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Dale Wolter Family Donates Antique John Deere Tractors



Students in the Groton Area High School shop classes with the John Deere tractors, a 1941 (left) and a 1951 B (right), donated by the Dale Wolter family. From left to right in the back are Tyson Parrow, Aeydon Johnson, Ethan Pigors (seated), and Danny Feist. From left to right, starting with the front of the tractor, Tanner McGannon, Cameron Johnson, Porter Johnson, Ethan Gengerke, Kaden Kampa (seated), Caleb Hanten, Kaleb Antonsen, and Cole Bisbee.

by Dorene Nelson

The family of Dale Wolter donated two antique John Deere tractors, a 1941 and a 1951 B, to the shop classes in Groton Area High School. In addition to the other learning involved to restore them, these two items will provide the class with a history lesson in agriculture.

Dale Wolter, a Groton area farmer, grew up on the family farm with John Deere tractors as a definite part of his life. Retiring in December of 2020, Dale said, "At 80 years old, I'm too old to change to the large farmer-semi truck owner kind of farming."

"Dale was a man of few words but a deep thinker," she smiled. "He always had lots of plans and ideas."

Wolter was a life-long farmer on his family farm south of Groton. He and his wife Karen raised four children. Karen, a retired nurse, continues to be very active with her quilting projects, having finished nine quilts that were recently given to veterans at the school's annual Veterans Day celebration.

According to Wessels Living History Farm, York, NE, the source of the John Deere Company history, John Deere tractors with their identifiable motor sound, have been around for a long time.

In the 1930s and 1940s new John Deere models began to emerge as small farmers, recovering from their Depression troubles, turned from horses to tractors.

Engine power in these new designs was increased and a new six-speed transmission was added. Other changes included an electric start and lights.

Later a three-speed transmission was added with the newer models having updated operator platforms, a cushioned seat, new steering column, lights, battery, and electric starting.

In 1947, Deere & Company opened a new tractor factory in Dubuque, Iowa, built to produce the John Deere Model M. The M was created to address the increasing demand for small tractors.

In the 50s and 60s, the John Deere line went from two-cylinder "Johnny Poppers" to four- and six-cylinder engines and quickly became the leading company in tractor sales. Deere's first diesel engine was introduced in 1949.

By 1952, the last vestiges of World War II restrictions were gone, and the tractor market had become a highly competitive battle between powerful companies.

Throughout its tractor history, John Deere had built two-cylinder engines that had a distinctive rhythm and musical sound to them. These were simple engines that could produce remarkable power.

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. was created by six individuals all with the same mission in mind, to "Serve the needs of our community through acts of giving and enrichment." This event was another wonderful example of just how great our Groton SD Community is! Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. volunteers worked together to sort items that were donated to the Groton FCCLA food drive. Thanksgiving foods will be added and boxes will be given to local families in need! This project was also supported by a Thrivent Action Team.

If you are in need or know of someone that could use some assistance from The Pantry - Groton, SD, please don't hesitate to utilize its services. The Pantry - Groton, SD is open Mondays from 11am-3pm and Tuesdays 4-8pm at the Groton Community Center.

- April Abeln

Gengerke interns at Simon Insurance



Brooke Gengerke, daughter of Collin and Deb Gengerke, is an intern at Simon Insurance. "I've spent the majority of my time doing paper work and filing," Gengerke said.

"I decided to work here because my dad and grandpa are farmers who need protection for their crops," she explained. "I now understand more about the vital work that is done by all farmers."

"The owner of this business Steve Simon has to keep up-to-date on the changing rules and regulations of crop insurance," Gengerke explained. "Mailing out information so he can keep the farmers informed is part of my job here."

"The work I've been doing lately centers on the fall crops and preparing reminders about varying insurance deadlines," she stated. "I file acreage reports and help keep track of hail and rain reports in the area."

"Since I'm a farmer's daughter, I felt it was important to know more about what he does and how a farmer's job changes from season to season," Gengerke added.

"Working in the insurance office is really nice," Gengerke smiled. "My co-workers are friendly and welcoming."

"I participate in two extracurricular activities," she added. "I am a manager for the football team and play basketball."

"After I graduate from high school, I plan to attend SDSU and major in business."

- Dorene Nelson



The workers were dividing up the 200 pounds of potatoes for the Thanksgiving boxes that were given away. Pictured are Charlotte Martin, April Abeln, Brenda McCarthy, Wendy Monson and Topper Tastad. More photos inside. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

When public servants serve

It's human nature. When everything's working no one notices. In the news business, we're criticized for being negativity-driven, and that's fair. When the plane doesn't crash, it's not news.

But you're not much different than us. When the snowplows have the road cleaned for you, well, that's expected, right? No one celebrates the status quo, even if the status quo is pretty remarkable. Can you imagine being the first vehicles out in low visibility after a storm? Nerves of steel.

We're conditioned to be critical of government and public servants because we only hear about the problems, but my view is that most of the time government works. Sometimes above and beyond the call of duty.

Last week, on my day off, my cell phone rang. An unfamiliar number. Lou from the state unemployment department was on the line to tell me our quarterly unemployment tax report hadn't been filed. That would cost us more. "There's no reason to pay more taxes than you have to," he said.

I was gobsmacked and grateful, and I told him so more than once. Not only had he reached out, he'd gone the extra mile and tracked me down at home.

I immediately connected my bookkeeper with Lou, and it turns out we had filed the reports electronically, but our software wasn't communicating with the state's software. The issue was resolved before noon. I suppose Lou could have decided that "it's not my problem," and avoided the extra work, but he didn't.

Admittedly, sometimes you have to work to get government to work, however. I visited the DMV last month... I'm won't shower the entire outfit with bouquets. They've earned their reputation. Some of them, anyway. Some of them specialize in roadblocks, and when you have to make an appointment and drive two hours to get there, that gets frustrating.

Dylan had taken two cracks at some title work and left beyond frustrated. The first time, the clerk told him the paperwork had to be completed prior to his appointment. Of course, she could have walked through it with him right there, but she chose to just get rid of the problem. He was on a tight schedule. He'd have to come back another day.

The next time, the clerk told Dylan the title had been signed in the wrong spot. It happens, and it's not a huge deal, but he was sent on his way with a form to complete explaining the misplaced signature. Again, it could have been handled at the window with a little extra effort.

"She was so condescending," Dylan said, exasperated.

That's eight hours of driving with nothing to show for it.

No problem (famous last words). I took a day off the next week and told Dylan I'd handle it. I had all day. I handed the precisely-completed paperwork to the clerk. The condescending one. Not good enough. It had to be notarized. And signed by the car dealer. Sigh.

"Let me make sure I understand exactly what you need..."

"Can I finish!?"

Wow. How unpleasant. But since I might have to deal with her again, I didn't engage. Six hours later, after tracking down the dealer, who went to the bank to get the form notarized, I was back, this time with a new clerk. Jennifer.

Who advised me the dealer had failed to sign the form.

"I can't accept this," she said almost automatically. But I detected some humanity there.

"Yes, you can," I said sweetly. "This is our third trip. It's two hours, one way. I know you can do this." God, I was charming.

Eventually, she agreed to let me complete another form right there. And she could notarize it! In other words, this could have been handled the first time! By the condescending one.

By this time, Jennifer had gone soft. Smiling, even, and fifteen minutes later, we were done. We were friends, now. Might get married. "Jennifer, I know you went the extra mile for me," I said, title in hand. "I know you didn't have to. I want you to know how much I appreciate it." She was beaming now. "I'm glad you don't have to make another trip," she said.

I like to imagine she was especially helpful the rest of the day and that she went home feeling good about her bureaucratic heroism. I left the DMV smiling. That in itself might have made history.

Sure, it's not a perfect example of public service. There are warts in the story, but Jennifer ultimately came through. The system worked. Reluctantly.

Hey, baby steps.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Recap

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

After coming off arguably the most exciting regular season win in Minnesota Vikings history, the team turned in one of the worst performances imaginable to the Dallas Cowboys, losing 40-3. The loss Sunday not only snapped the Vikings' 7-game win streak but now puts the Vikings in a tough spot to get the 1-seed in the NFC even with their 8-2 record.

I do not think a single positive thing came out of this game for the Vikings. The defense was manhandled from the start as the Cowboys were able to score either a touchdown or a field goal on their first seven possessions. The offense looked completely incompetent as Kirk Cousins was sacked a total of seven times. And to make matters worse, Christian Darrisaw left the game with a concussion, his second in two straight games. Head Coach Kevin O'Connell made it clear in the postgame press conference that Darrisaw will be out for the Thanksgiving game against the New England Patriots and might miss even more time.

For the Cowboys, Tony Pollard was the star of the game. He not only rushed for 80 yards, but he also had 109 yards receiving and two touchdowns. When the Cowboys needed a yard, he got five; when the Cowboys needed a third-down conversion, he got them a touchdown. It was by far the most dominant performance I have seen against the Vikings this year.

The second most dominant performance might just be the Cowboys' defensive line performance today. The dominance they showed from start to finish made it feel like the Vikings' offensive line had a vendetta against Kirk Cousins. Besides the fact the game was out-of-hand, the Vikings brought in backup quarterback Nick Mullens early in the fourth quarter, possibly to make sure Cousins did not decide to just retire mid-game from being hit so much.

During Mike Zimmer's tenure in Minnesota, the Vikings seemed like they were good for one blowout loss every year. With the early success of Kevin O'Connell, it felt like those blowout losses would be no more. Sadly, that is not the case and it's starting to feel like this Vikings' team might be more like those prior teams than we thought.

Nonetheless, it's time for the Vikings and their fans to put Sunday's performance behind them and remember that the team still holds an 8-2 record and a four-game lead in the NFC North. Although Sunday's game was a complete and utter disaster, it was just one game. If things like this continue for the Vikings I would worry, but right now, this team has shown us before that they are a good football team.

Now, the Vikings will have to quickly turn around and play the New England Patriots this upcoming Thanksgiving night. The Vikings have not beaten a Bill Belichick-coached Patriots team since his first year in New England in 2000. That game in 2000 did not involve Tom Brady, and Thursday's game will not either, so I like the Vikings' chances to get back on track with a victory over the Patriots.

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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.



By David Adler

Blaisdell: Constitutional Flexibility in the Face of Crisis

The enormous pressures and hardships—financial, medical and psychological—inflicted on the citizenry by the Great Depression required creative governmental responses that stressed the limits of the Constitution.

In the face of the nation's gravest economic crisis, states struggled to find ways and means to keep Americans in their homes and on their farms. The historic job losses meant that millions could not meet mortgage obligations. Foreclosures forced citizens from their homes and into

the streets, without any hope of state assistance since governmental coffers, once receptacles for tax dollars, were bare.

The Minnesota Moratorium Law, enacted on April 18, 1933, represented a humanitarian response to the crisis. Under the law, state courts were authorized, when urged by a hard-pressed debtor, to exempt property from foreclosure for the duration of the emergency, lasting no longer than May 1, 1935. Although the contract was modified, the debtor was required to pay \$40 per month during the extended payment period.

The Blaisdells were unable to meet their mortgage payments and successfully petitioned a Minnesota court for the moratorium extension. The Minnesota Supreme Court affirmed the lower court ruling. The Home Building & Loan Association, which held the Blaisdells' mortgage, appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, asserting that the moratorium statute violated the Contract Clause of the Constitution, located in Article 1, section 10: "No State shall enter into any Law . . . impairing the Obligation of Contracts." The provision, they contended, prevented the state from altering the terms of the mortgage.

In *Home Building and Loan Association v. Blaisdell* (1934), a case popularly known as the Minnesota Moratorium Case, the Court, in a 5-4 opinion written by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, upheld the moratorium statute on the ground that the state police power was broad enough to alter the mortgage terms for a limited time. The landmark opinion was remarkable for its statesmanlike effort to balance two great constitutional principles—the Contract Clause and the Police Power—in a pragmatic, humanitarian manner that might save the housing and farm markets and, with it, the meaning that human beings attached to their homes and possessions.

Chief Justice Hughes' opinion for the Court emphasized some fundamental features of the Constitution. "Emergency does not create power," he wrote. "Emergency does not increase granted power or remove or diminish the restrictions imposed upon power granted or reserved. While emergency does not create power, emergency may furnish the occasion for the exercise of power." The alternative proposition, namely, that emergencies create new powers, would have gutted the principle of limited constitutional government and the rule of law. Fortunately for America, the Hughes Court advanced no such proposition.

Hughes observed that the Contract Clause is not absolute and, while it may not be impaired, alteration is not impairment. The Clause limits the remedial processes that the state may employ, but "the state also continues to possess authority to safeguard the vital interests of its people." Hughes stressed the Court's commitment to maintaining the integrity of both the Contract Clause and the police power through a balancing act that retained the core values of both principles. Hughes found "a growing appreciation of the necessity of finding a common ground between individual rights and the public welfare."

The Chief Justice declared: "It does not matter" that the moratorium law "has the effect of modifying contracts already in effect. Not only are existing laws read into contracts in order to fix obligations as between the parties, but the reservation of essential attributes of power is also read into contracts as a postulate of the legal order."

Neither principle—the Contract Clause or the police power—can be read to destroy the other, the Court said. They must be harmonized "to protect the vital interests of the community." The question, Hughes stated, "is the use of reasonable means to safeguard the economic structure upon which the good of all depends."

The police power of the state, the Court recognized, represented a reasonable tool with which to protect the "economic structure" of society. The Court had little choice but to uphold the moratorium law, for if it had not, there was no useful alternative to maintain the economic structure of the nation, "upon which the good of all depends." The devastating impact of the Great Depression on those with mortgages on homes and farms might have created circumstances in which banks held all the notes. But what value could be found in the possession of all the mortgages if there was not a market for them?

The dissenting Justices, known collectively as the Four Horsemen—George Sutherland, Willis Van Devanter, James McReynolds and Pierce

Butler—argued that the Contract Clause should be interpreted literally. That approach would have ensured that millions of Minnesotans would have spent the winters on the streets, with no foreseeable means of regaining their lost homes and farms.

The majority did not embrace that end, for it would have heralded the impotence of constitutional government to confront the grave economic crisis that afflicted the nation. Hughes, rather, cited with approval Chief Justice John Marshall's reminder of the utility of the Constitution, one "intended to endure for ages to come, and, consequently, to be adapted to the various crises of human affairs."

upheld. It may be said, then, that Virginia won the battle, but lost the war.

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COLA is sweet for Social Security recipients



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If you receive Social Security, you've probably already heard that your checks in 2023 will be bigger – considerably bigger, in fact. How can you make the best use of this extra money?

Here's what's happening: For 2023, there's an 8.7% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Social Security benefits – the largest increase in 40 years. Also, the monthly Medicare Part B premiums are declining next year, to \$164.90/month from \$170.10/month, which will also modestly boost Social Security checks for those enrolled in Part B, as these premiums are automatically deducted.

Of course, the sizable COLA is due to the high inflation of 2022, as the Social Security Administration uses a formula based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). So, it's certainly possible that you will need some, or perhaps all, of your larger checks to pay for the increased cost of goods and services. But if your cash flow is already relatively strong, you might want to consider these suggestions for using your bigger checks:

- Reduce withdrawals from your investment portfolio. When you're retired, you will likely need to withdraw a certain amount from your portfolio each year to meet your expenses. A boost in your Social Security may enable you to withdraw less, at least for a year. This can be particularly advantageous when the markets are down, as you'd like to avoid, as much as possible, selling investments and withdrawing the money when investment prices are low. And the fewer investments you need to sell, the longer your portfolio may last during your retirement years.

- Help build your cash reserves. When you're retired, it's a good idea to maintain about a year's worth of the amount you'll spend from your portfolio in cash, while also keeping three months' of your spending needs in an emergency fund, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Your higher Social Security checks could help you build these cash reserves. (Also, it's helpful to keep another three to five years' worth of spending from your portfolio in short-term, fixed-income investments, which now, due to higher interest rates, offer better income opportunities.)

- Contribute to a 529 plan. You could use some of your extra Social Security money to contribute to a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan for your grandchildren or other family members.

- Contribute to charitable organizations. You might want to use some of your Social Security money to expand your charitable giving. Your generosity will help worthy groups and possibly bring you some tax benefits, too.

While it's nice to have these possible options in 2023, you can't count on future COLA increases being as large. The jump in inflation in 2022 was due to several unusual factors, including pandemic-related government spending, supply shortages and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It's quite possible, perhaps even likely, that inflation will subside in 2023, which, in turn, would mean a smaller COLA bump in 2024.

Nonetheless, while you might not want to include large annual COLA increases as part of your long-term financial strategy, you may well choose to take advantage, in some of the ways described above, of the bigger Social Security checks you'll receive in 2023. When opportunity knocks, you may want to open the door.

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Groton City 2023 Appropriation Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 764
2023 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the city of Groton that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

GENERAL FUND	Gross Rec. Tax (BBB)	Airport Fund	Debt Service	TOTAL
Governmental Funds				
410 General Government				27,380.00
411 Legislative	27,380.00			50,000.00
411.5 Contingency	50,000.00			9,310.00
412 Executive	9,310.00			1,710.00
413 Elections	1,710.00			359,010.00
414 Financial Administration	359,010.00			44,250.00
419 Other	44,250.00			\$491,660.00
Total General Government	\$491,660.00			
420 Public Safety				421,100.00
421 Police	421,100.00			500.00
429 Other Inspection	500.00			\$421,600.00
Total Public Safety	\$421,600.00			
430 Public Works				505,750.00
431 Highways and Streets	505,750.00			3,500.00
432 Weed Control	3,500.00			45,300.00
435 Airport		45,300.00		13,200.00
437 Cemeteries	13,200.00			2,500.00
439 Transit	2,500.00			\$524,950.00
Total Public Works	\$524,950.00	\$45,300.00		
440 Health and Welfare				5,125.00
441 Health	5,125.00			\$5,125.00
Total Health and Welfare	\$5,125.00			
450 Culture and Recreation				8,075.00
451 Recreation:				-
Skating	8,075.00			-
Soccer	-			136,150.00
Swimming Pool	136,150.00			-
Golf	-			300.00
Basketball	300.00			124,585.00
Tennis	300.00			10,370.00
Baseball	124,585.00			10,400.00
452 Parks	10,370.00			4,500.00
455 Libraries	10,400.00			4,500.00
456 Community Center	4,500.00			\$294,680.00
Total Culture and Recreation	\$294,680.00			14,070.00
465 Economic Development and Assistance	14,070.00			\$14,070.00
Total Conservation and Development	\$14,070.00			
470 Debt Service Refinance				150,000.00
471 Principal			150,000.00	87,500.00
472 Interest			87,500.00	\$237,500.00
Total Debt Service			\$237,500.00	\$237,500.00
480 Intergovernmental Expenditures				
490 Miscellaneous				50.00
499 Liquor licenses	50.00			\$50.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$50.00			
510 Other Financing Uses				
511 Operating Transfer--Out				
Total 2020 Appropriations	\$1,752,135.00	\$45,300.00	\$237,500.00	\$2,034,935.00
Total Appropriations and Accumulations	\$1,752,135.00	\$45,300.00	\$237,500.00	\$2,034,935.00

Note 1: The amounts shown here should not reflect accumulations to-date nor should it reflect the total to be accumulated. It should only report the amount to be accumulated in the budget year that you are working on.

Part II

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The following designates the fund or funds that money derived from the following sources is applied to.

GENERAL FUND	Gross Rec. Tax (BBB)	Airport Fund	Debt Service	TOTAL
Governmental Funds				
Unassigned Fund Balance	85,000.00			120,000.00
310 Taxes	1,351,000.00	28,000.00	35,000.00	1,379,000.00
320 Licenses and Permits	19,400.00			19,400.00
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	105,789.00			105,789.00
340 Charges for Goods and Services	99,746.00			99,746.00
350 Fines and Forfeits	400.00			400.00
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	15,000.00			15,000.00
390 Other Sources	268,500.00	17,000.00	10,100.00	295,600.00
Total Means of Finance	\$1,944,835.00	\$28,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$2,034,935.00
Proprietary and Fiduciary Funds				
Beginning Unrestricted Cash		250,000.00		
Estimated Revenue	1,764,000.00	474,030.00	201,700.00	124,500.00
Transfer In			90,000.00	
Other Financing Sources				
TOTAL AVAILABLE	2,014,000.00	474,030.00	291,700.00	124,500.00
Less Appropriations (Expenses)	1,611,750	277,095.00	281,075.00	119,600.00
Less Debt Service		92,000.00		
Less Transfer Out	300,000.00	58,500.00		
ESTIMATED NET POSITION RETAINED	\$102,250.00	\$46,435.00	\$10,625.00	\$4,900.00

The finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the County Auditor. The amount of tax levy request is \$520,945, and the amount of opt our request is \$230,000.

The total request being \$750,945.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Douglas J. Heinrich, Finance Officer

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Groton City Ord. 762 Tax Levy

Ordinance 762
An Ordinance certifying the 2023 City of Groton Property Tax Levy to Brown County

Be It Ordained by the governing body of the City of Groton, South Dakota that the City Finance Officer is hereby directed to certify the following amount of property tax levy to the County Auditor of Brown County, South Dakota, in the manner provided by law.

General Fund \$520,945
The amount of tax levy request is \$750,945. The amount of opt out request is \$230,000. The total request being \$520,945, for

general purposes.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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Groton City Ord. 763 2023 Salaries

ORDINANCE NO. 763
An Ordinance entitled "The 2023 Salary Ordinance" to amend Ordinance No. 753, be-

ing an ordinance regulating the salaries of the elective and appointive officers and employees of the City of Groton. : : BE IT ORDAINED BY The City Council of the City of Groton that the 2023 salaries and time of payment are as follows for the elected and appointed officers and employees:

Mayor: \$625.00, Monthly
Council Members: \$3,000.00, Yearly +\$125.00. Per special City Council Meeting

Board of Equalization: \$200.00, Yearly

Planning & Zoning Commission: \$35.00, Per meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission: \$70.00, Per special meeting

Elected Officials: \$300.00, Per full day of additional authorized meetings

Elected Officials: \$100.00, Per half day of additional authorized meetings

Finance Officer: \$26.20, Hourly

Deputy Finance Officer: \$26.63, Hourly

Asst Finance Officer: \$22.50, Hourly

Public Works Coordinator, St & Water Supt.: \$34.42, Hourly

Wastewater Superintendent: \$30.61, Hourly

Asst Street Superintendent: \$28.34, Hourly

Public works on call: \$200.00, Weekly

Technology Specialist : \$29.92, Hourly

Electric Superintendent: \$54.59, Hourly

Electric Lineman: \$32.47, Hourly

Electric Department on call : \$200.00, Weekly

Police Chief: \$33.72, Hourly

Police Officer & Assistant Chief: \$30.57, Hourly

Police Officer Level 1: \$29.21, Hourly

Police Officer Level 2: \$26.78, Hourly

Full time permanent employee individual health insurance premium will be covered by the City of Groton, along with \$260 per month toward a dependent's insurance coverage provided by the City.

The city will contribute to a med flex account at a 2 to 1 city/employee match, with a maximum city contribution of \$400.

The city will contribute \$2 for every \$1 the employee contributes up to \$1000 to their health savings account under the HSA health insurance option only.

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Groton City Nov. 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

November 15, 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, Wambach, Wells, Cutler, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, and Paul Kosel. Members of the Carnival of Silver Skates committee were present including Coralea Wolter, Nikki Kotzer, and Carrie Olson.
Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.
The Carnival of Silver Skates had continued discussion regarding warming house maintenance and flooding of the ice-skating pond. Discussion also took place regarding the possibility of purchasing a tarp for the skating pond.
The members of the Carnival of Silver Skates committee exited the meeting.
The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Cutler and seconded by Nehls. All members voted aye.
Moved by Wambach and seconded by Babcock to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.
Payroll, \$24,775.70, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,311.57; Public Safety, \$9,325.62; Public Works, \$11,138.51; Kellie Locke, \$136.40, Med Flex; April Abeln, \$192.85, Med Flex; IMEG Corp., \$12,940.66, Professional Services - Water Project; Dacotah Bank, \$5,255.06, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Dacotah Bank, \$576.24, HSA Contributions; USPS, \$266.63, Utility Billing Postage; City of Groton, \$315.96, Utility Deposits Applied to Bills; Alex McKiver, \$121.06, Utility Deposit Refund; Karla Pasteur, \$87.80, Utility Deposit Refund; Roger Johnson, \$282.22, Utility Deposit Refund; Magaly Martinez, \$112.98, Utility Deposit Refund; Brown County Treasurer, \$24.20, Title/Licensing Fees for 2022 Ford F150; SD State Treasurer, \$8,436.65, Sales & Excise Tax - October 2022; Dahme Construction Inc., \$620,243.14, Pay Request #2; Dacotah Bank, \$3,335.24, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA Contributions; Accounts Management, Inc., \$75.00, Wage Assignment; Hauge Associates, Inc., \$473.20, Wage Garnishment; SD Municipal League, \$1,580.82, 2023 Municipal Membership Dues; Grand Slam Computers Inc., \$10.99, Ethernet cable adapter; Groton Chamber of Commerce, \$250.00, Membership Dues; WAPA, \$20,201.92, Power Services - October 2022; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$1,082.89, Halloween goodies, 2023 planner, case of paper, books, newspaper display rack, driver side door control panel - Tahoe, ink cartridges, fuel, engine oil, floor liners for pickup, water sample, hotel stay for Annual Conference in Watertown, SD, security camera for Community Center; Runnings, \$5.09, Spark Plug for Mower; A&B Business Solutions, \$343.49, Printer Lease; WEB Water, \$18,371.54, Water Services - October 2022; Avera Medical Group, \$35.00, Drug Screening Services; Lori's Pharmacy, \$33.50, Flower Arrangement; Ken's Food Fair, \$520.84, Fuel purchases; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,478.06, Fuel purchases & car wash; Heartland Energy, \$33,344.91, Power Services - October 2022; Geffdog Designs, \$45.00, Engraved Park Bench Signs - Grow, SD; Northern Electric Cooperative, \$13,255.13, Electric Installation at Airport; Greg's Repair, \$353.46, Repairs to 2017 Ford PD Interceptor; Groton Daily Independent, \$123.51, Publishing Fees; SD Municipal Electric Assoc., \$1,156.00, 2023 Membership Dues; IMEG Corp., \$10,689.92, Professional Services - Water Project & Airport Survey; Heartland Waste, \$10,176.10, Garbage Hauling - October 2022; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger Truck Lease; Farmers Union Co-op Assoc., \$2,239.44, Diesel Fuel; James Valley, \$682.92, Telephone & Internet Services; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$240.00, Supplemental Retirement; AutoZone, Inc., \$357.42, Oil & oil filters for PD & Shop; Railroad Management Co, LLC., \$1,404.47, Annual Power Line Crossing License Fees.
Moved by Babcock and seconded by Cutler to approve the October finance report. All members voted aye.
Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to approve Change Order No. 1 for Dahme Construction. All members voted aye.
Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve Pay Request No. 1 for Maguire Iron for \$185,419.00. All members voted aye.
Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to approve the utility easement for the Groton Municipal Airport. All members voted aye.
Moved by Babcock and seconded by Cutler to approve the Aid to Construction contract with Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. for electricity installation at the Groton Municipal Airport. All members voted aye.
Discussion took place regarding the park bathrooms and possible funding options.
The second reading of Ordinance #763 - 2023 Salary Ordinance was approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Nehls. All members voted aye.
The second reading of Ordinance #764 - 2023 Appropriations was approved on a motion by Wambach and seconded by Cutler. All members voted aye.
Holiday Lighting Contest - December 10th - \$100, \$75, and \$50 utility bill credits to be given away.
Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:28pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:10pm.
Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to hire the following employees for seasonal employment at the skating rink: Manager: Kelsie Frost, attendants: Emma Schinkel, Shalyn Foertsch, Aspen Johnson, Anna Fjeldheim, Carly Guthmiller, Cadence Feist, Ashley Johnson, Emma Kutter, Gretchen Dinger, Abby Yeadon, Kayleigh McGannon, and Leah Jones.
The employees' wages will be \$10.80 per hour for attendants and \$11.40 per hour plus \$250 per month for the manager. All members voted aye.
Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm. All members voted aye.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer
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Brown County Nov. 14, 2022 Canvass Meeting

NOVEMBER 14, 2022 - CANVASS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION
Brown County Commissioners Doug Fjeldheim, Mike Gager, Chairman Duane Sutton and Vice-Chair Mike Wiese convened for the purpose of canvassing the November 8, 2022 General Election, as authorized by SDCL 12-20-36 at 10:00 a.m. on November 14, 2022 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. American Pledge was led by Commissioner Fjeldheim.
Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Official Canvass, as follows:
United States Senator Brian L. Bengs (Dem) . 3,893
Tamara J. Lesnar (Lib) .. 451
John R. Thune (Rep)... 9,577
United States Representative Collin Duprel (Lib)..... 2,684
Dusty Johnson (Rep)10,425
Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Jamie Smith and Jennifer Keintz (Dem) . 5,167
Tracey Quint and Ashley Strand (Lib) 341
Kristi Noem and Larry Rhoden (Rep) 8,456
Secretary of State Thomas A. Cool (Dem) 5,184
Monae Johnson (Rep) . 8,007
Attorney General Marty J. Jackley (Rep)10,228
State Auditor Stephanie Marty (Dem)4,637
Rene Meyer (Lib)..... 671
Richard Sattgast (Rep) 7,838
State Treasurer John Cunningham (Dem) 4,657
Josh Haeder (Rep)..... 8,482
Commissioner of School and Public Lands
Timothy Azure (Dem) . 4,703
Brock Greenfield (Rep) 8,351
Public Utilities Commissioner Jeffrey Barth (Dem)..... 4,280
Chris Nelson (Rep)..... 8,946
State Senator/District 01 Michael H. Rohl (Rep) . 2,374

Susan Wismer (Ind).... 1,249
State Senator/District 03 Al Novstrup (Rep)..... 5,698
State Senator/District 23 Bryan J. Breiting (Rep) .. 679
State Representative/District 01 (Vote for Two)
Steven D. McCleerey (Dem). 1,162
Kay F. Nikolas (Dem)... 1,120
Joe Donnell (Rep)..... 2,105
Tamara S. John (Rep) 2,096
State Representative/District 03 (Vote for Two)
Brandei Schaeffbauer (Rep).. 4,625
Carl E. Perry (Rep)..... 5,050
State Representative/District 23 (Vote for Two)
James D. Wangsness (Rep) . 432
Scott Moore (Rep) 609
County Commissioners At Large (Vote for Three)
Chad Fischbach (Dem) 6,215
Mike Wiese (Rep) 7,139
Mike Gage (Rep)..... 7,122
Drew Dennert (Rep) ... 8,398
Judge of the Circuit Court, Position A Fifth Circuit
Marshall C. Lovrien 8,637
Judge of the Circuit Court, Position B Fifth Circuit
Tony L. Portra..... 8,467
Judge of the Circuit Court, Position C Fifth Circuit
Gregory C. Magera 7,683
Judge of the Circuit Court, Position D Fifth Circuit
Richard A. Sommers ... 7,843
Supreme Court Justice Retention
Shall Justice Patricia J. DeVaney representing the Third Supreme Court District, whose term expires January 1, 2023 be retained in office?
Yes..... 9,484
No..... 2,076
Shall Justice Mark E. Salter representing the Second Supreme Court District, whose term expires January 1, 2023 be retained in office?
Yes..... 9,299
No..... 2,081
Constitutional Amendment D: An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution expanding Medicaid eligibility.
Yes..... 7,646
No..... 5,932
Initiated Measure 27: An initiated measure legalizing the possession, use and distribution of marijuana.
Yes..... 6,694
No..... 7,141
Referendum: Brown-Marshall and South Brown Conservation District Merger
Yes..... 8,837
No..... 3,116
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Canvass Meeting for the November 8, 2022 General Election. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Nov. 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 15, 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, Sutton, and Wiese. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Feickert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None
ORDINANCE #231 - FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Feickert to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #231, Applicant Todd Ochsner/Ochsner Real Estate LP requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.15 Light Industrial District (L-I): The S 1/2 of Section 19-T123N-R64W lying South of Railroad R.O.W. of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
ORDINANCE #232 - FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #232, Applicant Jerrad Jangula requesting rezoning from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG): Proposed Lot 1, "Jangula Subdivision" in the NE 1/4 of Section 24-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
ORDINANCE #233 - FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #233, Applicant John Daily requesting rezoning from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG): Lot 1, "First Subdivision of Bieber's Outlot 1" in the N 1/2 of Section 21-T126N-R64W of 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
ORDINANCE #234 - FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #234, Applicant Stacy Gossman requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.08 Residential District (R-1) to Chapter 4.13 Commercial District (C): Proposed Lot 1, "Ole Crow Addition" in the NW 1/4 of Section 17-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
AWARD BROWN COUNTY FAIR RODEO CONTRACTOR: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager recommended on behalf of the Brown County Fair Rodeo Committee to accept the RFP from Bailey Pro Rodeo as the Brown County Fair Rodeo Contractor for 2023-2025 Fairs. Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to accept the Bailey Pro Rodeo Proposal for years of 2023-2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
BROWN COUNTY FAIR CONTRACTS: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager presented two Fair Contracts for approval. One for "The Best of Motown 2" at the cost of \$8,000.00 for nine performances. The second one for "Duck Enterprises" to host Duck races in the Kids Zone at the cost of \$7,000.00. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve both Fair Contracts. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
FAIR BOARD MEMBER APPROVAL: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager asked to approve Brodie Mueller as a new Fair Board Member for two three-year terms. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve Brodie Mueller as new Fair Board Member. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
SALES TAX REVENUE: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager shared with the Commissioners the amount of Sales Tax Revenue that is brought in just from the Brown County Fairgrounds. She would like the Board to contact Legislators to see about some of those funds being reallocated back to the County to help with upkeep and improvements needed at the Fairgrounds. Commissioners agreed this would be a benefit to other counties as well. Representative Carl Perry was in attendance and will look into this matter. Commissioner Fjeldheim also mentioned that he would like to see a 2% Sales Tax on services that the County provides to benefit the Counties.
WEED & PEST UPDATE: Chris Hemen, Weed & Pest Supervisor met with Commission to give a Department Update and inform the Board that they are applying for a \$2000.00 Grant from the Department of Ag & Natural Resources.
MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the November 8, 2022 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
PAYROLL/CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$3,837.80; Domain Networks \$289.00; Helms & Assoc. Inc. \$1,146.55; Know Ink, LLC \$3,500.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$368.00; Marco Inc. \$375.00; Cortney Paul \$129.54; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb, LLP \$372.90; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$223.00; Sanford Health Network \$5,557.50; Sara Zahn \$46.60; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulations \$1,991.63. Publishing: Groton Independent \$320.91. Rentals: Aramark \$246.61. Repairs & Maintenance Ecolab Pest Elimination \$147.16; Eilers Water Conditioning & Lawn Irrigation \$125.00; Prairie Scale Systems, Inc. \$833.90; Pro Windmill Inc. \$95.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$94.16; Titan Machinery - Aberdeen NH \$13,790.04; TranSource Truck & Equipment, Inc. \$1,978.39; Walth Safety Service Inc. \$1,154.48. Supplies: Agetgra

Cooperative \$12,242.23; Butler Machinery Co. \$2,405.69; Century Business Products \$233.65; Charm-Tex \$155.40; Dakota Oil \$217.60; Dakota Supply Group \$183.29; Fastenal Co. \$505.38; Kessler's \$142.65; Marco Inc. \$2,435.00; Menards \$466.47; NAPA Central \$221.88; Peter Osowski \$224.00; Roland L. Moerke \$1,137.26; Runnings \$24.48; Warner Fire Dept. \$1,137.26. Travel & Conference: Bonnie Bourassa \$19.43; Carolyn Dinger \$49.06; Constance Cutler \$38.51; Deb Gustafson \$27.49; Julie Hinds \$20.35; Laura Adema \$15.05; Lynn Butler \$10.25; Regency Midwest Ventures Limited Partnership \$101.00; Sharon Zastrow \$20.66. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$140.54; City of Aberdeen \$2,008.85; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$3,295.05; Qwest Corporation \$1,201.30; State of South Dakota \$110.86; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$3,086.43; Web Water Development Assoc. Inc. \$98.91.
Others: Safe Harbor \$1,084.87; SD Dept. of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$3,875.42; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulations \$643,221.64. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
HR REPORT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report:
Acknowledge transfer of Makendra Ochsner from Brown County Jail CO to Brown County JDC CO; effective November 14, 2022; Acknowledge transfer of Kari Harmon from Brown County Communications, Dispatcher to Brown County Jail CO; effective November 15, 2022; Acknowledge resignation of Brianna Haugen, Brown County States Attorney Deputy, full-time effective December 23, 2022. Request to fill; Acknowledge resignation of Brock Hoyle, Brown County Auditor Chief Deputy, full-time effective December 2, 2022. Request to fill; Acknowledge last day of temporary employment for Jan Erickson, Brown County Election worker; effective November 9, 2022; Acknowledge last day of temporary employment for Cheryl Finstad, Brown County Election worker; effective November 9, 2022; Acknowledge temporary transfer of Jerry Lehrkamp from Brown County Weed & Pest to Brown County Highway; effective November 14, 2022; Acknowledge temporary transfer of Mike Rohrbach from Brown County Weed & Pest to Brown County Highway; effective November 14, 2022; Acknowledge temporary transfer of Chris Hemen from Brown County Weed & Pest to Brown County State's Attorney; effective November 14, 2022; Approve hiring of Jerry Bjerke as Brown County Highway Labor Grade 3 worker; wage \$19.51/hour; effective November 14, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR 4-H YOUTH PROGRAM ADVISOR: Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Chairman to sign the MOU for the 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Becca Tullar. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
CLAIM ASSIGNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Chairman sign the Claim Assignment against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following travel requests: Lynn Heupel, Auditor and Stephanie Jacobson, Elections Clerk to travel to Faulkton on Monday, November 21st for meeting on Election Laws; Lynn Heupel, Auditor to travel to Milbank on Wednesday, November 30th for Lake Region District Meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
OTHER BUSINESS: Carl Perry wanted to congratulate Drew Dennert, Mike Gage, Mike Wiese for winning their elections. Thank-you to Chad Fischbach for caring about Brown County and participating. There are a lot of people talking about Election Integrity and problems, but we are not talking about Lynn Heupel's job: she is doing a good job. Chairman Sutton reiterated the congratulations and Thanks to Lynn and her crew for a job well done on the Election as seen in the Canvass yesterday.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into

executive session to discuss Personnel, and Contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:15a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Frederick City Nov. 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

City of Frederick
November 7, 2022 Minutes
Frederick's town board meeting was held Monday, November 7, 2022 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Troy Millard and Jeff Kusters, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Mariah Heine, and Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg.
Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
The minutes of the October meetings were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kusters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Kusters; motion carried. The November accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Kusters; motion carried.
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$988; Aberdeen Asphalt storm cleanup Gen'l \$4,047.50; Badger Meter fees Swr \$116.59; BC Sheriff's Dept deputy services Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$80.01; DANR fee Wtr \$100; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,679; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cnty \$1,052.46; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cnty \$864.36; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; Frederick Forward FYI Gen'l \$1,890; FDC Econ, Dev \$1,200; GDI minutes Gen'l \$32.84; J. Kusters wage Gen'l \$92.35; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,423.78; JHC Services LLC storm cleanup pmt Gen'l \$840; JM Electric storm cleanup pmt Gen'l \$4,605; JVT phone/svc FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l \$246.34; M. Cox wage EBL \$621.92; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.38; Menards supplies Swr \$27.96; Menards supplies Gbg \$16.43; Olivia Morlock CC clean CC \$42.48; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$115.44; R. Bakeberg wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$464.14; R. Bakeberg veh. allow. St/Wtr/Swr \$75; Richard Achen storm cleanup Gen'l \$1,140; Ronayne Law Office deed building Gen'l \$45; Runnings supplies Sts \$11.96; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg \$77.33; SD Dept of Rev samples Wtr \$10; SDML mun dues Gen'l \$405; SDML Worker's Comp Gen'l \$715; Sumption Farms storm cleanup Gen'l \$3,240.67; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$92.35; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; VISA stamps Gen'l \$154.59; VISA postage Gen'l \$23; WEB Water sept usage Wtr \$5,067.87; WEB Water Oct usage Wtr \$6,670.09
OLD BUSINESS
Rich Bakeberg provided a utility report.
NEW BUSINESS
Motion to approve liquor license for the Community Store for package liquor made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Motion to approve liquor license for Titan's Bar & Grill made by Kusters/Millard; motion carried. Motion to write off Frederick Historical Society utility balance of \$217.24 to remove from the books made by Kusters/Millard; motion carried.
CORRESPONDENCE
The City received a certified letter asking to provide minutes from earlier in 2022 to Daniel Napton.
Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Kusters at 7:46 PM; motion carried.
M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer
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Picture L to R: Hollie Frost (Spirit of the Tiger), Lydia Meier (Most Improved), Sydney Leicht (Foxhole Most Valuable Player), Aspen Johnson (Spirit of the Tiger), Anna Fjeldheim (Most Valuable Player), Carly Guthmiller (Ace Award), Laila Roberts (Rookie of the Year). (Courtesy Photo by Chelsea Hanson)

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Groton School HVAC Bid Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Business Manager on behalf of the Groton Area School District #06-6, Brown County, South Dakota, at the Finance Office, 502 North 2nd Street, Groton, SD 57445, for Groton Area School 2023 HVAC Improvements until 2:00 p.m. central time on Thursday, December 8, 2022. The bid letting will be held at 2:00 p.m. central time on Thursday, December 8, 2022 in the Conference Room at the Groton Area School District. A recommended pre-bid meeting will be held at the Groton Area School District, 502 North 2nd Street, on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. central time, in the north gym lobby.

Copies of the specifications are on file in the Groton Area School Finance Office, 502 North 2nd Street, Groton, SD 57445, and at the engineer's office of Sichmeller Engineering, 801 Railroad Avenue SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Copies may be obtained from the engineer's office by bidders. Technical questions shall also be directed to the office of Sichmeller Engineering, Aberdeen, SD at 605-225-4344.

Bid proposals shall be submitted to the Groton Area School Board in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Bid for Groton Area School 2023 HVAC Improvements to be opened Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. central time". Faxed bids will not be accepted; however, faxed bid adjustments will be accepted until the time of bid opening. Fax adjustments to 605-397-8453. Faxed adjustments must be followed up with a signed

hard copy mailed to Groton Area School District's Finance Office – Attn: Mike Weber.

Separate bids will be accepted – Bid Package #1 to be all Temperature Controls work, and Bid Package #2 to be all Mechanical, Electrical, General labor and material required to provide a complete project.

No bidder may withdraw a bid for 30 days following the bid opening without a written request explaining the cause of the withdrawal and without written consent of the Owner after reviewing the cause.

Liquidated damages shall be in effect for this project. See Bid Form and Instruction to Bidders for details.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or draft in the amount of 5% of the base bid plus all add alternates, or a 10% bid bond issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota and made payable to the "Groton Area School District #06-6, Groton, South Dakota".

The Groton Area School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities therein.

Groton Area School Board
 Mike Weber
 Business Manager
 Groton Area School District #06-6

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Brown County Biegler Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Lyle Biegler, Diane Bindenagel and Travis Bindenagel to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on December 6, 2022 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) and Chapter 4.08 Residential District (R-3):

Lot 1 and Lot 2, "Bindenagel Richmond Lake Subdivision", Lot 1, "Bindenagel Third Richmond Lake Subdivision" and Lot 1A, "BNB Second Richmond Lake Subdivision" all in the NW ¼ or Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 235.

ATTEST:

Lynn Heupel
 Brown County Auditor
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A subscription to the Groton Independent makes a great gift!

Groton's Angel Trees are out!



Thank you for supporting Groton's Angel Tree Project.



The tags are on the Angel Tree at Lori's Pharmacy along US 12 and also at City Hall in downtown Groton. Please bring the gifts wrapped or unwrapped by Friday, Dec. 9. You can drop them off at Lori's Pharmacy or City Hall. Contact Tina at 605-397-7285 if you have any questions.

Junior High Girls split with Milbank

The Groton Area junior high girls basketball teams split a pair of games with Milbank on Friday in games played in Groton.

Milbank won the seventh grade game, 23-18. Chesney Weber led the Tigers with eight points while Sydney Locke had six and McKenna Krause and Taryn Thompson each had two points.

The Groton Area eighth grade girls won their game, 37-16. Taryn Traphagen led the Tigers with 13 points which included a three-pointer, McKenna Tietz and Kella Tracy each had nine points and Ashlynn Warrington Brenna Imrie and Avery Crank each had two points.

Belle Pauli led Milbank with eight points in the second half.

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League

Team Standings: Chipmunks – 10, Cheetahs – 6, Foxes – 6, Jackelopes – 5, Shihtzus – 5, Coyotes – 4

Men's High Games: Ron Belden – 185, Brad Waage – 183, Mike Siegler – 179

Women's High Games: Michelle Johnson – 179, Karen Spanier – 178, Vicki Walter – 171

Men's High Series: Mike Siegler – 519, Brad Waage – 499, Brad Larson – 466

Women's High Series: Karen Spanier – 465, Vicki Walter – 453, Lori Wiley – 432

Conde National League

Nov. 21 Team Standings: Braves 22, Cubs 21, Tigers 21, Pirates 20, Mets 18, Giants 18

Men's High Games: Jeff Lahammer 195, Austin Schuelke 187, Ryan Bethke 178

Men's High Series: Ryan Bethke 504, Austin Schuelke 478, Butch Farmen 473

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 154, Sam Bahr 139, Michelle Johnson 138

Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 440, Sam Bahr 386, Michelle Johnson 385

Brown County Haar Rezoning Notice

NOTICE
Application has been made by Rory Haar, Estate of Roland W. Haar and Walter Schott to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on December 6, 2022 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.08 Residential District (R-1) and Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG):
"Schott Outlot" and Lot 1, "Haar Addition" both in the SE 1/4 of Section 6-T123N-R63W. Proposed Lots 1 thru 4, "Haar's Second Addition" in the E 1/2 of Section 6-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 236.

ATTEST:
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Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Gellhaus Rezoning Notice

NOTICE
Application has been made by Lon Gellhaus for Derrill J. Mahan Family Trust to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on December 6, 2022 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG):
Proposed Lot 1, "Mahan Addition" in the NW 1/4 of Section 5-T123N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 237.

ATTEST:
Lynn Heupel
Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Mettler Rezoning Notice

NOTICE
Application has been made by Marian Mettler/Rick Mettler, P.O.A to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on December 6, 2022 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.11 Rural Urban District (RU) and Multi-Zone District (MZ) to Rural Urban (RU) Proposed Lot 1 & Proposed Lot 2 and then Proposed Lot 3 to Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P):

Proposed Lot 1, Proposed Lot 2 & Proposed Lot 3, "Mettler Second Subdivision" in the NE 1/4 of Section 6-T126N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 238.

ATTEST:
Lynn Heupel
Brown County Auditor
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HAPPY
Thanksgiving

Notice of Regular Annual Meeting Of Full Circle Ag

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of Full Circle Ag, Britton, SD, will be held at the Britton Area Event Center at 1203 3rd St, Britton, SD on Tuesday, December 6th. The meeting will be held at 10:30 am with lunch to follow. The meeting will include the following purposes:

- Review Annual Audit
- Election of Directors
- Any other business to come before the board

This is a very important business meeting of your cooperative; everyone is urged to attend.

Jason Asche, Secretary



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Live Auction begins at 8:30 p.m.

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12 Days of Christmas!

Groton Area Junior Kindergarten Students are thankful for . . .



Beau Bahr (Dion & Samantha) -I am thankful for my family because we eat mac-n-cheese together!



Cruz Cleveland (Justin & Gretchan)-I am thankful for my family and my dog because I love them so much!



Harper Cleveland (Justin & Gretchan)-I am thankful for my dog because she is so little and cute!



Ivy Cole (Charles & Carrie)-I am thankful for all of my cats and that they are safe!

May all the good things of life be yours, not only at Thanksgiving but throughout the coming year.



Lori's Pharmacy
Groton



Max Erickson (Seth & Megan)-I am thankful for my family because they play with me and my dog because he sleeps with me!



Aunna Freeland (Sara)-I am thankful for my baby kitten because I love him and he is soft!



Emersyn Giedt (Heath & Katelyn)-I am thankful for my dog because she has fun, squeaky toys!



Nolan Gingerich (Daniel & Megan)-I am thankful for balloons because I think they are cool!



"There are many things we are thankful for this year, but at the very top of that list is our customers! Wishing you a wonderful holiday filled with the warmth and happiness of the season."



Thanksgiving Blessings
from
Becky & Kevin



Ariadne Gutierrez-Hernandez (Atenogenes & Nora)-I am thankful for my family, I love them! Estoy agradecido por mi familia, ilos amo!



Ruby Henderson (Bradley & Michelle)-I am thankful for my family because they care about me!



Landry Johnson (Gene & Tayla)-I am thankful for my house and the windows!



Bryton Larson (Joshua & Desa)- I am thankful for my family because I like my dad and my mom and they make the best food ever!

A Harvest of Thanks

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happy Thanksgiving

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Happy Thanksgiving! May the autumn glow and delicious harvest of the season bring you happiness and prosperity!

ML Real Estate
Merry Lone, Broker
605-590-0000
Charlotte Andres, Broker Associate
605-229-9888
Bristol



Lexie Locke (Spencer & Kellie)-I am thankful for my mom and dad because I love them so much!



Jed Morehouse (Brent & Jessica)-I am thankful for my family because I like them!



Cort Paulson (Andrew & Kara)-I am thankful for my family because they love me!



Kayleigh Raba (Christopher & Erica)-I am thankful for my teachers because they are the best in the whole world!

We gather on to be thankful for what we have, for the family we love, the friends we cherish, and for the blessings that will come.



Groton Vet Clinic



Indira Rodriguez-Centeno (Carlos & Karely)-I am thankful for my mom, dad, and Carlos!



Molly Swisher (Travis & Taylor)-I am thankful for my family because I love them and they make me food!



Natalie Walberg (Jeremy & Brittany)-I am thankful for sister and I like helping her clean up!



Nova Washenberger (Daniel & Laura)-I am thankful for my dog because he is so fluffy and nice!

May you find love, peace, the gift of faith, renewed hope, and the true spirit of the holiday season during this Thanksgiving season.



from your favorite salesman at

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Bary Keith



Sunny Washenberger (Daniel & Laura)- I am thankful for my dog because he is fluffy, but not for his loud squeaky toys!

We are part of something wonderful. We are friends, but also family. You will be loved for the rest of your life, and we are thankful for having you.



Happy Thanksgiving from

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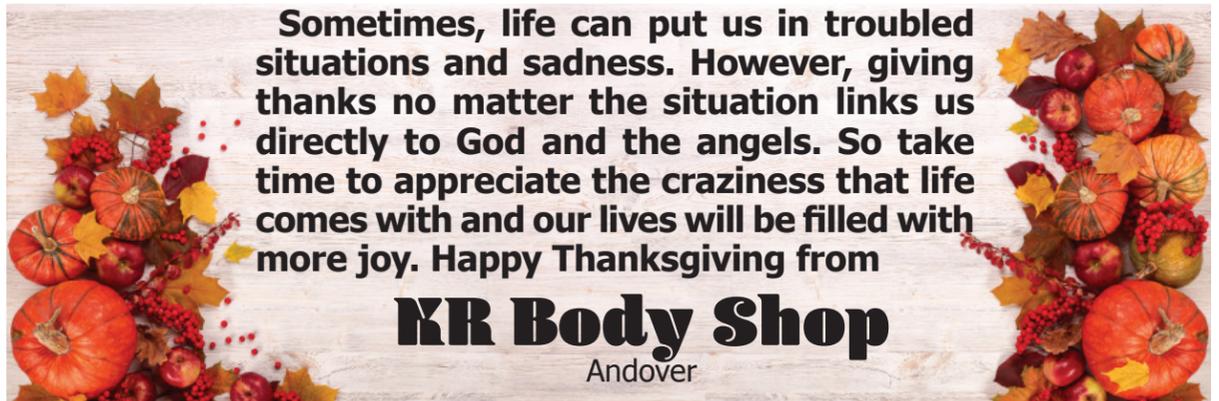


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Sometimes, life can put us in troubled situations and sadness. However, giving thanks no matter the situation links us directly to God and the angels. So take time to appreciate the craziness that life comes with and our lives will be filled with more joy. Happy Thanksgiving from

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 Andover



May you enjoy the feast and the company of your family on Thanksgiving day.



S & S Lumber & Hardware Hank
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November is the time to be thankful, a time to remember and to embrace those who enrich our lives. We are thankful for a lot of things, but we most thankful for you.

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Wishing You a super sized Thanksgiving!



Bierman Farm Services
Downtown Groton

Harrisburg Robotics Tournament Summary

Saturday, November 19th

Groton Robotics traveled down to Harrisburg to participate in the Sioux Metro Qualifier on Saturday November 19th competing against 22 other teams from 8 towns: Mitchell (5), Harrisburg (4), Groton (2), Sioux Falls (2), Brandon (1), Box Elder (5), Vermillion (1), Spearfish (2). Groton Teams included: G-Force 9050A (6th grade- Connor Kroll, Lincoln Shilhanek, Logan Olson -not present Grant Cleveland) Galaxy 9050E (Corbin Weismantel, Logan Clocksene, Kianna Sanders, Axel Warrington, team assistant Bradyn Wienk, not present Brayden Barrera).

The robotist were up and at it leaving Groton at 5:15 Saturday morning, unfortunately illness hit a few kids, leaving only 2 teams traveling down to Harrisburg.

The competition started off with 33 qualifying matches, each team competing 6 times. At the end of the 33 qualifying matches G-Force-9050A was ranked 17th and Galaxy-9050E ranked 21st.

Both teams tweaked and improved their robots in the last two weeks. G-Force was able to add an arm that gave them the ability to turn and 'Own Rollers' each owned roller is 10 points; fields have 4 rollers attached. G-Force also focused on pushing disks away from their opponents, preventing them from scoring. They also worked on pushing disks out of their opponent's low goal area, each disk they removed was 1 less point their opponent would score.

Galaxy 9050E improved their roller in the last couple weeks and focused on owning their alliance color roller and preventing their opponent from turning it back to their color. A lot of pushing was seen by robots protecting their alliance color.

Galaxy 9050E and G-Force 9050A chose to work together as alliance partners heading into the round of 16, unfortunately their day ended here with a score of 85 to 54. Great job teams!

Tournament champions were from Harrisburg and Mitchell. Congratulations to all the robotist who participated! Groton Robotist will be headed down to Canton on Saturday, December 3rd. For more information check out the vex VRC robotics website, download the VEX via app and follow Groton Tiger Robotics on Facebook. Thanks to all who support Groton Robotics!

Submitted by Groton Robotics

"Wishing you the happiness of good friends, the joy of a happy family, and the wonder of the holiday season. Have a memorable thanksgiving!"



Greg Johnson Construction
Bristol



Galaxy 9050E Working on their robot between matches. (l-r) (team assistant Brady Wienk, Logan Clocksene, Corbin Weismantel, Axel Warrington, not pictured Brayden Barrera and Kiana Sanders) (Photo courtesy Robotic parents)



G-Force 9050A Tweaking their robot before a match. (l-r) Connor Kroll, Lincoln Shilhanek, Logan Olson -not present Grant Cleveland) (Photo courtesy Robotic parents)

"Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds." -Theodore Roosevelt

happy Thanksgiving

Groton American Legion Post #39
Downtown Groton

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Groton Chiropractic Clinic
Groton



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Those helping to pack up boxes for people in need in Groton for Thanksgiving are pictured above. In back, left to right, are David Miller, Drew Reetz, Diane Warrington, Deb Fredrickson, Topper Tastad, Bailey McCarthy, Wendy Monson and Brenda McCarthy; in front, left to right, are Pat Miller, Kari Bartling, Darlene Daly, April Abeln, Julie Shilhanek, Judith Flihs, Connie Stauch and Charlotte Martin.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Nancy Larsen goes over a couple of details with Darlene Daly. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Connie Stauch and April Abeln pick up canned goods to put in the boxes. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Volunteers were busy unpacking the bags that the FCCLA had gathered from its food drive Wednesday evening. (Photo by April Abeln)

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Blocker Construction

May your blessings be multiplied this year and throughout all your life.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that a shortage of batteries is slowing down the development of solar and wind power here in the U.S.? If so, what are we doing to ramp up battery production if anything?

-- J. Wilson, Chicago, IL

As the climate crisis worsens and public outcry can no longer be ignored, policymakers are tasked with ramping up the production of renewable energy. The Biden Administration has announced its desire to de-carbonize the grid by 2035. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), United States electricity production emits 25 percent of total greenhouse gas pollution, just behind transportation at 27 percent of the country's emissions. Renewable alternatives are starting to garner more support for both electricity production and manufacturing of zero-emission electric vehicles. With these potential solutions to the climate crisis, a new problem arises: Both rely on lithium batteries to store energy.

For the renewable energy industry to grow and ultimately take prominence, energy storage will be a critical piece to the puzzle. As critics point out, without an effective method to store energy, renewables like solar and wind are only good when the wind is blowing or the sun is shining. The most common way that energy is stored now is through the use of lithium batteries. Fluence, a global leader in energy storage technology, says that the cost

of a lithium battery has begun to soar up to 20 percent higher than last year. This cost increase can be attributed to the increased price of the lithium and nickel needed to make the batteries, as well as bottlenecks in transport and labor.

Renewable energy projects are also reporting difficulties procuring lithium and nickel due to having to compete against the electric vehicle (EV) manufacturers. EV companies have proven to be a formidable competitor in the market due to their consistency and predictable ordering patterns which make them a favorite for battery manufacturers to work with.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is left to piece together a solution other than lithium batteries to achieve their lofty goals. One route they may take to avoid competition with EV producers is to use an alternative method of energy storage altogether. A Finnish company, Polar Night Energy, has developed a sand "battery" that is able to store heat in sand tanks up to 500 degrees Celsius, allowing that heat energy to be used later on. This is not to say that the future of American energy is sand, however it is a valuable example of how investing in innovative ideas can pay off in the form of creative solutions for the nation.

While we wait for the next big innovations, the DOE has identified a need for the U.S. to develop a domestic supply chain for energy



Limited battery storage capacity remains a bottleneck to the widespread application of solar and wind power. Credit: Stephan Ridgway, FlickrCC.

storage and aims to put an emphasis on recycling lithium batteries. Presently only five percent of lithium batteries are being recycled globally; if the DOE is able to mandate battery recycling, then they hope that will bolster the domestic supply of lithium batteries while putting less stress on harvesting raw materials which will in turn bring the prices down.

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"Gratitude for Grandparents"

A three-pound baby entered the world in recent days. This precious child was born after his Mom spent seven weeks in the hospital on bedrest.

At home, Dad and two siblings were working, going to school, and worrying. Surrounding the family were two sets of grandparents who ensured that the pieces all fell into place. From meals and lawn care, to virtual school, from evening shifts and overnights to early mornings, these grandparents were there every step of the way. They will continue to offer support while the baby remains hospitalized and growing, and after he comes home, because that is what grandparents do, if they are able.

Grandparenting can be an awesome stage in life, benefitting the grandchildren, the parents, and of course the grandparents in significant ways. Grandparents are known to influence values and behaviors and provide valuable life experiences. A child who has a connection with grandparents may have increased self-esteem, with better emotional and social skills. A relationship with a grandparent can give a child strength and comfort into adulthood.

In an article titled "Why Grandparents are VIPs," social researcher, educator and author, Susan V. Bosak writes, "The special kind of love you get from a grandparent is a love you can't get anywhere else. It is an important kind of love – in fact, a very important kind of love. Parents have to worry about who children will become in the future; their role is to be providers and disciplinarians. Grandparents can just enjoy children for who they are in the moment. The love of a grandparent is often freer, more unconditional, and far less psychologically complex than a parent's love. The love of a parent and the love of a grandparent are different, second in emotional importance only to the parent/child relationship."

In a world of many dual-career families, the benefits of active grandparents can be lifesaving for parents. Often grandparents fill in the gap between school and the time parents get off work, driving kids to different events or helping them with homework.

Lastly, active grandparents report less depression and a higher degree of life satisfaction and a hopeful feeling for the future.

Margaret Mead, a well-known American cultural anthropologist, said the connection between generations was "essential for the mental health and stability of a nation."

This Thanksgiving, may we celebrate the grandparent-grandchild relationship with gratitude.

Joanie S. Holm, R.N., C.N.P. is co-founder and president of Healing Words Foundation that supports Prairie Doc® programming. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org and on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show providing health information based on science, built on trust for 21 Seasons, streaming live on Facebook and SDPB most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.



Joanie Holm, RN, CNP