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## GHS Second Semester Interns

Featuring Flihs in band, Overacker at Next Level Nutrition, and Traphagen in fourth grade



**Kamryn Flihs**



**Kaylynn Overacker**



**Gracie Traphagen**

### by Dorene Nelson

Kamryn Flihs, who worked in an insurance agency office first semester, is also serving as an intern in the high school band room. "I really enjoyed the work I did first semester but have learned that I don't want a job where I just sit most of the day."

"Helping Mrs. Yeigh with setting up the band room, moving chairs and music stands where they are needed, and running off copies of music for the students, is an active job where I move around a lot," Kamryn explained. "This has led me to look at a job that requires physical activity so I shadowed an athletic trainer and really liked the kind of work that was involved."

Kaylynn Overacker did her interning first semester at Teddy Bear Day Care and really loved the little kids. This semester she is working at Next Level Nutrition.

"Daycare was fun and chaotic all at the same time, but it is not the kind of job that I'd seek in the future. I then decided to find something calmer and with less change," Kaylynn admitted. "I like working in this little shop and waiting on the customers. My job is to mix drinks, mainly the various teas that are available. Later I'll learn to make the shakes which are a bit more complicated."

Gracie Traphagen is serving as an intern in 4th grade with Mrs. Susan Fjeldheim. "Since I wasn't quite sure what I would take next year in college, I decided to try this 4th grade internship."

"I've always enjoyed working with kids," she smiled. "I like this age group too and was even allowed to substitute for Mrs. Fjeldheim one day!" I usually work individually with the students, especially helping kids get caught up who've missed school due to illness."

"I play girls basketball and am a member of FCCLA," Gracie listed. "Next year I plan to attend Northern State University and become an elementary teacher."

## Reetz interned at Kolker Law

### by Dorene Nelson

Drew Reetz, son of Lori and Jamie Reetz and a senior in Webster High School, was working as an intern in Groton with Kari Bartling, an attorney serving Groton in Family Law, Real Estate and Labor and Employment cases.

"This internship is part of a Career Technical Education (CTE) Youth Internship," Reetz explained. "We are required to find a place to serve as an intern in an area that we are interested in. I chose Kari Bartling because she does the kind of work and cases that interest me."

"The CTE Youth Internship class is part of our personal finance class, which all seniors are required to take," he said. "We learn how to budget, to problem-solve, to manage money, and other financial areas vital to life after graduation."

"I'm involved in several extracurricular activities such as Robotics, student council, Key Club, and cross country and track," Reetz listed.

"While working here, I shadow Kari as she goes to meetings, helps people organize their personal affairs, and travels to meetings such as an estate sale to meet with the families."

"I also answer the phone and visit with Kari's clients," he said. "I find the work to be very interesting and intriguing. Family law in the Mid-West involves a lot of farm transactions."

"After graduating from Webster High School this coming spring, I plan to attend the University of Minnesota to receive a degree in political science and law. I like to help people and being in this profession would provide many opportunities to do that."



**Drew Reetz at Kolker Law**

## No election in Groton this year

On Friday, February 24, 2023, incumbent candidate Grant Rix and candidate-elect Heather Lerseth-Flihs submitted nominating petitions for two vacant seats on the Groton Area School Board prior to the 5:00 pm deadline. Incumbent candidate Steven R. Smith did not submit a petition for reelection. Since both Rix and Lerseth-Flihs are unopposed, they are awarded new 3-year terms, beginning July 2023. There will be no Groton Area School Board April election.

There will be no election for the City of Groton either. Shirley Wells turned in her petition unopposed for a two-year term in Ward 2. Karyn Babcock turned in her petition unopposed for a two-year term in Ward 3. Jason Wambach turned in his petition unopposed for a one-year term in Ward 3.

The other incumbent, Jon Cutler, turned in his petition; however, he did not have enough valid signatures. His position is for a two-year term in Ward 1. The mayor will have to make a one-year appointment for that position which must be approved by the council.

## My international wrestling incident

It's funny how the state wrestling tournament stirs up memories, "funny" being the key word when it comes to this story.

Already, I've heaped pressure on myself. We've all been at parties when someone says, "I've got the funniest joke..." Then, 10 minutes later, it feels like a hostage situation. I'm the most impolite listener ever. I'll just drift away. It embarrasses my family, but anyone that boring can't be my friend.

Feel free to walk away anytime. But don't. It was 1997 in Hettinger. By then, Randy Burwick and his assistant, Theo Schalesky, and the championship program they'd built, had me enthralled by the human drama of it all.

I love that town. The exceptional athletes I watched, the lifetime friends I made. As Randy and I reminisced at this year's state tournament, I confessed to leaving a chunk of my heart behind when I left. He smiled. Nodded. "I know."

I've known Wrestling Hall of Famer Kayle Dangerud, a championship coach with West Fargo, since he was in grade-school. Loved the kid. His mom, Ginger, worked for me at the Adams County Record.

That year, Kayle, a returning state champ at 145, moved up to 152. Waiting there was Justin Haas from the Ashley-Wishek program, the returning 152-pound state champ. He'd racked up a winning streak, a devastating path of carnage so dominant I feared for Kayle's well-being.

Justin epitomized what his coach, the great Gary Hoffman, was all about. Brute strength, impeccably-conditioned steamrollers. Kayle was regarded as one of the finest technicians ever to step on the mat. There was a December showdown looming, a tournament in Linton.

That's how it started.

I'd describe Kayle's personality even then as pretty Zen, so I decided he might need some extra motivation, and I went to the florist to order the frilliest balloon they had. The accompanying note read something like,

"Looking forward to seeing you in Linton." For the exact verbiage check with Ginger. She still has the evidence in a box of memorabilia.

The balloon was delivered to Kayle at school. I imagined the look on his face, the ire of his teammates, the steam rolling out of Burwick's ears, and smiled with self-satisfaction.

I thought that'd be the end of it.

Uh-uh. Ginger, one of the sweetest people you'll meet, stormed into the office—as much as Ginger ever storms—and broke the news to the staff. Naturally, I was surprised and offended by the audacity of Justin Haas. The nerve.

I was so naive. I hadn't realized that wrestlers are the biggest gossips ever placed upon this earth. The Internet was in its infancy, but it wasn't necessary. Word spread across town, across the region, to every Class B school in the state.

This snowball was out of control. I'd created an international wrestling incident.

I didn't dare say a word. Thank God for florist-client confidentiality.

As the tournament approached, I developed the flop-sweats. What if Kayle lost? I hadn't considered that. It was entirely possible. This Haas kid was a monster. An unrepentant balloon-sender. His deeds were spoken of in hushed tones. Like Beetlejuice, you dared not say his name aloud three times.

By then, Kayle had taken on a steely-eyed look you see mostly in serial killers.

He remembers gripping Justin for the first time in the championship. "I'd never felt that kind of strength before." It was close, Kayle and Goliath, but I believe Kayle had a 3-2 lead as time waned in the last period, forcing Justin to take a chance that Kayle countered. If memory serves, it was a 5-2 win.

I've never felt such relief. They'd have run me out of town.

I don't recall when I confessed or exactly when I talked to Gary Hoffman about the epic match, but I remember what he said clearly. "What surprised us was how strong Kayle was."

After their Linton showdown, Justin pulled Kayle aside. "Hey, I didn't send that balloon." Of course, he didn't. He was a well-mannered kid from a good family. It'd take a real jerk to do something like that.

Whatever the gate was at Linton, I think I deserve a cut, though.

It ended anticlimactically. Justin was upset along the way in the state tournament, and Kayle took the championship.

It's always good for a laugh when I get together with the Dangeruds, but someday Justin Haas is going to burst through my door and kick my ass.

And I'll have it coming.



## That's Life

by Tony Bender

## Weekly Vikings Recap - NFL Combine Preview

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

On Tuesday, February 28, the NFL Combine will kick off in Indianapolis. For those unfamiliar, the Combine is a week-long showcase of measuring every NFL prospect's speed, strength, and size compared to his peers. Often, a player's performance at the Combine will have some sort of effect, whether positive or negative, on where the player ends up being picked in the upcoming NFL Draft. In other words, millions of dollars are on the line for some of these players.

Although there are several drills that players will go through at the Combine, the one drill that gets all the attention is the 40-yard dash. It has gotten so popular that in 2017, Adidas offered an island valued at \$1 million to any player that was able to break Chris Johnson's 40-yard dash record of 4.24 seconds. However, despite the popularity of the 40-yard dash, a player's success at it does not necessarily translate to future NFL success. Of the top ten fastest 40-yard dashes in NFL Combine history, only one made a pro bowl in their NFL career.

Based on how Minnesota Vikings' general manager, Kwesi Adofo-Mensah, drafted in 2022, there appears to be one specific testing number from the 40-yard dash that he focuses on at the NFL Combine: the ten-yard split. The ten-yard split is a measurement of the amount of time it takes the player to reach the first ten yards of the 40-yard dash. Rather than focusing on a player's speed at his peak, the ten-yard split focuses on a player's explosiveness and acceleration, which makes more sense in a sport where you rarely ever reach maximum speed.

In 2022, eight of the nine players drafted by Adofo-Mensah were in the 80th or above percentile in the ten-yard split for their respective position. Cine, who was Adofo-Mensah's first-ever draft pick, was even measured as having the fastest ten-yard split among safeties in the 2022 draft class. So, if you end up watching the NFL Combine this week, get familiar with the prospects with the fastest ten-yard splits as those players might be in the running to be future Vikings.

Despite the seriousness that surrounds the NFL Combine, there is one Vikings-related combine stat that is somewhat comical. Vikings' quarterback Kirk Cousins, who weighs 210 pounds and ran a 4.93 in the 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine in 2012, has an equal or slower 40-yard dash time than three of his five starting offensive linemen (Brian O'Neill, Ezra Cleveland, and Garrett Bradbury). The only starting offensive lineman that we can confirm is slower than Cousins is Ingram, who ran a 5.02 in last year's Combine.

One thing to remember about the NFL Combine is it always brings an increase in draft and trade rumors. Given that it is the only time of the year that every NFL team's general manager is in one place, the Combine offers teams a unique chance to start discussing possible draft trades in person with other teams. The main discussion nationally will be what the Chicago Bears decide to do with their first overall pick. However, for the Vikings, this could be a chance to get the ball rolling on a possible trade, whether it is to move up to take a possible quarterback, or trade down and get more draft capital. Whatever it is, this upcoming week might start to provide some answers on the route the Vikings will take in the 2023 NFL Draft.

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# We the People

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By David Adler

## The Supreme Court Delivers Landmark Victory for Farmers

In 1877, in *Munn v. Illinois*, the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a landmark ruling that, to this day, ranks as one of the most important victories ever rendered for farmers in American legal history. The decision rewarded Midwestern farmers for their broad and sustained political activism in a long campaign to protect their economic interests in a confrontation with the "all power-

ful railroads."

In a 7-2 opinion for the majority, Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite, upheld an Illinois statute, one of several "Granger laws" enacted by Midwestern legislatures, that regulated the rates that grain operators could charge grain producers. Farmers agonized, groaned and complained about the enormous power of the railroads to establish rates for farmers, who viewed them as arbitrary, unfair and potentially lethal to their futures. Farmers were outraged that it cost as much to ship wheat from Minnesota to Wisconsin as it did to England.

Farmers organized politically to counter the power of the railroads. In the late 1860s, the newly minted Patrons of Husbandry, known as the Grange, created the first social movement since the Civil War. This early version of the Progressive Movement successfully pressured the Illinois Legislature to enact statutory limits on the rates that railroads could charge.

The railroads attacked the regulations as a violation of laissez-faire economics and the 14th Amendment's Due Process Clause, which protects life, liberty and property. The Supreme Court sought a path between the exercise of the state police power and the 14th Amendment. On one hand, the future of farmers, and the importance of farming to the public good, could not be left to the conscience of railroads. On the other, the asserted interests of farmers could not be permitted to derail an industry that was critical to the development of the United States.

Chief Justice Waite revived an English law doctrine introduced in the 17th Century by Lord Chief Justice Matthew Hale, which permitted regulation of private property "clothed with a public purpose." Waite altered the ancient language, preferring businesses "affected with a public interest," thus drawing a line between those state regulations that would violate the due process clause and those that would not. Waite stated that a business affected with a public interest or "devoted to a public use" was subject to rate regulation.

This test, the Chief Justice observed, did not mean that states could impose arbitrary rates, but the problem that he faced was that of developing criteria to create classifications. He could not, for example, simply apply a "commonsense criterion" to any business important to the public, for that would apply to most businesses, which would be anathema in a capitalist economy. Still, even the most conservative judges would acknowledge that there were many businesses whose prices could not be allowed to run wild.

The judicial solution lay in permitting rate regulations of businesses under the public interest principle, without specifying what that principle meant. Yes, you read that sentence correctly! Public service industries, light railroads and electric power companies fell into that category, as did traditionally regulated occupations such as taxicabs, hotels and fire insurance companies. The great problem that the Court could not more adequately resolve was the fundamental dilemma of the regulation of private property within a capitalist economic system.

That is why Chief Justice Waite was left to say that when one devotes "property to a use in which the public has an interest, he, in effect, grants to the public an interest in that use, and must submit to be controlled by the public for the common good, to the extent of the interest he has created. For protection against "abuses by the legislatures," Waite wrote, "the people must resort to the polls, not to the courts."

Waite's affirmation of the 19th Century's understanding of judicial restraint, as justification for upholding state legislation in the face of 14th Amendment due process concerns, collided with Justice Stephen Field's famous dissent, which called for judicial activism in the name of protecting private property. Field, a champion of conservatism, dismissed Waite's standard. It would mean, he said, "that all property and all business in the state are at the mercy of the Legislature." Such a standard, he said, would eviscerate property "rights."

Consequently, Justice Field argued that the 14th Amendment Due Process Clause imposes a substantive limitation on the state's police power, a position that would become known as "substantive due process." Field asserted substantive due process as a means of protecting property rights, a position that would be associated with those who advocate for conservatism. In the years since, substantive due process

would be invoked by other Justices, those viewed as liberals, to protect personal rights, including the rights to privacy and autonomy, among others. Justice Field could not have imagined what an important door he was opening when he invoked substantive due process.



Visibility was reduced to a few hundred feet Wednesday morning as another winter storm swept through the area during the night and the morning. By Wednesday afternoon, the winds had died down, the sun was shining and the snow was melting on the roads and sidewalks. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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The Groton FFA drove their tractors down Main Street Monday morning. FFA Week was the week before, but most activities were cancelled due to the blizzard. These are some of the tractors that were driven.

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## Brown County Feb. 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 21, 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 Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**BID – OVERLAY PROJECT (Co. Rd. 5):** Time and place as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for 2023 Brown County Surfacing Project which includes 3" Asphalt Concrete overlay for approximately 9 miles and Additional items as set forth in the Contract Documents. Bids were received from Bituminous Paving, Lien Transportation, Dunitinck, Inc. and Jensen Rock & Sand. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to refer all the bids on Surfacing Project to Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent and IMEG for tabulation and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID – ROAD OIL:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for producing, furnishing and delivery of Road Oil to the Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B Brown County, SD for the following: Cutback Asphalt Road Oil – MC 70; Cutback Asphalt Road Oil – MC 3000; Emulsion Asphalt Road Oil – CSS1H. Bid was received from Jebro for MC70 @ \$1,269.53/ton; MC 3000 @ \$919.53/ton and CSS1H @ \$743.26/ton. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to award the bid for Road Oil to Jebro. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID – ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for producing, furnishing all material and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for road maintenance and construction on Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B Brown County, South Dakota. Bids were received from Jensen Rock & Sand and Lien Transportation.

..... Hot Mix Class D Business .....	Type II (1/2 inch)	Hot Mix Class D Type 1 (3/4 inch)	Cold Mix Class D Type II (1/2 inch)	Cold Mix Class D Type 1 (3/4 inch)
Jensne Rock & Sand .....	\$93.00/ton	\$93.00/ton	\$175/ton	\$175.00/ton
Lien Transportation.....	\$92.75/ton	\$92.75/ton	N/A	N/A

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to award both of the bids to Jensen Rock & Sand and Lien Transportation based on availability and location. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID – GRAVEL:** Time and place as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing and delivery of One (1) Years Supply of Road Construction and Maintenance Gravel Materials. Bids were received from Behnke Gravel, Jeff Hall, and HF Jacobs. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to refer all the bids to Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent for tabulation and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID – RENTAL EQUIPMENT:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2023. Bids were received from B & B Contracting, HF Jacobs, Jensens Rock & Sand, Lien Transportation and Webster Scale. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to refer all the bids to Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent for tabulation and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**VACATE PLAT:** Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution:

### RESOLUTION #6-23

WHEREAS, Dwain Buntrock, presented an Application for Vacation of Plat legally identified as:

Tract 2, "Buntrock Tracts" in the NW ¼ of Section 5-T125N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11848 395th Ave., Columbia)

WHEREAS, the granting of the request will not authorize the closing or obstruction of any public highway according to law, and all property taxes on such

plat are paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the plat legally identified as Tract 2, "Buntrock Tracts" in the NW ¼ of Section 5-T125N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11848 395th Ave., Columbia) is hereby vacated. Dated this 21st day of February 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Gage. Roll call vote: Dennert-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Wiese-aye, Gage-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

**LOAD LIMITS:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent suggested load limits go into effect on March 3rd as the signs go up. Commissioner Dennert offered the following Resolution as of March 3rd:

### RESOLUTION #7-23

WHEREAS: Enforce Annual Seasonal Load Restrictions on over weight limits, over width load limits, and speed limits on Brown County Roads. All Brown County oil Roads are posted at 6-ton per axle and truck speed of 40 MPH, with the exception of Brown County Road #10, from Brown County Road #13 (Prairiewood Road) north 2.00 miles is posted at 12-ton gross load limit with truck speed at 40 MPH year-round.

WHEREAS: The Brown County Board of Commissioners request that the South Dakota Highway Patrol assist and enforce load restrictions on the posted gross limit per axle and truck speed at 40 MPH as posted by the Brown County Board of Commissioners during the spring thaw and breakup period that the roads are posted.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Brown County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent to work with the South Dakota Highway Patrol to reduce weight maximums due to the thawing and excessive moisture and until the roads are free of frost and become stable. SDCL 32-22-25. Seconded by Commissioner Gage. Roll call vote: Commissioners Sutton-aye, Gage-aye, Wiese-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Dennert-aye. Resolution adopted.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of February 14, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Insurance: Insurance Plus \$2,784.55. Professional Fees: Christy Griffin-Serr Law

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Lien Transportation.....	\$92.75/ton	\$92.75/ton	N/A	N/A

Office \$7,211.64; City of Aberdeen \$295.10; Civil Solutions LLC \$1,400.64; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$7,211.64; Daniel L. Fox \$185.00; Darcy Lockwood \$22.50; Dohrer Law Office \$7,211.64; Horizon Health Care Inc \$375.44; IMEG Corp \$9,205.71; Jerald M. McNeary \$7,211.64; Jeremy Lund \$7,211.64; John Noyes \$7,211.64; Kuck Law Office \$7,211.64; Lutheran Social Services Inc \$215.72; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$316.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$3,822.18; SDSU Extension \$100.45; Taliaferro Law Firm \$7,211.64; Valerie J. Larson \$22.50; Yankton County Treasurer \$135.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media California Holdings, Inc \$144.80; GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc \$1,348.00; Heartland Assoc of Fairs, Festivals & Events \$400.00; Lee Enterprises \$20.00; The Argus Leader \$67.33. Rentals: Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$49.70. Repairs & Maintenance: Boyer Trucks \$14.30; Day County Treasurer \$898.56; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$147.16; Fire Safety First LLC \$150.20; Leidholdt Electric LLC \$6,293.82; Pierson-Ford-Lincoln-Mercury \$7,627.82; Sewer Duck Inc \$490.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$60.40; Whitmore Inc \$35.00; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$261.22. Supplies: Advance Stores Company, Inc \$655.22; Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel Group, Inc \$135.05; Avera McKennan \$2,834.39; Boyer Trucks \$471.51; Burdette Security & Technologies, LLC \$340.00; Century Business Products \$395.86; Cole Papers \$1,539.58; Dakota Supply Group \$95.38; Daniel L. Fox \$2.85; Ellie Weinmeister \$38.33; GovConnection Inc \$1,708.50; Great Western States Supply, LLC \$945.00; Henry Fulda \$27.82; Karen Swank \$45.00; L.G. Everist, Inc \$2,570.49; Lar-Jo's Specialties \$411.82; Leidholdt Tool Sales LLC \$88.81; Little Falls Machine Inc \$422.09; Mac's Inc \$1,790.81; Menards

on June 23-25, 2023 and Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) of SD for lease of Richmond Youth Camp using the Lodge & Dorms on July 15-21, 2023; All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Rachel Kippley to sign the Contract with Super 8 Motels for Block of Rooms the week of the Brown County Fair, August 13-20, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**NAME CHANGE OF BR. CO. 12 W.2:** Sheriff, Dave Lonzman asked to have this deferred for a week so that 911 Services could do some more checking into this name change. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to table this item for 1 week. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Travel Request for Kristin Boeshans, DPM to deliver artwork to Midwest Art Conservation Center for restoration in Minneapolis, MN on February 24-27, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert 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.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 9:45 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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\$353.49; Midstates Printing \$583.45; Northern Valley Communication \$27.60; PharmChem \$106.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$1,490.60; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$42.60; Share Corp \$232.20; The Electric Company of SD \$1,725.00; Timothy C. Gardner \$16.00; West Publishing Corp \$1,839.44; Whitmore Inc \$97.94. Travel & Conference: Jill Crosby \$77.24; Morgan Bingham \$14.00; Rachel Kippley \$180.26; SD Sheriff's Assoc \$115.00. Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$286.25; City of Hecla \$235.03; Dependable Sanitation \$348.00; Midcontinent Communications \$139.17; Northern Electric Coop, Inc \$86.00; Northern Valley Communication \$3,818.37; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$4,543.87; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$205.59; WEB Water Development Assoc. Inc \$101.47. Others: Aberdeen Development Corporation \$15,000.00; Avera St. Luke's \$25,000.00; Safe Harbor \$465.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$873,063.09. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Erica Coughlin: Acknowledge the resignation of Doug Rush, Brown County Assistant Build Maintenance Superintendent, full-time; effective February 10, 2023. Request to fill. Acknowledge modified start date: Transfer of Doreen Howell from Brown County Jail's 24/7 to Brown County Sheriff's Office Records Technician, full-time; starting wage \$18.73/hour; effective February 27, 2023. Request to fill. Acknowledge transfer of Caid Verzani from Brown County Jail Detention Officer to JDC Detention Officer; effective February 19, 2023. Acknowledge the resignation of Ben Smith, Brown County Deputy Sheriff, full-time; effective February 17, 2023. Request to fill. Approve hiring of Angel Sanchez as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, full-time; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective February 20, 2023. Approve hiring Danny Caraballo as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, full-time; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective February 20, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following lease agreement: Brown County Sheriff's Office for lease of Richmond Youth Camp

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## Putney Township Notice of Caucus

NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN PUTNEY TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Putney Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Mark Thompson's Shop.

Caucus at 5 p.m. followed by election of officers.

Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated places in Putney Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Mark Thompson, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches, removal of snow and blading. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Mark Thompson's Farm House shop at 5 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Mark Thompson  
Township Clerk

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## Groton Township Notice of Caucus

Groton Township

Groton Township Notice of Annual Meeting NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION IN GROTON TOWNSHIP Notice is hereby given that the annual Groton Township Annual and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the Groton Community Center. Meeting at 1 p.m. followed by election of officers.

Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated places in Groton Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid.

Bids must be addressed to Jeff Howard, Township Clerk, 40829 131st Street, Groton, SD 57445, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel."

Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches, removal of snow and blading. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent.

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Jeff Howard, Township Clerk  
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## West Hanson Notice of Caucus

NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN WEST HANSON TOWNSHIP

West Hanson Township will hold its annual caucus, business meeting and election on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Dirks home, 40305 138th St. There will be an election of one supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

The township will also be accepting bids for 1,000 yds., more or less, of screened and/or crushed gravel within the township. We will also take bids on the same date for road blading and mowing on township roads and snow removal work. We will also be taking bids on mowing and maintenance of the West Hanson Cemetery. All bids must be accompanied by certificate of contractor's liability insurance. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Jennifer Dirks, Township Clerk  
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## Shelby Township Notice of Caucus

Citizens of Shelby Township are hereby Notified that the Annual Township meeting will be held at the township hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, beginning at 1 p.m. for the following purposes: To elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term, one clerk and one treasurer, and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting. Shelby Township will accept bids for gravel, road maintaining, snow removal, and other road work as necessary for the year 2023-2024. The gravel is to be delivered before Aug. 1, 2023 and must meet the township board's specifications. The road maintaining, snow removal, and road work bids must state per hour and per mile charges. Date and time records will be required for all work performed. Bids will also be accepted for mowing the Houghton cemetery. Bids must be received at the clerk's residence on or before March 24, 2019. Bids will be opened at the township hall in Houghton on March 28, 2023 at 7 p.m. All bids for gravel and road work must be accompanied by a Certificate of Contractors Liability Insurance. The board of supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Colby Crawford, Township Clerk 11760 403rd Avenue Houghton, SD 57449

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## Bates Township Notice of Caucus

Bates Township  
BATES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Bates Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 at the home of the Clerk, 14523 409th Ave, Conde.

Election of officers and business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

We will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel. Please mail bids to

Betty Geist, Bates Township Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde, SD 57434 prior to meeting date.

Betty Geist, Township Clerk  
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## Henry Township Notice of Caucus

Henry Township Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual Henry Township caucus and election of officers along with the other business that may come before the board will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7 p.m. at Doug Abeln's Seed Company Office. Will also take bids for gravel and road maintenance.

Darlene Sass  
Henry Township Clerk  
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## Frederick School Notice of Audit Findings

Notice of Audit of the Fiscal Affairs of Frederick Area School District No. 6-2

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 of Brown County, South Dakota, have been audited by Eide Bailly LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and that a detailed report thereon is

filed with the governing board, the Business Manager, and the Department of Legislative Audit, 427 South Chapelle, Pierre, South Dakota, for public inspection.

The following findings and recommendations referred to in the report are hereby published in compliance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12:

Current Audit Findings and Recommendations  
Finding 2022-001 - Lack of Segregation of Duties

Criteria: A good system of internal controls contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to its completion.

Condition: Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 has a limited number of office personnel and, accordingly, does not have adequate internal accounting controls in revenue, expenditures, and payroll functions due to a lack of segregation of duties. The School District also did not have adequate review process over journal entries posted at the end of the year including year-end close entries.

Cause: The School District has an insufficient number of staff members to adequately separate duties and experienced turnover in the Business Manager position at year-end.

Effect: This condition increases the risk that fraud or errors might occur and not be detected in the financial reporting process.

Recommendation: Although it is recognized that the number of office staff may not be large enough to permit an adequate segregation of duties in all respects, it is important that management and those charged with governance be aware of this condition. We recommend that the School Board exercise adequate oversight of the accounting function including the review of all journal entries posted during the year.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.  
Finding 2022-002 - Preparation of Financial Statements and Footnotes and Material Proposed Adjustments to the Financial Statements

Criteria: An organization's internal control structure should provide for the recording of all necessary material adjustments and the preparation of financial statements and footnotes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited, including required footnotes and disclosures and all necessary material audit adjustments, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Material audit adjustments were required for accounts payable, receivables due from the state, unearned revenue, and the pension areas.

Cause: The School District does not have adequate staff trained to prepare the financial statements and footnotes including adjustments to material account balances.

Effect: This condition may affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation: This circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

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**This small group music contest was held on Wednesday 2/8 at the ARCC in Aberdeen. Congratulations students on wonderful day!**  
**- Desiree Yeigh**

**Photos courtesy of Desiree Yeigh**



**Chamber Choir (received a superior rating)**

Front row L to R: Ashlyn Feser, Shaylee Peterson, Cadance Tullis, Ashtyn Bahr, and Natalia Warrington  
 Back row L to R: Kianna Sander, Becca Poor, Axel Warrington, Ellie Weismantel, and Anna Bisbee  
 Not pictured is Carter Barse



Becca Poor (vocal) and Emily Clark (piano) both received excellent pluses on their contest solos! These ladies were one point from a superior rating!



**Mixed Choir (received an excellent rating)**

Front Row from L to R: Savannah Bible, Jaedyn Penning, Brooklyn Hansen, Kennedy Hansen, Jerica Locke, Shaylee Peterson, and Ashlyn Feser  
 Back Row from L to R: Tyson Parrow, Keegen Tracy, Karsten Jeschke, Mia Crank, and Anna Bisbee



Cadance Tullis (vocal) and Ellie Weismantel (Piano) both received Superior Pluses- perfect scores on their Contest solos!



All three Band Ensembles received superior ratings. The Brass Ensemble was one point from a perfect score!

**Woodwind Ensemble**

Front (L to R): Kira Clocksene (clarinet), Kayla Lehr (clarinet), Jeslyn Kosel (flute), Becca Poor (flute), Gretchen Dinger (flute)  
 Back (L to R): Emerlee Jones (alto sax), Cadence Feist (bari sax), Kianna Sander (tenor sax) Not pictured is Carter Barse (alto sax) and Kamryn Flihs (tenor sax)



Kianna Sander (vocal), Anna Bisbee (vocal), Ashtyn Bahr (vocal), and Carter Barse (alto sax- not pictured) all received superior ratings on their Contest solos!

**Weather disrupts school**

About six inches of snow fell in the Groton Area last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The city crew got all of the streets plowed in under 9 hours. Groton Area School dismissed at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 21, and was out of session Wednesday and Thursday and opened two hours late on Friday. Another storm hit the area Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 28 and March 1, which resulted in no school on Wednesday. Not much snow fell, but the wind made the roads hazardous.



The senior drum line performed for the first time at the boys basketball game Friday night. They are under the direction of Desiree Yeigh. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

# Knights slip past Tigers in overtime

It was the most exciting way to end the regular season of boys basketball action Friday night as Aberdeen Christian needed an overtime to edge past Groton Area, 64-60. It was the only overtime game played this year for either boys or girls basketball.



**Cadance Tullis sang the National Anthem before the boys varsity game Friday night in Groton.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

The lead changed hands three times in the first quarter before the Tigers held a 7-6 lead. The Knights took the lead to start the second quarter and then took a seven-point lead at 18-11. Groton Area rallied and scored 11 straight points to take a 22-18 lead. Groton Area led at half time, 24-20.

The third quarter was a complete stalemate. Groton's four-point lead at half time stayed at four-point after three quarters, 37-33. Both teams made six of 12 field goals for 50 percent in the third quarter.

Aberdeen Christian had a nine-point leading into the fourth quarter and took a 40-37 lead. The Tigers reclaimed the lead, 41-40. The Knights tied the game at 44, but the Tigers held the lead, but only at three-points, 47-44 with 35 seconds left. Aberdeen Christian used two time-outs and Ethan Russell hit a three-pointer to tie the game, sending the game into overtime.

Aberdeen Christian got the upper hand in the overtime and opened up a nine-point lead, 57-48. The Tigers clawed their way back to within two, 62-60, but was unable to regain the lead.

Tate Larson had a double-double on the night with 14 points, 1 rebounds, he had three assists and three steals. Jacob Zak scored only two points in the first half but then added 17 more the rest of the game to finish with 19 points, six rebounds and one assist. Ryder Johnson hit a pair of three-pointers and finished the night with 12 points and three rebounds. Cole Simon also hit a pair of three-pointers and finished with 10 points and four rebounds. Lane Tietz, who fouled out with 3:29 left in the fourth quarter, finished with five points, one rebound, five assists and one steal. Keegan Tracy had one rebound and two assists.

Groton Area made 17 of 37 two-pointers for 46 percent, five of 15 three-pointers for 33 percent, 11 of 18 free throws for 61 percent off of Aberdeen Christian's 21 team fouls, Groton Area had 25 rebounds, eight turnovers, 11 assists and four steals.

Three players scored all but two points for Aberdeen Christian. Malek Wiekler had only three points for the Knights in the first half, but lit the nets on fire for the rest of the game lead all scorers with a total of 27 points which included five six free throws in the overtime and he made four three-pointers. Ethan Russel had 19 points, Jackson Isakson had 16 points and Andrew Brennan added two points. The



## Ensemble

**Front row (L to R): Carlee Johnson (French horn), Jackson Dinger (French horn), Sierra Ehresmann (trumpet), Jayden Schwan (trumpet), Nathan Unzen (trumpet), Ben Hoeft (trumpet)**

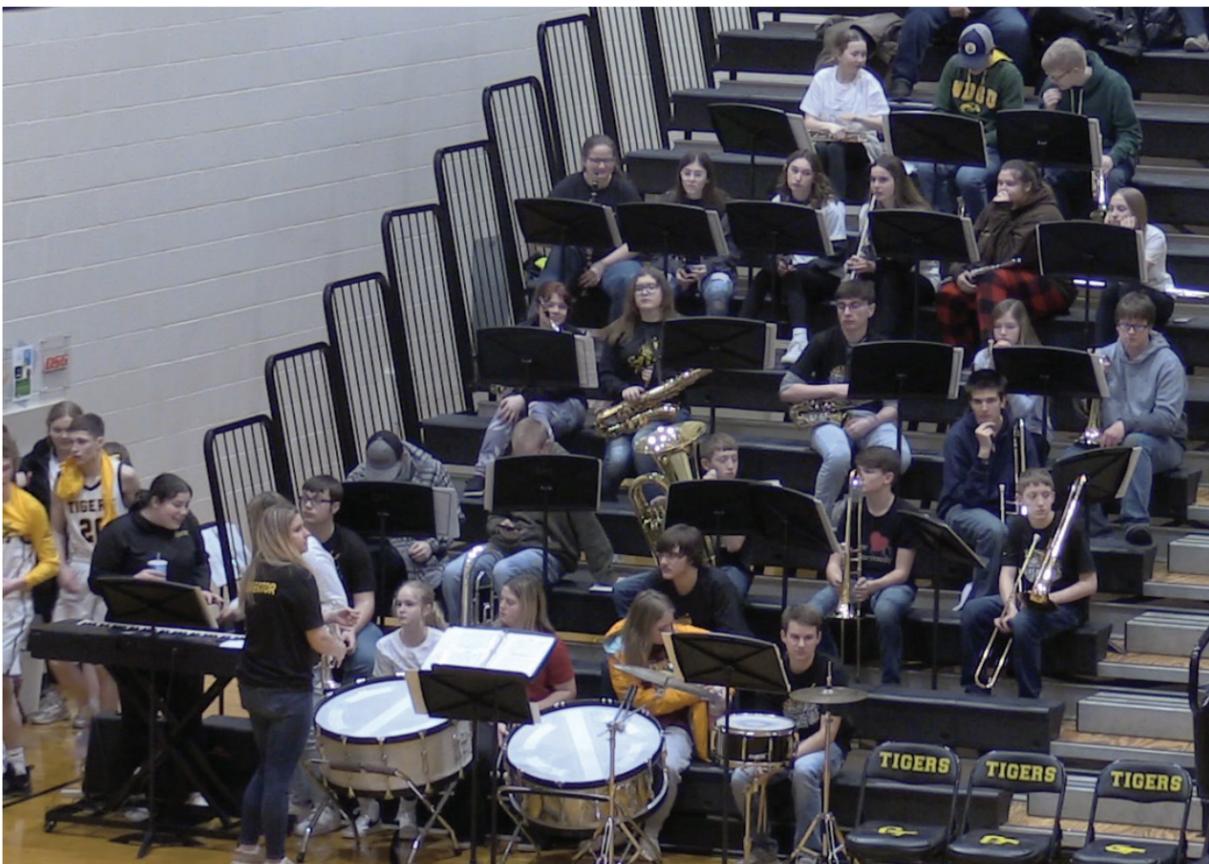
**Back row (L to R): Garrett Schultz (baritone), Ethan Clark (baritone), Blake Lord (tuba), Brody Lord (trombone), Gavin Kroll (trombone), and Jackson Hopfinger (trombone)**



## Percussion Ensemble

**Front Row (L to R): Teagan Hanten (mallets), Ashtyn Bahr (suspended cymbal), Lincoln Krause (claves), and Cadance Tullis (mallets)**

**Back Row (L to R): Jacob Lewandowski (Bongos), Emily Clark (mallets), Ellie Weismantel (mallets), Axel Warrington (mallets), and Faith Flihs (claves)**



**The Groton Area pep band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, has performed at many of the home events this years including Friday night's basketball game.**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Knights made 22 of 48 field goals for 46 percent, 13 of 19 free throws for 68 percent off of Groton Area's 16 team fouls, and had 11 turnovers.

The varsity game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Chamber of Commerce, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Locke Electric, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc., Spanier Harvesting & Trucking, Thunder Seed with John Wheeting.

Groton Area on the junior varsity game, 43-20.

Scoring for Groton Area: Taylor Diegel 14, Dillon Abeln 6, Ryder Johnson 6, Colby Dunker 6, Logan Ringgenberg 4, Braxton Imrie 3, Keegan Tracy 2 and Gage Sippel 2.

Scoring for Aberdeen Christian: Becker Bosma 8, Josh Schaunaman 4, Gabe Eichler 4, Raymond Rodriguez 2 and Grady Jett 2.

The game broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Grandpa.

- Paul Kosel

# Tietz scores 1,000th career point as Groton Area beats Webster in Region 1A

Groton Area junior Lane Tietz scored his 1,000th career point Tuesday night. He scored his 1,000th point early in the fourth quarter of the first round of the Region 1A boys basketball game against Webster. The Tigers won the game, 72-28, with Tietz having 30 points on the night.

Groton Area led at the quarter stops at 29-6, 44-12 and 62-20.

Tietz led the Tigers with 30 points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals. He was six of eight in three-pointers and four for four from the line. Jacob Zak was six of eight in two-pointers and finished with 14 points, five rebounds, two assists and four steals. Cole Simon had 11 points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Tate Larson had eight points, two rebounds, three assists and one steal. Logan Ringgenberg and Dillon Abeln each had three points. Teylor Diegel had two points, one rebound and one steal. Colby Dunker had one point, two rebounds and two assists. Cade Larson had two rebounds and two assists. Ryder Johnson had one rebound, four assists and one steal. Keegen Tracy had one assist. Holden Sippel had one rebound.

Groton Area made 18 of 35 two-pointers for 51 percent, eight of 14 three-pointers for 57 percent, nine of 14 free throws for 64 percent, had 21 rebound, five turnovers, 19 assists, 11 steals and four fouls.

Matthew Mount led the Bearcats with 12 points followed by Jaiden McCreary and Tommy Vergeldt with four each, and adding two points apiece were Gavin Sannes, Tate Mammenga, Jeron McCreary and Samuel Nelson.

The Bearcats made 13 of 38 field goals for 34 percent, two of four free throws for 50 percent, had 16 turnovers and 12 team fouls.

Groton Area is now 15-5 on the season and will play Milbank on Friday in Groton. Game time is 6:30 p.m. Webster finishes its season 4-16.

In the first game, Milbank defeated Redfield, 56-28.



- Paul Kosel

# Milbank edges Groton Area in overtime

It was a defensive and intense game from start to finish for the second round of the Region 1A Girls Basketball Tournament. Milbank got the upper hand in overtime for the 40-37 win.

Groton Area started out with a 7-0 lead, but free throws would bring the Bulldogs back into the game and it was 10-6 after the first quarter. The second quarter was a drought for both teams with only one field goal being made by each team. Both teams were one of 10 shooting in the second quarter and Groton Area had a 12-8 lead at half time.

Milbank would have a seven point run in the third quarter to take an 18-15 lead, but the Tigers rallied and tied the game at 18 going into the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs would maintain the lead throughout the fourth quarter, leading at one point by six, 30-24, with 1:25 left. Groton Area would rally and Brooke Gengerke made a shot under the basket with 2.2 seconds left to tie the game at 30. Milbank would inbound the ball the distance of the court and got off a three-point shot that failed to go in at the buzzer.

The lead changed hand twice in the overtime and the game was tied three times, the last at 37 with 36 seconds left. Milbank had a 38-37 lead with 36 seconds left. Ella Sandvig missed two free throws for Milbank with 14 seconds left, but Maurina Street would get the rebound from the second missed free throw to put it back up and in to give Milbank a three-point edge. Groton Area would turn the ball over in the closing seconds and Milbank would secure the win.

Jaedyn Penning, who fouled out with 3:26 left in overtime, led the Tigers with 10 points, four rebounds, one assist and one steal. Sydney Leicht had nine points, one assist and one steal. Brooke Gengerke had six points, six rebounds and two assists. Jerica Locke had six points two rebounds, four assists and five steals. Kennedy Hansen had four points, one rebound, one assist and one steal. Brooklyn Hansen had one point and one steal. Faith Traphagen had one point, four rebounds and one steal. Aspen Johnson had seven rebounds and three steals.

Groton Area made nine of 31 two-pointers for 29 percent, three of 19 three-pointers for 16 percent, 10 of 14 free throws for 31 percent, had 24 rebounds, 13 turnovers, nine assists, 13 steals and 21 fouls.

Maurina Street led Milbank with 12 points followed by Tyra Berry with 10, Isabella Anderson eight, Ella Sandvig four and adding two points each were Siera Wenzl and Claire Snaza.

Milbank made nine of 33 field goals for 27 percent, 15 of 21 free throws for 71 percent, had 18 turnovers and 16 team fouls.

Groton Area finishes its season with a 13-9 record. Milbank advances to the SoDak16 with a 14-7 record.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Ag Partners, Groton American Legion, Groton Ford, Harry Implement, John Sieh Agency, Locke Electric, Lori's Pharmacy, Love to Travel, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc., S & S Lumber & Hardware Hank, Spanier Harvesting & Trucking, Weber Landscaping, Weismantel Insurance Agency. Thanks to Shane Clark for doing the play-by-play and for Laura Clark for running the camera.

- Paul Kosel



Jacob Zak (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Tate Larson (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Lane Tietz (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Conde National League

**February 27 Team Standings:** Tigers 26, Cubs 22, Pirates 21½, Braves 20, Giants 16, Mets 14½

**Men's High Games:** Ryan Bethke 209, Austin Schulke 193, John Lowery 167

**Men's High Series:** Ryan Bethke 550, Austin Schuelke 521, Chad Furney 471

**Women's High Games:** Joyce Walter 182, Nancy Radke 168, Vickie Kramp 156

**Women's High Series:** Joyce Walter 457, Nancy Radke 445, Sam Bahr 415

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# Tigers advance to second round regions with win over Mustangs

Groton Area's Lady Tigers advanced to the second round of Region 1A competition with a first round, 55-27, win over Waubay-Summit.

The Mustangs threatened to run away with the game early, jumping out to an 11-0 lead and that forced Coach Matt Locke to use two time-outs. Locke switched everything up in the second time-out and that sparked the Tigers to an 11-point run of their own to tie the game at 11. The Mustangs held on to their lead and led, 14-13, after the first quarter. Groton Area had a 10-point run that went into the second quarter to take the lead, 21-14. After that, the Tigers ruled the game with no threat from the Mustangs. Groton Area led at halftime, 28-18, and after three quarters, 44-21.

Jaedyn Penning nearly had a double-double afternoon with 11 points, nine rebounds and one assist. But it was Sydney Leicht lighting the nets on fire with three three-pointers and leading all scorers with 23 points, one rebound, one assist and three steals. Kennedy Hansen had five points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Brooklyn Hansen had five points and one rebound. Faith Traphagen had four points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals. Jerica Locke had three points, three rebounds, three assists and three steals. Talli Wright had two points, one rebound, one assist and one steal. Rylee Dunker had two points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal. Aspen Johnson had two rebounds, two steals and one block shot. Laila Roberts had two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Elizabeth Flihs had one rebound. Mia Crank had one assist and two steals.

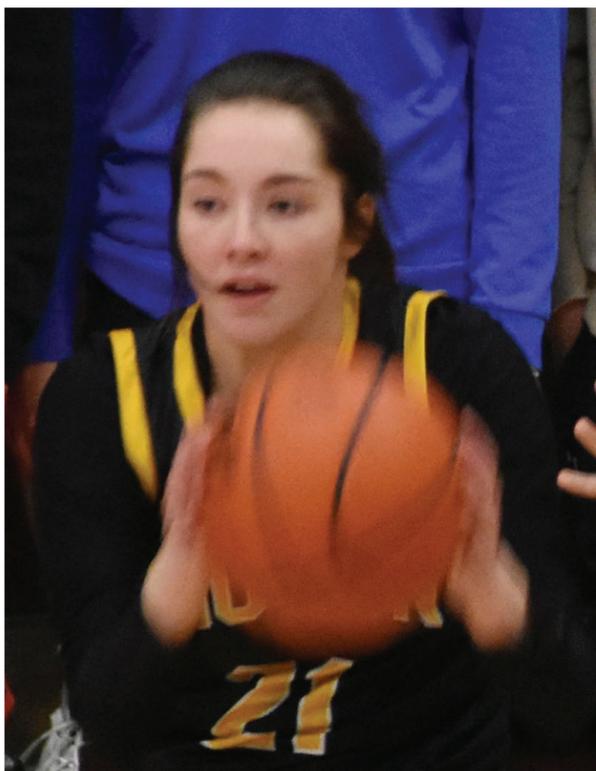


**Brooklyn Hansen eyes the basket as she helped to spark the Tigers in the first quarter rally with a three-pointer and a two-pointer.**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Seniors Brooke Gengerke and Gracie Traphagen.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Senior Aspen Johnson.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The race is on with Faith Traphagen running down the sideline.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Jerica Locke prepares to dribble around her defender.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

sors were Bahr Spray Foam, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Ag Partners, Groton American Legion, Groton Dairy Queen, Groton Chiropractic Clinic, Groton Ford, Harry Implement, John Sieh Agency, Lori's Pharmacy, Love to Travel, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc., S & S Lumber, Weber Landscaping and Weismantel Insurance Agency.

- Paul Kosel

**Brooke Gengerke dribbles around this Waubay-Summit player.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

**Boys Region 1A  
Friday, March 3, 2023  
6:30 p.m.  
Groton Area vs.  
Milbank  
Groton Area Arena**

*Winner advances to the SoDak16 on March 7th*

Groton Area made 17 of 39 two-pointers for 44 percent, five of 19 three-pointers for 26 percent, six of eight free throws for 75 percent, had 35 rebounds, 13 turnovers, 15 assists, 18 steals, 11 team fouls and one block shot.

Eva Benike led the Mustangs with 12 points followed by Faith Larson with nine, and Ava Breske, Kailee Berger and Katie Snyder eat had two points.

The Mustangs made 10 of 38 field goals for 26 percent, two of six free throws for 33 percent, had 10 team fouls and 20 turnovers.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, with Shane Clark doing the play-by-play and Laura Clark running the camera. Game spon-



**Jaedyn Penning battles through her defender on her way to the basket.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## GHS Wrestling - State

### Ehresmann takes second at state wrestling tournament

Christian Ehresmann was just shy of the state title, but the Groton Area sophomore lost a close battle in the state match, 2-1, at 138 pounds.

#### G-106: Liza Krueger (20-17)

Champ. Round 1 - Mary-Katherine Joseph (Brandon Valley) 30-6 won by fall over Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 20-17 (Fall 0:38)

Cons. Round 1 - Bailey Tekrony (Brookings) 22-13 won in sudden victory - 1 over Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 20-17 (SV-1 5-3)

#### B-120: Walker Zoellner (21-17)

Champ. Round 1 - Gage Anderson (Lemmon/McIntosh) 39-7 won by major decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 21-17 (MD 13-0)

Cons. Round 1 - Luke Swatek (Elk Point-Jefferson) 27-23 won by major decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 21-17 (MD 9-0)

**B-138** Christian Ehresmann (36-4) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 36-4 won by fall over Mekhi Hayes (Lead-Deadwood) 17-18 (Fall 2:28)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 36-4 won by decision over Carter Sommer (Parkston) 36-16 (Dec 5-4)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 36-4 won by decision over Kale Ask (Canton) 31-4 (Dec 7-2)

1st Place Match - Jace Blasius (Philip Area) 38-3 won by decision over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 36-4 (Dec 2-1)

#### B-160: Korbin Kucker (11-6)

Champ. Round 1 - Carter Randall (McCook Central/Montrose) 42-11 won by fall over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 11-6 (Fall 0:57)

Cons. Round 1 - Jhett Eklund (Burke/Gregory) 34-14 won by fall over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 11-6 (Fall 2:53)

#### B-170: Cole Bisbee (22-16)

Champ. Round 1 - Weston Remmers (McCook Central/Montrose) 35-7 won by major decision over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 22-16 (MD 11-1)

Cons. Round 1 - Mason Hendrickson (Tri-Valley) 29-16 won by decision over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 22-16 (Dec 5-1)



**Chris Ehresmann at the State Wrestling Tournament.** (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.)



**Coach Darin Zoellner gets into the action in Ehresmann's match.** (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.)



**Fans watched in the lobby after the basketball game as Christian Ehresmann wrestled in the championship match of the state tournament. Ehresmann got the first point with a reversal, but then ended up being taken down. Ehresmann nearly scored an escape but time ran out. The Groton Area sophomore is the state's runnerup at 138 pounds.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

### Brown County Noxious Weeds Declared Pests

**NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DECLARED PESTS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 1st day of March 2023, pursuant to SDCL 38-22 as amended to all owners, occupants, agents and public officials in charge of lands in Brown County, South Dakota, that they are responsible for the suppression, control, and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations that may exist on such lands.

Chemical, biological and/or cultural control methods used for the suppression, control and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations shall be those approved for such purposes by the Brown County Weed and Pest Supervisor, Regional Extension Educator or the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the county Weed and Pest Board is required to proceed pursuant to the law and have the noxious weeds or declared pests destroyed by such methods as they may find necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means as provided by law.

Plants and animals designated as being noxious weeds and declared pests in the state of South Dakota are Leafy Spurge, Salt Cedar, Perennial Sow Thistle, Hoary Cress, Canada Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, Absinth Wormwood, and Lymantria Dispar (Spongy Moth).

In addition, Musk and Plumeless Thistle, Yellow Toadflax, and Bull Thistle have been approved by the South Dakota Weed and Pest Control Commission and are subject to the same suppression, control and eradication requirements as the before mentioned plants and animals.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that upon establishing probable cause to believe a noxious weed or declared pest infestation exists upon any property in Brown County a representative of the Brown County Weed and Pest Board will enter upon said property for the purpose of inspecting and confirming that such infestation actually exists.

Attest: Lynn Heupel  
Brown County Auditor  
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**Gwen Briscoe got the crowd fired up after her dance teams performed for the final time Friday night at the boys basketball game.** (Photos by Paul Kosel)



**Groton School  
Feb. 13, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING February 13, 2023 President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Gengerke, Pharis, Smith, and Weismantel. Absent: Harder and Rix. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Pharis, second Fliehs to approve the agenda with two amendments under new business item #6 – approve 6-12 principal hire and under new business #7 – approve resignation. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Weismantel, second Smith to approve consent agenda items: January 19, 2023, February 1, 2023, and February 8, 2023, minutes, bills, financial report, custodial accounts, investments, transportation report, school lunch report and open enrollment #23-18 with special circumstances. Motion carried.

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. Groton Daily Independent newspaper editor, Paul Kosel, introduced his new assistant, Elizabeth Varin.

**GENERAL FUND:** Net Salary – 186,226.46; FIT – 16,974.94; Medicare – 7,069.82; FICA – 30,229.98; American Funds – 508.00; SDRS – 30,932.48; HSA Contribution – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 440.00; Horace Mann – 907.61; Thrivent – 250.00; AFLAC – 2,481.01; Delta Dental – 3,677.92; SD Supplemental Retirement – 2,915.43; Child Support – 967.93; US Dept of the Treasury – 252.04; Wellmark – 60,325.53; Standard – 744.61; Wage Works – 1,041.64; Avesis – 254.60; A&B Business – staples, 257.14; Advance Auto – parts, 186.80; Allied Climate Pros – repairs, 2,836.74; Amazon – supplies, 1,250.06; Aaron Anderson – repair, 1,400.00; Avera St Luke's – services, 1,576.00; Amanda Bisbee – supplies, 60.08; Capital One – supplies, 57.74; City of Groton – utilities, 13,687.15; Cole Papers – supplies, 1,310.58; Comfort Suites – lodging, 242.68; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 51,108.29; Dakota Prairie Museum – fee, 75.00; Dependable Sanitation – service, 1,238.00; Duenwald Transportation – busing, 1,905.00; Eide Bailly – services, 15,747.28; Environmental Management – fee, 490.00; Governor's Inn – lodging, 368.00; Groton Area Booster/PAC – supplies, 46.00; Groton Area Food Service – supplies, 49.50; Groton Area – fee, 64.40; Groton DQ – supplies, 30.00; Hampton Inn – lodging, 1,309.00; Harlow's Bus Sales – parts, 1,604.71; Harrisburg School – fee, 60.00; Hillyard – supplies, 2,025.40; House of Glass – repairs, 264.51; Rebecca Hubsch – expenses, 161.38; JW Pepper – music, 77.97; John Deere Financial – parts, 16.92; Jones School Supply – certificates, 202.00; MARC – supplies, 2,008.33; Midstates Group – supplies, 906.05; MJ Sinclair – gas, 44.37; NASSP – fee, 385.00; Northside Implement – repairs, 1,702.02; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 10,940.67; Productivity Plus – parts, 175.45; Quality Inn – lodging, 550.00; Reporter & Farmer – legals, 23.53; Molly Royals – services, 150.00; Safety Service – repairs, 747.34; Sheyenne Transport – busing, 3,990.00; Smith Autobody – repairs, 70.00; Stan Houston – supplies, 124.00; Taylor Music – supplies, 188.38; Time Management – fee, 210.20; WageWorks – fees, 692.00; World's Finest Chocolate – supplies, 37.28. Total General Fund – \$468,952.95.

**CAPITAL OUTLAY:** A&B Business – print contract, 2,010.88; Allied Climate Pros – boilers, 99,417.53; Amazon – texts, 141.88; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 19,542.81; Green Iron – equipment, 1,105.35; Harlow's – bus, 92,560.25; Hauff Mid-America – mats, 77.90; Hillyard – rug, 791.70; Interstate – equipment, 567.80; Service Signs – panels, 3,393.27. Total Capital Outlay – \$219,609.37.

**SPECIAL ED:** Net Salary – 24,991.05; FIT – 1,757.60; Medicare – 916.64; FICA – 3,919.52; SDRS – 3,937.66; Waddell &

**MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6**

For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending January 31, 2023

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>
<b>a. checking</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>
<b>b. petty cash</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>2. Transfers in</b>								
<b>3. Revenue to date</b>	<b>2,651,998.45</b>	<b>15,858.30</b>	<b>840,882.72</b>	<b>408,699.65</b>	<b>250.71</b>	<b>208,063.35</b>	<b>528,691.44</b>	<b>4,654,444.62</b>
<b>4. Total accounted for</b>	<b>4,134,650.45</b>	<b>159,180.95</b>	<b>2,530,842.33</b>	<b>745,734.61</b>	<b>250.71</b>	<b>356,824.13</b>	<b>682,124.13</b>	<b>8,609,607.31</b>
<b>5. Transfers out</b>								
<b>6. Expenditures to date</b>	<b>2,704,845.36</b>	<b>9,117.47</b>	<b>1,476,265.43</b>	<b>390,807.48</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>167,503.06</b>	<b>650,988.87</b>	<b>5,399,527.67</b>
<b>a. encumbrances</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>b. disbursements</b>	<b>2,704,845.36</b>	<b>9,117.47</b>	<b>1,476,265.43</b>	<b>390,807.48</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>167,503.06</b>	<b>650,988.87</b>	<b>5,399,527.67</b>
<b>7. Ending Balance</b>	<b>1,429,805.09</b>	<b>150,063.48</b>	<b>1,054,576.90</b>	<b>354,927.13</b>	<b>250.71</b>	<b>189,321.07</b>	<b>31,135.26</b>	<b>3,210,079.64</b>
<b>a. checking</b>	<b>1,429,805.09</b>	<b>150,063.48</b>	<b>1,054,576.90</b>	<b>354,927.13</b>	<b>250.71</b>	<b>189,321.07</b>	<b>31,135.26</b>	<b>3,210,079.64</b>
<b>b. petty cash</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>
<b>January Receipts</b>	<b>28,122.91</b>	<b>3,584.00</b>	<b>3,171.13</b>	<b>1,679.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>26,841.78</b>	<b>76,391.04</b>	<b>139,790.15</b>
<b>January Expenses</b>	<b>422,878.17</b>	<b>1,281.76</b>	<b>13,272.40</b>	<b>63,009.06</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,067.85</b>	<b>86,123.09</b>	<b>605,632.33</b>
<b>Custodial Checking</b>		<b>31,135.26</b>						
<b>District Checking</b>		<b>3,178,944.38</b>						
<b>USDA Supply Chain Defer</b>		<b>0.00</b>						
<b>Total all Funds</b>		<b>3,210,079.64</b>						

Reed – 100.00; AFLAC – 851.53; Delta Dental – 640.06; SD Supplemental Retirement – 100.00; Wellmark – 8,103.00; Standard – 190.75; Avesis – 70.69; Avera St Luke's – services, 13,396.00; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 477.24. Total Special Ed – \$59,451.74.

**ENTERPRISE:** Food Service Net Salary – 4,352.29; FIT – 330.88; Medicare – 157.08; FICA – 671.44; SDRS – 635.06; AFLAC – 281.02; Wellmark – 1,604.00; Standard – 3.84; Avesis – 19.63; BIMBO Bakeries – food, 124.95; Cintas – cleaning, 92.19; Custodial Funds – advanced pays, 473.70; CWD – food, 1,029.46; East Side Jersey Dairy – milk, 1,619.17; Barb Hoops – lunch refund, 30.60; Nardini Fire Equipment – fee, 631.00; Performance Food Service – food, 8,276.87; SD DOE – food, 377.64; US Foods – food, 3,803.87. Total Food Service – \$24,514.69. OST Net Salary – 1,095.54; FIT – 41.61; Medicare – 38.60; FICA – 164.78; SDRS – 137.28; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 705.00; Standard – 23.28; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 579.57; Dollar General – OST Snacks, 101.40. Total OST – \$3,050.99. Total Enterprise – \$27,565.68.

**CUSTODIAL FUND:** Total – \$86,123.09. RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 9,782.56; Other Local Sources – 115,453.58; County Sources – 3,135.31; State Sources – 5,435.40; Federal Sources – 5,983.30. Total Receipts – \$139,790.15.

Program presentations were provided by Science Teachers Kristen Gonsoir, Travis Kurth, Lance Hawkins and English Teachers Sarah Hanten, Rachael Pederson and Rose Long-Buechler.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve the 2023-24 school calendar. Motion carried.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports:

**Frederick School  
Feb. 24, 2023  
Special Meeting**

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2 Special Board of Education Meeting February 27, 2023

A special meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on February 27, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein and Eric Sumption. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kusters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion 2023-083 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye, carried.

No one was present for public comment.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

Motion 2023-084 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the 2023-2024 Educational Structure as follows: Elementary: Preschool-Grade 5, Middle School: Grades 6-8, High School: Grades 9-12. All voted aye, carried.

Motion 2023-085 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to adjourn at 8:22 a.m. All voted aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President Shauna Severson, Business Manager

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legislative session updates, food service program grant funding, USDA supply chain assistance, HVAC project update, 1969 addition boilers, football scoreboard and ad panels, staff vacancies, parent/teacher conferences, NWEA-MAPS assessment data, 2023-24 curriculum guide, Certified Nursing Assistant curriculum, 2023-24 class registration, SASD Leadership Academy update, OST update, Summer School/Connect 4Ed update, NSU Job Fair, playground slide repairs, 2021 Audit and Statistical Digest comparisons.

Schwan read elementary roofing bids from the 2:00pm bid opening as follows: ARS – \$377,830 and Hub City Roofing – \$320,000. Motion by, Weismantel, second Fliehs to award the bid to Hub City Roofing. Motion carried.

Schwan read school bus bids from the 1:00pm bid opening as follows: North Central Bus – \$117,410.71, Harlow's Bus Sales – \$111,680.70 and Forman's Sales and Service – \$115,000.00 plus camera alternative at \$5,049. Motion by, Weismantel, second Smith to award the bid to Harlow's Bus Sales. Motion carried.

The board considered architectural proposals for Health Science Lab Renovation and 1969 Gym Renovation projects. JLG Architects is proposing to develop plans for the Health Science Lab Renovation at 10.25% of construction costs. The board will wait for construction estimates from Huff Construction. JLG Architects is proposing to develop floor plans, renderings, and construction

cost of the 1969 Gym Project for \$10,500. Moved by Smith, second Weismantel to hire JLG for cafeteria, bathrooms, and stage area architectural services in the 1969 gym. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Smith to set 2023 Driver's Education Fees at \$270 per student and issue Driver's Education Instructor Agreements for classroom time with 30 or fewer students at \$600, 31-40 students at \$625, 41-50 students at \$650, curriculum organization, materials, and final course documentation at \$60 and driving time at \$28.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, second Pharis to hire Caitlyn Fischbach as 1st grade teacher for the 2023-24 school year with salary to be published in July. Motion carried. Moved by Weismantel, second

Fliehs to hire Shelby Edwards as MS/HS Principal for the 2023-24 school year with salary to be published in July. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Smith to approve resignation of Special Education Teacher, Dustin Vogel at the end of the 2022-23 school term. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Pharis to adjourn at 8:50pm. 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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Moved by Smith, second Pharis to adjourn at 8:50pm. Motion carried.

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**The Life of Jacqueline Wagner**

Services for Jacqueline "Jackie" Sippel Wagner, 89, of Groton will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday March 11, 2023, at the Presbyterian Church, Groton. The Rev. Terry Kenny will officiate. Burial will follow in the spring in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Friday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Jackie passed away at Avantara Groton on Monday, February 27, 2023.

Jacqueline Ann Hinckley was born on August 6, 1933, to Max Hinckley and Ruth (Rix) Hinckley on her grandparent's farm north of Groton. The young family moved to Michigan and to Iowa as jobs were hard to find during the depression. In 1941, Ruth, Jackie, and her brother Rix moved back to the Groton area. Throughout her youth, Jackie spent a lot of time with her Uncle Arden and Aunt Dorothy Rix and developed a special bond with her cousins Carol and Katie.

The family moved to Aberdeen where Jackie attended elementary and high school. During this time, her mother Ruth, married Joe Volk, and a new baby sister, Julie, was added to the family. Jackie adored her little sister, and they remained extremely close until Julie's death in April 2021.

Jackie graduated from Aberdeen Central in 1951 and attended Northern Teachers College earning her teaching certificate. Jackie's first teaching job was in Redfield, SD and then closer to home she taught at country schools north of Groton, and in Andover, SD. She married Orylin Sippel on October 15, 1955 and the couple moved to Pierpont, SD. To this union 2 sons were born, David and Dana. To her surprise, Orylin bought their farm east of Pierpont on the day Dana was born, using the money she had put away from her teaching jobs as a down payment on the farm. As Orylin and Jackie moved to their new home, Jackie continued to teach at area schools, and completed her bachelor's degree in education from Northern State College. Orylin passed away on November 18, 1981. Jackie continued teaching and operating the farm with her son.

On July 6, 1987, Jackie married Paul Wagner and the couple made their home on his family farm near Roslyn, SD. Paul and Jackie were great companions and loved to travel. They enjoyed many road trips with Paul's motor home and spent several years wintering in Texas. Paul and Jackie eventually moved to Groton, SD in 2007. Paul passed away on January 20, 2012. Jackie continued to live in Groton and enjoyed reconnecting with old friends in the area.

Throughout her life, Jackie's favorite place

was Plickeral Lake. As soon as the weather allowed, she was "at the lake" and waited until the last minute to close in the fall. Her extended family has a row of cabins together, so her time there was filled with family and fun. Everything was better "at the lake". Jackie shined as a grandmother and loved nothing more than spending time and spoiling her grandchildren. They also developed a love for the lake and spending time at "Grandma's cabin". As her health started to decline, she appreciated the watchful eye and help from her lake neighbors, cousin Arden Dohman and brother-in-law, Tom Job, which allowed her the independence to continue enjoying as much time as possible at the lake.

Jackie was a strong and independent woman, who devoted herself to her family. She was loyal, almost to a fault, had a great sense of humor, quick wit, and realistic outlook on life. She enjoyed running into former students and would joke "they changed quite a bit since Kindergarten, I almost didn't recognize them!" Recently, while reflecting on her life, she said "I think I did the best I could with what I had."

Jackie was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Groton. She also belonged to the Pierpont American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her sons David Sippel, and Dana (Aimee) Sippel all of Pierpont, 4 step-children, Cheryl (Jay) Dwight of Langford, SD, Terry (Patty) Wagner, Bill Wagner, and Mary Wagner, all of Roslyn, SD, and Marilyn (Jim) Vietor of Pierre, SD, brother-in-law Tom Job of Sioux Falls, sister-in-law Joy (Andrew) Perkins, Texas. Grandchildren, Jill (Jeff) Serocki, Diane Sippel, Tory (Becca) Sippel, Jacob (Theresa) Sippel, Jordan (Jon) Lemke, Taryn Sippel, Sage Sippel and Bryn Sippel. She is also survived by many step-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Close to her heart were her siblings' surviving children, nephew, Chris (Elizabeth) Hinckley, and niece, Jessica Job.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruth Volk Ingham and Max Hinckley, husbands, Orylin Sippel and Paul Wagner, her brother Rix Hinckley, sister Julie Job, niece Jennifer Job Massa, and step-son Loren Wagner.

Memorials may be directed to the Presbyterian Church or Groton Area Elementary School, to be used for children in need.





## Groton Community Calendar

### Thursday, March 2

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, fruit, winter blend vegetables, dinner roll.

School Breakfast: Muffins.

School Lunch: Pasta with meat sauce.

Girls Basketball SoDak16

Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.

### Friday, March 3

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Senior Menu: Breaded Cod, rice pilaf, pea and cheese salad, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Eggs and sausage.

School Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, Santa Fe Corn.

6:30 p.m.: Boys Region 1A - Milbank at Groton

Middle School All-State Band in Huron

### Saturday, March 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.

Middle School All-State Band in Huron

Emmanuel Lutheran: Land & Legacy at Bethlehem Lutheran, Aberdeen, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### Sunday, March 5

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Milestones - 7th & 8th graders; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Communion Sunday. Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon; Family Feast following worship RSVP Pastor Brandon, 11:30a .m.

### Monday, March 6

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Mini waffles.

School Lunch: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes.

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

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

United Methodist: Lent Bible Study with Pastor Brandon, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 7

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, glazed carrots, apricots, cookie.

School Breakfast: Egg and cheese wrap.

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn.

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

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

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Boys Basketball SoDak16

ACT Practice Test at GHS, 8:30 a.m. (Grades 11 and 12 optional)

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Lay leader night via zoom, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 8

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, creamy

noodles, California blend vegetables, carrot bars, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Eggs and breakfast potatoes.

School Lunch: Sloppy joes, sweet potatoes fries.

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

ACT Practice Test at GHS, 8:30 a.m. (Grades 11 and 12 optional)

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Soup Supper, 6 p.m. (Sarah Circle serves), worship, 7 p.m.

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

### Thursday, March 9

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruit, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.

School Lunch: Chicken sandwich, chips.

Girls Basketball State Tournament in Watertown

### Friday, March 10

Senior Menu: Potato soup, chicken salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, cinnamon apple sauce.

School Breakfast: Biscuits and Jelly.

School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, green beans.

Girls Basketball State Tournament in Watertown

### Saturday, March 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.

Girls Basketball State Tournament in Watertown

### Sunday, March 12

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Confirmation Sunday. Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school and sing in church at 10:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.

### Monday, March 13

Senior Menu: Goulash, corn, baked apples, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg bake.

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, waffle fries.

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

School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

United Methodist: Lent Bible Study with Pastor Brandon, 7 p.m.; PEO Meeting, 7 p.m. (outside group)

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

### Tuesday, March 14

Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, tropical fruit, dinner roll.

School Breakfast: Egg omelets.

School Lunch: Enchiladas, Spanish rice.

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

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

Middle School Talent Show, GHS Gym.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Council, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 15

Senior Menu: Breaded cod, parsley buttered potatoes, green beans, mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Hashbrown pizza.

School Lunch: Chicken Alfredo vegetable blend.

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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Soup Supper, 6 p.m. (Emmanuel Men serve), League, 6:15 p.m.; Worship, 7 p.m.

United Methodist: 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.

### Thursday, March 16

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

School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick.

School Lunch: Hamburgers, smiley fries.

Boys Basketball State Tournament in Sioux Falls

Emmanuel Lutheran: WELCA (Program-Nigeria, hostess - Sarah).

### Friday, March 17

Senior Menu: St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Corned beef, boiled potatoes, cabbage, Jell-O cake, dinner roll.

Boys Basketball State Tournament in Sioux Falls

SPRING BREAK - No School

Fruit Fusion Grand Opening, 7:10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 110 N Main St.

### Saturday, March 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 State Tournament in Sioux Falls

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at Rosewood Court, 10 a.m.

### Sunday, March 19

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 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.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship with communion, 11 a.m. No Sunday School.

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

United Methodist: Newsletter items due. NO Sunday school.. Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.

### Monday, March 20

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken bread, boiled potatoes, broccoli, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

School Lunch: Taco salads.

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

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

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

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**Thursday, March 30**

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, apple crisp, whole wheat bread. School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels. School Lunch: Goulash, corn.

**Friday, March 31**

Senior Menu: Ham and bean soup, egg salad sandwich, fruit, cookie. School Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy. School Lunch: Fish fry spudsters.

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United Methodist: Lent Bible Study with Pastor Brandon, 7 p.m.

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

**Tuesday, March 21**

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

School Breakfast: French toast.

School Lunch: Meatballs, mashed potatoes.

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

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

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Cell Phone Navigation Assistance Class, 10:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Groton Community Center

**Wednesday, March 22**

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, peaches, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg omelets.

School Lunch: Chicken strips, tri taters.

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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Soup Supper, 6 p.m. (League serves), Worship, 7 p.m.

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

**Thursday, March 23**

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

School Breakfast: Muffins.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans.

All State Band in Sioux Falls

**Friday, March 24**

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Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, peas and carrots, fruit, breadstick.

School Breakfast: Eggs and sausage.

School Lunch: Mac and cheese, cooked carrots.

All State Band in Sioux Falls

**Saturday, March 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.

All State Band in Sioux Falls

Spring Vendor Fair, 10am-3pm, Community Center

**Sunday, March 26**

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 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.

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

ship, 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Milestone 4 yr olds and juniors; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

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

**Monday, March 27**

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

School Breakfast: Mini waffles.

School Lunch: Oriental chicken, rice.

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

School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

United Methodist: Lent Bible Study with Pastor Brandon, 7 p.m.; PEO Meeting, 7 p.m. (outside group)

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

**Tuesday, March 28**

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots and peas, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich.

School Lunch: corndogs, tater tots.

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

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

Large Group Music Contest at NSU.

Indoor track meet at NSU

**Wednesday, March 29**

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

School Breakfast: Eggs and breakfast potatoes.

School Lunch: Pizza grilled cheese, chips.

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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Soup Supper, 6 p.m. (Nigeria Circle serves), worship, 7 p.m.

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



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Dear EarthTalk: What are ski resorts doing to fight back against global warming and keep their businesses alive as the world warms? Which ski resorts or ski regions will fare best in the future?

-- C. Warner, Aspen, CO

As the world warms, many of our customs begin to feel the encroaching threat of climate change. Skiing is one dramatic example, among many. With warming winters and increasingly unpredictable snow, the ski industry, like the white winters it relies upon, is slowly being nudged towards extinction.

But necessity is the mother of invention, and the increased threat the ski industry faces is also what has encouraged it to take great leaps toward a sustainable future. Says Gilles Delarule, head of tourism for Courchevel, one of France's most famous ski resorts, "It's a responsibility that everyone needs to have for the next generation. If we don't protect nature, we won't have skiing for the future."



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Needless to say, perhaps, finding sustainable ways to generate electricity is necessary for affording the increased burden of snowmaking, and for slowing or reversing the climate change that is why more snowmaking is needed.

This same mantra of 'diversify or die' has been carried across the Atlantic, too. Aspen Skiing Company, for instance, is already on track to shift to 100 percent renewable energy by 2030 and has invested \$5.24 million in a plant that converts methane from coal into electricity. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort in Wyoming is already entirely powered by an Idaho wind farm, and Big Sky Resort in Montana has been fueled by renewable energy since 2021. The nimbleness of the ski industry in reacting to the climate crisis is an example of what can happen when companies have a vested interest in going green.

As for the ski resorts and regions that are most likely to survive longest as we move into a warmer future, the answer is not so optimistic. "Are we winning? No," says Auden Schendler, the Senior Vice President of Aspen Skiing Company. "You've got to reverse global CO2 emissions and bend the curve down and that's not happening." Despite their efforts, the ski industry cannot halt the climate crisis alone. Until the rest of the world begins to take the vital action needed, the ski resorts that stand the best chance of survival are not those most proactive in fighting warming, but rather those fortuitously situated closest to the poles, with the highest latitude and the lowest temperatures.

The Institute for Snow and Avalanche Re-



**Less and less snow each year means skiing at resorts like France's Courchevel might become a thing of the past within just a few decades.**

Credit: Courchevel.

search (ISAR) predicts that if we continue with a "business-as-usual" level of emissions—without changing our consumption of gas, oil and coal—then the Alps risk losing up to 70 percent of their snow coverage by 2100. The stakes are high for change, however. "The world is currently on track for an average of 2.7C (4.9F) of warming by 2100," reports ISAR. "If global temperature rise is kept below 2C (3.6F), though, the reduction in snow cover will be limited to 30 percent."

Although the future for skiing is not all that bright, a glimmer of hope can be found among the many resorts that demonstrate what action is possible in the face of the climate crisis. If other industries followed suit, then perhaps skiing, like our white winters, would stand a chance of surviving extinction.

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## "It's Healthy to Talk About Bodily Functions"

One summer during my college years, another premed student and I got a job at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis, as nurses' aides. At that time, the guys were called orderlies, but we were part of the nursing department. We were taught



Based on Science, Built on Trust



the late Richard P. Holm, MD

how to clean patients' private parts without making the patient feel self-conscious, and how to place urinary catheters mostly in old men with prostates that had overgrown and were blocking urinary flow.

We all have those private areas, let's not pretend otherwise. The waste disposal parts are as important to us through our lifetime as our hearts, except not quite as romantic. Try switching metaphors and famous poems simply don't have the same pizzazz. For example, try E.E. Cummings' "I carry your colon with me," or William Wordsworth's "My urinary tract leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky," or Douglass Cross' "I left my bladder in San Francisco."

Romance aside, we are happy when our urinary tract is working well, draining the urine, removing waste and water. The kidneys collect and concentrate the urine, they deliver this yellow fluid through the ureters, the tubes from the kidneys to the bladder. The bladder is a bag to collect the urine until it is convenient to be emptied.

It seems like a simple, straight-forward system. However, trouble could be around the next corner. Conditions like urinary tract infections, kidney stones, bladder control problems, and prostate troubles are not uncommon through the course of a person's life and can vary from causing short-term discomforts to long-lasting conditions.

One of the barriers to treatment for many people is the human problem of stigma and shame. It does not feel good to admit to anyone, even a loved one or a medical professional, that you're having troubles "down there." Let me reassure you: this is a common human condition. Shame is an enemy to a healthy, functioning body. I would instead say "join the club!" and remind you that you are not the only one with such a problem.

I am no longer the young orderly helping the old men in the Swedish Hospital with their issues. I now find myself amazed at the magnificent function of the human body, identifying more with those old guys than I do with the young staff. All of us have bladders and urinary tracts about which there is nothing to be ashamed.

Richard P. Holm, MD wrote this essay in February 2020. He passed away in March of 2020 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was founder of The Prairie Doc® and author of "Life's Final Season, A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace" available on Amazon. Dr. Holm's legacy lives on through his Prairie Doc® organization. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook, featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPB most Thursdays at 7 p.m. Central.