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**Groton Area has several new staff members this year. We will be featuring them in the weekly edition of The Groton Independent and also in the on-line edition of the Groton Daily Independent.**

## Fischbach is first grade teacher



Caitlyn Fischbach, originally from Aberdeen, will be a first grade teacher at Groton Area Elementary School. She and Julie Milbrandt will each have 19 students in their care this coming year.

"I'm a graduate of Northwestern High School where I was lucky to be on the school's varsity volleyball team," Fischbach smiled. "I now live and work in Aberdeen."

"I attended Valley City State University where I majored in elementary education," she explained. "I went to college here because of its excellent education and volleyball programs."

"I received my Bachelor's Degree in elementary education from Valley City State," Fischbach stated, "but I was able to do my student teacher in Groton under Heather Rowen, the third grade teacher."

"Under Mrs. Rowen's guidance, I not only learned a lot, but I also found the perfect spot for my first teaching position," she smiled. "It was this experience that helped me to decide where to apply for a full-time job."

"Of course the size of the Groton School system was also a deciding factor in where I really wanted to teach," Fischbach said. "Having attended a small school influenced this decision too."

"During last year's school year I got to know not only the teachers but also many of the students since I subbed for all of the elementary grades," she stated. "I'm really looking forward to the coming school year and am excited to meet my students and other new teachers."

"Currently I'm working for the Youth Development Center at the Aberdeen YMCA," Fischbach explained. "This center helps kids reach their full potential, learn how to live a healthier life, and as a result, strengthen their community."

- Dorene Nelson

## Swenson is junior high math teacher



Eric Swenson will be the new junior high math teacher for the Groton Area School District. For the past four years, he had been teaching seventh and eighth grade math and Algebra I at Roncalli in Aberdeen.

"My job here in Groton is to teach four junior high math classes, one intro to business class, and one study hall," he listed.

"I'm originally from Rapid City, graduating from Rapid City Central High School," Swenson explained. "After high school I first attended Mount Marty College for one and one-half years where I played baseball."

"Next I decided to attend Western Dakota Technical University, Rapid City, where I attended for one semester," he

said. "I had decided to try criminal justice as my major."

"Keeping criminal justice as my goal, I switched to Northern State University where I received a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology," Swenson stated.

"I worked for Meyers Tractor Salvage for four years followed by eight months as an Aberdeen City Police Officer," he explained.

"My next goal was getting a Master's Degree in Education from Northern. Now I'm working on a different Master's degree, this time in administration to become a school principal."

"My wife Chelsea, a tattoo artist in Aberdeen, and I have an eight year old son," Swenson said. "We are both involved in SPURS and currently live on the SPURS property."

"I do some maintenance and help a little with the ten or so horses that are kept in the SPURS barn and pastures," he listed. "My wife is more involved in the project than I am."

- Dorene Nelson

## Edwards is junior/senior high principal



Shelby Edwards is the new junior high/senior high school principal for the Groton Area School District. She is originally from Rapid City, graduating from Rapid City Central High School. Her parents and brother still live in Rapid City.

"I received my Bachelor's Degree from SDSU," Edwards said. "After completing my Bachelor's Degree in 2014, I moved to Fremont, Nebraska, where I started the first ever women's hockey team at Midland University. While coaching at Midland, I also completed my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership."

"In 2016 I moved to Aberdeen where I taught at Simmons Middle School," Edwards stated. "During the seven years I was at Simmons, I taught Physical Education and Health as well as coached football, middle school track, softball, hockey, and Special Olympics."

"In 2021 I started working on an advanced degree to become a principal," she said. "I received a Specialist Degree in K-12 Principal Education through online classes from the University of South Dakota."

"I have always wanted to be a principal," Edwards admitted, "where I could help and have an influence on both the staff and the students."

"This job opening in Groton was the perfect opportunity for me," she claims. "Groton is the perfect size school for me to be the principal as well as a school that has a high academic reputation."

"I live in Aberdeen with my partner Lisa and our two children Reagan and Avery," Edwards said. "We might consider moving to Groton if a nice affordable home became available."

- Dorene Nelson

## Hanna is elementary special ed teacher



Sadie Hanna, a 2014 graduate of Groton High School, is returning to the Groton Area School District, this time as an elementary special education teacher.

"After I graduated from Groton High School, I enrolled at Northern State University and graduated in 2018," Hanna explained. "Although I wanted to be a full-time teacher, I started working as a reading tutor at May Overby where I had previously done my student teaching."

"In 2019-2020 I worked full time as a tutor," she said. "I found that it was very rewarding work, helping children who struggled to read."

"My real educational goal was to be a special education teacher, so this opportunity here in Groton is exactly what I was looking for," Hanna smiled.

"As a reading tutor, I worked with groups of 4 or 5 students, but here in Groton I'll be working primarily with about twenty students in the 4th and 5th grades," she listed.

"I have a passion for helping young students reach their full potential," Hanna stated. "I'm looking forward to my new students and being 'back home' where I received my own education," she admitted. "I am also working online toward getting my Master's Degree."

Sadie's family includes her twin sister Sydney, the Refuge Manager for Sand Lake; her mother Nina Kunkle, the office manager for Modern Day Healthcare in Aberdeen; and her stepfather Jim Kunkle, who works for Climate Control.

- Dorene Nelson

## Sirens sound Saturday morning

The sirens in Groton sounded around 2:45 a.m. Saturday, waking up many residents and wondering what was going on. According to Scott Meints from the Brown County Emergency Management, he said, "We had a radio system malfunction in dispatch that created an issue with many sirens. The system has been updated and fixed."



# Weekly Vikings Recap - Preseason Week 2

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

After hosting the Tennessee Titans in joint practices this week, the Minnesota Vikings got to face off against them in their preseason home opener on Saturday night. The Vikings, who sat over 30 players, did not come to play in the slightest as the Titans rushed for 281 yards on the ground and dominated both sides of the line of the scrimmage throughout the whole game.

With every preseason game, the result does not matter as much as the performance of certain players who are expected to be contributors to the Vikings during the regular season. The performance that was most concerning on Saturday had to be backup offensive tackle, Oli Udoh, who gave up multiple sacks in the game and looked more like an undrafted rookie rather than the 5-year veteran he is. It is unlikely that Udoh's performance today will impact his chance to make the team, as he is currently slotted to be the next man up for the offensive tackle position for the Vikings. However, with Brian O'Neill coming off a partially torn achilles tendon and Christian Darrisaw missing multiple games last year, it has to be concerning for the Vikings that Udoh will need to play offensive tackle at some point this season - especially given that Udoh could not even block the backups for the Titans on Saturday.

Saturday's preseason game offered nothing in terms of positives for any Vikings players. If there was to be one positive from the game, it would be that Greg Joseph, who officially won the starting kicking job for the Vikings for the third season in a row this week, made all of his kicks during the game. Besides that, the game was yet again not a great one for the Vikings.

Poor performances in the preseason are starting to become the story of the Vikings with Kevin O'Connell as their head coach. Last year, the Vikings went 0-3 in preseason, and this year it looks like that might happen as well. The preseason becomes irrelevant once the regular season starts but it would be nice if some of the young draft picks the Vikings have made the last couple years would shine a little more.

Both Lewis Cine and Andrew Booth, the top two picks in last year's draft, played late into Saturday's game, showing just how far they have to go to get significant playing time on the defense during the regular season. Cine, specifically, had a couple of nice tackles during Saturday's game, only to give up a long touchdown run on a poor angle in the first quarter. It seems for Cine that he is still lacking the mental consistency to be trusted as an every-down safety for this Vikings' defense. Booth, on the other hand, seems to always

be a step behind. If he does not improve here quickly, I fully expect he will be buried on the cornerback depth chart for the entire Vikings' regular season.

Final Score: Titans 24 - Vikings 16

Looking ahead, the Vikings will host the Arizona Cardinals for joint practices this week before playing their final preseason game against them on August 26. It is safe to assume that no starters will play in the game as the team will not want to risk any sort of injury to a key player before the regular season kicks off on September 10. Hopefully, the Vikings can put up a more entertaining performance to give us fans something to enjoy before we have two weeks to wait for the season to start.

## If you live long enough something's gonna kill ya

If you live long enough, something's gonna kill ya. I was talking with a friend awhile back, citing the close calls I've had, and if cats do have nine lives, I'm on my second cat, and that's not even counting the harrowing weather events I've survived.

I've survived floods, a hurricane, the Blizzard of 1966, a tornado in a mobile home—because if you're going to do a tornado, you need to do it right—a minor earthquake, and I've been too close for comfort to a forest fire.

The fire was in the Rockies west of Denver in the early 1980's. My buddy Bob and I were aware of the blaze but according to radio reports it was under control, so we embarked on a weekend fishing trip, surprised by the lack of traffic or outdoorsmen in general. In retrospect, we were a little slow on the draw.

The first thing we caught was a buzz. I distinctly remember laying on a huge boulder laughing hysterically in my surreal delirium. Prophetically, transcendently, Bob said, "It feels like someone important could show up. Like God or Jose Cuervo. Someone important like that."

Shortly thereafter we heard a rustling in the bush and a forest ranger appeared, right out of central casting. Handlebar mustache, a red kerchief around his neck, a Sam Elliot drawl.

"I don't s'pose you heard about the forest fire."

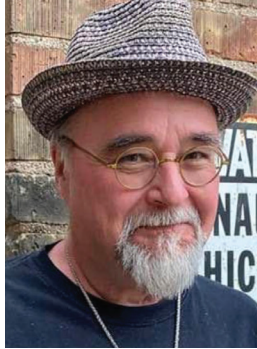
"Yes," Bob managed hazily, "But the radio said everything was under control."

"Huh," he scoffed. "Well, if the wind picks up, you're gonna have a firestorm rolling right through this valley."

Quickly doing the math... OK, not quickly... we realized we were in no condition to navigate twisting mountain roads.

We thanked him noncommittally. He stared at these two fools. "Well, I dun my job," he said.

Spoiler alert. We lived, but with wisps of smoke rolling down over the creek later that night, it could have been nerve-wracking had our nerves not been well sedated.



## That's Life

by Tony Bender

Now, the night a tornado surprised my roommate Tim Ost and I in Jamestown it was nerve-wracking. We were living in an unanchored mobile home on Mill Hill. The sound of a freight train roused us at midnight. We arrived at the front door simultaneously. We saw garbage cans and other shrapnel flying past the windows.

"What should we do?" Tim asked.

"Well, if she starts to go, I guess we jump." So we stood there poised like Newman and Redford in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

Another spoiler alert: We lived.

I suppose I'm a rarity on the prairie having experienced a hurricane, so as I watched Hilary bearing down on California, where hurricanes and tropical storms are extremely rare, I was reminded of Hurricane Hugo. But first, I'd like to know if the person who named Hilary is a Democrat or a Republican.

When asked about living in Myrtle Beach, SC, my response is typically, "Hurricane Hugo was the best part." I'd moved from Juneau, AK for a morning radio gig, but upon arrival realized it was a mistake. My boss was one of the slimiest individuals I've ever met—even by radio standards.

The contract stipulated that if I quit in the first year, I'd have to repay the formidable moving expenses but not if they fired me. You can imagine how that went. It became a test to see who could make the other more miserable. It made for great radio, though, as I disparaged the man every day.

Then, Hugo intervened. It was 1989, so no internet or cell phones. Most of the staff and every other radio station evacuated but my newsman and I and a few others decided to stay and broadcast with the generator our engineer had the foresight to ship in by rail.

That's what radio stations are supposed to do. "No guts, no glory," Robert said. For days, we were the only source of news and solace for hundreds of thousands of frightened people cowering in darkness while winds gusted to 180 mph.

Someone called the company that had built the radio station. The contractor wasn't confident that it could withstand the storm. Huddled under a desk in the lobby between shifts, doing reports for radio stations across the country, I recall the glass window on the door bowing in.

One last spoiler alert: Still kicking. It's no exaggeration to say that we were declared heroes. For weeks afterward, the newspapers were flooded with letters of praise for us and we were featured in industry publications featuring my slogan, "While the others were bailin', we were wailin'!"

Our upstart radio station instantly vaulted to the pinnacle of the ratings.

Naturally, I was fired. At least I went out on top.

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# We the People

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



By David Adler

## John Marshall: The Great Chief Justice Transforms the Court

Two centuries after his service to the United States as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, virtually no one doubts John Marshall's pre-eminent status in America law. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, widely regarded as deserving of a seat on a judicial Mount Olympus, observed, "If American law were to be represented by a single figure, skeptic and worshipper alike would agree without dispute that the figure could be one alone, and that one, John Marshall."

President John Adams, who nominated Marshall to be Chief Justice, reflected years later on the importance of his decision. "My gift of John Marshall to the people of the United States," he said, "was the proudest act of my life."

Chief Justice Marshall transformed the Supreme Court, elevated the independence and reputation of the judiciary, cemented the union and defended and preserved the supremacy of the federal government. He was, to be sure, an expounder of the Constitution, but he was more than that, as he rendered its provisions and clauses into a living, breathing constitutional law, one that could be adequate to the needs of a young nation and its citizenry. President James A. Garfield captured his importance: "Marshall found the Constitution paper and made it power. He found a skeleton, and he clothed it with flesh and blood."

Marshall's unique, likely indelible status in American law is literally carved into the Supreme Court Chamber in Washington. The north and south walls of the Chamber present two marble panels in which there is carved a procession of great lawgivers. There are 18 figures, but only one is there because of his work as a judge, and only one is an American. That one is John Marshall.

Marshall is depicted among historical figures who created and shaped the law in their countries and communities: scholars such as Sir William Blackstone, who wrote a magisterial three-volume study in the mid 1760s, "Commentaries on English Law"; Hugo Grotius, the Dutch analyst recognized as the father of the Law of Nations; and others, much more familiar to Americans, including Moses and Hammurabi. It is Marshall and not a delegate to the Constitutional Convention such as James Madison who is featured as the great lawgiver in our nation.

Such was Marshall's influence on the development of American constitutional law that we may fairly say his fingerprints are all over our Constitution. He wrote roughly half the Court's 1,106 opinions during his 34-year tenure, still the longest in our history. He wrote 40 of the

64 opinions in constitutional law cases, dissenting only eight times. Marshall truly led the Court during his years as Chief Justice.

Marshall transformed the Court from a lowly institution into a truly co-equal branch of government. He did this in large measure by ceasing the Court's practice, modeled after the English approach, of issuing seriatim opinions, that is, each judge writing his own opinion. When Marshall was appointed to the Court in 1801, he introduced the idea of issuing "the Court's opinion," a single decision that Marshall, as Chief Justice, assigned the announcement of which to himself. This new practice created an institutional voice, a single judicial ruling on the case before the Court, with the happy result of strengthening the High Tribunal by unifying it with an authoritative voice.

This important innovation, perhaps his most important structural change in the conduct of the Court's business, generated newfound respect for the Supreme Court Justices. The word was out: this Court would command attention when it delivered its decisions. The days of Supreme Court nominees who declined appointment in favor of positions or even jobs in their states seemed a thing of the past. A Supreme Court nomination was coveted by attorneys.

Chief Justice Marshall believed it was his responsibility to educate a populace untutored in constitutional law and principles. His opinions sought to legitimate the Court's role in the scheme of governance, an extremely important function as the Court wrestled with controversial issues affecting the country, including resolution of the legal tensions surrounding questions of state versus federal authority. His opinions would read like state constitutional papers, providing deep but accessible explanations of constitutional principles which, when applied to the facts of a case, seemed to drive logically to a conclusion that reflected concise, cogent thinking manifested in elegant expression and writing.

It was the Marshall Court that first exercised the power of judicial review; it hammered home, repeatedly, the theme of the supremacy of the federal government; it rejected state sovereignty in favor of popular sovereignty, and it established the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to review decisions made by the highest state courts. It also established the meaning of the Contract Clause, the Commerce Clause, and a slew of other constitutional provisions.

Chief Justice Marshall's constitutional opinions resembled state papers. They were comprehensive and compared favorably to the Federalist Papers. The difference was his opinions constituted the law of the land.

How can we explain the enormous influence that John Marshall wielded in the development of our constitutional jurisprudence? Who was this famous man, the most famous of our Supreme Court Justices?

What was he like as a person, and what formed his personality and character? We address these, and other questions, next week.

## The Life of Ruth Pray



Mass of Christian Burial for Ruth Pray will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 24th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Father Gregory Tschakert will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to services.

Ruth was born on December 16, 1927 at Shawno, Wisconsin to Harry and Rose (Skarlupka) Kienast. She attended Pembroke country school in Wetonka and later Central High School in Aberdeen. Ruth was united in marriage with Robert Pray, Sr. on December 19, 1946 in Groton. They lived on

a farm in Putney Township until their retirement in 1995.

Ruth was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, where she served as President of the Altar Society. She also belonged to the Groton Legion Auxiliary, Aberdeen Moose Lodge and Groton Senior Citizens. Ruth loved to garden, play cards and work in her yard. She enjoyed bird watching, especially finches and purple martins.

Celebrating her life are her children, Jeanette (Dave) Radcliffe of Spirit Lake, Iowa, Jill (Ronald) Krueger of Groton, Robert, Jr. (Laurie) Pray of Groton, 9 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, one sister, Carol Thomas, her brother, Henry Kienast, seven half sisters, and one grandchild.

Casketbearers will be her grandsons: Troy Janisch, Todd Janisch, Jeremy Krueger, Bryce Krueger, Chad Pray and Charlie Pray.

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**Brown County  
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 Meeting Minutes**

AUGUST 15, 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 Fjeldheim 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:** Sheriff, Dave Lunzman met with the Commission to let them know that the jail is at full capacity. Also, the State Women's Prison is full and rejecting our prisoners. Sheriff Lunzman is going to bill them for the keeping these prisoners but not sure if we will be reimbursed or not. Due to the increase in female prisoners, they are having to transport male prisoners to other locations such as Faulkton.

**ORDINANCE #251 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #251. Applicant John Sippel requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for their current use: Lot 1 & Lot 2, "First Subdivision of Sippel's Outlot 1" in the NE 1/4 of Section 34-T124N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12905 & 12909 404th Avenue, Putney Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #252 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #252. Applicant Jerry & Connie Drees requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for their current use: Lot 1 & Lot 2, "Odland's First Addition" in the SE 1/4 of Section 12-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37970 & 37982 132nd Street, Mercier Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #253 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #253. Applicant Carey & Sonya Nilsson requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Lot 1, "Subdivision of Lutgen's Outlot 1" in the NE1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (379660 Shore Drive South, Ravinia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #254 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #254. Applicant William O. Edwards requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Proposed Lot 1, "Sumption-Edwards Addition" in the N1/2 of Section 29-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38355 110th Street, Frederick Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**2023 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT MOU BETWEEN ABERDEEN CITY & BROWN COUNTY:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve Chairman Sutton to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) between City of Aberdeen and Brown County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DIVE TEAM:** Sheriff, Dave Lunzman requested to approve adding Brenden Miller to the volunteer Dive Team. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve adding Brenden Miller to the Dive Team. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACTS:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the amended contracts for Collin Raye Entertainment, LLC for a total of \$23,500.00 and Tip Top Entertainment for a total of \$21,500.00; contract for White Line Fever, LLC (DBA: Thompson Square) for \$15,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the General

Meeting minutes of August 8, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: Alesha Stadel \$50.00; Avera McKennan \$131.91; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$263.82; Ben Markegard \$150.00; Brown County Treasurer \$60.00; Certified Languages International LLC \$792.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,211.64; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$7,211.64; Collin Raye Entertainment LLC \$7,000.00; Day County \$595.00; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$39,264.40; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$14,423.28; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$140.00; Hannah Sumption \$50.00; Helms & Associates \$4,369.62; IMEG Corp \$4,165.20; Jason Podoll \$50.00; Jerald M. McNeary \$7,211.64; Jeremy Lund-Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$7,211.64; John Noyes-Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$7,211.97; Kristi Brandt \$34.00; Kuck Law Office \$7,211.64; Language Line Services, Inc \$466.79; Lewis & Clark BHS \$426.00; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Mark Katterhagen \$9.00; Natrona County Sheriff's Office \$55.00; Pauer Sound \$400.00; Priority Dispatch Corp \$11,420.00; Regina Holcomb \$50.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$94.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,833.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$2,554.89; Shirelle Stadel \$50.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$7,211.64; Tip Top Entertainment \$5,000.00; Valerie J. Larson \$9.00; Weston Geppert \$100.00; White Line Fever LLC \$15,000.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$259.30. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$187.21; Lee Agri-Media \$954.00; Midstates Group \$7,895.00. Rentals: Aramark \$250.13; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$49.16. Repairs & Maintenance: Ace Refrigeration, LLC \$468.18; Century Business Products \$104.47; Dakota Pump & Control \$668.37; Dakota Supply Group \$484.27; Diamond Mowers LLC \$19.78; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$755.29; IMEG Corp \$14,189.33; Jason's Electric Inc \$2,642.26; Lien Transportation Company \$590,231.47; LV Construction \$2,346.94; Meister Mowing LLC \$465.00; Olympic Sales, Inc \$1,960.55; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$173.20; Sewer Duck, Inc \$85.00; Sherwin Williams \$1,202.93; Steven Lust Automotive \$295.26; Titan Machinery \$2,658.34; Town & Country Building Supply \$3,819.21; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$839.83; Western States Fire Protection Co \$207.09. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$667.45; Advanced Surgical Arts Center \$200.00; Agtegra Cooperative \$158.98; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$292.29; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$1,030.44; BK Custom T's & More LLC \$550.00; Cartney Bearing \$292.42; Century Business Products \$10,086.05; Cole Paper Inc \$1,482.62; Diamond Mowers LLC \$680.93; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$936.51; Farm Power Mfg. \$139.38; Farm Tire Service, LLC \$175.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$2.88; Gafford Designs \$146.70; GovConnection, Inc \$1,100.08; Hillyard Sioux Falls \$735.20; HOH Water Technology Inc \$1,405.99; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$2,224.86; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$729.18; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$80.97; Menards \$1,442.26; Midstates Group \$45.00; Mike Dinger \$2,771.79; NVC \$27.47; Performance Oil \$420.00; PharmChem, Inc \$1,176.34; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$69.48; RDO Equipment Co \$126.61; Runnings \$1,132.07; Share Corporation \$429.00; Thee Glass Doktor, LLC \$117.00; Titan Machinery \$4,931.20; Towing Plus \$425.00; TrueNorth Steel \$10,126.80; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$449.00. Travel & Conference: Ben Markegard \$420.24; Weston Geppert \$391.15; City of Hecla \$128.80; James Valley Telecommunications \$209.10; Northern Electric \$334.86; Northwestern Energy \$339.55; NVC \$495.30; Verizon Wireless \$1,287.11. Others: SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$884,931.21.

**Payroll:** Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.01; Treasurer \$16,462.33; SA \$33,711.30; Maintenance \$8,478.77; DOE \$23,931.02; ROD \$9,932.80; VSO \$4,254.10; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$7,583.26; HR \$4,698.76; Sheriff \$49,851.03; Jail \$59,897.53; Coroner \$613.60; Ct. Security \$7,681.83; JDC/HD \$26,448.95; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$11,390.49; Parks/Fairgrounds \$7,588.30; Fair \$6,315.19; 4-H \$1,314.93; W&P \$5,294.20; P&Z \$7,232.60; Highway \$51,034.52; Dispatch \$36,086.73; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,818.55; Landfill \$15,966.39; Meal Benefits \$160.00; FICA \$25,196.14;

Medicare \$5,892.63; Discovery\_HSA \$1,483.93. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to acknowledge & approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim with the amendment: Resignation of the following: Amanda Gebro, Brown County Fair Intern, PT; effective August 3, 2023

Laurie Richardson, Brown County State's Attorney Deputy, FT; effective August 23, 2023. Request to fill.

Transfer of Henry Fulda, Brown County Sobriety Coordinator, FT to Brown County Sobriety Technician, PT; effective August 6, 2023

Transfer of Stephanie Morgan from Brown County Equalization Appraisal Technician to Brown County Equalization Administrative Assistant, FT, starting wage \$20.17/hr.; effective August 20, 2023.

With Amendment to deny request to fill Brown County Equalization Administrative Assistant, FT.

Temporary 2023 Brown County Fair Workers from August 14th – 20th:

Ticket Seller @ \$14.00/hr.: Kevin Heinrich

Gatekeepers @ \$12.00/hr.: Tyler Jones

Security Staff @ \$35.00/hr.: Bryton Black replacing Ryan Antaya

With amendment not to approve request to fill Brown County Equalization Administrative Assistant.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following lease agreement: Denise Dutenhoffer for lease of Akkerman Open Horse Arena on September 9-10, 2023, for 8th Annual Spotted Pride Appaloosa Horse Show and 2nd Annual Spotted Spectacle. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

**LOTTERY PERMIT:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign application, submitted by Aberdeen Area Veterans for a lottery to be held August 19, 2023, at Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Travel Request: Gavin Wright, Brown County Sheriff's Office to attend SFST Instructor School in Pierre, SD from November 13-17, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLAT FOR ABERDEEN ZONING BOARD:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Plat of Brown County Commissioner's Fifth Subdivision brought from the Aberdeen City Zoning Board. **OWNER'S CERTIFICATE:** Brown County, a Political Subdivision of The State Of South Dakota, do hereby certify that it is the Owner of Lots 928 and 929, Morning Heights Extended Addition to Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota and that it has caused the same to be surveyed and platted as shown on the attached plat which shall be hereafter know and described as: Brown County Commissioner's Fifth Subdivision to the City of Aberdeen, in the NW 1/4 of Section 19-T123N-R63W of the 5th p.m., Brown County South Dakota, as shown by this plat, and that development of this land shall conform to all existing applicable zoning, subdivision, and sediment control regulations.

By this plat, Brown County, a political subdivision of the State of South Dakota, do hereby Vacate Lots 928 and 929, Morning Heights Extended Addition to Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota as filed for record on September 29, 1930, and duly recorded as plat No. 350, in the Brown County Register of Deeds Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLAT FOR ABERDEEN ZONING BOARD:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Plat of Brown County Commissioner's Sixth Subdivision brought from the Aberdeen City Zoning Board. **OWNER'S CERTIFICATE:** Brown County, a Political Subdivision of The State Of South Dakota, do hereby certify that it is the Owner of Lot 10 and the North 10 feet of Lot 11, Block 10

Hagerty and Lloyd's Addition to Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota and that it has caused the same to be surveyed and platted as shown on the attached plat which shall be hereafter know and described as: Brown County Commissioner's Sixth Subdivision to the City of Aberdeen, in the NE 1/4 of Section 13-T123N-R64W of the 5th p.m., Brown County South Dakota, as shown by this plat, and that development of this land shall conform to all existing applicable zoning, subdivision, and sediment control regulations.

By this plat, Brown County, a political subdivision of the State of South Dakota, do hereby Vacate Lot 10 and the North 10 feet of Lot 11, Block 10 Hagerty and Lloyd's Addition to Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota as filed for record on July 31, 1888, and duly recorded as plat No. 8, in the Brown County Register of Deeds Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 9:19 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**Westport Town  
 August 8, 2023  
 Meeting Minutes**

Town of Westport General Meeting  
 August 8th, 2023

The Town of Westport met on August 8th, 2023 with Larry Schmit, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

- City General
- NWPS- utilities (\$403.66), Brown County Treasurer – mosquito spraying (\$400.00), Groton Independent – subscription and meeting minutes published (\$99.56), Dakota Supply Group (\$197.13), Davids & Lawn and Snow – Mowing cemetery (\$1,200.00).
- Sewer
- NWPS (\$ 403.66) & NRWA – loan repayment (\$210.13).
- Water
- WEB – Water supplier (\$2,396.22), State of SD- water testing (\$15.00)

Larry Schmit made motion to pay all bills; second by Shane Storm.

The following deposits were presented:

- City General
- Brown County Collections (\$363.33), State of SD (\$2,108.56) & Interest (\$107.69).
- Sewer
- Resident Payments- (\$916.73).
- Sewer Surcharge Resident Payments (\$1,829.00).
- Water
- Resident Payments – (\$4,105.10).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 17 was read and approved for the water rate increase to be in effect on October 1st, 2023. Discussion was held on the increase of water loss. Holes will be dug and test to try to determine where the loss is occurring. The city received an out of compliance notification for the water sample not being submitted to DENR by Water District Maintenance.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer  
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**M-P VB  
 Schedule  
 Change**

The Mobridge/Pollock volleyball match has been moved to Monday, Oct 2. C game will be at 4 pm, JV game at 5 pm, Varsity to follow

JH will now play M/P at home on Monday, Sept. 11 with both 7th and 8th grade at 5pm

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## Brown County Provisional Budget Notice

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, will meet in the Courthouse at Aberdeen South Dakota on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of considering the Provisional Budget for the year 2024 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 26th day of September 2023. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts, and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

Lynn Heupel, Auditor  
Brown County South Dakota  
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## Groton City August 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Cutler, Nehls, Wambach, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Terry Herron, Elizabeth Varin, and Loren Locken.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Nehls to approve the agenda with no changes or additions. All members present voted aye.

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

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to authorize the purchase of new T66 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader from Bobcat of Aberdeen, SD. The current 2013 Terex PT-80 skid loader will be traded in. All members present voted aye.

Terry Herron exited the meeting.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Karl Chevrolet for the Groton Police Department. The new Tahoe will replace the current 2017 Ford Interceptor. All members present voted aye.

No discussion took place regarding the Groton Municipal Airport due to the absence of Darrell Hillestad.

No discussion took place regarding the park saferoom due to the absence of representation from HKG Architects.

The possibility of fundraising for the new park saferoom with brick donations was discussed.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Bahr to authorize Vosika Fencing to repair the pickleball court fence. All members present voted aye.

Loren Locken exited the meeting.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Cutler to approve the 2020/2021 final audit report from Eide Bailly. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to begin accepting sealed bids for the Groton Municipal Airport land lease with bid opening taking place at the September 19, 2023, council meeting. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Maguire Iron. All members present voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding TextMyGov. Council would like to hold off on moving forward with a texting option to allow time to research other options.

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

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

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

Payroll, \$48,928.75, Em-

ployee salaries; Administrative, \$4,427.86; ; Public Safety, \$9,334.89; ; Public Works, \$14,124.66; ; Culture & Recreation, \$21,041.34; ; WEB Water, \$32,136.87, Water services - July 2023; Dacotah Bank, \$9,050.73, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotahland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$622.90, HSA contributions; Full Circle Ag, \$139.81, Weed control chemicals; SD Retirement System, \$10,264.20, Employee retirement; Justin Cleveland, \$1,354.56, Med flex; Dacotah Bank, \$4,332.53, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Douglas Heinrich, \$47.51, Med flex; Branden Abeln, \$92.67, Med flex; US Bank, \$256.02, Interest payment on DW #5 loan; Paul Kosel, \$599.92, Med flex; Eco-Lab Pest Elimination, \$112.36, Rodent control services - Rubble Site; AutoZone, Inc., \$358.43, Engine oil and filters - City Shop; Eide Bailly, LLP, \$12,129.51, Final billing for 2020/21 audit - City Hall; A&B Business Solutions, \$359.14, Printer lease - City Hall; J's Superior Cleaning, \$240.00, Commercial cleaning services - City Hall; Sydney Kurtz, \$299.99, U8 softball coach mileage reimbursement; RDO Equipment Co., \$31.54, Air filters - Streets; Follett School Solutions, LLC, \$1,001.22, Library cataloging system renewal; Menards, \$96.95, Cable, wire splice sleeve, electric timer, triball mount w/ hook - Multiple Depts.; Storybook Land Theatre, \$863.30, The Perfect Dog performance on 8/10/23 - Library; Lori's Pharmacy, \$175.85, Flower arrangement, blood pressure monitor, oximeter, batteries, desktop calculator - Multiple Depts.; Associated Supply Company, Inc., \$3,491.69, Swimming pool chemicals; Farmers Union Co-op Association, \$1,695.40, Diesel fuel - Streets; Haider Construction Inc., \$3,897.97, Boring at 11th Ave - Electric; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$2,160.53, Books for library, fly traps, headphone adapter, monthly planners, HDMI cable, water/pool samples, hotel, food for resale, TV, wall mount, fuel purchases, 8in shop vice, chin straps - Multiple Depts.; MJ's Sinclair, Inc., \$1,385.69, Fuel purchases - Multiple Depts.; Ken's Food Fair, \$2,476.25, Food for resale and fuel purchases - Multiple Depts.; WAPA, \$21,993.77, Power services - July 2023; Heartland Energy, \$71,466.97, Power services - July 2023; Galls, LLC, \$75.55, (2) inflatable easy wedges - PD; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,112.30, Garbage hauling; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; James Valley Telecommunications, \$1,203.67, Telephone & internet services, 340' of in-nerduct for Electric Dept.; Aaron Severson, \$1,036.21, Legion/Jr. Legion mileage reimbursement; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., \$57.88, Size 150 oxygen cylinder - City Shop; Krueger Brothers, \$164.34, Snow removal from March 2023 - Streets; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease - Electric; Stan Houston Equipment Co., \$47.99, Cut 1 dipped gloves - Sewer; Runnings Supply Co, \$199.81, Chainsaw chains & drill extension - Forestry; Spencer Locke, \$961.80, Jr. Teener coach mileage reimbursement.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to authorize Douglas Heinrich to attend the 2023 SDML Annual Conference in Rapid City, SD on October 3-6, 2023. All members present voted aye.

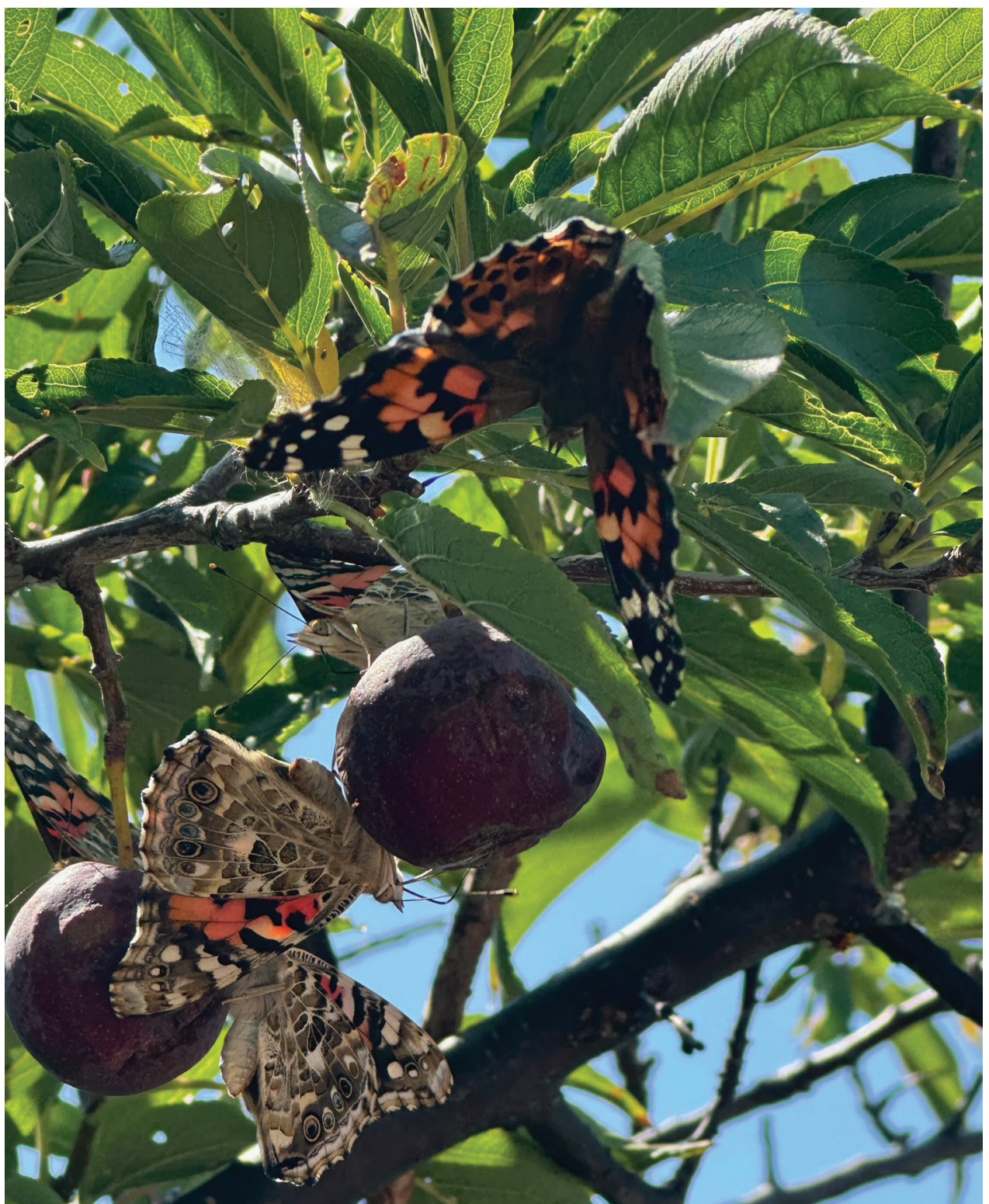
Elizabeth Varin exited the meeting.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:50pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:20pm.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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## The flight of the Monarch

The Monarch butterflies made their presence known on Tuesday as they begin their flight south. People with fruit trees noticed hundreds of Monarchs fluttering on their trees. Dale Gunderson, a Conde resident, called Paul Kosel about when he was planning to spray for mosquitoes on Conde. The plan was for Tuesday evening. After review of the Monarchs presence and also talking with Jake Bawek, Conde's maintenance man, it was decided to postpone the Conde adult mosquito control to a later date after the Monarchs have left the area. The adult mosquito control was conducted in Groton on Monday evening, the day prior to the Monarch's arrival. (Photo

by Paul Kosel)

### Sweet Summer Fun!

Are you looking for more sweet summer fun? Head to the city or country for fun things like concerts or picnics. Neighborhood block parties or barbecues are great fun too! Keep cool and have lots of fun!

**Let's go!**

**Action at the Park!**

- sliding
- skateboarding
- seesawing
- train ride
- ice cream treat
- bicycle ride

**What Might You See at the Aquarium?**

- penguins
- jellies
- sea lions
- turtles
- sea horses
- frogs

**What Fun Can Bubble Up at Home?**

- COLORED CHALK
- BALL and JACKS
- HULA HOOPS

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**Tennis anyone?**

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## Brown County Aug. 8 Meeting Minutes Continued

### Brown County August 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 8, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Fjeldheim, Gage, and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Auditor Heupel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Jared Bossly met with the Commissioners to let them know that he hadn't heard from the State's Attorney Office so if they could follow-up on that. He also encouraged the Commission to follow through with the request from Representative Schaeffbauer last week to get a copy of the Plume Study from Summit Carbon Solutions. Jared attended some meetings in IA, and they did a demonstration on how dangerous it would be if a pipeline erupts, the gentleman doing the test with all the safety equipment only had 4 minutes of air left and that was only walking and back out of the demonstration. Mr. Bossly encouraged the Commission to enforce the Ordinance and look at a new moratorium and keep up the good fight.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Special Event Malt Beverage for Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area on August 14-20, 2023, at Brown County Fair Grandstand (SW 1/4 of Sec 1-T123N-R64W of the 5th PM Brown County, SD) for Grandstand Concessions. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Special Event Malt Beverage for SPURS Therapeutic Riding Center, Aberdeen, SD on September 16, 2023, at SPURS (SPURS 2nd Addition, NW 1/4 Sec 6-T123N-R63W of the 5th PM Brown County, SD) for Barn Dance & Benefit Auction. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPEED ZONE AMENDMENT: Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #37-23  
WHEREAS, Chapter 6.03 Speed Zones of the Second Revision of Brown County Ordinances authorizes the Brown County Commission to change the speed limit or the extent of any such limited speed zones, at any time they may deem necessary, and

WHEREAS, all Speed Zones throughout the County were established by Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, Resolution #39-08, Resolution #72-08, Resolution #101-08, Resolution #94-13, Resolution #69-14, Resolution #15-16, Resolution #27-17 and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission has recommended amending the speed zone on County Road 4

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, #39-08, #72-08, #101-08, and #94-13, #69-14 and #15-16, and #26-17 be amended as follows:

AMEND: County Road #4 (North Dakota Street), beginning at the East Quarter corner of Section 1, Township 123N, Range 64W of the 5th PM, then north on County Road #4 (North Dakota Street) 500 feet, to 35 MPH.

Dated this 8th day of August 2023.

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

FALL RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager met with the Commission to approve the FREE 2023 Fall Residential Cleanup set for August 25 – September 9, 2023, at the Landfill Only. Limit of 4 car/pickup Tires. Ross Aldentaler, State's Attorney Deputy encourages people to take advantage of

this because Container Enforcement has gone up. Loads will need to be covered and secured and only us Asphalt Roads to get to the Landfill (no 8th Ave. access). Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the FREE 2023 Fall Residential Cleanup for August 25 – September 9, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CENTENNIAL VILLAGE CONTRACT: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager met with the Commission to ask they approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the updated contract with Centennial Village (CV). Chairman Sutton shared that he did meet with the Board Members from Centennial Village, and they did approve of the changes the Fair Board is asking for. Those changes are as follows: per Keg of Beer that is sold goes from \$75 to \$85; \$20 for every case of Malt Beverage sold instead of \$75 for every 7 cases sold; Reports and payment are due to the County Auditor by September 30th each year; appropriate security at CV during hours of operation after 7pm will be agreed between CV and Brown County Fair Board & Brown County Sheriff – if an agreement can't be reached then it will be decided by the Brown County Commission and CV hours of operation during Fair Week will be determined by the Fair Board & Sheriff's Office on an annual basis. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the contract with Centennial Village. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AKKERMAN ARENA CONTRACT: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager informed the Commission that due to rain on August 6th the Aberdeen Area Horseman's Association was not able to have their Horse Show at the Akkerman Arena – they have asked to reschedule it for this Sunday, August 13th and it will not interfere with the County Fair preparations. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the rescheduling of the Horse Show for Aberdeen Area Horseman's Association at Akkerman Arena to Sunday, August 13th. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR UPDATE: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager gave an update on the Brown County Fair. They are still in need of about 200 Volunteers. They do have an app that the volunteers can enter their name and cell phone number and then will be given a reminder of the shifts they signed up for. Without the volunteers some activities may be limited such as the Barrel Train and Inflatables. Rachel also stressed that people purchase their tickets from the Outlets by Saturday – Sunday will be available Online Only, then starting on Monday Concert Tickets will increase by \$20.00 and Adult Rodeo Tickets will increase by \$5.00.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the General Meeting minutes of August 1, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: 4-H Performing Arts \$200.00; ACBM-SJPK \$17,000.00; Aleda Tollefson \$50.00; Alscessa T. Eisey \$200.00; Ann Gibbs \$50.00; Apollo's Beacon LLC \$3,500.00; Ashley Seeklander \$50.00; Avera McKennan \$131.91; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$1,721.46; Bailey Pro Rodeo \$45,000.00; Bohm's Family Entertainment \$2,700.00; Becky Erickson \$50.00; BJ Clocksene \$50.00; Blackburn & Stevens, Prof. LLC \$171.20; Bobbie Dempsey \$50.00; Brayden Lachenmeier \$150.00; Brian Sharp \$50.00; Brown County Treasurer \$2,060.00; Buggy Kershaw LLC \$27,000.00; Cara Dennert \$50.00; Carrie Hansen \$50.00; CGI, LLC \$835.00; Cindy Schnabel \$50.00; Collin Raye Entertainment LLC \$16,500.00; Connie Groop \$50.00; Courtney Wolff \$50.00; Crown Tours, LLC \$100,000.00; DADP Agency LLC \$10,000.00; Dakota Group LLC \$2,100.00; Dakota Kids Pedal Pulls \$798.75; David W. Brown \$150.00; Deb Stamm \$100.00; Doreen Sperry \$50.00; Fire Safety First LLC \$325.00; Florence Kraus \$50.00; Footprints Touring, Inc \$20,000.00; Gompf Display Inc \$2,100.00; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church \$3,500.00; Gordy Wensel \$4,500.00; Grant Petersen \$275.00; Gretchen Sharp \$50.00; Groton Lions Club \$2,250.00; Hinder Tour-

ing, Inc \$22,500.00; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$108.05; Hub Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc \$1,500.00; Jan Zuidema \$150.00; Janet Wright \$50.00; Janey Cronin \$150.00; Jean Hommel Kessler \$150.00; John Eilertson \$150.00; Jyl Graves \$50.00; Karen Porter Bartell \$50.00; Kathy Novstrup \$50.00; Kennedy Pier Knoff Loftus, LLP \$256.80; Kristi Brandt \$1,096.60; LeVox Touring, Inc \$80,000.00; Lincoln County Treasurer \$551.67; Lisa Fedeler \$100.00; Lora Schaanaman \$50.00; Lucy Lewno \$170.00; Magie Joe \$4,000.00; Mark Katterhagen \$18.00; Mike Frey \$50.00; Mike Grann \$100.00; Miranda Dauksavage \$1,700.00; National Sheriff's Association \$142.00; NB Golf, LLC \$25,716.00; Phil Baker \$1,200.00; Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association \$16,000.00; Ronald Parker \$1,000.00; Rosalie Schumacher \$50.00; Sanford Aberdeen ED \$1,710.46; Sanford Health \$1,064.69; SD Nurse's Association \$1,000.00; SDSU Extension \$213.64; SHI International Corp \$722.51; Susan Gerlach \$50.00; T & K Rentals, LLC \$16,950.00; Tayler Wolff \$700.00; Terrance L. Dosch \$8,900.00; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$283.30; Three Seasons Tent Rental Inc \$3,637.50; Tip Top Entertainment \$16,500.00; TrailerTrapMusic LLC \$40,000.00;

Trail-erTrapMusic LLC \$40,000.00; Tschetter & Adams Law Office, PC \$485.58; Two Nickel Touring, Inc \$50,000.00; Union Cattle Band \$1,200.00; Upside-Down & Backwards Touring Inc \$25,000.00; Valerie J Larson \$18.00; Wayne Fischer \$150.00; Wendy Brunes \$50.00; Winterset Concert Events \$20,000.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$100.00; Zack Post \$150.00. Publishing: Dakota Broadcasting, LLC \$300.00. Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$5,035.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$207.36; Repairs & Maintenance: Artz Equipment, Inc \$16.50; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$25.17; Diamond Mowers LLC \$120.38; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$7,500.00; Ecolab Pest Elimination Division \$350.29; Graham Tire Inc \$17.77; House of Glass \$1,560.36; K & S Plumbing, Inc \$4,116.08; Lawson Products, Inc \$11.99; Midwest Pump & Tank \$3.67; Olson's Pest Technicians \$250.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$189.32; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$109.09; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$40.00; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; RDO Equipment Co \$18,985.69; Sherwin Williams \$2,454.04; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$70.35; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$1,075.30. Supplies: Agetra Cooperative \$46,287.85; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$29.67; Artz Equipment, Inc \$100.56; Auto Value Aberdeen \$8.99; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Butler Machinery Company \$202.99; Cole Paper Inc \$1,420.80; Creative Community Promotions, LLC \$8,000.00;

### Groton City August 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2023

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Cutler, Nehls, Wells, Wambach, Babcock, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Darrell Hillestad, Todd Gay, Topper Tastad, Terry Heron, Dwight Zerr, Ted Dickey, Dean Marske, and Elizabeth Varin.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing the burying of overhead wire during department reports. All members voted aye.

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

Department reports were reviewed, and discussion took place regarding the burying of overhead wire.

Gay, Herron, and Zerr exited the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the Groton Municipal Airport. Hillestad exited the meeting.

Dean Marske from HKG Architects and Ted Dickey from NECOG discussed the park bathroom project and the projected costs. At the end of the meeting, council traveled to the city park and determined the location of the new building.

Marske and Dickey exited the meeting.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Nehls to approve the revised quitclaim deed for Lot 7B in the Groton Historical Jail

Addition, thereby transferring ownership of Lot 7B to the Groton Community Historical Society. All members voted aye.

Topper Tastad exited the meeting.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve Pay Request #2 for Maguire Iron. All members voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wambach to approve Change Order #3 for Maguire Iron. All members voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding TextMyGov. Council would like to make a Facebook post to gauge how the community feels regarding implementation of a texting option instead of phone calls for city notifications.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Nehls to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 769 – 2023 Supplemental Appropriations. All members voted aye.

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

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

Payroll, \$40,539.45, Employee salaries; Executive, \$556.15; Administrative, \$4,427.86; Public Safety, \$9,957.77; Public Works, \$13,833.74; Culture & Recreation, \$11,763.93; NW Energy, \$13.90, Natural gas service - water tower; Dacotah Bank, \$8,429.85, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Dacotah Bank, \$622.90, HSA contributions; Paul Kosel, \$42.30, Reimbursement for postage for emergency siren; April Abeln, \$147.25, Med flex; City of Groton, \$225.00, Water Tower Ribbon Cutting utility bill credits; Tadgh Crowley, \$250.00, Utility deposit refund; Dacotah Bank, \$3,515.15, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Aflac, \$336.62, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$38.49, Employee insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$10,978.48, Employee insurance; Employers Mutual Insurance, \$82.70, Employee insurance; Kellie Locke, \$266.30, Med flex; Lien Transportation Co., \$3,824.09, Hot mix - Streets; Groton Daily Independent, \$137.21, Publishing fees; Swank Movie Licensing USA, \$475.00, 1-year public performance license for movies - Library; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; SD Department of Health, \$60.00, Water/pool testing; Greg's Repair, \$442.37, Rear brake pads and labor - 2021 Chevy PD Tahoe; Interstate Power Systems, \$712.70, Employee Cell Phone Reimbursement - July/Aug; Runnings Supply Co, \$87.93, Sawzall blades, pvc pipe, hammer, socket adapter - Electric; ULINE, \$812.68, (4) bookshelves - Library; Colonial Research, \$127.96, Cleaning supplies - Shop; Harry Implement, Inc., \$41.80, Switch for red tractor - Streets; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Kay's Computing, LLC, \$889.00, New file server for City Hall; NW Energy, \$859.78, Natural gas service - Pool & PD; S&S Lumber, \$334.11, Clear silicone, spray nozzle, heavy duty hose, Sea-Foam, gloves, pruner, wood glue, bug spray, field marker, side cutters, pliers, adapter, J-bend trap, pipe, teflon tape - Multiple Departments; Reilly Fuhrman, \$337.98, U10 softball coach mileage reimbursement; Farmers Union Co-op Association, \$741.13, Unleaded gasoline for cemetery and baseball complex; Dollar General, \$282.85, Bottled water, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet paper, garbage bags, markers, candy, creamer, coffee, tissues, batteries, soap, snacks for swimming lessons, artificial flowers for city hall, fly traps - Multiple Departments; Aramark, \$58.03, Rug rent; Share Corporation, \$129.54, Sweeping compound oil - City Shop; Todd Gay, \$183.40, Mileage reimbursement - Heartland Energy Conference in Madison, SD; Darrel's Sinclair, \$44.70, Tire repair - Streets; Jim of All Trades, \$182.26, Repair to door at City Shop; Drew Johnson, \$1,350.00, Legal services - July 2023;

Reminder: Family Fun Fest is on August 10, 2023, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on Main Street in Groton!

Adjournment into executive session did not take place due to there being no personnel or legal matters to discuss.

Johnson exited the meeting.

Council traveled to the city park to determine the location of the new park bathroom building.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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### Columbia City August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting – August 2, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Trevor Meints, Emily Eichler, Meghan Butler

Community: Jeremy Dosch, Julie Lillis, Rod Tobin

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were passed out from the July 12th meeting. Meghan Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Public Health Laboratory – lagoon analysis – 118.00; Artz Equipment – mower – 13,000; Brown County Treasurer – mosquito spraying – 408.46; Columbia Baseball – baseball field sound system – 4986.34; Jeremy Dosch – July wages – 419.99; Cara Dennert – July wages plus certified letter – 1243.81; Northwest-ern Energy – electricity – 454.28; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies – 352.44; GDI – publication – 49.39; Artz Equipment – shop supplies – 135.59; Double D Lot Services – park mowing – 6478.00; Menards – shop supplies – 22.99; A-1 Locksmithing – keys for park – 30.00

Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: –Public Health Laboratory – lagoon analysis

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –Julie Lillis was also present to give an update on Columbia Fest that was held July 29th. She thanked everyone for their help. The Columbia committees will be meeting with Paula next week. They will be back at our September meeting to give us a final wrap-up of the festivities. Our lawyer was present and brought a copy of the ballpark lease agreement. The council discussed the lease and suggested changes that needed to be made.

Nuisances - The Brown County Sheriff will be serving notice this week on an ordinance violator. The council discussed the possibility of hiring a code enforcement officer. Our lawyer suggested that we do a trial run of the services offered by Joel Johnson. Trevor Meints made a motion to hire the services provided by Joel Johnson for a trial period. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Streets - B&B have been contacted to blade streets – they should probably wait until after a rain though. Trevor and Corey went around town (especially around new park) and installed some stop signs and slow/children signs. They are also looking into some 10 mph signs and possibly some yield signs.

Parks - no report

Lagoon/sewer - The lagoon has been discharged. There are some trees on the bank that need to be knocked down in the future.

Rubble Site – The gates are currently closed. Signage needs to be put up regarding what can be deposited.

NEW BUSINESS - Emily gave a report on Summer Rec. There were 9 – 13 children in attendance each session. There were 22 on the final day. Rod mentioned that the Boys and Girls Club in Aberdeen might have some outreach or help for our program. Emily will look into this possibility.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara Dennert presented bank balances. Meghan Butler made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. The board continued to look over

financial information given at the last meeting regarding revenue & expenditures and the 2023 budget. There was much discussion regarding the influx of money regarding the parks. Cara will contact Rod Fortin with the Department of Legislative Audit for guidance.

July 31, 2023 balances: SF - \$ 157,909.00; SF Money Market –\$ 50,277.36; GF - \$ 157,676.97; GF Money Market - \$50,277.36; CD Money Market - \$ 32,084.60; FIT - \$14,525.15; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Corey Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Regular City Council Meeting – September 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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### Groton City Supplemental Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 769  
2023 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Groton, South Dakota that the following sums are supplementally appropriated to meet the obligations of the City of Groton and shall be effective immediately following passage.

E 101-43151 Curb & Gutter: \$7,547.00

E 101-45127 Basketball: \$2,190.00

E 101-45129 Tennis: \$35,510.00

E 101-45500 Library: \$5,500.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$50,747.00

SOURCE OF FUNDING

E 101-41150 Contingency: \$7,547.00

R 603-38250 Electric Grants Received: \$2,190.00

R 101-36710 Library Donations: \$5,500.00

Unassigned Fund Balance (Cash Applied): \$35,510.00

TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE: \$50,747.00

Dated at Groton, South Dakota this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

1st Reading: 7/18/2023  
2nd Reading: 8/1/2023

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### Claremont Town August 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 8-8-2023 at 7 pm in City Hall.

President Johnson called the meeting to order with Trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present.

On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the minutes of the July meeting were approved.

On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed:

GENERAL:

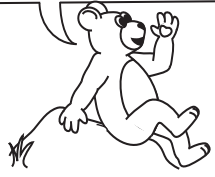
Post Office, stamps, 66.00; Don VanderVorst, 5.25 hrs., 77.59; Jason Spencer, gas for mower, 112.76; Northwestern Energy, street lights, 314.15; Northwestern Energy, city hall, 132.32; Full Circle Ag, diesel, 103.16; GDI, publishing, 52.31; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Jack Klinger, 4 hrs. road work, 59.12; Brown County Treasurer, mosquito spraying, 523.76; Missi Smith, mowing 18.5 hrs., 273.36; James Valley, phone+internet, 91.37; Charla Rye, office supplies, 237.84.

WSSW:  
US Bank, debt service, 5461.36; BDM, water purchased, 1654.25; Northwestern Energy, pump house power, 53.82; Northwestern Energy, lift station power, 167.34; SD Dept. of Health Lab, purification, 30.00; James Valley, lift phone, 47.86; SD Association of Rural Water Systems, Inc., annual dues, 360.00; Ecolab, pest elimination, 171.38.

With no further business before the board a motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer to adjourn. Motion carried.

C.Rye, Finance Officer  
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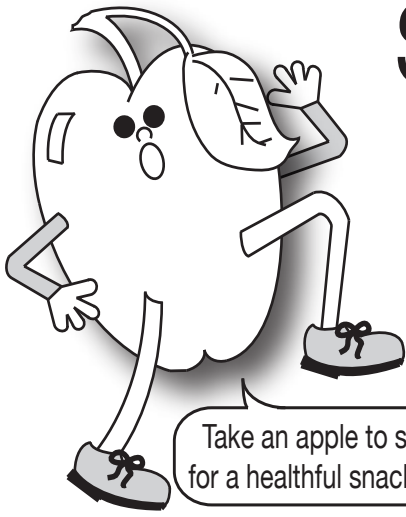
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...school with our new classmates!

Kids: color stuff in!

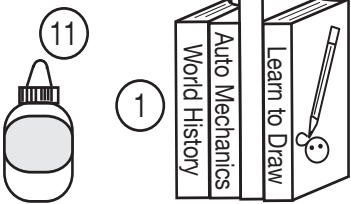
## Step Up to a New School Year!



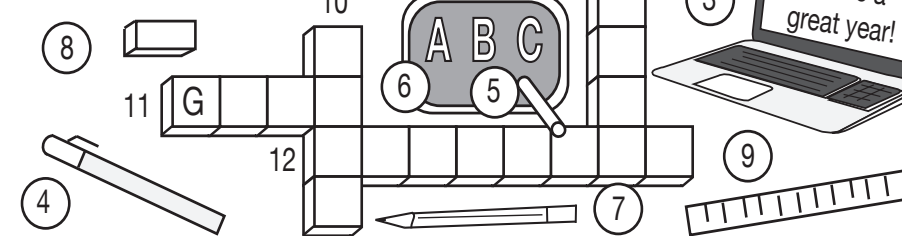
Take an apple to school for a healthful snack!

Apples are red, green or yellow!

Color this apple your favorite color!



Study the pictures to fill in the puzzle with names of old and new school supplies and equipment:



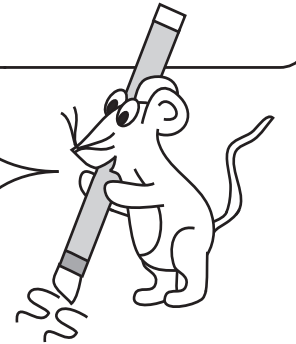
Step up to a new school year! Get ready to do your best. You can do it!

Most schools supply the basic items and equipment you need to start, but may expect you to bring some supplies to help out. So, get packed and enjoy this fresh start!

I'm so excited to swim into my new school!

When you are a student, school and homework are your "job." Arrive prepared every day and you will be able to:

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25	15	21	18	19	21	3	3	5	19	19
20	15	25	15	21	18					
8	1	18	4							
23	15	18	11							



Little Mouse is excited about the new school year. He has a message for you. Use the alphabet code to see it:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	

The Real Reason Mary's Lamb Followed Her to School

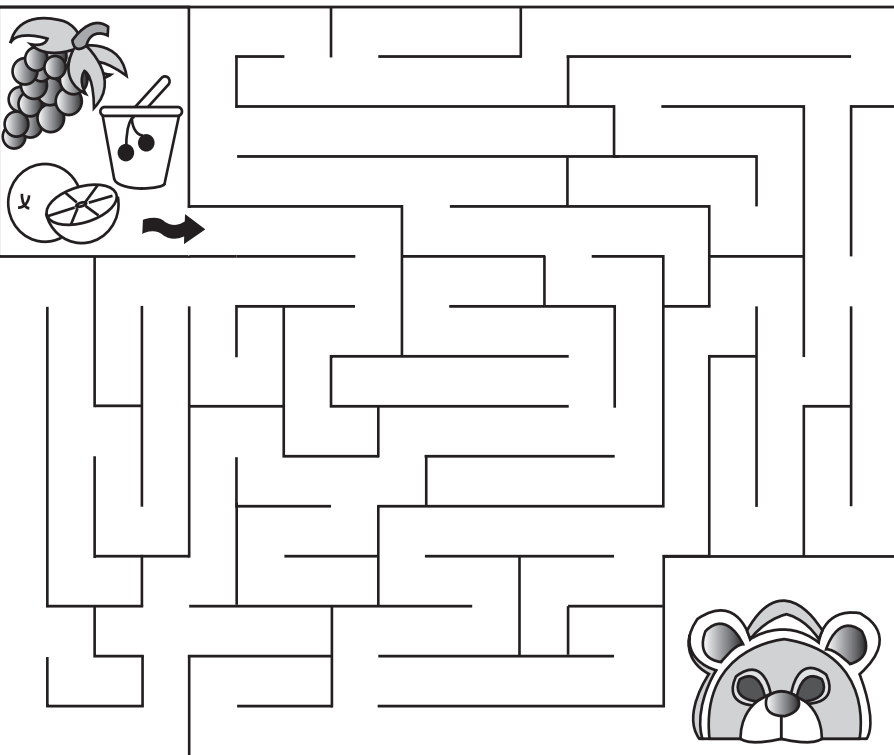
Puff! Mary forgot her backpack.

Pant! I'll get it there!



### Lunch With a Punch!

Pack favorite foods that will give your lunch "nutritional" punch! Choose healthful dessert too. Go through the maze to put your choice into the bag:



### Love That Class!

What's your favorite class in school?

L F O R E I G N L A N G U A G E S N B V S  
 I A N V R W Q A S D F R V G T Y H O P I C  
 C B U F S P E L L I N G F H T L A E H G I  
 V A K J U T R E Q A Z D F V G C Y T N K E  
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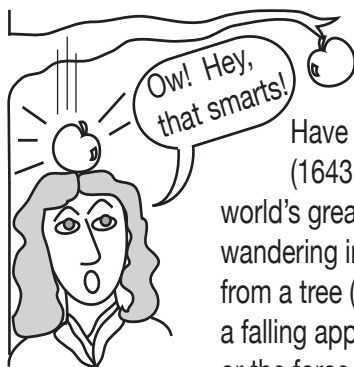
There is so much to learn. I'm going to try something new this year!

Find and circle these subjects:

- music
- band
- gym
- history
- writing
- art
- reading
- spelling
- health
- foreign languages
- mathematics
- science



### "How Do You Like Them Apples?"



Ow! Hey, that smarts!

Have you heard about a man named **Sir Isaac Newton** (1643-1727)? He lived in England. He was one of the world's greatest mathematicians. One day when he was wandering in a garden thinking, he watched an apple fall from a tree (some stories say that he was hit in the head by a falling apple.) This action made him think about "gravity" or the force with which the earth pulls things toward its center. If you throw a ball into the air, gravity is what causes it to fall back down to you. Gravity gives us weight on the earth. It is the force that keeps the planets in our solar system on their paths.

Scientists use math. Can you fill in the missing math symbol or number to make each equation correct?

- 7 + 8 =
- 134 - 34 = 100
- 92 + = 109
- 350 ÷ 50 =
- 45 x 4 =
- 968 ÷ 88 =
- 6 - 9 = 54
- 73 - 54 =

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**Girls Coach Chris Kucker**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Soccer teams win 3 of 4 home games

Groton Area soccer teams won three of the four games played Friday and Saturday in Groton.

On Friday, the girls defeated Belle Fourche, 6-0, and on Saturday, the girls defeated St. Thomas More, 4-1, where Jerica Locke scored two goals in the second half to help pull Groton Area away from St. Thomas More.

The boys lost to Belle Fourche on Friday, 6-0, and then defeated St. Thomas More on Saturday, 2-1, with Jacob Zak scoring two goals and Braxton Imrie having an assist.

Both teams will travel to Vermillion on Saturday with the girls playing at 1 p.m. and the boys at 2:30 p.m.

The boys are 1-2 on the season while the girls are tied with Tea Area for the number one spot in the state with an undefeated record of 4-0.



**Easton Weber**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Ryelle Gilbert**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Soccer photos from the St. Thomas More games



**Jerica Locke**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



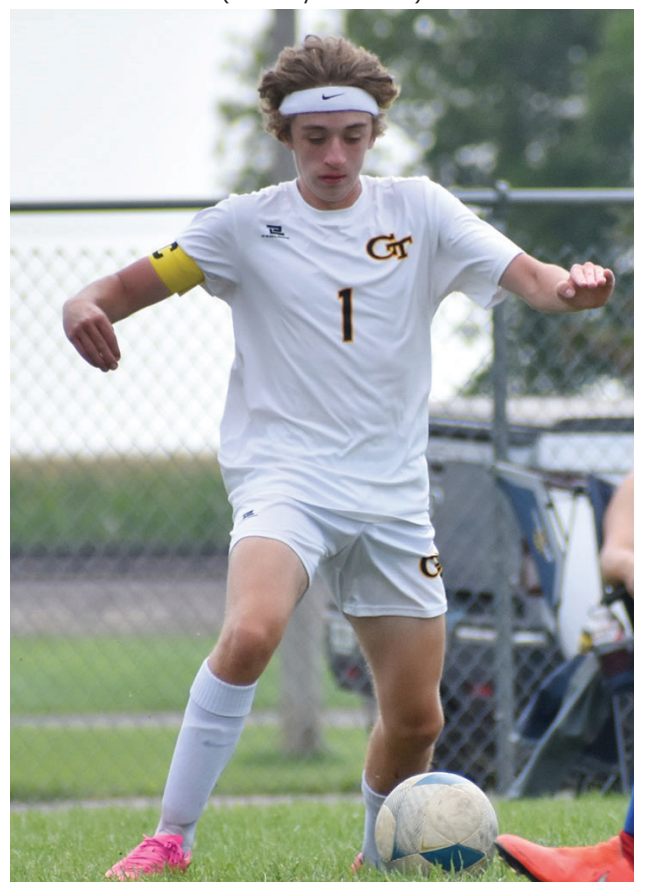
**Brooklyn Hansen**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Gage Sippel**  
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**Elizabeth Flihs**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Braxton Imrie**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

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**Karson Zak**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)





**Austin Aberle**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Laila Roberts**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Logan Ringgenberg**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Cavaliers shut down Tigers in opening gridiron game

Aberdeen Roncalli scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to edge past the Groton Area Tigers in the opening game of the football season. The game was played Friday at Doney Field in Groton.

The first score resulted in an interception and a few plays later, Brody Weinmeister would score on a 25 yard run with 8:14 left in the third quarter. The Cavaliers would score again with 1:20 left in the third quarter on a Weinmeister six yard run. Both PATs were kicked by Aiden Fisher.

Both teams had eight first downs and neither team had a fumble. Penalties were costly for the Tigers with eight for 55 yards while Roncalli had just two for 25 yards.

In rushing, Groton Area had 21 carries for 61 yards with Korbin Kucker having 11 carries for 54 yards, Taylor Diegel had two for eight and Lane Tietz had seven for three yards. The Cavaliers had 42 carries for 149 yards with Weinmeister having 11 carries for 74 yards, Kaden Larson had three for 37 yards, Zane Backous had 18 for 34 yards, Aiden Fisher had two for six yards and Cade Young had three for two yards.

In passing, Lane Tietz completed 11 of 29 passes for 73 yards and one interception and Korbin Kucker completed one of two for 35 yards. Receivers were Keegen Tracy with three catches for 55 yards, Diegel had three catches for 23 yards, Colby Dunker had three for 15 yards, Brevin Fliehs had one for 10 yards and Ryder Johnson had one for five yards.

Roncalli's Zane Backous completed six of 12 passes for 96 yards. Receivers were Weinmeister with two catches for 53 yards, Jett Johnson had one for 33 yards, Keegan Stewart had one for nine yards and Fisher had one for six yards.

Defensive leaders for Groton Area were Fliehs with 11 tackles, Christian Ehresmann had seven tackles, Logan Ringgenberg had six tackles and one sack, Karter Moody had four tackles and one sack and Jaeger Kampa had one sack. The Cavaliers were led by Fisher with seven tackles while Noah Kramer had six tackles and one interception and Weinmeister had five tackles.

Groton Area will travel to Redfield on Friday while the Cavaliers will host Deuel.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by John Sieh Agency, Dacotah Bank, Groton Chamber, Bierman Farm Services, Locke Electric, Dan Richardt at Groton Ford, Krueger Brothers, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Bahr Spray Foam, BK Custom Ts & More, Groton Ford and Greg's Repair.



**Lane Tietz has a quarterback keeper before this Roncalli defender grabbed his jersey to stop him.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Brevin Fliehs looks for an opening and gains a few yards.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Fliehs places fifth at NEC, second at Milbank

The Northeast Conference golf meet was held Tuesday in Redfield with Groton's Brevin Fliehs taking fifth with a score of 78, Carter Simon placing 10th with an 87, Logan Pearson placing 12th with an 87 and Jace Johnson placing 14th with an 89. Roncalli won the team title with a 320 while Milbank was second with 339, Groton was third with 341 and Redfield was fourth with 371.

At the Poet Invitational held in Milbank on August 18th, Brevin Fliehs was second with a 76. Other scores were Carter Simon with 89, Logan Pearson with 92 and Jace Johnson with 109.



**All four Groton Area golfers were medalists at the Northeast Conference meet held Tuesday in Redfield. Pictured are Jace Johnson, Carter Simon, Brevin Fliehs and Logan Pearson.** (Photo courtesy Joel Guthmiller)

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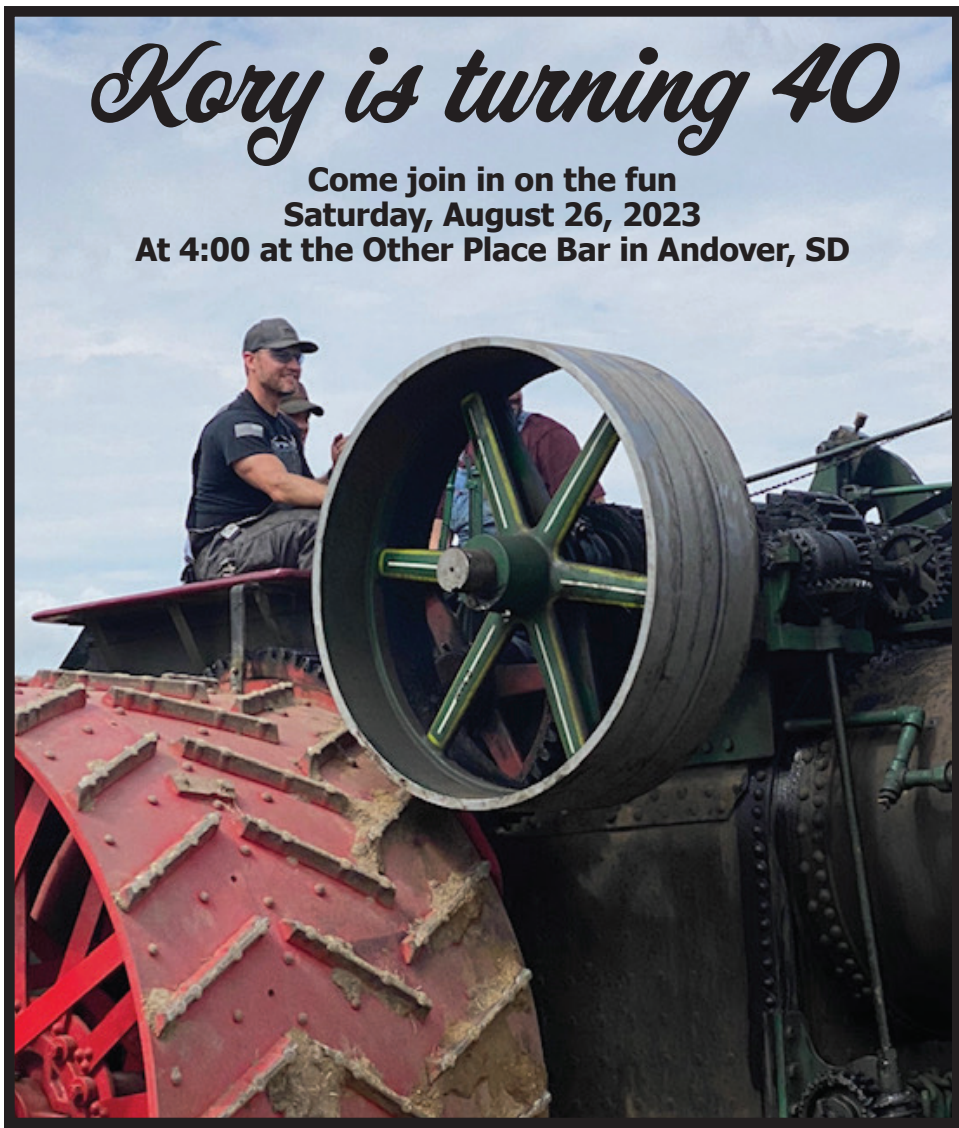
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**The first local beef is at the school to be used on Friday. Larson Livestock donated the beef.**

(Photo from Groton School Lunch facebook page)

## "Challenges facing US health care"

Assuring effective health care to a population is a challenge for every society. As care options become more complex – and expensive – the challenges increase.



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In the US both the organization and the financing of health care are perennial issues in public discussions, political campaigns and among social policy researchers. Basically there are two distinct but intimately related concerns – providing access to care and paying for that care. There is widespread agreement that when folks are sick or injured they should receive appropriate care. Disagreements emerge, however, in deciding how to pay for that care.

I believe it is instructive to look at the experience of other wealthy developed countries that have similar challenges. Doing so is actually quite sobering.

Using data from the Commonwealth Fund, a respected independent research organization, we can compare US experience with that of Sweden, Australia, France and Canada. These countries differ significantly in aspects of culture and geography. They do, however, all guarantee health care to 100% of their population. They spend approximately \$5000 per capita (range \$5447 to \$4965). In the US the expenditure is \$10,586 per capita and approximately 10% of the US population have no form of health care coverage. Life expectancy in each these countries exceeds that of the US - 82 yrs. (range 82.0 to 82.6) compared to a US average of 78 yrs. Recently the US life expectancy has actually gone down.

An area of particular concern in the US is maternal mortality – death related to child birth. In a modern society birthing mothers should not be dying. Nonetheless, maternal mortality in the US is higher than in any of these countries and it has gotten worse. US rates currently are 3X higher than Canada, 4X higher than the UK and 10X higher than Australia.

In some areas US performance is quite good. Outcomes in the treatment of acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), stroke and some types of cancer in the US are significantly better than in comparable countries.

A troubling feature of care in the US is that all too often there is inadequate coordination between different parts of the care system. This leads to inefficiency and often poorer results. To further complicate the situation, patients, fearing high costs, often put off seeking care. Delayed care increases the risk of both poor outcomes and increased expenditures over the long run.

A contributor to high costs that has gotten relatively little attention is the complexity of US administrative and billing procedures. Providers (physicians, hospitals, therapists, etc.) have to document – and often justify - every service provided. Commonwealth Fund estimates are that administrative outlays account for as much as 1/3 of all health care expenditures. No other comparable country comes close to that rate.

There are differences between countries in patient populations, utilization of technology, etc. Researchers, however, have concluded that the single biggest difference between the US and others is that prices charged in the US are substantially higher.

How did all these problems develop? I believe that a major factor is that we have, with a few exceptions, consistently treated health care as a commodity to be bought and sold in the same manner as other consumer goods. The underlying belief has been that traditional market forces will insure efficiency, effectiveness and cost control. It has not worked.

A clear example of this failure is right here in South Dakota. In eastern South Dakota we have intense competition between two major health systems. Given that, traditional market analysis would predict that our costs would be competitive. The reality is quite the opposite. In November 2022, Forbes magazine listed South Dakota as having the most expensive health care in the nation.

Yes, there is intense competition but it is not focused on price. Competition is primarily on range of services, etc. In fact, some folks fear low cost care will be inferior even though lower cost can be a sign of just the opposite - prompt diagnosis, appropriate intervention and avoidance of complications.

The US population - our families, friends and neighbors – deserve effective and efficient health care delivered at an affordable cost. We clearly are not there. We need careful analysis coupled with serious policy discussions free of the polemics which tend to dominate today's discussions. We have a long way to go. But, it is important that we start.

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