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New Staff at Groton Area by Dorene Nelson
Six new teachers are working at the Groton Area Public Schools this fall. In addition to the new employees, two have changes in their previous assignments. Alexa Schuring, formerly teaching kindergarten / junior kindergarten, will now be the Title I Math instructor. Desiree Yeigh's music responsibilities change to include all instrumental students in grades five through twelve.

Ashley Brudvig JK/Kindergarten



Ashley Brudvig, originally from Wallace, SD, is the new junior kindergarten/ kindergarten teacher for this coming school year.

"I graduated from Webster High School and attended college at South Dakota State University," Brudvig said. "I recently received my

Master of Education in Reading Degree from Black Hills State University, so was seeking a job where I could use this training."

"Before coming to Groton, I taught at Lake Preston for four years and at Roncalli Primary for two," she listed. "I really wanted to stay in early childhood since I prefer teaching that age group."

"I teach reading and math to half of the kindergarten students in the morning," Brudvig explained. "My afternoons are devoted to all junior kindergarten children."

"I will be working with the two kindergarten teachers to help plan and prepare lessons and projects," she stated. "Half of the kindergarten children from each teacher come to me on alternating weeks."

"There are twenty-one students in junior kindergarten and about twenty in each kindergarten section," Brudvig explained. "I'll be really busy all day long with all of that energy in my classroom!"

"There is a paraprofessional to help with the junior kindergarten students in the afternoon," she smiled. "Otherwise it could be rather overwhelming with so many little ones at once!"

Brudvig, her husband, and their young son live in Aberdeen.

Rose Long-Buechler Sixth Grade



Rose Long-Buechler is the new 6th grade teacher for the Groton Area School District. She has previously worked in the Groton school

'In 2009-2010 I was a student teacher for Mrs. Stacy Mogan and assisted Mrs. Kristen Gonsoir with debate," Buechler listed. "Then I returned to college

to get an elementary education degree."

"In 2012 I came back to Groton to do my student teaching in the third grade with Kristi Anderson," she said. "From 2012-2015 I was an education assistant and the OST coordinator at Groton elementary. I also worked with RTI."

"In 2012, I received a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education," Buechler explained. "My experience in various areas of education made me aware of my preference for younger children."

junior high," she admitted. "I will be teaching two sections of 6th grade, each with 21 students," she said. "I will be teaching social studies, reading, and language arts while science, math, and music are taught by other instructors.

"My husband and I live in Aberdeen with our seven-year-old daughter," Buechler stated. "My daughter will be coming here to Groton with me and will be in the second grade."

Heather Rowen Third Grade



Heather Rowen, the new 3rd grade teacher in Groton, is beginning her eighteenth year of teaching. She graduated from Faulkton High School and received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in early childhood and elementary education

at Northern State University.

"Most of my teaching experience, both in kindergarten and in the fourth grade, was in the Aberdeen school system, but we wanted our children to be in a smaller school," Rowen explained. "Our two oldest, a 7th grader and variety of activities!"

"Third grade is divided into two separate sections, each with 24 students." "I love to connect with my students and 'see the light bulb go on' when they truly understand a new idea or lesson," Rowen smiled. "That is the best part of any teacher's day!"

"I find it truly satisfying and rewarding that I can really make a difference in these children's lives and education," she admitted. "Being in a smaller school district aids in making this and informal geometry," Carson listed. "Prestudent-teacher connection easier."

Over the 18 years Mrs. Rowen has been teaching she has had many experiences including being named the 2018 South Dakota Elementary VFW Teacher of the Year as well as being a recipient of the 2020 Avera Teachers that Go Above and Beyond Award.

"My classroom is ready, and I'm eager to meet my new students and start the new year," she said. "I'm very excited to be here!"

"My husband and I with our three children live in the country by Bath," she explained, "and our youngest will attend a pre-school in Aberdeen."

Reilly Fuhrman Special Education



Reilly Fuhrman, the new special education high school teacher in Groton High School for freshmen and sophomores, is originally from Warner, SD.

I received my Bach er's degree in elementary and special education at Northern State University,' Fuhrman said. "I'll also be

the 8th grade volley ball coach."

"Last year I taught in the Herreid Public School District but decided to move closer to my family," she explained. "I expect to have sixteen students to help in various subjects that they may be having trouble with and will need my assistance."

"I have my own individual classroom with a large room next to mine for individual and 'This is my first experience teaching in small group work," Fuhrman stated. "Having a quiet space to work and concentrate is very important, especially when a student finds the material to be challenging."

> "There are three special education teachers in the high school, each with our own individual assignments," she said. "I also have a paraprofessional to help in my classroom."

> 'I'm very happy to have this job here in Groton," Fuhrman smiled, "since it is the size of school I wanted to work in."

Jordan Carson High School Math



Jordan Carson is the new math teacher at Groton High School. He graduated from Langford High School and received his Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and Math Education from Northern State University.

"Before coming here to Groton, I taught two years in Adams, MN," Carson

said. "Adams is a small town of about 800 residents and is located on the Minnesota-Iowa border."

"When I saw the math opening in Groton, a 4th grader, are already very involved in a I decided to apply since it's a larger school and close to my hometown and my family," he admitted. "My dad is the business teacher in Langford while my mother teaches fifth grade.

> "I have no extra-curricular assignments this year but have coached baseball and basketball," Carson explained. "I live in Langford and enjoy being in a larger school and closer to my family.'

> "I will be teaching pre-algebra, geometry, algebra is mainly for freshmen with the sophomores normally taking geometry. Informal geometry is available to either freshmen or sophomores."

> "I'm looking forward to a new school, new students, and all of the excitement of a new school year!" he admitted.

Scott Glodt Vocal Instructor



Scott Glodt, originally from Hoven, SD, is the new K-12 vocal teacher for the Groton Area Public Schools. This will be his second year of teaching.

"I started my teaching career at Aberdeen Christian where I taught history for grades 7-12," Glodt said. "I did my student teaching there too, so when they

needed a history teacher, I applied."

'I received my Bachelor's Degree in music education at Northern State University and have almost completed a history minor," he explained. "I prefer teaching music, but there was no job available in that field last year."

"Teaching social studies is very different from teaching music," Glodt admitted. "There is more preparation for music classes since I will be teaching all grade levels from elementary though high school!"

"I start and end each day at the elementary with about twenty students in each of my classes," he stated. "I intend to use various musical 'toys' in my teaching that had been introduced by Cody Swanson, a former vocal instructor here in Groton."

"When the opening here was announced, I was very excited because of the recommendations given by the music staff at NSU," Glodt said. "I am very excited about getting started here and becoming acquainted with my new students."

"In addition to my teaching responsibilities, I will also be giving voice lessons and helping with the music for show choir," he stated.

Things that bind, people who divide

This is my safe space. I write another weekly an un-American turncoat, column that appears in many of the dailies in as frothing conservative the region in which I tackle current events extremists would have and political issues. Here, I favor human interest pieces, but we don't live in a vacuum, so sometimes, if I feel an issue's noteworthy, I'm compelled to address it. Here we go.

The Fargo School Board recently and unnec-sometimes necessary essarily, in my view, opened a can of worms right to dissent. when they voted to stop reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. However, you'd have thought they guage is troublesome were commie turncoats by some of the ugly, threatening, and racist reactions fueled by disingenuous media members and politicians. which were introduced There are some hateful people in our midst. under the insane McCar-Some of them have microphones.

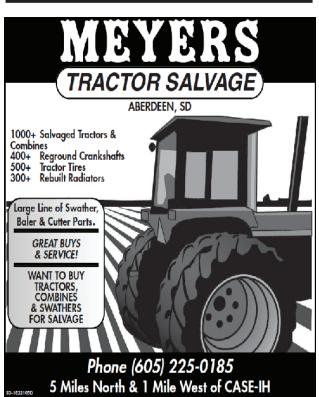
decades, and none of them opened with the pledge because of all the local governing bodies, school boards are seemingly the most wary about introducing anything that could be God (again, unnecessarily) is invoked on every construed as overtly nationalistic or religious.

In this case, a conservative board member, who wasn't reelected in June, forced a gotcha vote on the issue prior to the election for obvious political reasons. Politicians do this all the time, especially in Congress, where a good bill might have a poison pill or some pork barrel waste that causes lawmakers to vote no, so the opposition portrays them as callus haters of American values.

I believe you have to pick your battles, and a naive board with new members stepped in it. However, the Fargo School Board had only been reciting the pledge since April. In that time, however, it apparently became a sacred tradition according to opportunists who intentionally misled the public into believing that this somehow would stop students from having the already taken the beating, at least claim the option to recite the pledge at the start of each school day. It just ain't so.

Meanwhile, some on the far left seem to think that saying the pledge is one step away from indoctrinating an American version of the Hitler Youth, and, while I understand the home, leading right up to the governor's office, dangers of virulent nationalism, I don't think this is that. I see first graders skipping, not goose-stepping at recess. Let's face it, it's like the liturgy in church, after a thousand times you're reciting it by rote without any conviction. So, I don't think that after reciting the pledge, amped-up student warriors will be going over the hill with mindless patriotic zeal, machine gun bullets spraying at perceived godless oppressors. Nor do I think that anyone who doesn't participate or kneels during the national anthem to draw attention to an injustice is





you believe. The opposite is true. Veterans will tell you they fought for the American right and

Sure, some of the lanto some, specifically the words "under God," thy Red Scare Era, but it's



hat's Life by Tony Bender

Now, I've covered school boards for three an abstract term in my eyes, not the next step to mandated worship of someone else's specific invisible deity. And if you're that worked up about it, stop using legal tender because coin and bill, which is why Joel Osteen has so much of it.

> Maybe I'm the naive one, but I believe American liberals and conservatives want the same thing—a better country for everyone—and perhaps, as imperfect as the words may be in the eyes of some, the pledge and national anthem serve a purpose, which is to bind us together, if only for a moment. If not that, what? Sometimes I feel that in the pursuit of societal evolution and political correctness, we dissect things like this to death. It's really small stuff, and we shouldn't sweat the small stuff.

> But I'll say this. After the viscous attacks on the Fargo School Board, I wouldn't have backed down to the bullies, as the board did by reinstating the pledge a week later. They'd victory. I don't think their original decision on its merits was necessarily right or wrong, but you have to stand your ground against bullies (like McCarthy) or they'll ruin this country. Shame on the politicians nationally and here at for amplifying the division for political gain.

> Whether any board pledges allegiance to the flag before a meeting doesn't amount to a hill of beans. What matters are actions. So, God bless (if it's still OK) the folks who take up the challenge of the most American thing you can do, engage in the practice self-governance. The way these public servants were treated by a cruel minority of fascists is a stain upon North Dakotan ideals.

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Weekly Vikings Recap-Preseason game #2

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The San Francisco 49ers came to Minnesota early in the week to participate in two days of live practices against the Vikings and finish the week playing in the Vikings' lone home preseason game.

From what we have heard and seen via the media, the practice sessions were much more competitive than Saturday night's game at US Bank Stadium, which saw the Niners walk away with a 17-7 victory over the Vikings.

For the most part, both teams sat the majority of their starters, and it was open auditions for reserves as roster cuts are looming in the next few weeks.

Here are some observations from Saturday night:

T.Y. McGill, the veteran defensive lineman from NC State, is playing for his 8th team in eight seasons. After just two games, the undrafted McGill has been doing his best John Randle impression , causing havoc up the middle and getting a few sacks along the way. If he continues to impress the staff in the final preseason of the game next week, he may have earned himself a backup role with the new Vikings defense.

Ed Ingram, the rookie offensive guard from LSU, continues to impress and will be pushing for the starting job come September 11th versus the Packers. If he becomes the starter, the Viking's offensive line will be one of the youngest in the league, with Garrett Bradbury being the oldest guy on the line at 27 years old. The most successful teams in the NFL are those that have a consistent group of guys upfront for many, many years, and the Vikings look to be doing just that.

Andrew Booth, the promising rookie cornerback from Clemson, twisted an ankle in the first half. Booth has shown early in the season that he belongs in this league and will be pushing for playing time against second year cornerback, Cam Dantzler. Hopefully, the injury was minor, and he'll be back on the field soon.

Finally, the backup quarterback competition is more confusing than ever before. As mentioned, the Vikings have been fortunate that Kirk Cousins has been incredibly durable over the past four seasons, but no one is feeling good about what they are seeing from Mond and Mannion. Kellen Mond looked decent at the start, only to throw a lazy interception to stifle an opening drive and then followed that up with another interception in the fourth quarter. His pocket presence when there is pressure needs a lot of work as it feels like he holds onto the ball way too long. Sean Mannion, even during warm-ups, looks like he is throwing a lead weight compared to Cousins and Mond. There is a reason Mannion has been a career backup. The Niners rookie from Iowa State, Brock Purdy, appeared to outplay them both and may have convinced the Niners that moving on from Jimmy Garrapalo to Trey Lance may be the right decision as Purdy will be a much cheaper option at backup quarterback. When it's all said and final cuts completed, if the Viking's biggest concern is who will be our backup quarterback when we have a guy that doesn't miss many snaps, we should all be feeling good about 2022.

The family made the trip downtown to US Bank Stadium on Saturday night. We do not regularly attend the preseason after 25+ years as season ticketholders but the interest in the new regime drew us downtown to watch the only preseason game on this year's schedule. Conclusion, we are ready for the regular season to begin. SKOL!!!



Stop Sign, COL increase and water rates tackled at council

Jesse Zak came before the Groton City Council Tuesday evening to discuss the stop signs recently erected on the east-west bound traffic along Fifth Avenue West at Washington Street. He said if the traffic is bad just after baseball games, why don't the police just patrol that area. "They sit out on the highway and people see them and slow up, they should be able to do the same here," he said. He also questioned as to why it was placed just a block off of Broadway and said it would have been better placed another block west at Lincoln Street. As it was a non-agenda item, the council took no action but appreciated his comments. It was also asked if the digital speed signs were going to be used. They have been sitting in storage all summer and the council suggested that they be brought out and put up for school.

Darrell Hillestad also appeared during the public comments section of the meeting and reported that the fly-in is scheduled for Labor Day Weekend and that the airport looks good. He also hoped that the electrical be installed this year and that the drainage will also be done yet this fall. It was reported that Webster is donating its T-hangers to Groton. Hillestad said he will get a lease drawn up and present it to the council for review and approval. He also said he wants to put up a small shed and will have liability insurance on it, which was okayed by the council.

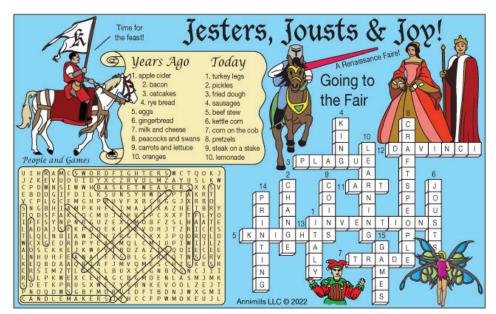
Electric Superintendent Todd Gay came before the council to ask why he was not notified that he would be exempt from the proposed 6 percent Cost of Living (COL) Increase to full time city employees. "I just want an honest answer," he said. Mayor Scott Hanlon said that because of his wage, he would not get the increase. Gay said that no one had talked to him about it. "I had to read it on the agenda," he said. The council apologized for not talking with him about it. They did say they appreciated what Todd was doing on the department and that he was doing a very good job. Todd said he likes working in Groton and would like to stay here for four or five more years. After an executive session, the council approved the COL Increase for all full time city employees.

WEB Water is passing on an increase in water rates to its customers, which includes the City of Groton. As a result, the City of Groton is passing on an increase in water rates to its customers. First reading was given for the new proposed water rates. The current minimum charge of \$20.77 will increase to \$22.95. Anything over 2,000 gallons of usage will increase from \$5.62 per thousand gallons to \$8 per thousand gallons. The bulk water rate will increase from \$8 per thousand gallons to \$10 per thousand gallons. The meter charge of \$9.62 will remain unchanged.

The six month probationary period for Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich was noted and will be given a \$1 an hour increase.



Thrift Shop Ready for Donations
The Groton Thrift Shop, located at the former City Hall at 209 N Main, is now ready for donations. Volunteers have been busy getting the location ready for business. Items can be dropped off at the store. The proceeds from the Thrift Shop will help fund The Pantry, located at the Groton Community Center. (Photo by Topper Tastad)





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Brown County Aug. 16, 2022

Meeting Minutes MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chair Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Fjeldheim, Sutton, and Gage. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Commissioner Feickert led the pledge of allegiance.AP-PROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Trevor Jones with Summit Carbon Solutions was present for any questions. David Meyer spoke in support of the Carbon Summit Solutions Pipeline. Commissioner Feickert advised that Landowners for Property Rights has a booth at the Brown County Fair.BID AWARD-ELM
LAKE ACCESS ROAD:Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent,
recommended awarding the
bid to Webster Scale in the amount of \$459,855.25. Rejecting Bids from HF Jacobs & Son - \$743,829.30; Lien Transportation - \$714,133.50 and Midwest Contracting LLC - \$511,933.45. Moved by Feickert, Seconded by Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.LOT-TERY PERMITS:

Moved by Fjeldheim, Seconded by Gage to approve lottery permits for Aberdeen Area Veterans Incorporated and Brown County Democrats. Moved by Fieldheim, seconded by Gage íll membérs present voting aye. Motion Carried Temporary Alcohol Permit: Moved by Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve a temporary alcohol permit for the Celtic Fair September 17th & 18th, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. Leases: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve lease for the Richmond Youth Camp to Bart Walker(Celtic Faire) September 17 & 18, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.4 WAY STOP AT 14W & COUNTY 10:Dirk Rogers, Highway superintendent, discussed putting in a four way stop at the intersection of Highway 14W & County 10. No action taken.HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, gave update on current and future projects for the Highway Department. No action taken.RIGHT OF WAY:

Moved by Fjeldheim, Seconded by Gage to approve application for right of way submitted by WEB Water Development, Brown County Highway 13, for potable water line. All members present voting aye. Motion Car-ried.RIGHT OF WAY:Moved by Feickert, Seconded by Gage to approve application for right of way submitted by WEB Water Development, Brown County Highway 12, for potable wa-ter line. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. MINUTES:Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve the general meeting minutes of August 9, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.CLAIMS:Moved by Gage, seconded by Feickert to approve

the following claims the following claims
Professional Fees: 4-H PERFORMING ARTS \$200.00; Aberdeen Cardiology \$9.57; ABERDEEN CURLING CLUB \$250.00;
ABERDEEN KARTING CLUB
\$500.00; AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$180.24; Blue Crew Productions, Inc \$58,500.00; Bowen Touring LLC \$10,000.00; Brooks Forsyth \$1,500.00; BROWN COUNTY OLD TIME TRACTOR S ASSO(Carrie Hansen \$50.00; Cathy Schmitz \$150.00; Cory Zimmer \$1,500.00; Dakota Portable Toilet \$11,500.00; Darrin Olson \$9,063.00; DEPENDABLE SANI-TATION INC \$31,056.00; FIRE SAFETY FIRST, LLC \$325.00; GOMPF DISPLAY INC \$1,985.00; GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH \$3,500.00; Groton Lions Club \$2,250.00; Hooah Music, Inc \$30,000.00; HUB AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC. \$1,000.00; Julie M. Johnson \$3,112.44; KARLEN ELECTRIC INC \$25,510.24; KOLETZKY LAW OFFICE, PROF LLC \$246.40; LAURA A. MOUNT \$800.00: LEWIS & CLARK BHS \$800.00; LEWIS & CLARK BHS \$968.00; LEW'S FIREWORKS \$968.00; LEW'S FIREWORKS \$1,000.00; LEXISNEXIS RISK DATA MGMT INC. \$185.00; Little E & the A'Jays \$100.00; MEDI-CAL PRIORITY CONSULTANTS, INC. \$11,420.00; MICHELLE GAIKOWSKI \$356.40; Mike Frey \$50.00; MIRANDA DAUKSAV-AGE \$1,700.00; Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo \$4,050.00; NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION \$7,000.00; NSU Dominant Seven \$500.00; Old Soul Touring, Inc \$10,000.00; Parmalee TN, LLC \$35,000.00; PAUER SOUND & MUSIC INC \$12,500.00; PHIL BAKER \$1,200.00; RANDALL BUKER

\$5,000.00; ROMEO ENTERTAIN-MENT GROUP INC \$26,000.00; ROOM #8, LLC \$30,000.00; Saliva Touring LLC \$15,000.00; SANFORD CLINIC ABERDEEN \$258.43; SANFORD HEALTH .92; Sanford Health Network 366.51; SANFORD HEAITH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE ABERDEEN \$240.00; SATEL-LITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE, LLC \$1,644.50; SD DEPT OF HEALTH \$1,300.00; SD NURSE'S ASSOCIATION \$1,000.00; SD SNOW QUEEN FESTIVAL INC. \$1,200.00; Seether Touring Inc. \$76,000.00; Sideline Media Group, LLC \$2,600.00; Sodexo, Inc & Affliates \$512.06; T & K RENTALS, LLC \$16,400.00; The Best of Mo-Town \$1,000.00; THREE SEASONS TENT RENTAL INC \$3.587.50; TMS \$51.780.00 INC \$3,587.50; TMS \$51.780.00: True Faith Entertainment, Inc rue Faith Entertainment, Inc \$20,000.00; Two Hounds, LLC \$20,000.00; TYLER TECHNOL-OGIES INC \$260.00; Union Cattle Band \$450.00; WEST PUBLISHING CORP. \$275.05; WEX HEALTH INC. \$184.20; WOLFGANG V. ZANK \$500.00; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$50.00; YELLOW ROBE CONSULTING, INC. \$3,000.00 Publishing: ARGUS LEADER 19.85; DAKOTA BROADCAST-

ING, LLC \$3,000.00; DAKO-TA COMMUNICATIONS, LTD \$1,500.00; KBMW RADIO - RA-DIO FM MEDIA \$675.00; Moody County Enterprise \$180.32Re-pairs & Maintenance: CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$80.64; ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION \$105.45; GARY LEE FISCHER 7,560.00; GRAHAM TIRE INC 75.00; HOVEN AUTO REPAIR INC \$174.35; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$6,455.00; MARK J. RICHTER \$509.98; Matthew Swearingen \$1,300.00; PANTO-RIUM CLEANERS INC. \$222.90; Penny Sampson \$675.00; PIER-SON-FORD-LINCOLN -MERCURY \$62.95; POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$761.99; SEWER DUCK INC \$85.00Supplies: AASLH - AMERI-CAN ASSOC OF STATE/LOCAL HISTORY \$168.00; ADVANCE AUTO PARTS \$836.47; AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE \$17,936.99; APH STORES, INC \$42.97; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$337.68; COLE PAPERS \$950.32; Dakota Prairie Ammunition \$1,400.00; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$84.36 EARTHGRAINS BAKING CO INC. \$748.28; EAST SIDE JER-SEY DAIRY, INC \$976.05; GRA-HAM TIRE INC \$925.36; JE-BRO INC. \$120,095.59; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$53,672.94 Karla Nelson \$10.00; KELSI THILMONY-VINGER \$9.69; LIEN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY \$46,509.71; MAC'S INC \$186.78; MB LLC \$3,839.72; MENARDS \$539.12; MIDSTATES PRINT-ING \$138.00; NORTHERN VAL-LEY COMMUNICATION \$27.40; PANTORIUM CLEANERS INC. \$56.00; PERFORMANCE OIL & LUBRICANTS \$67.01; PIER-SON-FORD-LINCOLN -MÉRCURY \$19.89; PRO AG SUPPLY, INC \$716.15; ROLAND L. MOER-KE \$10,075.00; RUNNINGS \$60.59; VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO \$6,579.10Travel & Confer-ence: REGENCY MIDWEST VEN-TURES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP \$80.00; Carrie Hansen \$40.61; Cathy Schmitz \$55.27; Mike Frey \$50.00Utilities: CITY OF ABER-DEEN \$680.87; CITY OF HECLA 129.75; NORTHERN ELECTRIC COOP, INC \$361.66; NORTH-ERN VALLEY COMMUNICATION ,231.45; NORTHWESTERN

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Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve July 2022 report. All members present voting aye. Motion carriedExecutive Session: Moved by Fieldheim session! Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to go into executive session to discuss legal updates 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 Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:31 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Brown County B.D.M. Rural Water Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Brown County Commissioners will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public testimony concerning the Application by B.D.M. Rural Water System, Inc. which has been filed with the Brown County Auditor requesting authority to install water lines and appurtenances within Brown County road rights-of-way pursuant to SDCL §§31-26-24 and 31-26-25. The hearing on this Application will be held on the 30th day of August, 2022 at the hour of 8:45 o'clock AM. In the Commissioners Room at the Brown County Courthouse. A copy of the Application is on file with the Brown County Auditor.

All interested parties will be entitled to provide information, opinions, and arguments concerning this Application.

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Frederick Town Aug. 10, 2022 **Meeting Minutes**

Town of Frederick August 10, 2022 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, August 2022 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Troy Millard and Jeff Kosters, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer Diane Bruns and Mariah Heine. Also attending were Kelly Millard, Teresa Campbell, Roger Nixon, and Brown County Sherriff Dave Lunzman.

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

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

motion carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,003.16; Aberdeen Asphalt, Inc. storm damage Sts \$495; Alpha Circle clean-up exp Cmty \$2,000; A. Gunther wages EBL \$138.52; Bower Tree Service lot cleanup Gen'l \$1,266.50; BC Sheriff's Dept deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$93.83; Community Store supplies Wtr/SP

\$24.44; D. Bruns CC \$150.53; Bruns wage FO \$1,337.60; Dana Maunu mowing wage Gen'l \$132.98; Dennis Durheim gravel Sts \$398.64; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$2,288.78; DSG supplies Wtr \$83.14; EFtaxes Gen'I/FO/CC/EBL/ Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$905.08; FA Athletic Association grant funds BP \$2,300; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; FDC Econ, Dev \$1,200; Frohling Law Office lawyer fees Gen'l \$893.75; GDI minutes Gen'l \$107.07; J. Kosters wage Gen'l \$46.17; JVT phone/svc FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l \$348.44; Knox Cabinets & Constr. CC repairs Mun Bldg \$1,524.25; M. Cox wage EBL \$475.69; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.37; M. Morlock mowing wages Gen'l \$132.98; Menard's supplies SP \$39.96; Metering & Tech Solutions sup-plies Wtr \$211.58; R. Bakeberg wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$427.19; R. Bakeberg veh. allow. St/Wtr/ Swr \$75; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg \$76.29; SD Dept of Health coliform test Wtr \$15; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; USPS box rent Gen'l \$140; WEB Water Wtr \$5,049.42; Visa stamps Wtr/ Swr/Grbg \$58 OLD BUSINESS

There will be trees purchased toward the end of the month to e planted in Simmons Park.

NEW BUSINESS

The landfill will be open August 26 – September 10. Motion to deobligate the rural development grant funds for the wastewater project made by Millard/ Kosters; motion carried. Motion to approve accounts payable for wastewater project contingent upon receiving a final draft of the mapping of the new sewer lines made by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. Dave Lunzman discussed the city's police protection contract, responsibilities of deputies related to enforcing ordinances, and the information listed on the report that is provided to the board. Some citizens expressed concerns related to recent incidents and asked how similar incidents can be handled in the future.

Motion to enter executive session made at 7:57 made by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. Campbell declared the board out of executive session at 8:09.

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Kosters at 8:10 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine

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Frederick Town Aug. 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes Town of Frederick

Special Meeting Personnel

August 9, 2022 Minutes

A special meeting for personnel issues was held Tuesday, August 9, 2022 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 8:00 PM.

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

Motion to enter executive session made at 8:02 made by Kosters/Millard: motion carried. Campbell declared the board out of executive session at 8:46

Motion to adjourn made by Kosters/Millard at 8:47 PM; motion carried.

M Heine

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at Aberdeen South Dakota on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of considering the Provisional Budget for the year 2023 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 27th day of September 2022. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget

Groton City Aug. 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes August 23, 2022

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Babcock, Wambach, Nehls, Wells via telephone, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, Paul Kosel, Darrell Hillestad, Jesse Zak, and Todd Gay.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Jesse Zak addressed the council with concerns about the newly established 4-way intersection at West 5th Avenue and North Washington Street. Darrell Hillestad addressed the council regarding the progress at the Groton Municipal Airport and the upcoming Fly-In. No other comments were received.

Zak and Hillestad exited the

meeting.

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

Todd Gay addressed the coun-

m the 6% cost of living wage increase for fulltime city employees. Due to the need for further discussion, the decision was tabled on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Wambach. All members voted aye. Later in the meeting, the council revisited the matter and approved a 6% cost of living wage increase for all full-time city employees, including the Electric Superintendent, on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Nehls. All members present voted aye.

Estimated Revenue 2,671,900.00
Less Estimated Expenses -3,035,820.00
Estimated Net Assets, December 31 2022 3,876,994.62

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

Payroll, \$66,984.47, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$8,366.09, ; Public Safety, \$8,024.92, ; Public Works, \$24,893.70, ; Culture & Recreation, \$25,699.76, ; SD Retirement, \$8,935.78, Employee retirement; Web Water ployee retirement; Web Water, \$25,548.34, Water Services - July of 2022; Heartland Energy, \$68,876.78, Power Services - July of 2022; Dacotah Bank, \$8,115.24, Withholding/ SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Dacotah Bank, \$576.24, HSA contributions; USPS, \$270.15,

posits Refunds, Family Crisis utility payment; Chris & Megan Ulrich, \$43.29, Utility Deposit Refund; Full Circle Ag, \$737.21, Cornerstone 5 Plus Herbicide; SD State Treasurer, \$10,569.40, Sales and Excise Tax - July of 2022; Aberdeen Community Theatre, \$861.40, Storybook Land Theatre Performance; Ken's Fair Foods, \$2,593.57, Fuel, food for resale, bottled water, popsicles, ziploc bags; Dacotah Bank, \$3,724.02, Withholding/ SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Landon Johnson, \$220.25, Mileage & Meal Reimbursement - Rubber Testing in Fargo, ND; Terry Herron, \$298.27, Med Flex; Dacotah Bank, \$7,148.43, Withholding/ SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings Dacotah Bank, \$576.24, HSA contributions; Runnings Supply Inc., \$123.12, Oil filters, spray nozzles, chainsaw parts & oil; APA, \$18,872.12, Power Services - July 2022; A&B Business Solutions, \$386.74, Printer Lease; Dakota Pump & Control \$2,404.55 trol, \$3,404.50, Trailer park Lift Pump Repairs, Golf Course Lift maintenance, fogrod repairs; J's Superior Cleaning, \$240.00, Commercial Cleaning Services

towels, flat packs of Lysol wipes; AutoZone, Inc, \$129.74, Shift Cable Bushing, oil filters for mowers; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$1,706.07, Water samples, pool samples, certified mailing fees, envelopes, fuel, food for resale, copy paper, candy & bracelets for Family Fun Fest for PD; Midwest Masonry, \$580.00, Concrete sidewalk at pool; Groton Daily Independent, \$73.57, Publication Fees; Lori's Pharmacy, \$7.50, Window markers - pool; MJ's Sin-clair, \$2,612.36, Fuel purchases; Irby, Inc., \$2,942.55, Padlock, impact driver kit, adjustable wrench, 3/8" allen socket, insulated ratcheting box wrench, street light arm, oval tool bucket, clamp meter, tools, hoses, rubber material testing; Badger Meter, \$1,610.34, Annual water utility support fees; Dakota Supply Group, \$23.09, Motor start capacitor for Trailer Park Lift; Dalton Locke, \$922.63, Mileage Reimbursement - Jr. Legion Coach; EcoLab, \$106.00, Rubble Site Rodent Control; Seth Erickson, \$956.65, Mileage Reimburse ment - Legion Coach; Heartland Waste, \$10,066.91, Garbage Hauling; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$240.00, Supplemental Retirement; Convergint Tech-

cil regarding concerns about his Utility Billing Postage; City of - July 2022; Cole Papers Inc., nologies, LLC, \$488.77, Dropbox Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger Truck Lease; James Valley Telecommunications, \$865.59, Telephone & Internet Services; NW Energy, \$20.69, Natural Gas Service - Water Tower; Grand Slam Computers Inc, \$89.00, Nordic Backup Software Annual Fee; Michael Todd & Company, Inc., \$246.72, Gutter broom w/ threaded block, dirt shoe runner; Farmers Union Co-op Association, \$3,174.68, Fuel; SD Public Assurance Alliance, \$166.06, 2015 KW Bucket Truck Auto Coverage; SD Municipal League, \$100.00, SDML Ann. Conference Registration Fee; OnSolve LLC, \$270.00, One Call Now: 3000 Call Credits; SD Department of Health, \$45.00, Water & Swimming Pool Testing; Harry Implement, Inc., \$15.00, Hose for Heartland Waste truck - to be reimbursed; MN Municipal Utilities Association, \$207.50, Associate Membership Fee; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless Router; Landon Johnson, \$14.00, Huron Fed. Surplus Trip Meal Reimbursement: Branden Abeln, \$14.00, Huron Fed. Surplus Trip - Meal Reimbursement

Moved by Babcock and sec-July finance report. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Babcock to approve the first reading of Ordinance #761 -Water Rates. All members present voted aye.

Jon Cutler entered the meet-

ing at 7:55 PM.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to increase Finance Officer's hourly wage by \$1.00 due to the completion of the six-month probation period which ended August 14, 2022. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Cutler to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:03 PM. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:29 PM.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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Tigers drop season opener

Aberdeen Roncalli had 288 yards offense and 14 first downs and held Groton Area to 45 yards offense and four first downs to post a 38-0 win in the season opener. The game was played Friday at Dacotah Bank Stadium on the campus of Northern State University.

Roncalli held a 6-0 lead after the first quarter, 20-0 at half time and 23-0 after three quarters.

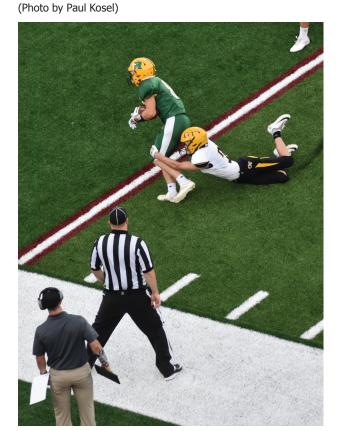
Keegan Tracy led the Tigers offense with 26 yards rushing, had one interception for a return of 13 yards and six tackles. Tate Larson had 10 yards receiving. Korbin Kucker had eight yards rushing, completed four of 12 passes for 15 yards with one interception, had four tackles and one sack. Teylor Diegel had five yards receiving and seven tackles. Christian Ehresmann led the Tiger defense with 14 tackles. Colby Dunker had six tackles and one sack and Andrew Marzahn had six tackles.

Maddox May led the Cavaliers with 149 yards rushing and one touchdown, had nine yards receiving and one touchdown, and had four tackles. Aiden Fisher led the receivers with 26 yards.

- Paul Kosel



Sophomore Korbin Kucker stepped up as quarterback as Lane Tietz had a medical issue and was not able to play.



Keegen Tracy brought down Abe Kretchman. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Groton Area opened its 2022 football season Friday night at Dacotah Bank Stadium on the campus of Northern State University, Aberdeen. The Tigers took on the Aberdeen Roncalli Cavaliers (also co-oped with Aberdeen Christian). Roncalli won the game, 38-0. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with Mike Nehls, Jeslyn Kosel, Paper Paul and Tom Woods with the halftime stats and comments). The following sponsored the game on GDILIVE.COM: Bahr Spray Foam, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Locke Electric , Dacotah Bank, SD Army National Guard, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc, S & S Lumber, Groton Dairy Queen, MJ's Sinclair, Mike-N-Jo's, Basekamp Lodge, Doug Abeln Seed co, Karma Salon, Blocker Construction



The Groton Area Football Cheerleaders. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The team captains met at midfield for the coin toss and instructions. Groton Area captains are Andrew Marzahn, Caleb Hanten, Kaleb Antonsen and Ethan Gengerke. For Roncalli, they are Maddox May, Jackson Isakson, Phillip Zens

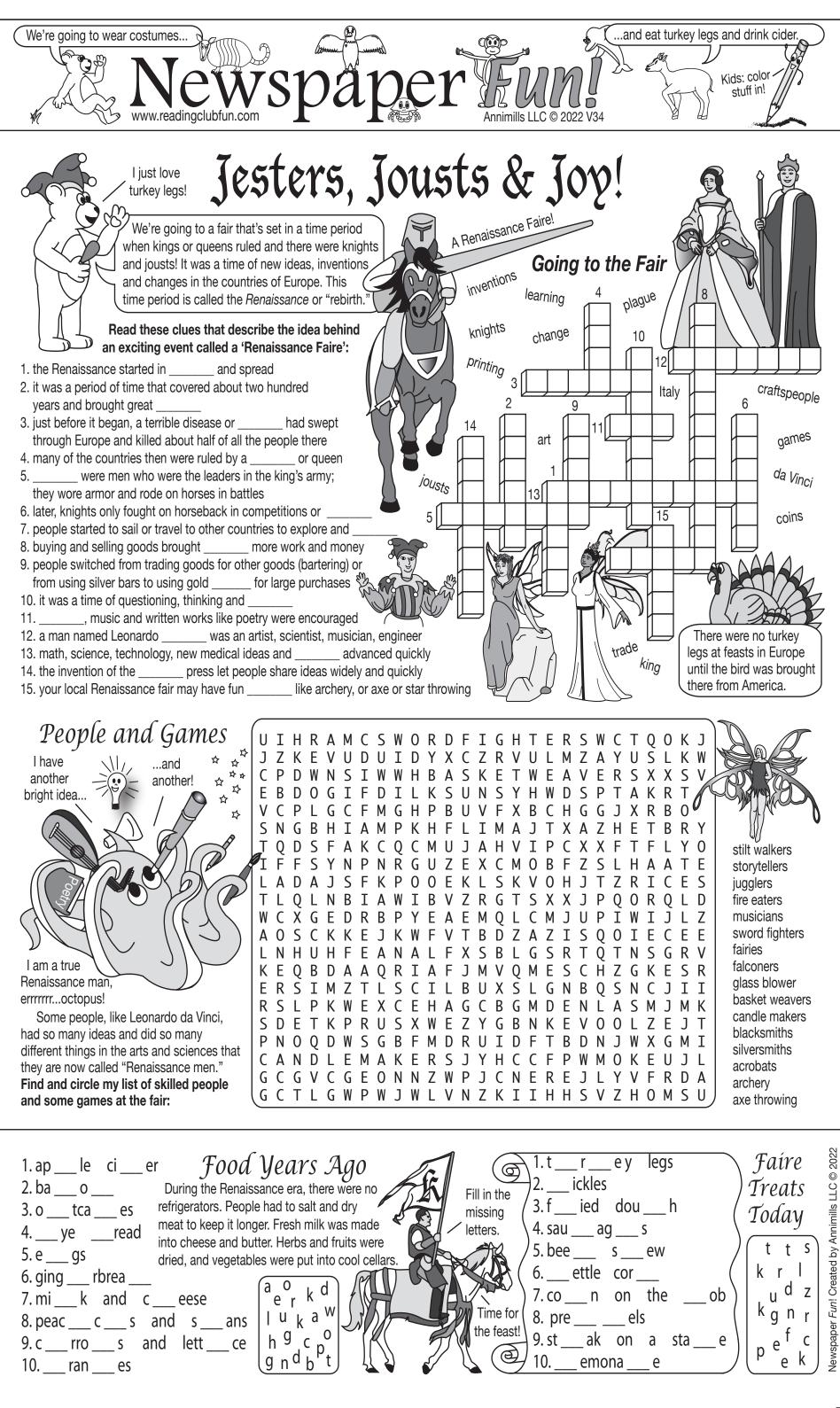


A short lived monsoon dumped rain at 6:45 p.m., resulting in a half hour delay in the start of the game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Andrew Marzahn tries to gain some yards for the Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

6 \$ Groton Independent \$ Wed., Aug. 24, 2022 and Brenden Livermont. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Guest Column by The Community Coach

Paula Jensen, Vice President of Program Development of Dakota Resources

Has your community made negativity a habit?

Living in a small town, we are often inclined to see change in our community as a threat to ourselves and our way of life. When we feel threatened by change uncertainty rears its ugly head and our negativity often takes over. We say things like – "What's wrong with the way we've always done it." or "Why do we need something new, the old one's just fine?" or "We can't afford that." or "That will never work, we've tried it before." And, sometimes we just outright disguise our negativity as facts, experience, or helpful guidance.

Every day as a community coach I work with rural changemakers to develop their thriving small towns. These passionate people explore what's possible and create local vision. They work diligently to engage more people in the process and listen with curiosity to make ideas stronger. They seek outside resources and partnerships to fund projects. But along the way, these rural changemakers always encounter one common denominator – negativity.

One rural changemaker stated this: "When the negative voices in our community start to make noise it pulls us away from our purpose and each other... pretty soon people start believing what's the loudest rather than searching for what's possible."

So, the overarching question is, how might a community change its negativity habit? James Clear, author of Atomic Habits writes, "The root of behavior change and building better habits is your identity. Each action you perform is driven by the fundamental belief that it is possible. So, if you change your identity (what you believe you are), then it is easier to change your actions."

If you agree with James Clear that building better habits starts with changing your identity, then the answer to the question above is to create a new community identity. What if you became known as a thriving community of rural changemakers? It can start with one. One rural changemaker – YOU – can master your own mindset and manage the negativity habit that exists around you. Then ask other rural changemakers to join you on this quest for a thriving community.

As you gather your crowd of rural changemakers and engage with others who are stuck in the negativity habit take these conscious actions to constructively engage

Show confidence in your skills, abilities, and new identity as a rural changemaker.

Listen to others intently and with curiosity to shift from problem mode to solution mode.

Say, "I don't have the answer right now." Diffuse negativity by tactfully supplying a well-thought-out response later.

Redirect conversations by talking about what's possible.

Ask for solutions that could resolve problems from the past.

Turn complaints into opportunities by brainstorming ideas.

Focus on what is within your control, not things you cannot control.

Test innovative ideas by implementing short 30-day action plans.

Celebrate your successes to create a community buzz.

Become stronger together by recognizing all the good things going on in the community and share those stories publicly.

Cutting out every bit of negativity is unrealistic, but we can learn to live responsively instead of reactively, being positive when others are negative. If we simply ensure our attitude as a rural changemaker aligns with

our community's vision, together we can and will thrive into the next generation.

The Community Coach. Having a passion for community leadership and development is what drives Paula Jensen's personal and professional life. Paula lives in her hometown of Langford, South Dakota, population 318+. She serves as a Strategic Doing practitioner, grant writer and community coach with Dakota Resources based in Renner, South Dakota. Dakota Resources is a mission-driven 501c3 Community Development Financial Institution working to connect capital and capacity to empower rural communities. Contact her at paula@dakotaresources.org.



West Nile Update – South Dakota, August 24, 2022

SD WNV (as of August 24):

- 12 human cases reported (Brookings, Brown, Clark, Day, Edmunds, Kingsbury, Mc-Cook, Sully, Turner, Union, Walworth)
- 4 human viremic blood donors (Minnehaha, Potter, Spink)
- 7 counties with positive mosquito pools (Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Codington, Hughes, Lincoln, Minnehaha)

US WNV (as of August 23): 98 cases (AL, AZ, CA, CO, GA, IA, LA, MN, MS, MO, NE, NY, NC, ND, OH, PA, SD, TX) and 6 deaths

WNV Prediction Model – Total Number of Cases Projected for 2022, South Dakota (as of August 24)

South Dakota Department of Tourism Launches State of Create Passport Highlighting Arts & Culture

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Tourism, in partnership with the South Dakota Arts Council, has announced the launch of the free State of Create mobile-exclusive passport highlighting arts and culture across the state.

The State of Create passport comes as the second of a series of passports launched by the Department of Tourism to encourage users to experience rural, off-the-beaten path, or local attractions across the state. This passport focuses on the arts scene in South Dakota including festivals, sculptures, historic theaters, galleries and more.

Passport users can win prizes for their participation in the program.

"Following the success of our first passport program, South Dakota Great Finds, we are eager to launch this second series focused on the state's vast arts and cultural scene," said Jim Hagen, Secretary of the Department of Tourism. "This passport highlights so many fantastic locations across the state. We are excited to introduce visitors to arts-related places and events they may not have previously known about."

The pass can be accessed on TravelSouth-Dakota.com and delivered to users' mobile devices, with no app download necessary. The program is free and available to residents and visitors alike.

To facilitate the program, the Department of Tourism partnered with a technology company called Bandwango. Bandwango has successfully launched successful gamified check-in programs with destinations across the United States and Canada.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism and the South Dakota Arts Council. The department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen

SDDVA Secretary Whitlock's Column – Serving Those Who Served

One of my favorite Abraham Lincoln quotes is "Honor to the soldier, and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause."

Our veterans have shouldered the burden of our defense. They have displayed extraordinary strength and resilience in the face of adversity to protect the freedoms we, as Americans, enjoy every day.

When our men and women return home after their tour of duty, we have the opportunity to show our gratitude by serving them. They must know that there are resources to help them. Veterans service officers provide a service, at no cost, to assist veterans in applying for benefits.

There has been a lot in the news lately about the Camp Lejeune lawsuit. We encourage all veterans to work with an accredited service officer when determining how to proceed with claims based upon exposure to hazards at Camp Lejeune. A final determination has not been made regarding lawsuits related to the Camp Lejeune Water Act and how this will impact veterans' abilities to receive care at the VA and receive payments for disabilities related to these toxic exposures.

Additionally, the Honoring our Pact Act of 2022 expands VA compensation and health-care benefits to veterans exposed to Agent Orange, burn pits, and other toxic exposures.

I'm proud of the resources that the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs and our partners; the county and tribal veterans service officers, provide at no cost.

This team of experts have worn the boots, walked the trenches, conducted maneuvers, commanded troops, sustained missions, and protected our freedoms. They are veterans that have borne the battle and are committed to ensure that our heroes receive the highest quality of services possible. Again, there is no charge for the services they provide our veterans in obtaining their benefits.

To reach our SDDVA team, please call 605.333.6869. To locate a county or tribal veterans service officer, please visit: https://vetaffairs.sd.gov/veteransserviceofficers/locatevso.aspx.

The SDDVA and our partners put our veterans first, serving those who have given so much to this nation. We consider it an honor and a privilege and are committed to assisting our veterans with their questions on the Pact Act and Camp Lejeune.

Greg Whitlock, Secretary

South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

Boys finished 2nd place at NEC tournament

Roncalli won 1st place in the team and Groton pkaced 2nd and Milbank 3rd. Brevin Fliehs finshed 4th with a 85, Logan Pearson finished 12th with a 91, Carter Simon finished 13th with a 91 and Cole Simon finished 14th with a 91. Jace Johnson scored a 101 along with Jayden Schwan with a 101.



Groton School Aug. 8, 2022

Meeting Minutes
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-

TRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING August 8, 2022

President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Pharis. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals Sombke and B. Schwan, and Business Manager Weber.

Weber read the oath of office and Harder was installed as a newly reelected member returning for a 3-year term.

ing for a 3-year term.

Moved by Weismantel, second
Smith to approve the agenda
with the following amendments:
under Old Business #4 – appoint
committee assignments, under
New Business Item #10 – add
open enrollment #23-13 and
under New Business Item #12
– add open enrollment #23-14.
Motion carried.

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

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of July 11, 2022, bills, financial reports, custodial accounts and investments, school lunch report and transportation report, open enrollments #23-07, #23-10, #23-11, and #23-12. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary 81,669.45; FIT - 7,284.88; Medicare – 3,044.72; FICA 13,018.92; SD Retirement 9,374.50; Waddell & Reed 700.00; Horace Mann - 400.00; AFLAC - 896.60; Delta Dental 977.62; SD Supplemental Retirement - 1,272.22; Child Support - 372.28; US Dept of Treasury – 252.04: Wellmark 16,368.00; Standard Life 274.83; Wage Works - 279.16; Avesis Vision - 82.91; A&B Business - toner, 97.83; Amazon – supplies, 121.32; ABC – alarm service, 160.00: Carson-Dellosa – supplies, 60.74; Brandon Clocksene – mileage, 57.96; Cole Papers – supplies, 3,497.24; Cory Greenwood Speaks - fee, 2,500.00; Council on College Admission – fee, 55.00; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 38,380.26; DA Services - floor work, 3,869.25; Dependable Sanitation - service, 1,238.00; Didax – supplies, 193.74; Follett – service fee, 1,626.96; Adam Franken – meals, 74.15 Groton Area – bank fee, 55.30

For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending July 31, 2022							
General		Capital	Special	.	Enterprise	Custodial	Total for
Description Fund	Gen Funds	Outlay	Education	Redemption		Fund	District
1. Beginning Balance 1,482,652.00	143,322.65	1,689,959.61	337,034.96		148,760.78		3,955,162.69
a. checking 1,482,652.00		1,689,959.61	337,034.96		148,760.78		3,955,162.69
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2. Transfers in							
3. Revenue to date 604,636.02	375.00	7,786.95	6,439.55	47.85	11,897.94	886.70	632,070.01
4. Total accounted for 2,087,288.02	143,697.65	1,697,746.56	343,474.51	47.85	160,658.72	154,319.39	4,587,232.70
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b. disbursements 287,313.09	0.00	149,793.10	11,685.41	0.00	16,744.10	135,220.23	600,755.93
7. Ending Balance 1,799,974.93	143,697.65	1,547,953.46	331,789.10	47.85	143,914.62	19,099.16	3,986,476.77
a. checking 1,799,974.93	143,697.65	1,547,953.46	331,789.10	47.85	143,914.62	19,099.16	3,986,476.77
b. petty cash(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
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Custodial Checking	19,099.16	,	,		,-		,
District Checking							
USDA Supply Chain Defer	(15,665.42)						
Total all Funds	3,300,4/0.//						

MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6

publishing, 288.63; Joel Guthmiller – fee refund, 35.00; Hillyard – supplies, 4,263.66; Jostens – service, 582.58; Lakeshore – supplies, 389.78; McLeod's - supplies, 265.12; Menards – supplies, 33.00; Miller, Aubray - fee refund, 120.00; NASCÓ – supplies, 517.24; Mike Nehls - supplies, 46.21; Nelson Sales – belt, 19.24; Northside Implement – repairs, 1,144.57; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 1,548.14; Kristi Peterson – supplies, 69.89; Pfitzer – service, 246.96; rSchoolToday - service fee, 75.00; S&S Lumber – supplies, 1,550.33; Scholastic magazines, 3,593.61; Scholastic Testing – tests, 263.10; School Nurse Supply – supplies, 366.75; School Specialty - supplies, 5,242.52; SDI Ínnovations supplies, 381.88; Share Corp supplies, 837.12; Taylor Music - repairs, 135.00; Teacher Direct – supplies, 912.94; Shaun Wanner – fee refund, 35.00. Total General Fund – \$211,219.15.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - print service, 1,014.94; Amazon - equipment, 819.10; AVI Systems – software, 738.56; CAERT – curriculum, 2,600.00; CWD - computer towers, 7,141.04; Cengage Learntexts, 5,654.25; CommTech - software, 1,957.50; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 51,660.02; Didax - equipment, 178.96; Don Donley - project work, 4,770.00; Eric Armin equipment, 146.30; Generation Genius – software, 175.00; Gopher – equipment, 50.34; Hauff – equipment, 4,298.75; Hillyard - equipment, 389.12 Hub City Roofing - project work, 46,500.00; IXL Learning – software, 4,100.00; Junior Library Guild - books, 1,465.78; Kaplan - equipment, 343.51; Lakeshore Learning – equipment, 457.60;

Learning Solutions – software, 510.00; NASCO – equipment, 379.99; PALOS Sports – equipment, 71.94; RealityWorks – equipment, 5,196.45; Riverside Technologies – computers, 32,880.00; S&S Lumber – project materials, 683.72; Savvas Learning – software, 506.00; School Nurse Supply – equipment, 614.45; School Specialty – equipment, 5,791.82; Splashtop – software, 1,500.00; Teacher Direct – equipment, 213.52; Toledo PE – equipment, 93.94; US Bank – bond fee, 600.00; Virco – desks, 2,267.30; Wilson – equipment, 435.93. Total Capital Outlay – \$186.205.83

Outlay – \$186,205.83.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 2,130.22; FIT – 288.38; Medicare – 81.22; FICA – 347.30; SD Retirement – 336.12; Amazon – speech supply, 75.97; Avera – services, 5,265.04; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 1,231.33; Janelle Publications – supplies, 52.00; Kaplan – supplies, 60.84; NCS Pearson – supplies, 100.20; Pro-Ed – supplies, 179.30; School Specialty – supplies, 72.73; Teacher Created – supplies, 22.46. Total Special Ed – \$10,243.11.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service: Net Salary - 1,927.48; FIT -234.16; Medicare - 73.06; FICA 312.38; SD Retirement –
 329.50; AFLAC – 110.07; Wellmark - 802.00; Standard Life 1.92; Avesis Vision – 19.63; Dawn Breedlove - refund, 54.90; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 154.00; Angela Gleason refund, 58.20; Kristen Khali – refund, 37.25; Shawn Lambertz refund, 101.64; Scott Woizeschke, refund, 39.50. Total Fund 51 - \$4,255.69. OST: Net Salary 8,772.39; FIT – 232.68; Medicare – 294.66; FICA – 1,259.92; SD Retirement – 714.10; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 705.00; Standard Life – 23.28; City of Groton – pool fee, 175.00; Dollar General – snacks, 207.65; Gopher – equipment, 1,144.30; Groton Area – mileage refund, 2,522.52; OTC Brands – supplies, 87.98; S&S Worldwide – supplies, 330.16. Total Fund 53: – \$16,633.57.

Total Enterprise Funds - \$20,889.26.

CUSTODIAL FUND: Total – \$135,462.23.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 607,010.07; Other Local Sources – 18,838.58; County Sources – 4,261.55; State Sources – 1,971.06. Total Receipts – \$632,081.26.

Moved by Smith, second Fliehs to amend the July 11, 2022, board minutes to reflect that Harder was not sworn in as a board member during that meeting due to his absence. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Schwan discussed COVID-19 issues as they relate to the upcoming school year. Changes to the Learn On 2022-23 School District Plan for Safe Return document were discussed. Moved by Smith, second Weismantel to approve the document as amended. Motion carried

tion carried.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: elementary PE/Music schedule, roster updates, BAGS program, elementary handbook, evaluation groups, OST, online parent portal, Dual Credit and E-Leaning, class change day. 6th Grade Welcome Walkthrough, 2022-23 Class Schedule and Title

IX assignments.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to remove a tabled item from the July 11, 2022, board meeting to appoint "ad hoc" board member committee positions. Motion carried. Gengerke appointed the following: Buildings, Grounds and Transportation – Fliehs and Harder, Personnel, Policy, and Curriculum – Gengerke and Pharis and Negotiations – Rix, Smith, and Weismantel.

The board heard first reading of the following policy amendments: IGDK - Participation of Alternative Instruction Students, ACAA – Sexual Harassment, ACAA-R – Sexual Harassment Regulation, JFCC – Student Conduct on School Buses, JFCC-R – Student Conduct on School Buses Regulation, JFC - Student Conduct, JHCC - Student Communicable Diseases, JHCC-R -Student Communicable Diseases Regulation, JHC – Student Health Services and Requirements, GCE - Part-time and Substitute Professional Staff Employ ment, BDDD – Quorum, BDDF – Voting Method, DLA – Payday Schedules, GBEB - Employee Communicable Diseases, GBEB- Employee Communicable Diseases Regulation, and GBE Staff Health and Safety.

Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to approve adult school lunch rate change from \$4.50 to \$4.85. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, second Harder to approve resignation of Lisa Sippel as Special Education Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to hire Amy Warrington as Show Choir Director for the 2022-23 school year for \$4,300. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, second Harder to hire Rose Long-Buechler as 6th Grade Teacher for the

2022-23 school year for \$47,350. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Weismantel to hire Kristen Cooper as Special Ed Paraprofessional for the 2022-23 school year for \$16,758. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Smith to hire Nicole Barton as Special Ed Paraprofessional for the 2022-23 school year for \$16,758. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, second Harder to hire Kelby Tracy as Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2022-23 school year for \$2,150. Motion carried 5-1 with Weism-

antel voting no.
Moved by Weismantel, second
Smith to approve inter-district
transportation requests from
Langford Area School District
and Webster Area School District
pursuant to SDCL 13-29-4. Mo-

tion carried.
Moved by Fliehs, second
Harder to approve volunteer
assistants Carleen Johnson and
Kaylin Kucker for girls soccer,
Carla Tracy for volleyball and
Dalton Locke for football. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to approve open enrollment #23-13. Motion carried. Moved by Fliehs, second Rix

to approve open enrollment #23-14. Motion carried. Moved by Harder, second Rix

to adjourn at 7:57 pm. Motion carried.
M. J. Weber, Business Man-

ager Deborah Gengerke, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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Statewide poll shows referendum on recreational marijuana legalization in S.D. could fail in November

Bart Pfankuch South Dakota News Watch

A statewide poll conducted in late July shows that support for legalizing recreational marijuana for adult use in South Dakota has waned in the past two years and also appears to indicate that a referendum on legalization in November could fail.

The poll of 500 registered voters in July found that 43.8% of respondents support legalization of recreational marijuana, and that 54.4% oppose legalization.

South Dakota voters on Nov. 8, 2022, will go to the polls to vote on Initiated Measure 27, which would legalize recreational marijuana for adults. The ballot will also feature election of a governor, U.S. senator and U.S. representative, and other state and local officers.

Voters in 2020 passed Constitutional Amendment A, which would have legalized recreational marijuana, but the measure was overturned by the courts and never took effect.

IM 27 would pass with a simple majority of votes. The measure would legalize possession, use and distribution of marijuana by anyone at least 21 years of age in South Dakota. Adults could possess up to one ounce of marijuana and grow up to three cannabis plants; homegrow would be allowed only in locations where retail recreational marijuana is not available.

The poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy of Florida from July 19-22, 2022, and was commissioned by South Dakota News Watch and the Chiesman Center for Democracy at the University of South Dakota. Respondents were selected randomly and were representative of South Dakota voters overall in terms of age, gender, geographic location and political party. Respondents were called on cell phones and landlines; the margin of error is plus or minus 4.5%.

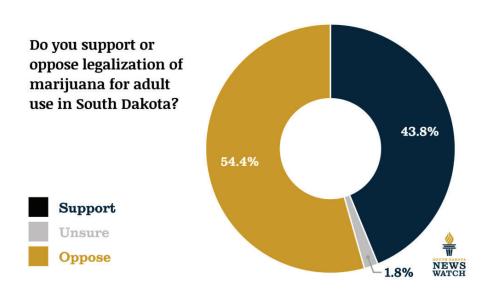
In the poll, 27.4% of respondents strongly supported legalization and 16.4% were somewhat supportive. Meanwhile, 39.4% strongly opposed legalization while 15.0% were somewhat in opposition, with 1.8% unsure.

Supporters of legalization were quick to question the poll results and point out that records. Much of that funding came from outprior polls and the 2020 ballot measure to legalize adult use of recreational marijuana both indicated steady support for legalization.

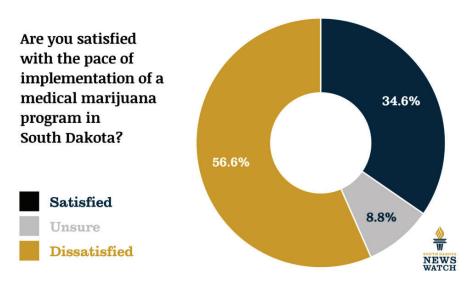
"When I look a little deeper, I found things that do not make sense to me," said Matthew Schweich, campaign director for South Dakotans for Better Marijuana Laws. "Some of the numbers don't really make sense and conflict strongly with previous data that we've seen."

In particular, Schweich pointed out that certain elements within the News Watch/USD poll do not jibe with past indicators of support for legalization in South Dakota. For example, the News Watch/USD poll showed 38.6% of poll respondents in the Sioux Falls metro area supported legalization, and 58.0% were opposed.

However, that population showed the highest level of support in the 2020 statewide vote on Constitutional Amendment A. Of the seven state Senate districts that comprise the



Source: Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy poll of 500 registered S.D. voters on July 19-22, 2022. Chart: Matt Jensen Marketing



Source: Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy poll of 500 registered S.D. voters on July 19-22, 2022.

LATEST LEGALIZATION EFFORT **MOSTLY LOCAL**

Opponents of the effort to legalize recreational marijuana in South Dakota have been critical of what they say is an out-of-state lobbying and funding effort that is supporting legalization.

However, state campaign finance records show the most recent effort to promote Initiated Measure 27 to legalize recreational marijuana is funded largely by in-state sources and with local labor.

South Dakotans for Better Marijuana Laws is the primary political action committee in favor of IM 27; the group also played a large role in support of Amendment A in 2020.

In 2020, two groups supporting legalization of marijuana raised about \$2.4 million and spent about \$1.6 million, according to state of-state interests.

However, South Dakotans for Better Marijuana Laws has raised far less money to support IM 27 and most of its donations in this campaign have come from within South Dakota.

The group did receive about \$68,000 in donated services in 2022 from the New Approach Advocacy Fund in Washington, D.C., to fund the signature-collection drive, and roughly \$40,000 in donated consulting services from the Marijuana Policy Project in Washington,

But so far in 2022, the group has reported only \$47,300 in income — almost entirely from in-state sources — and reported expenses of about \$26,000, roughly \$22,000 of that in advertising, according to state records.

Matthew Schweich, campaign director for South Dakotans for Better Marijuana Laws, said his group has four employees, including three who were born and raised in South Dakota. Schweich said he is not originally from

Sioux Falls area, District 15 had the highest percentage of voters supporting Amendment A, with 72.7% in favor, and no district reporting lower than 57% support for legalization.

Furthermore, Schweich noted that the News Watch/USD poll showed the highest support for legalization was among voters ages 18-34 (54.2%), which follows prior polling and election results. However, the News Watch/USD poll showed the second highest level of support (44.4%) was among respondents age 65 and above, which contrasts with prior polling and election results that show older voters generally do not support marijuana legalization.

"I see this as a flawed poll, but one that I still need to keep in the back of my head as motivation to keep working hard," Schweich said. "I'm not going to dismiss this poll entirely, and it's a reminder that we have to work really hard and not take anything for granted because in recent times, it's gotten harder and harder to predict what an electorate will look like."

An opponent of legalization of recreational marijuana said he was heartened by the News Watch/ USD poll results, but added that he and other opponents will continue to try to educate the public on the dangers of marijuana and the negative effects of legalization

before the vote.

The only registered political committee to oppose IM 27 so far, formed in July 2022, is called Protecting South Dakota's Kids.

The group's chairman is Jim Kinyon of Rapid City, a certified mental health counselor who also serves as executive director of Catholic Social Services. State Rep. Fred Deutsch, R-Florence, is the group's treasurer, according to state records. The group has not yet filed a campaign finance report.

'South Dakota is coming to our senses; we're starting to see that this isn't going to make us free and happy," Kinyon said.

Kinyon called the supporters of recreational marijuana "drug pushers" from out of state who are seeking to make big profits by making a harmful drug more widely available.

Kinyon added that if legalization of recreational marijuana does cause youth use of marijuana to rise, the state could see academic achievement fall and the risk of youth suicide rise.

"This stuff attacks the organ of the brain, and our kids and our young adults won't be better citizens," he said. "Our kids are struggling in our state, and we already don't have adequate resources to help them. We have to defend our kids because they deserve better."

Medical marijuana already legal

South Dakota is in the early stages of implementing its medical marijuana program, which was approved by 70% of voters who supported Initiated Measure 26 in November 2020. Marijuana for medical use became available in the state this summer, and several more dispensaries are in the process of obtaining marijuana products for sale in the near future.

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Jim Kinyon

South Dakota voters in the 2020 election also approved Constitutional Amendment A, which would have legalized recreational marijuana for adult use, with a margin of 54% in favor to 46% opposed, a difference of about 35,000 votes.

However, a subsequent legal

challenge — supported by Gov. Kristi Noem - led first a circuit judge and then the state Supreme Court in November 2021 to overturn the ballot measure, with justices finding Amendment A too broad.

IM 27 was approved for the November 2022 election in May 2022 after supporters submitted about 25,000 valid signatures in support of the ballot measure. Supporters of IM 27 say it is more limited in scope than Amendment A, dropping references to medical marijuana and hemp, and avoiding language about taxation, licensing and local regulation of marijuana, potentially making it more resistant to court challenges should it pass. IM 27 also would not affect the state Constitution.

As of mid-2022, 19 U.S. states and the District of Columbia have legalized recreational marijuana for adult use. Colorado and Washington were the first states to legalize recreational marijuana in 2012; Montana is the only state bordering South Dakota where recreational marijuana is legal. Another 13 states have decriminalized possession of marijuana.

Close vote likely in November

Schweich noted that in midterm elections, including the one scheduled for November 2022, the party of the incumbent president typically suffers, in this case the Democratic Party of President Joe Biden. In the News Watch/USD poll, 72.5% of Democrats support legalization of recreational marijuana, compared with only 23.8% of Republicans in support.

As legalization spreads further across the U.S., Schweich said one of the main reasons to support legalization of recreational marijuana is to provide for regulation and safety in the sale and purchase of marijuana.

"Part of the reason to legalize cannabis is to take it out of the black market, because black-market dealers don't check IDs and they often have other drugs for sale," Schweich said. "Everybody out there who buys alcohol, they go to the store and they buy alcohol and they're not exposed to other drugs."

Ned Horsted, executive director of the Cannabis Industry Association of South Dakota, said legalization would take money away from drug dealers and shift it instead to legitimate businesses and also to the state in the form of taxes and development of a new industry.

"When legalization does come, it will generate a lot of jobs and a lot of new tax revenue for the state," he said.

Horsted said current marijuana laws in South Dakota are some of the strictest in the nation, and are leading to the necessary and costly imprisonment of people convicted of simple possession.

"I think South Dakotans are compassionate and fair people," he said. "All this does is basically says we're not going to arrest adults for er people were confused in 2020, that some possessing a small amount of marijuana. So, do we tax and regulate this, or do we allow this to be the Wild West as it has been in the past?"

Other recent polls by Mason-Dixon have lower the level of support?" proven to be accurate or at least consistent, and others previously done in South Dakota of implementation of the state medical mari-Groton Independent \$\infty\$ Wed., Aug. 24, 2022 \$\infty\$ 11



A majority of respondents in a July 2022 South Dakota News Watch poll were displeased with the pace of implementation of a medical marijuana program in South Dakota. Voters approved legalization in 2020 and the first legal medical marijuana became available in South Dakota in July 2022. Photo: News Watch file

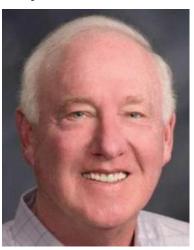
on marijuana.

A Mason-Dixon poll commissioned by the Sioux Falls Argus Leader newspaper and KELO-TV in October 2020 was prescient in capturing public sentiment about marijuana ballot measures that year. The poll of 625 registered voters proved to be remarkably accurate, showing that 74% of respondents supported IM 26 (to allow medical marijuana) and that 51% supported Amendment A (to allow recreational marijuana sales). The vote tally two months after the poll showed 70% of voters in favor of IM 26 and 54% in favor of Amendment A.

Schweich said that during signature collection, he was intrigued to note how many people said they would vote in favor of legalization in part because of the way Gov. Noem and two law enforcement officers intervened and had the vote overturned through legal challenge.

Horsted said the next few months could be critical in terms of people making up their minds on how to vote on recreational marijuana.

"If you look at the people who were undecided and those who were somewhat supportive or opposed to legalization, you're looking at almost a third of the people who haven't made up their minds yet," he said. "There's plenty of time for South Dakotans to talk about this and determine if indeed it is time to stop wasting taxpayer money on prosecuting small-level marijuana crimes."



Mike Derby

Rep. Mike Derby, R-Rapid City, is one of the leaders of the informal cannabis coalition in the state Legislature, and is knowledgeable about matters surrounding marijuana legislation.

Derby said he was somewhat surprised by the

News Watch/USD poll results showing a majority in opposition to legalization of recreational marijuana. "I thought those numbers would have been reversed," he said.

Derby theorized that since Amendment A in 2020 also had references in the ballot language to medical marijuana and hemp, perhaps some voters in 2020 supported the amendment because they believed it legalized medical marijuana.

"There's always been the question of whethpeople may have voted thinking it had to do with medical," he said. "So, it begs the question, now that it is a single subject, will that

The News Watch/USD poll also indicated including recent News Watch polls on abortion that respondents are unhappy with the pace

juana program. Results showed that while 34.6% of respondents were satisfied with the pace, 56.6% were dissatisfied, while 8.8% were unsure.

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EARTHTAL

Dear EarthTalk: Are carbon capture technologies pie in the sky or really feasible as a global warming mitigation technique?

-- Paul C., Scranton, PA

The short answer is ... we'll see. To understand how to remove carbon dioxide (CO2) from our atmosphere, it is important to first look at how it gets there and why it's a problem in the first place.

Human activities are the dominant contributor to CO2 emissions through fossil fuel burning, electricity consumption and transportation. According to NASA, humans have caused increased CO2 concentrations by half since the 18th century, resulting in a 1.8°F temperature increase. This may seem insignificant, but the consequences are becoming more and more apparent, so scientists are going all out to figure out ways to limit potentially irreversible effects moving forward. Various emission reduction strategies are being put in play to help stave off the worst effects of global warming.

One of the most promising is so-called "carbon capture and storage" (CCS). Technologies that prevent carbon from entering the atmosphere by storing it have been around since the mid-1970s, but only recently have they scaled up to meet the demands of larger industrial settings. There are three steps to CCS: capturing, transporting and storing. First, CO2 is separated from other gasses that are released during industrial processes. Next, the

CO2 is transferred through pipelines where it is then stored and often repurposed. Currently, there are 80 facilities in the process of implementing CCS, and 16 that have already done so. Its removal efficiency is targeted at 90 percent, with some able to reach 95-99

CCS is definitely a feasible method for removing CO2 from the atmosphere. Most carbon emissions come directly from a facility; the biggest advantage of CCS is its ability to prevent CO2 from escaping right from the source. The International Energy Agency estimates that CCS is capable of removing up to 20 percent of CO2 from industrial facilities. Also, other greenhouse gasses like nitric oxide and sulfur dioxide can also be sequestered. The CO2 that is captured can also be utilized for the creation of other commercial products like concrete and polymers. Geologically stored CO2 can be repurposed to collect geothermal heat, meaning geothermal energy can be extracted sustainably.

While this does sound like a perfect solution to our problems, there are some potential pitfalls. Although CCS does have high efficiency, the 90 percent of CO2 being removed isn't enough, considering where we are with emissions now. With the race to develop maximum removal CCS projects, the costs increase greatly as well. According to the Global CCS Institute, the 26 plants created as of 2021 have only removed 0.1 percent of emissions, meaning that for this technology to be suitable, it would have to be applied in every industrial facility, globally—right now. So we have a situation where the costs outweigh the



Carbon capture & storage was once viewed as a game changer in efforts to stave off climate change, but is it too little too late now? Credit: Alberta Newsroom, Quest Carbon Capture (CCS) Canada, FlickrCC.

benefits, and due to its unpromising results" ...there's no way it can actually improve to be better than replacing coal or gas with wind or solar directly," says Stanford's Mark Jacobson. "The latter will always be better, no matter what, in terms of the social cost.'

Most environmental advocates agree that focusing on renewables is the best course of action to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. But CCS nevertheless remains a viable weapon in the arsenal of climate change fighters. With the various technologies advancing, it will play an especially important role as a bridge to a sustainable future for the planet.

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Back to school with allergy and asthma

For students with allergies and asthma, back to school means more than getting their backpacks filled with paper, pencils, and any needed odds





and ends. Keeping your child safe and healthy involves creating a proactive plan to be implemented both at home and at school. Allergy doctors refer to these plans as "control programs" because the goal is prevention and control.

Food allergies can cause anaphylaxis, the total body allergic reaction with shortness of breath, hives, low blood pressure, vomiting, diarrhea, and potentially death. Avoidance is the treatment. If an accident happens and the student starts to react, it is imperative that epinephrine is given and the student is taken to the emergency room for ongoing care.

A local, itchy reaction can occur if the allergic student touches the food and the more serious reaction, anaphylaxis can occur if the food is eaten.

Children diagnosed as asthmatics tend to have more frequent issues than food allergic children. Like food allergies, prevention is key. Therefore, the student should take any daily prevention medications at home prior to going to school. Students with allergy eyes and noses should also take their medications before they leave for school to minimize symptoms. If they continue to have symptoms, it is time to see the doctor.

Asthmatics need ready access to a rescue medication such as albuterol to use when they develop their cough, wheeze, or shortness of breath. While at school, students can use their inhaler before strenuous exercise to prevent an attack. A control program should spell out what to do if the inhaler does not work. Most often this will trigger a call to the parents. If the attack is severe, it could mean getting the student to an emergency room. Most asthma flares are triggered by viral infections. Getting the flu shot can reduce the odds of a flareup and staying home during a flareup may be best.

Parents and guardians, be sure to prepare your child's control program before school starts and share it with the school team. Make sure the student's medications are present and ready to go. Have the school forms completed by the student's doctor and remember to get that doctor appointment scheduled early. Talk with your child so they know what to do.

Students with allergy and asthma can expect to fully participate in virtually all school activities including gym class and sporting events. If they are having symptoms, it means the control program needs to be improved and participation continued.

Having the entire team ready is the best way to feel good about sending your children back to school. Working together results in happy, confident, successful students and proud parents!

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Calendar	FRIDAY SATURDAY	School Breakfast: Biscuits and Gravy School Lunch: Pizza Cruncher, Green School Lunch: Pizza Cruncher, Green Mass: 4:30 p.m. 10 a.m.: 3/4 and 5/6 football at Sisseton 1 p.m.: Girls soccer hosts Vermillion 7 p.m.: Football hosts Redfield	NO SCHOOL Senior Menu: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, Senior Mass: 4:30 p.m. 11 a.m.: Girls Soccer at Tea Area. JV game to follow. 2 p.m.: Football hosts Dakota Hills Coop 7 p.m.: Football hosts Dakota Hills Coop 7 p.m.: Football hosts Dakota Hills Coop 8 EAS Confession: 3:45-4:15 p.m., SEAS 9 mass: 4:30 p.m. 11 a.m.: Girls Soccer at Tea Area. JV game to follow. 8 TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL STORM DAMAGE CLEANUP 8 STUMP GRINDING 8 STORM DAMAGE CLEANUP 9 Mass: 4:30 p.m. 11 a.m.: Girls Soccer at Tea Area. JV 9 m.: Football hosts Dakota Hills Coop 9 TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL 8 STUMP GRINDING 8 ST	Senior Menu: Hamburger and cabbage dish, mixed vegetables, pears, muffin. 3/4 and 5/6 games at Clark /WIllow Lake at Clark T p.m.: Football vs. Clark/WIllow Lake at Clark	Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed vegetables, garlic toast, pears, sherbert. 7 p.m.: Football at Deuel (Clear Lake) 8 p.m.: Football at Deuel (Clear Lake) 8 p.m.: Football at Deuel (Clear Lake) 9 p.m.: Football at Deuel (Clear Lak
Community	THURSDAY	School Breakfast: Stuffed Bagels School Lunch: Chicken Sandwich, Fries School Lunch: Scalloped potatoes and ham, peas, mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread. Volleyball at Hamlin. 8th grade at 4 p.m., 7th/C matches at 5 p.m. followed by JV at 6 p.m. and then varsity.	School Breakfast: Oatmeal School Lunch: Hamburgers, Tri Taters School Lunch: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, acini depepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread. Cross Country at Redfield 1 p.m.: Cory Greenwood Assembly Volleyball at Sisseton (8th grade at 5 p.m. followed by 7th grade in practice gym; C match at 5 p.m. followed by JV and varsity)	Senior Menu: Ranch chicken bread, boiled potato, squash, fruit, whole wheat bread. 10 a.m.: Golf Meet at Olive Grove Golf Course Volleyball hosts Roncalli (8th grade at 6 p.m. followed by 7th grade in gym; games in Arena are C match at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity)	Senior Menu: Breaded codfish, parsley buttered potatoes, seasoned cabbage, fruit, whole wheat bread. 11 a.m.: Golf Meet at Dakota Magic Golf Course 4 p.m.: Cross Country at Lee Park, Aberdeen Volleyball Hosts Clark/Willow Lake (8th grade at 6 p.m. followed by 7th grade in gym; Arena games have C match at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity)
er Groton (WEDNESDAY	Webster JOHN DEERE 1-800-658-2252	School Breakfast, Hash brown, Pizza School Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Cooked Broccoli Senior Menu: Breaded codfish, parsley buttered potatoes, creamy coleslaw, fruit, while wheat bread. Groton UMC: 9:30am Community Coffee Hour	Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed po- tatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, apple sauce, whole wheat bread. Emmanuel: 5 pm Sarah Circle	h gravy, les, fruit, Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, au grain potatoes, carrots, apple sauce, whole wheat bread. Marner with 7th & 8th graders & parents; 6:30 pm League Groton m. Cheeseburger or 3-Piece Chicken small sundae!
ugust/September	TUESDAY	Aberdeen 225-6772 Redfield 1-800-843-1865 1-800-247-4650	School Breakfast: Fritatta School Lunch: Sloppy Joe, Waffle Fries School Lunch: Sloppy Joe, Waffle Fries Senior Menu: Hamburger on bun, oven roasted potatoes, cucumber salad, ice cream sundae. 10 a.m.: Golf at Lee Park, Aberdeen 5 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Ipswich (C/JV/V) Groton UMC: 10:00am Bible Study - Grill Out (Weather Permitting) The Pantry open at the Groton Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Senior Menu: Ham and Bean soup, egg salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, fruit Groton UMC: 10:00am Bible Study 4 p.m.: Cross Country at Britton Volleyball hosts Webster (8th grade at 6 p.m. followed by 7th grade in gym; Arena games have C match at 5 p.m. followed by JV and varsity) 7 p.m.: City Council Meeting The Pantry open at the Groton Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Senior Menu: Swiss steak wit mashed potatoes, mixed vegetab whole wheat bread. 6 p.m.: 3/4 and 5/6 football at \(0.000 \) 0.m.: Golf Meet at Redfield 6:30 p.m.: Senior Scholarship In The Pantry open at the Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p. Emmanuel: 7 pm Church Court Co
2022 Aug	MONDAY	605/397-8145	School Breakfast: Egg Bake School Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, dill po- tato, seven layer salad, fruited Jell-O with topping, whole wheat bread. Volleyball at Aberdeen Christian (7th/8th at 4 p.m., JV at 6 p.m. followed by varsity) Emmanuel: 6:30 am Bible Study The Pantry open at the Groton Community Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	5 - LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL Emmanuel: 6:30 am Bible Study	Senior Menu: Chicken rice casserole, Senior Menu: Chicken rice casserole, green beans, lettuce salad, chocolate pudding with bananas, whole wheat bread. 2 p.m.: Cross Country at Webster Emmanuel: 6:30 am Bible Study 7 p.m.: School Board Meeting The Pantry open at the Groton Community Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1 p.m.: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center. 4 p.m 6 p.m.: Carnival of Silver Skates Registration at the warming house
	SUNDAY	GROTO VET CLIN 1503 N Broadway, Groton, 6	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. St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study 8:00 am. Worship (St. John's 9:00 am, Zion 11:00 am) Emmanuel: 9 am Worship, 1-4pm 9th grade Confirmation Retreat Methodist: 8:30am Conde Worship, 9:30am Coffee Hour. 10:30am Groton Worship	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. Methodist: Communion in Worship, 8:30am Conde Worship, 9:30am Coffee Hour, 10:30am Groton Worship Emmanuel: 9 am Worship/Communion	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. 5 p.m.: 3/4 and 5/6 football hosts Redfield. 10 a.m 2 p.m.: Carnival of Silver Skates Registration at the warming house Emmanuel: 9 am Worship with Backpack blessing; 10:15 am God's Work, Our Hands Sunday service; 6 pm Youth Movie Night

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