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**Groton Chamber welcomes Josie's Tiger Cubs, a new in-home daycare in Groton, owned by Josie Kirsch. Pictured are Chamber President Carol Kutter, April Abeln, Bruce and Karyn Babcock and Josie Kirsch in front.** (Courtesy photo)

**The following was posted on Josie's facebook page:**

As a young girl, I always wanted to follow in my mom's footsteps, and be a teacher when I grew up. Before graduating high school, those plans changed. I was very interested in the criminal justice system, and saw myself working in the human services field. I decided I wanted to fulfill that dream, & I would become a parole or police officer. I earned a bachelor degree in sociology at NSU, with an emphasis in both criminal justice and human services. While earning my degree, I needed a part time job to help with finances. I found myself working at a local daycare center, and immediately fell in love with not only the children, but the job itself. When a job becomes something you enjoy doing, how could you not want to continue? My dreams of becoming a parole/police officer quickly were forgotten, and I believe it was meant to be that way. I enjoyed my college schooling, but being with small children everyday was my true calling in life. For the past 8 years, I've worked in childcare. I knew I always wanted to start my own, and now seemed like the right time. It was bittersweet leaving my Teddy Bear family, but it was time for me to spread my wings.

I would like to thank all of my family and friends for their support during this amazing journey. Thank you to everyone in the Groton community for your support and donations to my new business. Thank you to my in-laws for working their butts off helping us with construction. The biggest thank you goes to my husband for not only agreeing to open our home to my second family, but for working so hard on our house, and making my dreams come true. I love you all!!

### National group endorses South Dakota's proposed social studies standards

PIERRE, S.D. – The National Association of Scholars and the Civics Alliance recently announced its support of South Dakota's proposed K-12 social studies standards, calling them "excellent" and "among the best in the nation."

In a letter to the South Dakota Department of Education, the association commended the proposed standards for being coherent, rigorous, content-based, and patriotic.

"These standards provide clear expectations for students, teachers, and parents and lay the groundwork for a lifetime of learning and responsible citizenship," said Dr. Joseph Graves, South Dakota's Secretary of Education. "These standards are a welcome remedy for the concerning data on our younger generation's mastery of important civic understandings, given the necessity of an informed citizenry for the success of our democracy and republican form of government."

Graves also noted that the proposed standards offer the opportunity for students to learn about and appreciate diverse peoples, including the Native American people who are an integral part of South Dakota's past, present, and future.

"These standards address some of the highest and lowest points in our shared history, opening the door for teachers and students to have meaningful, age-appropriate conversations," Graves said.



**Libby Cole (Trombone) and Carlee Johnson (Horn) have been accepted into the 2023 SD Middle School All State Band! Carlee was accepted into the Honor Band and will receive a three-year award! Libby was accepted into the Festival Band and is a two-year member!** (Photo from Desiree Yeigh's Facebook Page)

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## It's still up to voters

Writer's note: The following is an edited version of my recent submission to NDSU's Northern Plains Ethics Journal, a peer-reviewed ethics and philosophy publication.

There are some movies I can't just click past. "Charlie Wilson's War" is one of them. A favorite scene is when one of his staff hotties informs this irascible playboy (Tom Hanks) that he's been appointed to the House Ethics Committee. His sardonic response: "Everybody knows I'm on the other side of that issue."

When it comes to putting his power to work, however, defending the Afghans against the Russians, his heart, or at least Tom Hanks' heart, is in the right place. And anyway, I'm not a purist. Humans are complex, which is to say, imperfect.

Maybe political heroes don't exist anymore. Maybe they never did except in screenplays. Or maybe they're stuck like hamsters on a wheel, forced to spend too many hours each week fundraising.

So they can get back on the wheel.

In our political system of legalized bribery, where money is everything when it comes to getting elected by low-information, short-attention-span Americans, do we think that when big donors need a favor, senators and representatives aren't taking the call?

If they don't want to get primaried, they are, likely reasoning that subsidizing corporations is the necessary trade-off if you truly want to make things marginally better through legislation for working families.

In your spare time.

Money is power, always has been, and the wealth disparity has never been greater, so Citizens United put the system on steroids by further empowering the most powerful. They've got a growing sympathetic audience too—51% of Congressional members are millionaires, there's the opportunity for insider trading, and dang, another tax break for the top 1% does sound amazing. When do we cut Medicare and Social Security?

The Citizens United case was brilliantly, if wrongfully argued. "Corporations are people, my friend," Mitt Romney explained afterward. (No, corporations are not people. AT&T has

never invited me to a bar mitzvah or a gender reveal. Maybe Twitter will.) But, legally, I guess, algorithm-driven corporations, some of which have lifespans of hundreds of years, are human. And money is free speech.

Let's tug at that thread a bit. If money is free speech, then essentially the Supreme Court decided that some of us get more speech than others. Cuz, it sure ain't free.

Solutions? We could ban political donations altogether and implement public financing. Sorry, acid flashback. There for a moment, I thought that was possible in this political climate.

What about Congressional term limits? And for the Supreme Court... Well, what's good for the presidency is good for the gander. Turnover is healthy, an opportunity for a representative government that more closely represents the population. Call me an ageist, but I don't think Chuck Grassley is the man to address Internet regulation. Not that I think his investigation into Frogger is going anywhere.

It might work out great for corporations, too. Newbies can always be hired for less. But that's just me being cynical because I'm paying attention.

Now, there's an idea. What if more Americans paid attention and used the power they have?

What if, instead of fear-mongering over the faculty teaching actual history, we taught students, through actual curriculum, how to be smart news consumers, the difference between news and opinion? And civics, even.

Perhaps we could revisit the Fairness Doctrine and this time contemplate the Internet as an information source and not a utility. Public airwaves are the public's, and arguably, so is the web, and the public is people, my friend.

Yes, to all of the above.

In the meantime, while we're waiting for Senator Godot, what if, instead of expecting Congress or the Supreme Court to save us from ourselves, we, as Americans, actually studied the issues from a variety of sources—yes, they're still out there—and voted in our own best interest just like corporations do?

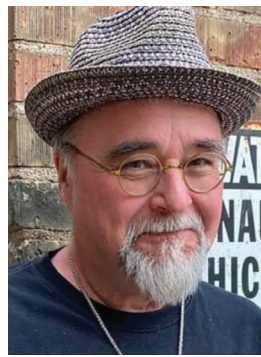
What if these informed voters actually voted? An estimated 47% of eligible voters turned out on Nov. 8. My 22-year-old daughter scoffed at the notion that her peers had done enough with an estimated 30% turnout. She gets it. If 60% turned out like the gray hairs, they'd rule. Overnight, a more representative government. That scares the hell out of those behind the curtain.

The system exists because we allow it to. Indifference. Apathy. Complacency. But we're not bystanders at a train wreck. We're passengers.

Oz never did give nothing to the Tin Man, that he didn't already have.

Tom Hanks for Engineer.

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## That's Life

by Tony Bender

## Weekly Vikings Recap

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The 2022 Minnesota Vikings season officially came to an end after the team fell to the New York Giants in the Wild Card Round. The Vikings set an NFL record this year by going 11-0 in one-score games - unfortunately for them (and us, the fans), their steak ended when they needed it most as they fell 24-31 to the visiting Giants. The story of the game for the Vikings was the putrid performance of their defense. Not only did the Giants amass 431 yards of total offense, but they weren't forced to punt until late in the third quarter. It was evident early that the Vikings' defense was in for a long day as the team gave up back-to-back touchdown drives on just five plays or less on the first two drives of the game. The issue for the Vikings' defense seemed to be the lack of speed by many of their veteran players. Often, Daniel Jones was able to find wide-open Giants' wide receivers on simple crossing routes because the Vikings' cornerbacks could not keep up. And in the rare occasions when the crossing routes weren't open, Daniel Jones would easily sneak out of the pocket for a first down rush.

Looking toward the offseason, the Vikings will have a lot of questions about what to do with many of these defensive players. Veterans such as Harrison Smith and Eric Kendricks, who have been with the Vikings for many years, have started to slow down a bit and might be on their way out sooner than we would have thought heading into the season. Also, guys like Za'Darius Smith, Patrick Peterson, and Jordan Hicks, who have been contributors for the Vikings for only a short time, might not be on the Vikings next year as the team might look to get younger on the defensive side of the ball. Whatever this new Vikings' regime decides to do with these players will be a good indicator of whether the team is going to build for the future or go all out for one more run at a Super Bowl.

As for the Vikings' offense, Kirk Cousins had a great game for the most part. He completed almost 80% of his passes for 273 yards and 2 touchdowns. TJ Hockenson also played great today as he caught 10 passes for 129 yards, his most receiving yards in a game this season since joining the Vikings midway through the season. Despite these two impressive performances Sunday, when it mattered the most, they both failed to deliver. On 4th and 8 with 1:51 remaining in the game and the Vikings down 31-24, Kirk Cousins decided to throw a 3-yard check down to Hockenson rather than attempt a tougher throw past the first-down marker. It's not clear whether it was Hockenson's fault for running a route short of the first-down marker or Cousins' fault for not giving one of his other wide receivers a chance down the field, despite them being somewhat covered for the most part. Whatever it was, it was such an "un-exciting" way to end such an exciting season.

The Vikings now will head into yet another offseason without a Super Bowl trophy in their trophy case. Even though the season did not with a Super Bowl parade throughout Minneapolis, that does not take away the fact that this was a fun season with record-setting moments and crazy plays. Sometimes you just have to enjoy the journey even though you failed to reach the ultimate goal.

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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.



By David Adler

## Buck v. Bell: The Supreme Court Upholds Forced Sterilization

In a tragic, landmark ruling of historic dimensions, the Supreme Court, in 1927, in an opinion written by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, upheld the forced sterilization of a Virginia woman erroneously characterized by the state as "feeble minded," grounded on the chilling rationale that, "three generations of imbeciles are enough."

The Court's 8-1 decision in *Buck v. Bell*, with only Justice Pierce Butler dissenting, is widely regarded as one of its worst. Justice Holmes's opinion, just five paragraphs in length, and fewer than 1,000 words, callously dispatched the dreams of those hoping to create a family, by laying a legal foundation for some three dozen states to forcibly sterilize more than 70,000 Americans in the 20th century. Victims included those like Carrie Buck, who were deemed "mentally deficient," those described as "promiscuous" women and, most prominently, women of color.

America's alarming embrace of eugenics—the "science" of eliminating undesirable traits in the gene pool—in the first decades of the 20th century spawned state laws that authorized the involuntary sterilization of those who might reproduce and transmit mental illness and other traits that should be cleansed from humanity.

Carrie Buck was raped and impregnated by a relative in 1924, when she was 18 years old. Her foster family, fearing disclosure and humiliation, committed her to Virginia's Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded, on the premise that her intellectual age was only nine years old. The colony enthusiastically practiced sterilization as a means of promoting a better race by preventing procreation among those with "undesirable" traits.

Carrie was considered a good candidate for compulsory sterilization because her mother, Emma, who was alleged to have a mental age of less than eight years, was housed at the colony. When Carrie delivered a daughter, Vivian, the superintendent of the colony declared that she had the "look" of an "imbecile." The superintendent recommended sterilization for Carrie on grounds that she was feeble-minded and a "moral delinquent."

The superintendent's recommendation was sustained at a sham hearing. Carrie had legal representation, but in name only since her attorney was a former member of the colony's board and a close friend of the colony's attorney. Her "attorney" called no witnesses to defend Carrie or the charges by the state that her family was part of the "shiftless, ignorant and worthless class of anti-social whites" in the South. Vivian was described as "not quite normal." Carrie's legal counsel could have argued that her academic record was "average," which it was, and that she faithfully attended church, but he did not, because he intended to fail, hoping to obtain a ruling upholding the Virginia law.

Before the Supreme Court, Virginia defended forced sterilization on its broad police power, its authority to protect the public and, in this instance, Carrie Buck. Carrie's attorney now argued that the state did not have the authority to surgically deprive persons of "their bodily integrity." If permitted to do so, he warned, "the worst form of tyranny, the reign of doctors" would decide which classes of people to drop from society.

The Supreme Court was indifferent to the claim that Carrie Buck had been deprived of her 14th Amendment right to due process and equal protection. At this juncture in American history, legal "rights," beyond protection for property, took a backseat to assertions of a state's police power. In many cases, the mere invocation of the police power was sufficient to trump the claim of "rights." Justice Holmes, a long-time advocate of judicial deference to state legislation, Social Darwinism, and, with Chief Justice William Howard Taft, sympathetic to eugenics. He was happy to end the Buck's family line, writing "three generations of imbeciles are enough."

Holmes wrote that if a nation might call on its "best citizens" for their lives during war, it could demand a "lesser sacrifice" of those who "sap the strength of society." He added: "It is better for all the world, if instead of waiting to execute degenerate offspring for crime, or to let them starve for their imbecility, society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit from continuing their kind." For Holmes, some lives were more valuable than others.

Justice Holmes and the majority seemed not to care that Carrie was not mentally disabled. Vivian was an honor roll student before a bout with the measles took her life. Holmes wrote his English friend, Harold Laski, that he derived satisfaction from writing the opinion. "Establishing the constitutionality of law permitting the sterilization of imbeciles," he observed, "gave me great pleasure." Holmes, according to one of his biographers, feared for the future of the white race, believing it would be overtaken by brown and yellow races. Only brutal methods, including resort to euthanasia for the unfit, could insure survival and

improvement of the white race.

In 1980, Carrie Buck was found alive and living with her sister, Doris, who had also been forcibly sterilized. Carrie was tested and determined to be a woman of normal intelligence.

The Supreme Court has not overruled *Buck v. Bell*, or rebuked Justice Holmes's opinion. In 1942, however, the Court in *Skinner v. Oklahoma* implicitly overturned *Buck v. Bell* by recognizing a fundamental right to procreate. America had lost its appetite for eugenics after witnessing the horrors in Nazi Germany.

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## Watch Out For Tax Season Scams



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It's that time of year when we do our taxes – but it's also the same time that tax scammers go to work. What scams should you watch for – and how can you avoid being victimized?

Sadly, the list of scams is pretty long, including demands for payment or requests for "additional information" pertaining to your tax refund, in which the sender asks for your Social Security number and other personal information. These scam emails can look quite official, often incorporating the IRS logo. You might also receive scam text messages containing bogus links claiming to be the IRS website or an online "tool" that can help process your refund faster.

But keep these points in mind:

- The IRS generally won't contact you by phone and won't contact you by email, text messages or social media channels to ask for personal or financial information. The IRS begins most correspondence to taxpayers through regular mail delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.
- The IRS won't call to demand you make an immediate payment through a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. If you owe taxes, the IRS generally will mail you a bill. And the IRS won't threaten to bring in the police or another law enforcement group to arrest you for not paying your taxes.

In general, be extremely skeptical about any type of communication purporting to be from the IRS that sounds bullying or over-inquisitive – and certainly don't give out any personal or financial information. But these fake messages aren't the only tax-season scams out there. You might even receive a direct deposit from what appears to be the U.S. Treasury Department – but if you weren't expecting it, something's likely not right. This payment could be a sign that a fraudulent tax return was filed in your name, and it might be followed by a communication from a supposed IRS agent requesting this overpayment be sent to them. If this happens to you, you'll want to contact the IRS right away, and you could also ask your bank to return the deposit to the government.

Other scams don't claim to originate directly from the IRS, as scammers pretend to be from real or imaginary tax organizations. For example, you could get a message from the Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent organization within the IRS, but this agency won't contact you without a legitimate reason. Or you could receive a message from the nonexistent "Bureau of Tax Enforcement." Your best bet is to delete these messages immediately or send them to your spam folder.

Not all tax season scams originate from fraudulent IRS representatives or fake agencies. You also need to be careful about whom you hire to prepare your taxes. If possible, get a recommendation from a trusted friend or family member. And keep in mind that a legitimate tax preparer must have a valid Preparer Tax Identification Number and must sign your tax return. If someone doesn't have this number or is reluctant to sign your return, it may well be a sign that this individual is a "ghost preparer" who only wants to pocket your fee.

Tax scammers are, unfortunately, here to stay – but remaining vigilant can help you keep them from causing problems for you in this tax season and all the ones in the future.

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## Tigers have clean sweep over Tiospa Zina

The Groton Area basketball teams posted a clean sweep of Tiospa Zina Thursday night at Agency Village.

The girls won 45-30 thanks to a 16 point run in the middle of the game. The Tigers lead at the quarter stops at 8-7, 22-14 and 38-19.

Scoring for the Tigers had Brooke Gengerke with 17 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 steals. Jerrica Locke had 16 points, five rebounds, two assists. Sydney Leicht had eight points, six rebounds, one assist and six steals. Faith Traphagen had two points and one rebound. Aspen Johnson had two rebounds and one assist. Kennedy Hansen had two rebounds, one assist and four steals. Jaedyn Penning had seven rebounds, two assists and two steals. Laila Roberts had one rebound. Riley Dunker had two points and one assist.

Groton made 11 of 38 two-pointers for 29%, six of 20 3-pointers for 30%, five of eight free throws for 63%, had 30 rebounds, 12 turnovers, 12 assists, 16 steals, and 14 team fouls.

Kennedy Bissonnette led Tiospa Zina with the 14 points followed by Maya Deutsch with seven, Alexia Quinn had five and Kami Crawford had four points. Tiospa Zina made 11 of 38 field goals for 29%, five of 12 free throws for 42% and had 21 turnovers.

The boys varsity team used a team effort to defeat Tiospa Zina, 69-39. The Tigers lead at the quarter stops at 19 to 630 Dash 20, 46-26.

Lane Tietz lead the Tigers with 18 points, one rebound, three assists and five steals. Jacob Zac had 16 points, five rebounds, two assists and one steal. Tate Larson had eight points, six rebounds, one assist and one steal. Ryder Johnson had 11 points which included 4-4 from the free throw line, had two rebounds, three assists and three steals. Logan Ringgenberg had five points and one rebound. Keegan Tracy had four points, four rebounds and one assist. Cole Simon had four points, five rebounds, two assist and three steals. Cade Larson head one point, one rebound and one assist. Dillon Abeln had one assist.

Groton made 21-36 in two pointers for 58%, 5-20 in three pointers for 25%, 12-14 in free throws for 86%, had 26 rebounds 14 turnovers, 14 assists, 13 steals and 12 team fouls

Tate Never Misses A Shot led the Wambdi with 16 points followed by Storm Sierra with 12 points. Mike Smith and Nate Thompson each had three points, Reondre Greeley had two points, Anton Keoke had two points and Juan Rios had one free-throw. Tiospa Zina made 15 of 30 field goals for 39%, seven of 13 from the free throw line and had 25 turnovers.

Groton area won the boys junior varsity game 43-27 with the help of a 10-point run in the third quarter. The Tigers led the quarter stops at 5-4, 13-8 and 30-17.

Colby Dunker led the Tigers with nine points followed by Ryder Johnson with eight, Logan Ringgenberg and Keegan Tracy each had seven points, Dillon Abeln had six points, Turner Thompson, Jayden Schwan and Carter Simon each had two points

CJ Bissonette led the Wambdi was 16 points.

The Lady Tigers won the junior varsity game 32-8 leading at the quarter stops at 6-0, 17-2 and 25-5

Elizabeth Flihs lead the Tigers with seven points while McKenna Tietz had six points Kennedy Hansen and Laila Roberts each had four points, Brooklyn Hansen and Mia Crank each had two points and Emily Clark made one free-throw.

All games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The varsity games were sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Chamber of Commerce, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Locke Electric, Spanier Harvesting & Trucking, Bahr Spray Foam, Thunder Seed with John Wheeting. Sponsoring the junior varsity games were Mike and Dawn Imrie and Larry and Val Flihs. Shane Clark provided the play-by-play calling of the girls games.

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## Ehresmann places first at Battler Invitational

Groton Area wrestlers took part in a double tournament at Gettysburg on Saturday. Three wrestlers took part in the Battler Invitational Tournament with Christian Ehresmann taking first, Cole Bisbee taking fourth and Walker Zoellner placing fifth.

The a bunch took part in the Potter County JV Invitational. There, Wyatt Hagen, Donavon Block and Easten Ekern all placed first, Gavin Englund placed second, Luke Gauer, John Bisbee, Kellen Antonson, Tristan McGannon, Isaiah Scepaniak and Noah Scepaniak all took third, and Gavin England placed fourth.

### 113: Walker Zoellner (12-8) placed 5th and scored 11.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Walker Zoellner (Groton) 12-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton) 12-8 won by fall over Maxwell Anderson (Lemmon/McIntosh) 3-6 (Fall 1:31)

Semifinal - Nicholas Schlachter (Potter County) 16-6 won by major decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton) 12-8 (MD 9-0)

Cons. Semi - Joe Eaton (Newell) 9-6 won by decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton) 12-8 (Dec 6-0)

5th Place Match - Walker Zoellner (Groton) 12-8 won by decision over Witt Myers (Stanley County) 6-8 (Dec 5-4)

### 138: Christian Ehresmann (12-1) placed 1st and scored 29.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 12-1 won by fall over CJ Fitzsimmons (Deuel) 4-7 (Fall 3:18)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 12-1 won by fall over Tripp Schrempp (CEB/Dupree) 5-7 (Fall 1:46)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 12-1 won by fall over Clayton Dulany (Warner) 14-5 (Fall 1:29)

1st Place Match - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 12-1 won by major decision over Brody Hoffman (South Border) 16-3 (MD 12-0)

### 170: Cole Bisbee (7-6) placed 4th and scored 16.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Cole Bisbee (Groton) 7-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Case Kolda (Stanley County) 12-10 won by decision over Cole Bisbee (Groton) 7-6 (Dec 8-6)

Cons. Round 2 - Cole Bisbee (Groton) 7-6 won by fall over Benjamin Van der Luit (Potter County) 3-8 (Fall 2:08)

Cons. Round 3 - Cole Bisbee (Groton) 7-6 won by fall over Braeden Johnson (Clark Willow Lake) 3-12 (Fall 4:16)

Cons. Semi - Cole Bisbee (Groton) 7-6 won by forfeit over Emmitt Maher (Lemmon/McIntosh) 7-9 (For.)

3rd Place Match - Alex Pudwill (Warner) 14-6 won by decision over Cole Bisbee (Groton) 7-6 (Dec 5-1)

## Potter County JV

### JV 71-79: Luke Gauer's place is 3rd and has scored 8.0 team points.

Round 1 - Luke Gauer (Groton) won by major decision over Dusty Bolden (Deuel) (Maj 15-7)

Round 2 - Gavin Mattson (Deuel) won by fall over Luke Gauer (Groton) (Fall 0:40)

Round 3 - Easton Rausch (Potter County) won by fall over Luke Gauer (Groton) (Fall 2:48)

### JV 80-85: Wyatt Hagen's place is 1st and has scored 19.0 team points.

Round 1 - Wyatt Hagen (Groton) won by fall over Zak Stewart (Sully Buttes) (Fall 0:45)

Round 2 - Wyatt Hagen (Groton) won by fall over Brock Mellendorf (Deuel) (Fall 2:10)

Round 3 - Wyatt Hagen (Groton) won by major decision over Karstyn Schlechter (Webster) (Maj 14-2)

### JV 82-88: Noah Scepaniak's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Gage Landmark (Deuel) won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton) (Fall 1:14)

Round 2 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton) won by fall over Garrett Lipp (Mobridge/Pollock) (Fall 0:45)

Round 3 - Maverick Clausen (Clark/Willow Lake) won by tech fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton) (TF 17-2)

### JV 95-98: Donavon Block's place is 1st and has scored 20.0 team points.

Round 1 - Donavon Block (Groton) won by fall over Avery Williams (Sully Buttes) (Fall 2:17)

Round 2 - Donavon Block (Groton) won by fall over Spencer Schulte (Faulkton) (Fall 1:27)

Round 3 - Donavon Block (Groton) won by fall over Hunter Heezen (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey Wessington) (Fall 3:48)

### JV 100-106: John Bisbee's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - John Bisbee (Groton) won by fall over Grason Finn (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey Wessington) (Fall 1:30)

Round 2 - Rayin Mansfield (Warner/Northwestern) won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton) (Fall 2:11)

Round 3 - Isaac Johnson (Clark/Willow Lake) won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton) (Fall 2:53)

### JV 119-126: Kellen Antonson's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Kellen Antonson (Groton) won by forfeit over Tucker Gruis (Sully Buttes) (FF)

Round 2 - Isaac Shepherd (Chamberlain) won by fall over Kellen Antonson (Groton) (Fall 2:53)

Round 3 - David Feez (Faith) won by fall over Kellen Antonson (Groton) (Fall 2:20)

### JV 125-130: Tristan McGannon's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Tristan McGannon (Groton) won by fall over Jace Traversie (CEB/Dupree) (Fall 0:57)

Round 2 - Jayden Tesch (Newell) won by fall over Tristan McGannon (Groton) (Fall 0:56)

Round 3 - Jake Wipf (Doland) won by fall over Tristan McGannon (Groton) (Fall 0:16)

### JV 132-138 A: Isaiah Scepaniak's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton) won by fall over Bryson Andrews (Mobridge/Pollock) (Fall 1:54)

Round 2 - Nathan Hubsch (Webster) won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton) (Fall 2:55)

Round 3 - Kruse Brennan (Chamberlain) won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton) (Fall 0:32)

### JV 140-145 A: Nick Morris's place is 4th and has scored 5.0 team points.

Round 2 - Nick Morris (Groton) won by fall over Gus Buchanan (Harding County) (Fall 4:15)

Round 3 - Nick Morris (Groton) won by fall over Judah Vaad (Chamberlain) (Fall 5:28)

Round 4 - Chisum Blum (Chamberlain) won by fall over Nick Morris (Groton) (Fall 3:22)

Round 5 - Jerrod Larsen (Chamberlain) won by fall over Nick Morris (Groton) (Fall 3:38)

### JV 145-155: Easten Ekern's place is 1st and has scored 20.0 team points.

Round 1 - Easten Ekern (Groton) won by fall over Carter Mosiman (Sully Buttes) (Fall 0:36)

Round 2 - Easten Ekern (Groton) won by fall over Austin Jensen (Potter County) (Fall 2:11)

Round 3 - Easten Ekern (Groton) won by fall over Coy Ludemann (Stanley County) (Fall 0:35)

### JV 215-220: Gavin Englund's place is 2nd and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 2 - Wyatt Zeigler (Mobridge/Pollock) won by decision over Gavin Englund (Groton) (Dec 5-2)

Round 3 - Gavin Englund (Groton) won by fall over Jorey Clements (Newell) (Fall 1:55)

## South Dakota State announces fall 2022 Dean's List

BROOKINGS, SD (01/11/2023)-- More than 3,200 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance over the fall 2022 semester at South Dakota State University by being named to the dean's list.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with F, I, U, RI or RU grades are not eligible regardless of system term GPA attained. Note that this report includes courses that were taken at other South Dakota institutions this term. A minimum of 12 credits within the 100-699 course range must be taken. A student who passes pregeneral education courses may still qualify, if the student has 12 other credits that do fall within the 100-699 range.

Overall, 3,230 students from 34 states and 20 foreign nations are on the list. Nearly 1,400 students received a 4.0 and those are indicated with an asterisk.

Tessa Erdmann \* of Groton, South Dakota, in SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Trista Keith of Groton, South Dakota, in SDSU's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions

Tanae Lipp of Groton, South Dakota, in SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Allyssa Locke of Groton, South Dakota, in SDSU's College of Education and Human Sciences

Hailey Monson of Groton, South Dakota, in SDSU's College of Nursing

Sage Mortenson of Groton, South Dakota, in SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

AnneMarie Smith \* of Groton, South Dakota, in SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Emily Thompson \* of Groton, South Dakota, in SDSU's College of Education and Human Sciences

Erin Unzen \* of Groton, South Dakota, in SDSU's College of Education and Human Sciences



## Groton City Jan. 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023

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, Cutler, Nehls and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich and Kelsie Frost.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Skating Rink Manager, Kelsie Frost provided an update on how the rink was operating and expressed a need for a dumpster.

Kelsie Frost exited the meeting.

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

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

Payroll, \$25,506.85, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,253.82; Public Safety, \$8,474.32; Culture & Recreation, \$232.90; Public Works, \$12,545.81; Dacotah Bank, \$5,872.72, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$622.90, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Allied Benefit Systems, \$11,834.89, Employee Insurance; SD Retirement System, \$9,521.95, Employee Retirement; Area Federal Credit Union, \$156.47, Utility overpayment refund; USPS, \$266.93, Utility billing postage; April Abeln, \$294.99, Med Flex; Ferguson Waterworks, \$411.72, Valve box tops; Brandon Abeln, \$507.25, Med Flex; SD State Treasurer, \$9,118.91, Sales & Excise Tax - December 2022; Kellie & Dean Townsend, \$250.00, Utility deposit refund; Stephanie Luvaas-Jung, \$50.00, Utility deposit refund; Dacotah Bank, \$2,935.75, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Accounts Management, Inc., \$75.00, Wage Assignment; Hauge Associates, Inc., \$250.00, Wage Assignment; Michelle & Craig Muilenburg, \$70.00, Utility overpayment refund; Kellie Locke, \$49.96, Med Flex; City of Groton, \$50.00, Utility deposit applied to bill; Brian Boettcher, \$250.00, Utility deposit refund; Perry Huber, \$400.00, Utility deposit refund; New Deal Tire, LLC, \$500.00, Utility deposit refund; A&B Business Solutions, \$341.40, Printer Lease; Darrel's Sinclair, \$365.40, Tire repair, 2 batteries for dump truck; Keith Stange, \$335.00, Repairs to plow truck; Irby, Inc., \$4,036.70, Electric Supplies - allen sockets, linemans pliers, connectors, pole saw battery, crimper kit, impact driver kit; Altec Industries, Inc, \$2,692.90, Bucket truck inspections - both trucks; Menards, \$84.69, PD bathroom storage and flooring materials; Runnings Supply Inc, \$164.40, LED worklight, 15pc hex drill bit set, wiper blade, keys cut, gloves; Colliers Securities, LLC, \$300.00, Fees for CD services; Heartland Energy, \$88,390.96, Power Services - December 2022; WAPA, \$22,932.51, Power Services - December 2022; Dakota Doors, Inc., \$42.55, Commercial 3 Button Control Station; WEB Water, \$19,423.22, Water Services - December 2022; RDO Equipment Co., \$3,057.39, Repairs to loader, Dura-max cutting edges; NECOG, \$1,720.07, 2023 Dues; Groton Ford, LLC, \$45.00, Oil filter for bucket truck; Aramark, \$88.91, Rug rent; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,042.60, Garbage Hauling; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$839.00, Chainsaw parts, postage, gloves, books, over-shoes, fuel, ice skate shoelace tightener, candy; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,376.04, Fuel Purchases; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$240.00, Supplemental Retirement; Ken's Fair Foods, \$680.75, Fuel purchases, toilet brush, Lysol spray, hot cocoa mix, Pinesol, drinking water; Follett School Solutions, LLC, \$312.79, Polythermal labels for library books; MOCIC, \$100.00, Annual Membership Fee; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger Truck Lease; James Valley Telecomm., \$868.45, Telephone & Internet Services; Michael Todd Industrial Supply, \$1,125.88, Tube broom, (2) gutter brooms; SD 811, \$54.60, Message Fees - Oct through Dec 2022; Groton Daily Independent, \$49.12, Publishing Fees; Banyon Data Systems, Inc., \$2,520.00, UB/Payroll/Fund Accounting Support

Annual Fee;

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

The first reading of Ordinance #766 - 2023 Summer Salaries was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Wambach. All members present voted aye.

The first reading of Ordinance #767 - Amending Rates for Groton Municipal Electric Customers was approved on a motion by Cutler and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted aye.

Economic development was discussed.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Babcock to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:15pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:50pm.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to hire the following summer baseball/softball employees: Aaron Severson - Jr. Legion Coach, Seth Erickson - Legion Coach, and Jaelyn Iverson - Softball Coordinator. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wambach to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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## Groton City Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elected officer.

Jon Cutler - Councilperson Ward 1 - 2-year term Shirley Wells - Councilperson Ward 2 - 2-year term Karyn Babcock - Councilperson Ward 3 - 2-year term Jason Wambach - Councilperson Ward 3 - 1-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 27th, 2023, and petitions may be filed at City Hall located at 120 N Main St., Groton, SD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central standard time not later than the 24th day of February, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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## Brown County Jan. 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 10, 2023 - 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 Dennert, Fjeldheim, Gage, and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese was Absent. Commissioner Dennert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Amended the Agenda by moving HR Report to after Executive Session. Commissioner Gage moved to approve the agenda with the amendment, seconded by Dennert. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE #239 - FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #239. Applicants Nicole Kempf, Personal Representative of the Estate of Daniel C. Kempf requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) for Proposed Lot 1 to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: Proposed Lot 1, "Palmyra Farmhouse Addition" in the SW ¼ of Section 18-T128N-65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10260 373rd Ave., Palmyra Twp.). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #240 - FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #240. Applicants Lucas & Mary Keahey and CJ Lane requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation

District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) for Proposed Lot 1 to bring this parcels into compliance for their current use: The South 250' of the East 963', Except Road R.O.W., and the 337' North of the South 250' of the East 963', Except Road R.O.W., both in the NE1/4 of Section 19-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (13341 & 13345 383rd Ave., Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Erica Coughlin, HR Director met with the Commission to approve the following Holiday Schedule for 2023: Brown County recognizes and observes the following as paid holidays for eligible employees: New Year's Day - January 1st; Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Third Monday in January; President's Day - Third Monday in February; Memorial Day - Last Monday in May; Juneteenth - June 19th; Independence Day - July 4th; Labor Day - First Monday in September; Native Americans' Day - Second Monday in October; Veterans' Day - November 11th; Thanksgiving Day - Fourth Thursday in November; Day after Thanksgiving - Fourth Friday in November; Christmas Eve - December 24th; Christmas Day - December 25th. Plus, any other day that is proclaimed as a holiday by the Governor of South Dakota or the President of the United States. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, it is observed on the preceding Friday. If a holiday falls on a Sunday, it is observed on the following Monday. (Sheriff's Deputies, Correctional Officers: Jail, JDC/HD, 24-7, and Dispatchers, who are required to work, are paid for the actual Holiday Day.)

Eligibility for Holiday Pay: Non-essential Employees - Full-time employees = 8 hours for full day; 4 hours for half day; Part-time employees = 4 hours for full day; 2 hours for half day; Only if it is your scheduled day to work. Essential Employees - Full-time employees = number of hours worked on holiday at 1.5 times and 8 hours holiday at regular pay. Ex: 0 hours worked on the holiday, 8 / 10 hours holiday at regular pay. Ex: 2 hours worked on holiday at 1.5 times plus 8 hours holiday at regular pay. Ex: 8 hours worked on holiday at 1.5 times plus 8 hours holiday at regular pay. Ex: 8 hours worked on holiday at 1.5 times plus 8 hours holiday at regular pay. Ex: 10 hours worked on holiday at 1.5 times plus 8 hours holiday at regular pay. Part-time employees = number of hours worked on holiday at 1.5 times and 4 hours holiday at regular pay. Ex: 0 hours worked on the holiday, 0 hours holiday pay. Ex: 1 hour worked on holiday at 1.5 times plus 4 hours holiday at regular pay. Ex: 4 hours worked on holiday at 1.5 times plus 4 hours holiday at regular pay. Ex: 6 hours worked on holiday at 1.5 times plus 4 hours holiday at regular pay. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the proposed 2023 Holiday Schedule. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

NECOG BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve Duane Sutton as the second Commissioner to sit on the NECOG Board. The County also has an At-Large Representative that they can assign; Commissioner Sutton will visit with a couple of Department Heads to see if they would be interested and bring it back to the Commission to decide at a later date. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve the January 3, 2023 Reorganization Meeting Minutes. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following: Claims: Professional Fees: Agterra Technologies, Inc. \$500.00; Avera St. Luke's \$974.46; AWS \$4,500.00; Dakota's Finest Investigations, LLC \$955.63; Daniel L. Fox \$160.00; Darcy Lockwood \$15.00; Day County \$765.00; Dware Inc \$4,350.00; ESRI - Environmental Systems Research Institute \$16,500.00; Helms & Associates Inc \$720.80; Horizon Health Care Inc \$83.86; Language Line Services Inc \$594.06; Lexisnexis Risk Data Mgmt Inc. \$162.00; Lincoln County Treasurer \$167.97; Magnet Forensics USA, Inc. \$5,410.00; Medical Priority Consultants, Inc. \$365.00; Minn-Kota Communications, Inc. \$6,450.00; Pulsepoint Foundation \$8,000.00; Rhodes Anderson Insurance \$50.00; Sanford Health Network \$470.42; Sanford Laboratories \$4.76; Sara Zahn \$89.05; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,303.25; Sd Assoc of County Weed and Pest

Supervisors \$75.00; SD Dept of Health \$890.00; SD Secretary of State \$30.00; SD Sheriff's Assoc \$1,649.03; SDAE4-HP \$120.00; Tyler Technologies \$520.00; Valerie J. Larson \$15.00; West Publishing Corp. \$283.30; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$100.00. Publishing: Dakota Broadcasting, LLC \$280.00; Huetter Brothers Publishing, Inc. \$23.36. Rentals: Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$103.68; Roland L. Moerke \$217.05. Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Fluid Power Inc \$228.49; Graham Tire Inc \$102.91; Hoven Auto Repair Inc \$1,746.39; Nicholas D. Kampa \$127.55; Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$281.20; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; R.D. Offutt Company \$1,660.05; Roland L. Moerke \$90.00; Runnings \$109.99; Sander's Sew-N-Vac, Inc \$253.18; Sewer Duck Inc \$865.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$112.82; Walth Safety Service Inc \$335.00; Welton Maunu \$409.50. Supplies: Aberdeen Fire & Rescue \$934.00; Agetra \$58,088.54; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$2.98; Bakken Build Maintenance \$500.00; Butler Machinery Co \$1,433.20; Century Business Products \$355.71; Charm-Tex \$1,272.30; Dakota Fluid Power Inc \$840.85; Daniel L. Fox \$3.07; Earthgrains Baking Co. Inc. \$951.25; East Side Jersey Dairy, Inc \$1,139.85; Farm Power Mfg Inc \$55.80; Full Circle Ag \$4,510.83; Interstate Battery System of SD \$202.90; Ken's Superfair Foods \$226.98; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$75.22; McLeods Printing & Office Supply \$394.24; Menards \$553.17; Michael Carlsen \$5,180.00; Midstates Printing \$199.92; Midwest Pump & Tank \$670.58; Minn-Kota Communications, Inc. \$665.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$84.00; Pitney Bowes Inc. \$15,000.00; R.D. Offutt Company \$7,388.92; Roland L. Moerke \$30.00; Runnings \$180.53; Sander's Sew-N-Vac, Inc \$209.94; Stan Houston Equipment Co. \$189.00; Tri State Water \$148.25; US Foods \$11,039.20; Walth Safety Service Inc \$330.00; Web Water Bottling Company \$9.75. Travel & Conference: Dave Lunzman \$344.00.

Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$43.23; Lumen \$285.76; Midcontinent Communications \$224.56; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$17,449.78; Town of Frederick \$90.62. Others: NECOG \$26,420.13; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$3,216.58. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following Travel Requests: Morgan Bingham, Jill Crosby and McKenzie Serfoss from Communications to travel to Faulkton, SD on January 26, 2023. Aaron Walberg, VSO to travel to Pierre, SD on January 11, 2023. Lynn Heupel, Auditor to travel to Pierre, SD on January 22-23, 2023. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT: Moved by Commission Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for December 2022. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

4-H ADVISORY BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the updated 4-H Advisory Board, which was adding Ashley Dunham to the Non-4-H Adults Committee. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

UNCOLLECTIBLE TAX LIST: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to declare the taxes uncollectible on the following mobile homes: Key #28710, 28424, 20331, 20350, 20355, 20357, 3280, 16549, 28563, 5346, 28564, and 5347 as of December 31, 2022 submitted by Patty VanMeter, Brown County Treasurer. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

TOWING CONTRACTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the three year Towing Service Contracts with Towing Plus; Knight Towing, Harr Motors and Eddie's Northside. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY INTEREST STATEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to accept for filing the Oct-Dec 2022 Interest statement (\$21,820.53), submitted by County Treasurer, Patty VanMeter. All members present voted

aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Erica Coughlin: Acknowledge the transfer of Tanner Podoll from Brown County Jail Sergeant to Brown County JDC Sergeant; effective January 16, 2023. Acknowledge the transfer of Jesse Milbrandt from Brown County Sheriff's Office Records Technician to Brown County Veteran's Service Coordinator; effective January 23, 2023. Request to fill. Approve the promotion of Cindy Woodford, from Brown County ROD Deputy to Brown County ROD Chief Deputy; wage \$25.18/hour; effective January 9, 2023. Approve hiring William Esser as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, full-time; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective January 23, 2023. Promotion of Lesli Geranen, from Brown County Jail Detention Officer to Brown County Jail Sergeant; starting wage \$25.18/hour; effective January 22, 2023. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 11:17 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**Brown County  
Liquor License  
Transfer Notice**

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON APPLICATIONS FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2-5, a Public Hearing on the transfer of a Retail (on-sale) Liquor License is set for the 31st day of January, 2023 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, Brown County, South Dakota at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on their approval may appear:

TRANSFER - RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR - UPDATING LOCATION:  
Stacy Gossman, DBA Flying Pig to update location from 5635 US Highway 12 East, Aberdeen, SD - Lot 2, Gossman Second Addition, SE 1/4 of Sec 15-T123N-R63 to 2520 8th Ave. NE, Aberdeen, SD 57401 to Lot 1, Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 17-T123-R63W of 5th P.M., Brown County, SD.

TRANSFER - RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR - UPDATING LOCATION:  
Stacy Gossman, DBA Nacho Business to update location from 5485 US Highway 12 East, Aberdeen, SD - Outlot A, SE 1/4 of Sec 15-123-63 to 578 North Roosevelt St., Aberdeen, SD to Lot 1, Creekside addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 17-T123N-R63W of 5th P.M., Brown County, SD.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel  
Brown County Auditor  
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**Brown County  
Electricians  
Bid Notice**

NOTICE TO ELECTRICIANS  
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids 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 January 24, 2023, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered

by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Wiring 45 camp sites in Primitive A Campground and wiring of 96 camp sites in Primitive C Campground according to code. To include 45 single pedestals for Primitive A Campground and 44 double pedestals and 8 single pedestals for Primitive C Campground. As per 2020 code with the spacious site footage, doubles are allowed and preferred. Questions can be directed to Inspector Tom Kelly at 605-290-2121.

Northern Electric will perform Aid to Construction to prep the campground for wiring. For specific questions on their layout plans, contact Russ Ulmer at 605-225-0310. Include all labor, materials, trenching, inspection fees, and excise tax in bid total. Job must be completed by July 31, 2023.

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 enter into a contract with Brown County. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserve 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 specifications can be obtained at no charge and are on file at the following locations:

- Brown County Website: [Brown.SD.US](http://Brown.SD.US)
- Brown County Fair Office: 400 24th Ave. NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: 605-626-7116
- Brown County Auditor's Office: 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: 605-626-7110

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**Frederick City  
Notice of  
Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Frederick Board Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31, 2023 and petitions may be picked up and filed with the finance officer. Finance Officer may be contacted Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the First National Bank of Frederick 314 Main Street. Final day for turning in petitions is February 24, 2023 by 5:00pm. Finance Officer will be at the Finance Office, located at 406 3rd Avenue, Frederick, SD from 4:00-5:00 pm on the final day.

Jennifer Morlock  
Frederick Finance Officer  
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**Columbia City  
Notice of  
Vacancy**

Notice of Vacancy Municipality of Columbia  
The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office:

City of Columbia - Mayor  
Corey Mitchell, Mayor, 2 yr term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 28th. If you need a petition, please call the city office and one will be mailed to you. Petitions can be left in the drop box at the city office. The final day for turning in a petition is February 24th, 2023.

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**Groton School  
Jan. 9, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING  
January 9, 2023

Vice-President Weismantel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Pharis, Smith, and Weismantel. Absent: Gengerke, Harder and Rix. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Smith, second Pharis to approve the agenda with one amendment under Old/Continuing Business – delete item #2. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Smith, second Pharis to approve consent agenda item: December 12, 2022, minutes, December 2022 bills, lunch report and transportation report. Motion carried.

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda items.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 202,657.06; FIT – 19,147.11; Medicare – 7,703.12; FICA – 32,937.04; American Funds – 508.00; SDRS – 33,209.00; Health Savings Account – 100.00; Fiduciary Trust Company – 565.00; Horace Mann – 907.61; Thrivent – 250.00; AFLAC – 2,078.63; Delta Dental – 3,748.93; Accounts Management – 65.65; SD Supplemental Retirement – 2,897.22; Division of Child Support – 967.93; US Dept of the Treasury – 252.04; Groton School Lunch – 92.35; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer – 131.30; Wellmark – 63,513.78; Standard

Life – 767.91; Wage Works – 1,041.64; Avesis Vision – 254.60; Advance Auto – parts, 42.52; Allied Climate Pros – repairs, 2,964.87; Amazon Capital – supplies, 39.27; Bahr's Jungle Lanes – food, 289.36; Cintas – rugs, 607.09; Cole Papers – supplies/repairs, 6,736.11; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 33,198.24; Dakota Supply Group – supplies, 910.57; Darrel's Sinclair – repairs, 13.95; Dependable Sanitation – garbage, 1,238.00; Dollar General – supplies, 55.75; Gold Medal Squared – registration, 750.00; Groton Area Booster PAC – supplies, 182.00; Groton Area – bank fee, 76.70; Groton AutoWorks – snow removal, 5,450.00; Groton Daily Independent – printing, 155.10; Harlow's – parts, 1,029.57; Hillyard – repairs, 859.80; Interstate – batteries, 150.00; JW Pepper – music, 389.79; Jeff's District & Drain – repairs, 174.00; John Deere – repairs, 208.37; Northside Implement – parts, 392.76; Northwestern Energy – natural gas, 11,857.44; Petty Cash – Sunshine Club, 30.00; Pfizer pest Control – services, 2,208.98; S&S Lumber – supplies, 2,047.42; Sperry Stump Removal – snow re-

moval, 5,450.00; Taylor Music – repairs/supplies, 206.52; Sarah Tewksbury – background check, 43.25; Wageworks – admin fee, 102.50. Total General Fund – \$451,655.85.  
CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – print agreement, 1,339.46; Amazon Capital – CTE Grant Equip, 7,255.00; Colliers Securities – registrar fee, 300.00; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 373.78; Hauff Mid-America – equipment, 1,754.16; Marco Technology – CTE grant equipment, 2,250.00. Total Capital Outlay – \$13,272.40.  
SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 32,305.33; FIT – 2,310.66; Medicare – 1,176.50; FICA – 5,030.52; SDRS – 4,751.72; Fiduciary Trust Company – 100.00; AFLAC – 851.53; Delta Dental – 640.06; SD Supplemental Retirement – 100.00; Wellmark – 8,103.00; Standard Life – 190.75; Avesis Vision – 70.69; Avera St Luke's – PT/OT, 6,776.80; Custodial Fund – PT/OT, 10,653.76.  
Total Special Ed – \$73,061.32.  
ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary – 5,306.10; FIT – 363.19; Medicare – 190.78; FICA – 815.80; SDRS – 812.98; AFLAC – 281.02; Wellmark –

1,604.00; Standard Life – 3.84; Avesis Vision – 19.63; BIMBO Bakeries – food, 336.00; Cintas – services, 184.38; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 261.36; East Side Jersey Dairy – milk, 574.27; S&S Lumber – kitchen supplies, 4.98; US Foods – food, 2,357.17. Total Food Service – \$13,115.50. OST Net Salary – 2,159.58; FIT – 111.10; Medicare – 75.54; FICA – 322.90; SD Retirement – 225.82; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 705.00; Standard Life – 23.28; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 4,626.88; Dollar General – snacks, 297.55. Total Food Service – \$8,711.58. Total Enterprise Funds – \$21,827.08.  
CUSTODIAL FUND: Total – \$109,754.17.  
RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 529,320.62; Other Local Sources – 69,570.03; County Sources – 3,397.57; State Sources – 6,652.00; Federal Sources – 59,419.91; Other Sources – 275,000.00. Total Receipts – \$943,360.13.  
Weber present a mid-year budget report. Moved by Fliehs, Second Pharis to approve December 2022 financial reports, custodial accounts, and investments. Motion carried.  
The following items were discussed in administrative re-

ports: legislative session update, HVAC project, ESSER grant amendments, staffing vacancies, NWEA-MAPS testing, National Guard Band performance, senior privileges, dual credit enrollment, class changes for Spring semester, SASD Leadership Academy, Title IX training, 4th grade play, state filed reports and reports in progress.  
Moved by Pharis, second Fliehs to set April 11, 2023, as Annual School Board Election Day and authorize Weber to designate election officials and voting precincts at Andover, Bristol, Columbia, and Groton. Motion carried. Three-year terms are expiring July 1, 2023, for Grant Rix and Steven R. Smith.  
The board reviewed first reading of proposed amendments to job descriptions for Business Manager and 6-12 Principal. No action was taken.  
Moved by Fliehs, second Pharis to amend the 2022-23 school calendar as follows: School will be in session on Monday, February 20 and on Monday, April 10. If there is any additional snow day before March 1, then school will also be in session on Thursday, March 16. Additional amendments to the end of the school calendar will be consid-

ered this spring. Motion carried.  
Moved by Smith, second Pharis to approve bid specifications for school bus and set bid opening for 1:00 pm on Monday, February 13, 2023. Motion carried.  
Moved by Smith, second Pharis to approve bid specifications for elementary roof replacement and set bid opening for 2:00 pm on Monday, February 13, 2023. Motion carried.  
Moved by Fliehs, second Pharis to approve resignation of Nicole Barton as MS/HS special education paraprofessional. Motion carried.  
Moved by Smith, second Pharis to approve hiring Jana Simunek as part-time cook for 3.5 hours per day at \$14.00 per hour. Motion carried.  
Moved by Fliehs, second Pharis to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Motion carried.  
M. J. Weber, Business Manager  
Deborah Gengerke, President  
The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.  
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**MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6**  
For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022

| Description                    | General Fund        | Assigned Gen Funds  | Capital Outlay      | Special Education | Bond Redemption | Enterprise Fund   | Custodial Fund    | Total for District  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1. Beginning Balance</b>    | <b>1,482,652.00</b> | <b>143,322.65</b>   | <b>1,689,959.61</b> | <b>337,034.96</b> | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>148,760.78</b> | <b>153,432.69</b> | <b>3,955,162.69</b> |
| a. checking                    | 1,482,652.00        | 143,322.65          | 1,689,959.61        | 337,034.96        | 0.00            | 148,760.78        | 153,432.69        | 3,955,162.69        |
| b. petty cash                  | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00            | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00                |
| <b>2. Transfers in</b>         |                     |                     |                     |                   |                 |                   |                   |                     |
| <b>3. Revenue to date</b>      | <b>2,623,875.54</b> | <b>12,274.30</b>    | <b>837,711.59</b>   | <b>407,020.36</b> | <b>250.71</b>   | <b>181,221.57</b> | <b>452,300.40</b> | <b>4,514,654.47</b> |
| <b>4. Total accounted for</b>  | <b>4,106,527.54</b> | <b>155,596.95</b>   | <b>2,527,671.20</b> | <b>744,055.32</b> | <b>250.71</b>   | <b>329,982.35</b> | <b>605,733.09</b> | <b>8,469,817.16</b> |
| <b>5. Transfers out</b>        |                     |                     |                     |                   |                 |                   |                   |                     |
| <b>6. Expenditures to date</b> | <b>2,281,967.19</b> | <b>7,835.71</b>     | <b>1,462,993.03</b> | <b>327,798.42</b> | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>148,435.21</b> | <b>564,865.78</b> | <b>4,793,895.34</b> |
| a. encumbrances                | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00            | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00                |
| b. disbursements               | 2,281,967.19        | 7,835.71            | 1,462,993.03        | 327,798.42        | 0.00            | 148,435.21        | 564,865.78        | 4,793,895.34        |
| <b>7. Ending Balance</b>       | <b>1,824,560.35</b> | <b>147,761.24</b>   | <b>1,064,678.17</b> | <b>416,256.90</b> | <b>250.71</b>   | <b>181,547.14</b> | <b>40,867.31</b>  | <b>3,675,921.82</b> |
| a. checking                    | 1,824,560.35        | 147,761.24          | 1,064,678.17        | 416,256.90        | 250.71          | 181,547.14        | 40,867.31         | 3,675,921.82        |
| b. petty cash                  | (0.00)              | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00            | 0.00              | 0.00              | (0.00)              |
| December Receipts              | 587,302.55          | 2,967.05            | 177,316.19          | 93,376.30         | 107.37          | 39,908.71         | 42,381.96         | 943,360.13          |
| December Expenses              | 433,385.34          | 1,949.39            | 329,990.89          | 56,762.96         | 0.00            | 22,860.39         | 109,754.17        | 954,703.14          |
| Custodial Checking             |                     | 40,867.31           |                     |                   |                 |                   |                   |                     |
| District Checking              |                     | 3,635,054.51        |                     |                   |                 |                   |                   |                     |
| USDA Supply Chain Defer        |                     | 0.00                |                     |                   |                 |                   |                   |                     |
| <b>Total all Funds</b>         |                     | <b>3,675,921.82</b> |                     |                   |                 |                   |                   |                     |



**Groton Elementary Music Presents:**  
**A Visit from St. Nicholas**  
Directed by Scott Glodt

Speaking roles by the 5th Grade Class  
Original poem by Clement Clarke Moore

- Junior Kindergarten & Kindergarten: Santa Claus is Coming to Town (J. Fred Hoots and Havin Gillespie)
- 1st Grade: Up on the Housetop (Benjamin Hanby)
- 2nd Grade: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (Johnny Marks)
- 3rd Grade: Jolly Old St. Nicholas (James R. Murray)
- 4th Grade: Christmas Time is Here (Vince Guaraldi)
- 5th Grade: Oh Christmas Tree (Ernst Anshutz)
- JK-5th Grade: We Wish You a Merry Christmas (English Carol)

**Thank You's**

- To all the parents that care for these talented children.
- To Mike Nehls and the custodial staff for all their assistance.
- To Desiree Yeigh for running the sound system and her continuous support.
- To the wonderful Elementary staff who are always willing to lend a helping hand.
- To the administration, the school board, and all of you for your continued support of music education in our school!
- It is truly a blessing to work with so many wonderful kids and adults. I hope you enjoy the performance!

The Groton Area Elementary Christmas program was presented last Thursday after it was postponed from its December date due to a blizzard. A large crowd was on hand to watch the event. It was also broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM



Dear EarthTalk: The Endangered Species Act has been around for five decades. How successful has it been in protecting and restoring threatened and endangered species? – A.J. Munson, Bern, NC

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) has been successful in preventing the extinction of hundreds of wildlife species and in promoting the recovery of thousands more since its inception in 1973. Some of the species that have been successfully recovered and removed from the list of threatened and endangered species include American alligators, bald eagles, peregrine falcons and humpback whales.

According to the Center of Biological Diversity, a leading U.S.-based non-profit with the simple mission of "saving life on Earth," the ESA has protected more than 1,600 species in the U.S., preventing the extinction of 99 percent of the species listed under it. Without the ESA, at least 227 species would likely have gone extinct by now since the law's passage

in 1973. In addition, 110 species have seen tremendous recovery since being protected by the act.

The ESA also supports conservation outside the U.S., as the federal government uses the law to enforce the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), a global agreement between nations to regulate trade on species under threat. Examples of the ESA's reach beyond U.S. borders is in helping save giant pandas as well as several species of tiger.

However, it's important to note that the ESA has not been successful in all cases, and some species have not recovered as expected or have even gone extinct despite being protected under the Act, especially in more recent years. There are many factors that can affect the success or failure of species recovery efforts, including habitat loss, climate change, disease and human activities. But researchers from Columbia and Princeton concluded that one threat looms even larger: lack of adequate funding for conservation efforts.

Their October 2022 study found that, since 1985, ESA funding has decreased by almost 50 percent when measured on a per species basis. Furthermore, they uncovered that the average wait time for a species to be listed has almost doubled over the decades from 5.9 years during the 1990s to some 9.1 years more recently. The upshot is that by the time a species receives protection, it may have already reached extremely low population levels to



**These peregrine falcon chicks might not have been born if their ancestors hadn't been protected by the Endangered Species Act.** Credit: Teterin Oleg. Pexels.com.

the point where the ESA may be ineffective.

Overall, the ESA has played a crucial role in the conservation of threatened and endangered species in the U.S., and it continues to be a key tool for protecting and recovering these species. This groundbreaking piece of legislation, now in its 50th year, has done incredible things for American wildlife. It has protected species of plants and animals and brought them back to sustainable population numbers. However, a few success stories don't make the act perfect. There is still work to be done to improve the ESA's effectiveness and ensure that it can preserve the species that we all love and know today.

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## "Extending the Golden Hour"

When I was a young physician, we talked with almost religious zeal about the "Golden Hour."

Early on, this principally focused on the idea that within the first hour after an injury, a patient needed to receive definitive treatment in order to maximize the chances of survival, and recovery. We usually interpreted this to mean that the patient needed to be in the hands of the trauma surgeon before this hour was up. We took ATLS classes so we could make sure that the patient in our emergency room got the best treatment we non-surgeons could provide, until the surgeon could take over.

Of course, in the rural upper midwest, the nearest surgeon, and even the nearest emergency room, might be more than an hour away.

Fortunately for those of us living in more sparsely populated areas, time to the surgeon isn't the only factor that impacts our chances in an emergency. The care we receive before we get to the hospital matters. In fact, it matters a lot.

Gone are the days of "scoop and run" when the only goal of the first responders was to get the patient to the hospital as fast as possible. As with so many roles in modern society, a first responder today has a more complicated job. They need the training and flexibility to address what they see when they meet their patient. A person who has overdosed on fentanyl needs naltrexone, to reverse the opioid and get them breathing. A person in cardiac arrest needs a shock delivered, to restart their heart. A person who has lost a limb in a car accident needs the bleeding stopped. These things need to be done well before the patient could arrive in an emergency room, even if they were delivered there by helicopter.

Certainly some emergencies require care that is still well beyond what could be provided outside of a hospital. If they can receive it in time, approximately 25% of stroke victims could benefit from clot busting medications. Another 10-15% have strokes that are actually caused by bleeding. It's a distinction that can't be made in an ambulance, and the wrong call could be catastrophic.

We all know that the pandemic has radically changed the workforce. Employers around the country are facing a shortage of workers, from fast food to finance. Health care is no different. This includes ambulance services, where the situation is further complicated by the reality that many rural EMS providers rely on volunteer labor. Those volunteers need to know more than just how to drive the ambulance. They need to know how to provide effective interventions, to extend that "Golden Hour." This particular labor shortage has grave consequences. It is quite literally a matter of life and death.

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