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## Simon, Johnson named GHS Homecoming Royalty



The GHS Homecoming Royalty with their parents are Nick and Jamie Simon with King Cole Simon, Queen Aspen Johnson with Melanie and Fred Johnson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Homecoming Royalty**  
Cole Simon and Aspen Johnson  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



### Royalty Court

Left to right are Jacob Lewandowski, Kaleb Antonsen, Andrew Marzahn, Caleb Hanten, Scroll Carrier Nolan Rose, King Cole Simon, Queen Aspen Johnson, Scroll Carrier Eva Henderson, Gracie Traphagen, Brooke Gengerke, Shallyn Foertsch and Shaylee Peterson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Parade Marshalls**  
The 2022 Parade Marshalls are Merle and Janet Harder. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



### Burning of the "G"

The burning of the "G" was held after the homecoming coronation. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The GHS Pep Band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, played the school song at the pep rally during the Burning of the "G". (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**GHS Cheerleaders.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The juniors put on a skit of their own with their own candidates. The one on the left was the crowd pleaser winner. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Editor's note: It's been more than six years since the death of Muhammad Ali. Tony remembered his hero in this column written after Ali's death,

If the sun wasn't as bright Friday, if the moon seemed morose, if the stars seemed muted, it's because the world is less than it once was. That which is irreplaceable is gone. An expanse of soul, poetry, conscience, heart and humor have left us.

I loved Muhammad Ali. I embraced him when I was in junior high, a defiant age, a man-child living in a rebellious time, and Ali was the biggest rebel of them all. He didn't just defy convention, he danced around it, teased it, ultimately knocked it out, and then wrote poems about it. Rumble, young man, rumble!

Ali represented all rebels when he emerged from a three-year exile in 1971 to challenge the great Joe Frazier, a man who, in a trilogy of epic fights, extracted huge chunks of Ali's essence.

I met the great warrior once. Together, Joe Frazier and I leaned over the railing of a riverboat chugging up the Missouri and watched the world go by. He had been Ali's friend, until Ali cruelly called him an Uncle Tom and a gorilla. He was neither. Frazier was gentle, soft-spoken, yet coiled inside. I liked him and felt guilty for cheering against him all those years ago, but knowing I would do so again.

"We forgive Muhammad Ali his excesses," Dave Kindred once wrote, "because we see in him the child in us, and if he is foolish or cruel, if he is arrogant, if he is outrageously in love with his reflection, we forgive him because we no more can condemn him than condemn a rainbow for dissolving into the dark. Rainbows are born of thunderstorms, and Muhammad Ali is both."

Ali's Muslim religion forbade him to take up arms. "I ain't got no quarrel with the Viet Cong," he said. "No Viet Cong ever called me nigger."

When I fully understood the reason for Ali's exile in the prime of his boxing career, I loved him more for his sense of justice, his moral center. By then, I was watching the draft lottery numbers fall every night on television, each one representing scores of young men destined for Vietnam and a war that made no sense. I thought about Ali and wondered what I would do if my number was called. But the draft ended, the war ended, before I was forced to make that decision.

They called him a coward. Nonsense. He could have done his brief service boxing exhibitions, a morale booster for the troops. Instead,

he stood on principles and it cost him dearly. But it also elevated him in a way only tribulations can and, from that platform, he spoke hard, unpopular truths.

He'd represented his country at the Olympics in 1960, worn his gold medal for two days out of pride, only to return to the segregation and second-class citizenry of his times.

Later, he would spur the American conscience with gentle, chiding humor. "We've been brainwashed. Everything good is supposed to be white. We look at Jesus, and we see a white, with blond hair and blue eyes. We look at all the angels; we see white, with blond hair and blue eyes. Now, I'm sure there's a heaven in the sky and if colored folks die and go to heaven, where are the colored angels? They must be in the kitchen preparing the milk and honey! Even Tarzan, the king of the jungle in black Africa, he's white... All the good cowboys ride the white horses and wear white hats. Angel food cake is the white cake, but the devils food cake is chocolate. When are we going to wake up as a people and end the lie that white is better than black?"

Was he The Greatest? Yes. You should be slapped for even asking. When he fought the punishing George Foreman in 1974, I listened to my transistor radio into the night for updates, praying he would survive. Win? I held out only a razor-thin slice of hope. Ali was too old, Foreman too strong. And yet... a miracle, created before our very eyes. When the fight ended in the outdoor stadium in Zaire, the skies opened up and it rained as if he had summoned the universe to his cause. He was magical, mythical and, ultimately, mortal.

Sometimes, in daydreams, I hatched plans to meet Ali to tell him what he meant to me, how much I admired him, to have him raise a fist to my chin and scowl for the camera. But Muhammad Ali did not need another testament to his greatness, one more worshipful fan.

Irony. Hubris. Recklessness. Heroism, nobility and sacrifice—it's all there in Ali's story. The ransom he paid to Foreman, Frazier and a tearful Larry Holmes, who never wanted to destroy his hero, was ultimately measured in lost years, the loss of his voice. This was the deal he struck.

Like steel tempered in the forge, he could not have been The Greatest without the trials and setbacks. Ali needed mountains to climb. And in the end, Muhammad Ali became the mountain.



## That's Life

by Tony Bender

## Weekly Vikings Recap - Week 2

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

After coming off an exciting victory against the Green Bay Packers in Week 1, the Vikings had an underwhelming performance on Monday night against the Philadelphia Eagles. The Vikings' defense failed to show up to start the game as they gave up a total of 347 yards to the Eagles in the first half. Jalen Hurts, who is known more for his running than his passing, went 12/12 before his first incompleteness. The main issue for the Vikings seemed to be their lack of coverage in the secondary as the Eagles' receivers were often left relatively wide open in coverage.

The Vikings' offense did itself no favors either. Besides going 3-and-out on three of its possessions in the first half, the Vikings blew a huge opportunity to get back in the game when Irv Smith Jr. dropped a pass from Kirk Cousins on a guaranteed touchdown. Instead of the Vikings cutting the Eagles' lead to seven, the Vikings were forced to punt, and the Eagles immediately drove down the field to kick a field goal. As the first half ended, the Vikings went into the locker room down 17 points and with less than 100 yards of offense.

The Vikings got the ball to start the second half. The drive initially looked promising as the Vikings utilized a no-huddle approach to the drive. However, none of it mattered as Cousins threw an interception in the end zone to Eagles' cornerback, Darius Slay. It appeared that Cousins thought Justin Jefferson was going to run a tighter route than he did.

Even though the Eagles' interception gave the Eagles even more momentum, the Vikings' defense was still able to hold them to a field goal attempt. However, Vikings' cornerback, Patrick Peterson, was able to get around the edge and block the Eagles' field goal attempt. After Kris Boyd was able to return the Eagles' missed field goal down to the Eagles' 30-yard line, the Vikings quickly killed all momentum they had with another Kirk Cousins interception. Unlike the first interception, this interception was entirely the fault of Cousins.

All hope of a Vikings' comeback seemed to vanish with that interception. The Eagles went into "run out the clock" mode and the Vikings just could never seem to click on offense at all. Although Cousins struggled throughout the game, the Vikings' pass catchers gave him no help either. On top of Irv Smith Jr.'s dropped pass in the first half, Dalvin Cook, Alexander Mattison, and Johnny Mundt all had drops on wide-open passes. To make matters worse, when the Vikings got one last chance at a comeback thanks to a Jordan Hicks interception, Cousins threw yet another interception in the endzone. In all, the Vikings just seemed out-of-sync from start to finish in the game. The Vikings fall to the Eagles 24-7.

The Vikings will now head back home with a short week to prepare to face the Detroit Lions at home on Sunday. For being one of the two worst teams in the NFL last year, the Lions played the Vikings extremely well in both of their meetings last season. Perhaps, the Vikings will not overlook the Lions as they pose an actual threat to beat the Vikings at home, something that was not the case in the last half-decade.

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# Tiger netters take wind out of Cyclones

Groton Area's volleyball team earned 62 of the 75 points in a 3-0 win over Clark/Willow Lake Thursday in the Groton Area Arena. Game scores were 25-20, 25-16 and 25-17.

Anna Fjeldheim had five kills and two ace serves, Sydney Leicht had 12 kills and two ace serves, Carly Guthmiller four ace serves, Lydia Meier nine kills and three ace serves, Elizabeth Flihs two ace serves, one kill and one block, Jerica Locke two ace serves and a kill, Aspen Johnson 12 kills and one block and Emma Kutter four kills and one block.

Haylee Tormanen led the Cyclones with six kills. Clark/Willow Lake earned 23 of its 53 points.

Groton Area commanded the digs, 48-13, with Fjeldheim and Carly Guthmiller each having 11 and Leicht seven.

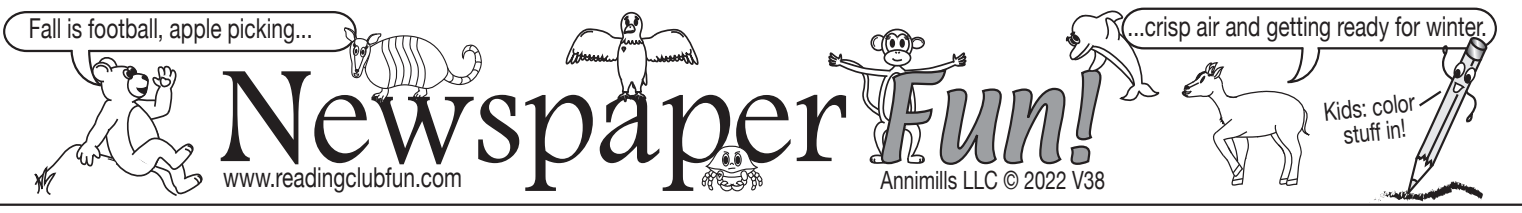
In total attacks, Groton Area was 92 of 105 with 44 kills. In serves, the Tigers were 60 of 72 with 14 ace serves. In sets, Elizabeth Flihs had 37 of the 40 assists with Laila Roberts having one.

Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy were the guest commentators on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Locke Electric, Dacotah Bank, SD Army National Guard, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc, Groton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-17 and 25-10. Faith Traphagen had two kills and a block, Kella Tracy three kills, Chesney Weber three ace serves and two kills, Jerica Locke five ace serves, Rylee Dunker five kills and two ace serves, Jaedyn Penning three kills and one ace serve, and Emma Kutter had two kills.

Bob and Vickie Walter were the sponsors of the broadcast on GDILIVE.COM.

Groton Area won the C match by identical scores of 25-16.



## McGannon wins junior varsity race at Lee Park

Groton's cross country runners took part in the Aberdeen Roncalli meet held Thursday at Lee Park.

In the boys varsity division, Jacob Lewandowski placed 23rd with a time of 21:34 and Jayden Schwan placed 28th with a time of 22:00.

The boys junior varsity division, Tristin McGannon took first place with a time of 11:45. He was followed by Gavin Kroll in 16th place with a time of 14:07, Garrett Schultz was 21st with a time of 15:18, Nathan Unzen was 23rd with a time of 16:46, and Kayson Oswald was 25th with a time of 20:31.

In the girls junior varsity race, Ruelle Gilbert was fifth with a time of 14:01 and Carlee Johnson was 12th with a time of 15:16.

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### All in The Fall!

I love the excitement of the fall. Leaves drop from the trees. Some birds flock together to fly south for the winter. Animals gather seeds and nuts to eat during the cold winter months. Children play soccer, football and other fall sports. Some people pile logs for fires that will take off the evening chill in their homes. Families start to cook more hot meals, and bake more goodies in the oven! Yum!

Some things fall "down" during the autumn season and some things go "up". Read the clues in the 2 puzzles to find out what!

**Falling Down . . .**

1. get out sweaters when these fall
2. the scurrying \_\_\_\_\_ tumbled down into their burrows
3. roasted over a fire and eaten
4. clusters of \_\_\_\_\_ hang down heavily on their vines
5. crisp and fresh! pies! sauce!
6. fields of \_\_\_\_\_
7. rake them up!
8. umbrellas, raincoats needed
9. coats the grass and windowpanes
10. fall from mighty oak trees

**Going Up . . .**

1. stacking \_\_\_\_\_ in piles for heating
2. picking \_\_\_\_\_ to dry for fall bouquets
3. flocking together to fly south
4. kicked up over the goal post
5. piled into silo for winter feeding of animals
6. harvest \_\_\_\_\_ rising into the sky at night
7. \_\_\_\_\_ of baking pies, hot cider
8. milkweed pods open and their \_\_\_\_\_ float away
9. \_\_\_\_\_ from fires warming houses
10. squirrels pick up \_\_\_\_\_ to store

Scarecrows go up in farmers' fields when crows come down to eat the corn. Caw!

chipmunks 2 1 temperatures  
Wheeee! 3 apples leaves grapes  
frost acorns 6  
chestnuts 7  
We're just here because we are cute!  
fall flowers are picked and put in vases or used for fall wreaths placed on doors.

nuts 1 flowers 2  
smoke grain 4 football birds  
moon logs 5  
6 7  
8  
9  
10 smells seeds

### A Soft Landing!

If I have to come down in the fall, I want to have a soft landing. Help me fall into the pile of leaves!

Wheeee

### Orange Clouds Moving South?!

These orange and black flying insects group together to move south for the winter.

By the thousands they land in trees, clinging to branches to rest!

Monarch

### Falling all Around!

Grab your colored pencils and fill this in to see what is falling: B = Brown, Y = Yellow, T = Tan, R = Red, O = Orange

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## Frederick Town Sept. 7, 2022

### Meeting Minutes

City of Frederick  
September 7, 2022 Minutes  
Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, September 7, 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 Jennifer Morlock and Mariah Heine, Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg, and Frederick Volunteer Firefighters Chief Kevin Barton.

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

The minutes of the August meetings were read and approved with the amendment that the landfill mentioned was the Brown County landfill with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The September accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**  
MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,034.42; BC Sheriff's Dept deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$84.76; D. Bruns severance pay FO \$3,584.88; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,633; DRN Readitech computer FO \$1,538.75; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$1,877.08; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; Farmer's Union Oil propane EBL \$472.56; FDC Econ, Dev \$1,200; Frederick Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser tickets \$2,800; GDI minutes Gen'l \$42.50; J. Kosters wage Gen'l \$92.35; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,423.78; JM Electric generator service Mun Bldg \$348.44; JVT phone/svc FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l \$348.44; M. Cox wage EBL \$729.97; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.38; M. Morlock mowing wages Gen'l \$77.57; R. Bakeberg wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$456.75; R.

Bakeberg veh. allow. St/Wtr/Swr \$75; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$115.44; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg \$80.25; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$92.35; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$5,203.29; Visa tree supplies SP \$93.60

#### OLD BUSINESS

Rich Bakeberg provided a utility report. Five new trees were planted at Simmons Park. Repairs on the baseball field lights will be done in the spring. The community center has more damage from the storm that needs to be repaired.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to change water rates to \$12 minimum plus \$5.25 per 1,000 gallons effective for October usage to keep up with WEB rate increases made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. The city had many volunteers donate labor and equipment in efforts to clean up after the June 14 storm. Despite best efforts, the storm did not qualify the county for disaster relief. The city would like to help thank those who volunteered. Letters have been drafted to offer to reimburse businesses a portion of the wages paid to employees as well as fees for using their equipment. The city also would like to purchase tickets to the Frederick Fire & Rescue Volunteers Fun Night to give to individuals who volunteered during cleanup. Motion to move forward with distributing letters with intent to reimburse businesses as well as gift individuals with complimentary tickets to the Frederick Fire & Rescue Volunteers Fun Night made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Motion to approve variance for east side setback for Mark Cutler's property for a new shop replacing the old garage made by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. Motion to approve first reading of 2023 Budget Appropriation Ordinance made by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. Motion to deny claim of invoice for cleanup costs from Daniel Napton in the amount of \$5,000 made by Kosters/Campbell; motion carried. Motion to

approve blocking the area of 3rd Ave S between Main Street and the alley for the Frederick Fire & Rescue Volunteers Fun Night on October 15 made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Motion to approve a temporary liquor license for the Frederick Fire & Rescue Volunteers Fun Night on October 15 made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Campbell/Millard at 8:24 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine  
Assistant Finance Officer  
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## Claremont Town Sept. 14, 2022

### Special Meeting

The board of trustees for the town of Claremont met on 9-14-2022 at 7 pm at city hall. President Shane called the meeting to order with trustee Frank Rasmussen present. Others attending were Brett and Lara Gibbs and Matt Traylor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Frank Rasmussen and seconded by Shane Johnson.

On a motion by Shane J and seconded by Frank Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed:

General:  
NWE, lights, city hall, 402.38; James Valley, telecom, 92.85; Br. Co. Treasurer, mosquito spraying, 320.00; Full Circle AG, propane, 735.10; GDI, publications, 30.35; Dacotah Bank, city hall loan, 573.55; Don Vandervorst, 4 1/2 hrs, 49.50; Missi Smith, 18 hrs mowing, 176.82; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00.

WSSW:  
B&B Contracting, sewer/grant, 120,669.35; B&B Contracting, sewer/grant, 40,744.40; Ecolab, rodent program, 171.48; S.D. Public Health Lab, water sample, 15.00; Helms & Association, sewer/grant, 6869.15; BDM, water purchased, 1340.30;

Rural Development, water loan, 576.00.

Appropriation Ordinance # For General Purposes: 43,469.00.

For interest and debt services fund: 33,953.00.

Matt, Brett and Lora came to the board wondering if the city had any projects that they needed help with - the board was very grateful for the offer and will contact them in the future.

With no further business before the board a motion was made by Frank Rasmussen to adjourn and seconded by Shane Johnson motion carried.

CRye, F.O.  
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## Groton City Boehmer

### Variance Notice NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on October 3, 2022 at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 9, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Rodney Boehmer for a garage within 10 feet of the north lot line in a Residential (R-1) District at 908 N 4th Street, Groton, SD, legally described as Lt 1-3 Bk 26 Randall's Addition.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this variance may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Doug Heinrich  
Zoning Administrator  
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## Groton Community Calendar

### Thursday, Sept. 22

FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

Dress-up: Class Colors at HS: Class Color (seniors-black, juniors-white, sophomores-grey, freshman-gold, 8th grade-purple, 7th grade-blue, 6th grade-red, staff-pink; Pajama Day at elementary.

School Breakfast: Oatmeal

School Lunch: Spaghetti with garlic toast.

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, green peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.

6 p.m.: Youth Football hosts Warner

Volleyball hosts Tiospa Zina: C and 7th grade at 5 p.m., JV and 8th grade at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow. JH matches in GHS Gym.

UMC: Bible Study with Ashley, 6:30 p.m.

Emmanuel: Conversation with Bishop Hammer at Good Shepherd, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, Sept. 23

Dress-up: Black & Gold Spirit Day.

School Breakfast: Cereal

School Lunch: Homecoming hotdogs, baked beans.

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, peas and carrots, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

1 p.m.: Homecoming Parade

TigerPalooza, 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at GHS Gym.

FFA Serving Meal at Homecoming Football Game beginning at 5:30 p.m.

7 p.m.: Football hosts Sisseton

UMC: Newsletter Items Due

### Saturday, Sept. 24

Youth Football at Britton Jamboree

11 a.m.: Girls Soccer hosts Tea Area with JV game to follow

7th/8th Grade Volleyball Tournament at Matchbox in Aberdeen

Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 209 N Main.

### Sunday, Sept. 25

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

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)

UMC: Conde worship, 8:30 p.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon during worship.

Emmanuel: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

### Monday, Sept. 26

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

School Lunch: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes.

Senior Menu: Sloopy joe on wheat bun, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit salad.

Noon: Senior Citizens Potluck at Groton Community Center

Boys Region 1A Golf Tournament - site and time to be determined

4 p.m.: Cross Country meet at Olive Grove Golf Course

4 p.m.: Combined 7th/8th Grade FB game at Aberdeen Roncalli

5:15 p.m.: JV Football game at Aberdeen Roncalli

Volleyball at Faulkton: C match at 5:15 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity.

7 p.m.: School Board Meeting

Pantry at Community Center open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

UMC: The Walk Bible Study by Pastor Brandon, 7 p.m.

Emmanuel: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, Sept. 27

School Breakfast: French toast.

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn.

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combos, mashed potatoes with gravy, 7 layer salad, fruit.

6 p.m.: Youth Football at Redfield

Volleyball hosts Florence/Henry: C and 7th grade at 5 p.m., JV and 8th grade at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow. JH matches in GHS Gym.

Pantry at Community Center open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 209 N Main.

UMC: Bible Study at 10 a.m.; The Walk Bible Study by Pastor Brandon in Conde, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, Sept. 28

NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY!

School Breakfast: Egg omelets.

School Lunch: Super nachos.

Senior Menu: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

9:30 a.m.: Aberdeen Roncalli Marching Festival

Groton CM&A: Kids' Club and Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

UMC: Community Coffee Hour at 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation Snack at 3:30 p.m. with confirmation at 4 p.m.

Emmanuel: 6 p.m.: 7th and 8th grade confirmation; League at 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Sept. 29

School Breakfast: Muffins.

School Lunch: Chicken sandwich, sweet potato puffs.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

Junior Fall Planning Day and Career Expo at NSU

1:30 p.m.: Parent/Teacher Conferences - School dismisses at 1:15 p.m.

4 p.m.: Cross Country at Sisseton Golf Course

UMC: Bible Study with Ashley, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, Sept. 30

Senior Menu: Chicken tetrazzine, mixed vegetables, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

No School - Faculty Inservice

7 p.m.: Football hosts Webster Area

Pre-School Screening, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 1

Youth Football at Waubay Jamboree

1 p.m.: Girls Soccer hosts Garretson

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Pumpkin Fest at City Park

Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 209 N Main.

### Sunday, Oct. 2

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

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)

UMC: Conde worship with communion, 8:30 p.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Worship with communion, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon during worship.

### Monday, Oct. 3

Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, baked apples, whole wheat bread.

State Golf Meet at Moccasin Creek CC 4 p.m.: 7th/8th FB Combined game vs. Roncalli at Groton

4:30 p.m.: JV FB game vs. Dakota Hills at Waubay.

Pantry at Community Center open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

UMC: The Walk Bible Study by Pastor Brandon, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Oct. 4

Senior Menu: Honey glazed chicken breast, parsley buttered potatoes, beets, fruit, whole wheat bread.

6 p.m.: Youth Football Equipment Hand In in wrestling room

State Golf Meet at Moccasin Creek CC

Volleyball at Mobridge-Pollock

Pantry at Community Center open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 209 N Main.

UMC: Bible Study at 10 a.m.; The Walk Bible Study by Pastor Brandon in Conde, 7 p.m.

## Groton School Sept. 15, 2022 Special Meeting

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6  
SPECIAL MEETING  
September 15, 2022

Vice-President Weismantel called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Harder (via phone), Rix (via phone), Smith, and Weismantel. Absent: Fliehs, Gengerke and Pharis. Others present: Supt. J. Schwan, Principal Sombke, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Smith, second Harder to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

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.

Moved by Harder, second Smith to approve a proposal from Allied Climate Professional for the replacement of the 1968 boiler. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Harder to approve hiring Alison Tvinerem as elementary paraprofessional as of September 15, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Rix to adjourn at 7:06 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager Debo-rah Gengerke, President

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

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**Monday's Dress-up Winners - Country Club or Country**  
 Left to right are Adeline Kotzer, Liby Cole, Addison Hoefft, Brenna Imrie, Colby Dunker, Brevin Flihs, Rylee Dunker and Emma Kutter; in front are Camyrn Kurtz, Marlee Tollefson and Addison Hoffman; not pictured is Lincoln Krause and Cole Bisbee. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Tuesday's- Dress Up like the first letter of your name**  
 Left to right are Shaydon Wood, Bradyn Wipf, Karrah-Jo Johnson, Holden Sippel, Logan Ringgenberg, Logan Warrington, Drake Peterson, Tegan Hanten and Liby Althoff; not pictured is Ashtyn Bahr and Lincoln Shilhanek. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Wednesday's Dress-up Winners - Dress Like Your Parent**  
 In back, left to right, are Corbin Weismantel, Jaedyn Penning, Carly Guthmiller, Anna Bisbee, Brenna Carda, Abby Yeadon, Liby Althoff and Emily Clark; in front, left to right, are Tali Wright, Cadance Tullis, Kyleigh Kroll and TC Schuster; not pictured is Madison Herrick, Avery Crank. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Brenna Carda and Anna Bisbee are having a little fun with their outfits.**  
 (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

## Netters drop three sets to Warner

Warner's volleyball team handed the Lady Tigers a three-set loss Tuesday in Groton, 25-10, 25-15 and 25-10.

Anna Fjeldheim had six kills, Sydney Leicht had five kills and one block, Aspen Johnson had three kills and three blocks, Lydia Meier had three kills, Laila Roberts had one kill, Carly Guthmiller one ace serve and Hollie Frost a block.

Lauren Marcuson had eight kills for Warner while Kyleigh Schopp had eight kills and four blocks, Kamryn Anderson had eight kills, an ace serve and three blocks, Kendyl Naderson had six kills and one block, Courtney Bjorgaard had three ace serves, Harleigh had an ace serve, Liby Scepaniak had two ace serves and Sophia Hoefft had a kill.

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, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc, Groton Area Chamber of Commerce. Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy provided the play-by-play action.

Warner won the junior varsity match, 25-16 and 25-19. Warner won the C match, 26-24, 15-25 and 15-6.

## Volleyball team takes fifth at Hamlin Tournament

Groton Area's volleyball team took fifth place at the Hamlin Tournament held Saturday.

The matches were 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, Groton Area Chamber of Commerce. Justin Hanson did the play-by-play commentary.

Groton opened the tournament with a 25-18 and 25-15 win over Tiospa Zina. Castlewood then defeated Groton Area by identical scores of 25-20. Colman-Egan defeated Groton Area, 25-19 and 25-16. The Tigers won the fifth place match in three sets, 21-25, 25-13 and 25-15.

Aspen Johnson had 27 kills, seven digs, two solo and two assisted blocks, and one assist. Lydia Meier had 20 kills, four ace serves, 10 digs and one assisted block. Anna Fjeldheim had 14 kills, five ace serves, 21 digs and one solo block. Sydney Leicht had 13 kills, 28 digs, two assisted blocks and one assist. Elizabeth Flihs had six kills, two ace serves, 20 digs, one assisted block and 66 assists. Emma Kutter had six kills and four solo and two assisted blocks. Carly Guthmiller had one kill, six ace serves, 29 digs and four assists. Laila Roberts had one kill, one ace serve and 18 digs. Jaedyn Penning had one kill and seven digs. Jerica Locke had three ace serves, 24 digs and one assist. Chesney Weber had one ace serve, two digs and three assists.

Groton Area, now 6-5 on the season, will host Warner on Tuesday and Tiospa Zina on Thursday.

## Deuel wins its homecoming game over Groton Area

Groton Area came up against some stiff competition Friday as the Tigers took on the Deuel Cardinals at their homecoming game. The Cardinals won, 27-0.

Groton Area did score one touchdown, but it was recalled due to a penalty.

The Cardinals had more first downs, 17-6.

In rushing, Groton Area was 26 for 31 yards with Andrew Marzahn having 15 carries for 28 yards and Teylor Diegel and Christian Ehresmann each had eight yards rushing. The Cardinals had 49 carries for 254 yards with Owen Quail having 95 yards rushing.

The Tigers were five of 16 in passing for 111 yards. The Cardinals were four of eight for 55 yards as they did most of their offensive attack on the ground and up the middle.

Both teams had 40 yards in penalties.

Receivers for the Tigers were Tate Larson with three catches for 55 yards while having one catch each were Teylor Diegel for 46 yards and Andrew Marzahn for 10 yards.

Diegel and Marzahn were the defensive leaders with 13 tackles apiece while Ehresmann had 12, Holden Sippel had 11 and Tate Larson with 10.

Owen Quail scored on touchdown runs of two and 14 yards, Carrer Nothem had a nine yard pass reception and Domonic Constant had a 69 yard run.

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**Aubray Miller talked about the cheerleaders.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Adam Franken talked about cross country.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Chelsea Hanson talked about volleyball.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Desiree Yeigh talked about band.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Shaun Wanner talked about football.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Joel Guthmiller talked about boys golf.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Chris Kucker talked about girls soccer.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**GHS Pep Band played before the homecoming coronation Monday night.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The final stripe for the third pickleball court on the Tennis Court was done on Monday, completing the project. Still, everyone is waiting for the posts for the nets. When the posts come in, Alejandro Martinez and Carlos Rosado from Pro Track and Tennis, Inc., will come back to complete the net project. Meanwhile there are temporary pickle ball nets available.**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The marching band is out practicing for the upcoming parades.** (Photo by Tina Kosel)



## Conde National League

**Sept. 19 Team Standings:** Braves 7, Giants 5, Tigers 4, Pirates 3, Mets 3, Cubs 2

**Men's High Games:** Ryan Bethke 221, 197; Russ Bethke 208, Chad Furney 181

**Men's High Series:** Ryan Bethke 561, Jeff Lahammer 494, Russ Bethke 492

**Women's High Games:** Vickie Kramp 180, Sam Bahr 171, Joyce Walter 162

**Women's High Series:** Vickie Kramp 483, Sam Bahr 444, Joyce Walter 415

## 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.



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The Groton Area seniors painted the street in downtown Groton Sunday evening. In back, left to right, are Carter Barse, Jackson Dinger, Tyson Parrow, Cameron Johnson, Porter Johnson, Cade Larson, Tate Larson and Caleb Hanten; in the middle row, left to right, are Brenna Carda, Ellie Weismantel, Kaylynn Overacker, Marlee Tollifson, Ashtyn Bahr, Ava Kramer, Cole Simon and Holly Frost; in front, left to right, are Gracie Traphagen, Cadance Tullis, Shaylee Peterson, Brooke Gengerke, Aspen Johnson, Shallyn Foertsch, Cole Bisbee, Kaleb Antonsen, Jacob Lewandowski and Andrew Marzahn.. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Cole Simon on the left painting his name on Main Street. On the right is Aspen Johnson painting a body outline of Gracie Traphagen. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Members of the Groton Garden Club did some fall decorating in downtown Groton Sunday evening. Pictured below are Laurie Mitchell and Pam Rix, pictured above are A.M. Mitchell and Roger Rix. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



The Groton Area Seniors making a GT to pose for a picture. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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Dear EarthTalk: What's new in food packaging to make it more sustainable? – E.C., Bern, NC

Along with food waste, food packaging is a significant source of pollution, generating approximately half of the packaging waste in the United States. In the wake of growing concerns about climate change and food product packaging's role in it, companies are taking action to make packaging more sustainable.

There are many changes in progress. Corn and cane sugar plants are being increasingly used as materials for packaging food. However, this system puts pressure on already-stressed agricultural land and can jeopardize food security, since crops that could be used for food itself are being used for other purposes. One solution is to use agro-food residue, the byproduct of agricultural production—cornstarch, rice husks, etc. that would otherwise be discarded—for food packaging. In this way, packaging can reduce agricultural material waste without threatening agriculture or food resources.

Companies have begun taking the whole life cycle of a product's packaging, beyond just use and disposal, into consideration. In doing so, they have prompted designs of products made from and transported using sustainable materials, not just ones that can be recycled by customers. For example, Heinz is working with Pulpex to prototype a food-grade bottle

made from sustainably-sourced wood pulp that can be recycled and biodegrades if it is thrown away. It has a 90 percent lower carbon footprint than glass and a 30 percent lower footprint than PET, a very common type of plastic in food packaging.

Other examples abound. Alter Eco worked with Natureflex to create truffle wrappers that are made from eucalyptus and birch and then lined with aluminum. The material reportedly composts in industrial settings and biodegrades in the ocean. Boxed Water is Better sells water in recyclable boxes, made of 75 percent paper that is flattened so efficient for shipping, allowing one truck to carry as many boxes to filling centers as 26 trucks carrying plastic bottles. The company also ensures that the paper comes from well-managed forests, that the material is free of BPAs and other chemicals, and that part of the profit is invested in planting trees in deforested and fire-prone areas. Mondelez, which produces snacks like Oreos, and Wheat Thins, Ritz and Belvita crackers, has almost reached its goal of reducing its use of virgin plastic by 25 percent for rigid packaging and by five percent overall by 2025.

Such technologies are creating more effective food packaging that reduce waste, but these solutions face obstacles. Investing in sustainable materials and partnering to develop new ideas, combined with the supply chain and inflation disruptions associated with the pandemic, come with potentially-prohibitive financial costs that have impeded some planned transitions. Also, demonstrating



**Heinz is working with Pulpex to prototype a food-grade bottle made from sustainably-sourced wood pulp that can be recycled and biodegrades if it is thrown away.**

the benefits of these changes has proven to be difficult, and "greenwashing"—marketing that overstates companies' products' environmental pluses—has made investors wary. However, the chances of success are significant as growing numbers of customers demand sustainable packaging. For example, 24 percent of young adults have indicated a willingness to pay five percent more for sustainably packaged food.

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## Ask, then act

One summer during my college years, I had a roommate who suffered from suicidal thoughts. She'd attempted suicide before we met, and been hospitalized, but continued to struggle. Back in the late 80s, there was very little public understanding of mental health issues, and the stigma was even stronger than it is today. Our other roommate and I didn't know what to do, or where to turn.

Not surprisingly, we didn't handle it well.

However, we did one thing right: we restricted access to lethal means. We secured the knives, and took control of her medications. Back before Prozac, the best treatments were lethal if used to overdose.

It's tempting to view people with mental illness as somehow different from the rest of us. On some level, I think we expect that to mean we can't be affected. We want to believe it won't touch us.

However, suicide crosses all boundaries. Anyone can develop suicidal thoughts, so everyone needs to be able to recognize the danger signs, and know what to do.

Risk factors for suicide include a previous suicide attempt, a family history of suicide, and a personal or family history of mental illness or substance use. Living with chronic pain or having experienced violence or abuse in the family are also significant risks. Other stressful life events, such as incarceration, a job loss, a break up, or bullying, make a difference as well.

There are often, although not always, warning signs. Watch for talk about being a burden, about feeling hopeless or worthless, about unbearable pain, and about death. There may be mood swings, anger or anxiety, withdrawal from loved ones or activities, or unusual risk taking. Sometimes the signs are more dramatic. There may be overt talk of suicide and actions that suggest preparation for death: saying goodbye, giving away treasured possessions, drafting a will. A person might research methods of suicide and take steps to implement a plan, such as buying a gun. Don't consider talk of suicide to be a bid for attention. It is a cry for help.

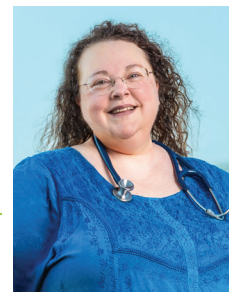
Of course, recognizing risk isn't enough. We need to know what to do. The first step is to ask the question: Are you thinking about suicide? Asking won't "plant the seed." It's ok, in fact it is crucial, to ask. Try to keep the person safe by reducing access to means of suicide. Listen, and try to understand what they are thinking and feeling. Connect them to help, via the crisis line or another source of support and assistance. Stay in touch.

Emily, if you ever read this, your life matters. I wish we'd understood how to show you that.

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