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Work begins on the reservoir

A crew started sandblasting the Groton City Water Reservoir on Tuesday with one person on the roof and one on the ground. The sound of the sandblasting is very loud. Once it is sandblasted, it will then be primed and painted. The roof of the inside of the reservoir also needs to be sandblasted and painted. Work could take up to six weeks to complete. In the meantime, there is no outdoor watering permitted.



Work continues on pickle ball and tennis courts

Work continues on the pickle ball courts and tennis court. A crew from Pro Track and Tennis, Inc., Omaha, Neb., has been busy preping the court for the painting work that will be done. All the cracks have to be sealed up. The crack sealing part should be done on Wednesday with painting then beginning, weather permitting. Working the court are Carlos Rosado and Alejandro Martinez. Martinez is pictured on the right in the left photo and in the bottom photo. No word on the posts yet; however, there are quickset pickle ball bets that are removable that can be used for play until the net posts arrive.



Enrich Groton SoDak, Inc. starts thrift store

Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. Chairman Lance Larsen receives a donation to The Pantry from Groton Chamber President Carol Kutter from the Chamber's recent shirt fundraiser. Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. is a non profit entity in Groton formed to run The Pantry and Common Cents Community Thrift Store. More details on Page 5. (Photo Courtesy April Abeln)

**Next Week is
GHS Homecoming
See Details on Page 9**

We have to be able to talk

I was walking down the sideline moments after the national anthem when the announcer welcomed two dignitaries to the game—Senator John Hoeven and Attorney General Drew Wrigley—and I started laughing.

In the last two weeks, I'd taken both to the woodshed in my Forum Communications column. I criticized Wrigley for what I deemed political showboating when he absolved a Fargo officer of wrongdoing in a shooting death, opining that he must have gotten a nice tan from the spotlight. A week earlier, I called Hoeven, who's spotlight averse, "a figment of our collective imaginations."

There they were, both in Wishek at the football game.

What are the chances?

I glanced back occasionally as I photographed the game, and then finally, during a timeout, introduced myself to Wrigley. I've known Hoeven awhile. When I was Ashley Chamber of Commerce president he accepted my invitation to speak at our banquet. His father was a banker in Ashley when we were both kids, he reminded me when we talked.

"Well, if I'm going to beat you up, I'll look you in the eye," I told Wrigley, shaking his hand. He grinned and immediately referenced my column; it's the second time he's been a victim, the first for not digging into the intentional deletion of his late predecessor, Wayne Stenejem's, e-mails.

"Who is this jerk?" Wrigley wondered aloud to his staff when he read my latest column, although not in those words, exactly.

"Hey, I said you were right!" I said defensively.

"Yeah, the way my wife says I'm right," Wrigley laughed—prefaced by a series of disclaimers.

Turns out a staffer is a fan, though, so he wanted a selfie to share with them. I've got to practice posing. He has a trademark political smile, and I look grumpy—and I wasn't! Heck, I appreciated the conversation. As a member of the Fourth Estate, I hold politicians accountable, but, it's never personal.

Hoeven's got a sense of humor, too. When he ran for governor against Heidi Heitkamp, I waged an independent campaign, promising "a liver sausage in every pot," which unfortunately, many people took as a threat. Heitkamp, who's a good sport, contributed two dollars to my campaign, so naturally I publicized her unconditional support. When I introduced Hoeven at the banquet, though, I noted that he'd only donated a dollar (true) "because he's

a fiscal conservative."

He also took in stride the political mudslinging from my desperate campaign when the only compliment I could muster was that he had "gubernatorial hair." Another year, when he was being coy about running for reelection, I heckled that he was "kinda, sorta, maybe, possibly" gonna run again. A few weeks later, he sent me a postcard announcing to me personally that he was indeed "kinda, sorta, maybe, possibly" in the race.

On the sidelines on Friday, he chided me a bit for thinking he's some kind of extremist. Actually, no. We agree on some issues, disagree on others, but I did take him to task for not defending the Constitution over party and president. I expect more. I expect more for my country.

Overall, though, the most political the conversation got was when someone urged Wrigley and Hoeven to buy some Wishek Sausage, not realizing that Kirk Rueb, producer of Ashley Sausage, was standing right there, leaving it to me to play diplomat. Now, when it comes to sausage in McIntosh County, I am Switzerland. Politically neutral. Oh, I'll cop to being a liberal when 99.5% of the county isn't, but I won't go where angels fear to tread. I buy them both. I love them both. Adore, really. And I think Darren Deile and Kirk Rueb are great Americans.

Drew Wrigley and John Hoeven aren't the first politicians I've excoriated nor will they be the last. Unless I stop doing my job. However, throughout several dustups I've had with politicians from both parties, the lines of communication have never closed, and that's the way things should work. We all want what's best for America even if we disagree over how to achieve it. Politician to politician, politician to press, politician to citizen, we need those conversations. I enjoyed mine on Friday night.

Now, I'd like to urge everyone to buy copious amounts of delicious and nutritious Wishek and Ashley sausage. If you know what's good for me.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Recap - Week 1

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Kevin O'Connell era got off to a great start Sunday with a 23-7 victory over the rival Green Bay Packers. Except for a few moments, the Vikings seemed to have total control of this game. The Vikings' offense had a balanced attack thanks to the big plays by Justin Jefferson, as well as the consistent runs by Dalvin Cook and Alexander Mattison. The Vikings' defense capitalized on a Packers' offense that was missing some of its key starters on the offensive line. And to cap it all off, Vikings' kicker, Greg Joseph, tied the Vikings' record for the longest field goal with a 56-yard field goal in the 3rd quarter.

The story of the game was Justin Jefferson, who finished with 184 yards and two touchdowns on nine catches. After the performance today, it feels like Jefferson may officially have the crown for the best wide receiver in the NFL. Also, Jefferson's pursuit of 2,000 receiving yards in a season, something that has never been done before, seems to be a real possibility.

The main storyline coming into the game for the Packers was the lack of good wide receivers for Aaron Rodgers. The concern quickly grew after Rodgers' first pass was dropped by a wide-open Christian Watson. Watson, who was the Packers' second-round draft pick this year, appeared to have at least five yards of separation on Patrick Peterson and would have easily scored if he caught the ball. The Packers' offense just never seemed to recover from this moment as it took until the 5:16 mark of the 3rd quarter for them to get any points on the scoreboard.

As the final score indicates, the Vikings' defense played a great game. The big new addition, Za'Darius Smith, seemed to enjoy playing his former team. There were multiple plays throughout the game where Smith used his pure strength to bull-rush various Packers' offensive linemen. On one play, Smith snuck by one of the Packers' guards, threw AJ Dillon out of the way, and chased Rodgers out of the pocket, ultimately leading to Rodgers fumbling the ball after getting hit from multiple angles.

Smith was not the only new Vikings defensive player that had a great game. Linebacker, Jordan Hicks, had a solid game with nine tackles, one sack, and a forced fumble. Nose tackle, Harrison Phillips, seems like he will be a massive help in the run game for the Vikings this year as the Packers struggled to run the ball between the tackles. He also helped on a key play early in the game when the Vikings stopped an AJ Dillon run up the middle on 4th and goal.

For Kirk Cousins, he appeared to look comfortable with the new offensive scheme in Minnesota. There were multiple moments throughout the game where Cousins slid up in the pocket and found an open Justin Jefferson for a big gain. Also, there were never any turnover-worthy throws by Cousins. It appeared that Cousins went into the game with the idea of getting the ball to Jefferson as many times as he could. Perhaps this will open the door for other guys like Adam Thielen, KJ Osborn, and Irv Smith Jr. to get more looks later in the season.

The Vikings will now head to Philadelphia to play the Eagles on Monday night next week. For the first time since 2019, the Vikings have a winning record. Hopefully, the Vikings can keep it rolling and start the season 2-0 before they head into one of the easier stretches of games on their schedule.

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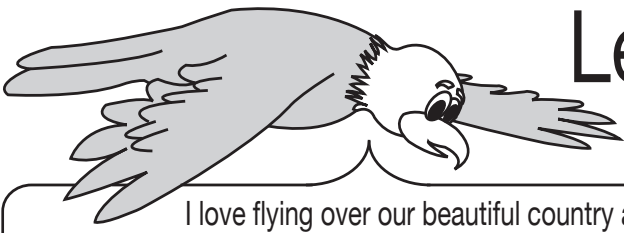


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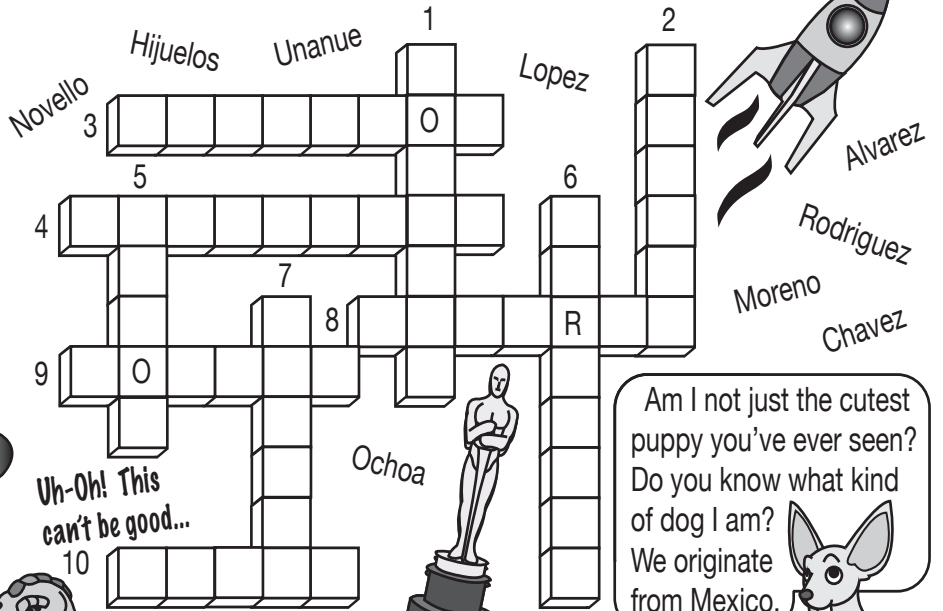
Learning About Hispanic Heritage



I love flying over our beautiful country and seeing all kinds of families doing things together. On this page we celebrate families of Hispanic heritage. We learn about how they have shaped the history of the United States. People of Hispanic heritage have come to the U.S. from countries such as Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico and other parts of Central and South America. They may speak slightly different versions of the Spanish language, and possess a range of identities and cultures, but they have one thing in common – they are part of the American story!

Can you read the clues to identify these Hispanic Americans?

- 1.) Antonia Coello _____ - the first Hispanic U.S. Surgeon General; also the first woman to hold the position
- 2.) Cesar _____ - went to many elementary schools while traveling to farms with his family to work; he started a labor union to get fair wages, better housing and to improve other conditions for farm workers
- 3.) Oscar _____ - won a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (1990) for his novel *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*
- 4.) Alex _____ - youngest major league baseball player to hit 600 home runs
- 5.) Ellen _____ - first female Hispanic astronaut
- 6.) Susana _____ - first Hispanic woman governor (New Mexico), born in Texas; family of Mexican heritage
- 7.) Prudencio and Carolina _____ - began a company called Goya, producing Hispanic foods; the largest Hispanic-owned food company in the U.S.
- 8.) Luis Walter _____ - won the Nobel Prize in Physics (1968): he and his son declared that the mass dinosaur extinction was caused by a meteor impact
- 9.) Rita _____ - first Hispanic actress to win an Oscar
- 10.) Nancy _____ - great woman golfer; got first set of golf clubs at age 8



Am I not just the cutest puppy you've ever seen? Do you know what kind of dog I am? We originate from Mexico.

I am a

C i u a u a

(Hint: Each blank needs the same letter.)

We'll fill our piñatas with candies and small toys.



Native Countries

Can you find and circle these countries that people of Hispanic heritage come from?

Celebrations



If you see a Hispanic heritage celebration at your community center or in your neighborhood, be sure to join in the fun. You may smell – and want to taste – a delicious dish called *paella*. It is a Spanish dish often made of simmered rice, chicken, chorizo (Spanish sausage), scallops, shrimp, tomatoes, green beans and other vegetables and spices: saffron, garlic, parsley, salt. Every chef puts his own twist on it!



You may hear **Mambo** music playing at the festival. This music developed originally in Cuba.

Fill in the missing vowels to name two mambo instruments:

1. This is the tumbadora or Conga dr_m.



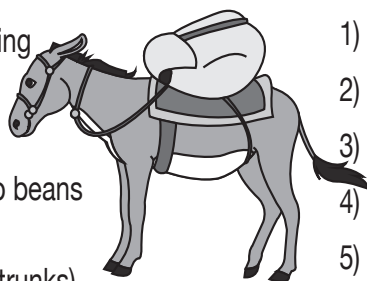
2. Some people call this mambo bell the "c_w-bell"

Borrowed Words!

About 40 million Americans speak Spanish at home. The majority of these people also speak or are learning English too. The words below came into the English language from words in Spanish. Some of them were originally words that the Spanish adopted from Native American words. **Match each word to its definition:**

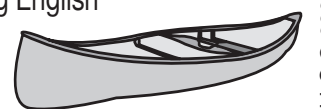
- 1) mosquito
- 2) cafeteria
- 3) chocolate
- 4) poinsettia
- 5) canoe
- 6) burro

- A) tropical plant, red leaves; Christmas decoration
- B) this female pest's bite will leave you itching
- C) strong, surefooted; sometimes used by people to carry heavy items
- D) treat made from roasting, grinding cacao beans
- E) light, narrow boat with pointed ends (Native Americans made them from tree trunks)
- F) place where one selects a meal, carries it on a tray to table



- 1) hurricane
- 2) manatee
- 3) canyon
- 4) barbecue
- 5) rodeo
- 6) chihuahua

- A) event where cowboys ride broncos, compete in roping animals
- B) powerful, twisting storm, comes off the ocean
- C) small, Mexican dog, very little hair, barks a lot
- D) "Sea Cow," large, endangered water mammal
- E) deep valley, cliffs on sides, often a stream in it
- F) a fireplace used for cooking meat, or a gathering where meat is cooked on one



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Brown County Sept. 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Wiese at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Fjeldheim, Wiese and Gage, Sutton Absent. Commissioner Gage led the pledge of allegiance. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: David Meyer with Summit Carbon Solutions discussed pipeline meeting last week and was available for any questions. 2023 PROVISIONAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:

Moved by Fjeldheim, Seconded by Gage to approve the 2023 Provisional Budget. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. WINTERSET CONTRACT: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager, discussed the new contract with Winterset for entertainment at the Brown County Fair. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve signing contract. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. TREASURER'S OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE: Patty VanMeter, Treasurer, met to discuss setting a fee schedule for tax files that are requested. If electronic fee is \$125.00, paper copy is \$1.00 per page. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve fee schedule. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. MINUTES:

Moved By Feickert, Seconded by Fjeldheim to approve minutes from August 30, 2022 Meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. CLAIMS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims except one claim; Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve all claims after explanation of claim in question. Professional Fees: ACE REFRIGERATION LLC \$300.90; BLACK HILLS LAND & RV RENTALS, LLC \$5,180.00; BRICK'S TV & APPLIANCE \$3,742.50; CITY OF ABERDEEN \$4,750.00; Kippley Angus Farms \$22,500.00; MICHELLE GAIKOWSKI \$83.60; ROMEO ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC \$4,180.00; Sanford Health Network \$313.95; SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE ABERDEEN \$72.00; SARA ZAHN \$43.20; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$100.00 Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$4,052.11; LEE AGRI-MEDIA \$370.00; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$4,058.00

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All members present voting aye. Motion carried. LEASE: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve lease with Scott Richards for use of the Richmond Youth Camp on September 3, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. STATE REIMBURSEMENT RATES: Moved by Gage, seconded by Feickert to approve the new state reimbursement rates effective September 12, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. OTHER BUSINESS: Carl Perry, advised the commission about an upcoming Regional Jail Meeting on September 20, 2022. Mike Wiese, Commissioner advised that there will be no Commission Meeting on September 13, 2022. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts 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 Feickert, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:51 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Brown County Auditor

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State of S.D. Estate Notice

LaVonne Raap

STATE OF South Dakota COUNTY OF BROWN In Circuit Court Fifth Judicial Circuit IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAVONNE C. RAAP, DECEASED

06PRO22-000099 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on the 2nd day of September, 2022, Kim Raap, whose address is set forth below, was appointed as personal representatives of the estate of LaVonne C. Raap.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the appointment of the personal representative on the 2nd day of September, 2022, or within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2022.

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Groton City Water Rate Schedule

ORDINANCE NO. 761

An Ordinance entitled "Amending Rates for Groton Municipal Utility Customers" to be effective October 1, 2022.

Be it ordained by the City of Groton, South Dakota that Ordinance No. 8-1-4 be amended to read as follows:

8-1-4 Rates.

Rates for the use of utilities furnished by the City shall be established by Ordinance by the Groton City Council.

Section 4. Water Rates:

The schedule of rates governing Residential or General Service Consumers of water in the City of Groton which follows is to be used for billing on a monthly basis throughout each year. Each water service is figured independently from any other water service at each customer's location.

a. Residential and General Service Water Customers
Meter Charge: \$9.62 plus
Minimum charge: \$22.95 per month which includes 0-2,000 gallons

Anything over 2,000 gallons \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons

Plus, Water Surcharge: \$11.50 per customer who receives or benefits from the new water tower (this surcharge is to be implemented whether or not the water is capped, to be removed in July of 2049)

Plus, Water Surcharge: \$7.85 per customer who receives or benefits from the water system (this surcharge is to be implemented whether or not the water is capped, to be removed in July of 2051). Residents who qualify for Section 4c are not required to pay this surcharge.

b. Bulk water rate: \$10.00 per 1000 gallons

c. Residential Low Income Discount

A \$9.62 per month discount will be allowed on the meter charge of residential consumers for a period of 12 months (from January to December) if the consumer provides proof that the family is eligible to receive low income fuel assistance (LIEAP).

d. Residential or General Service consumers found to be using unmetered water furnished by the City of Groton water system shall be disconnected until a meter is installed by the property owner.

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Passed Second Reading: 9/6/2022

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Attest:

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas J. Heinrich, Finance Officer

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Westport Town Sept. 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting
September 5th, 2022

The Town of Westport met on September 5th, 2022 with Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson, & Doreen Hertel.

The following expenses were presented:

City General
NWPS (\$186.95), Groton Independent (\$20.42), Runnings (\$348.49), J Gross (\$190.55), David's lawn and snow (\$1,597.50 & \$375.00) Kevin Bourdon-Rock (\$225.00), Brown CO Treasurer- Mosquito spraying (\$320.00) DENR- Loan pay off (\$37,135.32), Payroll- Jeff Schroder (\$), Shane Storm (\$410.00), Mitch Wilson (\$150.00), Derek Schoenfelder (\$150.00) & Doreen Hertel (\$900.00)

Sewer
NWPS (\$32.16), NRW -loan repayment (\$210.13), Doreen Hertel (\$300.00)

Water
WEB (\$1,688.39), Dept of Health (\$30.00), Water Maintenance District (\$459.18), Doreen Hertel (\$300.00)

Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Mitch Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General
Brown County Collections (\$453.85)

Sewer
Resident Payments - (\$2,000.00).

Water
Resident Payments - (\$4596.35).

NEW BUSINESS:

Derek Schoenfelder has notified the board of his departure. Please contact Shane, Mitch or Doreen if you are able to be on the town board. The board approved \$37,135.32 from general fund to pay off water loan. With the water loan being paid off, the base will go from \$50 to \$40 a month on the base fee. The water usage fee will increase to \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. welcomed as new business

Members of The Groton Chamber of Commerce met with members of Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. on Tuesday to welcome their new store, Common Cents Community Thrift Store.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store is open Tuesdays from 3-6pm and every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturday from 10am-1pm at 209 N Main Street in Groton.

Pictured here are Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. board members Topper Tastad, Lance Larsen, Kari Bartling, & April Abeln (not pictured are Karyn Babcock and Nancy Larsen), Chamber board members pictured are Carol Kutter, Katelyn Nehlich, Kellie Locke and Ashley Smith. Abeln is a Chamber board member as well. (Photo Courtesy April Abeln)

Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. was recently formed as a nonprofit organization for The Pantry and Common Cents Community Thrift Store. The board for Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. includes Chairman Lance Larsen, Vice Chairman Alfred "Topper" Tastad, Secretary April Abeln, and Treasurer Nancy Larsen. Other board members include Kari Bartling and Karyn Babcock. The Pantry opened on May 9th and is located in the Groton Community Center. Open hours are Mondays from 11am-3pm and Tuesdays from 4-8pm. Common Cents Community Thrift Store (pictured here) held their Grand Opening on September 10th with a few Soft Openings prior. Common Cents Community Thrift Store is located at 209 N Main Street and hours are Tuesdays from 3-6pm and every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturday from 10am-1pm. Both entities are completely ran by volunteers along with help from the board members. Prices at the thrift store are able to stay low due to the many donations received. All proceeds are used to fund The Pantry. If you would like to volunteer at either location, be sure to contact an Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. board member or City Hall (605) 397-8422.



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Groton Area Golf Team

L-R Andrew Marzahn, Jace Johnson, Cole Simon, Logan Pearson, Tate Larson, Brevin Flihs, Carter Simon, Jayden Schwan, Porter Johnson, Keegan Harry.



Brevin Flihs took first place the Groton Invitational Golf Tournament held Thurs., Sept. 8.

Roncalli netters beat Groton Area in three sets

Groton Area's volleyball team lost to Aberdeen Roncalli in three sets on Thursday, 25-19, 25-20 and 25-18.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Locke Electric, Dacotah Bank, SD Army National Guard with Brent Wienk, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc. and the Groton Area Chamber of Commerce. Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy did the play-by-play calling of the match.

Sydney Leicht had six kills and two ace serves, Emma Kutter had six kills and one block, Aspen Johnson five kills and two blocks, Lydia Meier three kills and one ace, Elizabeth Fflihs three kills, Jaedyn Penning two aces and two kills, Anna Fjeldheim had one kill and Laila Roberts and Jerica Locke each had an ace.

Ella Hanson led the Cavaliers with 14 kills, two ace serves and one block, Ava Hanson had 10 kills, one block and one ace, Maddie Huber had four kills and one block, Jazmine Hart-Crissman two kills and two blocks, McKenna O'Keefe three aces and two kills, Jaidyn Feickert had two blocks and one kill and Faith Danielson and Camryn Bain each had an ace serve.

The Cavaliers had 81 digs compared to 61 for the Tigers. Carly Guthmiller had 14 digs while Sydney Leicht had 12 and Laila Roberts 10. Camryn Bain led Roncalli with 23 digs.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-20 and 25-15. That match was also broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with an anonymous sponsor. Jaedyn Penning had 12 kills, Jerica Locke had six ace serves, Kella Tracy three kills and one block, Faith Trpahagen two kills, Chesney Weber a kill and an ace serve, and Talli Wright and Rylee Dunker each had a kill.

The Tigers won the C match, 25-10 and 25-13.

Flihs takes first, Groton Area's golf team placed third at own invite

Groton Area's golf team placed third at the Groton Invitational Golf Tournament held Sept. 8. In addition, Brevin Flihs placed first by two strokes ahead of Milbank's Jonathan DeBoer.

Flihs shot a 38 in the front nine and a 36 in the back nine for a total score of 74. Cole Simon placed sixth, shooting a 39 and a 42 for a total score of 81. Carter Simon placed 13th with scores of 41 and 43 for a total score of 84. Other's participating were Andrew Marzahn with a 92, Logan Pearson 95, Jace Johnson and Tate Larson each had a 97, Jayden Schwan 103, Porter Johnson 120 and Keegan Harry a 137.

Sioux Valley won the team title with 321 followed by Aberdeen Roncalli with 332, Groton Area 334, Milbank 349, Aberdeen Central JV 376, Sisseton 403 and Redfield 351.



Junior golf tournament was held Monday at the Olive Grove Golf Course. Groton golfers from left to right. Shaydon Woods, Jace Johnson and Keegan Harry. Jace Johnson placed first with a 9 hole score of 40. (Courtesy Photo)

Tigers spoil Cyclone's Homecoming Game

Groton Area's football team spoiled Clark-Willow Lake's homecoming game Friday night as the Tigers took advantage of a late game interception to score with four minutes left in the game. It broke a 14-14 tie and Groton Area posted a 20-14 win.

The first quarter was scoreless with the bulk of the scoring taking place in the second quarter. The Cyclones would score first at the 10:48 mark on a Trey Huber one yard run. He kicked the PAT and it was 7-0 in favor of the Cyclones.

Then Korbin Kucker broke free and scampered 66 yards to score for the Tigers with 10:23 left in the half. Kucker kicked the PAT and the game was tied at seven.

The Cyclones would score with 7:36 left in the first half on a Mitchell Larson 14 yard run. Huber kicked the PAT and it was 14-7.

The Tigers got into good field position late in the first half and would score on a 20 yard pass play from Lane Tietz to Taylor Diegel with 15 seconds left in the half. Kucker kicked the PAT and the game was tied at 14.

Ryder Johnson would intercept the ball late in the game to set up Groton Area's touchdown drive. With four minutes left, Andrew Marzahn would catch the ball in the endzone on a 25 yard pass from Tietz. The PAT kick attempt was bobbled, but the Tigers took a 20-14 lead.

Taylor Diegel would intercept the ball to stop Clark-Willow Lake's drive and the Tigers would go for the win.

Groton Area had more first downs, 12-8, with the Cyclones having only one first down in the second half. The Cyclones had more yards rushing, 153-146. Groton Area's Lane Tietz, who was named the player of the game, completed 12 of 23 passes for 130 yards for two touchdowns and one interception and had nine carries for 12 yards. Clark-Willow Lake's Trey Huber completed three of 14 passes for 21 yards and two interceptions.

Groton Area recovered its only fumble. The Tigers had four penalties for 30 yards while Clark-Willow Lake had three for 30 yards.

Korbin Kucker had five rushes for 81 yards and one touchdown and had 10 tackles. Andrew Marzahn had 12 carries for 35 yards and had three catches for 36 yards and one touchdown. Taylor Diegel had four carries for 16 yards, two catches for 46 yards and one touchdown, had eight tackles and one interception. Christian Ehresmann had one carry for two yards and caught two passes for seven yards. Ethen Gengerke had two catches for 23 yards and had eight tackles. Tate Larson had three catches for 18 yards. Colby Dunker had 10 tackles and one sack. Holden Sippel had nine tackles. Taylor Diegel had eight tackles and one interception and Brevin Flihs had eight tackles and one sack.

Huber led the Cyclones with 12 carries for 76 yards and one touchdown and had six tackles.

Groton Area, now 2-2, will play Deuel at Clear Lake on Friday. Clark/Willow Lake, now 1-3,

Sunflower Golf Tournament

Olive Grove Golf Course

Championship Flight

- 1st - Reid Johnson and Carlee Johnson – 67
- 2nd – Brad and Dar Larson – 72
- 3rd – Derek White and Sophia McDermott – 72
- 4th – Brad and Brenda Waage – 74
- Blake and Leah Ronning – 74
- Dustin and Brynn Pickrel – 77
- Brett and Baily Hoffmann – 78
- Mike Siegler and Sue Stanley – 79
- Jake and Tiffany Unzen – 82

First Flight

- 1st Place – Troy Fust and Kristy Poppen – 72
- 2nd Place – Connor and Carleen Hanson – 73
- 3rd Place – James and Jordan Torigian – 74
- 4th Place – Chad and Haley Ellingson – 75
- Doug and Vicki Jorgensen – 76
- Jarod and Kristie Fliehs – 78
- Tony and Brenda Madsen – 80
- Eric and Amber Borge – 83

Second Flight

- 1st – Steve and Betty Dunker – 80
- 2nd – Tom Mahan and Mavis Rossow – 80
- 3rd – Jonathon and Mandilyn Fliehs – 81
- 4th – Torre and Denise Raap – 82
- Pat Martin and Tami Doerr – 82
- Clayton and Mikayla Nutting – 82
- Tony and Mandy Grohs – 83
- Turner Webb and Lauren Johnson – 83
- Lance and Cindy Frohling – 85
- Matt and Jessica Kiefer – 85

Third Flight

- 1st – Paul and Stacey Vikander – 76
- 2nd – Scott Kettering and Suzie Easthouse – 79
- 3rd – Lorin and Julie Fliehs – 83
- 4th – Josh and Josey Heupel – 85
- Josh and Madison Claymore – 85
- Larry and Shirlee Frohling – 86
- Greyson and Jamie Cutler – 87
- Ryan Fair and Kaitlyn Lundebrek – 90
- Bruce Babcock and Michelle Johnson – 93
- Casey Hutchison and Deb Fredrickson – 99

Pin Prizes

- Closest to the Pin #4 (Women) – Carleen Hanson
- Closest to the Pin #8 (Men) – Josh Heupel
- Longest Putt #9 – Denise Raap

Girls Soccer falls to SF Christian

Sioux Falls Christian's girls soccer team defeated Groton Area, 3-1. Groton had a 1-0 lead early in the game. The next game will be Saturday, Sept. 24, when the Lady Tigers will host Tea Area. The regular season concludes Oct. 1 when Groton Area will host Garretson.

Fliehs places sixth at Redfield Golf Meet

Brevin Fliehs placed sixth at the Redfield Invitational Golf Meet held Tuesday. He shot a 43 and a 44 for a total score of 87. Carter Simon placed 11th with scores of 44 and 45 and a total of 89. Cole Simon placed 12th with scores of 45 and 48 and a total score of 93. Logan Pearson was 22nd with scores of 49 and 51 and a total score of 100. Jace Johnson placed 23rd with scores of 48 and 52 and a total score of 100. Jayden Schwan placed 30th with scores of 52 and 57 for a total score of 109.

Aberdeen Roncalli won the team title with 328 points followed by Sioux Valley with 349, Groton Area was third with 369, Milbank followed with 393, Redfield with 401 and Sisseton with 443.

Groton American Legion Auxiliary

The Groton ALA Unit 39 held its monthly meeting in September with 11 senior and 2 junior members present. Our unit obligations were paid for 2023 and our new membership goal is 101. Please pay your membership dues of \$25 (senior) \$5.50 (junior) to Gertie Erickson by December 31st or you can pay them on-line at alaforveterans.org.

For the community service program, we are looking for workers for Pumpkin Fest which is Oct. 1. Please call or email Samantha Oswald ASAP if you can work a shift 10-12 or 12-3.

A party is being organized to honor our 40 plus year auxiliary members. The potluck is on Monday, November 7 at 6 at the Legion hall and all members are asked to bring a hot dish or salad for the party. Dessert will be provided. Please save the date and come and help celebrate these women.

For the Veterans Affairs and Rehab program, we are in the process of contacting Veterans to be honored at the Veterans Day Program at Groton Area High School on November 11. We plan to honor eight Veterans this year.

The annual turkey party will be in November as well so please be watching your email from President Samantha for signing up to work in kitchen, bingo, or cake walk. Remember to bake a cake bring that for the cake walk.

The District Four Fall meeting will be held at Warner on October 29 at 4. The Auxiliary will be meeting at the fellowship hall at St. John Lutheran Church in Warner.

Our next auxiliary meeting will be Monday, October 3 with a meal at 6 and our meeting to follow at 6:30.

Jan Seibel

Conde National League

- Sept. 12 Team standings:** Braves 3, Mets 3, Pirates 2, Giants 2, Tigers 1, Cubs 1
- Men's High Games:** Ryan Bethke 221, Chad Furney 169, Russ Bethke 168
- Men's High Series:** Ryan Bethke 522, Chad Furney 467, Russ Bethke 430
- Women's High Games:** Sam Bahr 171, Vickie Kramp 164, Joyce Walter 162
- Women's High Series:** Vickie Kramp 470, Joyce Walter 415, Michelle Johnson 407

Volleyball Tourney at Hamlin

The Groton Area Volleyball team will be at the Hamlin Tournament on Saturday. Groton will be playing on the east court. They will be playing the second match (first one starts at 9 a.m.) against Tiospa Zinz, then they will play Castlewood, take a break, and then take on Colman/Egan. After that will be finals. All Groton Area matches will be broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM.

A subscription to the Groton Independent makes a great gift!

Groton Area Cross Country Results

Webster Area Invite - 9/12/22

JV Boys - 3K

- 18th - Gavin Kroll - 15:17
- 29th - Garrett Schultz - 17:15
- 35th - Nathan Unzen - 18:59
- 38th - Logan Clocksene - 22:18
- 39th - Kayson Oswald - 22:38

JV Girls - 3K

- 1st - Faith Traphagen - 14:12
- 6th - Ruelle Gilbert - 15:11
- 13th - Rylie Rose - 16:58
- 17th - Carlee Johnson - 17:31
- *1st Place JV Girls Team

Varsity Boys - 5K

- 36th - Jacob Lewandowski - 21:36
- 48th - Jayden Schwan - 23:11

Britton-Hecla Invitational - 9/6/22

JV Boys - 3K

- 6th - Gavin Kroll - 12:56
- 17th - Garrett Schultz - 15:46
- 21st - Nathan Unzen - 16:19
- 23rd - Kayson Oswald - 16:39
- 27th - Logan Clocksene - 18:58

JV Girls - 3k

- 3rd - Ruelle Gilbert - 13:18
- 6th - Carlee Johnson - 14:39

Boys Varsity - 5K

- 16th - Jacob Lewandowski - 23:35
- 22nd - Jayden Schwan - 24:43

Redfield Invitational - 9/1/22

Varsity Boys - 5K

- 66th - Jacob Lewandowski - 21:51

JV Girls - 3K

- 12th - Ruelle Gilbert - 13:48
- 18th - Rylie Rose - 14:35
- 31st - Carlee Johnson - 15:26

JV Boys - 3K

- 5th - Tristin McGannon - 11:11
- 19th - Jayden Schwan - 12:19
- 39th - Gavin Kroll - 13:35
- 56th - Garrett Schultz - 14:46
- 64th - Nathan Unzen - 16:42
- Middle School Boys - 2K**
- 44th - Logan Clocksene - 11:18

Learning About Hispanic Heritage

Did you find and circle these countries that people of Hispanic heritage come from?

Borrowed Words!
These words have come into English from the Spanish language.

1) B 1) B
2) F 2) D
3) D 3) E
4) A 4) F
5) E 5) A
6) C 6) C

Celebrations

I am a **C h i h u a h u a**
(The letter "h" was missing.)

Preschool Developmental Screening Groton Area Schools #06-6

Preschool Developmental Screening is for children ages 3-4 who reside in the Groton Area School District. The child needs to be 3 years of age before the screening date/day. This screening is not required to enter Kindergarten.

The screening consists of adaptive, personal/social, communicating/speaking, motor, and concepts skills. If you believe your child has difficulties in any of these areas please contact the school.

If your child is already receiving services or enrolled at Groton Elementary School they will not need to be screened. If your child has already been screened but you have concerns please contact the elementary school. If you are new to the district and have a child under the age of 5, we also ask you to contact the elementary school.

Screenings will be held on Friday, September 30 8:00-3:30. Information will be sent to families who have already been identified. Please contact Heidi Krueger at 605-397-2317 to schedule a screening time.

Groton City Sept. 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

September 6, 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, Nehls, Wells, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, Jeff Larson, Jamie Larson, Kellie Locke, Brenda Madsen, Becca Johnson, Jessica Adler, Todd Gay, Carol Kutter, Katelyn Nehlich, and Darrell Hillestad.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Jeff and Jamie Larson addressed the council with concerns regarding the newly established 4-way intersection at West 5th Avenue and North Washington Street. Later in the meeting, the council decided it was in the best interest of the community to remove the newly established stop signs and look into seasonal stop signs in that area instead. No other comments were received.

Jeff and Jamie Larson exited the meeting.

Kellie Locke, Brenda Madsen, Becca Johnson, and Jessica Adler of the Library Board updated council as to the progress with the library and discussed past and upcoming events.

Madsen, Johnson, and Adler exited the meeting.

Carol Kutter, Katelyn Nehlich, and Kellie Locke updated council as to the progress with the Groton Chamber and discussed past and upcoming events. Kutter also mentioned the future goal of updating the Groton welcome signs.

Kutter, Nehlich, and Locke exited the meeting.

Darrell Hillestad updated council regarding the progress over the years with the Groton Municipal Airport and the upcoming need for electricity. Additionally, to assist with the cost of electricity installation, Hillestad offered to donate \$6,280 toward the airport. Hillestad exited the meeting. Further discussion took place later in the meeting and it was decided on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Wells to accept the donation from Hillestad and go forward with electricity installation at the airport. All members present voted aye.

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

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Payroll, \$29,101.03, Employee salaries; Executive, \$550.73; Administrative, \$4,062.92; Public Safety, \$7,861.75; Public Works, \$12,358.79; Culture & Recreation, \$4,266.84; City of Groton, \$441.13, Utility Deposit Refund Applied to Bill; Family Crisis utility payment; Dacotah Bank, \$2,930.05, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$633.33, HSA Contributions; Aflac, \$275.52, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; Allied, \$9,918.44, Employee insurance; Employers Mutual, \$77.30, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$49.68, Employee insurance; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$240.00, Employee retirement; Brown County Treasurer, \$24.20, Licensing of 2015 KW Bucket Truck; Rodney Boehmer, \$212.95, Reimbursement for Mailbox Repairs; Dacotah Bank, \$6,195.41, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Dacotah Bank, \$576.24, HSA Contributions; SD Retirement System, \$9,011.30, Employee Retirement; Schwan Welding & Boiler Repair, \$440.43, Rubble Site gate repairs, water truck repairs; Arbor Day Foundation, \$15.00, Membership dues; Groton Daily Independent, \$60.98, Publishing Fees; Daves Marine, Inc., \$3,493.73, (5) 6' Benches - to be reimbursed; Grand Slam Computers Inc., \$190.00, Groton PD Tablet troubleshooting; NW Energy, \$1,829.79, Natural Gas - Swimming Pool & PD; Emma Schinkel, \$255.00, Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement; Carly Guthmiller, \$255.00, Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement; Lane Tietz, \$200.00, Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement; Candace Feist, \$255.00, Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement; Emma Kutter, \$200.00, Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement; Aramark, \$43.84, Rug Rent; Irby, Inc., \$1,084.88, Bucket canister, "U" style brush, rubber goods testing; S&S Lumber, \$437.34, Utility knife, key pin, latex primer, brush, spray paint, gutter splicers, 2lbs grass seed, hose clamp, garden hoe, fly strips, Weiser locks, 3 keys cut, leather gloves, roller covers, 3/16 chain, scraper, female connectors, flex gloves, rope, sledge hammer; Dollar General, \$239.90, Batteries, paper clips, cups, creamer, candy, coffee, tissues, garbage bags, sandwich bags, coffee filters, bottled water, water bal-

loons, paper towels, fly swatter, bandages, toilet paper; Harry Implement, Inc., \$9.13, Air hose end; Stan Houston Equipment Co, Inc., \$110.00, Drill Rental for Aspen Lift Station; SD Federal Property Agency, \$344.00, Asphalt rakes, gloves, heaters, parka, u-joints, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, hammer, gators; A&B Business Solutions, \$341.40, Printer Lease; Lydia Meier, \$255.00, Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement; Geffdog Designs, \$20.00, Replacement of Vander Vorst Plaque on Park Bench; J's Superior Cleaning, \$120.00, Commercial Cleaning Services - August 2022; Web Water, \$25,628.05, Water Services - August of 2022; Lien Transportation Co, Inc., \$472.22, Hot mix; Diesel Machinery, Inc., \$317.00, One Day Rental of Dynapac Roller; Darrel's Sinclair, \$40.50, Tire Repairs - Lawn Mower & Water Truck; Groton Ford, LLC, \$2,130.76, 2007 Ford F550 Bucket Truck Repairs; Drew Johnson, \$1,075.00, Legal Services - August of 2022; Greg's Repair, \$20.00, Tire Repair - Groton PD;

Department reports were reviewed and discussed.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to table the moving of the water fountain from the thrift store to the library to allow for time to look into the price of a new water fountain instead of moving the old one. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to authorize the execution of the funding agreement for reimbursement of the windsock at the Groton Municipal Airport. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Bahr to approve the Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License for the Adult Painting Class at Wage Memorial Library on October 13, 2022. Bahr, Nehls, and Wambach voted aye. Wells voted nay. Motion is carried.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to approve the second reading of Ordinance #761 - Water Rates. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to approve Cole Simon as an intern at City Hall and Wage Memorial Library from September to December of 2022. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to approve Landon Johnson to attend 2022 Overhead School in Marshall, MN, on September 13 - 16, 2022. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Nehls to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-24-2 (1) & (3) at 8:02 PM. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:15 PM.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to approve the following adjusted committee representative list: All members present voted aye.

NECOG Representative: Babcock

Planning & Zoning Representative: Cutler

Committees: Chairman, Co-Chairman

Electric, Transit, Insect & Weed Control, Airport: Cutler, Wells

Water, Swimming Pool, Skating, Economic Development: Babcock, Nehls

Streets, Baseball, Storm Drainage, Other Rec (Tennis, Basketball, Golf): Wambach, Bahr

Wastewater, Cemetery, Civil Defense, Community Center: Wells, Nehls

Finance Office, Legal, Library, Insurance, General Admin., Elections, Code Enforcement: Wambach, Babcock

Solid Waste, Rubble Site, Parks, Forestry, Liquor: Bahr, Cutler

Police: Cutler, Nehls

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to hire Anthony Garcia as Police Officer at a wage of \$26.00/hour. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Nehls to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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Westport Town New water and sewer rates

RESOLUTION #2022-16
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH
NEW WATER/SEWER RATES FOR
THE CITY OF WESTPORT, SD.

WHEREAS, the current water rates are not sufficient enough to cover the cost of distributing water and provide for upgrade of the water delivery infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Westport City Council for Westport, South Dakota, that water/sewer rates for all residential and commercial users shall be as follows:

Each consumer shall pay a minimum charge of \$40.00 dollars per month base fee. Water used during such month shall be at the rate of \$7.50 per one thousand (1,000) gallons and the overage rate is \$12.00 for over 12,000 gallons used.

Those consumers that have a hook up to the city water, but it is not currently using, will continue to pay an inactive fee of \$40.00 per month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these water rates shall go into effect payable November

1st, 2022.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2022.

/s/ Mitchell Wilson
Mitchell Wilson, Board President

Attest:

/s/ Dorene Hertel
Dorene Hertel, Finance Officer

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Bates Township Weed Notice

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE:

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2022 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner. Landowner is responsible for spraying all noxious weeds.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
Betty Geist
Township Clerk
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Columbia City Sept. 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting - September 7, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Meghan Butler, Emily Eichler, Trevor Meints

Community - John Bisbee, Amanda Bisbee, Tony Bisbee, Jeff Voeller, Julie Voeller, Cyndy Larson, Lorie Gilchrist, Larry Vietmeier, Julie Lillis

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the August 3rd meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Web Water - 40.28; Northwestern Energy - 436.15; Anna Bisbee - 197.50; JVT - 632.36; Dacotah Bank - 225.21; Cara Dennert - 1235.25; Jeremy Dosch - 419.99; GDI - 38.63; Payton Mitchell - 37.06; Brown County Weed & Pest - 320.00; Artz Equip. - 91.95; Runnings - 22.84; Kolker Law Office - 4993.20; Public Health Laboratory - 44.00; Dacotah Bank - 133.79; Web Water - 40.00; LOCALIQ - 28.52

Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All in favor

- motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE - Letter/ certificate from Lien - liability insurance;

SDML - WC Renewal Information; NECOG; DANR; Titan Machinery; WEB Water; Northern Border Pipeline Co.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - John Bisbee asked for a vote from the council on his chicken ordinance. He had talked to SDML about proposing a small community ordinance-forcing a vote. He was told that if he had signatures from 5% of the registered voters in favor of his ordinance - it would be brought to a city vote. The council voted 3 to 1 on not allowing chickens in town. Corey checked with the county on the question of the mosquito sprayer spraying slow enough - it is all regulated - if he drives faster - chemical is released at a higher rate. Emily gave an update on the August 25th meeting for Community Cares. There were about 30 people there.

Nuisances - Trevor is working with Brown County's Chief Deputy.

Streets - The streets are looking good - blading not necessary at this time. Climate Control needs to come again to spray the roads to help ease construction dust.

Parks - Things are coming together - picnic tables, frisbee golf etc. - there is a competition date set for later this fall.

Lagoon/sewer - It was sprayed for weeds.

Rubble Site - An electrical box needed to be replaced. They will spray for weeds at a later date. Emily reminded everyone that the Brown County Cleanup is going on through this Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS - The Columbia Foundation with members Cyndy Larson, Lorie Gilchrist, Larry Vietmeier, and Julie Lillis were present. They gave a run down of what their group has been up to - what things they are working on in the future. They talked about fundraising and the Challenge Grant available from the South Dakota Community Foundation (this includes 88 communities in SD). They have 3 years to raise

\$200,000 - and if that goal is met, Dean Buntrock will add another \$50,000. Right now they have collected over \$100,000. One of the projects that they talked about would be to position a community sign on the north side of town. The Voellers brought to the council's attention the fact that some trees need to be removed near their house. They are on the boulevard - the city's responsibility. We will get some estimates for removal.

FINANCIAL REPORT - The council reviewed the proposed 2023 budget. After discussion, Emily Eichler made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried. Second reading will be September 12th, 11:00 a.m.. Cara presented bank balances. Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

August 31, 2022 balances: SF - \$ 187,554.30; GF - \$ 198,605.26; FIT - \$14,021.31

Cash on hand - \$0
Meghan Butler made a motion to adjourn. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting - September 21, 2022 7:00pm 2nd reading of 2023 budget ordinance

Next City Council Meeting - October 5, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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FB Jamboree

Groton Area will be hosting a third-fourth and fifth-sixth grade football jamboree on Saturday. The third-fourth grade Groton Area teams will play at 9 a.m., 9:45 a.m., Noon and 12:45 a.m. Other teams participating are Sisseton Red, Sisseton Black, Oakes, Clark and Webster. The fifth-sixth grade teams will play at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 a.m. Other teams participating are Sisseton, Oakes and Clark.



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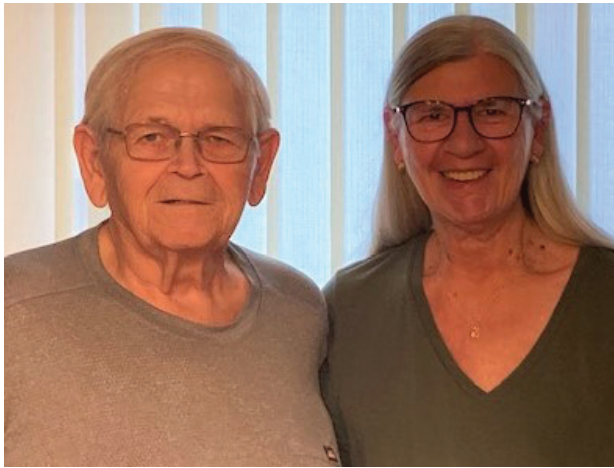
GHS Homcoming Candidates

Back row: Jacob Lewandowski, Andrew Marzahn, Caleb Hanten, Cole Simon, Kaleb Antonsen
Front Row: Gracie Traphagen, Brooke Gengerke, Shallyn Foertsch, Aspen Johnson, and Shaylee Peterson. (Courtesy Photo)

Harders are Homecoming parade Marshals

by Dorene Nelson

Merle and Janet Harder have been chosen to be the 2022 homecoming parade marshals. These two civic-minded individuals have dedicated their lives to helping others, teaching children, and serving their communities in many vital ways.



Merle and Janet Harder

"After we were married, we moved to my parents' farm where I was born and raised," Janet explained. "When a fire destroyed our home, we moved into Groton where we lived until moving to our current home on Enemy Swim Lake."

"I began working for the Groton School District in 1987," Merle stated. "I worked with Bill Lovell, eventually becoming the Buildings and Grounds supervisor, a position I held for twenty-six years."

"While living in the City of Groton, I served as a volunteer fireman for seventeen years," he added. "I was also on the Groton City Council for fourteen years, thirteen of them as the council president."

"After graduating from Northern State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Music, I started my teaching career at Tulare," Janet said. "I taught there one year followed by another year at Roncalli."

"I taught the next twenty years for the Aberdeen Public School System," she explained, "followed by eighteen years in Groton."

"We sold our home in Groton and moved to Enemy Swim Lake where we still live," Merle said, "Janet decided she wasn't done teaching yet, so she worked the next seven years at Enemy Swim Day School."

"That gave me a total of forty-seven years in the classroom, but I no longer taught music," she admitted. "I was the special education supervisor at Enemy Swim, working with approximately forty students every day."

"An interesting addition to this job was Merle's working as a substitute in special ed for two years!" Janet smiled. "They always needed subs there."

"Our work in Enemy Swim has been very rewarding as well as difficult at times," Janet said. "We worked very closely with these kids and became close to many of them! We tried to make a difference in their lives and believe that we were successful a majority of the time. I finally retired completely on June 1, 2022!"

"In addition to our various jobs in the classroom, we have both been members of the Groton School Board," Janet explained. "Merle and I were both on the school board in Groton for six years, but not at the same time!"

"We have four children, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild," she listed. "Brian currently lives in Chicago, and Corey lives in Harrisburg, T.J., who is currently serving his second term on the Groton School Board, lives on my family farm. T.J. and Adam both do the farming."

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Parade Marshalls: Merle and Janet Harder

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Wednesday	Dress LIke Your Parent
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Dear EarthTalk: What is the Count Us In campaign all about and how does it differ from other efforts to help us rein in carbon emissions?

—P. Stout, Anchorage, AK

Count Us In is a global movement of people and organizations committed to getting individuals to take active, reasonable steps to lower their own carbon footprints so that the actions of many aggregate into significant change on a large scale. The goal of the non-profit campaign is to get this message out to upwards of a billion people, especially the so-called "non-activist middle" that simultaneously have the most business and political sway but are also actively contributing to carbon pollution.

Small steps can add up when it comes to lowering our carbon footprints.

Individuals can get on board with Count Us In via the organization's website by engaging in various carbon footprint reduction "steps" that are counted by an online "Aggregator" designed to show how individual efforts add up to significant carbon reductions collectively. Each step has an associated description for an action to be taken, anything from driving an electric car to improving the insulation of your home, as well as a respective carbon reduction value. When you take a "step," you input the data associated with the action you took, then

that step is added to the Aggregator. To date, the Aggregator has recorded over 15 million individual steps, which adds up to a savings of some 174 million kilograms of greenhouse gas.

With over 100 organizations standing behind the movement, including TED Countdown, The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Accenture, Global Citizen, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the European Union (EU) Climate Pact, YouTube and SKY Sports, the Count Us In campaign has gained a serious reputation as a worthwhile effort in climate change activism, encouraging its followers to join in the action. According to their official website, the Count Us In campaign utilizes the significant influence that these large organizations have to act as a catalyst for change. As they state in their FAQ, "Your organization or company can help Count Us In become the largest citizen climate action mobilization, by joining as a partner, and promoting Count Us In among your supporters, followers, members, staff and customers."

Count Us In considers itself different from other climate action movements because organizers encourage participants to actively, rather than passively, engage in carbon reductions with their community. Each participant must take action in the form of a "step," and then record that step appropriately within the Aggregator. This simple, yet effective step-by-step process pushes people to be aware of not only the action they are taking and the impact they have as an individual, but also the cumulative effect the community's actions have when added together.



Small steps can add up when it comes to lowering our carbon footprints.

If you'd like to take a "step" with the Count Us In community, their team makes it easy for you by providing 16 of their best steps, chosen specifically because of three criteria: "their impact on your personal carbon pollution, their power to influence leaders and their ability to involve everyone."

Here are some popular Count Us In steps you can take right now: fly less often, drive electric, insulate your home, wear clothes that last, tell your politicians, walk/cycle more, cut food waste, green your money, repair and reuse, and get some solar! Make sure to enter your progress into the Aggregator so your contributions are counted..

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Listen to your Gut

People often talk about having a "gut feeling" when they know something is wrong. What feelings come when there is something wrong with the digestive system itself and how do you differentiate between "butterflies" acting up and a serious gastrointestinal problem?

There are many different organs that can cause GI problems and may include the esophagus, stomach, the small intestine, and the large intestine.

The esophagus is the tube that connects the mouth to the stomach. The most common issue people have with the esophagus is acid reflux or "heartburn." Reflux is a burning sensation in the chest and frequently includes a taste of acid in the back of the throat. Occasional heartburn can be a nuisance, but chronic heartburn can lead to damage to the cells in the esophagus and cause them to change in appearance. This change makes them more likely to develop into cancer over time.

A common stomach issue is ulcers, or an erosion of the lining of the stomach. Ulcers are painful and the pain worsens after eating due to stomach acid being released during digestion. Ulcers are often caused by the bacteria H. Pylori that your doctor, ulcers can test for.

The small intestine connects the stomach and the large intestine and is the longest part of the digestive system. This organ is also where most of the nutrients from your food are absorbed. Issues with the small intestine can lead to diarrhea, malnutrition, and bleeding which could result in anemia. Problems with the small intestine cannot only result in discomfort, but also contribute to nutritional problems which can affect the rest of the body.

Celiac disease, Crohn's disease and small intestine bacterial overgrowth all affect the small intestine. These disorders can cause abdominal pain, severe diarrhea, fatigue, weight loss, and malnutrition.

The colon or large intestine can suffer from irritable bowel syndrome. Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) is not fully understood but is thought to be at least partially caused by an abnormality in the brain-gut interaction. It can lead to diarrhea, constipation, or a mixture of both. It also causes cramps, bloating, excessive gas, and abdominal pain. Another large intestinal issue is Diverticulitis which results when "pockets" in the colon called diverticula become inflamed and infected. Often individuals with Diverticulitis have left lower abdominal pain, fever, nausea and vomiting.

As you can see there can be many different complex conditions that can cause your gut to give you "feelings" and many of these conditions have overlapping signs and symptoms. If you have any concerns regarding your gastrointestinal tract, you should talk to your primary care doctor. They can help direct you for further testing which may include a referral to a gastroenterologist or surgeon. Most importantly, remember to listen to what your gut is telling you so you can start feeling better soon.



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