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## Strom joins Groton Community Transit

by Dorene Nelson

Eugenia (pronounced "oh henyah") Strom has recently joined the staff at Groton Community Transit. She will be dispatching and driving children around the city on Mondays and Wednesdays.

"I'm originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina," Strom smiled. "With a population of close to three million people, it's pretty much like any huge city in America."

"Forty-one years ago I moved to Texas where I met Jennifer Schelle," she explained. "Through her I consequently met Dwight Strom, and that explains why I now live here in Groton!"

"Dwight and I are the parents of four boys, with our youngest one, at 13, still living with us," Strom said. "Prior to working for the Transit, I was a travel agent and worked from home."

"I still work as a travel agent but have enough time to help out here too," she smiled. "As a matter of fact, Jennifer Schelle told me about this opening and encouraged me to apply. Since I have time and the available hours for working here fit perfectly with my travel agent job, I decided to apply."

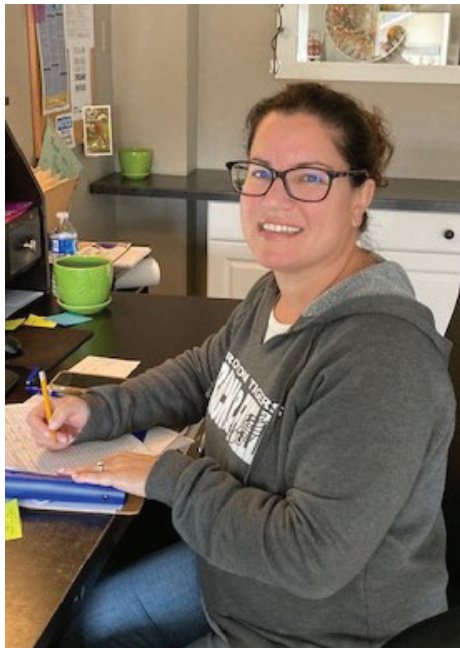
"Monday, October 10, was my first day here on my own," Strom stated. "Before that Pam Hanson was busy training me for this job. I needed to know the route so that I wouldn't do any backtracking, wasting time, and getting the kids to school late."

"I like to be organized so I made lists of who needed to be picked up, in what order, and at what location," she listed. "I know this is a small town, but I still needed to learn the details."

"I've lived in Groton for fifteen years but didn't know where everyone lived or how to get to that particular home," Strom admitted. "Getting that bus through icy, snow-covered streets will probably be the hardest part of this job!"

"The best part of this job is obviously picking up the little kids every day," she smiled. "They are always so happy to see me and excited to ride the bus every day to school. And just so the coffee guys don't get upset with me, I really do enjoy visiting with them every morning too!"

"Prior to being hired to help at the transit, I did some subbing at both the high school and the elementary school," Strom added. "My being bilingual helped with some students who struggle with handling both English and Spanish in the classroom."



Eugenia Strom

## Broman awarded Distinguished Alumni Award at MSUM

by Dorene Nelson



Stacy Broman

Stacy Broman, daughter of the late Leonard and Gwen Broman, Groton, was recently awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from Moorhead State University (MSUM). The award recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions to their professional fields and communities.

After graduating from Groton High School in 1981, Broman received her Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Moorhead State followed by her Juris Doctor Degree from Hamline University School of Law.

"While I was in high school, I participated in speech and debate activities,"

Broman said. "My mother Gwen was the high school librarian and the oral interp coach while John Westby was the debate coach."

"Under their leadership and guidance, I learned many valuable lessons that have been beneficial to my law career," she explained. "I was one of the team members that brought home Groton's first State Championship Debate Trophy!"

"I decided to go to MSUM after high school so that I could attend a great college and yet not be too far from home. I'm an only child so wanted to be close enough to see my parents frequently," Broman smiled. "While attending college, I majored in economics since I found the subject interesting and thought it might be good preparation for law school."

"As a freshman I joined a sorority and the speech team, both of which provided me with many life-long friends and wonderful memories," she admitted. "As a matter of fact, I met my husband and his parents at MSUM."

"I am now a partner at Meagher & Geer PLLP, a firm that represents insurers in complex litigation and bad faith matters nationally," Broman explained. "As a result of the opportunities offered here and the work I was able to do, I have been honored to be on a number of 'best lawyer' lists."

"The firm I work for has 86 lawyers in four different offices across the country," she stated. "In 2013 and again in 2023 (next year's awards have already been announced), I was named the Best Insurance Lawyer of the Year for Minneapolis."

"I have found being a lawyer to be a challenging and fulfilling career," Broman said. "If you have a passion for the law and it's what you really want to do, there are so many opportunities."

"I served on the board of directors of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC) and co-chaired its diversity committee," she said. "In July 2020, I received the FDCC Diversity Award for my support of diversity efforts both within and outside the legal community."

"I also volunteer and help raise funds for Southern Minnesota Legal Services, an agency that provides free, high-quality legal assistance to low-income people facing critical civil matters," Broman explained.

"Growing up in the Mid-West helped me to learn the value of hard work and giving back," she says. "There are so many who are less fortunate and there is such a need for good legal work."



Bill Bruns of Frederick has tried for a Black Hills Elk Tag for 31 years. He got it on opening day. It is a 6x6 elk. (Photo taken by Lance Vanzee)

## A primer: talking about cancer

"You're wasting away," a friend blurted the other day and probably regretted it immediately as much as I did. For my part, I feel suddenly obligated to divulge things that frankly, I'm weary talking about.

Statistically, one in three people get cancer, so I decided as part of that large minority, I should provide a brief primer for friends and neighbors, who, aside from a few busy-bodies and gossips, truly do care.

First of all, according to an insurance weight table I once read, at 200 pounds I'm 45 pounds over my optimum weight. Heck, when I was running everyday and had a 28-inch waist, I weighed 168. Let's worry when the insurance companies are happy.

Secondly, I feel great, and I should because my scans are clean and my doctor calls me a "walking miracle." I attribute that to world-class treatment, prayers, many from people who don't really even know me, and positive thinking on my part.

One comment didn't send me off to the keyboard. It's the accumulation, and honestly, it's generational. Oldsters say things like, "When I saw your new picture for your column, I said, 'That's not Tony!'" Or, "You don't look like yourself!" Whoa. Don't I get to decide what I look like, with of course, acceptance of Father Time and life's inevitable scars?

Occasionally, some old fart demands I deliver my own personal HIPA violation and then regales me with a list of everyone they knew who died of cancer during their Methuselah lifespan. Inspiring. Well, old-timer, cancer isn't a death sentence; there've been tremendous advances in chemotherapy, radiation, and immunotherapy.

I was diagnosed exactly two years ago and told my kids, "Don't research the statistics. I'm not a statistic. If anyone's going to beat this, it's me."

I told my primary physician recently I planned to die of something else, and we settled on a boating accident at 95 with a bevy of bikini-clad women. When I told my oncologist that he looked startled. "Don't worry," I said. "None of the girls get hurt."

After the diagnosis—I remember my doctor and nurse were more shook up than I was, God bless 'em—I wrote myself a note that's been hanging on my refrigerator door since:

"You Will because you Can.

"You Can because you Will."

That's how I live.

After chemo and radiation to reduce the tumor at the bottom of my esophagus, I had an esophagectomy to remove most of the esophagus and rebuild it with healthy stomach tissue, leaving me with very little stomach capacity, so to maintain my 247 pounds at the time of my diagnosis, I'd need 3,000 calories a day with a limit each meal of what fits in the palm of my hand.

This bores me to tears, but let's placate the worry worts and morbidly-interested. Basically, I had involuntary stomach reduction surgery. It's tougher to digest meats so I limit them in favor of other proteins. I love fruits, and I could pound ice cream everyday to hit 3,000 calories, but I like my A1C numbers where they are and my blood pressure's that of a 20-year-old. It requires balance.

Younger friends inevitably say, "You look great!" (Not that I recommend the diet plan.) It's generational. Not that older folks are mean. Many are just matter-of-fact bordering on insensitive. But younger folks can be more judgmental, to affix responsibility for the cancer. Mine's a result of acid-reflux—who knew that could happen—but since I enjoy fine wine and a quality cigar—quality over quantity—they just assume that Facebook photo is me 24/7.

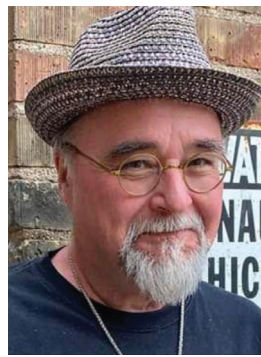
You know another link to esophageal cancer? Preservatives. Now, check your pantry. Yeah, I just ate a brat loaded with things I can't pronounce. I didn't fight through this ordeal to become a vegetarian monk.

So what's my advice to approaching someone dealing with cancer? Practice this sentence: "How are you doing?" If it's me, I'll say, "Fantastic," and mean it. But there's an opening to share more if I chose.

All cancer survivor look over their shoulders even without reminders, but it makes one pretty good at looking ahead, too, at appreciating every minute you have with those you love.

Cancer offers perspective and personal evolution, a borderline blessing. That mindset demands positivity. Give us that. We don't have to even discuss it. My life revolves around other things. Cancer's just another hurdle. Let's talk about the weather. Or my new boat.

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## That's Life

by Tony Bender

## Weekly Vikings Recap - Week 5

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

It might not have been the prettiest game, but the Vikings were able to withstand a Bears comeback Sunday to get the victory and move to a 4-1 record on the year. For the third straight game, the Vikings had a competitive game come down to the wire. The only concern for Vikings fans might be that those three games were against the Lions, Saints, and Bears, three teams that have a combined 5-10 record. Nonetheless, with the Viking's victory today and the Green Bay Packers' loss, the Vikings remain in the driver's seat of the NFC North.

Minnesota got off to a hot start today, scoring touchdowns on their first three drives of the game. As usual, Justin Jefferson was a star on the field all game. Not only did Jefferson have 12 catches for 154 yards, but he also had a 23-yard pass to Dalvin Cook on a trick play in the 2nd quarter. Although Jefferson had another monster performance, he once again was unable to find the endzone for a touchdown, making it his fourth straight game without a touchdown. Nevertheless, Dalvin Cook was able to clean up the slack with his two rushing touchdowns in the first half.

Despite saying last week that the Vikings' special teams unit had become the most consistent unit on the team, today was not the case. Vikings' punter, Ryan Wright, had a horrible punt late in the first half that traveled a mere fifteen yards. At the time of the punt, the Vikings had a 21-3 lead and all the momentum. However, because of Wright's paltry punt, the Bears' offense got the ball at the 50-yard line and drove down the field for a touchdown. The Vikings got the ball back with a little over a minute left on the clock, and although they were able to drive into field goal range, kicker Greg Joseph missed the 53-yard kick as time expired.

With the Bears getting the ball to start the second half, the momentum seemed to shift a little to the Bears' side. The momentum went entirely to the Bears' side when their offense drove down the field and scored a touchdown to cut the score to 21-16 (they failed a 2-point conversion). To make matters worse for the Vikings, on the next possession the Bears blocked Greg Joseph's 51-yard field goal attempt.

After dominating for most of game so far, the Vikings started to waver in the third quarter. After a Kirk Cousins interception and a couple of Bears' made field goals, the Vikings surprisingly found themselves down 22-21. The thing to note with the game was although the Vikings blew their huge lead, the Vikings' offense never looked like it had completely stalled. They were relatively efficient throughout the whole game, even going 12 for 15 on third-down attempts. Because of this, the game never felt in doubt for the Vikings.

With 9:26 remaining in the game, the Vikings got the ball to start what would be a 17-play, game-winning drive. The drive was capped off with a Kirk Cousins rushing touchdown thanks to a QB sneak on 3rd and goal from the 1-yard line. And, after completing the two-point conversion to Justin Jefferson, the Vikings were able to gain a 29-22 lead over the Bears with 2:26 left in the game.

Unlike last year, the Vikings' defense came up huge when it was needed. With 1:12 remaining in the game, Justin Fields threw a comeback route to former Vikings wide receiver, Ihmir Smith-Marsette. Although Smith-Marsette was able to break a tackle from Vikings' cornerback, Cam Dantzler, he made the mistake of staying in-bounds. As Smith-Marsette continued to fight for more yards, Cam Dantzler got up from the missed tackle and came from behind to strip Smith-Marsette of the football and secure the victory for the Vikings.

Next week, the Vikings will travel to Miami to face the 3-2 Dolphins, who might be without their top two quarterbacks, as both Tua Tagovailoa and Teddy Bridgewater are currently in the NFL's concussion protocol

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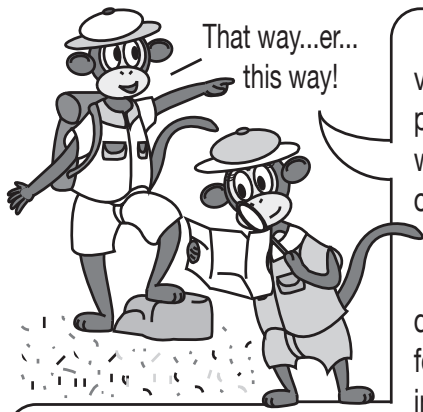
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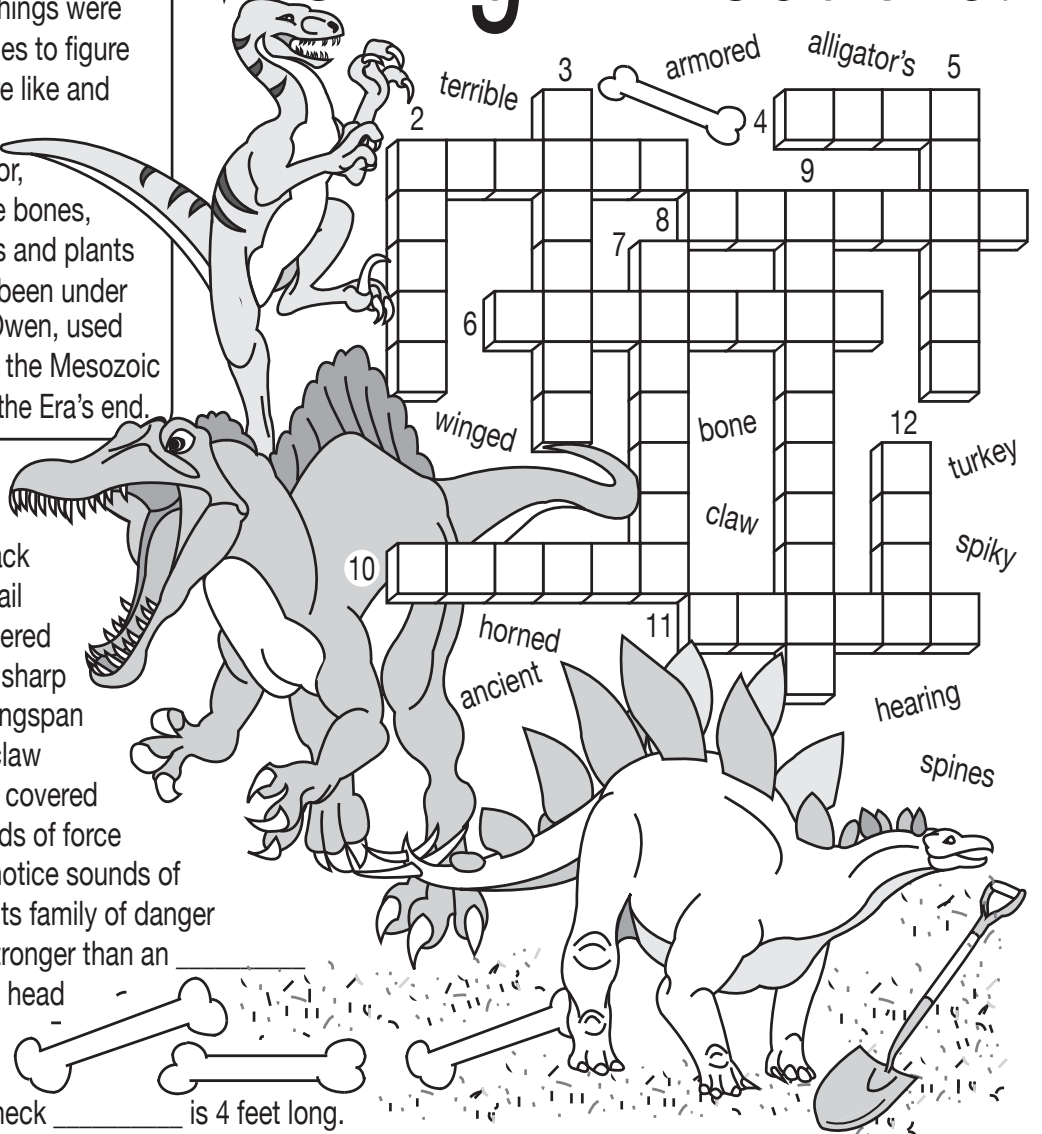
Chatter and I are at a dinosaur dig. We're visiting a **paleontologist**, a person who studies prehistoric life (from a time before things were written down and recorded). She tries to figure out what the earth and animals were like and how animals lived long, long ago.

How is this done? People look for, dig up and study fossils. Fossils are bones, footprints or other traces of animals and plants in rocks or in the ground that have been under a lot of pressure for long periods of time. One scientist, Sir Richard Owen, used the word "dinosaur" to name the giant animals that were alive during the Mesozoic Era: Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Dinosaurs died out by the Era's end.

## We Dig Dinosaurs!

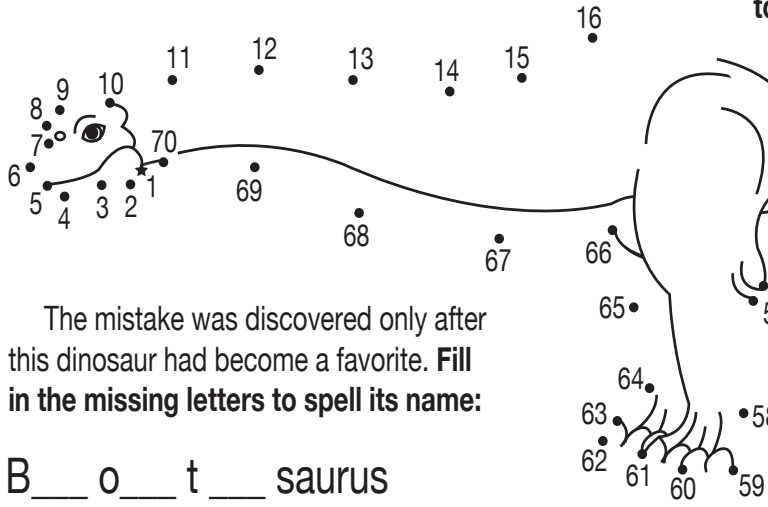
Read the clues to learn about each dinosaur. Then, fill in the puzzle:

- Spinosaurus** – was the largest meat-eating dinosaur (about three times larger than the T. Rex!); had large "fan" of \_\_\_\_\_ on its back
- Stegosaurus** – bony plates stuck out of its back; had a \_\_\_\_\_ tail
- Archaeopteryx** – name means "\_\_\_\_\_ bird;" oldest bird discovered
- Velociraptor** – only about 2 feet tall; middle \_\_\_\_\_ is large and sharp
- Pteranodon** – not truly a dinosaur, \_\_\_\_\_ lizard with 25-foot wingspan
- Deinonychus** – name means "\_\_\_\_\_ claw;" up to 5-inch long claw
- Ankylosaurus** – four-ton dino was almost 35 feet long; its back was covered with \_\_\_\_\_ plates; its tail could smash things with 43,000 pounds of force
- Parasaurolophus** – amazing sense of \_\_\_\_\_ helped this dino notice sounds of predators from miles away; made a loud foghorn-like noise to warn its family of danger
- Tyrannosaurus Rex** – best-known dinosaur; its bite was 15 times stronger than an \_\_\_\_\_
- Triceratops** – one of largest \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaurs; has three on its head
- Sinornithosaurus** – this dino's name means "Chinese bird lizard"; was only the size of a \_\_\_\_\_
- Sauroposeidon** – largest dinosaur; 60 feet tall; 100 feet long; one neck \_\_\_\_\_ is 4 feet long.



## A Dino-sized Mistake!

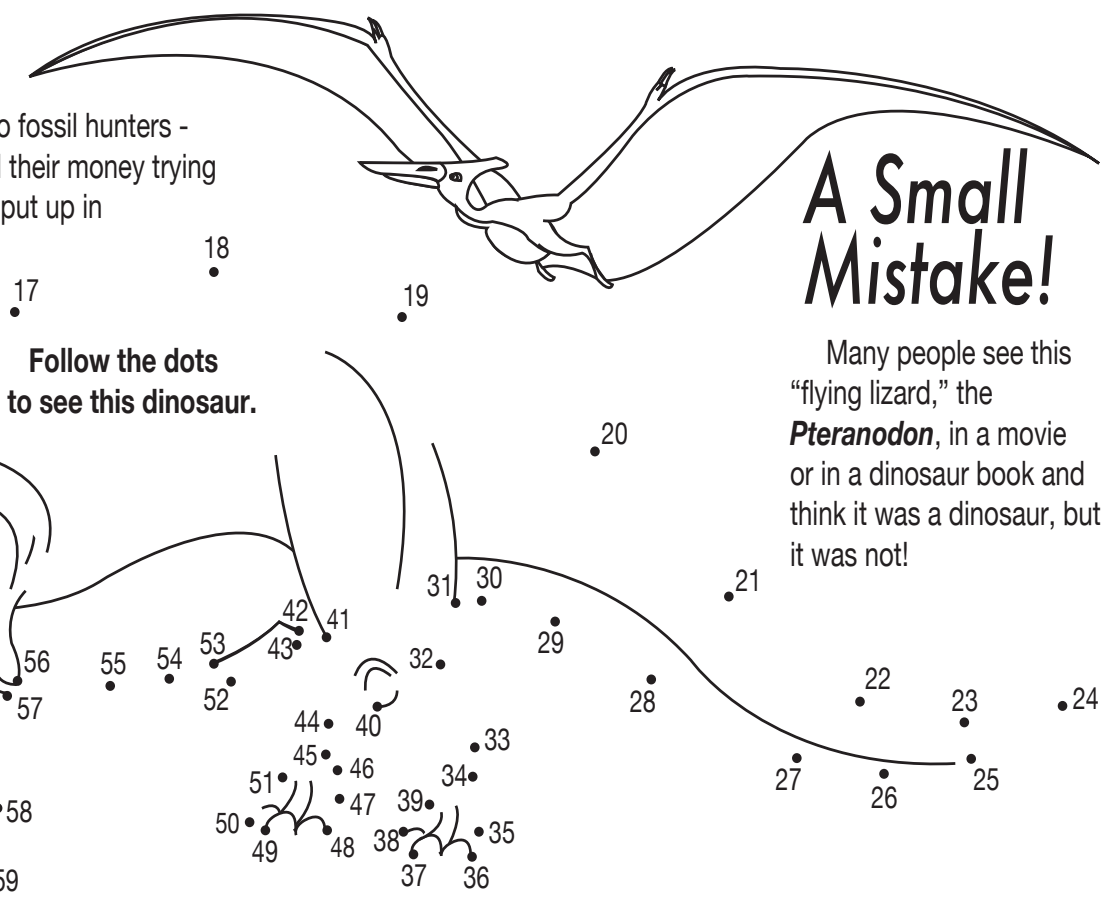
During the 1800's there was a lot of competition between two fossil hunters - Othniel Charles Marsh and Edward Drinker Cope. They spent all their money trying to outdo each other. A dinosaur skeleton that Marsh found was put up in museums and labeled. Later, people found out that it had the body of a young **Apatosaurus** and the head of a completely different dinosaur called **Camarasaurus**.



The mistake was discovered only after this dinosaur had become a favorite. Fill in the missing letters to spell its name:

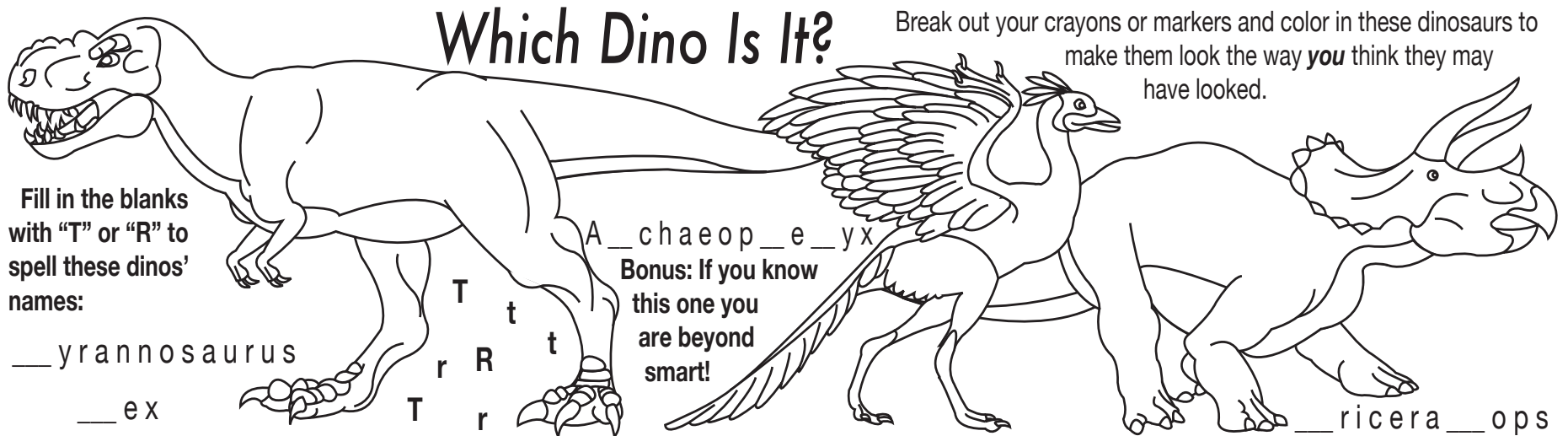
B \_ o \_ t \_ \_ saurus

Follow the dots to see this dinosaur.



## A Small Mistake!

Many people see this "flying lizard," the **Pteranodon**, in a movie or in a dinosaur book and think it was a dinosaur, but it was not!



Fill in the blanks with "T" or "R" to spell these dinos' names:

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\_\_ e x

A \_ c h a e o p \_ e \_ y x  
Bonus: If you know this one you are beyond smart!

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## Brown County Oct. 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 4, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Carl Perry, District 3 Representative invited the Commission to NSU Library on Wednesday to hear about Education Legislation. Shared about Environment Social Governments (ESG) meeting in Pierre regarding Responsible Investing and informed the Commission that they will have an answer on the Regional Jail on November 5th. LeAnn Frederickson and Dawn Shepard discussed concerns and why they are opposed to the 4-way stop at intersection of Co. #14W and Co. #10. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent shared that the traffic counts have almost doubled at that intersection from the east and west roads is the reasoning for the 4-way stop.

**FAIR RODEO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:** Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager discussed the Rodeo Contract for the Brown County Fair and asked Commission to approve publishing and posting the RFP. Moved to Gage and seconded by Feickert to approve publishing and posting the RFP for Brown County Fair Rodeo. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR FOUNDATION:** Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager shared information regarding fund raising for the Rainbow Playground Equipment and asked for motion to have Chairman sign letter backing the foundation to apply for a \$5,000 grant. Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve Chairman Sutton to sign the letter of support. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HOCKEY/CLUBHOUSE REPORT:** Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager shared the report from Aberdeen Hockey Association on their numbers from the Clubhouse for 2022 Brown County Fair.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AGREEMENT:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve Chairman Sutton signing the LEMPG Grant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID OPENING – INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read and award bid for the Indigent Defense Services was a combination of 8 attorneys – Tom Cogley with Cogley Law Office, Prof. LLC, Chris Dohrer with Dohrer Law Office, Prof. LLC, Scott Kuck with Kuck Law Office, Jeremy Lund with Siegel, Barnett & Schutz, LLP, Jerald McNeary with Gerdes & McNeary Law Office, Christy Griffin-Serr with Serr Law Office, Brandon Taliaferro with Taliaferro Law Firm and John Noyes with Bantz, Gosch & Cremer. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to defer the proposal to the State's Attorney office to review the 2-year proposal. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SPEED LIMITS ON BROWN COUNTY 4 DISCUSSION:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, met to discuss the speed limits on Brown County 4, which is between 24th Ave. to Highway 13 on Dakota Street. Dirk has been contacted by residents and the city to change the speed limit. Suggested to change 1/2 mile that is now 55 mph down to 45 mph. No action taken at this time.

**SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS:** Dave Meyer with Summit Carbon Solutions addressed the Commission about comments made about not enough information on the project so wanted to know what other information is needed. Public comments were heard on asking for results on the Plume study, safety concerns for public, First Responders training at this time not equipped or trained for carbon explosions, financial reports, lawsuits filed on landowners, funding from South Korea and Saudi Arabia, why they won't sign a contract stating actual property tax dollars, etc.

Commissioners of Brown County have voiced opinion that they don't want the pipeline, same with landowners and citizens that were in attendance. Asked Dave Meyer to show on a map the # of welds that will be in Spink, Brown and McPherson counties and each intersection of pipe, what part of 'No' does the company not understand, the amount of pressure and thickness of the pipeline, Summit Solutions Safety Person to attend meeting if available and certificate of HazMat training.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve minutes from September 27, 2022 Meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims:

**Professional Fees:** Midwest Wellness Institute, LLC \$4,009.80; Fischbach Law Office \$1,778.80; Horn Law Office Prof LLC \$444.40; Kristi Brandt \$55.40; Lucille M. Youngberg \$426.42; Lumen \$193.65; Michelle Gaikowski \$61.80; Muth Electric Inc \$39,380.26. Publishing: Friends of The Aberdeen University-Civic Symphony \$150.00; Gatehouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$1,665.48; Lee Agri-Media \$370.00

**Repairs & Maintenance:** Century Business Products \$65.57; Hoven Auto Repair Inc \$1,341.47; J Gross Equipment \$197.54; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$40,479.84; Lawson Products, Inc \$71.46; Menards \$17.08

Pierson-Ford-Lincoln -Mercury \$220.11; Pro Windmill Inc. \$95.00; Runnings \$69.98; Schwan Welding \$16,637.70; Sewer Duck Inc \$325.00; Sherman Cutler \$200.00. Supplies: Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel Group, Inc \$133.29; Avera Ltc Pharmacy Aberdeen \$756.04; Bakken Build Maintenance \$500.00; Century Business Products \$7,524.47; Cole Papers \$285.78; Dakota Mailing & Shipping Equipment Inc \$194.40; Fastenal Co \$25.96; GovConnection Inc \$259.80; Hoh Water Technology Inc. \$943.23; J Gross Equipment \$160.87; Lawson Products, Inc \$857.82; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$458.49; Menards \$539.37; Midstates Printing \$565.00; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$24.05; Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$28.00; Pierson-Ford-Lincoln -Mercury \$206.25; Poms Tire Service, Inc \$989.84; Roland L. Moerke \$1,090.34; Russ Bassett Corp \$23,952.90; Walth Safety Service Inc \$9.08. Travel & Conference: Brandon Duxbury \$60.00; C. Scott Bader \$357.06; Heartland Assoc Of Fairs, Festivals & Events \$245.00; Jay Hopkins \$34.00; Kristin Boeshans \$54.00; Levi Margolis \$20.00; Marianne Marttila Klippel \$60.00; Mark Milbrandt \$926.00; Patricia Kendall \$80.00; Regency Midwest Ventures Limited Partnership \$2,767.80; Ron Keller \$150.00; Sd Assoc Of County Commissioners \$245.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$145.57; Midcontinent Communications \$139.17; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$12,781.95. Others: Wex Health Inc. \$4,000.00.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve to table the Human Resource Report until further information is gathered by Erica.

**TRAVEL REQUEST:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Travel Requests:

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent to Region 8 Road Advisors Conference on October 18 – 20, 2022 in Rapid City.

**SHERIFF REPORT:** Moved by Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following August 2022 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENT:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve, and authorize auditor to assign the claim against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**NOTICE OF TAX DEED SALE:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to authorize advertising the following described property to be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and further to declare property surplus for purpose of sale: Aberdeen City: (Lot – 414 3rd Ave. SE) 35' E of W 35' LT 1-3 BK 89 Hagerty & Lloyd Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; (Lot – 909 S. Main St. ) S 40' of W 34' LT 12 & S 40' LT 13 & S 40' of E 16' LT 14 & 4' Strip directly N of Parcel BK 53 2nd Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; (House – 520 N. Kline St.) Lt 21 & S 10' of W2 Lt 22 BK, Hagerty & Lloyd Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; (House – 117 14th Ave. SE) E46' LT 2 & E46" of S 40' LT 1 BK 1 College SD of BK 8-11 Simmons 1st Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; (Lot – 0 Melgaard Rd. E) S 123' W 50' RR ROW Adjacent to LT 17 BK 25 Simmons 1st Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota. Frederick City: (Lot – 403 5th St.) LT 5A BK3 Original PL (RPL L 3-5) Frederick, Brown County, South Dakota.

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**LEASES:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following Leases:

- People Mover for October 8th by Brown County Democrats
- Richmond Youth Camp on October 9th – 10th by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to go into executive session to discuss contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. Sutton – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Gage – aye, Feickert – nay. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:15 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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## Brown County Notice Sale Of Property

**NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY**  
Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described property will be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and further to declare property surplus for purpose of sale: Aberdeen City: (Lot – 414 3rd Ave. SE) 35' E of W 35' LT 1-3 BK 89 Hagerty & Lloyd Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; (Lot – 909 S. Main St. ) S 40' of W 34' LT 12 & S 40' LT 13 & S 40' of E 16' LT 14 & 4' Strip directly N of Parcel BK 53 2nd Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; (House – 520 N. Kline St.) Lt 21 & S 10' of W2 Lt 22 BK, Hagerty & Lloyd Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; (House – 117 14th Ave. SE) E46' LT 2 & E46" of S 40' LT 1 BK 1 College SD of BK 8-11 Simmons 1st Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; (Lot – 0 Melgaard Rd. E) S 123' W 50' RR ROW Adjacent to LT 17 BK 25 Simmons 1st Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota. Frederick City: (Lot – 403 5th St.) LT 5A BK3 Original PL (RPL L 3-5) Frederick, Brown County, South Dakota.

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## Groton City Oct. 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Babcock, Cutler, Wambach, Wells, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Deputy Finance Officer April Abeln, Terry Herron, Alfred Tastad, and Bruce Babcock. Members of the Carnival of Silver Skates committee were present including Katie Anderson, Carrie Duncan, Nikki Kotzer, and Coralea Wolter.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Bruce Babcock expressed his concerns regarding building permits.

The Carnival of Silver Skates discussed the flooding of the ice-skating rink along with the purchase of a tarp, repairs to the warming house, fireworks at their 2023 carnival and ice skate demands. They will return to the October 18th meeting with a full list of needs.

At 7:35 p.m. members of the Carnival of Silver Skates commit-

tee left the meeting.  
Moved by Babcock and seconded by Nehls to approve Change Order No. 1 for Maguire Iron. All members present voted aye.  
Discussion took place regarding stop signs on West 5th Avenue.  
Discussion took place regarding alley drainage behind City Hall.  
Moved by Wambach and seconded by Cutler to approve the parking lot agreement with WW Rentals, LLC. All members present voted aye.  
Further discussion was held on a community garden.  
The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Babcock and seconded by Wells. All members present voted aye.  
Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.  
Payroll, \$32,355.46, Employee salaries; Executive, \$550.73; Administrative, \$4,545.11; Public Safety, \$9,402.34; Public Works, \$13,448.96; Culture & Recreation, \$4,408.32; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router; Andrea Eisenbiez, \$15.87, Reimbursement for homecoming supplies for library; NW Energy, \$20.55, Natural Gas Service - Water Tower; Dahme Construction Co, Inc., \$235,602.26, Pay Request #1; Silly's Costume Characters, \$85.00, Poppy Costume Rental for Homecoming; Dacotah Bank, \$7,748.51, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Aramark, \$43.84, Rug rent; J's Superior Cleaning, \$240.00, Commercial Cleaning Services - September 2022; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee Insurance; Employers Mutual Insurance, \$71.90, Employee Insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$49.68, Employee Insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$9,918.44, Employee Insurance; Aflac, \$275.52, Employee Insurance; Dacotah Bank, \$3,338.94, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA Contributions; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$340.00, Supplemental Retirement; Dakota Supply Group, \$26.79, 6" Sewer pipe elbow; Irby, Inc., \$5,896.10, Overhead & underground supplies; SD DOT, \$31.25, 18" windsock; Quality Quick Print, \$64.20, Lamination of maps; Avera Occup. Medicine, \$89.00, Employee Drug Testing; Greg's Repair, \$216.18, 2 deep cycle batteries for speed boards; Groton Daily Independent, \$170.56, Publishing Fees; Core & Main, \$880.80, Meter Horns; NW Energy, \$2,384.90, Natural Gas Service - Swimming Pool & PD; Dollar General, \$240.50, Storage bags, gloves, bathroom tissue, drinking water, garbage bags, highlighters, paper plates, Kleenex, soap, batteries, cups, napkins, creamer, coffee, backpack for homecoming; Auto Value Parts Stores, \$7.44, Compressor; Dakota Electronics, \$97.00, KMC 45 Microphone - PD; Metering & Technology Solutions, \$719.90, Water Endpoints; Drew Johnson, \$1,200.00, Legal Services - September 2022; S&S Lumber, \$260.04, Caution tape, 9V battery, hose clamps, PVC caps, trimmer line, air chuck, male air end, safety glasses, nuts, washers, silicone, redi-mix concrete, washers, lag bolts, wire lock pins, PVC coupler, PVC elbow, PVC pipes;  
Moved by Wambach and seconded by Babcock to approve department reports. All members present voted aye.  
Moved by Babcock and seconded by Nehls to approve the second reading of Ordinance #762 - Certifying 2023 City of Groton Property Tax Levy to Brown County. All members present voted aye.  
Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wambach to approve the installation of a new refrigerated drinking fountain with bottle filler at City Hall. All members present voted aye.  
Moved by Babcock and seconded by Cutler to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-24-2 (1) & (3) at 8:50 p.m. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:45 p.m.  
Moved by Cutler and seconded by Nehls to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. All members present voted aye.  
Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
April Abeln, Deputy Finance Officer  
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## WEB WATER Annual Meeting Notice

WEB Water Development Association, Inc.

Annual Member Meeting Notice

WEB Water Development Association, Inc. hereby gives notice that its Annual Member Meeting will be at 2:00 pm on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022, at the Dakota Event Center. The following Board positions are up for election:

District 2: Rural - Edmunds, Faulk, and Hyde Counties in SD. (Incumbent Director Jeff Stoecker, Onaka, SD, is seeking re-election to a second term.)

District 5: Rural - Spink, Beadle, and Hand Counties in SD. (Incumbent Director Craig Oberle, Mellette, is seeking re-election to a third term.)

District 9: Bulk - Marshall, Day, Clark, Beadle, Spink, and Hand Counties in SD. (Incumbent Director Tim Van Hatten, Conde, SD, is seeking re-election to a fourth term.)

To be considered as a candidate for one of the above Board positions, pick up a nominating petition & instructions from the WEB Water Office at 38456 W Hwy 12, Aberdeen, SD, or request one by writing to WEB Water at PO Box 51, Aberdeen, SD 57402-0051, or by emailing your petition request to HYPERLINK "mailto:kdegroot@webwater.org" kdegroot@webwater.org. Please call the WEB Water office at 605-229-4749 if questions. The deadline for submitting nominating petitions for WEB Water director positions is 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

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## Riverside Township Mowing Notice

## Riverside Township Weed Notice

Riverside Township Owners and Tenants of Riverside Township are hereby notified and required according to law, to cut all weeds and mow road ditches tenanted by them within said township on or before Oct. 15, 2022 will be fined \$150 per half mile charged to the abutting property.

By order of the township board  
Bruce Sippel  
Township Clerk  
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## Stratford Town Sept. 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of September 21, 2022 Meeting  
Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Community Hall.

Those in attendance were Bourassa, L Jark, Prickett, Moen. Meeting was called to order by Bourassa.

Motion to approve minutes by Bourassa, 2nd by Jark.

Women's bathroom has a roof issue, Bourassa to follow up with Tony Waldner. Culvert price is \$35/foot at Huron per Jark.

Jark is checking with the county to find out if the trailer of Jeff Johnson can be removed this fall.

QuickBooks updated version is \$799/year. Moen to look at other options that may be less expensive and can transfer current data.

Discussed possible platting of the city lots located in the Southeast corner of town.

Reviewed accounts that are delinquent and will be submitted to the county for assessment: Jones/Fugman, Duenwald, T. Taylor, Williams, Smith and W. Taylor

Snow Removal bids to be posted.

State video conference Thursday for questions regarding funding for water and sewer projects, Prickett to attend. Gravel increase to \$2000 for winter prep, motion by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa

Dust control - estimate wanted from DeYoung

Motion to pay bills by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa

Dept of Health \$30 (water testing), JVC \$43.44, NESD loan \$383.71, NW Energy \$561.86,

UFG \$556, USDA loan \$478, WEB \$1393.71.

Calendar updates - Thursday morning coffee, Veteran's Day program, Legion Mixer, Coyote Hunt Adjourn 8:33 PM, motion by Prickett, second by Jark. Next meeting October 10th @ 7:00 PM

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## Stratford Town Snow Removal Bid Notice

Town of Stratford  
Accepting Snow Removal Bids  
Written bids to be received no later than:

5:00 PM, November 14th, 2022

Submit to the Finance Officer, Suzanne Moen, via:

Mail:

Town of Stratford Attn: Snow Removal 293 Rondell Ave Stratford, SD 57474

Email: stratford1906@gmail.com

Drop Box: Community Center payment box

Bids will be opened on November 14th, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

Suzanne Moen, Finance Officer 622-0563

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## Ownership Statement

The Groton Independent (230-440) has filed with the United States Postal Service its annual Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation. The annual subscription rate is \$79.88 and is published at least 50 weeks per year. The mailing address of the newspaper is PO Box 34., Groton, SD 57445. The owner, publisher, editor and managing editor is Paul Irvin Kosel, 110 N Washington St., Groton SD 57445. The average number of paid circulation for the past 52 weeks is 290.

## Groton Chamber of Commerce October 5, 2022

12pm City Hall

Individuals present: Katelyn Nehlich, Carol Kutter, April Abeln, and Kellie Locke

Coffee from Beauty Brew Boutique was purchased by the Chamber for all to enjoy.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Nehlich and seconded by Locke. All members present voted aye.

Treasurer's report was given. Dacotah Bank checking account balance is \$28,496.48. \$1,007.34 is in the

Bucks account. Report was approved by Abeln and seconded by Locke. All members present voted aye.

2022 Chamber shirt orders will reopen November 1 with November 23 deadline. A Facebook giveaway

of 5 shirts will be done on the same dates with viewers commenting what

they are grateful for. A possible Christmas Facebook giveaway was also discussed. GHS activity giveaways will cease.

Pumpkin Fest was a huge success.

GDI Live sponsorship ads are going well.

A quote from Rustic Cuts for new tumblers was presented. Abeln will ask for a sample of the rustic design on a leather tumbler. Website will be added and South Dakota will be removed.

2023 events have been added to the Glacial Lakes events calendar.

November/December ads have been submitted to SD and Aberdeen Magazines.

Moved by Abeln and seconded by Nehlich to place the November/December ad the week of November 2 and our 'Tis the Season to Shop Local ad the week of November 16 in The Groton Independent. All

members present voted aye.

Appointing a different member to the Advertising Coordinator position was tabled.

Abeln will send the Glacial Lakes ad to Geffdog for the Publication Program Literature Drop and will

have a proof ready for the next meeting for rack cards.

Holiday boxes will not be done.

Motion by Abeln and seconded by Nehlich to gift \$200 to the Santa Day event. All members present voted aye.

Motion by Abeln and seconded by Nehlich to order all supplies needed to mail 2023 dues notices with envelopes being purchased from The Groton Independent.

All members present voted aye. Window clings will also be purchased using the rustic chamber design. Dues mailing date is scheduled for October 26, 5:30 p.m. at President Carol's house. BYOB.

Smith Autobody would like to wait until they have their signage installed to have their new business welcome. A new business welcome was planned for October 6, 12:30pm at Lavish Luxury Salon Suite.

Next meeting: o November 2nd at City Hall 12-1pm

Upcoming events o 10/07/2022 Lake Region Marching Band Festival 10am

o 10/31/2022 Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm

o 10/31/2022 United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm

o 11/11-13/2022 Front Porch 605 Christmas at the Barn 10am-5pm each day

o 11/19/2022 Legion Post #39 Turkey Party 6:30pm

o 11/24/2022 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1pm

o 12/03/2022 Holiday Tour of Homes & Silent Auction at Olive Grove Golf Course 4-7pm

o 12/10/2022 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services 9am-12pm

o 01/29/2023 Groton Robotics Pancake Feed at the Community Center 10am-1pm

o 01/29/2023 85th Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm

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## EMPLOYMENT

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FT Motor grader Operator & Maintenance Position in Faulk County. Must be 18+ and possess a valid CDL license. 605-598-6233. Applications due October 26, 2022. EOE.

EMS SERVICE DIRECTOR: Opportunity for an experienced Paramedic/EMT/RN to serve as director for a progressive rural community. Current SD license required. Salary DOE and benefits package. Direct inquiries to continuum@venturecomm.net.

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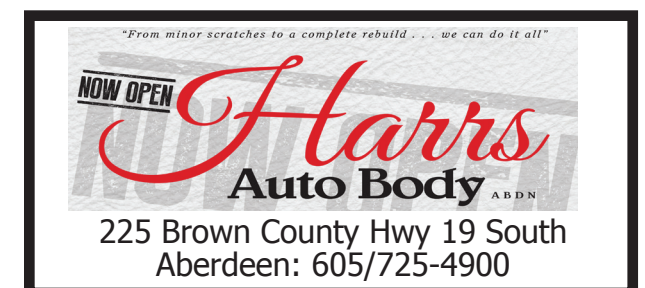
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# Groton Community Calendar

## Wednesday, Oct. 12

8:30 a.m.: PSAT Grades 10 and 11 (Optional)  
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 potluck, 6 p.m., followed by campfire worship, 7 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.  
UMC: Community coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; UMYF Hayride and Bonfire at Tietz's, 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, Oct. 13

School Breakfast: Oatmeal.  
School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans.  
Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets, peaches, dinner roll.  
Region 1A Cross Country Meet at Webster, 3:30 p.m.  
Volleyball at Deuel (7th and 8th at 4 p.m., C match at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity)  
5 p.m.: Combined 7th/8th FB at Webster  
UMC: Bible Study with Ashley, 6:30 p.m.

## Friday, Oct. 14

School Breakfast: Cereal.  
School Lunch: Mac and cheese, peas.  
Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, mandarin oranges, cookie.  
7 p.m.: Football at Mobridge

## Saturday, Oct. 15

Volleyball at Milbank Tournament. Groton games in the elementary gym. Groton plays Great Plains Lutheran at 9 a.m.; Groton plays Sioux Valley at noon; Groton plays Hamlin at 1 p.m.; Finals start at 3 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran worship at Rosewood Court, 10 a.m.  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Sunday, Oct. 16

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.  
St. John's worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship with communion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Confirmation retreat for freshmen, 1 p.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.  
UMC: Conde Worship, 8:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School after children's sermon during worship.

## Monday, Oct. 17

Senior Menu: Beef tips with gravy over noodles, lettuce salad with dressing, peaches, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.  
School Lunch: Pot sickers, rice.  
1 p.m.: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center.  
Volleyball hosting Langford Area. Parent's Night. Also wear Pink night. Old gym has 8th grade match at 5 p.m. and 7th grade match at 6 p.m. In the Arena: JV match at 6 p.m. followed by varsity match.  
St. John's Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Tuesday, Oct. 18

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, carrots, apple sauce, cookie, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: French toast.

School Lunch: Corndogs, spudsters.  
Volleyball at Northwestern (C and 7th grade match at 5 p.m., JV and 8th grade match at 6 p.m. followed by varsity.  
St. John's Quilting, 9 a.m.  
UMC: Conde Ad Council; Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Wednesday, Oct. 19

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, boiled potatoes, squash, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Egg omelets.  
School Lunch: Grilled cheese, glazed carrots.  
St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation, 6 p.m.  
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm  
UMC: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.; UMYF Bible Study, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, Oct. 20

Senior Menu: Hamburger with bun, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, ice cream.  
School Breakfast: Muffins.  
School Lunch: Goulash, corn.  
Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA final day packing LWR projects, potluck  
UMC: Newsletter items due; UMW Final meeting, 1:30 p.m.; Bible Study with Ashley, 6:30 p.m.

## Friday, Oct. 21

Senior Menu: Chicken rice casserole, green beans, spinach salad, chocolate pudding with bananas, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Eggs and sausage.  
School Lunch: Fish nuggets, tiny whole potatoes.  
Volleyball hosts Redfield. (8th grade match at 6 p.m. in gym, C match at 5 p.m. followed by JV and varsity. Wear NEON night.

## Saturday, Oct. 22

State Cross Country Meet in Huron  
Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA fall retreat, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Sunday, Oct. 23

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.  
St. John's worship, 9 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship/confirmation for Milestones for freshmen, 9 a.m.; No Sunday School; Serve at Bethesda, 2 p.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.  
UMC: Conde Worship, 8:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m. (third graders receive Bibles during worship); Sunday School after children's sermon during worship.

## Monday, Oct. 24

Senior Menu: French dip sandwich, macaroni salad, seasoned cabbage, waldorf salad.  
School Breakfast: Mini pancakes.  
School Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, mixed vegetables.  
Volleyball at Britton (rescheduled from Oct. 28). C match at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity.  
Noon: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck dinner.  
3:30 p.m.: 5th grade band introduction.  
Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Tuesday, Oct. 25

Roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, parsley buttered carrots, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich.  
School Lunch: Tacos with toppings.  
8:30 a.m.: ASVAB Testing (Grades 11 and 12 (optional)  
UMC: Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Wednesday, Oct. 26

Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed green salad, fruit cobbler.  
School Breakfast: Eggs and breakfast potatoes.  
School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, peas and carrots.  
St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation, 6 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.  
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm  
UMC: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; UMYF Pumpkin Carving/Painting, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, Oct. 27

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed vegetables, garlic toast, pears, sherbet.  
School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.  
School Lunch: Spaghetti, corn..

## Friday, Oct. 28

Senior Menu: Chicken alfredo, broccoli, spinach salad, mandarin oranges, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Biscuits and jelly.  
School Lunch: Cheese bread sticks with marinara.

## Saturday, Oct. 29

UMC: Charge Conference in Groton, 6:30 p.m.  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

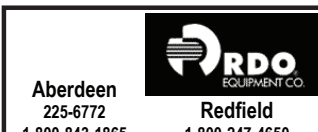

## Sunday, Oct. 30

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.  
St. John's worship, 9 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, Milestones for JK and K, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.  
UMC: Conde Worship, 8:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School after children's sermon during worship.

## Monday, Oct. 31

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, chocolate cake, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
School Breakfast: Egg bake.  
School Lunch: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes.  
Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm  
United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm  
Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Groton's C team wins at Milbank

Groton's Volleyball team traveled to Milbank on Thursday where the C team came home with a 2-0 win over the Bulldogs. Both the junior varsity and varsity teams lost their matches in straight sets.

The C team never trailed winning its games by scores of 25-14 and 25-9. Talli Wright had five kills and three ace serves, Emerlee Jones had six kills and two aces, Kayla Lehr two kills, Kella Tracy four kills, five aces and one block, Chesney Weber three kills and an ace serve, Cali Tollifson one kill, Carly Gilbert three ace serves, London Bahr one ace serve and Rylee Dunker two ace serves and one kill. Kendra Roggenbuck led Milbank with three kills.

The junior varsity team never led in its games as Milbank won by game scores of 25-11 and 25-16. Talli Wright, Faith Traphagen and Kella Tracy each had two kills, Carly Gilbert and London Bahr each had an ace serve, Jaedyn Penning had two kills and an ace serve and Emma Kutter had one kill. Claire Snaza led Milbank with nine kills and four blocks.

The first set in the varsity match was tightly contested with the set being tied 10 times and there were six lead changes before the Bulldogs got the upper hand. It was last tied at 15 as Milbank went on to win, 25-22. After a one time both sets two and three, Milbank surged ahead and never trailed to win, 25-16 and 25-21.

Sydney Leight led Groton Area with 13 kills and three ace serves, Aspen Johnson had nine kills and a block, Anna Fjeldheim had three kills and an ace, Lydia Meier had three kills, Emma Kutter had two kills and a block, Elizabeth Flihs had two ace serves, Laila Roberts had a kill and Carly Guthmiller had an ace serve.

Rachel Schulte led Milbank with 19 kills and two blocks. Addisyn Krause had five ace serves, Halle Schulte two ace serves, Averie Engbreston and Rylie Overby each had four kills and two ace serves, Skyler Skoog had five kills and a block, Claire Snaza had three kills and two blocks, Isabella Andeson had three kills and Cassie Seezs had one kill.

Groton Area is now 7-10 on the season and Milbank goes to 12-7.

The C match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Rutgear605.com. The junior varsity match had an anonymous sponsor. The varsity 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.

Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy provided the play-by-play announcing.



**Pictured left to right are Cole Simon, Jace Johnson, Carter Simon, Brevin Flihs, Logan Pearson, Coach Joel Guthmiller.**

(Courtesy Photo)



**Brevin Flihs placed 12th at the state golf meet.**

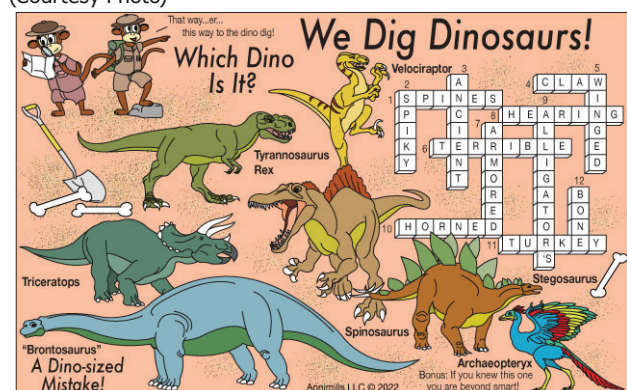
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## Groton's golf team places 7th in the state; Flihs medals at 12th place

The Groton Area boys' golf team placed seventh in the state tournament held in Aberdeen. Brevin Flihs was a medalist with a 12th place finishing, shooting a 37 both days for a total score of 74.

Carter Simon shot a 37 and a 42 for a total score of 79 to place in 33rd place. Cole Simon was in 46th place with scores of 40 and 46 for a total of 86. Logan Pearson was in 66th place with scores of 45 and 47 for a total score of 92. Jace Johnson was in 80th place with scores of 44 and 51 and a total score of 95. Groton Area placed seventh as a team with a score of 331.

There were 97 golfers with 12 schools fielding complete teams at the state tournament.



## The Life of Roger DeHoet

The funeral service for Roger DeHoet, of rural Houghton, SD, will be 10:30am, Friday, October 14, 2022, at New Life Fellowship, Aberdeen, with Pastor Rodney Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Houghton Cemetery. Roger died Sunday, October 9, 2022, at his home near Houghton.

Visitation will be 3:00-6:00pm, Thursday, with a prayer service at 6:00pm, with Pastor Bill Duncan officiating, at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 South Main Street.

Roger Sherman DeHoet was born on February 8, 1940, in Britton, SD, to Dale and Esther (Engel) DeHoet. Roger attended grade school at the Knecht Country School located one half mile from his home. He attended high school in Columbia, SD. After high school, he began his farming career with his brother Bernie and his dad. Due to his dad's poor health, Roger eventually took over the family farm in 1972.

In 1966, Roger met the love of his life, Peggy Bauer. They met while Roger was trapping muskrats on the Sand Lake Refuge. A friend brought this short, dark-haired girl out to meet him. She was wearing white "go-go" boots! They fell in love immediately! Roger and Peggy were married June 21, 1969, in Hecla, SD. To this union they were blessed with three daughters and a son, twelve grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. They purchased their farm in 1979 and have lived there for the past 54 years.

Roger had been a member of the Houghton Alliance Church until it closed. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed the outdoors. Another passion of his was metal detecting. However, after 35 years he was unable to continue that hobby due to poor health. He then found a new interest in magnet fishing. He also enjoyed playing cards and telling stories. Roger loved all sports, especially if his children or grandchildren were involved. He was a super fan of the Green Bay Packers and the New York Yankees. He also loved his RED tractors and farm equipment.

He loved Jesus Christ, his personal Lord and Savior, his family, and his many friends.

Roger loved Peggy more than anything. They worked hand in hand on the farm. Roger was a gentle giant with big hands and an even bigger heart!

Grateful for having shared Roger's life are his wife, Peggy DeHoet; children: Rebecca (Cory) Barber, Susan (Gary) Schauer, Jennifer DeHoet, Curtis DeHoet; grandchildren: Bryce Swiggum, Bryana Barber, Brendon Barber, Taylor Gravatt, Savannah Gravatt, Marcus (Kira) Gravatt, Jemini Cantalope, Cole Meyer, Cody Meyer, Madelynn Meyer, Cyruss DeHoet, and Tiara DeHoet; great-grandchildren: Jemma Dahlgren, Jurnee Mennenga, Joy Gravatt, Grace Gravatt; and brother: Bernie DeHoet.

Preceding Roger in death are his parents: Dale & Esther DeHoet, and siblings: Shirley Buntrock, Carroll DeHoet, and Dorothy Krege.



## Smith to give senior recital



**AnneMarie Smith**

AnneMarie Smith, a music education major at South Dakota State University, will give her senior vocal recital at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 in Founders Recital Hall in the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center on the SDSU campus.

Among the selections from the Groton soprano are "Laudate Dominum" by Mozart, "The Summer Wind" by Amy Cheney Beach and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" arranged by Sylvia Woods. Smith will be assisted by Melanie Timmerman on piano, Marie Moriarty on harp and Kelsie Olson on flute.



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Dear EarthTalk: I'd like to upgrade the energy efficiency of my condo but can't afford the up-front cost of new equipment and materials. Are there any federal or other programs designed to help working people afford to make such transitions? -- Paul B., Monroe, NY

As of now, residential and commercial buildings contribute up to 40 percent of the world's energy consumption. Increasing the energy efficiency of these structures can go a long way toward reducing that consumption and our carbon footprint while saving money along the way.

The biggest pitfall with investing in efficient energy sources is the upfront cost. Low-income households which could benefit most from such upgrades are the least likely to have the funds to do so. But now, utilities and local governments are working to implement these services prioritizing needy households.

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) uses U.S. Department of Energy funds to reduce the energy bills of low-income households by helping to pay for efficiency upgrades. The program has benefited over seven million American families so far. Every year, WAP funds such upgrades in 35,000 households, saving almost \$400 annually on each. To qualify for WAP, your household must have an annual income equal to or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

Another place to look for help is the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Using U.S. Department of Health and Human Services funds, LIHEAP provides free energy upgrades that will decrease monthly energy bills while concurrently improving residents' health and safety. Household incomes must be at or below 60 percent of their state's median income to meet eligibility requirements.

Nonprofits, usually using WAP funds, also offer a range of incentives for upgrading energy efficiency. They also provide weatherization to households that can't afford it. By searching "weatherization non-profits" and your state, you can find an array of organizations that can help upgrade your home. These weatherization programs usually offer a selection of efficiency upgrades including: improved insulation and heating systems, fixing leaks and gaps within pipes, and repairing windows and doors. To apply, you can often find directions on the organization's website. In general, the first step is determining your eligibility; you will usually need proof of annual income. Then, you can complete the application process online or contact a local administrator. If your application is accepted, you can move forward.

But what can you do if you aren't eligible for these programs? You can still weatherize your own home by fixing minor things around the house. One thing you can do is seal up leaks within air pipes. This can cut your energy consumption by 10 to 20 percent. In addition, by adding insulation, you can make your home less vulnerable to temperature change. You



**A range of federal & state programs can help defray the costs of upgrading the energy efficiency of your home.** Credit: pexels.com.

should also clean your filters regularly to make your system run more smoothly. Even simple things like switching to LEDs will increase your efficiency.

These small steps can add up and boost the energy efficiency of your home in surprising amounts. The sooner we implement such steps, the sooner we can tackle the problem of climate change making our world less hospitable.

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## Kids in crisis

It's tempting to blame the pandemic for the dizzying rates of mental health concerns among American teens. We are all familiar with the impact Covid is having on our lives, and the disruption it continues to cause in the lives of young people. Kids witnessed vehement disagreements between neighbors, friends, and family over the decisions that had to be made in response to the pandemic, and felt the stress at home as parents faced economic and work changes, all without many of their usual support systems.

However, rates of mental illness among children and adolescents have been steadily rising throughout the last decade. In 2019, nearly 20% of deaths in the 10-24 age group were suicides and nearly 16% of high schoolers had made a suicide plan. Even back in 2019, more than one in three teens suffered persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness.

Covid may have thrown gasoline on this particular fire, but make no mistake, the fire was already burning.

Some groups have been disproportionately affected by this crisis, as with so many others. Risk is increased by factors that include, but are not limited to, gender, race, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social supports, and family history.

I don't think it has ever been easy to be a teenager. As the brain matures it starts to wrestle with a more nuanced and sophisticated understanding of the world, and of the self. Today's teenagers face nearly inescapable social forces, from the carefully curated lives influencers display on social media, to anonymous bullying from strangers on the internet, to the always-on news cycle that shows them violence and disaster 24 hours a day. However, there is a lot more speculation on what is behind the rise in mental distress in our teens than there is actual science.

Fortunately, there is some research to guide us moving forward. As always, prevention is key. We can bring wellness initiatives to young people, so they can build skills to help them navigate difficult situations and manage challenging emotions. We can protect them from bullying and discrimination. Parents can attend to their own mental health and roll model healthy self care. We can fund our schools adequately to be the safety nets we expect them to be for our children and families.

Those who are already facing moderate or severe mental health issues, whether children, teens, or adults, need treatment. Access to that treatment needs to improve, and we as a society need to reject the stigma around seeking those services. Mental health treatment is as essential as cancer treatment.

There is no quick fix for this challenge, but our youth need us to rise to meet it.



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