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Smith Takes over Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass

Jeremy Smith, a native of Claremont, SD, became the owner of Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass on September 1, 2022. He is in the process of changing the name to Smith Autobody and has new signage ordered.

"After I graduated from Britton High School, I attended Lake Area Technical College in Watertown," Smith said. "I attended Lake Area to start my career as an auto mechanic but instead I ruined one of my favorite hobbies!"

"I've always enjoyed working on my own vehicles so that is why I chose that as my career," he explained. "I soon found out it wasn't as much fun working on someone else's car nor did I enjoy working on my own that much either."

"After finishing my education at Lake Area, I started working for Curt Merkel and later for Trail Chevrolet," Smith stated. "When I switched to working as Mike Ehresmann's assistant here at Mike-N-Jo's, I did most of the painting."

"Of course, an autobody shop is more than painting the refurbished vehicle," he smiled. "My co-worker Chris Ehresmann and I do collision work, take the cars apart, repair them, and put them back together. I hire any recalibration work that needs to be done before the customer picks up his vehicle."

"Most of the work here is done manually without the aid of very many machines except for air sanders, dent pullers, etc." Smith explained. "It is hard, dirty work, but my customers say that I do a great job!"

"Having the ability to do something well is rewarding, even when the work is physically difficult and the concrete floors are very hard," he admitted. "I love to paint vehicles and am always open to learning new things."

"In addition to the strenuous work that is involved, matching paint colors when repairing a car is also very difficult," Smith stated. "Even though I prefer doing the autobody part, as the new owner, I now also have to do the bookkeeping, office work, and fight with insurance companies too!"

"My wife Missi, a third grade teacher here in Groton Elementary, helps me with the bookwork too," he said. "We have two children, Trinity, a freshman at NSU majoring in psychology and Treyton, a seventh grader who plays baseball and is on the junior varsity trap shooting team. I also coach baseball for the Claremont Honkers."

- Dorene Nelson



Jeremy Smith is the new owner of Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)

Bonn opens Beauty Salon

Paityn Bonn, a 2017 graduate of Groton High School, is the proud owner of Lavish Luxury, Groton's newest beauty salon. The salon is located on the corner of Highway 37 and 3rd Ave. Her parents are Greg and Stacey Bonn from Conde, SD.

"I received my training at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown," Bonn explained. "I did all of my pre-clinical study and work there, graduating in 2019."

"The cosmetology program at Lake Area begins with classroom work and quickly shifts to hands-on-practice," she smiled. "My very first 'customers' were mannequins who couldn't complain when I made a mistake with my scissors!"

"From the mannequin heads we progressed to 'real' live customers," Bonn stated, "but all of our work was supervised and checked by our instructors before the customer left. Customers also received a nice discount for being our willing guinea pigs!"

"I started working in Groton at Karma Salon on Groton's Main Street," Bonn explained, "but decided to offer another option for the local gals. Right now I'm the only one working here but have room for another hair dresser as well as an additional person for massages."

"Some of the many different services available here include hair cuts for men and women, colors, and extensions," she listed. "I also do facials, waxing, and lash extensions."

"I do not do manicures or pedicures and don't plan to offer that at this time," Bonn stated. "I will soon have tanning available since the two tanning beds have arrived, and I hope they will be ready for customers by November 1st."

"My tanning customers will have two choices: they can use the lay down or the stand up tanning bed," she smiled. "Stand up tanning beds help to prevent uneven tanning or wrinkled skin that might be an issue in the horizontal version."

"I plan to make the tanning booths available 24 hours a day by offering key cards for private, after-hour visits," Bonn explained. "There is an outside door that can be used whether I'm here or not. This might appeal to those whose own work hours conflict with my shop's hours."

"I opened my business on October 4th and have the following hours available: on Monday through Thursday, I'm open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Bonn listed. "I'm open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays with Saturday appointments for special occasions only."

"I also have a lot of hair products available in the salon," she said, "but customers can also access these products and more on my online store front and have them delivered to their doorstep!"

"I'm really happy to be open and working in this beautiful new building," Bonn admitted. "The work on this building started in August and finished in September."

"Anyone wanting an appointment should call or text me at 605-397-3000. I'm anxious to meet you and help you become your most beautiful self!"

- Dorene Nelson



Paiton Bonn opens new beauty salon in Groton. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)

Bahr interns in second grade



Ashtyn Bahr, daughter of Dion and Sam Bahr and Katie Lilly, is an intern with Mrs. Emily Dinger in second grade. "I help get the classroom ready each morning by sorting papers and putting them in the students' mail boxes," Bahr explained.

"I also make copies for Mrs. Dinger and help any child who is struggling with an assignment," she listed. "My little brother is in this classroom, and I really enjoy being here to help and watch him with his friends."

"Mainly I like helping and observing Mrs. Dinger," Bahr smiled. "She is an amazing teacher, and the kids all love her! This internship has given me an excellent idea of what being a teacher is really like and how much hard work and yet how rewarding it is."

"I participate in show choir, band, and the all-school plays," she said. "I also help out at the Jungle by making pizzas for the customers. In my spare time I enjoy listening to music and reading books."

"After high school I plan to go to college either at the University of South Dakota or maybe St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas," Bahr stated. "I'd like to major in acting with a minor in marketing business."

- Dorene Nelson

Willie Jangula is good for America

There are still two places in McIntosh County where they'll pump your gas—Curt's Service in Wishek, and what used to be Willie's Service in Ashley. Willie recently retired, so the corner gas station with the fading Sinclair colors is now called Brad's Service.

They're good people. They'll still fill your tank with a smile (or at least not a scowl) and provide road service when you're in a pinch, but I'll admit I miss my weekly conversations with Willie through a rolled-down window about things like the price of scrap iron.

Willie's pretty much cornered the market on that stuff, and in the process has cleaned up a lot of farmyards. Free, even. I guess you could say Willie Jangula is good for America. McIntosh County, at least.

He calls me "Lucky," and I guess I am, but in no way do I have as much money as he accuses me of having. He did always let me charge my fills and settle up monthly, part of a quaint, bygone Era of Trust that isn't quite bygone in Ashley. Or Wishek, for that matter. Here, a handshake still works.

The uniform's always been the same. Gray pants and a gray work shirt unbuttoned two buttons too many. A bolt through one ear for an earring. Like Frankenstein or something. Mischievous smirk.

I had an X-ray on a balky shoulder at Ashley Medical Center last week and mock-complained at the desk afterward. Their eyes got big. You see, the technician had declined to let me take my shirt off. Wasn't necessary, she said. In fact, she seemed kind of desperate to keep me buttoned up.

"I haven't looked this good without my shirt on in years," I whined. "She kind of hurt my feelings." The nurses nodded sympathetically. "Wouldn't let me go disco..." More concerned nodding. "Or full-on Willie Jangula!"

They roared.

Willie's been an institution in the 25 years I've been here although a few malcontents might contend he should be institutionalized. Certainly not mythologized. For one, the Lutheran minister who penned a Letter to the Editor to complain about the foul language echoing from Willie's seasonally-open garage doors down to the neighborhood of churches of various denominations clustered next door like God's own Alamo.

I'm not familiar with the brand, but Willie used to complain loudly and colorfully about those "Effing" brakes and those "Effing" muff-

flers frozen to those "Effing" tailpipes, and what is the effing world, coming to, anyway?

To hear Willie tell it, he'd effing settled down before I moved here. Stopped drinking. Started behaving. So, I guess I've only known Mellow Willie, the accomplished folk artist who can create steel magnolias and fantastic animals—snakes and such—with a cutting torch and welding rods. I've offered to sell his creations at a significant markup so I can finally have as much money as he thinks I have but so far he's ignored my offer.

I've long contended that the biggest characters emerge from small towns. Like the goldfish that becomes a whale in a stock tank. There's an ease, elbow room, freedom here, that facilitates eccentricity. I grew up in a town like that. I was the kid befriended by retired farmers because I listened to their stories and half-believed them. I was the kid whose oil change duties were interrupted when the bell rang at Cenex. I was the kid who filled your tank. So, if I get nostalgic about this sort of thing, well, patience, dear reader.

One day, I glanced out my office window and saw Willie striding past Ashley SuperValu like Stevie Wonder, sunglasses on, an empty leash floating ahead of him. No explanation. Just Willie and an invisible guide dog.

On Valentines Day, I convinced him to run a "Free Kiss From Vern With a Fill" promotion just to torture Vern Geiszler. The widows came out in droves—they filled up lawnmowers and weed whackers—but were sorely disappointed to only receive a Hershey's Kiss from a beleaguered Vern at the end of the transaction.

They're advertising a "surprise retirement party" for Willie in the paper this week. I'm not sure how that works exactly, whether it expresses confidence that our newspaper advertising is really going to pack them in or that Willie doesn't have a subscription. Or both. But mine is not to question when it comes to Willie Jangula.

I'm going to the party. Gonna walk in with my shirt unbuttoned down to my navel.

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That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Recap

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

After starting the season with an impressive 5-1 record, the Minnesota Vikings got a much-deserved bye this week. Rarely, do teams want a bye this early in the season, but I think given the circumstances, the Vikings would take it. Although the Vikings are sitting with a 5-1 record and a two-game lead in the NFC North division, it still does not feel like the Vikings have played their best football yet this season. Could it be that this Vikings team is overachieving? Or could it be that they are still working out the kinks of learning an entirely new system on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball? I think it's the latter.

Coming into this season, the Vikings, for the first time since 2014, had both an entirely new offense and an entirely new defense to learn. Rarely, does a team succeed right away given those circumstances. However, the Vikings have managed to find themselves with the second-best record in the NFL despite the heavy learning curve that comes with all that. Perhaps the team can use this bye week not only to get some rest but to get an even better grasp of the system they are running.

Another positive about this bye week is the other teams who are on it as well. The Buffalo Bills, Philadelphia Eagles, and Los Angeles Rams all join the Vikings on the early bye week. What's unique about those teams listed is where they rank amongst the NFL's best teams. The Bills are currently the odds-on favorite to win the Super Bowl, the Philadelphia Eagles are the only remaining undefeated team in the NFL, and the Los Angeles Rams, despite their poor performance so far this season, are the current defending Super Bowl champions. For Minnesota, it might be beneficial, come playoff time, that the teams they will have to go through to win the Super Bowl will have the same number of games in a row as they did to finish up the season.

Looking forward, the Vikings have total control of their destiny. After the bye week, the Vikings will get two games against the Arizona Cardinals and Washington Commanders, two teams they should beat easily. After that, the Vikings will head to Buffalo where they will get to compare themselves against the NFL's best in the Buffalo Bills. Although I do not expect to win that game against Buffalo, it will be a great measuring stick to see how close the Vikings are to being a true Super Bowl Contender.

Although I do not want to get too far ahead of myself in the schedule, it is important to note that the Buffalo game looks to perhaps be the only remaining game on the schedule where the Vikings will not be favored. For the most part, the toughest remaining Vikings games will be played at US Bank Stadium where the Vikings statistically have one of the best home-field advantages. If the Vikings can just take care of business in those games, they can get to week 17 in Lambeau Field against the Green Bay Packers with the NFC North division already locked up. And, then the Vikings could go to Chicago for the regular season finale with a shot to play for specific seeding in the playoffs.

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We the People

The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



"Equal Protection: Serving Sons and Daughters"

In 1996, the Supreme Court delivered a landmark opinion in *United States v. Virginia* that exalted women's rights under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment by ending the 157-year-old tradition of all-male education at the Virginia Military Institute, one of the nation's most distinguished military colleges.

By David Adler

Writing for a 7-1 majority, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg described VMI as "incomparable," a school justly known for its "unparalleled record as a leadership training program," dating back to its founding in 1839. The problem was, this "unique program," the only single-sex school among Virginia's public institutions of higher learning, was reserved exclusively to men. Women were not permitted to attend. As such, Justice Ginsburg wrote: "While Virginia serves the state's sons, it makes no provision whatever for her daughters. That is not equal protection."

The Court rejected Virginia's remedy—the creation of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) at a private women's college, Mary Baldwin College. That school was dramatically inferior to VMI, as measured by the quality of its faculty, the academic skills of its students and its facilities. Virginia's "remedy" did not even meet the infamous constitutional standard of "separate but equal," set forth in 1896, in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, which sought to justify the separation of whites from blacks.

The Court did not require VMI to admit all women, of course, just as VMI would not admit all men. What the Court did require, as a matter of the equal protection of the law, was the admission of women capable of performing the same activities expected of men. Justice Ginsburg wrote: "Some women, at least, can meet the physical standards VMI imposes on men, are capable of all the activities required of VMI cadets, prefer VMI's methodology over VWIL's, could be educated using VMI's methodology, and would want to attend VMI if they had the chance."

The question before the Court was whether Virginia could constitutionally deny to women who have the will and capacity to attend VMI. The measuring rod, that is the standard of review set forth by the Court, based on its precedents, as explained by Justice Ginsburg, was this: "Defenders of sex-based government action must demonstrate an 'exceedingly persuasive justification' for that action." To meet this demonstration, the "defender of a gender line in law," Ginsburg emphasized, must show, "at least, that the challenged classification serves important governmental objectives and that any discriminatory means employed are substantially related to the achievement of those objectives."

As Justice Ginsburg stated, the heightened review applied to sex-based classifications" does not make sex a proscribed classification, but it does mark as presumptively invalid" under the Equal Protection Clause, any law or official policy that denies to women, "simply because they are women," the "equal opportunity to aspire, achieve, participate in, and contribute to society based upon what they can do."

The Life of Becky Diegel



Funeral services for Rebecca Diegel, 47, of Groton will be 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 27th at the Groton High School Arena. Pastor Brandon Dunham will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the United Methodist Church on Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Becky passed away October 22, 2022, at home surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Rebecca Jo was born in Aberdeen on February 14, 1975, to Glenn and Vicki (Nehls) Sperry. She attended school in Groton where she was active in many extra curriculars including track, basketball, volleyball, cross country, and cheerleading. She was also involved in Carnival of Silver Skates. During the summers, Becky was a lifeguard at the Groton Pool. Following graduation, Becky attended Lake Area Technical School in Watertown where she earned her degree in Dental Assisting. Becky's first dental job was with Dr. Opp. She then continued her dental career with Dr. Carl Kimbler. On August 30, 1996, she was united in marriage with Steve Diegel at St. John's Catholic Church in Groton. Together they were blessed with two sons, Treyton and Teylor.

Becky was a member of the United Methodist Church, Groton. She loved attending sporting events for her boys and her nieces and nephews. She also shared fond memories of coon hunting with her Dad before he passed. Becky was incredibly creative and artistic. She painted many pictures over the years and enjoyed interior decorating and design work. She shared these talents with others while working at Olde Bank Floral. Becky volunteered with the B.A.G.S program in Groton. Above all, Becky loved being a mom and took great pride in that role.

Grateful for having shared her life is her husband, Steve, her beloved boys, Treyton and Teylor, her parents, Vicki and Bob Walter of Groton, in-laws Larry and Jan Diegel of Aberdeen, siblings, Kristi (Jamie) Marlow of Sioux Falls, Ryan (Amanda) Sperry of Groton, T.J. Sperry of Groton, Tasha (Craig) Dunker of Groton, Tyler (Carla) Sperry of Groton, grandparents, Eddy & Virginia Nehls of Groton and Jean Walter of Groton. Becky is also survived by her nieces and nephews Madi (Zach) Motl, Kennedy and Kamden Thurston, Ashlyn and Owen Sperry, Spencer and Reagan Sperry, Colby, Rylee, and Brynlee Dunker, Briggs Sperry, Karsyn and Ryder Jangula, and Lucas, Kennedy, and Margret Marlow, many aunts, uncles and cousins. She will be missed by her dog, Bea, who was always by her side.

Preceding her in death was her father, Glenn Sperry, and grandparents, Eunice & Lester Sperry and Vernon Walter.

Honorary Casketbearers will be all of Becky's Nieces and Nephews.

Casketbearers will be Toby Doeden, Chris Kucker, Dr. Carl Kimbler, Brian Schuring, Ryan Kurtz, and Jeremy Weber

Her family would like to thank Dr. Richard Conklin and the entire team at the Avera Cancer Institute where she received excellent medical care. We would also like to thank everyone who touched her life with your cards, flowers, visits, meals, prayers, and love.

Becky requested that memorials can be made to the B.A.G.S program in Groton or to the Groton HS Sports Program.

Brown County Notice of General Election

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

A General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in all the voting precincts in Brown County.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central time on the day of the election.

The polling place in each precinct of this county is as follows:

- 1-1 AmeriCInn: 301 S Centennial St, Aberdeen, SD 57401
- 1-2 Best Western Ramkota: 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401
- 1-3 Brown County Community Courthouse: 25 Market St Aberdeen, SD 57401
- 1-4 Columbia Legion: 102 N Broadway St, Columbia, SD 57433
- 1-5 Westport Town Hall: 13 W Main St, Westport 57481
- 1-6 Warner Community Center: 11 W Main St, Warner 57479
- 1-7 Stratford Community Center: 293 E Rondell Ave, Stratford 57474
- 1-8 Groton Community Center: 109 N 3rd St, Groton 57445
- 1-9 Claremont City Hall: 606 6th Ave, Claremont 57432
- 1-10 Hecla Community Center: 206 Main St, Hecla 57446
- 1-11 Frederick Community Center: 403 3rd Ave., Frederick 57441

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor at 605-626-7110 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M on November 8, 2022, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for purpose to operate the concessions at the Grandstand during scheduled Grandstand events and other times as stated in the conditions below during the Brown County Fair, traditionally Monday through Sunday during the third week of August for 2023, 2024, & 2025.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the following: Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope with "Brown County Fair Grandstand Concessions" to be opened on November 8, 2022.

CONTRACT: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter to enter a contract with Brown County.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the entire request for proposals can be obtained at no charge and are on file at the following locations:

Brown County Website: Brown.SD.US

Brown County Fair Office 400 24th Ave NW Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. PHONE: 605-626-7116

Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. Phone: 605-626-7110

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Pumpkin Fest volunteer celebration

Gathered together for an after Pumpkin Fest celebration at Bierman Farm Service Tuesday night for a wonderful meal provided by Joel Bierman. Volunteers pictured include Joel Bierman, Topper Tastad, Katelyn Nehlich, Karyn Babcock, Suzie Easthouse, April Abeln, Darlene Daly, Val Baker, Tyrel Telkamp, and Lisa Adler. (Courtesy Photo from April Abeln)



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Tigers have clean sweep at Britton-Hecla

Groton Area went 7-0 in volleyball sets with Britton-Hecla on Monday. The matches were played in Britton and were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM.

Groton Area's varsity team struggled in the early part of the first set. Trailing 15-10, Coach Chelsea Hanson called time-out. Hanson said she told the girls that most of the Britton-Hecla's points were scored by Groton and most of Groton's points were scored by Groton. She said they needed to reverse that trend. Coming out of the time-out, Groton Area scored five straight points to tie the set at 15. Britton-Hecla still kept the upper hand before Groton Area got its first lead at 18-17. The Tigers went on to win, 25-21.

The second set was tied five times in the early part before the Tigers got the upper hand and went on for a 25-17 win. Groton Area commanded the third set and never trailed and had a 12-point run en route to a 25-7 win.

Anna Fjeldheim led the Tigers with 12 kills, 21 digs, one assist and one ace serve. Sydney Leicht had seven kills, 21 digs and an ace serve. Lydia Meier had seven kills while Aspen Johnson had five kills, Laila Roberts had 15 digs, three ace serves and two kills, Emma Kutter had three kills, Carly Guthmiller had two kills and an ace serve, Jerica Locke had a kill and an ace and Eliabeth Flihs had 29 assists and one kill.


Alyssa James led Britton-Hecla with five kills while Emma Kraft had four kills.

Game sponsors on GDILIVE.COM were Bahr Spray Foam, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Locke Electric, Dacotah Bank, SD Army National Guard with Brent Wienk, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc and Groton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Next up will be regions next Tuesday. Groton will more than likely play Webster, but Milbank is also a possibility. The location will either be Redfield or Roncalli. It will all depend on Tuesday's matches.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-16 and 25-14. Emma Kutter had 11 kills, Jaedyn Penning had six kills and three ace serves, Rylee Dunker had four kills and two ace serves, Faith Traphagen four kills and an ace, Chesney Weber three ace serves and a kill and Talli Wright two kills.

Justin Hanson provided the play-by-play action for the varsity and JV matches.




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Groton Area won the C match, 25-19 and 25-11. In the first set, Groton Area had a nine-point run which included five ace serves by Chesney Weber. Weber led the Tigers with seven kills and seven ace serves, Rylee Dunker and Talli Wright each had four kills and four ace serves, Cali Tollifson had five kills, Kella Tracy three ace serves and two kills and Emerlee Jones had three kills and an ace.

The match on GDILIVE.COM was sponsored by Craig and Tasha Dunker.

Brown County
Oct. 18, 2022
Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 18, 2022 - GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:50 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Fjeldheim, Gage, Wiese and Sutton Commissioner. Commissioner Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Commission Chair to sign the 4th quarter LEMPG Grant Report. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR BOARD: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager notified the Commissioners that Mel Sombke has resigned her position on the Fair board and asked for approval to appoint Rhonda Retzlaff for two 3-year terms. The Fair Board will still have three openings on the Board. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve the recommendation. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

RFP FOR GRANDSTAND CONCESSIONS: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager met to discuss the RFP for the Grandstand Concessions and ask for Authorization of Public Notice on the RFP. Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to increase the payments for keg of beer from \$75 to \$80 and for every case of malt beverage from \$15 to \$17. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Gage, seconded by Feickert to approve minutes from October 11, 2022 Meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Gage, seconded by Feickert to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$3,018.59; Certified Languages International LLC \$1,097.25; Cobb State Court Clerk's Office \$5.00; Dependable Sanitation Inc \$29,758.20; IMEG Corp \$1,700.00; Language Line Services Inc \$372.59; Lewis & Clark Bhs \$552.00; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgmt. Inc. \$150.00; Sanford Health Network \$337.06; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$853.00; Sara Zahn \$388.60; Sd Dept Of Health \$2,385.00; Tschetter & Adams Law Office Pc \$359.95; Tyler Technologies Inc \$520.00; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$50.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$382.50; Zylstra Investigations \$1,260.00. Publishing: Midcontinent Communications \$14,091.00; Sisseton Courier \$14.06; The Pride of The Prairie \$129.20. Repairs & Maintenance: Century Business Products \$160.00; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$151.25; Ethan Westby \$100.00; Hoven Auto Repair Inc \$92.00; J Gross Equipment \$175.00; Laursen Asphalt Repair Equipment Sales, LLC \$14.78; Loiseau Construction, Inc. \$138,512.80; Poms Tire Service, Inc \$15.90; Pro Windmill Inc. \$250.00; Runnings \$23.98; Sewer Duck Inc \$85.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$259.61; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc. \$6,181.13; Western States Fire Co \$1,015.20. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$425.21; Agtegra Cooperative \$17,974.06; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$311.81; Budget Furniture \$2,529.00; Cartney Bearing \$203.88; Century Business Products \$987.62; FedEx \$75.34; Groton Area Fire Protection \$1,137.26; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$54,210.18; Ken's Superfair Foods \$1,542.56; Kessler's \$144.65; Laursen Asphalt Repair Equipment Sales, LLC \$312.60; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$86.03; Lien Transportation Company \$39,502.51; Mac's Inc \$13.56; Maki Printing LLC \$65.39; Midstates Printing \$231.00; Northern Valley Communication \$26.76; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$429.86; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$122.15; Roland L. Moerke \$1,114.00; Runnings \$1,403.39; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$49.00; Titan Machinery - Aberdeen Nh \$71.50; TranSource Truck & Equipment, Inc. \$179.98; West Publishing Corp. \$1,839.44. Travel & Conference: Brianna Haugen \$288.08; Jordenne Ducheny \$339.60; Karla Nelson \$288.08; Makayla Madsen \$350.48; Patti Woods \$206.37; SDSU Extension \$125.00

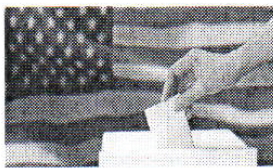
Utilities: City Of Aberdeen \$362.87; City Of Hecla \$131.23; James Valley Telecommunications \$218.70; Midcontinent Communications \$85.39; Midwest Alarm \$306.73; Northern Electric Coop, Inc \$495.73; Northern Valley Communication \$5,698.90; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$635.75; Qwest Corporation \$1,496.10; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$3,330.99; Web Water Development Assoc. Inc. \$95.25. Rentals: Aramark Uniform & Career

Apparel Group, Inc \$251.61; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. \$47.62. Others: Wex Health Inc. \$4,000.00; Sd Assoc. Of County Officials \$936.00; Meyer Auction Service, LLC \$5,194.80. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report: Acknowledge the retirement of Brian Koens, Brown County Deputy Sheriff, full-time, effective November 26, 2022. Request to fill. Acknowledge resignation of Michelle Danden, Brown County Register of Deeds Deputy, full-time, effective October 21, 2022. Request to fill. Approve hiring John Weig as temporary Brown County Fairgrounds help; wage \$13.50/hour; effective October 18, 2022. Approve hiring Cheryl Finstad as temporary Brown County Election worker; wage \$15.00/hour; effective October 19, 2022. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried
OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Sutton shared that the Upper Missouri Valley Commissioner's Association meeting will be held at Wakeside Bar & Grill at Mina Lake on Thursday, October 20th, social at 5:30 p.m., meal at 6:30 p.m. with meeting to follow.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair

declared the executive session closed with no action taken.
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:35 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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ELECTION DAY

Tuesday November 8th

SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

November 8, 2022	South Dakota	Brown County
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER: To vote for a person FILL IN the oval (●) next to the name. DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race. For United States Senator You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Brian L. Bengs Democratic Party <input type="radio"/> Tamara J Lesnar Libertarian Party <input type="radio"/> John R. Thune Republican Party	For State Treasurer You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> John Cunningham Democratic Party <input type="radio"/> Josh Haeder Republican Party	For County Commissioner At Large You may vote for up to <u>three</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Chad Fischbach Democratic Party <input type="radio"/> Mike Wiese Republican Party <input type="radio"/> Mike Gage Republican Party <input type="radio"/> Drew Dennert Republican Party
	For United States Representative You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Collin Duprel Libertarian Party <input type="radio"/> Dusty Johnson Republican Party	For Commissioner of School and Public Lands You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Timothy Azure Democratic Party <input type="radio"/> Brock Greenfield Republican Party
For Governor and Lieutenant Governor To be elected as a team, you may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Jamie Smith for Governor and Jennifer Keintz for Lieutenant Governor Democratic Party <input type="radio"/> Tracey Quint for Governor and Ashley Strand for Lieutenant Governor Libertarian Party <input type="radio"/> Kristi Noem for Governor and Larry Rhoden for Lieutenant Governor Republican Party	For Public Utilities Commissioner You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Jeffrey Barth Democratic Party <input type="radio"/> Chris Nelson Republican Party	
For Secretary of State You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Thomas A Cool Democratic Party <input type="radio"/> Monae Johnson Republican Party	District 01 For State Senator, District 01 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Michael H. Rohl Republican Party <input type="radio"/> Susan Wismer Independent For State Representative, District 01 You may vote for up to <u>two</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Steven D. McCleerey Democratic Party <input type="radio"/> Kay F. Nikolas Democratic Party <input type="radio"/> Joe Donnell Republican Party <input type="radio"/> Tamara St John Republican Party	
For Attorney General You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Marty J. Jackley Republican Party	District 03 For State Senator, District 03 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Al Novstrup Republican Party For State Representative, District 03 You may vote for up to <u>two</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Brandei Schaeftbauer Republican Party <input type="radio"/> Carl E. Perry Republican Party	
For State Auditor You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Stephanie Marty Democratic Party <input type="radio"/> Rene Meyer Libertarian Party <input type="radio"/> Richard Sattgast Republican Party	District 23 For State Senator, District 23 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Bryan J. Breitling Republican Party For State Representative, District 23 You may vote for up to <u>two</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> James D. Wangsness Republican Party <input type="radio"/> Scott Moore Republican Party	

Groton City
Oct. 18, 2022
Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Babcock via telephone, Wambach, Wells, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Hein-

rich, Dwight Zerr, and Ken Hier. Members of the Carnival of Silver Skates committee were present including Katie Anderson, Nikki Kotzer, and Coralea Wolter.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

The Carnival of Silver Skates had continued discussion regarding the flooding of the ice-skating rink and the needed maintenance and supplies. They will return to the November 15th meeting for continued

discussion and an update on maintenance progress.

The members of the Carnival of Silver Skates committee exited the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the Wastewater Department. Dwight Zerr exited the meeting.

Ken Hier of IMEG discussed the railroad permit and updated council regarding the progress on the water project.

Ken Hier exited the meeting. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wambach to approve Pay

Request #2 to Dahme Construction Co, Inc. for \$620,243.14. All members present voted aye.

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

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

Payroll, \$25,413.76, Employee salaries; Executive, \$258.56; Administrative, \$4,311.57; Public Safety, \$8,852.80; Public

Works, \$11,751.33; Culture & Recreation, \$239.50; SD Retirement System, \$12,493.22, Employee Retirement; USPS, \$268.18, Utility Billing Postage; Wes Graff, \$121.22, Utility Deposit Refund; Landon Johnson, \$190.86, Utility Deposit Refund; Cheryl Hanson, \$128.74, Utility Deposit Refund; City of Groton, \$59.14, Utility Deposit Applied to Bill; Dacotah Bank, \$5,487.32, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$2,949.79, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU,

\$730.00, Employee Savings; Dacotah Bank, \$576.24, HSA Contributions; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA Contributions; SD State Treasurer, \$9,666.32, Sales and Excise Tax - September 2022; SD DANR, \$100.00, Stormwater Permit Fee; Andrea Eisenbeisz, \$189.42, Reimburse for Halloween candy; Web Water, \$17,042.16, Water Services - September 2022; EcoLab, \$106.00, Rubble Site Rodent Control; Darrel's Sinclair, \$182.90, Tire for mower, battery for skid steer; Harry Implement, Inc., \$482.37, Air filters, wheel assembly; Irby, Inc., \$5,536.50, Overhead supplies; Douglas Heinrich, \$138.75, Mileage Reimbursement/Employee Cell Phone Reimbursement - Sept/Oct; Kellie Locke, \$60.00, Employee Cell Phone Reimbursement - Sept/Oct; Med Flex; Brandon Abeln, \$40.00, Employee Cell Phone Reimbursement - Sept/Oct; Landon Johnson, \$40.00, Employee Cell Phone Reimbursement - Sept/Oct; Paul Kosel, \$40.00, Employee Cell Phone Reimbursement - Sept/Oct; April Abeln, \$74.75, Employee Cell Phone Reimbursement - Sept/Oct; Med Flex; Heartland Waste, \$10,176.10, Garbage Hauling - September 2022; South Dakota 811, \$135.45, Message fees July thru September 2022; Stan Houston Equip. Co, Inc., \$175.00, Trencher rental; Locators & Supplies, Inc., \$160.84, (6) EZ See hydrant markers; Greg's Repair, \$896.48, 4 new tires for PD Tahoe; Fire Safety First, LLC, \$406.85, Annual maintenance and certification; Aberdeen Chrysler Center, \$615.00, New battery and towing fee - Dodge Ram; NW Energy, \$100.00, Natural Gas Service - Swimming Pool; Heartland Energy, \$46,475.43, Power Services - September 2022; WAPA, \$19,293.60, Power Services - September 2022; A&B Business Solutions, \$342.10, Printer lease; Dakota Pump & Control, \$12,056.91, Ground storage tank mixer; James Valley Telecommunications, \$786.97, Telephone & Internet Services; MJ's Sinclair, \$2,170.30, Fuel & car washes; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$735.25, Homecoming supplies, water samples, candy, hotel for Overhead School in Marshall, MN, postage, fuel; Ken's Food Fair, \$652.78, Fuel, coffee, bottled water; Jensen Feed & Grain, \$2,556.40, Road Salt; Brown County Treasurer, \$1,360.16, 2021 Real Estate Tax - 2nd Half; SDML Workers Comp Fund, \$18,165.00, 2023 Coverage Renewal; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$240.00, Supplemental Retirement; Aramark, \$43.84, Rug Rent; IMEG Corp., \$1,756.64, Professional Services - Boundary Survey - Cemetery; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger Truck Lease; Grand Slam Computers, Inc., \$109.00, Thermaltake 500-watt PSU for shop computer; Amy Heinz, \$12.16, Adult Painting Class; AutoZone, Inc., \$72.51, Coolant & gasket; Dakota Supply Group, \$283.72, Exterior Light for City Shop

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Wells to approve the September finance report. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wambach to approve the 2022 Swimming Pool Report. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wells to approve the liquor license renewals for Jungle Lanes & Lounge, American Legion Post #39, Ken's Food Fair, Red Horse Inn, Olive Grove Golf Course, Dollar General, and MJ's Sinclair. All members present voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding the park bathrooms and possible funding options.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-24-2 (1) & (3) at 8:53 p.m. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:01 p.m.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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ELECTION DAY

Tuesday November 8th

SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT (Back Side)

November 8, 2022	South Dakota	Brown County
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER: To vote for a person FILL IN the oval (●) next to the name. DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race.	INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER: To vote on a ballot question FILL IN the oval (●) next to "yes" or "no". DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race.	Initiated Measure The following initiated measure was proposed by petition for submission to the voters. This initiated measure will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.
NONPOLITICAL BALLOT	Constitutional Amendment The following amendment to the State Constitution is submitted to the voters by petition. The amendment will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.	Initiated 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.
Supreme Court Justice Retention Shall the justice of the Supreme Court named on this ballot, whose term expires January 1, 2023, be retained in office? Justice Patricia J. DeVaney representing the Third Supreme Court District <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	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. 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.	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. <input type="radio"/> Yes Vote "Yes" to adopt the initiated measure. <input type="radio"/> No Vote "No" to leave South Dakota law as it is.
Supreme Court Justice Retention Shall the justice of the Supreme Court named on this ballot, whose term expires January 1, 2023, be retained in office? Justice Mark E. Salter representing the Second Supreme Court District <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Judge of the Circuit Court For Fifth Circuit, Position A, You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Marshall C. Lovrien		
For Fifth Circuit, Position B, You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Tony L. Portra		
For Fifth Circuit, Position C, You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Gregory C. Magera		
For Fifth Circuit, Position D, You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. <input type="radio"/> Richard A. Sommers		Referendum Title: Brown-Marshall and South Brown Conservation District Merger Board of Water and Natural Resources Explanation: Voters may decide to combine the Brown Marshall and South Brown Conservation Districts into a single conservation district. <input type="radio"/> Yes For the creation of a conservation district of the lands below described and lying in the boundaries of Brown County, South Dakota that will replace the former Brown Marshall and South Brown conservation districts. <input type="radio"/> No If no, Against the creation of a conservation district of the lands below described and lying in the boundaries of Brown County, South Dakota that will replace the former Brown Marshall and South Brown conservation districts.



Sydney Leicht
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Redfield beats Groton Area in four sets

There was a lot of good volleyball action Friday in Groton as the Redfield Pheasants came to town and took home a 3-1 win over the Tigers.

The first set was eight times and there were three leads. The Tigers tied the set at 12 before Redfield rattled off five unanswered points. The Tigers then scored five straight of their own to tie the set at 18, but the Pheasants would pull out a 25-19 win.

The second set was tied four times before Redfield got the upper hand and pulled away with a 25-17 win.

The third set was tied twice in the early goings before Groton Area had the momentum on its side. The Tigers had an eight-point lead, 15-7. Redfield then slowly started to battle back, but the Tigers hung on for the 25-22 win.

Groton Area had the early lead in the fourth set at 4-1. Redfield would tie the set at five and six before getting the lead and pulling away for the 25-14 win.

Aspen Johnson led Groton Area with 10 kills and three blocks while Anna Fjeldheim had 10 kills, Sydney Leicht had five kills and two ace serves, Lydia Meier had three kills, Hollie Forst two kills and a block, Jerica Locke had three ace serves, Elizabeth Flihs had a kill and an ace serve and Laila Roberts had a kill.

Katie Rozell led the Pheasants with 12 kills, three blocks and an ace serve, Grace Fast had 11 kills and an ace serve, Annie Smith and Chloe Zens each had five kills, Camryn Rohlf had two kill and two ace serves and Ashlyn Clausen had an ace serve.

The Tigers were 66 of 76 in serving with six ace serves while Redfield was 72 of 82 with seven ace serves. In attacks, the Tigers were 164 of 196 with 32 kills. Redfield was 99 of 119 with 34 kills.

Groton Area had 95 digs with Leicht having 32, Fjeldheim 18 and Carly Guthmiller 12. Redfield had 74 digs with Clausen and Zens each having 13.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, with Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy doing the play-by-play calling. 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 and the Groton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-16 and 25-8. Talli Wright had two kills, Faith Traphagen three kills and five ace serves, Chesney Weber five ace serves and two kills, Jerica Locke three ace serves and a kill, Rylee Dunker three kills and two ace serves, Jaedyn Penning seven kills and three ace serves, Emma Kutter two kills and Carly Gilbert three ace serves. The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-7 and 25-6. The junior high teams also won their matches.

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Holly Frost
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Laila Roberts
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Lydia Meier
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Aspen Johnson
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Jerica Locke
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Anna Fjeldheim
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Carly Guthmiller
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Elizabeth Flihs
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The Groton Fire Department was called out to a hay bale fire at the TJ Harder farm early Sunday morning. Approximately 170-180 hay bales were lost in the blaze. There were no injuries and no report of other damage. (Photo by April Abeln)



About half of the hale bales were spread out in this photo. (Photo by April Abeln)



TJ Harder was using a backhoe to spread out the bales. (Photo by April Abeln)



Adam Harder was using farm equipment to help battle the fire. (Photo by April Abeln)



Up front view inside the tractor cab. (Photo by April Abeln)



The Simon brothers- Steven and Shane, came to assist with the fire. (Photo by April Abeln)



Ryan Kutter is pictured putting water on the fire. (Photo by April Abeln)



Michael Dunbar is pictured putting water on the equipment to keep it cool. (Photo by April Abeln)

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EOE

Groton Robotic Kids Prepare For First Tournament

Before the school year even ended last year, Groton Robotic kids were tearing apart their old robots and brainstorming for the next new season as the new Vex game was released in April. The kids started working throughout the summer on their robots getting ready for their first tournament taking place at Douglas High School in Box Elder, SD on Saturday, October 29th. This year we have about 14 kids signed up and look forward to watching the kids learn!

Disk golf anyone? WITH a robot? The Vex Robotics game for the 2022-2023 year is called 'Spin-Up' and involves designing a robot that can shoot disks into goals. This involves precise aim, momentum and power as they have to shoot the disk from across the field! For more information and game details please visit <https://www.vexrobotics.com> AND be sure visit the Groton Robotics facebook page for links to livestream games and team updates!

Thank you to ALL who supported the Robotic kids at the Groton Family Fun night this summer, it was a GREAT success! They were also asked to show off their robots and skills at the Brown County Fair in August, we anticipate this being a yearly event to promote and encouraged more local schools to develop Vex Robotic teams! Stayed tuned for more Groton Robotics updates and fundraising events!



Gear Heads: Jackson Dinger and Ethan Clark. (Courtesy Photo)



Galaxy: Kianna Sander, Corbin Weismantel, Axel Warrington and Logan Clocksene. (Courtesy Photo)



G-Force: Logan Olson, Payton Schuring, Connor Kroll, Grant Cleveland and Lincoln Scepianiak. (Courtesy Photo)



Gladiators: Garrett Schultz and De Eh Tha Say. (Courtesy Photo)

Westport Town Oct. 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting
October 3rd, 2022
The Town of Westport met on October 3rd, 2022 with Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.
The following expenses were presented:
City General
NWPS (\$196.04), SD unemployment ins (\$20.71), US treasury (\$723.56), Groton Independent (\$33.48), Bank charge (\$2.00) & Jeff Schroder (\$86.47).
Sewer
NWPS (\$ 52.47) & NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13), DANR (\$9,310.01).
Water
WEB (\$1,685.57) & Water Maintenance District (\$459.18).
Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Mitch Wilson.
The following deposits were presented:
City General
Brown County Collections (\$261.46), State of SD (\$12,026.25) & Interest (\$107.46).
Sewer
Resident Payments - (\$2,750.00),
Water
Resident Payments - (\$4,150.79).
NEW BUSINESS:
No business was discussed.
Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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Maintenance Supervisor-City of Jefferson, South Dakota

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Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.
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Volleyball Region Pairings

Class A - Region 1

Tuesday, Nov. 1

#1 - Aberdeen Catholic Schools

1 Aberdeen Ronc... 14-9 11/1 6:00 PM CT
8 Waubay/Summit 4-19

#2 -

4 Webster Area 14-12 11/1 TBD
5 Groton Area 12-14

#3 - Redfield Jr-Sr High School

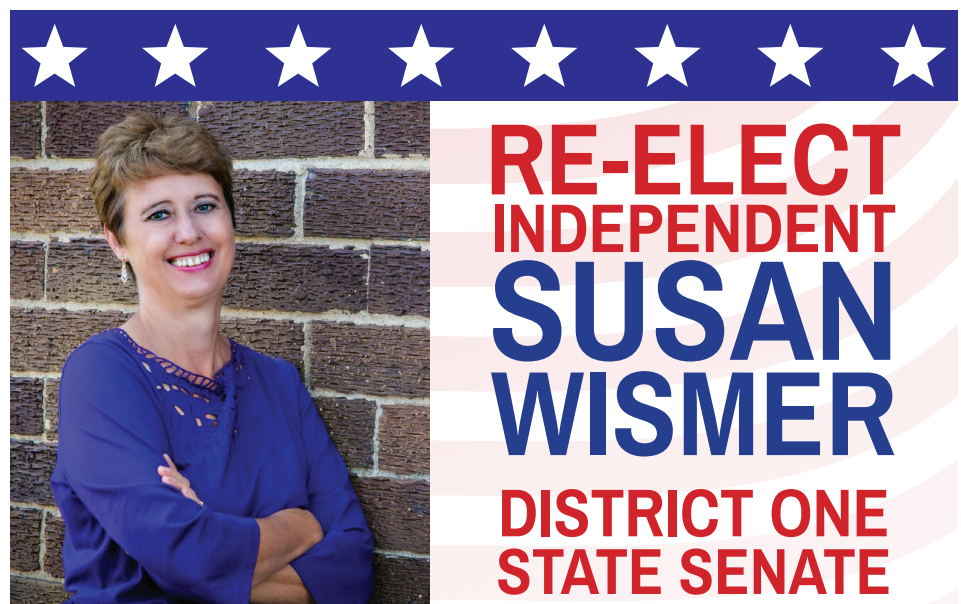
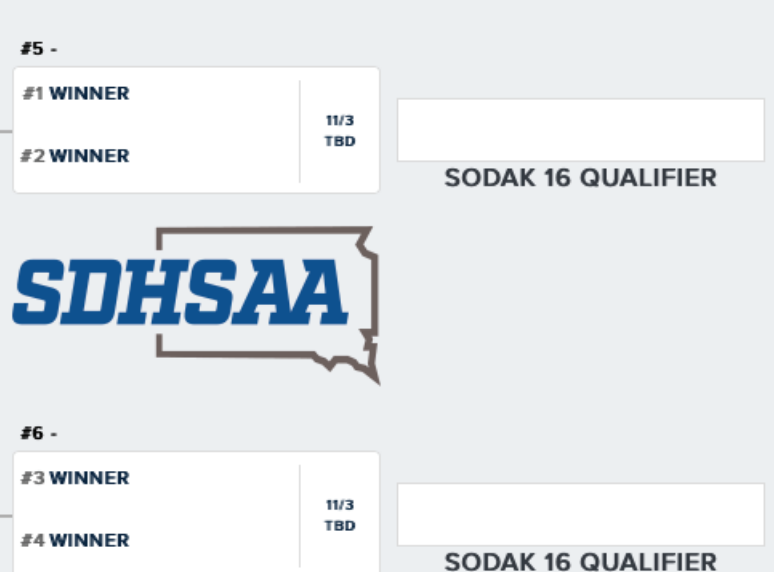
2 Redfield 17-12 11/1 6:00 PM CT
7 Sisseton 8-18

#4 -

3 Milbank 18-10 11/1 TBD
6 Tiospa Zina 11-16

Thursday, Nov. 3

Tuesday, Nov. 8



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- ★ Pro Education and respect for the profession
- ★ Pro protecting freedoms, including women's
- ★ Known in Pierre as a State Budget Guru and Ferocious Fighter for Small Towns, Small Schools and Rural.

Paid for by Susan Wismer for Senate

Dear EarthTalk: How will California's recent decision to require all new car sales to be electric vehicles (EVs) beginning in 2035 affect other states' timelines for adopting similarly stringent measures?

-- M. Sergis, Tampa, FL

In late August 2022, California governor Gavin Newsom and the California Air Resources Board announced the approval of the Advanced Clean Cars II rule. This act serves as a 15-year plan to put California on the road to have all car sales be for ZEV (zero emissions vehicle) by 2035. ZEVs are considered to be either EVs (electric vehicles), PHEV (plug-in hybrid electric vehicles), or hydrogen fuel cell. Gas vehicle sales will slowly be phased out, with the first checkpoint being that 35 percent of new cars sold must be a ZEV by 2026.

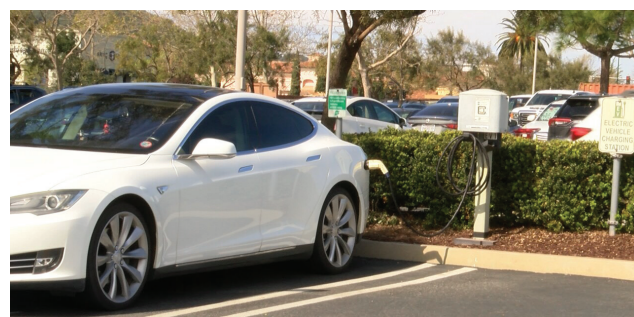
This piece of legislation represents an important step in actively working against the negative impacts of climate change. Reducing the number of gas-powered vehicles on the road will help cut smog producing pollution, therefore reducing the amount of health issues related to vehicle pollution. Air emission improvements will benefit all residents of the state, particularly low income and minority communities that often live near roadways. The approval of this law will increase the accessibility of ZEV to all California residents as it includes the development of investment

programs for low-income residents to be able to purchase ZEVs. Furthermore, consumers will be able to save more money by switching to ZEVs as the pressure to purchase gasoline would be removed.

California is pioneering this movement, but it's likely many other states will soon follow once the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) formally approves California's law. As of now, Washington, Virginia and Massachusetts are expected to be the next three states to adopt similar mandates after approval of the rule in California. Governors in New York, Rhode Island, Oregon, Maryland and New Jersey are also considering similar legislation. These states are among the 17 other states that follow California's greenhouse gas regulations. Car manufacturers have few concerns about their ability to generate ZEVs, but better ZEV infrastructure nationwide (i.e., more vehicle charging stations) is needed.

Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA gave California the ability to enforce more stringent emissions standards than the federal government. Past evidence shows that states have followed California's example when it comes to emission standards, and experts believe that a similar trend will occur with the Advanced Clean Cars Rule. Such a movement will put unprecedented pressure on car makers to generate ZEVs, which will generate a huge and long-awaited shift in the automotive industry.

Non-California residents may be thinking of ways to support this legislation and push for its approval in their own states. Getting in touch with local Congress members, petition-



No matter where you live in the U.S., if you don't already drive an EV, you probably will sometime soon thanks to California's push to ban gas-powered cars by 2035.

ing and being aware of candidates in support of legislation to reduce emissions are some of the best ways to get involved. Once legislation is passed in other states, aiming to buy a ZEV is the best way to reduce emissions while upholding the guidelines outlined in the legislation.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment will be tested to ascertain that it will correctly count the votes for all offices and measures that are to be cast at the General Election held on the 8th day of November 2022.

The test will be conducted on the 1st day of November 2022, at 11 o'clock a.m. at the following location:

Brown County Auditor's Office
25 Market Street, Ste 1
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Dated this 24th day of October 2022.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Germ theory, antibiotics, and our 21st century challenge

As a lover of the history of science and medicine, one of my favorite topics to read and learn about is the discovery of germ theory. Up until the mid to late 1800's, diseases had numerous other theories, and the theory of miasma – meaning "bad air" – dominated as an explanation for cholera, plague, and other infectious outbreaks.

Bacteria themselves were seen and discovered with the development of the first microscopes in the 1600's. Dutch scientist Antonie Van Leeuwenhoek is credited as the father of microbiology, having created the early versions of our modern microscopes. Though he saw microbes with his inventions, the idea that these tiny organisms caused disease was yet to be discovered.

Germ theory, though it had beginnings smattered in earlier times, really did not take off until discoveries by 19th century thinkers including Louis Pasteur, Joseph Lister, and Robert Koch. This was an exciting time to be a biologist, and in my opinion these careers are all worthy of blockbuster movies. By the early 1900's an enormous shift had occurred, and the idea that microorganisms could cause disease was well accepted.

Initially the discovery of germ theory was most useful in prevention – sanitation of water and food went a long way toward decreasing outbreaks of previously common diseases. But another huge change occurred in 1928 with the discovery of penicillin. Penicillin was a chemical compound secreted by a type of mold which Alexander Fleming found killed bacteria. By the mid century many other antibiotics were discovered and ultimately used to treat bacterial infections.

Antibiotics are certainly one of the greatest advancements in the history of medicine and have saved countless lives worldwide. However, as our ability to treat them has advanced, bacteria have continued to evolve. By numerous processes some types of bacteria have changed in ways to evade once-effective antibiotics. At the same time, development of new types of antibiotics have slowed to a trickle in the 21st century. Life-threatening bacterial infections for which we have no or limited ability to treat are a real concern of experts in infectious disease.

The challenge of our era, I think, is mitigating the danger posed by antibiotic-resistant infections. The most important step we can all take is to reduce the use of antibacterial medication when it is not necessary. Challenges for our hospital teams include looking critically every day to see if and which antibiotics can safely be stopped in hospitalized patients. Preserving the efficacy of this precious resource will be the work of all of us.

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