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Gonsoir takes fellowship program trip to Peru

By Dorene Nelson

Kristen Gonsoir, Groton Area High School chemistry and physics teacher, recently returned from an amazing two-week trip to Peru in July. As a member of SDEA/NEA, (South Dakota Education Association / National Education Association) Gonsoir was awarded this trip through a lengthy application to the NEA Foundation's Global Learning Fellowship program.

The purpose of this fellowship program is to help public school educators develop the knowledge and skills to integrate global competency into their daily classroom instruction and expand their professional development network.

The recipients of this fellowship return to their respective schools to help students thrive in our increasingly interconnected world. Fellows transform their classrooms to give students a global perspective. Global Fellows also work collaboratively throughout the fellowship year in content focus groups to develop curriculum for teaching global citizenship.

"About year ago, I received notification that I had been awarded this honor as South Dakota's representative in the fellowship program," Gonsoir explained. "The trip was funded by the NEA Foundation and was originally scheduled for South Africa."

"COVID had a large impact, not only on our trip being switched to Peru, but also upon the places and buildings we were allowed to visit," she stated. "Protests and unrest in Peru also caused us some issues and restrictions on our travel plans."

"To prepare for this exciting opportunity, my group of 46 teachers met remotely through Zoom meetings once a month to become acquainted with each other and engage in professional development," Gonsoir explained.

"We also needed to learn about the various activities we would be participating in and the places we would be visiting," she stated. "During our zooms we had education specialists from around the globe speak to us regarding global education."

"Each content focus group worked on its own special project to develop lessons to teach others the ideas of globalization," she said. "These ideas will help students learn about the importance of working together around the world, regardless of their location."

"There are 11 million people in the Lima, Peru area," Gonsoir smiled, "with honking horns, crowded narrow streets, and poor infrastructure. There is no air conditioning nor heating available, the electricity grid is a nightmare, and Wi-Fi is terrible!"

"There is a large gap between the people in Peru who have money and good financial support and those who don't," she explained. "Above all, we were told to NOT DRINK THE WATER!"

"On the plus side, it is very bright and colorful with an obvious Spanish influence in the clothing and buildings," Gonsoir listed. "The houses have two bulls on their roofs for protection and good fortune."

"Some of the food is served cold, even potatoes," she smiled, "and they're very fond of potatoes! I at least tried a taste of everything including coy (guinea pig). I enjoyed the many choices of fish and the wide variety of fresh fruit and vegetables."

"Many of the important buildings that we would have liked to visit were closed due to the



Kristen with an Alpaca



Kristen pictured overlooking the ruins at Machu Picchu

unrest that still follows the aftermath caused by the 'Shining Path,' Gonsoir explained. "The Shining Path started out as a 'people's war' to overthrow the government and establish a democracy."

"Unfortunately the real result was the establishment of a dictatorship that included violence against peasants, elected officials, and the general public," she said. "The Shining Path has been widely condemned for its brutality and is now generally regarded as a terrorist organization."

"The government in Peru requires that all students, ages 3 and older, attend school until age 16," Gonsoir listed. "Two thousand dollars per student is spent on the education process, but, due to their location, many of the schools are inaccessible. By way of contrast, approximately \$17,000 per student is spent in the United States."

"About 70% of the population is self-employed with vendors along the edges of the road being very common," she said. "Open air markets are widespread for easy access."

"After crossing into the Andes, the group found silver trinkets, earrings, and jewelry to be common items for sale," Gonsoir stated. Silver mining is an important industry in the Sacred Valley. "We visited a textile museum and learned how different plants are used to make different colors for the thread."

"During our drive to the Andes Mountains, we saw grain fields that reminded me of home," she admitted. "The work is mostly done by hand, but you could see that some of the harvesting had been done by a combine. We also enjoyed the llamas and alpacas, ani-



Kristen and part of the Science group in front of the ruins



Train station area showing narrow streets

mals that are native to the Andes Mountain area."

"In Peru there is a Sacred Valley Project that makes it possible for girls from remote communities in the Andes to receive their high school degree and begin pursuing their dreams," Gonsoir explained. "The work focuses on girls because of the unequal access afforded to girls to pursue their secondary education."

"There are currently three dormitories for this 'Sacred Valley Project' for the girls to live in while going to school," she added, "and more are being planned."

"No trip to Peru is complete without a visit to Machu Picchu," Gonsoir stated. "These amazing Peruvian ruins are a challenge to get to but worth the effort if you're up to the climb!"

"Now it's my job to take this experience and what I've learned home to my students here in Groton," she said. "I need to incorporate the ideas of a

growing interdependence of the world's economies, cultures, and populations so that we learn to work with and help others."

"Our tour guide was excellent, but I was surprised that he was required to have a four-year college degree to qualify for his job," she smiled. "I guess they need to know a lot of information since you never know what a tourist might ask!"

"I thoroughly enjoyed this trip to Peru and recommend it to everyone!" Gonsoir admitted. "I'm really appreciate the recommendations I received and especially all of the help and support at home from family and friends who made this trip possible for me!"

The last broadcast

My friend Tim Ost asked me to join him on the air last week as part of his swan song after 47 years on the air. Forty-seven! Tim doesn't even look 47! When he mentioned there was a retirement party at KOVC in Valley City on Friday, I had to be there. I owe Tim much more than that.

He was my boss and we were roommates in Jamestown from 1980-83, and let's just acknowledge that I was sometimes a renegade. It's the sort of thing that makes for good radio.

And management challenges.

Any radio veteran will tell you that the characters in "WKRP in Cincinnati" were spot on.—the attractive receptionist, the wastoid disc jockey (Johnny Fever), the befuddled general manager, the sleazy salesman, and the geeky newsman.

Tim was our Andy Travis at KQDJ, the unflappable program director, the glue that held us together, although he was not averse to mischief, himself. Like the time he lit News Director Wayne Beyers' copy on fire, forcing an abrupt end to the newscast because the paper had gone up in smoke.

Such incidents aside, Tim's been a consummate pro, as smooth with his staff as he was on the air. After I left Jamestown, my pilgrimages back to the region were invariably marked by Tim's soothing voice on a radio spot on some distant station. His voice was seemingly everywhere. "That's when I knew I was home," I told him as well-wishers milled about at the radio station.

We pored over an old photo album and shared our best stories that somehow all ended well. I remembered going to bed one night with Tim immobilized in his favorite overstuffed chair, beer up to the very edge of the tilted mug in his hand. Eight hours later he was still in the same position. He hadn't spilled a drop.

I had some of those moments myself. I didn't always arrive at the studio for my morning show in fighting trim, but I was generally responsible. Generally. However, sometimes circumstances get you, and since the Statute of Limitations has probably expired on this one, I felt compelled to confess this story to Tim.

Let me preface this by saying, I wasn't exactly the Johnny Fever of the staff but at

times I suppose I was a reasonable facsimile. Anyway, I had a Saturday off while Tim was on the air, so I decided—and I promise, Mom, this was not a regular occurrence—to expand my mind. With hallucinogenics.

A word of advice to those who might find themselves in similar circumstances. Don't answer the phone! I did, and it was Tim. He'd taken ill, and could I come down and cover his shift?

Whoa. "What was I going to say," I told Tim and the others sitting at the table. "Geez, Tim, I can't because I'm tripping balls?" Tim's shook his head, smiling, as I continued. He probably wasn't all that surprised. I still remember cueing up Barry Manilow in that altered state, which was pretty dang freaky.

I wasn't even the most high-maintenance disc jockey. Bob Booker, who preceded me on the morning show, once threw a chair against the wall where it stuck. The hole was still there in the studio when I moved on to Denver.

What I remember best about working with Tim was his compassion. He took on an intern, Glenn, from the Anne Carlsen School, and put me in charge, but Tim and I took turns walking with Glenn on his daily arduous journey up about a million stairs to the second floor of the old White Drug Building.

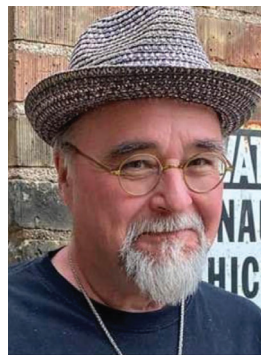
My brother Mike has Williams Syndrome and as the oldest I often demanded more of him because I thought that everyone else was going too soft. That's how I approached Glenn, and in the beginning the poor guy was stuck everyday filing records, a dusty and boring endeavor. Until Tim stepped in and turned Glenn loose in the production studio where he could play radio to his heart's content.

It was the right call. He made a lifetime friend in Glenn, and they still talk on the phone regularly. Glenn calls me occasionally, too. That speaks to Tim's heart.

He's what I call a foxhole friend, one of those rare individuals you can count on despite the separation of time and distance. Some folks just make the world a better place.

Elvis has left the building. But not Valley City.

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That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Recap - Week 2

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Vikings came into Sunday's game against the Detroit Lions looking to get back on track after a disaster of a game last Monday night. However, it seemed like the same Vikings from Monday night showed up in the first quarter. The Vikings' offense could not find its groove and their defense seemed to be giving up easy plays to wide-open wide receivers again. Although it has only been three games into the season, I think there is cause for concern that the Vikings' cornerbacks lack the speed needed to keep up with the short crossing routes in the middle of the field.

The Lions took full advantage of the Vikings' soft defensive coverage in the 1st quarter by scoring two touchdowns to go up 14-0 on the Vikings. However, as the game moved to the 2nd quarter, the Vikings started to get it going on offense, thanks to the running of Dalvin Cook. Cook, who has not been the major factor he is used to being in the Vikings' offense so far this season, found some nice running lanes outside the tackles today and ended up with 96 yards and one touchdown. Nonetheless, the concern for the Vikings might be Cook's health as he left the game with a shoulder injury.

The other concern for the Vikings might be the lack of production from Justin Jefferson over the last two games. Today, Jefferson seemed off the whole game. First, he dropped a couple of contested catches, and then was a complete non-factor in the second half, ending the game with only three catches and 14 yards receiving. Perhaps teams have started to key in on Jefferson after watching him destroy the Packers in week 1. However, if O'Connell is as good of a coach as people think he is, he will have to start creating more opportunities for Jefferson to get involved in the game.

Despite Jefferson's lack of production, Adam Thielen and KJ Osborn were both able to pick up the slack for him. Coming into the game, neither Thielen nor Osborn had caught a touchdown for the Vikings this season. That changed today as both Thielen and Osborn found the endzone, Thielen with a 1-yard touchdown catch in the 1st quarter and Osborn with the game-winning 28-yard touchdown in the 4th quarter.

Overall, the game was not a well-played game on the Vikings' part. With just 1:00 remaining in the 4th quarter, the Vikings still had been unable to hold a lead at any point over the Lions. However, the Vikings never quit. They fought back from a 14-0 deficit in the first half to tie the game 14-14. And, when they found themselves down 24-14 with 10:47 remaining in the 4th quarter, the Vikings managed to fight their way back to take the lead 28-24 with 0:45 left in the game. The Vikings would go on to clinch the victory thanks to a Josh Metellus interception.

Although it's unfair to give hindsight to a coach's decisions after the game, the Lions' head coach, Dan Campbell, might be regretting some of his late-game decisions after the loss. Campbell's first mistake came when he elected to attempt a field goal on 4th & 4 at the Vikings' 36-yard line. Coming into that play, the Lions had converted 4/6 of their 4th down attempts. However, Campbell decided to go with his kicker, who would miss the 54-yard field goal attempt. Campbell's other mistake was the decision to call his final timeout on the Vikings' game-winning drive. The timeout came after the Vikings completed a 28-yard pass to KJ Osborn to put the Vikings in field-goal range. The timeout, in my opinion, gave the Vikings time to reset and draw up the game-winning touchdown pass to KJ Osborn, which would come on the next play.

Now, the 2-1 Vikings will head to London next week to play the 1-2 New Orleans Saints. The Vikings have found success playing in London over the years, beating the Steelers in 2013 and the Browns in 2017. Let's hope that "London luck" continues.

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...and ask the fire fighters questions.



Kids: color stuff in!



Have you ever visited the firehouse or had a fire fighter come to your school to speak? It's just plain smart to learn how to help prevent fires. When fire fighters talk about fire safety we tell students:

- *Get out of the house quickly if there is a fire.*
- *Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.*
- *If your clothes catch on fire remember to...*

STOP, DROP AND ROLL!

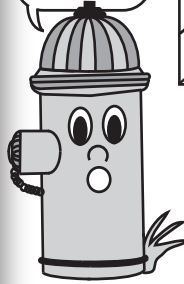
Family Fire

- Cook in the kitchen only when an adult is helping you.
- Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are only for adults to use.
- Do you have smoke detectors on every level of your home? Test them monthly. Change the batteries at least once a year.
- Do you know two or more ways out of the house?
- Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).
- Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: crawl under the smoke.
- Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- Once you are out of the house, *stay out* of the house.

Safety Checklist



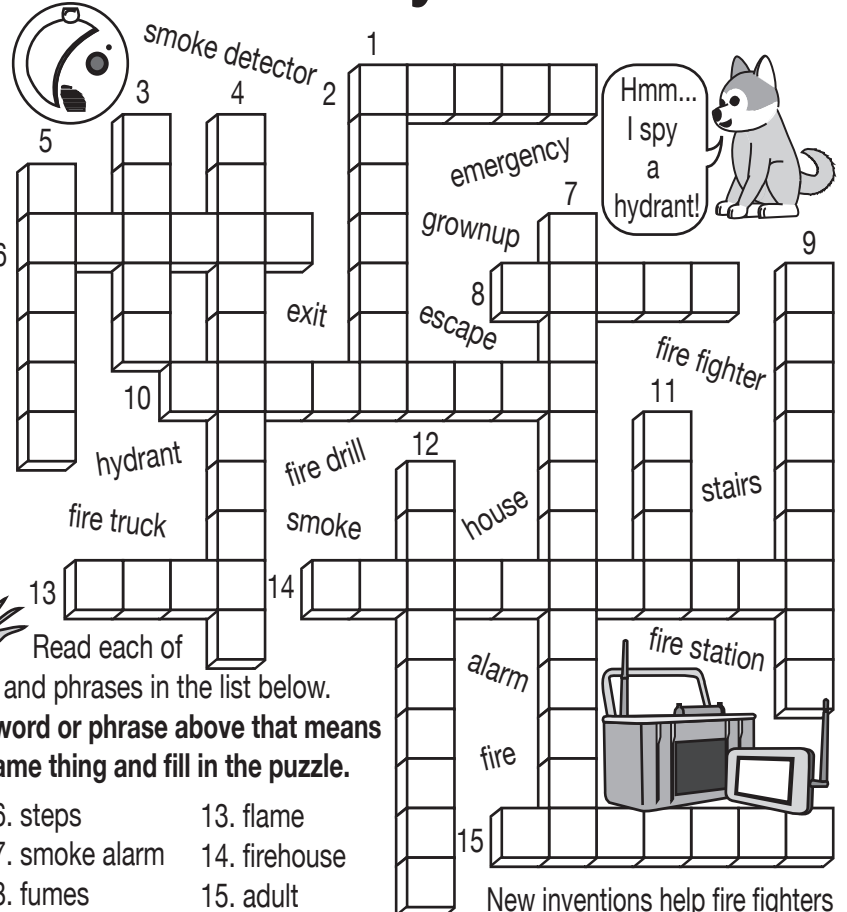
Families check out this list!



Read each of the 15 words and phrases in the list below. Then, find a word or phrase above that means almost the same thing and fill in the puzzle.

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|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. fireplug | 6. steps | 13. flame |
| 2. home | 7. smoke alarm | 14. firehouse |
| 3. siren | 8. fumes | 15. adult |
| 4. fireman | 9. crisis | |
| 5. getaway | 10. fire engine | |
| | 11. way out | |
| | 12. fire exercise | |

Fire Safety is Smart!



Hmm... I spy a hydrant!

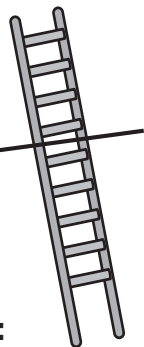


New inventions help fire fighters do their difficult work. One invention is a scanner that can detect faint heartbeats, which can help to find people trapped under rubble. Another is a mask with built-in "thermal imaging" that lets fire fighters "see" people and flames through smoke.

Finish each phrase with the word that makes sense:

In a typical day, fire fighters may:

- spread fire safety and awareness by visiting
- slide from the third or second floor to the first on a
- use scuba gear and a boat for
- go to public buildings or businesses for a safety
- clean their vehicles and perform equipment
- feed, play with and train the
- teach classes about CPR and other



- A. **fire pole**
- B. **fire dog**
- C. **schools**
- D. inspection
- E. water rescue
- F. maintenance
- G. **first aid**

Match each word to the phrase that makes sense:

To complete the job, fire fighters may use (a):

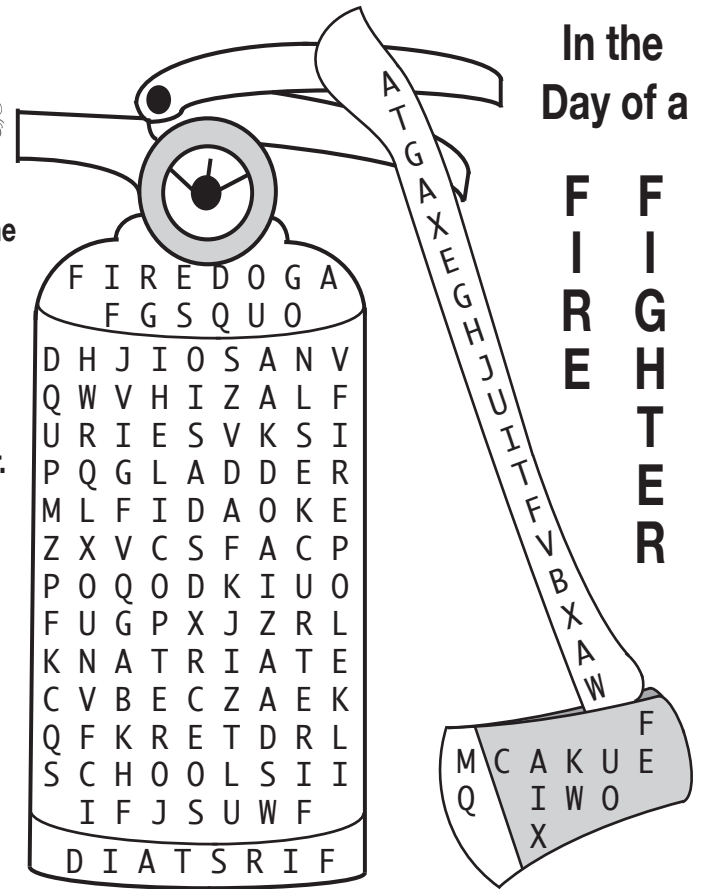
- fire truck**
- helmet
- axe**
- water hose
- air tank**
- ladder**
- helicopter**
- coat



- A. to reach high floors or windows when a door is blocked
- B. to protect their heads from flames and debris
- C. to spray gallons of water onto the fire
- D. to allow them to breathe in a smoke-filled room
- E. to get to a fire quickly with all the right equipment
- F. to lift water from a lake or pond to put out wildfires
- G. to protect their bodies from fire (flame-proof materials) and to be seen easily by others due to reflective strips
- H. to chop down doors or walls during a rescue



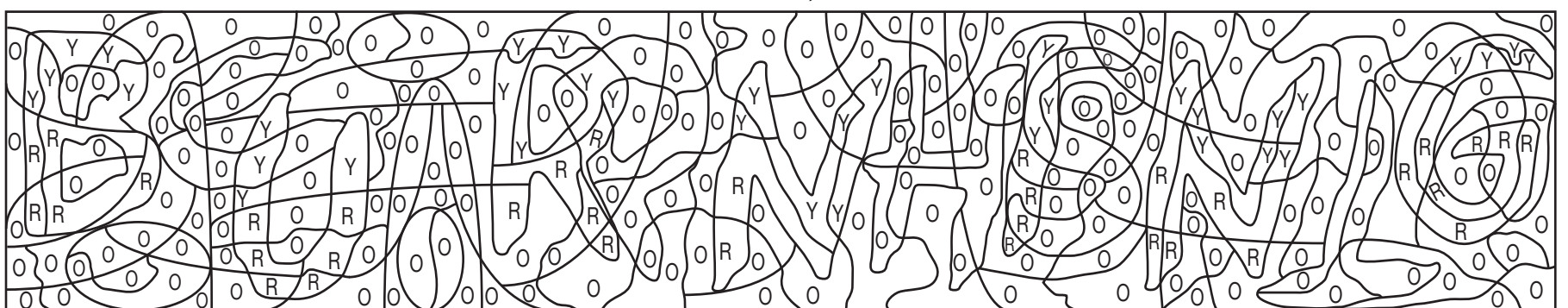
See the nine words in bold print to the left? Circle them in the fire extinguisher.



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ONCE YOU ARE OUT SAFELY, NEVER GO BACK INTO A



What does this fire safety message tell you? Follow this color key to find out: R = red Y = yellow O = orange

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Constitutional Amendment D

Title: An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution expanding Medicaid eligibility.

Attorney General Explanation: Medicaid is a program, funded by the State and the federal government, to provide medical coverage for low-income people who are in certain designated categories. This constitutional amendment expands Medicaid eligibility in South Dakota. It requires the State to provide Medicaid benefits to any person over age 18 and under 65 whose income is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level, plus 5% of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size, as provided in federal law. For people who qualify under this amendment, the State may not impose burdens or restrictions that are greater than those imposed on any other person eligible for Medicaid benefits under South Dakota law.

The South Dakota Department of Social Services must submit to the federal government all documentation required to implement this amendment and must take all actions necessary to maximize federal funding for this expansion.

Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.

Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.

Fiscal Note: The proposed expansion of Medicaid could cover an additional 42,500 eligible individuals, with a total estimated cost over the first five years of \$1,515,214,000. For the first five years under current federal law, the state's share of expenses could be \$166,244,000 with the state recognizing additional general fund savings of \$162,473,000.

That Article XXI of the Constitution of South Dakota be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

§10 Beginning July 1, 2023, the State of South Dakota shall provide Medicaid benefits to any person over eighteen and under sixty-five whose income is at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level plus five percent of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size, as authorized by federal law as of January 1, 2021. Such person shall receive coverage that meets or exceeds the benchmark or benchmark-equivalent coverage requirements, as such terms are defined by federal law as of January 1, 2021.

The State of South Dakota may not impose greater or additional burdens or restrictions on eligibility or enrollment standards, methodologies, or practices on any person eligible under this section than on any person otherwise eligible for Medicaid under South Dakota law.

No later than March 1, 2023, the Department of Social Services shall submit all state plan amendments necessary to implement this section to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The State of South Dakota shall take all actions necessary to maximize the federal financial medical assistance percentage in funding medical assistance pursuant to this section.

This section shall be broadly construed to accomplish its purposes and intents. If any provision in this section or the application thereof to any person

or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications of the section that can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.

Initiative Measure 27

Title: An initiated measure legalizing the possession, use, and distribution of marijuana.

Attorney General Explanation: This initiated measure legalizes the possession, use, and distribution of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia by people age 21 and older. Individuals may possess one ounce or less of marijuana. They may also distribute one ounce or less of marijuana without payment or other consideration.

Marijuana plants, and the marijuana produced from those plants, may be possessed under specific conditions. Marijuana plants may only be grown, and the marijuana from those plants may only be possessed, in counties or cities where no licensed retail marijuana store is available or where allowed by county or city ordinances.

Certain violations of the restrictions the measure places on the possession, use, and distribution of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia are subject to various civil penalties. Individuals under age 21 can attend drug education or counseling instead of paying a civil penalty.

The measure legalizes substances considered felony-controlled substances under State law. Marijuana remains illegal under Federal law.

Judicial or legislative clarification of the measure may be necessary.

Vote "Yes" to adopt the initiated measure.

Vote "No" to leave South Dakota law as it is.

Fiscal Note: The State and counties could see a minimal decrease in expenses due to decreased incarceration for marijuana-related offenses, and the State could see marginal additional revenue in the form of new civil penalty fines.

Section 1. That title 34 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

Terms used in this chapter mean:

- "Hemp," the plant of the genus cannabis, and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than three-tenths of one percent on a dry weight basis;
- "Local government," means a county, municipality, town, or township;
- "Marijuana," the plant of the genus cannabis, and any part of that plant, including the seeds, the resin extracted from any part of the plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or its resin, including hash and marijuana concentrate. The term includes an altered state of marijuana absorbed into the human body. The term does not include hemp, or fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination, or the weight of any other ingredient combined with marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other products;
- "Marijuana accessory," any

equipment, product, material, which is specifically designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing marijuana into the human body.

Section 2. That title 34 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

This chapter does not affect laws that otherwise regulate:

- Delivery or distribution of marijuana or marijuana accessories, with or without consideration, to a person younger than twenty-one years of age;
- Purchase, possession, use, or transport of marijuana or marijuana accessories by a person younger than twenty-one years of age;
- Consumption of marijuana by a person younger than twenty-one years of age;
- Operating or being in physical control of any motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport while under the influence of marijuana;
- Consumption of marijuana while operating or being in physical control of a motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport, while it is being operated;
- Smoking marijuana within a motor vehicle, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport, while it is being operated;
- Possession or consumption of marijuana or possession of marijuana accessories on the grounds of a public or private preschool, elementary school, or high school, in a school bus, or on the grounds of any correctional facility;
- Smoking marijuana in a location where smoking tobacco is prohibited;
- Consumption of marijuana in a public place, unless permitted by statute;
- Consumption of marijuana as part of a criminal penalty or a diversion program;
- Conduct that endangers others;
- Undertaking any task under the influence of marijuana, if doing so would constitute negligence or professional malpractice; or
- Performing solvent-based extractions on marijuana using solvents other than water, glycerin, propylene glycol, vegetable oil, or food grade ethanol, unless permitted by statute.

Section 3. That title 34 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

This chapter does not:

- Require that an employer permit or accommodate an employee to engage in conduct allowed by this chapter;
- Affect an employer's ability to restrict the use of marijuana by employees;
- Limit the right of a person who occupies, owns, or controls private property from prohibiting or otherwise regulating conduct permitted by this chapter on or in that property; or
- Limit the ability of the state or a local government to prohibit or restrict any conduct otherwise permitted under this chapter within a building owned, leased, or occupied by the state or the local government.

Section 4. That title 34 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

Subject to the limitations in this chapter, and notwithstanding any other law, the following acts, if done by a person at least twenty-one years of age, may not be an offense under state or local law, regulation, or ordinance; be subject to a civil fine, penalty, or sanction; be a basis for detention, search, or arrest; be a basis for the denial of any right or privilege; or be a basis for asset seizure or forfeiture:

- Possessing, using, ingesting, inhaling, processing, transporting, delivering without consideration, or distributing without consideration one ounce or less of marijuana, except that not more than eight grams of marijuana may be in a concentrated form;
- Possessing, planting, cultivating, harvesting, drying, processing, or manufacturing not more than three marijuana plants and possessing the marijuana produced by the plants, if:
 - (a) The plants and any marijuana produced by the plants in excess of one ounce are kept at one private residence, are in a locked space, and are not visible by normal, unaided vision from a public place;
 - (b) Not more than six plants are kept in or on the grounds of a private residence at one time; and

(c) The private residence is located within the jurisdiction of a local government where there is no licensed retail store where marijuana is available for purchase pursuant to this chapter.

• Assisting another person who is at least twenty-one years of age, or allowing property to be used, in any of the acts permitted by this section; and

• Possessing, using, delivering, distributing, manufacturing, transferring, or selling to persons twenty-one years of age or older marijuana accessories.

Section 5. That title 34 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

A person who commits the following acts is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding the amount specified:

(1) Violates section 4(2)(a) of this chapter by cultivating marijuana plants that are visible by normal, unaided vision from a public place, two hundred and fifty dollars.

(2) Violates section 4(2)(a) of this chapter by cultivating marijuana plants that are not kept in a locked space, two hundred and fifty dollars.

(3) Smokes marijuana in a public place, other than in an area licensed for such activity by the department, one hundred dollars.

(4) Is under twenty-one years of age and possesses, uses, ingests, inhales, transports, delivers without consideration or distributes without consideration one ounce or less of marijuana or possesses, delivers without consideration, or distributes without consideration marijuana accessories, one hundred dollars. The person shall be provided the option of attending up to four hours of drug education or counseling in lieu of the civil penalty.

Section 6. That title 34 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

This chapter must be broadly construed to accomplish its purposes and intents. Nothing in this chapter purports to supersede any applicable federal law, except where allowed by federal law. If any provision in this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality may not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter that can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are severable.

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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 representative 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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Tigers battle tough with Florence-Henry

Groton Area's volleyball team played with high intensity and it showed in the first set against Florence-Henry, which is 14-3 on the season. The Tigers won the first set, 25-21, but then dropped the next three, 25-15, 25-22 and 25-18, as the Falcons won the match that was played in Groton on Tuesday.

Three Groton Area players hit double figures with Anna Fjeldheim having 12 kills and one ace, Sydney Leicht had 11 kills and two aces and Apsen Johnson had 11 kills. Others adding to the tally were Lydia Meier with four kills and an ace, Laila Roberts had a kill and two aces, Hollie Frost and Elizabeth Fliehs each had two kills, Jaedyn Penning had a kill and Carly Guthmiller and Jerica Locke each had an ace. Frost also had a block.

Caylin Kelly led Florence-Henry with 20 kills, three blocks and two ace serves. Trinity Watson had 11 kills, two blocks and an ace and Macey Lane had nine kills and two aces. Karlie Sharp added five ace serves, Taylor Watson had four kills and Reese Schmidt had three ace serves.

Groton Area had 92 digs with Fjeldheim having 25, Guthmiller 21 and Leicht 16. Fliehs had 32 assists and Guthmiller had three.

The game 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 with Justin Hanson doing the play-by-play.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-8, 24-26 and 15-4. Jaedyn Penning had 13 kills and six ace serves, Faith Traphagen had five kills and five ace serves, Rylee Dunker had three kills, two blocks and an ace serve, Emma Kutter had four kills and a block, Talli Wright had three kills, Carly Guthmiller three ace serves, Chesney Weber had two kills and an ace and Jerica Locke had two ace serves.

The match was also broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Grandma Penning and Lane Hogstad.

Netters lose to Faulkton in four sets

Groton Areas volleyball team overcame a tough first set to play very competitively with Faulkton. The home team of a Faulkton won the match, 3-1.

In the first set, Faulkton rolled out 12 straight points to take a 12-1 lead and would go on for a 25-12 win.

The second set was tied eight times and there were three lead changes. Groton Area had the upper hand for the middle part of the set before Faulkton took the lead, 16-15. The Tigers closed to within one at the end, 24-23, but the Trojans would win, 25-23,

The third set was tied seven times and there were four lead changes in a set that was very high intense. The Tigers had an 11-9 lead, but Faulkton would score five straight points to take a 14-11 lead. The Tigers would come back to tie the set at 14, but the Trojans kept the upper hand. Faulkton was setting at set point at 24-20, but the Tigers rattled off the last six points to win the third set in extra points, 26-24.

The fourth set was tied 14 times with five lead changes. Groton had a three-point lead, 21-18, but the Trojans would score four straight points to take the lead, 22-21. Groton Area tied the set at 22 before Faulkton would finish with the final three points to win, 25-22.

Aspen Johnson led the Tigers with eight kills and four blocks. Anna Fjeldheim had eight kills and one block. Sydney Leight had seven kills. Emma Kutter had four kills and two blocks. Elizabeth Fliehs had four kills and one block. Lydia Meier had two kills. Carly Guthmiller had two ace serves. Laila Roberts had one kill and one ace serve. Holly Frost had a block, Jerica Locke had an ace serve and Jaedyn Penning had a kill.

Addison Melius led Faulkton with 20 kills. Kelli Stoecker had 10 kills, two blocks and an ace serve. Carley Cotton had seven kills and two ace serves. Aedyn Raethz had four kills and an ace serve. Gabby Kast had three kills and an ace serve. Ashly Senn had three kills. Jaymi Senn had two kills and a block. Hannah Cunningham had one ace serve.

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

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-21 and 25-16. That match was also broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM sponsored by Rutgeqqr605.com. Justin Hanson also did the play by play calling.

Tali Wright had five kills and a block. Faith Traphagen had two kills. Chesney Weber had six ace serves and three kills. Jerica Locke had four ace serves and a kill. Rylee Dunker had two kills and a block. Jaedyn Penning and Emma Kutter each had five kills.

Groton beats Tiospa Zina in three sets

Groton Area's volleyball team defeated Tiospa Zina in three sets Thursday in Groton, 26-24, 25-19 and 25-10.

The first set had seven lead changes and the set was tied six times before the Tigers pulled out the extra point win. Groton Area held a 19-13 lead before the Wambdi staged a comeback and tie the set at 20 and then took a 21-20 lead. Groton got back on top, 22-21 and was

at 24-22 before Tiospa Zina tied the set at 24. Groton Area would score the last two points for the win.

The second set was tied four times and there were four lead changes early in the set before pulling away for a 25-19 win. The Tigers increased the intensity in the third set and went for the 25-10 win.

Groton Area earned 51 of its 75 points for 68 percent. The Wambdi earned 27 of its 53 points for 51 percent.

Anna Fjeldheim had three kills, one ace serve and one assist. Laila Roberts had six ace serves. Sydney Leicht had 11 kills, nine digs and one ace serve. Carly Guthmiller had nine digs and two ace serves. Lydia Meier had two kills and one ace serve. Hollie Frost had three kills and one block. Elizabeth Fliehs had three ace serves, two kills, two blocks and 13 assists. Jerica Locke had seven digs. Aspen Johnson had nine kills. Jaedyn Penning had two kills and two ace serves.

The Wambdi scoring had Tayonna Quinn with one block and one kill, Maya Deutsch had two kills and one ace serve, Alexia Quinn had five kills, two blocks and one ace serve. Kennadee Bissonette had four kills and one block. Layne Flute had three kills and one block. Persayah Anderson had three kills, one block and one ace serve.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, with Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy doing the play-by-play. The broadcast was 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

Four interceptions turn into touchdowns in homecoming win

Groton Area intercepted the ball four times and all four times the Tigers would end up scoring to win their homecoming game over Sisseton, 28-0.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with Mike Nehls doing the play-by-play. The broadcast was 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, Doug Abeln Seed Company, Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass.

Lane Tietz had two interceptions, Andrew Marzahn had one and Colby Dunker took an interception into the end zone. Teylor Diegel also had a fumble recovery.

Tietz completed a six yard pass to Marzahn and a 50 yard pass play to Diegel as Groton Area took a 14-0 lead after the first quarter. Nicolas Fernandez kicked both PATs.

Dunker would intercept the ball on the last play of the first half and ran it back 30 yards as the score stood at 20-0 at half time. Diegel would score on an 11 yard run in the third quarter with Tietz connecting with Dunker on the PAT to make it 28-0.

Groton Area had more first downs, 15-5. The Tigers carried the ball 39 times for 225 yards. Diegel had 12 carries for 112 yards, Tietz had 11 carries for 58 yards, Marzahn had 15 carries for 53 yards and Dunker had one carry for two yards. Sisseton had 18 carries for 25 yards with Jason Fisher having seven for 22 yards.

Tietz would complete 12 of 24 passes for 131 yards for two touchdowns and had two interceptions. Diegel had three catches for 73 yards, Marzahn had three for 17 yards, Dunker had three for 21 yards, Tate Larson had two for 11 yards and Ethan Gengerke had one for nine yards. Three quarterbacks for Sisseton completed five of 23 passes for four interceptions with Fisher having two catches for 30 yards.

Groton Area had eight penalties for 75 yards while Sisseton had seven for 70 yards.

Holden Sippel and Dunker each had 12 tackles, Logan Ringgenberg had nine while Marzahn and Brevin Fliehs each had four tackles. Hunter Biel led Sisseton with 11 tackles.

Groton Area, now 3-3, will host Webster Area on Friday. Sisseton, 1-5, has a bye week.

Groton Cross Country Results

Groton Area hosted a cross country meet Monday at the Olive Grove Golf Course. In the boys varsity race, Jacob Lewandowski placed 21st with a time of 20:56.13; Tristin McGannon placed 27th with a time of 22:09.04; Jayden Schwan was 32nd with a time of 24:11.22; Gavin Kroll was 40th with a time of 25:35.58; Nathan Unzen was 46th with a time of 29:33.34 and Kayson Oswald was 47th with a time of 31:43.17.

Logan Clocksene placed 24th in the boys junior varsity race with a time of 19:39.39. Two girls ran in the junior varsity division with Ryelle Gilbert placing third with a time of 13:45.11 and Rylie Rose placing seventh with a time of 15:04.77.

Elementary Fun Run

K-2nd Grade Girls: 1st - Haley Erickson, 2nd - Presley Olson, 3rd - Maryn Sombke

K-2nd Grade Boys: 1st - Rae Fliehs, 2nd - Freddy Cole, 3rd - Bo Fliehs

3rd-5th Grade Girls: 1st - Andi Iverson, 2nd - Zoe Olson, 3rd - Taylor Fliehs

3rd - 5th Grade Boys: 1st - Drew Fjeldheim, 2nd - Liam Johnson, 3rd - Fred Sumption

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Groton Community Calendar

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: Worship with commu-

nion (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.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Worship at Avantara, 3 p.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3

Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, baked apple, 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.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.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 Moberg-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.
St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid LWML, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3 bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm
UMC: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6

Senior Menu: Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, accini depepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.
Fall Picture Day
1 p.m.: NEC Cross Country at Webster
Volleyball at Milbank (7th at 4 p.m. in elementary gym, 8th at 4 p.m. in Armory gym, C match starts at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity).
UMC: Bible Study with Ashley, 6:30 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7

Senior Menu: Taco salad, Mexican rice, seasonal fresh fruit, bread stick.
10 a.m.: Lake Region Marching Festival in Groton

Saturday, Oct. 8

9 a.m.: Gypsy Day Parade in Aberdeen
Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 209 N Main.

Sunday, Oct. 9

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: 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 Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

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Back left: Rylee Dunker (9th), Gretchen Dinger (10th), Anna Fjeldheim (11th), Jacob Lewandowski (12th)

Front Left: Aspen Beto (6th), Elizabeth Cole (7th), Teagan Hanten (8th)

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GHS Homecoming Parade



St. John's Lutheran Church had the Best Church Float



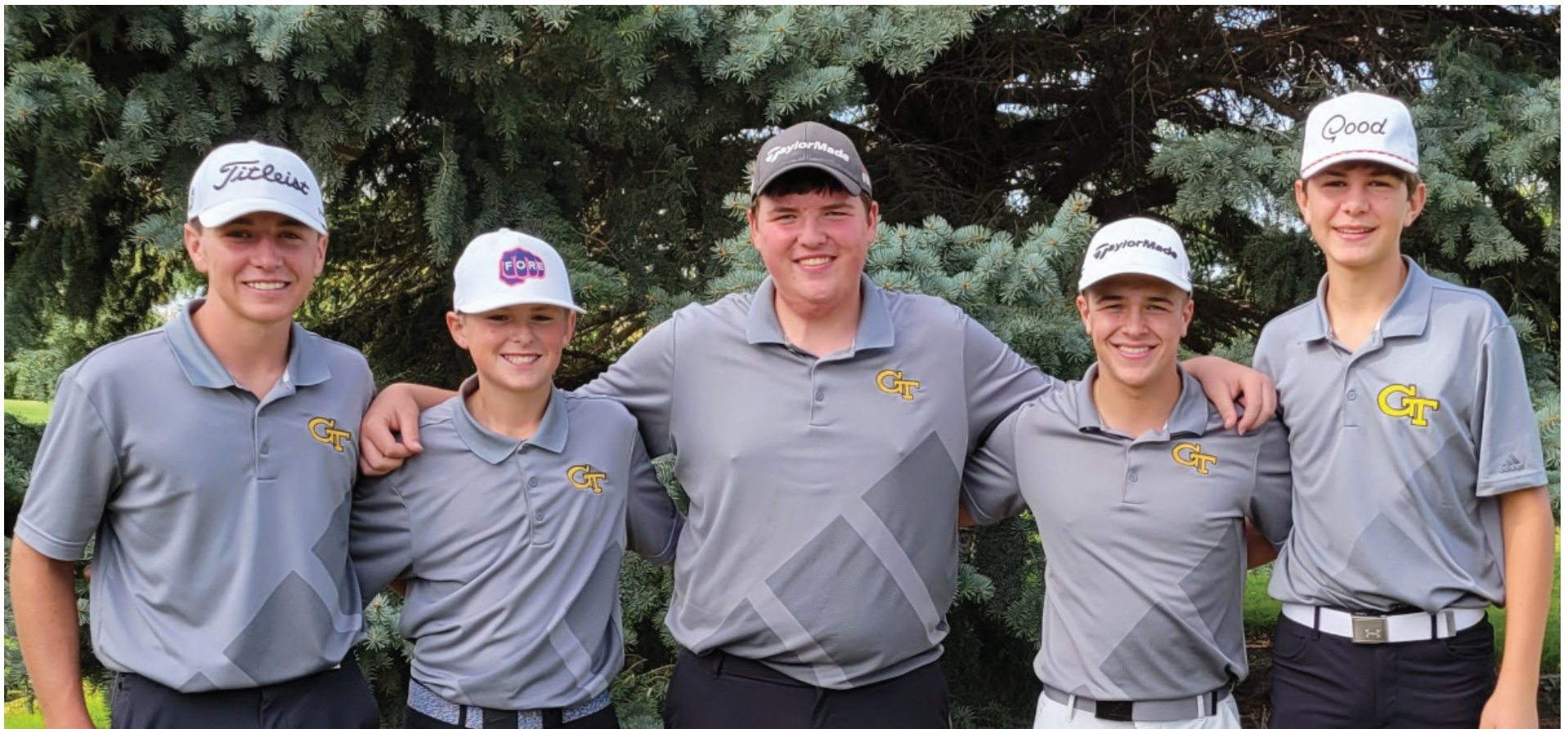
Tiger-Palooza was held in the GHS Gym and the dunk tank outside was a popular hit.



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Groton Boys Golf Team qualifies for state

Groton boys golf placed third and made it to state next week October 3rd and 4th at Moccasin Creek. Pictured left to right are Cole Simon who placed 19th, Jace Johnson placed 29th, Logan Pearson placed 24th, Brevin Flihs placed fourth and Carter Simon placed 11th. (Courtesy Photo)



The boys cross country runners are Kayson Oswald, Gavin Kroll, Derick Schultz, JD Schwan, Nathan Unzen, Ben Hoeft, Jacob Lewandowski, Tristin McGannon. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

Tristin McGannon and Jacob Lewandowski ran in the Groton Cross Country Meet. (Photos by Bruce Babcock)

State Minimum Wage to Increase Jan. 1

PIERRE, S.D. – The state minimum wage will increase from \$9.95/hour to \$10.80/hour effective Jan. 1, 2023.

The minimum wage is annually adjusted by any increase in the cost of living, as measured in the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor. South Dakota implements this annual increase as established by SDCL 60-11-3.2, a law passed by the South Dakota Legislature that took effect on Jan. 1, 2016.

The hourly minimum wage for tipped employees will be \$5.40/hour effective Jan. 1, 2023, half the minimum wage for non-tipped employees. Wages and tips combined must equal at least the minimum wage.



The summer "Tuesday Night Trap League" came to a close Tuesday night at the Aberdeen Gun Club. On the Base Kamp Lodge Team L-R Bruce Babcock, Lon Gellhaus, Brett Christainson, Tom Mahan, and Greg Denert. (Not pictured Gentry Gauer.) (Courtesy photo from Bruce Babcock)



Team member Greg Denert was high overall average in Class B. The Base Kamp Lodge team placed 4th overall in Class B. (Courtesy photo from Bruce Babcock)

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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5. air tank
6. ladder
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8. coat

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B. fire dog
C. schools
D. inspection
E. water rescue
F. maintenance
G. first aid

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1. Mask with "thermal imaging" built in, can "see" people through smoke.
2. A scanner that can detect heartbeats!

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GHS Homecoming Parade



GHS Class of 1961

In back, left to right, are Larry Sombke, Groton; Jack Von Wald, Aberdeen; Larry Buntrock, Britton; Duane Flihs, Groton; and Robert Jay Howard, Groton; in front, left to right, are Dennis Swanson, Eastpoint, Fla.; Arnold Bahr, Groton; Vicki Johnson, Vadnais Heights, Minn.; Joyce (Ragels) Darling, Deadwood; and Marilyn (Sour) Rundberg, Bloomington, Minn.

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GHS Class of 1962

In back, left to right, are John Gibbs, Aberdeen; Corinne (Foss) Sharp, Edina, Minn.; Jim Rose, Columbia; and Steve Dresbach, Groton; in front, left to right, are Duane Kurtz, Aberdeen; Kathy (Tastad) Erickson, Britton; Darlys (Swanson) Myrick, Ft. Myers, Fla.; JoAnn (Bonn) Haar, Roscoe; and Margaret (Rossow) Marten, Roseville, Minn.

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GHS Class of 1963

In back, left to right, are R. Van Johnson, Sioux Falls; Dennis Henley, Athelstane, Wis.; Dennis Baadte, Denver, N.C.; Doug Krueger, Alberta, Minn.; Art Gengerke, Groton; and Margaret (Froehle) Henneman, New Auburn, Wis.; in front, left to right, are Jean (Heitmann) Wetjen, Monument, Colo.; Dorene (Sager) Nelson, Groton; Jackie (Dunker) Hammond, Sioux Falls; Sharon (McKiver) Sombke, Groton; Linda (Baule) Krienke, Minnetonka, Minn.; and Carol (Knickrehm) Osterman, Groton.

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Eighth Graders took first place



Sixth Grade Float took Third Place



Freshmen Class Float took Second Place



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GHS Class of 1964

In back, left to right, are Richard Krueger, Aberdeen; Connie (Bleibaum) Stauch, Groton; Lou Hammond, Sioux Falls; Janis (Nierman) Havens, Wheat Ridge, Colo; Arthur Schlenker, Mt. Vernon; Mike Wagner, Sioux Falls; Gary Van Riper, Brookings; Gladys Reder, San Francisco, Calif.; Sherry (Johnson) McKiver, Aberdeen; and Dona (Clocksene) Higgs, Rochester, Minn.; in front, left to right, are Judy (Rohwer) Windorski, Braham, Minn.; Betty (Swanson) Strom, Groton; Nancy (Ruden) Mueller, Rosemount, Minn.; Linda (Swisher) Gengerke, Groton; Susan (Tastad) Teas, Ames, Iowa; Mary (Froehle) Looyen, Blaine, Minn.; and Diane (Rix) Feller, Sioux Falls.

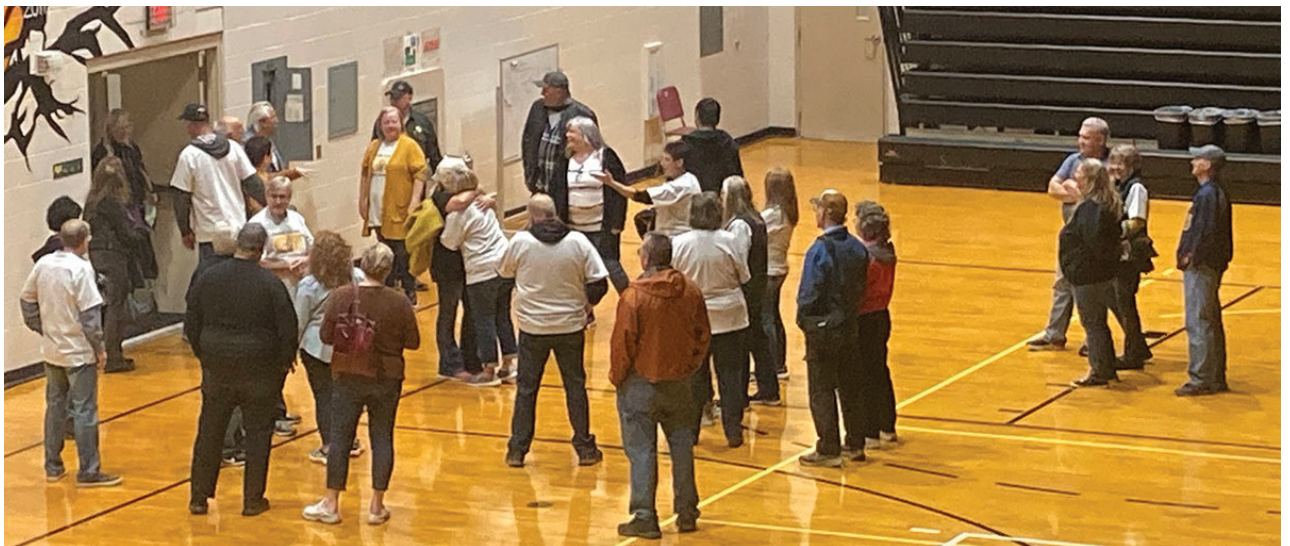
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GHS Class of 1965

In back, left to right, are Sheila (Johnson) Anderson, Winfred; Rose (Padfield) Krueger, Alberta, Minn.; Sandy (Dunker) Dresbach, Groton; Connie (Falk) Rose, Columbia; Jackie (Ries) Graves, McAllen, Texas; Linda (Knoll) Thurston, Groton; in front, left to right, are Bob Holum, Philadelphia, Penn.; Julie (Olson) Berry, Oconto, Wis.; Dave Von Wald, Hoven; and George Wegner, Plymouth, Minn.

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The GHS Class of 1982 was touring the high school including the Arena.



Groton Area students painted a memorial for Ava Tunheim, who had died from a battle with Leukemia. Tunheim would have been a senior this year. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that as the planet warms, it will be the huge demand for and use of air conditioning that will push us all over the edge of cataclysmic warming? – Joseph Still, New York, NY

As innocuous as it may seem, the common household air conditioner is actually a significant contributor to climate change! According to researchers from the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), almost four percent of global greenhouse gas emissions are the result of air conditioning use alone.

Even more worrisome, that number is expected to grow. AC usage, especially in countries like India, China and Indonesia, has been increasing steadily as average yearly income increases. In an analysis by the International Energy Agency, it was found that AC use would likely triple by 2050.

AC usage is of course problematic, but it is also unavoidable, so what can we do? For starters, there are definitely improvements that could be made with regard to the engineering of AC units. Interestingly enough, the technology is quite archaic—in fact, it is nearly the same as it was 100 years ago.

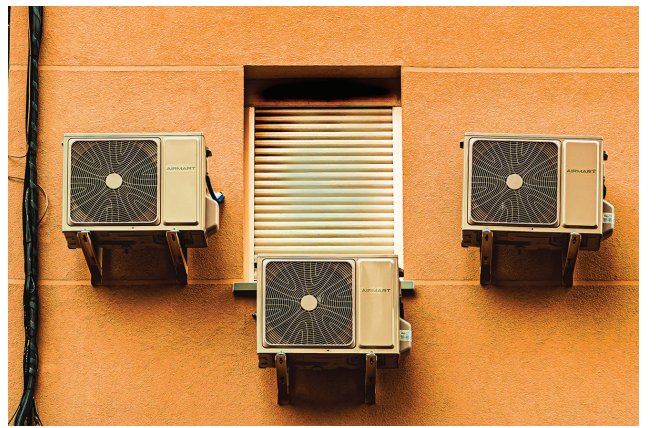
Many air conditioners use a vapor compression cycle to cool the air inside your home. It is a system that requires refrigerants—chemical compounds like chlorofluorocarbons and

hydrochlorofluorocarbons—to accomplish the cooling effect. However, most of these refrigerants actually destroy the ozone layer.

Thankfully, more modern air conditioners avoid the use chlorofluorocarbons and hydrochlorofluorocarbons, opting for less destructive refrigerant alternatives. There are dozens available that do not harm the ozone layer; however, they are still considered greenhouse gasses.

Despite these improvements, modern air conditioners will still need a lot of re-engineering if we hope to ever make them carbon neutral. They are very inefficient, not just use, but in their production and transportation, too. According to the NREL and Xerox PARC study, of the 1,950 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) released into the atmosphere as a result of AC use every year, only 531 million tons are associated with actually cooling the air; 599 million tons of CO2 are associated with the dehumidification process, and 820 million tons are due solely to leakage during production and transportation.

Fortunately, there are a few worthwhile prototypes being tested today that may finally change the AC game for good. The startup Transaera has been testing what they call metal organic fibers (MOF's), a type of manufactured, highly porous material, that is capable of passively pulling moisture from the air. Since almost half the energy usage of a traditional AC unit is spent on dehumidification, passive dehumidification would translate into huge energy savings, and therefore, huge carbon savings as well.



Some new technologies hope to make the increasingly necessary "luxury" of air conditioning less of a planetary burden.

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Another startup known as Blue Frontier has been working on an AC unit that uses liquid desiccants (drying agents) to passively dehumidify the air that passes through it. In addition, the machine only uses refrigerants to regulate a heat pump that maintains the salt concentration of the desiccants. This vital change in design separates contact between the air passing through the machine and the refrigerant itself, thereby preventing refrigerant leakage. The end result is an AC unit that contributes 85-87 percent less carbon emissions than traditional AC units!

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Transferrable Skills: teaching resilience, humility and self confidence through youth sports

I love sports. I have enjoyed playing and watching sports for as long as I can remember. And as someone who participated in a sport year-round in high school and continued in athletics (golf) in college, I am constantly grateful for the large impact being able to play competitive sports has had in my life.

Now I am a parent, a proud coach of a young girls soccer team, and a more casual observer of youth athletics. I see youth sports through the lens of how they can impact our kids. Statistically, most children who try a sport or activity while young will not compete in that activity in high school; still fewer will go on to college athletics, and of course hardly any will play a sport professionally. But I still think, if done with the right goals in mind, prioritizing fun and learning, sports can do amazing things for children as they develop.

All sports can teach resilience and humility. Learning a new skill - walking on a balance beam or hitting a fast ball - is difficult but can be done with effort and persistence. Children can learn to manage their emotions and actions when things are not easy, because running a mile or making a putt takes persistence. They can learn to accept coaching and constructive criticism, skills we can all use as adults. They can quite literally fall down on the field or the court and learn to get back up and try again.

Another influential facet of sports is social. Being on a team teaches kids valuable social skills. Each child in a team sport will take a turn on the bench or sideline and learn to cheer on their teammates. They can encourage their teammate having a difficult time at practice. They can learn to offer a hand to an opponent who has fallen down. And they can learn how to respectfully shake their rival's hand after losing, winning, or playing for fun.

Finally, sports can help shape our children's views of themselves and their bodies. Youth sports make exercise and activity fun, potentially affecting their view of exercise as an adult. Playing a sport helps young people focus on what their body can do and how it can feel, rather than how it looks or how someone judges it. Numerous studies have associated participation in sports with self-confidence. I think about that a lot with my own daughters.

I did not become a Sue Bird or a Serena Williams, and my kids probably won't either. But I hope all the kids in my life can experience fun and learn some lessons by being included in sports. It sure made a difference for me.



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