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Senior Drumline

Performances: Feb. 24th at half time of a BB game & April 2nd for the Pops concerts.

L to R (Back Row): Blake Lord, Brody Lord, Gavin Kroll, Jayden Schwan, Jacob Lewandowski, Axel Warrington, Ashtyn Bahr
L to R (front row): Emily Clark, Lincoln Krause, Ellie Weismantel, and Carter Barse.

Not pictured: Natalia Warrington

Director: Mrs. Desiree Yeigh (Courtesy Photo)



Junior Drumline

Performances: Feb. 7th at halftime of BB game & March 14 at the MS talent show.

L to R (back row): Sam Crank, Addison Hoeft, Journey Zieroth, Ryelle Gilbert, Makenna Krause, Jordan Schwan, Connor Kroll, TC Schuster
L to R (front row): Aurora Washenburger, Kyleigh Kroll, Tenley Frost, Novalea Warrington, and Aspen Beto

Director: Mrs. Desiree Yeigh and Assistant Director: Emily Clark (Courtesy Photo)

Guest Skaters at the Carnival of Sliver Skates

Kinslee Hruby is 13 years old and is from Hartford, SD. She skates with the Watertown Figure Skating Club. She has been skating for 7 years. She began skating at the age of 6 and quickly fell in love with the sport. Over the years she has passed all levels of Learn to Skate and has moved her way quickly through the testing levels as well. Her goal is to reach Gold/Senior level in all 4 skating disciplines. She currently is working on her Junior Moves in the Field, Senior Solo Free Dance, Silver level Solo Patterned Dance and just passed her Juvenile Free skate, which she is performing for you tonight. Over the year she has made many life time friends through all her travels with competition and testing sessions.



Dasia Woertink is a 12-year-old skater from Watertown Figure Skating Club. She grew up at the ice arena and started skating at age two. She enrolled in a recreational hockey program at age four and took a couple years off before beginning figure skating at age seven. She passed all Learn to Skate Basic Skills levels in three months. The following year she completed the Learn to Skate Freeskate levels.



Since then, she has been working on her USFS testing levels, having passed the Novice Moves in the Field test. Her goal for the future is to earn USFS gold medal jackets. She sets goals annually and tests in Moves in the Field, Dance, and Freeskate. Dasia landed her axel at age 10 and is currently working on double jumps. She enjoys performing in local expos, ice shows, and competitions. Dasia loves spending time at the rink making friends with fellow skaters and is best known for her fun, spunky nature and her impromptu dance moves.

Legislative incivility doesn't represent most of us

Ah, we meet again, as many of us have since 1991. Remember the 'Sixties warning—don't trust anyone over 30? What would they say about someone who's been 'opinionating' longer than that (and, in the process, inventing words)?

I often have a mental lineup of topics I want to cover. Despite advice from some in the beginning that I should pick a lane—humor or human interest, however, I opted for emotional authenticity. I have to write what I'm feeling every week. I can't fake it.

This week I'm ticked. Disappointed. Embarrassed for the state I love, the state I came home to after years of traipsing about. I'm a child of the prairie. I've got dirt under my fingernails, grain dust in my hair, and something on my boots.

I've kidded before that collectively, our blood pressure rises in North Dakota every two years when the legislature's in session. But it's a fact because there's been a hard turn away from serious problem solving to mean-spirited, holier-than-thou oppression that this year is brutalizing our LGBTQ community. There've been more than a dozen such bills filed, some spiteful, most flat-out ignorant.

Do we really have to police kitty-litter?

LGBTQ—those letters of the alphabet represent friends, children, members of our community from business to government to the pulpit, where they've always been. When it comes to society, can't we live and let live? It's the most American thing ever. It's how most of us were raised. How many times did you hear it—"Mind your own business."

If you're a drag show participant, who cares? Farmers have been doing it for fundraisers for years, and somehow we survived the societal threat.

I may not personally understand homosexuality or gender fluidity, but it's none of my business any more than your religious beliefs. If someone wants to be addressed by the pronoun of their choosing, can't we offer them the same common decency and respect

we would anyone else?

In America, are we not allowed to be who we are? A little humanity, please.

We have bills pending that would infringe on free speech, personal freedom, and censor cartoon sex education books and art. Our legislature's becoming the extremist nanny state they've always railed against. It's emotionally-manipulative. And illogical. Exploitive of shallow thinkers, and boy, there are plenty of those. Save the children! Right. You're going to stop them from checking out a book. Meanwhile, there's the internet. Maybe, you've heard of it. Everything's out there for any kid with a phone. C'mon. It's up to parents to guide their children just as it's always been.

These divisive nanny-state bills are boilerplate documents from political organizations that use division as the means to power. Demonize the minority. Pummel the vulnerable. Promote hate. But I don't think that's who most of us are. Based on recent elections, you could argue that 70-percent of North Dakotans vote Republican. Yet, voters approved medical marijuana and shot down extremist abortion legislation.

While 7 out of 10 North Dakota voters may be Republican, in the legislature it's 90%. That in itself is not reflective of their constituency. The malicious, preachy legislation it engenders doesn't reflect who I believe we are. Unless I'm a completely-oblivious Pollyanna.

These bills are primary traps. A moderate Republican's vote against extremism can be used to primary them in the next election. If you're smart enough to see through that, though, they can stand up to the nonsense. Lacking Democrats, we need common-sense moderate Republicans to restore civility and balance into the process.

I'm not blaming Republicans for winning. Democrats in North Dakota have been poor messengers. But "Mind Your Own Business" and "Personal Freedom" are slogans we'd all embrace.

Amidst these distractions, there's a growing urban assault on rural areas. Despite voter rejection of corporate farming, Gov. Doug Burgum hopes to legislatively supersede the voter's will.

He's pushing a CO2 pipeline that deserves more debate.

His income tax break is a pittance for median incomes—\$400 a year—while the richest of the rich make out like bandits. Like always.

Burgum's fingerprints are all over a plan to consolidate rural superintendents—and of course, eventually force consolidation, effectively punishing rural children for being rural in a rural state. Killing small towns.

So much for local control.

Rural areas still need roads. Rural kids deserve an equal education.

Bismarck's forgotten who we are.

They're too damn busy beating up vulnerable people.

Meanwhile, this discriminatory hick legislation makes national news. We've got 40,000 job openings, but with such negative publicity, who could be persuaded to move here?

Jerks, maybe.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Recap

Divisional Round

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Kansas City Chiefs

Coming into the weekend, the opening game of the divisional round between the Jaguars and Chiefs was expected by many to be the biggest mismatch of teams. The Chiefs had finished the season with an impressive 14-3 record and cruised to the 1 seed in the AFC, while the Jaguars needed to win their final five games of the regular season just to make the playoffs. However, as we saw last week when the Jaguars came back from a 27-point deficit to beat the Los Angeles Chargers in the wild-card round, the Jaguars seem to always put up a fight no matter the opponent.

The story of the game was the ankle injury of Patrick Mahomes. The injury, which occurred in the first half when a Jaguars' defender rolled up on Mahomes' ankle, forced Mahomes to miss the entire 2nd quarter of the game. However, after halftime, an in-pain Mahomes came back into the game and the Chiefs were able to hold on to beat the Jaguars. Reports on Sunday indicate that Mahomes suffered a high-ankle sprain so that will be something to keep an eye on as the Chiefs head to their fifth straight AFC Championship game.

Chiefs 27 - Jaguars 20

New York Giants vs. Philadelphia Eagles

On the fifth anniversary of the Eagles' victory over the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Championship game, history somewhat repeated itself Saturday as the Eagles destroyed the Giants with the same score of 38-7. The Eagles destroyed the Giants from start to finish as they finished the game with 41 more rushing yards than the Giants' entire total yards of offense.

The thing that hurt the Giants the most on Saturday was their inability to keep their defense off the field. Outside of their first drive, every possession for the Giants in the first half consisted of either a 3-and-out punt or a turnover only two plays into the drive. With 42 offensive plays and more than 9:50 time of possession than the Giants in the first half, the Giants' defense stood no chance. By halftime, the Eagles led 28-0 and the game was pretty much over from then on.

Eagles 38 - Giants 7

Cincinnati Bengals vs. Buffalo Bills

We will get a repeat of last year's AFC Championship as the Bengals dominated the Bills in a snowy game up in Buffalo. For everyone, this is a surprise as the Bills came into the season as the favorites to win their first-ever Super Bowl. This will be the first time since the 2019 New England Patriots that the Super Bowl favorite coming into the regular season failed to make the conference championship game. With aging stars in Stefon Diggs and Von Miller, and the violent running of Josh Allen, the window for the Bills is starting to get smaller than I think people in Buffalo would like to admit.

As for the Bengals, they were able to hold the Bills to only one sack on their quarterback, Joe Burrow, despite having three starting offensive linemen out heading into the game. If they can protect Burrow next week in Kansas City, I think the Bengals will upset the Chiefs yet again. It is important to note that Patrick Mahomes is 0-3 against the Bengals since they drafted Joe Burrow.

Bengals 27 - Bills 10

Dallas Cowboys vs. San Francisco 49ers

In the finale of the Divisional Round, the two best defenses in the NFL all season faced off in a defensive slugfest. The defenses for the 49ers and Cowboys both lived up to the hype as they held both offenses to a total of six field goals and only one touchdown each. For the Cowboys, all their momentum early in the game went away when running back, Tony Pollard, went out with a high ankle sprain. The Cowboys had to rely solely on Ezekiel Elliott, who finished with an abysmal 26 yards rushing.

The 49ers now head to Philadelphia to face the Eagles in the NFC Championship game. This is the 49ers' third NFC Championship appearance in four years.

49ers 19 - Cowboys 12

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By David Adler

Tinker v. Des Moines: Anchoring Students' Free Speech Rights

Half a century later, Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District (1969) remains the Supreme Court's authoritative ruling on symbolic speech and the First Amendment rights of K-12 students to express their political views.

Delivered in the context of the widespread social activism that defined the 1960s—anti-racism, anti-sexism and anti-war protests—Justice Abe Fortas's 7-2 landmark opinion upheld the right of students to wear black armbands in school as means of demonstrating their opposition to the Vietnam War. Justice Fortas famously declared that students do not "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate," unless it "materially disrupts classwork or involves substantial disorder or invasion of the rights of others."

Mary Beth Tinker, a 13-year-old 8th grader, along with her brother John and friend Chris Eckhardt, both high school students, displayed their opposition to the war on December 16, 1965, by wearing black armbands in their respective schools in Des Moines. School district officials had gotten wind of their plans and had issued an order prohibiting armbands from city schools, even though students often displayed political campaign buttons and Iron Crosses and engaged in other forms of symbolic speech. The prohibition was aimed at anti-war speech, which, on its face, violated Supreme Court rulings that banned the state from practicing "viewpoint discrimination." Nonetheless, as expected, the students were suspended from school for violating the district's policy. Members of the school board, after a heated public meeting, voted to maintain the ban and suspension of students.

The students went to court, represented by the Iowa Civil Liberties Union. A federal district judge acknowledged that the armbands represented a form of symbolic speech and thus deserved First Amendment protection. But that right, the court ruled, was secondary in importance to the school's greater need to maintain a "disciplined atmosphere" in the classroom. On appeal, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals was equally divided, leaving the lower court ruling in place and setting the stage for a showdown in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Until Tinker v. Des Moines, the Supreme Court had said little about the rights of schoolchildren, but what it had said was memorable. In 1943, in West Virginia Board of Education v. Barnette, Justice Robert H. Jackson's opinion for the Court upheld student's freedom of religion and speech but established no test or standard. Jackson wrote of the role and duty of public schools: "That they are educating the young for citizenship is reason for scrupulous protection of Constitutional freedoms of the individual, if we are not to strangle the free mind at its source and teach youth to discount important principles of government as mere platitudes."

Justice Fortas's opinion grasped the opportunity to thread the needle between the school's interest in classroom discipline and the right of students to express themselves. The Tinkers' armbands, he agreed, "may start an argument or cause a disturbance." But "our Constitution says we must take this risk." He added, "This hazardous freedom—this kind of openness—is the basis of our national strength and independence" in an often "disputatious society."

The record, Justice Fortas explained, indicated no evidence of disruption in the schools, no finding or showing of forbidden conduct in the classroom. School officials' "undifferentiated fear or apprehension of disturbance is not enough to overcome the right to freedom of expression." The test or standard, he wrote, must be evidence of a "material disruption" of classroom activities to censor speech.

The "material disruption" test is fair and reasonable. A lesser standard would drain freedom of expression of its meaning. The state's interest in imposing a prohibition on a "particular expression of opinion," Fortas wrote, cannot be justified by a "mere desire to avoid the discomfort and unpleasantness that always accompany an unpopular viewpoint." If discomfort became the standard for denying constitutional protection, there would be little or no protection for speech that challenged convention, strangling, as it were, in the words of Justice Jackson, "the free mind at its source."

Students are "persons" too, Justice Fortas pointed out, "in school as well as outside school, possessed of fundamental rights that the state must respect." Three members of the Court challenged the idea that students enjoyed the same constitutional rights as those possessed by adults. Justice Potter Stewart wrote a brief concurring opinion, indicating his doubts about such constitutional equivalence.

But it is Justice Hugo Black's stinging dissent, joined by Justice John Harlan, that surprised many familiar with his long and distinguished record of defending freedom of speech, to the point where he was described by some as nearly an "absolutist" when it came to the First

Amendment right of expression.

Black, in his 80s and, in the estimation of some friends, growing "crotchety," was of the old school that believed children should be seen and not heard. Black's dissent asserted that the Court's opinion was ushering in "the beginning of a new revolutionary era of permissiveness in this country fostered by the judiciary." He lumped the students, who were entirely peaceful and passive in their symbolic protest, with the "loudest-mouthed" students who "have too often violently attacked" their classmates. Justice Black wasn't the first, and won't be the last, Justice to engage in hyperbole.

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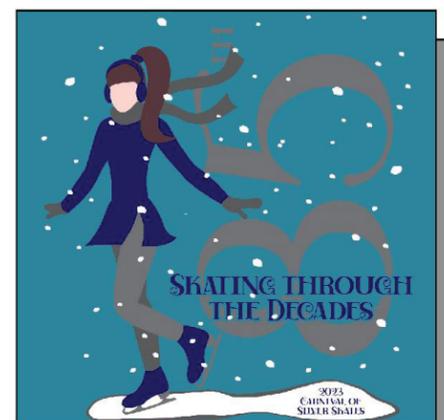
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Claremont Town Jan. 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The board of trustees for the town of Claremont met on 1-10-2023 at 7pm at City Hall. President called the meeting to order with trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present. Also present Robyn Mullins. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the minutes of the December meeting were accepted. On a motion by Spencer and seconded Rasmussen the following warrants were approved. General: Grand Slam Computers, back up, 99.00; GDI, publishing, 16;00; Shane Johnson, snow removal and Ice Melt, 150.16; James Valley, telecom, 139.96; Full Circle Ag, diesel and propane, 1780.00; NWE, Electricity and street lights, 323.77; Dacotah Bank, city hall loan, 573.55; Gellhaus and Gellhaus, SD Municipal Attorneys Ass.Fee, 20.00; IRS, 4th quarter fed, 368.94; IRS, underpayment, 5.91; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Jason Spencer, snow removal, 487.62; U-line 2 tables and 4 chairs, 613.00; WSSW: Ecolab, rodent program, 171.38; SD Public Health lab, water sample, 30.00; BDM, water purchased, 892.60; Helms and Asso. Sewer/grant, 472.50; NWE, water, 60.16; NWE, sewer, 17.81; DANR, wastewater fee, 300.00; U.S. loan payment loan, 5461.36; Rural Development, water loan, 576.00; The following salary schedule for 2023 for the town trustees= \$100.00 per meeting, Finance Officer \$400.00 per month. mowing-12.00 per hr. Snow removal-16.00 per hr. Roads-16.00 per hr. With no further business before the board a motion was made by Rasmussen and seconde by Spencer to adjourn motion carried CRye F.O.

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Brown County Jan. 17, 2023

Meeting Minutes JANUARY 17, 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, Sutton and Wiese. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

SWEARING IN: Mike Wiese was sworn in as Brown County Commissioner by Lynn Heupel, Auditor.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE #239 – SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to adopt 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 voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #240 – SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adopt 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 voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY HWY 14 – ENGINE BREAK: Commissioner Sutton shared that he received a request from the residents around intersection Br. Co. 13 and Br. Co. 14 to add engine break prohibition signs on Hwy. 14 because they are already on Hwy. 13. Patrick Coughlin was in attendance and voiced his concern on this issue because it is getting worse and feels it is an enforcement issue and wants to make the Commission aware of this. Commissioner Sutton has spoken with Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent and he had no objections to placing additional signs. Commissioner Sutton asked Sheriff Lunzman about being able to up the enforcement in this area as well. Commissioner Gage questioned what we are trying to control, whether it is the decibel level or just the trucks. Commissioner Fjeldheim shared that the problem comes in with the trucks that have the 14' straight pipes, most farmers have the basic semi with a muffler on and when they jake-break you can't hardly hear it. Commissioner Wiese made a motion to approve posting additional signs on Br. Co. 14, which was seconded by Sutton. Commissioner Gage then questioned which sign they are going to post – he feels a sign that states "No Unmuffled Dynamic Engine Breaking" would better serve this area because there is a reason trucks have a jake-break on their trucks (save the breaks). Commissioner Fjeldheim then questioned having a noise reduction area sign posted then it qualifies for semis, motorcycles, etc. Commissioner Gage also stressed the ways that trucks are told to use to get to the Beef Plant and Soybean Plant. Commissioner Fjeldheim questioned what sign would be more effective. Dirk Rogers asked if they would want to table the issue until next week so he could do some research. Commissioner Wiese then withdrew his motion, seconded by Sutton to table this until next week. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ELM VALLEY COMMUNITY CLUB: Commissioner Fjeldheim asked Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent about opening up the Elm Lake Access due to them having a Fishing Tournament on January 28th. Dirk said

they will go check it out – they will do it unless there are some unforeseen circumstances.

2023 ASSESSMENT PLAN: Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization presented his 2023 Assessment Plan with the Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to accept the 2023 Assessment Plan payable 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the Amended minutes of January 3, 2023 Reorganization Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the General Meeting minutes of January 10, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage approve the following: Claims: Professional Fees: Avera McKennan Hospital \$125.63; Avera St. Luke's \$1,405.90; Certified Languages International LLC \$488.40; Christopher A. Haar \$213.60; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,211.64; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$7,211.64; Computer Forensic Resources Inc \$1,548.20; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$336.00; Dohrer Law Office \$7,211.64; Domain Networks \$289.00; Heather M. LaCroix \$219.54; Houston Engineering, Inc \$11,578.08; Jerald M. McNeary \$7,211.64; Jeremy Lund \$7,211.64; John Noyes \$7,211.64; Kennedy Pier Loftus, LLP \$181.80; Kuck Law Office \$7,211.64; Lewis & Clark BHS \$1,288.00; Lucille M. Youngberg \$732.10; Sanford Health Network \$8,509.79; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$176.00; Schriver's Memorial Mortuary, Inc. \$1,800.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$3,162.99; Taliaferro Law Firm \$7,211.64; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$50.00; Zylstra Investigations \$3,000.00. Publishing: Groton Independent \$264.66; SeaChange Printing & Marketing Services LLC \$185.00. Rentals: Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel Group, Inc \$222.13; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. \$397.06. Repairs & Maintenance: Diamond Mowers Inc \$20.20; Diesel Machinery \$2,905.87; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$264.79; House of Glass \$89.33; Lawson Products, Inc. \$28.02; Meister Mowing LLC \$1,030.00; Pierson-Ford-Lincoln-Mercury \$62.95; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$637.16; Pro Windmill Inc. \$690.00; State of South Dakota \$65.70; Steven Lust Automotive \$264.95; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc. \$4,063.50. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$1,146.33; Agtegra Cooperative \$2,805.55; APH Stores, Inc \$192.95; Avera McKennan \$68.93; Century Business Products \$3,117.11; Charm-Tex \$701.12; Cole Papers \$653.10; Diamond Mowers Inc \$510.82; Floor To Ceiling \$50.00; J Gross Equipment \$405.76; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment \$327.08; Kessler's \$240.21; Kirby Kiesz \$240.40; Lawson Products, Inc. \$331.94; Lesli Geranen \$136.02; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. \$148.79; Lucille M. Youngberg \$5.40; Menards \$33.99; Midstates Printing \$43.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$589.60; Napa Central \$53.47; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$69.42; PharmChem \$408.85; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc. \$454.64; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$535.18; Runnings \$1,873.54; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$6.00; Sherwin Williams \$373.75; Titan Machinery, Inc-Aberdeen Case IH \$238.25; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc. \$864.18; Walth Safety Service Inc \$1,532.00. Travel & Conference: City of Groton \$388.80; Weed & Pest Conference \$510.00. Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$2,202.06; City of Hecla \$215.18; Economy Propane LLC \$4,800.90; Northern Electric Coop, Inc \$86.00; Northern Valley Communication \$263.72; State of South Dakota \$119.54; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$202.07; WEB Water Development Assoc. Inc. \$101.19. Others: Glacial Lakes & Prairie Tourism Assoc. \$750.00; NESDCAP \$2,500.00; SD Assoc. Of County Officials \$714.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$576,951.72; SD Unemployment Insurance Division \$1,893.12.

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,615.42; Auditor \$11,370.62; Treasurer \$16,641.20; SA \$3,244.37; Maintenance \$11,791.36; Assessor \$16,796.81; ROD \$9,572.00; VSO \$3,625.53; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$6,220.17; HR \$5,001.68; Sheriff \$46,484.13; Jail \$76,775.85; Coroner \$450.00; Court Security \$7,174.32; JDC/HD \$40,339.88; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$10,016.08; Parks/Fairgrounds \$3,288.91; Fair \$4,107.21; 4-H \$786.79; Weed & Pest \$1,058.37; P & Z \$7,232.60; Highway \$46,020.42; Dispatch \$39,033.10; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 \$1,734.01; Landfill \$16,215.17. SDRS Pay-out \$29,412.34; Retirement Award \$150.00. FICA \$25,598.45; Medicare \$5,986.75; Discovery-HSA \$1,359.38. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Erica Coughlin: Acknowledge the resignation of Mackenzie Berninghaus, Brown County JDC Detention Officer, full-time; effective January 11, 2023. Request to fill. Acknowledge Duane Sutton nominated as Commission Chair; bi-weekly wage \$960.01; effective January 3, 2023. Approve hiring of Danielle Watson as Brown County JDC Detention Officer, full-time; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective January 23, 2023. Approve hiring of Barb Wacholz as Brown County 911 Communications Officer, full-time; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective January 30, 2023. Approve hiring of Bryon Gordon as Brown County Deputy Sheriff, full-time; starting wage \$25.18/hour; effective January 17, 2023. Approve hiring of Joe Kaven as Brown County Fair and Parks, Maintenance Technician, full-time; starting wage \$21.72/hour; effective January 30, 2023. Approve hiring of Adelaide Mouna, Brown County States Attorney Victim Specialist, full-time; starting wage \$23.97/hour; effective January 30, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for November 2022 as follows: November total cash and checks on hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances: \$29,221,705.48; Total Savings Account Balances: \$3,250,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: \$3,978,174.09; Grand Total Cash and Balances: \$36,458,026.99. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$9,799,157.26; Road & Bridge Fund \$3,558,195.61; Road & Bridge Fund – restricted \$423,243.27; 911 Service \$1,064,499.03; Emergency & Disaster \$244,203.96; Domestic Abuse \$598.52; Teen Court \$414.19; Grant \$32.11; JDAI \$30,244.80; Richmond Youth \$0.00; 24/7 Sobriety \$24,462.93; ROD M&P \$105,785.19; American Rescue Plan Federal Grant \$7,545,865.45; Rural Access Infrastructure \$295,338.93; TIF Debt Service \$423,809.72; Landfill + Cash change \$3,966,927.07; Landfill-restricted \$1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds \$7,574,769.51. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to declare the following Register of Deeds office equipment surplus: Small Desktop Printer; 4 Computer screens; 2 Label printers; Receipt printer and a Computer. Will be taken to the Landfill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following abatements for tax year 2023: Gregg Erickson, Parcel #6945, \$2,037.52; Raymond Stange, Parcel #7733, \$903.96; Brown County, Parcel #17422, \$44,665.44; Brown County, Parcel #17427, \$861.79; Dillon Cutler, Parcel #29889, \$961.17; Donald Hoops, Parcel #7404, \$175.30; Jeremy Walberg, Parcel #3036, \$382.77; Frederick Farmers Elevator Coop, Parcel #20446, \$681.74; Brown County, Parcel #28298, \$63.20; Brown County, Parcel #14196, \$1,533.46; Brown County, Parcel #24370, \$34.49; Brown County, Parcel #12510, \$34.49; Brown County, Parcel #9609, \$651.02; Frederick City, Parcel #20571, \$75.59; American Legion Post #58, Parcel #22212, \$86.74; Aberdeen Downtown Apartments, Parcel #8732, \$291.80 and refund: Delbert Lowe, Parcel #4996, \$17.66. For tax year 2022: Craig Larson, Parcel #20670, \$34.49; Refund: Delbert Lowe, Parcel #4996, \$17.66. For tax year 2021: Refund: Delbert Lowe, Parcel #4996, \$15.04. For tax year 2020: Refund: Delbert Lowe, Parcel #4996, \$14.80. For tax year 2019: Refund: Delbert Lowe, Parcel #4996, \$9.95. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SET HEARING DATE FOR LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize advertising public hearing to consider the following application: 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. To be held on 31st day of January 2023 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Chris Hemen, Mike Rohrbach and Jerry Lehrkamp to travel to Annual Weed & Pest Conference in Huron, SD on February 14-16, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIRBOARD APPOINTMENT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve appointing Jason Pettigrew for two 3-year terms. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF OFFICE UNIFORM-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Uniform-Clothing Allowance for Sheriff Office Employees: For the deputies, all equipment is provided for each deputy. Three pairs of pants, 3 short sleeved and 3 long sleeve shirts are provided. They are only replaced if they are damaged during work or have worn out due to age. This is at the discretion of the Supervisor. The body armor is provided and replaced every 5 years as the manufactured will not warranty or guaranty their effectiveness beyond 5 years. If a deputy wants to buy their own pants, they are allowed to with a \$50 cap. Anything over \$50, employee must play the difference. The office staff are provided shirts and allowed \$50 to purchase their own pants. Replacements are at the discretion of the Supervisor. The Jail and JDC are all provided 3 uniform shirts and are allowed up to \$50 per pair of pants and are also replaced as needed and approved by their supervisor. Many employees have clothing items with the Sheriff's Office logo on them. These items are not purchased by the Sheriff's Office. If an employee wants a certain item to wear with the Sheriff's Office logo, they are permitted to purchase these items at their own expense. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GIS PLOTTER: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve Scott Madson, GIS Coordinator to purchase the new Plotter per proposal for \$9,729.87 from SHI. Current plotter will be transferred to EM. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Wiese shared that he got a text message from a Representative with Aberdeen Rural Fire that appreciates the lights that were put in by the Landfill for the Dumpster Site and how it lights up the whole area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to go into executive session to discuss Security, 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.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:47 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Kempf Rezoning Notice

NOTICE OF ADOPTION – ORDINANCE #239

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, adopted Ordinance #239 on January 17, 2023 to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Nicole Kempf, Personal Representative of the Estate of Daniel C. Kempf is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property 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.).

Public hearings were held on January 4, 2023 and January 10, 2023 at the regular Brown County Commissioner meetings in the County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. Recommendation for adoption was made and Ordinance 240 was adopted on January 17, 2023 and will be effective on February 14, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Keahey/Lane Rezoning Notice

NOTICE OF ADOPTION – ORDINANCE #240

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, adopted Ordinance #240 on January 17, 2023 to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Lucas & Mary Keahey and CJ Lane is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these 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.).

Public hearings were held on January 4, 2023 and January 10, 2023 at the regular Brown County Commissioner meetings in the County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. Recommendation for adoption was made and Ordinance 240 was adopted on January 17, 2023 and will be effective on February 14, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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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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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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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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Claremont Town Notice of Vacancy

Notice of Vacancy Municipality of Claremont

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Trustee 3 yr term. Circulation Of nominating petitions may begin on 1-10-2023 and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 606 6th Ave. between the hours of 10:00 am and 4 pm (central) time not later than the 27th day of February, 2023.

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February Groton Community Events

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Senior Menu: Breaded cod, parsley buttered potatoes, squash, Mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Hashbrown pizza.

School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, cooked carrots.

Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

United Methodist Church: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Book Study with Lindsey Tietz, 4 p.m.; Confirmation, 4 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.; Confirmation, 6 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.

Groton Chamber Board Meeting, noon, at City Hall

Groton Lions Dress Consignment, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Groton Community Center

St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Senior Menu: Beef stew, biscuit, Waldorf salad, sherbet.

School Breakfast: Oatmeal.

School Lunch: Pasta with meat sauce.

Basketball Doubleheader with Deuel in Groton. (Girls JV at 4 p.m. followed by Boys JV, Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity)

Groton Lions Dress Consignment, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Groton Community Center

Friday, Feb. 3

Senior Menu: Sloppy Joe on bun, oven roasted potatoes, coleslaw, pumpkin bar.

School Breakfast: Cereal.

School Lunch: Cheese breadstick with marinara, vegetable blend.

Wrestling at Presho

Groton Lions Dress Consignment, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Groton Community Center

Saturday, Feb. 4

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

DAK12-NEC Girls Clash at Madison

Wrestling at Stanley County, 10 a.m.

Groton Lions Prom and Formal Dress Sale, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Groton Community Center

Sunday, Feb. 5

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

Open Gym: Grades JK-8; 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Grades 6-12; 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

United Methodist Church: Worship with communion. Conde Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 10:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon; Sunday school sings in worship, 10:45 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Installation of council and WELCA; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

Groton Lions Prom and Formal Dress Sale, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Groton Community Center

Groton Lions dress pickup of unsold dress, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Groton Community Center

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship with communion, 11 a.m.

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Monday, Feb. 6

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, wild rice, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

School Lunch: Chicken legs, scalloped potatoes.

The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Junior High BB hosting Aberdeen Christian, 5:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, peas, sunset salad, cookie, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: French toast.

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn bread.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Boys Basketball hosts North Central. JV game at 6 p.m. followed by varsity.

United Methodist Church: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid LWML, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg omelets.

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup.

Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

Small Group Music Contest at the Aberdeen Recreation Cultural Center

United Methodist Church: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Book Study with Lindsey Tietz, 4 p.m.; Confirmation, 4 p.m.; UMYF Bowling at the Jungle, 6:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 9

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combo, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit.

School Breakfast: Muffins.

School Lunch: Chicken sandwich, fries.

Boys Basketball at Redfield (JV game 6 p.m. followed by varsity)

Friday, Feb. 10

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, peas and carrots, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Eggs and sausage.

School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, green beans.

Girls Basketball hosts Redfield. (C game at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity)

MS Pep Band Night!

Saturday, Feb. 11

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Basketball Double Header at Moberge: (Boys JV in MS Gym, 1 p.m.; Girls JV in HS Gym, 1 p.m.; Varsity Girls to follow in HS Gym and then Varsity Boys).

Northeast Conference Wrestling at Webster, 11 a.m.

Middle School State wrestling at Pierre, 9 a.m.

Junior High Boys Basketball at Moberge, 11 a.m. in the MS Gym - 2 games)

Sunday, Feb. 12

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

Youth Wrestling Tournament at the Groton Area Arena, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

United Methodist Church: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: worship/milestones, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Worship at Bethesda, 2 p.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 13

Senior Menu: Beef stroganoff noodles, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Mini waffles.

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes.

1 p.m.: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center.

The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Senior Menu: Valentine Dinner: Baked pork chop, baked potato with sour cream, baby glazed carrots, cheesecake with strawberry glaze, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg and cheese wrap.

School Lunch: Meatballs, tiny whole potatoes.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Boys Basketball at Aberdeen Roncalli (C game at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity)

United Methodist Church: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Senior Menu: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, broccoli, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Eggs and breakfast potatoes.

School Lunch: Chicken strips, tater tots.

Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

United Methodist Church: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Book Study with Lindsey Tietz, 4 p.m.; Confirmation, 4 p.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, chips.

Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 17

Senior Menu: Ham and bean soup, egg salad sandwich, 7 layer salad, cookies.

NO SCHOOL - Faculty In-Service

Basketball Double Header at Britton. (Girls JV and Boys JV both played at 5 p.m. Then Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity)

Saturday, Feb. 18

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball hosts Florence-Henry. (7th grade game at 11 a.m. followed by 8th grade game. C game at 1 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity)

Emmanuel Lutheran: Rosewood Court worship, 10 a.m.; Council Retreat at church, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 19

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

Open Gym: Grades JK-8; 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Grades 6-12; 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

United Methodist Church: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; No Sunday school; Groton Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship with communion, 11 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 20

Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick.

School Lunch: Tater tot hot dish, peas.

1 p.m.: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center.

The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Junior High Boys Basketball at Clark, 4 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.; Newsletter deadline.

St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed vegetables, garlic toast, mandarin orange.

School Breakfast: Doughnuts.

School Lunch: Corn dogs, fries.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Region 1A Girls Basketball

United Methodist Church: Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Conde Ad Council.

St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday

Senior Menu: Ash Wednesday. Baked fish, Mac and cheese, 3 bean salad, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: hash brown pizza.

School Lunch: Beef sticks, baked beans.

Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

United Methodist Church: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Book Study with Lindsey Tietz, 4 p.m.; Confirmation, 4 p.m.; Groton Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.; UMYF attends Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Soup supper, 6 p.m. (WELCA ex. Board serves), Worship, 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; Lent Service, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, cauliflower and broccoli, apple sauce, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Oatmeal.

School Lunch: Goulash, corn.

Region 1A Girls Basketball

Friday, Feb. 24

Senior Menu: Chili, cornbread, coleslaw, pears.

School Breakfast: Cereal.

School Lunch: Fish nuggets, tritaters.

Boys Basketball hosts Aberdeen Christian. (C game at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity.)

Saturday, Feb. 25

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

Open Gym: Grades JK-8; 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Grades 6-12; 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

United Methodist Church: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Northern Plains Conference meets in Miller, 3 p.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 27

Senior Menu: Parmesan chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, lettuce salad with dressings, peaches, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

School Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, vegetable blend.

Noon.: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck dinner.

The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, beets, chocolate cake, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: French toast.

School Lunch: Tacos.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Region 1A Boys Basketball

United Methodist Church: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

The Life of Arlis Harms

The funeral service for Arlis A. Harms, 82, of Aberdeen, SD, formerly of Groton, SD, was held Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Groton, with Pastor Josh Jetto officiating. Burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arlis died Sunday, January 15, 2023, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, SD.

Arlis Ann Miller was born May 2, 1940, to George E. and Ada Ellen (Keller) Miller in Aberdeen, SD. She grew up on a farm near Putney, SD, and went to school at the country school near there. Arlis was active in 4-H throughout school. She went to Groton High School and graduated in 1958. After graduating, she worked as a bank teller in Brookings, SD. She attended the Wesleyan Church and met Douglas Harms there. They were united in marriage on June 14, 1960. They lived in various places in Minnesota and Iowa for Doug's job. In 1973, they returned to Arlis's family farm.

Arlis was active in the No Name Extension Club and Putney Ladies Aide. She was a member of the Wesleyan Church in Aberdeen and held the office of treasurer. She enjoyed painting and deer hunting throughout her life. She especially liked going on family vacations.

Grateful for having shared Arlis's life are her sons: Lowell (Marie) Harms and Craig (Patty) Harms; grandchildren: Nichole (Seth) Rosenthal, Caleb (Krista) Harms, Arionna (Jeff) Carrillo, Logan (Kayla) Harms, Ryley Harms, Bradley Harms, Bentley Harms, Taté Mani Win Harms, Micah (Marissa) Harms, Jacob (Nicole) Harms, and Ellie (Nathan) Sanborn; great-grandchildren: Chisholm Rosenthal, Conagher Harms, Sawyer Harms, Douglas Carrillo, Marshall Harms, Miles Harms, Maxwell Harms, and Corinne Sanborn; and her sister Mildred (Don) Stewart.

Preceding Arlis in death are her husband Doug Harms, her parents, George & Ada Miller, one nephew, Curtis FitzSimmons, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Conde National League

Jan. 23 Team Standings: Tigers 13, Pirates 12, Giants 11, , Braves 9, Cubs 8, Mets 7.

Men's High Games: Chad Furney 225, Butch Farmen 222, Russ Bethke 209.

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 542, Chad Furney 541, Russ Bethke 508.

Women's High Game: Sam Bahr 172, Michelle Johnson 163, Shannon Hjermstad 153.

Women's High Series: Sam Bahr 430, Vickie Kramp 425, Michelle Johnson 411.

January 16 Team Standings: Tigers 12, Giants 9, Braves 9, Pirates 8, Cubs 5, Mets 5.

Men's High Games: Russ Bethke 210, Topper Tastad 204, Ryan Bethke 201.

Men's High Series: Russ Bethke 528, Ryan Bethke 513, Topper Tastad 496.

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 168, Nancy Radke 146, Deb Fredrickson 145.

Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 421. Nancy Radke 411, Deb Fredrickson 399.

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League

Jan 19 Team Standings: Jackelopes – 15, Chipmunks – 14, Coyotes – 12, Shihtzus – 7, Foxes – 6, Cheetahs – 6

Men's High Games: Randy Stanley – 233, Brad Waage – 189, Brody Sombke – 188

Women's High Games: Dar Larson – 201, Brenda Madsen – 173, Darci Spanier & Vicki Walter – 168

Men's High Series: Randy Stanley – 591, Brad Waage – 526, Brody Sombke – 522

Women's High Series: Dar Larson – 482, Darci Spanier – 481, Vicki Walter – 480

Fun Game: Most Splits – Coyotes with 17!

Jan. 12 Team Standings: Chipmunks – 11, Jackelopes – 11, Coyotes – 9, Shihtzus – 6, Foxes – 6, Cheetahs – 5

Men's High Games: Brad Waage – 193, Tony Madsen – 189, Lance Frohling – 187

Women's High Games: Vicki Walter – 178, Sam Bahr – 169, Lori Wiley – 168

Men's High Series: Brad Waage – 553, Lance Frohling – 548, Brad Larson – 496

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter – 505, Sue Stanley – 456, Darci Spanier – 448

GHS Wrestling

Five Place at Kingsbury Invitational

Five Groton Area wrestlings placed at the Kingsbury County Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in Arlington.

Christian Ehresmann placed second at 138 pounds, Liza Krueger placed second at the 106 pound girls division, Holly Frost placed fourth at the 142 pound girls division, Walker Zoellner placed fifth at 113 pounds and Cole Bisbee placed sixth at 170 pounds.

106-G: Liza Krueger (2-1) placed 2nd.

Round 1 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 2-1 won by fall over Mya Yonker (Hamlin) 2-3 (Fall 3:58)

Round 2 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 2-1 won by fall over Trinity Kurtenbach (Sioux Valley) 0-4 (Fall 0:36)

Round 3 - Bailey Tekrony (Brookings) 3-0 won by decision over Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 2-1 (Dec 4-2)

113: Walker Zoellner (14-12) placed 5th and scored 7.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 14-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Cody Zell (Kingsbury County) 14-12 won by decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 14-12 (Dec 13-7)

Cons. Round 2 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 14-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 14-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Jacob Milliron (Brookings) 5-3 won by fall over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 14-12 (Fall 1:39)

5th Place Match - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 14-12 won by fall over Dubhlainn Vermeulen (Sioux Valley) 9-18 (Fall 2:40)

126: Kellen Antonson (4-10) scored 4.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Kellen Antonson (Groton Area) 4-10 won by fall over Xavier Kadlec (Ipswich/Leola/Bowdle) 0-12 (Fall 1:00)

Quarterfinal - Carter Schulte (Faulkton Area) 14-11 won by fall over Kellen Antonson (Groton Area) 4-10 (Fall 1:23)

Cons. Round 2 - Zane Miller (Sioux Valley) 9-18 won by fall over Kellen Antonson (Groton Area) 4-10 (Fall 4:13)

132: Tristan McGannon (2-8).

Champ. Round 1 - Tristan McGannon (Groton Area) 2-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Kaleb Johnson (Kingsbury County) 9-12 won by fall over Tristan McGannon (Groton Area) 2-8 (Fall 0:39)

Cons. Round 2 - Tristan McGannon (Groton Area) 2-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Vanden Virchow (Sioux Valley) 6-10 won by fall over Tristan McGannon (Groton Area) 2-8 (Fall 1:41)

138: Isaiah Scepaniak (1-10)

Champ. Round 1 - Clayton Dulany (Warner/Northwestern) 24-8 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-10 (Fall 1:34)

Cons. Round 1 - Donovan Sandven (Kingsbury County) 1-4 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-10 (Fall 4:19)

138: Christian Ehresmann (17-2) placed 2nd and scored 21.5 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 17-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 17-2 won by tech fall over Brodyrck Gravdal (Canby) 2-2 (TF-1.5 4:07 (21-5))

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 17-2 won by fall over Braydon Oldenkamp (Lyman County) 17-10 (Fall 0:53)

1st Place Match - Lane Fink (Canby) 25-8 won by decision over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 17-2 (Dec 6-1)

142-G: Holly Frost (0-3) placed 4th.

Round 1 - Kyla Logan (Doland) 2-1 won by tech fall over Holly Frost (Groton Area) 0-3 (TF-1.5 2:00 (18-2))

Round 2 - Saige Hinricher (Brookings) 1-2 won by fall over Holly Frost (Groton Area) 0-3 (Fall 0:42)

Round 3 - Summer Guthmiller (Sioux Valley) 3-0 won by fall over Holly Frost (Groton Area) 0-3 (Fall 0:38)

145: Nick Morris (3-7) scored 7.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Nick Morris (Groton Area) 3-7 won by fall over Levi Simonsen (Viborg-Hurley) 7-11 (Fall 3:10)

Quarterfinal - Lincoln Fink (Canby) 17-11 won by fall over Nick Morris (Groton Area) 3-7 (Fall 0:44)

Cons. Round 2 - Nick Morris (Groton Area) 3-7 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Hamlin) 20-8 (For.)

Cons. Round 3 - Spencer Christie (Brookings) 11-12 won by decision over Nick Morris (Groton Area) 3-7 (Dec 7-4)

152: Easten Ekern (4-11).

Champ. Round 1 - Maxx Holm (Viborg-Hurley) 6-18 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 4-11 (Fall 1:23)

Cons. Round 1 - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 4-11 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Collin Dean (Redfield Area) 14-15 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 4-11 (Fall 0:34)

170: Cole Bisbee (12-9) placed 6th and scored 13.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 12-9 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Sioux Valley) 3-14 (For.)

Quarterfinal - Alex Pudwill (Warner/Northwestern) 21-10 won by decision over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 12-9 (Dec 3-2)

Cons. Round 2 - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 12-9 won by fall over Deion Harris (Kingsbury County) 3-8 (Fall 2:32)

Cons. Round 3 - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 12-9 won by fall over Breyten Johnson (Kingsbury County) 10-10 (Fall 4:26)

Cons. Semi - Lane Knutson (Sioux Falls Washington) 24-9 won by fall over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 12-9 (Fall 1:41)

5th Place Match - Alex Pudwill (Warner/Northwestern) 21-10 won by decision over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 12-9 (Dec 5-3)

220: Gavin Englund (3-10).

Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 3-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Abraham Myers (Sioux Falls Washington) 28-2 won by fall over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 3-10 (Fall 1:52)

Cons. Round 2 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 3-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Carson Leonhardt (Faulkton Area) 13-12 won by fall over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 3-10 (Fall 2:40)

GHS Girls Basketball

Lady Tigers post triple win over Great Plains Lutheran

The Groton Area Tigers girls basketball teams posted a triple win over Great Plains Lutheran in games played in Watertown.

The Tigers led at the quarter breaks in the varsity game at 11-8, 21-12 and 36-18 en route to a 45-29 win.

Sydney Leicht led the Tigers with 13 points, five rebounds, one assist and three steals. Brooke Gengerke had eight points, four rebounds, one assist and one steal. Jaedyn Penning had eight points, three rebounds, two assists and one steal. Jerica Locke had six points, four rebounds, one assist and five steals. Rylee Dunker had four points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Faith Traphagen had two points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Laila Roberts had one point and two rebounds. Aspen Johnson had five rebounds and three steals.

The Tigers made 13 of 39 two-pointers for 33 percent, three of 15 three-pointers for 20 percent, and 10 of 16 free throws for 63 percent, had 31 rebounds, 14 turnovers, 10 assists, 16 steals and 13 team fouls.

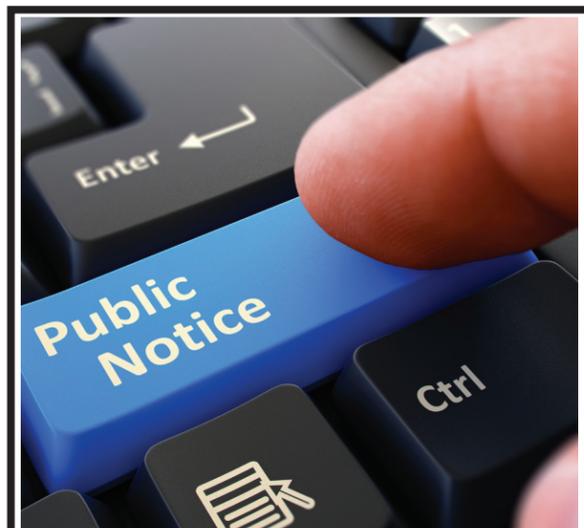
Halle Bauer, Olivia Holmen and Esta Cameron each had six points to lead the Panthers while Katherine Pahl had five and Abby Kjenstad and Myra Lentz each had two points.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 39-19. Elizabeth Flihs led the Tigers with nine points followed by Faith Traphagen with seven, Rylee Dunker had six, Laila Roberts five, B rookie Hansen four and Kennedy Hansen and Jaedyn Penning each had two points. Emma Dornbush led the Panthers with eight points.

Groton Area won the C game, 41-7. Taryn Traphagen and Kella Tracy each had eight points, Talli Wright had seven, Mia Crank five, McKenna Tietz and Sydney Locke with four each, and Emily Clark and Ashlyn Warrington each had two points.

Special thanks to Shane and Laura Clark for providing transportation for Jeslyn and the equipment to the game and to Shane for calling all three games.

The C and JV game sponsor was Wyane Wright. The varsity game livestream was 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.



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Groton Area hoop teams have clean sweep over Northwestern

Four players hit double figures as Groton Area defeated Northwestern in boys basketball action played Monday in Groton, 77-52.

The Tigers jumped out to an 18-0 lead en route to a 27-14 first quarter lead Lane Tietz made 13 points in the first quarter and Cole Simon had seven. Groton Area led at half time, 45-25, and after three quarters, 59-38.

Lane Tietz made three of six three-pointers for 19 points, four rebounds, two assists and four steals. Jacob Zak made 14 points, had five rebounds, four assists and two steals. Cole Simon had 13 points, two rebounds, four assists and two steals. Tate Larson had 10 points, four rebounds, one assist and one steal. Ryder Johnson had eight points, three rebounds and one assist. Keegan Tracy made two three-pointers in the fourth quarter to have six points. Cade Larson had five points and three assists. Taylor Diegel had two points and four steals. Colby Dunker had one rebound and one assist. Logan Ringgenberg had one rebound, three assists and two blocks.

The Tigers made 21 of 32 two-pointers for 66 percent, nine of 18 three-pointers for 50 percent, eight of 19 free throws for 42 percent, had 20 rebounds, 15 turnovers, 19 assists, 15 steals, 15 team fouls and two blocks.

Lincoln Woodring and Jude Ortmeier led the

Wildcats with 13 points apiece, Chase Neiber had 11, Reilly Schmitt had five, Quintin Fischbach four, Nathan Melus three, Dallas Stoltenberg two and Tanner Ewalt one. Northwestern made 20 of 45 total field goals for 44 percent, was eight of 11 from the line for 73 percent, had 19 team fouls and 13 turnovers.

The girls varsity game featured eight lead changes with the game being tied four times before the Tigers got the upper hand for the 39-33 win. Northwestern held an 11-7 lead after the first quarter and an 18-16 lead at half time. Groton Area was on top, 27-25, after three quarters of play. The tale of the game had to come from the free throw line as Groton Area was 14 of 24 while the Wildcats were three of eight. Both teams put up 47 shots with Groton Area making 10 and Northwestern 13.

Jaedyn Penning had 11 points, six rebounds, and one steal for the Tigers. Sydney Leicht also had 11 points, had two rebounds, one assist and four steals. Brooke Gengerke had five points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Kennedy Hansen had five points, one rebound and one assist. Faith Traphagen had three points, three rebounds and one steal. Aspen Johnson had two points, five rebounds and one steal. Jerica Locke had two points, seven rebounds, three assists, two steals and one block. Rylee Dunker had two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Groton Area had 28 rebounds, 14 turnovers, seven assists, 12 steals, 17 team fouls and one blocked shot.

Adriana Ratigan led the Wildcats with 11 points while Ashley Haven and Tara Blachford each had eight and Ella Haven had six points. Northwestern had 25 turnovers and 21 team fouls.

The Groton Area boys junior varsity team defeated Northwestern, 58-23. Scoring for the Tigers: Ryder Johnson 9, Logan Ringgenberg 8, Holden Sippel 6, Dillon Abeln 5, Keegan Tracy 5, Gage Sippel 4, Carter Simon 2, Colby Dunker 2, Turner Thompson 2, and Logan Pearson 2.

Dallas Stoltenberg led Northwestern with 14 points.

And the Tiger squads made it a clean sweep with a 37-17 win in the girls junior varsity game. Scoring for Groton Area: Kennedy H Hansen 13, Taryn Traphagen 6, Brooklyn Hansen 5, Laila Roberts 2, Kella Tracy 3, faith Traphagen 2, Talli Wright 2, Mia Crank 1.

Natalia Schipke led Northwestern with five points.

All four games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. Shane Clark provided the play-by-play action for the girls games. The Junior Varsity games were sponsored by Gordon and Dorene Nelson. 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.



One thing I have realized from this past week is that GDILIVE has become a community production.

Yes, it started as a small family business but over the years it has developed into many voices, no longer just the one voice.

Little did I know that some of those voices would end up in the Captains chair, providing transportation for Jeslyn and the equipment, along with their voice.

The complexity of the original setup has given way to something that Jeslyn can set up in five minutes. And take down in five minutes. I was talking with Jeslyn about that and she relates back to the old way as a nightmare. Little did I know that the rain shower at the Clark football game would result in a new way of transporting our equipment to the away games. And now that we have virtually double the equipment, we can keep the setup at the home games right on site without having to haul but just a bag into the Arena.

Having two systems can have its challenges at times. We found that out at the Northwestern game. The new encoder box was set up for one camera (the one we use for away games) but apparently will no longer work with the home camera until we can figure out the settings that need to be changed.

Anyway, as you know I came down with Covid last week and that took me off the market for running around to activities. Even though I was not at the events, I was still the technical engineer (my what big fancy words!) behind the scenes. I still had to make sure that the videos were going from the game to your screen at home.

Once I was done being a technical engineer I got to lay down in my comfy bed and became a gdilive.com viewer for the first time ever! I can see why so many people like to watch the events. It is actually pretty cool.

What is nice about gdilive.com is that it has many voices, different personalities, and different perspectives to help bring you the color commentary from the games.

So many people have made this a success. From the voices of the games to those who helped run cameras, to the coaches and those

who provide their statistical expertise, to the advertisers and to you the GDI subscribers, thank you!

And one more note - Justin and Chelsea Hanson made my day on Monday. They gave me my own GT polo shirt with Paper Paul embroidered on it. That was special and thank you!



The scenery for the annual Carnival of Silver Skates was erected Tuesday by the city public works department personnel. The event is set for Sunday with performances at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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Dear EarthTalk: How are we going to deal with all the waste when the solar panels everyone is putting up now wear out in 20-30 years?
-- Paul B., Chevy Chase, MD

When purchasing green alternatives for home power generation, there are many features that the average consumer looks for. Most are hoping to find options that are the most efficient, or the lightest, or the most durable, but what about the most recyclable?

This question is often overlooked when making such purchases. Unfortunately, ignoring a product's life cycle can have disastrous consequences, especially if reducing your environmental footprint is a concern.

Take solar panels, for example. The average solar panel lasts roughly 25 years, and the vast majority of them were purchased and put into use within the last 10 years. This means that within the next 15 years, millions of retired and broken solar panels will be flooding landfills. A 2020 study out of the federally funded National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) found that as much as eight million tons of solar modules could arrive in landfills globally by 2030, and by 2050 these solar panels could make up to 10 percent of all e-waste on the planet.

To make matters worse, if the waste isn't disposed of properly, it could cause problems for the groundwater in its vicinity. Solar panels contain trace amounts of toxic compounds, such as lead, and a carcinogen known as cadmium telluride. If either of these chemicals were to leach into a freshwater source, the water would become unsafe to use in most capacities.

Although solar panels are recyclable, there is little incentive to do so. Made from materials such as aluminum, copper, silicon and glass, approximately 80-85 percent of a solar panel can be recycled; however, the process would actually cost more than the raw materials are worth.

Thankfully, the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Energy Technologies Office has been hard at work developing a comprehensive system for handling and recycling solar panels. By 2030, they plan on reducing the cost of solar panel recycling to a mere \$3 per panel. This reduction would actually make solar panel recycling an economically feasible venture!

That said, there is still the option to rebuild new solar panels from old ones. However, to accomplish this would require a direct reuse of the materials recovered. Silicon, for example, can be directly recycled back into solar panels, or it can even be used in the anodes of lithium-ion batteries—the functional storage unit of power generated through the use of solar panels.

But what about simply making the solar



We sure do love our solar panels, but in 10-20 years a lot of them will be heading for landfills if we don't figure out how to recycle them.. Credit: Pexels.com.

panels greener? Instead of silicon solar panels (what people normally buy), there is another option available known as Sunflare thin-film solar panels. The lightweight modules have a carbon footprint that is 20 percent that of silicon, they do not require toxic chemicals such as lead, cadmium, hydrofluoric acid or hydrochloric acid to produce, they require less water, and are 80 percent less energy-intensive to make. They are also paper-thin, require no silicon purification, no glass, and no mounts, and are even more efficient in low-light conditions!

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"Not all that forgets is dementia"

Frequently, my patients will come to a visit and bring up a major concern: "Doc, I think I might have dementia; my memory seems to be slipping." They might give examples of having difficulty finding words, forgetting people's names, or just feeling like their thinking is slower. Many of them know a family member who had dementia, and they are worried.

My first response is to hear their concerns; of course, if a patient is showing early signs of dementia, we want to assess that and do our best to get to a diagnosis for them. What I have found, however, is that often when these concerns are raised, we find things that are not dementia to explain them.

As we age, some symptoms perceived as memory changes are probably within the spectrum of normal. The occasional forgetting or having a delay finding words is a great example of this. More difficulty recalling names is another. This can be normal at any age but tends to happen more frequently as our brains age.

Sometimes patients are noticing real and concerning issues, but through medical evaluation, we find non-dementia reasons for them. The most common reason would be – you guessed it – medications. While many medications can affect cognition especially in older patients, often we can blame drugs with anti-cholinergic properties (even over-the-counter diphenhydramine found in cold, allergy, and sleep medication) and benzodiazepines (usually prescribed for anxiety or sleep). Patients should review their medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, as an early step in evaluating these concerns.

Other common mimics of cognitive change in older patients are depression, anxiety, and sleep disorders. These disorders can cause the brain to be unfocused and distracted which frequently manifests as forgetfulness. Treating the underlying condition effectively will usually improve one's cognition, so we should look for signs of those when evaluating memory concerns.

Numerous other medical causes can also impair one's cognition and memory. These include vitamin deficiencies, abnormal electrolytes, infections, or abnormalities in the brain like bleeding, tumors, or hydrocephalus. Further, there are numerous causes of dementia; Alzheimer's disease being just one. A thorough history, exam, and sometimes labs or imaging might be warranted if true cognitive impairment is present.

To be clear, if you are experiencing symptoms of change in memory, don't assume it is dementia. Talk with your medical provider; it may be normal or have any of a long list of other causes. Let's figure it out together.

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