and Kyle Johnson each drove in runs during the inning.

Johnson led the Outlaws to victory on the hill. The righthander allowed six hits and four runs over four innings, striking out five.

Evan Erickson took the loss for Locke Electric. The righthander allowed eight hits and six runs over five and a third innings, striking out four.

Jonny Israel started the game for Locke Electric. The pitcher surrendered seven runs on ten hits over four innings, striking out three and walking one

Locke Electric saw the ball well today, racking up 11 hits in the game. Bonet, Dylan Frey, Colin Frey, and Jensen each managed multiple hits for Locke Electric. Bonet went 3-for-6 at the plate to lead Locke Electric in hits. Locke Electric tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Erickson led the way with two.

Outlaws had 18 hits in the game. Rafael Clemente, Ryan Soler, Johnson, Smith, Perez, White, and McDonnel all had multiple hits for Outlaws.

Redfield Post 92 Captures Lead Early to Defeat Groton Post #39

Groton Legion Post #39 watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 10-0 loss to Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser on Sunday. Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser scored on a groundout by Keaton Rohfls and an error in the first inning.

The Groton Legion Post #39 struggled to put runs on the board and had a tough time defensively containing Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser, giving up ten runs.

Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser got things moving in the first inning. Rohfls grounded out, scoring one run.

One bright spot for Groton Legion Post #39 was a single by Tate Larson in the fifth inning. Rohfls earned the victory on the hill for Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser. The righty allowed two hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out two and walking one.

Dillon Abeln took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. The righthander went four innings, allowing eight runs on six hits and striking out one.

Abeln and Larson each managed one hit to lead Groton Legion Post #39.

Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Erik Salmen made the most plays with five.

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Groton Legion claws back, but falls just short against Redfield Legion

Groton Legion Post #39 fought back after falling down by four runs in the fifth inning. The comeback fell just short though, in a 9-8 defeat to Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser on Sunday. Groton Legion Post #39 scored three runs in the failed comeback on a single by Jackson Cogley and an error.

Groton Legion Post #39 was right in it until Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser singled in the fifth inning.

Seth Siebrecht was the winning pitcher for Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser. The pitcher lasted three innings, allowing four hits and four runs while striking out two.

Ryan Groeblinghoff took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. Groeblinghoff allowed one hit and four runs over one inning, striking out two and walking one.

Camden Osborn started the game for Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser. The pitcher allowed six hits and four runs over two innings, striking out one and walking zero. Bradin Althoff started the game for Groton Legion Post #39. The southpaw surrendered five runs on five hits over three innings, striking out one and walking one.

Cogley led Groton Legion Post #39 with three hits in three at bats. Groton Legion Post #39 tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Tate Larson led the way with two.

Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser scattered seven hits in the game. Osborn and Keaton Rohfls each had multiple hits for Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser.

Groton Jr. Teeners overcomes Webster Teeners In Face Of Early 4-Run Inning

Vfw 4690 Teeners scored four runs in the fifth inning, but Groton Jr. Teeners 14U still won 12-4 on Wednesday. The offensive firepower by Webster's VFW 4690 Teeners was led by Sheldon S, Caleb E, and Devin S, who each had RBIs in the inning.

In the first inning, Groton Jr. Teeners 14U got their offense started. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U scored two runs when Nicholas Morris singled.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U notched five runs in the second inning. The offensive firepower by Groton Jr. Teeners 14U was led by Jarrett Erdmann, Karsten Flihs, and Karter Moody, all knocking in runs in the inning.

Kellen Antonsen led the Groton Jr. Teeners 14U to victory on the hill. The righthander went five innings, allowing four runs on one hit and striking out eight. Gavin Englund threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

S took the loss for Vfw 4690 Teeners. S lasted four innings, allowing five hits and four runs while striking out two.

Tayten K started the game for Vfw 4690 Teeners. The pitcher surrendered eight runs on four hits over two innings, striking out one.

Morris led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two hits in three at bats. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U tore up the base paths, as four players stole at least two bases. Morris led the way with five.

S went 1-for-4 at the plate to lead Vfw 4690 Teeners in hits.

Groton Jr. Teeners won the second game, 18-8, in three innings.

Tristin McGannon pitched his first game with three strike-outs, seven walks and six runs. Gavin Kroll came in to pitch in the third inning after the six runs were scored and gave up two runs had three walks and one strike-out.

Offensively, Carter Simon and Nick Morris each had

Groton Legion Post #39 Defeats Mobridge Post 4 On Heels Of Cogley's No-Hitter

Jackson Cogley was brilliant on the pitcher's mound on Thursday, as Cogley threw a no-hitter to lead Groton Legion Post #39 past Mobridge Post 4 10-0.

Groton Legion Post #39 put up five runs in the fifth inning. Groton Legion Post #39 big bats were led by Cole Simon, Bradin Althoff, Ryan Groeblinghoff, and Evin Nehls, all driving in runs in the inning.

Cogley took the win for Groton Legion Post #39. The righty allowed zero hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out six.

Jack Faehnrich took the loss for Mobridge Post 4. The righthander surrendered ten runs on eight hits over four and two-thirds innings, striking out four.

Groton Legion Post #39 racked up eight hits. Simon and Pierce Kettering each racked up multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Kettering and Simon each collected two hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39. Tate Larson led Groton Legion Post #39 with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the

base paths with eight stolen bases. Groton Legion Post #39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Cade Larson had the most chances in the field with six.

Mobridge Post 4 - 2022 Almost Erases 9-Run Deficit in Loss to Groton Post 39 Jr Legion

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion built a nine-run lead in the second inning and then held off Mobridge Post 4 - 2022's charge for a 12-10 victory on Thursday. Mobridge Post 4 - 2022 put up eight runs in the failed comeback. Brayden Blom, Holden Eisemann, Taylon Carmody, Jackson Eisemann, Eisemann, and Collin Tisdall picked up RBIs to lead the rally.

Mobridge Post 4 - 2022 scored six runs in the fourth inning, but Groton Post 39 Jr Legion still managed to pull out the victory. Eisemann, Carmody, and Eisemann all contributed in the big inning with RBIs.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion fired up the offense in the first inning. Groton Post 39 Jr Legion scored one run when Bradin Althoff singled.

Taylor Diegel earned the victory on the pitcher's mound for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. The righty surrendered two runs on one hit over

two and two-thirds

innings, striking out

four. Ryan Groeblinghoff and Colby Dunker

entered the game out

of the bullpen and

helped to close out the

game in relief. Groeblinghoff recorded the

last seven outs to earn

the save for Groton

Post 39 Jr Legion.

Eisemann took the

loss for Mobridge Post

4 - 2022. The righty

allowed five hits and

nine runs over two

innings, striking out

three.

Althoff went 2-for-4

at the plate to lead

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion

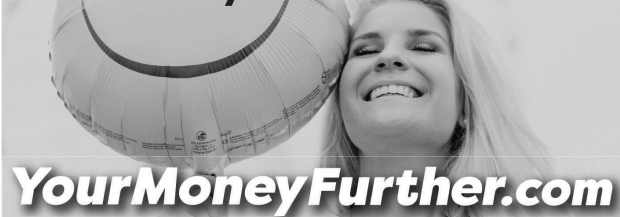
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Activities association considers ways to improve sportsmanship

By Dana Hess, For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — While they didn't have any ready answers, the South Dakota High School Activities Association staff and board of directors agreed on Thursday, June 9, that something needs to be done to improve sportsmanship at high school athletic events.

"It's becoming a huge issue," said SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos. "Some boundaries are being crossed."

Coaches, players, officials and school administrators have to take responsibility for making sure that the games are enjoyable for everyone, according to SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director Jo Auch.

"Our high school activities are supposed to be uplifting," Auch said, noting that a conference she'll attend this summer will discuss ways to implement a no tolerance policy for bad sportsmanship.

"If you've got one of those people in the stands, you've got to do something," Auch said. "We need our schools to step up and say, 'Knock it off.'"

Auch said that in some states student council members police the games, handing out colored cards. A yellow card is a warning and a red card means that the fan has to leave the game. "It's the kids that decide," Auch said.

Fans and players often take their cue from coaches who belittle officials.

"I do believe it starts with the coaches," said SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director Randy Soma. "They fly to the dark side once in a while."

Swartos noted that for all the discussion about unruly fans, he wanted board members to keep in mind that they were talking about a "loud, vocal minority."

"There's a small contingent of knuckleheads that can't control their emotions," said Swartos, who told the board that the SDHSAA staff would keep sportsmanship on future board agendas and continue to seek solutions.

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Schools approve adjusting enrollment numbers using free lunch data

By Dana Hess, For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — At its annual meeting in April, schools that belong to the South Dakota High School Activities Association were presented with seven constitutional amendments. Six of them were easily endorsed while the seventh came close to defeat.

The election results were ratified by the SDHSAA board of directors at its meeting on Thursday, June 9.

On a vote of 101 to 54, member schools endorsed an amendment instituting a formula that would allow a school's enrollment figures to be reduced by 30% using data based on how many students in the district were eligible for free and reduced lunches.

Enrollment figures are used to determine a school's classification in athletics and fine arts activities. Classifications are created on a two-year cycle. The lunch data will be used when classifications are determined for the 2024 to 2025 and 2025 to 2026 school years.

According to the organization's bylaws, constitutional amendments must garner 60% of the vote for passage. The free and reduced lunch amendment earned 65% of the vote.

The association's rationale for offering the amendment said: "We have a number of schools on the line between classifications with large populations of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. In general, those schools and students have severe discrepancies in access to equipment and school/personal access to outside training opportunities as compared to similar sized schools with low populations of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. This multiplier is used in several other states, and free and reduced lunch percentage has been widely accepted as a major factor in athletic/activity success. This multiplier would allow those schools to remain in a classification level that most appropriately reflects their opportunities."

Two SDHSAA board members are school board members and both their boards voted against passage of the amendment.

Marty Weismantel said the Groton School Board took issue with the portion of the rationale noting that schools with large populations of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch are likely to have less access to training facilities. Weismantel said small, rural schools like Groton are also at a disadvantage when it comes to training facilities.

Mark Murphy said the Aberdeen School Board voted against passage of the amendment because its members believed that there are "more factors than this (free and reduced lunches) when it comes to determining poverty."

The six other amendments were easily approved by the member schools, with two passing unanimously, two with just one no vote, one with two no votes and one with four no votes.

Approved by the schools were an amendment that would change the eligibility appeals process, two that would bring the association into compliance with recently passed laws regarding home-schooled students, two that would change the constitution to reflect current practices by the association and one that deletes a reference to No Child Left Behind.

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High school football schedules won't be changed

By Dana Hess, For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — Despite complaints from small schools about their 2023 football schedules, on Thursday, June 9, the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors voted unanimously to keep the schedules just the way they are.

At its April meeting, the board heard some complaints from schools that have nine-man football teams and from the 11B schools that football schedules for 2022 and 2023 were not to their liking. The schedules for some schools did not include conference games or games within their classification.

SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director Randy Soma, in his first year of creating the schedules, said his priority was ensuring that each school had a schedule of games.

It was determined by the board that it was too late to change the 2022 schedules. At the April meeting, Soma was directed to poll schools about whether or not they wanted to change their 2023 football schedules.

All nine 11AAA and all 10 11AA schools wanted to keep their 2023 schedules. Three of the 14 11A schools wanted their schedules changed. At the 11B level, the vote was 15-10 in favor of keeping the schedules. The 9AA vote was 9-5, the 9A vote was 10-7 and the 9B vote was 6-11.

Changing the schedule for just the 9B teams wouldn't be an option, Soma said, because many of them also play 9AA and 9A schools.

Soma noted that some schools filled out the survey three times, with votes coming in from the superintendent, the activities director and the football coach. Sometimes they disagreed on how to vote. When that happened, Soma said, he went with the superintendent's vote.

In 11B and the three nine-man classes, some schools failed to fill out Soma's survey.

"That what's disappointing to me," said board chairman Tom Culver of Avon. "If you're going to complain, take the time to vote."

According to SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos, making the football schedule calls for scheduling 800 games throughout seven classes. He told the board that the staff has been made aware of a computer program that may help with the schedules.

"I think the process will continue to get better," Soma said.

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SDHSAA makes plans for surplus revenue

By Dana Hess, For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — A school year of record attendance at state tournaments has the South Dakota High School Activities Association projecting that it will have surplus revenue at the end of its budget year.

"We had a lot of record crowds this year," said SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos.

At the urging of its finance committee, on Thursday, June 9, the SDHSAA board of directors made plans for the distribution of an estimated \$231,000 in surplus revenue.

The board approved spending as much as \$24,000 for eight body composition scales and refractometers that can be used for wrestler weigh-ins. Swartos said the scales would be for schools to use at eight regional sites.

The board agreed to send an estimated \$46,000 to reimburse excess expenses incurred by schools that served as hosts for state tournaments.

The board approved using the remaining funds, approximately \$150,000 to replenish its reserve account which has been diminished over the past several years.

Board chairman Tom Culver of Avon said there was some concern about the optics of the association striving for a fund balance equal to 60% of its budget when school districts are limited to saving 30%.

"If we have another pandemic this organization is going to need that money," Culver said of the reserve account. "All it would take is a really bad winter" to cause the cancellation of basketball and wrestling tournaments and the loss of the revenue from those events.

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Murphy will lead activities association board

By Dana Hess, For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — Mark Murphy of Aberdeen was selected Thursday, June 9, as the new chairman of the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors. He will serve in that capacity for one year.

Elected as vice chairman was Kelly Messmer of Harding County.

Murphy will lead a board with two new members. Unanimously elected to the board by member schools was Watertown Superintendent Jeff Danielsen. He will take the place on the board of Terry Rotert of Huron.

Board member Derek Barrios of Elk Point-Jefferson is leaving the board after accepting a new position with the Watertown School District. The board selected Dani Walking Eagle of St. Francis to fill the one-year term of Barrios on the board.

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**Groton City
June 7, 2022
Meeting Minutes**
June 7, 2022

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Wambach, Babcock, Wells, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Deputy Finance Officer April Abeln, Assistant Finance Officer Kellie Locke, Paul Kosel, Kami Lipp and Tricia Keith.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Swimming Pool Managers Lipp and Keith expressed their concerns regarding the pool reconstruction. A thank you from the Groton Chamber of Commerce for the City's donation was shared along with a Park donation and note from the Roger and Diane Johnson family.

Lipp and Keith left the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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

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

Payroll, \$25,154.46, Employee salaries; Executive, \$712.33; Administrative, \$4,183.05; Public Safety, \$8,735.25; Public Works, \$10,999.66; Culture & Recreation, \$524.17; Kristie Bonn, \$30.00, Refund for U14 Softball Fee; SD Dept of Health, \$665.00, Water/Sewer Testing; Avera Occupational Medicine, \$76.00, Drug Testing Fee; Seth Erickson, \$1,650.00, Legion Umpire Pay; Geffdog Designs, \$1,220.00, U8 Baseball Jerseys, Baseball Hats - U12/U10/U8/T-Ball; Dalton Locke, \$1,500.00, Jr. Legion Umpire Pay; Susan Fjeldheim, \$440.00, U12 Softball Umpire pay; Anna Fjeldheim, \$240.00, U10 Softball Umpire pay; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless Router; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Dacotah Bank, \$576.24, HSA Contributions; Dacotah Bank, \$5,099.98, SS/Medicare/Withholding; Aaron Severson, \$540.00, Jr. Teener Umpire Pay; Galls, Inc., \$74.27, GPD Uniform Allowance - cuffs, light holder; Guardian Insurance, \$72.61, Employee Insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee Insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$11,740.27, Employee Insurance; Employer's Mutual Insurance, \$82.70, Employee Insurance; Dacotah Bank, \$2,910.68, SS/Medicare/Withholding; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$240.00, Supplemental Retirement; S&S Lumber Co., \$719.38, Cable Ties, Paint, Faucet, Trimmer Line, Propane, Field Marker, Roofing supplies for Community Center, TFE paste, Extension cord, toilet flush lever, eye bolts, new GFCI outlet; Pro Track and Tennis, Inc., \$17,490.00, Down Payment - Pickleball Court; North-Western Energy, \$12.32, Natural Gas Service; Aberdeen Hardball Assn., \$150.00, Smitty's Youth Tournament - U10 Entry Fee; Lucas Pearson, \$510.00, Water Heater Rebate; Michael Todd & Co, Inc., \$71.10, Open Back Shovel x2; Groton Daily Independent, \$169.53, Publication Fees; National Notary Association, \$35.00, April Abeln - Notary Renewal; Runnings Supply Co, \$309.97, 20' Ladder, socket adapter; Menards, \$56.17, 20" Floor Fan; Coca-Cola Bottling Co., \$779.25, Baseball/Pool Concessions Soda for Resale; Geffdog Designs, \$548.00, Legion Baseball Caps; Farmers Union Coop Ass'n, \$595.35, Unleaded Fuel - Ballpark & Cemetery; Groton Autoworks, LLC, \$208.23, Brake Line Repair; Allied Climate Professionals, \$1,836.74, City Hall AC Refrigerant - 30lbs; BK Custom T's & More, \$797.50, Baseball/Pool banners; Harry Implement, Inc., \$187.30, Pressure washer hose, payloader grapple fork hoses; SD Retirement System, \$9,411.52, Employee Retirement; Dairy Queen, \$181.50, Ice Cream For Resale; Weber Landscaping, \$133.99, Flowers & Potting Soil for Swimming Pool; 5 Flats of Annuals - Garden Club (Park); Associated Supply Co, Inc., \$14,566.24, Chemicals for Swimming Pool; Dollar General, \$188.76, Toilet paper, batteries, super glue, candy, staples, sticky notes, drinking water, Clorox spray, coffee, creamer, sponges, poly rope; Van Diest Supply Company, \$1,779.00, Mosquito Chemicals; J's Superior Cleaning, \$240.00, Cleaning Services for May of 2022; Darrel's Sinclair, \$450.70, 2 batteries for street department, 2 new tires for John Deere

Lawn Mower w/ 2 new valve stems; Locators & Supplies, Inc., \$156.79, Lenses for Safety Glasses; Galls, Inc., \$161.94, Gun mount, Lawpro poly/cotton shirt; A&B Business Solutions, \$441.68, Printer Lease; SD Federal Property Agency, \$225.00, Battery Charger for City Shop; Web Water, \$15,977.22, Water Services - May 2022; Badger Meter, \$38.27, Cellular Service Fee; WAPA, \$18,402.39, Power Services - May 2022; Drew Johnson, \$1,510.00, Legal Services - May 2022; Grand Slam Computers Inc., \$225.00, Repairs to Groton PD Tablet; ; Department reports were reviewed and discussed.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of a Farmer's Market on Main Street.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wambach to install electricity at the Groton Municipal Airport with the condition a utility easement will be filed. All members voted aye. It was mentioned that the Airport is closed the month of June due to an abundance of water on the runway.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Babcock to provide Mosquito Control services to the City of Bristol. All members voted aye. Bristol will be billed mileage, overtime pay and supplies each time spraying is done.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to appoint Andrea Eisenbeisz for another 1-year term to the Library Board. All members voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Bahr to allow painted art/activities on the sidewalk outside of City Hall. All members voted aye.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Nehls to approve the Harrison First Addition Plat. All members voted aye.

The Pantry is open at the Community Center on Mondays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. All items at The Pantry are free to the public with donations accepted at City Hall. The Pantry Grand Opening is Thursday, June 16 from 4-7pm. Volunteers that would like to sign up to supervise The Pantry can do so online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4caca2aa3f8c43-food>

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:20 p.m. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:08 p.m.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Bahr to increase Public Works Laborer, Aaron Severson's wage to \$16.00/hour effective June 8th. All members voted aye. Severson will need to notate reasons for any overtime on his timecard.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wambach to hire the following seasonal baseball/softball employees: Mia Crank - Gatekeeper and Ryan Groebinghoff - Groundskeeper. All members voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to accept the resignation of Police Officer Anthony Garcia. All members voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to hire Casey Hight as Police Officer at \$25.00/hour. All members voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Nehls to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
April Abeln, Deputy Finance Officer

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**Stratford Town
May 9, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Stratford Minutes of May 9, 2022 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 9, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Community Hall. Those in attendance were Bourassa, L Jark, Prickett, Moen.

Meeting was called to order by Prickett.

Water on the floor from water seeping in on the new part of the basement. Bourassa to remind the theatre to check on their items stored.

Price/Crouch approach - would like permission to make changes to help with drainage/parking.

Heyd - pumping across the road to the West, Swearingen pumping across to the East. Seal on pump failed needs to be fixed (Dakota Pump & Control) Pump by Hoeft in manhole to help with additional water. Culvert by G Hoeft may need to be adjusted so water will flow (slope the wrong way), possibly add a

new culvert instead of changing slope.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Prickett, 2nd by Jark.

Menards account to be updated to board representatives only.

Shingles on the Arrowsmith building need to be repaired as several are blowing off. (Email sent during the meeting.)

Hall requests - Waive fee for Dayton funeral lunch. A three (3) month list will be posted listing requests received only (no open calendar).

Motion to pay bills by Prickett, 2nd Jark

Insurance premium update due to the claims filed. Will leave coverage the same and pay the higher premium.

No other mowing bids received-awarded to Parker Kroll and David Hoeft.

July 4th festivities - Moen to check with Shagan Pit if they are available to cook meat.

Main Street (Rondell Ave) drainage - discuss with McNeil to see if they can grade/dig as needed. Railroad Avenue as well near McLeod (new).

Tree removal in the right-of-way - need to look at what trees should be trimmed or removed. Adjourn 8:24 PM - motion by Prickett, 2nd Bourassa. Next meeting June 13th @ 7:00 PM

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The Life of Janet K. Thompson



Janet K. Thompson, 68, passed away peacefully August 22, 2021, at Brookdale Central Senior Living, Chandler, Arizona.

Janet was born October 15, 1952 in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

She graduated from Groton High School in Groton, South Dakota in 1971.

Janet worked in retail in Aberdeen, SD for 2 years prior to moving to Tempe, Arizona, where she worked for Ambassador Direct Mail Marketing in Tempe, Arizona until it closed in 1991. After its closing she and a co-worker opened their own direct mail marketing company, Valley Connections, in Tempe, Arizona where she remained until her retirement in 2013.

Janet is survived in death by her sister Cindy {Gregg} Finlay, Las Vegas, Nevada,

Her twin sister Janice {Kurt} Haugland, Mesa, Arizona, her brother Lee {Jennifer} Groton, South Dakota, nephews and nieces. Janet is preceded in death by her parents Ruth and Ivan Thompson of Groton, South Dakota.

Graveside services were held Friday, June 17, 2022 at Groton Union Cemetery. Pastor Brandon Dunham officiated.

If considering a memorial gift, Janet requested that families donate to a charity of their choice.

Condolences can be sent to Lee Thompson, 12859 404th Ave., Groton, SD 57445-5420.

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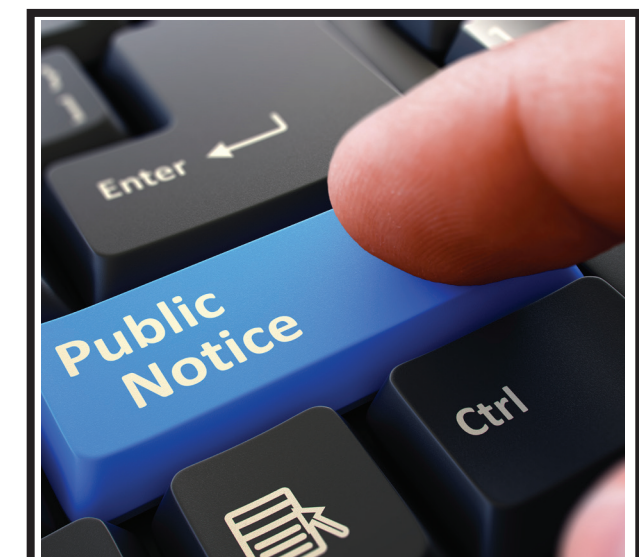
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Dear EarthTalk: Why is the U.S. lagging behind Europe and China on the production and sales of electric cars?

-- James V., Miami, FL

The U.S. lags as a distant third among electric vehicle (EV) sales and production. According to Bloomberg, China claims a whopping 46 percent of global EV sales. Europe comes in second at 34 percent, while North America accounts for only 15 percent. The U.S. EV fleet continues to expand, growing 28 percent annually from 2015-2020, writes The Guardian. But that same period saw the European fleet increase 41 percent while China's fleet grew 51 percent.

Production rates show similar trends. The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) establishes China as the market leader, accounting for 44 percent of EV production as of 2020. Europe again claims second place, with 25 percent market share. And the U.S.: 18 percent of global production, a decrease from 20 percent in 2017.

Policy is the primary hold-up behind the U.S. lag. Both China and the European Union boast supply and demand policies to stimulate EV markets, such as greenhouse gas reductions, quota systems for new vehicle sales, and consumer incentives to reduce purchase price. "Electric vehicle manufacturing growth happens where there are strong national policies

designed to spur the market forward," says Nic Lutsey of ICCT. "Hundreds of billions of dollars are on the table, and the United States hasn't even bothered to pull up a chair." During the Trump administration, the U.S. rolled EV policies back. The Environmental Protection Agency under President Biden released new greenhouse gas vehicle standards in December 2021, but some argue the revisions merely reinstated Obama-era policies rather than advance the field.

Charging infrastructure is another missing link; electric charging stations are still scarce on the American landscape. In daily spins around the city, this dearth may not present a problem, but for long-distance trips, "range anxiety" can be enough to slow sales. As Alyssa Altman of Publicis Sapient told Wired, "Historically there simply haven't been enough charge points. Potential EV customers are concerned with keeping their vehicle juiced up for long trips, and for some journeys in the U.S., the lack of charging stations makes this impossible." Statista counts 113,600 charging outlets in the U.S., compared to China's 800,000, with 36 percent in California, thanks to its profusion of EVs and supporting state policies.

Some bright spots are emerging for the U.S. EV market. President Biden is aiming for 50 percent of new car sales to be electric by 2030, although 20 percent may be more realistic. Congress passed a bill for 500,000 new charge outlets nationwide, but the death of the Build Back Better bill interrupted plans



Can the U.S. come back from its position as a laggard on production of electric vehicles as Chinese and European automakers blaze ahead? Credit: Pexels.com.

for expanding consumer incentives. Also, car manufacturers are beginning to step up. GM, Volvo and Audi have announced intentions to go fully electric in 10-15 years. And, although the number of EV-ready manufacturing plants still lags behind traditional plants, that number is rising, says ICCT, with seven of 44 manufacturing plants scheduled to be all-electric by 2025. U.S. Department of Energy research shows that, even with higher price tags, less maintenance on EVs decreases lifetime costs compared to traditional cars. The more consumers consider electric, the more the U.S. market grows.

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Modern miracle of baby formula

For the past few months, I've been fielding questions about the baby formula crisis. Make no mistake, the shortage of baby formula is indeed a crisis.

Babies are delicate. Their immature bodies rely on having just the right intake of water and salts, and just the right composition of proteins, fats, and carbohydrates. Their organs can't keep that balance independently, the way healthy older children and adults can. Formula is carefully designed for this.

Breastmilk is the ideal food for baby, providing nearly complete nutrition for the first year of life. But not every baby or mother can breast feed. For example, infants with galactosemia are unable to metabolize milk sugar, and mothers with certain infections risk passing them to their babies through breastmilk. There are a variety of social and physical factors that can make breast feeding, or pumping breast milk, untenable.

Sometimes we can induce the production of breast milk, but this is a usually difficult and always time-consuming process. It isn't an option for the mother staring at an empty formula shelf while her two-month-old cries in hunger. And solid foods are not a safe option for babies under four to six months of age as they aren't physically ready to swallow or digest them.

Historically, the most common alternative to a breastfeeding mother was a wet nurse, a woman hired or enslaved to breastfeed another's infant. The milk of domestic animals, usually cows, was also used as a substitute. But this milk was often contaminated, and animal milk does not have the same nutritional composition as human milk, so babies fed this way were vulnerable to malnutrition and infection. Many died as a result.

As science progressed, we learned more about food preservation and sanitation. We learned to pasteurize milk. We learned to produce sweetened condensed and evaporated milk. We learned about the nutritional gaps between human and animal milk, and we began to understand why the latter was not good for babies.

By the mid-20th century, most formula fed babies drank a home-made concoction based on evaporated milk, water, and sugar. These home formulas were susceptible to contamination, and difficult to get balanced just right. Many babies still died in infancy because of these issues, although far fewer than in previous centuries. Eventually, commercial formulas were refined to closely mimic the nutritional composition of breastmilk. Manufacturers developed specialty products for infants with issues like prematurity, food allergies and metabolic diseases. These formulas were easy to mix, and far less likely to be contaminated.

Modern baby formula is the result of centuries of science. With it, millions of babies grow and thrive. Not having access threatens lives.

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