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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.

Duerre is MS/HS special ed teacher



Chantel Duerre, the new middle school / high school special education teacher, is originally from Wallace, SD, a small town twenty miles south of Webster. "I graduated from Florence High School, which is close to Watertown," Duerre explained.

"My husband, our 18-month-old daughter, and I now live south of Bristol on my husband's 7th generation farm," she smiled. "For the last two years, I taught in Britton, but this is much closer to where we live."

"Since I'm also a farmer's wife, I do frequently help him on the farm with the crops and with various animals," Duerre

listed.

"After I graduated from high school, I attended college at Black Hills State University in Spearfish where I received my Bachelor's Degree," Duerre stated.

"When I was in high school, I was able to work in a program called 'Classroom Experience,'" she explained. "I worked with younger students who struggle with their school work."

"I actually decided to major in Special Education because of this experience," Duerre smiled. "Besides that my high school principal told me that he thought I'd be good at it!"

"I'm anxious to start teaching here and getting to know my new students,"

She admitted. "I'm always pleased that I can be of help to students with their individual work."

- Dorene Nelson



An 80-year old landmark was removed last week. These pictures were taken by Joe Foertsch as he tore down and removed the structure for Larry Schelle.

Dress-up Day Themes for Homecoming Week Next Week Homecoming Theme: Cities

	MS/HS.....	Elementary
Monday:	Pajama Day.....	Pajama Day
Tuesday:	Nursing Home.....	Inside Out Day
Wednesday:	Camo vs. Pink.....	Sports/Jersey Day
Thursday:	Class Color Day	Neon Day
Friday:	Spirit Day.....	Spirit Day



GHS Homecoming Candidates

Front Row left to right: Hannah Monson, Anna Fjeldheim, Sydney Leicht, Carly Guthmiller, Emma Schinkel Back Row left to right: Layne Hanson, Dillon Abeln, Logan Ringgenberg, Colby Dunker, Holden Sippel

Coronation will be held at 7:30pm on September 11, 2023, in the Groton Area High School Gym. (Photo courtesy Brenda Madsen)

Weekly Vikings Recap - 53 Man Roster Review and Week 1 Preview

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Final 53-Man Roster is Set

It was a busy week for the Minnesota Vikings, as the team had to trim the roster down to the final 53 spots before the Tuesday deadline. For the first time in many years, the Vikings decided to keep three quarterbacks on the roster: Kirk Cousins, Nick Mullens, and Jaren Hall. The decision to keep Hall on the active roster might be evidence that the Vikings think he may have long-term potential to be a starting quarterback in this league.

What was also unique about the final 53-man roster for the Vikings was the fact that three undrafted rookies made the final cut: Andre Carter II, Ivan Pace Jr., and NaJee Thompson. Pace and Thompson were not surprises for many as they shined throughout training camp and preseason. Both seem poised to be major contributors to the Vikings this season, Pace as the potential starting linebacker next to Jordan Hicks, and Thompson as the team's best special teams player. On the other hand, it was a bit of a surprise that Carter made the final roster. Although the Vikings invested a lot of money signing him as an undrafted rookie after the draft, Carter was a relatively quiet player throughout training camp and preseason. Despite his lack of early success, the Vikings must look at Carter the same way they do quarterback Jaren Hall, as a long-term investment.

The tough thing every year about the final 53-man roster being announced is how quickly things change the next day. Not only do the Vikings have to release a significant number of players but so does every NFL team. Because of this, a lot of players that the Vikings might covet from other teams become available the following day. To acquire these players, the Vikings need to make even more cuts to players who might have thought they cleared the final hurdle and had a spot on the final roster. For this year, Jalen Reagor was that guy as the Vikings released him on Wednesday to make room for running back Myles Gaskin. Reagor's short tenure with the Vikings is officially over as he cleared waivers and signed with the New England Patriots.

The Vikings made another move on Wednesday by signing offensive tackle David Quisenberry. However, unlike the Gaskin move, no Vikings player needed to be released for this move as the Vikings placed Kene Nwangwu on the injured reserve to make room. Nwangwu will miss the first four weeks of the Vikings season and Ty Chandler will take over kick returning duties in his absence.

TJ Hockenson Extension

In other news, the Vikings finally reached an agreement on a contract extension with star

tight end, TJ Hockenson. The final terms of the contract come out to be a 4-year, \$68.5 million contract, with \$42.5 million guaranteed. Hockenson's \$17.125 million annual average salary makes him the highest-paid tight end in NFL history. This was an important move for the Vikings as Kirk Cousins' productivity last year jumped up immensely after the Hockenson trade. With Jefferson likely to be extended here soon, the Vikings will have two superstar pass-catchers locked up for many years to come. If and when the Vikings decide to move on from Cousins and go with a younger quarterback, that quarterback's job will be a lot easier with the talent that this Vikings team has on offense.

Week 1 Preview

The Vikings will open the regular season next Sunday against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Buccaneers, who lost Tom Brady this offseason, now have Baker Mayfield leading them as the starting quarterback and seem determined to begin a rebuild. The Vikings are currently 6-point favorites over the Buccaneers and will need to secure a win in these easy games if they want to repeat as NFC North champions this year. Let's just hope the game is a little less stressful than all the games last year were.

They're eating your lunch

I doubt many of us consider what Labor Day is about or think about what the labor movement did to build the middle class. It astonishes me that people who've unwittingly benefitted from unions spend so much time demonizing them. Government statistics will tell you that a union worker's family gets 10-15% higher wages, and they bring non-union members along. Divided we fall.

Some of my proudest moments have come from my brothers, one of who helped unionize Wall Street Journal print plants, the other who was active in a teachers union, trying to bring a measure of financial and workplace respect to these valuable public services. As goes education, so goes our country.

I search and can't find a political memory from my middle class upbringing. Six kids. A father who in some ways I think worked himself to death. To this day, I don't know how my parents voted. But we learned through their example to do the right thing and to stick up for "the little guy."

There's a split in America between political parties but the vast majority—the workers in these parties—are fighting the wrong fight. Slowly but surely, the rewards for their labors have been appropriated by ever-increasing consolidated monopolies. Powerful companies who lobby to strengthen their position and profits.

We've seen immense tax cuts for corporations and the wealthiest families which puts pressure on the safety nets that help the poor, sick, and elderly. It's like clockwork. Big tax cuts, a deficit, and then an attack of Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare, programs



That's Life

by Tony Bender

that the wealthy don't care about because they don't need them.

They've got the clout to manipulate the system. When the corrupt investment banking industry nearly destroyed the global economy with a manipulated housing bubble, taxpayers bailed them out. The very taxpayers who lost homes in the Great Recession. Investment banks—not the small town banks on Main Street who traditionally build communities—got bigger and more profitable. They defrauded the country en masse. One, just one, banker went to jail.

There's been attrition, and anyone with kids just starting out, understands that this generation has it tougher. College loans are predatory. College educations out of reach for many. We'll bail out criminal bankers but not students. Families are working multiple jobs for less and are losing ground. The percentage of American adults who live in middle-income households decreased from 61% in 1971 to 51% in 2019. The trend continues.

According to Pew Research, "From 2007 to 2016, the median net worth of the richest 20% increased 13%, to \$1.2 million. For the top 5%, it increased by 4%, to \$4.8 million. In contrast, the net worth of families in lower tiers of wealth decreased by at least 20% from 2007 to 2016. The greatest loss – 39% – was experienced by the families in the second quintile of wealth, whose wealth fell from \$32,100 in 2007 to \$19,500 in 2016." Today, the top 1% has an annual income of \$43 million, 1,807 times more than the bottom 20%.

The last time that happened was in the Gilded Age. Trust-busting and unions helped level the playing field and ushered in the middle class. But, once again, the deck is systematically stacked against "the little guy." Globally, 81 billionaires own half of the wealth. Half. And they're paying just 4¢ in taxes on the dollar.

That kind of imbalance is unnatural in any eco-financial system and it creates infighting. The thing is though, we've got distracted, ill-informed working families fighting over the last cookie. I don't know how long Americans will be placated by big screens and cell phones before they realize that what's good for billionaires isn't necessarily good for them. It ain't trickling down, folks.

Warren Buffett pointed out that the system is rigged in such a way that his secretary pays a larger percentage of her income in taxes than he does.

There's abundance enough, but greed has created classes of economic slaves and economic royalty. Hamsters on a treadmill too busy and distracted to understand that their rainbow flag flying neighbor isn't the problem. They're not the ones eating your lunch. Heck, if you're sick, they'll bring you a hot dish.

People are generally good. Our differences are artificially amplified in the media. We need to remember that we don't inhabit that big-screen hyperbolic world. Our reality is the neighborhood, the grocery store, and the pantry. It's not about hard and fast economic theories—capitalism, socialism, or any other "ism." It's about the human condition. About fairness.

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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

Trump Use of Scottsboro Boys Case Inapt and Reckless

Former President Donald Trump's invocation of the landmark Supreme Court ruling in the Scottsboro Boys cases (1931), as justification for delaying his trial on charges related to the subversion of the 2020 federal election, was sharply rejected by the federal court as inapt and by a retired state judge as "stunningly stupid."

Trump's lawyer had urged U.S. Federal District Judge Tanya Chutkan to set the 45th president's trial for April 2026. In a brief submitted to the court, it was argued that an earlier date would

deny Trump's defense team sufficient time to prepare for trial and cited the infamous racially charged cases, now nearly a century old.

The cases were grounded in racism. Nine Black youths, ages 9-12, were arrested near Scottsboro, Alabama, on what turned out to be false charges that they had raped two white women traveling on a freight train in March of 1931. The nine were hastily indicted and the nine trials were completed in a single day. On the day of the trial, an attorney appeared on behalf of the defendants but told the court he would not represent them. At that point, the trial judge told the attorneys gathered in the courtroom that they should represent the young boys. Only two attorneys were willing to represent the accused, but they had no time to investigate the case and met with their clients for just 30 minutes before the trials began. Eight of the defendants were convicted and sentenced to death by the electric chair, while the ninth, a juvenile, was saved by a hung jury.

On appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice George Sutherland, speaking for a 7-2 majority, held that the convictions of the Scottsboro Boys would have to be overturned under the 14th Amendment's Due Process Clause. Sutherland said that states were required to ensure fair trials for criminal defendants and that the right to counsel was essential to a fair trial, at least when the accused are indigents. The Court held for first time that the failure of Alabama to appoint legal counsel to represent the indigents denied them their right to a fair trial.

To be clear, the Court did not hold in *Powell v. Alabama*, the first of the notorious Scottsboro cases, that the Sixth Amendment right to counsel was applicable to the states. That ruling would not be declared

until the Court's landmark decision in *Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963). In *Powell*, the Court rendered a narrower ruling: that the 14th Amendment's Due Process Clause requires a fair trial for criminal defendants, and that in some cases a fair trial requires appointment of legal counsel for the defendant.

The invocation of *Powell* by Trump's attorney aimed to prevent a hastily arranged trial, one that proceeded, as did the trial of the Scottsboro Boys cases, "with the haste of the mob."

Judge Chutkan shot that argument out of the air and rejected the false equivalencies of the circumstances that faced the defendants 100 years apart. Chutkan made patently clear that there was no similarity between the Alabama case and Trump's case. She noted, in response to Trump's attorney, that the Scottsboro Boys were surrounded by a large, hostile crowd, that their trial began a mere six days after indictment, and that their due process rights were violated by "lack of reasonable time and opportunity to secure counsel." The defendants, moreover, were "incapable of adequately making their own defense." To make matters worse, they faced at trial a series of all-White juries.

Unlike the Alabama youths, Trump is not young, not an indigent and not incapable of providing his own defense. Trump, rather, is a man with great resources and considerable experience with civil suits and criminal trials. He is, moreover, not a young Black man facing an all-white jury seething with anger. As Judge Chutkan stated, Trump is surrounded by a "team of zealous, experienced attorneys and has the resources necessary to efficiently review the discovery and investigate."

The reference to the Scottsboro Boys case was reckless and must have been offensive to the presiding judge. Some observers have noted that the reference to *Powell* was less an argument to the law court and more an appeal to the court of public opinion.

Eventually, Alabama dropped the rape charges against five of the falsely accused defendants. A sixth defendant was granted a pardon from Gov. George Wallace in 1976. The state board of pardons issued posthumous pardons to the three other Scottsboro Boys who had not received a pardon or a reversal of their convictions.

The Scottsboro boys were saved from the electric chair, but they spent much of their lives in a prison cell, and never recovered from the ordeal. Scholars have justly referred to their cases as an American tragedy.

City Council reviews projects: pickleball court, signage at swimming pool, sewer system

by Elizabeth Varin

While some repairs are in the works at the pickleball court near the swimming pool, some are concerned that it may not be enough.

The City Council discussed repairs made near the court, including replacement of a fence, banners on the swimming pool fence and pickleball court fixes.

The pickleball court itself has had cracks form in the concrete, and the company that built it was brought in to fix those issues.

"With the repairs they've done, I'm happy with most of them," said Councilman Brian Bahr. "But I walked around, and there are some cracks they haven't addressed. ..."

"I think what they're doing is pretty good, but they've got to address these," he said.

More concerns were brought up about banners that had to be moved after winds damaged one of the fences there.

Mayor Scott Hanlon said he's had some people ask about the signs that are now on the fence between the pool and Main Street. Some said they would like the banners moved and some want them to stay.

Councilwoman Karyn Babcock said she sees both sides. Some like the banners on the fence as it provides some privacy for those at the pool. However, some residents near the pool don't want to see those banners every day.

"If it was me, and I lived on that side where I had to look at those signs, I feel like I'd have billboards out my window," Babcock said.

The fence wasn't put there to be a billboard, she said. It's something the city is making money on by having the banners on display.

"Why can't we put them back where they were?" she asked.

There wouldn't be enough room on the new fence next to the pickleball courts to have all of the banners, Hanlon said. And the banners can't be placed in two rows like before as it creates a problem with the wind.

Councilman Jason Wambach said no matter where the banners end up being placed, they don't need to be as big as they are now. If the signs aren't on the fence between the pool and Main Street, what options would the city have for a privacy fence, he asked.

Babcock said there are likely some options, but it would make more sense for those who have reached out with concerns about the banners to go to the council meeting and express their concerns there. That way those questions could be discussed.

In addition to fencing concerns, some have asked about having an indoor pickleball court to utilize in the winter, Babcock said. They had asked about using the community center, but the ceiling is too low.

Having a pickleball court option indoor would make for a nice winter sports option, she added.

"Shoveling is a nice winter sport too," joked Hanlon.

Bahr said the best option he could see would be the elementary school gymnasium.

Sewer system upgrades needed

Another project that may take center stage soon is updates to the city's waste water system.

Improvements to the system are going to have to come before the city can look at any new housing projects, Waterworks Superintendent Dwight Zerr.

The city will also have to push to enforce the new sump pump policy to keep the sewer system from being overwhelmed, he said. Even one house pumping water from sump pumps into the sewer system can have an impact.

"It's affecting not just you," he said. "It's affecting everyone in town."

The city will need to look at possible funding sources to upgrade the sewer system, Zerr told the board. The state sent two letters to the city this year of incidents where the city's

system was out of compliance. That could be explained by some of the big storms this past year, but the federal Environmental Protection Agency is pushing the state to enforce regulations more strictly.

"Eventually, we're going to have to spend some money," he said.

In other action:

- No decision came about whether to have more trees planted in the boulevard. The council discussed whether to have more trees planted in the public spaces between roadways and private property lots in town. The city will look into what other towns allow for trees before creating a policy. Some cities, like Aberdeen, have a list of acceptable trees for boulevards. The Aberdeen list includes Northern Catalpa, Common Hackberry, Northern Acclaim Honeylocust, Shademaster Honeylocust, Skyline Honeylocust, Ohio Buckeye, Kentucky Coffeetree, Northern Pin Oak, Ironwood, Quaking Aspen, Bur Oak, American Linden, Accolade Elm, Princeton Elm, Autumn Gold Ginkgo and Emerald Lustre Maple.

- Discussion about the airport and the park saferoom was postponed as no updates were available.

- The council approved transferring \$300,000 from the electric account to two other city budget line items. A total of \$237,500 will go into debt service and \$62,500 will go into the airport line item. The transfer won't affect any department, but is more of a way to clean up the city's books, said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich.

- The city will accept sealed bids for a list of items declared surplus. That includes three booster pumps, 42-inch zero-turn mowers, a 1988 GMC Sierra single-axle truck and a 1940s Allis Chalmers Blade.

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 The Lease will be for a two-year period commencing November 1, 2023, and terminating October 31, 2025. Payment of rent will be due each year, one-half on April 1, and one-half on September 1. The first payment would be due April 1, 2024.
 Questions or requests for further information or mailed bids should be directed to the City Finance Office, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.
 The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD. The City further reserves the right to terminate their lease or any part thereof if the land will be needed for non-farm or municipal use. Rent per acre would then be reduced accordingly.
 Exact acreage will be determined by ASC Office determination.
 September 5, 2023
 Douglas J. Heinrich
 Finance Officer
 City of Groton, SD
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Westport Town Water/Sewer Rate Resolution
 RESOLUTION #2023-17
 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH NEW WATER/ SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF WESTPORT, SD.
 WHEREAS, the current water rates are not sufficient enough to cover the cost of distributing water and provide for upgrade of the water delivery infrastructure. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Westport City Council for Westport, South Dakota, that water/sewer rates for all residential and commercial users shall be as follows:
 Each consumer shall pay a minimum charge of \$45.00 dollars per month base fee. Water used during such month shall be at the rate of \$7.90 per one thousand (1,000) gallons and the overage rate is \$13.00 for over 12,000 gallons used.
 Those consumers that have a hook up to the city water, but it is not currently using, will continue to pay and inactive fee of \$42.00 a month.
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these water rates shall go into effect payable October 1st, 2023
 Dated this 8th day of August, 2023.
 Mitchell Wilson, Board President
 Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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Brown County Sippel Rezone Approved (#251)
 NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #251
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
 Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #251, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by John Sippel was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 29th of August 2023 and will become effective on the 26th of September 2023.
 BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by John Sippel is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use:
 Lot 1 & Lot 2, "First Subdivision of Sippel's Outlot 1" in the NE ¼ of Section 34-T124N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12905 & 12909 404th Avenue, Putney Twp.).
 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.
 Passed and adopted this 29th day of August 2023.
 Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
 ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
 Notice of Hearing: August 2, 2023
 First Reading: August 15, 2023
 Second Reading/Adoption: August 29, 2023
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 Lot 1 & Lot 2, "Odland's First Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 12-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37970 & 37982 132nd Street, Mercier Twp.).
 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.
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Brown County Truck Scale Bid Notice
 SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL
 BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
 TRUCK SCALE REPLACEMENT, A-9079
 The Brown County Board of Commissioners will receive sealed bids for their Landfill Truck Scale Replacement project until Tuesday, September 19, 2023 until 8:45 AM in the Commissioner's Chambers at the Brown County Court House located at 25 Market Street in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Sealed bids may be sent to the Brown County Auditor at 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401 prior to the letting, or hand delivered at the address stated above immediately preceding the bid opening. Received sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Brown County Commissioner's Chamber at the above-mentioned time.
 Bids are invited upon the items and approximate quantities of work as follows:
 Base Bid - Truck Scale Replacement
 Approximately: 1 L.S. Mobilization, 70'x 11' Portable Scale, Refurbishment of Existing Scale.
 The complete set of Contract Documents, including 11" x 17" paper drawings and specifications, is on file with the Brown County Auditor and/or at the office of Helms and Associates, 416 Production Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of Helms and Associates. Plans and specifications may be obtained upon payment to Helms and Associates in the amount of \$100.00 for shipping and handling. Please state quantity documents requested. Plans and specifications may also be downloaded from the Helms and Associates web site upon a one-time payment of \$20.00. The web site is located at <http://www.helmsengineering.com/biddocs.html>. All payments are nonrefundable. Additionally, upon request, in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law 5-18B-1, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project.
 In addition to all of the above listed Federal requirements for work on this project, compliance with the contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, Executive Order 11375, Copeland Act, the Clean Air Act, and Water Pollution Control Act, and subsequent amendments to all of the above will be required of contractors and/or subcontractors performing work on this project.
 Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bank draft payable to the order of Brown County, South Dakota in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. A bid bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid will be accepted in lieu of a certified check or bank draft. Surety for bid bond must be authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota.
 Bids may be held by Brown County Commissioners, for a period of not more than thirty (30) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids, investigating the qualifications of the bidders and completing financial arrangements prior to awarding the Work. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding.
 By: Lynn Heupel
 Lynn Heupel, Auditor
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Brown County Aug. 29, 2023 Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 29, 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, Sutton, and Wiese. Commissioner Gage was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Sutton.

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

ORDINANCE #255 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #255 to amend portions of Title 4 Zoning, Chapter 4.14, "Highway Commercial District (HC)" and Chapter 4.15, "Light Industrial District (LI)". The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning & Zoning Office during regular business hours. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #251 – SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #251. Applicant John Sippel to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels 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 – SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #252. Applicant Jerry & Connie Drees to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels 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 – SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim seconded by Dennert to adopt Ordinance #253. Applicant Carey & Sonya Nilsson to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 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 NE 1/4 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 – SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #254. Applicant William O. Edwards to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Proposed Lot 1, "Sumption-Edwards Addition" in the N 1/2 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.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG): Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 2024 LEMPG Agreement. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY – WEB WATER: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve application, submitted by Web Water for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #16 in Section 19-T122-R62 of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD to provide potable water line services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE CULVERTS OFF BEADLE COUNTY BID: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent would like to recommend buying culverts off the Beadle County

Bid, they hadn't purchased any for year because of pricing so they used other materials. For the Elm Lake project they purchased culverts but will be reimbursed by the State. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Highway Department to purchase culverts from TrueNorth Steel off the Beadle County Bid (Bid in its entirety is on file in the Auditor's Office). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave a department update. He is moving along with FEMA and planning on site visits next Tuesday. County Rd. 16B is still under water, have 60 days for it to come out of water the James River did drop 8 inches this week; County Rd 25 is out of the water; they are looking at different mitigation programs for Hall Crossing that will be 75-100% paid for – Commissioner Fjeldheim asked if they have ever looked at expanding or widening the narrow channel, Dirk stated that is something they could explore; paving 2 miles on County Rd 18 south of Houghton then will chip seal; have more clean-up at Elm Lake but it got too wet; then go back to paving on Co. Rd. 16. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked how County Rd. 5 was looking, Dirk stated it was going okay, there was some concern about it being laid in one lift compared to two. Dirk says as long as they get their compaction, he is okay with one lift. Dirk commented it was tested, and it is meeting the requirements, but he feels it should be smoother. Dirk is planning on doing more micro-surfacing in the future but will be determined by the Economy. He prefers that whether it is the County or another contractor doing the work, it is the same ones that does the prep work and the paving. Commissioner Wiese shared that he has been questioned about 12W, so just wondering what the future plans are on 12W; Dirk stated it will be in the 5-year plan. Commissioner Dennert questioned if anything had been done on County Rd. 16 north of Bath, yet because he had received another message on it – Dirk said they looked at it but wasn't sure if anything had been done yet, he will follow-up on that. Commissioner Sutton shared that he had a request to lower the Speed Limit on the curve east of Wylie, Dirk said he looked at that but wasn't sure what this would accomplish but he will look at it again.

Dirk Rogers asked for an Executive Session for Personnel and Contracts. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Contracts. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

FAIR CONTRACT: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager met with the Commission asking them to terminate the remainder of the contract with Winterset Concert Events, LLC per a recommendation from the Brown County Fair Board. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to send a letter to Winterset Concert Events, LLC to terminate the remainder of the contract. All members present voting aye.

Rachel then asked for approval of new request for proposals and authorize advertising with September 19th as the day for opening them because a lot of artists are booking a year in advance. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize advertising request for proposals for Entertainment Consultant for the Brown County Fair for years 2024, 2025 and 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Rachel stated she will have a Fair report in the next couple of weeks. Chairman Sutton stated job well done again and to thank the Fair Board and all her staff for a job well done.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of August 22, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Claims/Payroll:

Claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$135.09; Dakota Portable Toilets, Inc \$20,000.00; Lincoln County Treasurer \$828.37; Lucy Lewno \$170.00; Lumen \$227.80; Mark

Katterhagen \$18.00; Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association \$1,200.00; TMS Production Integration \$7,799.09; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$49,733.00; Valerie J Larson \$18.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$175.00. Publishing: Aberdeen Community Concert Association \$125.00; GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc \$456.25; Geffdog Designs \$1,720.00; Groton Daily Independent \$148.27; Midstates Group \$3,412.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Hase Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc \$9,759.00; Hub City Roofing Inc \$790.00; JGE, Inc \$2,081.20; Ken's Alignment \$123.64; Kirk's Auto Repair \$60.88; Lien Transportation Company \$814,707.48; NESD Specialized Washing, LLC \$280.00; Newman Signs, Inc \$13.66; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$42.40; Sewer Duck, Inc \$295.00; Wooden Mallet Custom LLC \$545.00; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$1,447.86. Supplies: A-1 Locksmithing \$38.00; Aberdeen Swim Club \$200.00; Century Business Products \$625.61; Chris Anderson \$7.35; Dacotah Prairie Museum \$18.24; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc. \$94.28; Farm Power Mfg. \$36.65; Interior Design Concepts \$42.14; JGE, Inc \$220.84; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$512.60; Lucy Lewno \$6.60; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$44.97; Menards \$699.14; Newman Signs, Inc \$205.04; PharmChem, Inc \$663.35; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc \$905.13; Runnings \$3.87; Shagan Pit \$480.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$36.32; Veterans Information Service \$65.00. Utilities: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$28.91; Northwestern Energy \$6,132.38; Verizon Wireless \$125.43. Others: SD Dept of Public Safety \$6,667.15.

Payroll: Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,402.03; SA \$35,418.70; Maintenance \$9,011.25; DOE \$14,879.22; ROD \$9,932.80; VSO \$4,254.10; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$8,974.46; HR \$4,698.75; Sheriff \$46,861.06; Jail \$59,168.10; Coroner \$613.60; Ct. Security \$6,880.03; JDC/HD \$25,958.58; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$11,658.37; Parks/FG \$10,482.64; Fair \$41,332.53; 4-H \$3,809.83; Weed \$5,665.65; P&Z \$7,287.88; Hwy. \$53,088.97; Dispatch \$37,374.94; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,704.92; Landfill \$16,636.58; SDRS Pay-out \$4,049.50. Matching Benefits: FICA \$27,331.58; Medicare \$6,392.03; Discovery_HSA \$1,483.93; Health Insurance Wellmark BCBS \$124,666.22; Dental Insurance_Delta \$8,490.84; Life Insurance_Dearborn \$1,023.74; Retirement_SDRS \$54,190.01. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge & approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

Acknowledge:
Transfer of Denica Walker from Brown County Jail Detention Officer to Brown County JDC Detention Officer, FT; effective August 20, 2023.

Employment ending for McKayla Hauck, Brown County Museum Intern; effective August 18, 2023; Anna Johnson Brown County 4-H Intern, effective August 20, 2023.

Approve:
Hiring of Megan Bierman as Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT; starting wage \$21.72/hour - effective August 28, 2023; Randy Zens as Brown County Assistant Building Maintenance Superintendent, FT; starting wage \$28.49/hour - effective August 29, 2023.

Reclassification of Weed & Pest Technician from Grade 14 to Grade 15.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following abatements for Tax Year 2023: Zane Fees, Parcel # 6150 \$61.81; Lisa Howard-Dennert, Parcel #1215 \$15.63 and Parcel # 1211 \$13.24. For Tax Year 2022: Zane Fees, Parcel #6150 refund for \$114.77; Lisa Howard-Dennert, Parcel #1215 refund for \$15.57 and Parcel #1211 refund for \$13.18. For Tax Year 2021: Zane Fees, Parcel # 6150 refund for \$74.22; Lisa Howard-Dennert, Parcel #1215 refund for \$16.21 and Parcel #1211 refund for \$13.73. For Tax Year 2020: Zane Fees, Parcel #6150 refund for \$53.61; Lisa Howard-Dennert, Parcel #1215 refund for \$16.41 and Parcel #1211 refund for

\$13.89. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AMENDED AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 2023: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the amended Auditor's Report of Accounts of June 2023 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$23,950,606.14; Total Savings Account Balances \$2,825,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$5,479,550.72; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$32,263,304.28. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$19,730,033.07; Road & Bridge Fund \$2,067,690.66; Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$423,243.27; 911 Service \$954,414.81; Emergency & Disaster \$128,938.86; Domestic Abuse \$1,258.50; Teen Court \$0.00; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$49,201.10; Truancy Court \$212.59; Richmond Youth Camp \$0.00; 24/7 Sobriety \$18,591.59; ROD M&P \$94,253.16; American Rescue Plan Federal Grant \$0.00; Rural Access Infrastructure \$295,534.81; TIF Debt Service \$25,962.07; Landfill + cash change \$4,286,296.58; Landfill - restricted \$1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds \$2,787,158.66; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$32,263,304.28. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel. Legal 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 Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:02 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Entertainment Consultants

NOTICE TO ENTERTAINMENT CONSULTANTS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M on September 19, 2023, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project – Entertainment Consulting and Buying Services for the grandstand entertainment in years 2024, 2025, and 2026 at the Brown County Fair located on the Brown County Fairground, 400 24th Ave NW, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope.

"Brown County Fair Entertainment Consultant" to be opened on September 19, 2023.

CONTRACT: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Website Brown.SD.US; Brown County Fair Office 400 24th Ave NW Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. PHONE: 605-626-7116, Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. Phone: 605-626-7110. and obtained at no charge.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Unclaimed Property

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that Brown County may have funds that are owed to the following individuals or business: Jenna Williams; Cathy Kaderabek; Lincoln Reidburn; Sophia Lenter; Josie Gorecki; Eli Regula; Jonathan Hillestad; Lauren Mitchener; Mathew Rombs; Todd Bain; Avera St. Luke's; Gary Sundermeyer; Isaac Fromm; Cade Rindels;

Karly Allison; Tucker Giesen; William Brown; Terry Salfrank; Austin Neilan; Kari Foss; Lucas Litchfield; Randy Bonn; Sarah Dinger; Steven Larson; Tracy Klein; Wooden Mallet Custom, LLC; Dawson Anderson.

For more information, contact Brown County Auditor's Office at 605-626-7110 – 25 Market St., Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Attest: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Full time shift supervisor opening at Ken's Food Fair, Groton SD.

Looking for a hard working self motivated individual with leadership skills and willing to take on responsibilities.

Pay will depend on experience. Benefits available will discuss at interview.

Apply at Ken's in Groton SD.

HELP WANTED: R P & H, INC., Reliance, SD is looking for equipment layers, pipe layers, and laborers. Wages \$20+ Please call Gale at 605-730-1119 or email rphincsd@yahoo.com.

OAHE GRAIN CORPORATION in Onida, SD is looking for yard help. Dumping trucks, loading rail cars and trucks, drying grain. Wages DOE. Will train. Great equipment & work atmosphere. Health insurance, 401k program & profit sharing. Call 605-258-2811 ask for Tim or Bryan.

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Tina, Jeslyn and Paul Kosel attended the graduation ceremony of Julianna Kosel at the Paul Mitchell the School in Rapid City, on August 30th.



Julianna Kosel completed her 1,500 hours of Cosmetology Course at Paul Mitchell the School in Rapid City. A graduation ceremony was held Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the school. In addition to the course, she was involved in two clubs at the school. The Be Nice Club is a club they can join that promotes the Paul Mitchell Be Nice Culture by FUNraising for local charities, doing inclusive activities inside the school to promote a welcoming/supportive environment for all students/staff, or doing community projects outside of school to bring our community together or to help raise awareness by offering needed items to those in need in our community.

Julianna was also a member of the John Paul Mitchell Club. It is a club that helps raise funds or gather item donations for the animals in need in local community!

Julianna Kosel completes Cosmetology Course



Groton Area boys soccer at number six

Groton Area boys soccer team moved up to number six with a 4-3 win over Dakota Valley. The game was played Friday at Dakota Valley. Jacob Zak and Braxton Imrie each had two goals

Girls Soccer remains at number two

Groton Area girls soccer team handed Dakota Valley its second loss of the season with 2-0 win. The game was played at Dakota Valley. Brooklyn Hansen scored off of a corner kick from Kennedy Hansen in the first half. Kennedy Hansen scored in the second half off of a corner kick. Groton Area remains at the number two spot in the seeding behind Tea Area. Tea Area plays more AA schools; thus, have more points despite playing fewer games so far.

Mitchell hands girls soccer team first loss, boys lose in close game

The Groton Area soccer teams went to Mitchell on Monday where the home team won both game. Mitchell won the girls game, 3-0, and the boys game, 4-2. It was the first loss for the girls team this year. Three teams in the girls division now all have one loss: Tea Area, Groton Area, Dakota Valley and Sioux Falls Christian.



Whatever it takes!!!

Doug Sippel was gracious enough to allow the GDILIVE crew to use the back of his pickup to set up shop for livestreaming the football game Friday in Waubay. They were up on a hill and had a great vantage point. Mike Nehls, on the tailgate, did the play-by-play, Jeslyn Kosel ran the camera and Paul Kosel tried to keep everything going. Believe it or not, this is the ninth season of GDILIVE.COM. (Photo courtesy Doug Sippel)

Gilbert wins JV race at Redfield

The Groton Area cross country team took part in its first meet at Redfield where Rylee Gilbert won the junior varsity girls race. She took first place with a time of 12:23.33; Sydney Holmes was 19th with a time of 14:07.11, Rylie Rose was 37th with a time of 15:25.02 and Emily Clark was 55th with a time of 18:31.21. Overall, Groton Area placed sixth in a field of 10 teams.

In the boys junior varsity race, Tristin McGannon placed 18th with a time of 12:13.30; Kason Oswald was 66th with a time of 15:37.64 and Logan Clocksene was 68th with a time of 19:38.05.

Four boys ran the 5K varsity event with Jayden Schwan placing 71st with a time of 22:12.84; Gavin Kroll was 73rd with a time of 22:27.90; Nathan Unzen was 79th with a time of 23:08.67; and Garrett Schultz was 85th with a time of 25:42.61.

Groton Chamber of Commerce

September 6, 2023

- Individuals present: Kellie Locke, Doug Heinrich, Carol Kutter, Ashley Bentz, and Katelyn Nehlich
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Heinrich and seconded by Bentz. All members voted aye.
- Treasurer's report was given. Dacotah Bank checking account balance is \$33,741.58. \$1,644 is currently in the Chamber Bucks account. Report was approved by Locke and seconded by Heinrich. All members voted aye.
- Correspondence was received from J&J Magnet that included magnets for disbursement.
- The rack card Facebook post winner of \$50 in Chamber Bucks was Amara Graff.
- Family Fun Fest has been moved to September 8, 2023, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm on Main Street. Lakeview Farms will be in attendance, so reimbursement is not necessary.
- Brief discussion took place regarding benches on Main Street. Further discussion was tabled.
- Discussion took place regarding the use of the Chamber banner at future events, including the upcoming Family Fun Fest.
- Further discussion regarding fundraising for the future park bathrooms will take place at later meetings as the City Council finalizes the details of the project.
- Advertisement for winter events in GDI was approved on a motion by Nehlich and seconded by Bentz.
- Motion by Heinrich and seconded by Nehlich to renew the Glacial Lakes & Prairies Tourism City Membership for 2024 at a rate of \$360.00. All members voted aye.
- Motion by Locke and seconded by Bentz to advertise three times (3x) in the South Dakota Magazine at a rate of \$895.00 per advertisement for a 1/2 page. All members voted aye.
- 6 new shirts for Chamber Board members have arrived from Geffdog at a total of \$196.89.
- Discussion took place regarding the south Main Street sign repair. Will refer to Topper for further information.
- Motion by Heinrich and seconded by Nehlich to approve a \$300.00 donation to PumpkinFest. All members voted aye.
- Locke will reach out to new cosmetologists at Lavish Luxury.
- Cassie's Confectionology and Connected Couriers would like to wait until October for the welcome to allow additional time for them to get set up.
- The Chamber letter for 2024 will be discussed at the next Chamber meeting on October 4, 2023.
- Next Meeting: October 4, 2023, at City Hall at 12:00pm (BYOL).

Varsity netters take down Webster in three sets

Groton's areas volleyball teams won four of the matches Tuesday at Webster.

The seventh grade team won, 25-15 and 25-18, the eighth grade team won, 25-20 and 25-11, the C team lost, 19-25, 25-18 and 10-15, the junior varsity team won, 25-12 and 25-10, and the varsity team won, 25-23, 25-12 and 25-14.

The varsity team had 35 kills towards its 75 points as Anna Fjeldheim led the Tigers with 11 kills, Sydney Leicht had nine kills, one assisted block, one ace serve and 16 digs; Faith Traphagen had seven kills and one assisted block, Lydia Meier had six kills and one assisted block, Rylee Dunker had four kills, one assisted block and one ace serve; Carly Guthmiller had four ace serves and 27 digs and Elizabeth Fliehs had two kills.

The first set was tied 12 times and there were five lead changes before Groton pulled out the two-point win, 25-23. Carly Guthmiller served for 11 straight points in the second set as the Tigers went on for the 25-12 win. Groton Area had several rallies in the third set for the 25-14 win.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, BK Custom Ts & More, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Full Circle Ag, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency and Locke Electric.

Jaedyn Penning led the Tigers in the junior varsity win with 12 kills while Talli Wright had two kills and four ace serves, Emma Kutter had three kills, Sydney Locke three ace serves, Kella Tracy had two kills, Emerlee Jones and Taryn Traphagen each had a kill and Jerica Locke had an ace serve. The junior varsity match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Adam and Nicole Wright.

- Paul Kosel

Groton City Sept. 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

September 5, 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, Babcock, Wells, Wambach, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, Todd Gay, and Elizabeth Varin.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Babcock to approve the agenda with the removal of park saferoom discussion and first reading of Ordinance No. 770. Furthermore, swimming pool fence/sign discussion was added to the agenda. All members present voted aye.

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

Department reports were reviewed and discussed.

Todd Gay exited the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding upcoming wastewater projects.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Bahr to authorize the following items for surplus: (3) 30hp/1760rpm booster pumps - 230/460 volts, (3) 42" zero-turn mowers w/ blown head gaskets, (1) 1988 GMC Sierra Single Axle Truck w/ 43,600 miles, 5yd box, air brakes, Diesel 8.2 Detroit engine, tail gate sander, & plow, and (1) 1940s Allis Chalmers Blade w/ gas engine. Sealed bids are due by October 3, 2023, by 5:00pm and will be opened that night during the council meeting at 7:00pm. All members present voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of planting new boulevard trees.

Discussion took place regarding the pickleball and basketball court fence and upcoming repairs. Additionally, discussion took place regarding the swimming pool fence and the affixed advertising signs located on the west side.

A brief discussion took place regarding the recent progress at the Groton Municipal Airport.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Babcock to authorize the cash fund transfer of \$62,500.00 to the Airport Fund and \$237,500.00 to the Debt Service Fund from the Electric Fund. All members present voted aye.

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

Moved by Wells and seconded

by Babcock to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Payroll, \$62,417.50, Employee salaries; Executive, \$556.15; Administrative, \$8,855.72; Public Safety, \$9,052.53; Public Works, \$28,267.17; Culture & Recreation, \$15,685.93; Dacotah Bank, \$8,257.22, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$622.90, HSA contributions; NW Energy, \$12.24, Natural gas service - water tower; USPS, \$20.00, Postage due account replenishment; April Abeln, \$134.00, Med flex; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; City of Groton, \$208.99, Family Crisis utility bill assistance; IMEG Corp., \$3,117.50, Engineering services - Water Project; Maguire Iron, \$46,257.50, Pay request #2; Dahme Construction, \$41,839.63, Pay request #5 (final); Dacotah Bank, \$3,170.39, 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; Brian Bahr, \$30.00, Utility deposit refund for Doug Bahr; Groton Area PAC, \$10.00, Refresh of spray paint paw prints at City Hall; Dacotah Bank, \$7,098.16, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$622.90, HSA contributions; US Bank, \$21,275.30, DW #5 loan payment; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; IT Outlet, \$125.00, Troubleshooting of Fortiguard DNS server - City Hall; SD Municipal League, \$125.00, 2023 SDML Annual Conference Registration Fee - City Hall; Irby, Inc., \$10,394.50, Wire, crossarms, insulators, brackets, pulling grips, connectors, clevises, cable protectors, traffic signal lamps, fuse links, tool apron storage module, tool rail storage assembly, c-neck distribution ties, speed stripper, semi-con scorer, open hook module, work tray module - Electric Dept.; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC, \$56.75, Step drill set - Electric Dept.; Runnings Supply Co., \$139.96, Chainsaw chains - Forestry; Jeff's District & Drain Maintenance, \$249.00, Repairs to sewer by warming house; Fliehs Sales & Service, \$20.00, Oil filters for Bobcat mowers - Parks; Metering & Technology Solutions, \$142.84, Communication device for cellular endpoint - Water Dept.; SD Property Management, \$35,000.00,



Jeslyn Kosel snapped this photo of the sunset at the football game Friday night in Waubay.

Netters beat Ipswich

Groton Area's volleyball team won two of three matches Tuesday night in Ipswich with the varsity and junior varsity teams winning.

In the varsity match, it was tied 13 times and there were five lead changes. Groton won, 25-22, 25-16 and 25-20. Groton Area had an 11-point rally in the second set while Ipswich had a seven point rally in the first set.

Anna Fjeldheim led Groton Area with 13 kills, eight digs and one ace serve. Rylee Dunker had six ace serves, two kills and a block. Sydney Leicht had 18 digs, seven kills and an ace serve. Lydia Meier had three kills, Faith Traphagen a kill and a block, Laila Roberts a kill, Carly Guthmiller had three assists and an ace serve and Elizabeth Fliehs had 23 assists.

Ipswich was led by Gabby Wald with six kills and three ace serves, Marley Guthmiller had six kills, Kaylin Onken had two kills and an ace serve, Reagan Bowers had two kills and Natalie Crissman had a kill and an ace.

The varsity match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, BK Custom Ts & More, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Full Circle Ag, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Locke Electric.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-15 and 25-16. Chesney Weber had four kills and two ace serves, Emma Kutter had three kills and a block, Jaedyn Penning had two kills and an ace serve, Jerica Locke had a kill and two ace serves, Kella Tracy had two ace serves, a kill and a block, Sydney Locke had an ace serve and Talli Wright had a kill. The junior varsity match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Weber Landscaping.

Ipswich won the C match, 25-22 and 25-18. Emerlee Jones had six kills and two ace serves, Taryn Traphagen had four kills, Avery Crank had two ace serves, Leah Jones had a kill and Liby Althoff had a kill.

Groton, now 1-1 on the season, will host Sisseton on Thursday with the C match starting at 5 p.m.

- Paul Kosel

2009 Sterling LT9500 truck w/ accessories - Streets; Groton Daily Independent, \$132.29, Publishing fees; SD Department of Health, \$60.00, Pool/water testing; Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc., \$257.28, Repairs to storm siren - Public Safety; NW Energy, \$746.81, Natural gas service - Swimming Pool & PD; Topkote, Inc, \$151,081.36, 2023 Street Resurfacing Project; Dustbusters Enterprises, Inc., \$4,752.00, Application of dustguard for streets; J's Superior Cleaning, \$240.00, Commercial cleaning services - August 2023; RDO Equipment Co., \$31.91, Belt for lawn mower; Aramark, \$58.03, Rug rent; Harry Implement, Inc., \$125.64, Mower blades; Share Corporation, \$289.63, Solvent degreaser - City Shop; Dollar General, \$388.62, Garbage bags, ziplock bags, bug spray, vinegar, WD-40, bottled water, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, tissues, napkins, snacks, disinfectant wipes, candy, coffee, coffee filters, creamer, plates, odor neutralizer, lemonade - Multiple Depts.; Greg's Repair, \$516.17, Repairs to mower tire and PD Tahoe brakes; Darrel's Sinclair, \$34.95, Tire repair on trailer - Baseball; S&S Lumber, \$579.25, Grease, gloves, anchors for drop box, safety pins, hitch pin clips, PVC cap, Plexi-glass, tarp straps, trimmer line, weed & feed, bolts, nuts, washers, hammer, nails, grass seed, screws, spray foam, glue, step ladder, black-top sealer, brush, hose shutoff - Multiple Depts.; Drew Johnson, \$1,730.00, Legal services - August 2023; Allied Climate Professionals, LLC, \$42,224.57, Emergency A/C replacement at City Hall; AutoZone, Inc., \$31.46, Oil filters and oil; A&B Business Solutions, \$360.24, Printer lease - City Hall;

Family Fun Fest will be on September 8, 2023, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm on Main Street.

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

Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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Simon takes seventh at Aberdeen Invite

Groton Area's boys golf team went to Lee Park in Aberdeen on Tuesday. Carter Simon placed seventh with a 76, Brevin Fliehs was 11th with a 77, Logan Pearson was 44th with a 101 and Jace Johnson was 50th with a 103.

Watertown won the team title with a four under par and a team score of 280. After that it was Pierre with 298, Roncalli 310, Aberdeen Central 319, Milbank 340, Groton Area 357, Redfield 376, Aberdeen Central JV 388, Huron 390 and Mobridge-Pollock 407. Sisseton had an incomplete team.

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Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm



SD Jazz Festival Concert
Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 7:30 pm



Shaun Johnson & The Big Band Experience
Thursday, April 25, 2024 - 7:00 pm

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Football: Groton Area 50, Dakota Hills 0

Groton Area Tigers

Rushing: 30 carries for 234
 Korbin Kucker: 7-59, 2 TDs
 Christian Ehresmann: 1-57, 1 TD
 Brevin Flihs: 3-50, 1 TD
 Keegen Tracy: 3-38
 Tristin McGannon: 7-21
 Teylor Diegel: 2-8
 Caden McInerney: 6-7
 Lane Tietz: 1-(-6)

Passing:
 Lane Tietz completed 6 of 8 for 143 yards, 3 TD

Receivers:

Colby Dunker: 2-61, 1 TD
 Teylor Diegel: 1-43, 1 TD
 Keegen Tracy: 2-18
 Bevin Flihs: 1-17, 1 TD

Fumbles: Had 1, lost 0

Penalties: 6 for 35 yards

Defensive Leaders

Logan Ringgenberg: 9 tackles
 Keegen Tracy: 1 Interception
 Lane Tietz: 1 Interception
 Karter Moody: Fumble Recovery
 Christian Ehresmann: Fumble Recovery, 1 sack
 Easton Ekern: 1 sack
 Holden Sippel: 1 sack

Record: 2-1 (NEC: 1-1)

Next Game: Friday host Clark/Willow Lake

Scoring:

First Quarter

6:51: Groton: Korbin Kucker, 3 yard run. PAT: Kucker kick. 7-0
 4:08: Groton: Teylor Diegel, 43 yard pass from Lane Tietz. PAT: Kucker kick. 14-0
 1:16: Groton: Korbin Kucker, 11 yard run. PAT: Kucker kick. 21-0

Second Quarter

6:46: Groton: Brevin Flihs, 17 yard pass from Lane Tietz. PAT: Kucker kick. 28-0
 3:12: Groton: Christian Ehresmann, 57 yard run. PAT: Kucker kick. 35-0
 1:24: Groton: Colby Dunker 27 yard pass from Lane Tietz. PAT: Kucker kick. 42-0

Fourth Quarter

0:44: Groton: Brevin Flihs 27 yard run. PAT: Flihs run 50-0
 Mercy Rule: End of Game

Dakota Hills Grizzlies

Rushing: 15 carries for -16 yards
 Brook Dolen: 1-10
 Linken Niles: 1-5
 Witten Butler: 2-1
 Evan Aker: 6-(-22)
 Dylan Rumpza: 11-18

Passing:

Evan Aker completed 7 of 17 for 101 yards, 2 Int.

Receivers:

Tigh Gaikowski: 5-100
 Jaxen Dockla 1-6
 Witten Butler: 1-(-5)

Fumbles: Had 2, lost 2

Penalties: 1 for 1 yards

Defensive Leaders

Tigh Gaikowski: 8 tackles
 Dylan Rumpza: 6 tackles
 Brooks Dolan: 6 tackles

Record: 0-3

Next Game: at Roncalli

Groton beats Dakota Hills

Groton Area defeated Dakota Hills Friday night in Waubay, 50-0. The Tigers scored 42 points in the first half with the younger players taking to the field in the second half. The final touchdown was scored with 44 seconds left in the game.

Lane Tietz passed for 143 yards and touchdowns with Colby Dunker, Teylor Diegel and Brevin Flihs all scoring from catches. Korbin Kucker scored two touchdowns and kicked all six PATs successfully. Christian Ehresmann and Flihs scored on the run Kucker rushed for 59 yards, Ehresmann for 57 yards and Flihs for 50 yards. Logan Ringgenberg had nine tackles.

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Christian Ehresmann dashes for 57 yards to score. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Colby Dunker gains yards after making the catch. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Lane Tietz had 143 yards passing with three touchdowns for the Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Brevin Flihs finds an opening and dashes to the endzone for the final touchdown of the game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Teylor Diegel makes the catch and then darts for 43 yards to score. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Jerrica Locke
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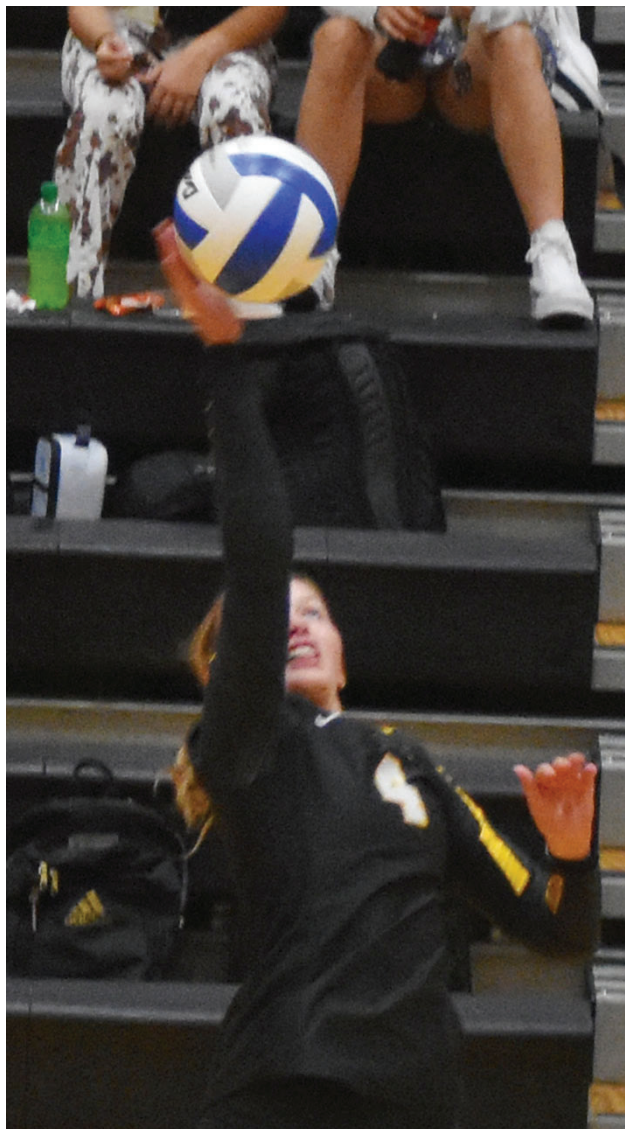
Faith Traphgen
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Laila Roberts
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Carly Guthmiller
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Sydney Leicht
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Anna Fjeldheim and Elizabeth Fliehs
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Rylee Dunker
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Netters have total clean sweep over Sisseton

Groton Area's volleyball teams did not lose a single set to Sisseton in volleyball action played Thursday in Groton.

Groton won the seventh grade match, 25-12 and 25-21, the eighth grade match, 25-16 and 25-20, the C match 25-14 and 25-14, the junior varsity match 25-17 and 25-19, and the varsity match 25-22, 25-18 and 25-20.

In the varsity match, Sisseton controlled most of the first set up until it was 20-14 when Groton Area then scored seven straight points to take the lead, 21-20. The Tigers scored the last two points including the game winning block by Anna Fjeldheim and Faith Traphagen. Sisseton jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second set when Groton Area had to play catch up once again. The Redmen had an 11-8 lead when Groton Area scored four straight points to take the lead, 12-11. The Tigers continued to keep the upper hand for the rest of the set and Carly Guthmiller put the game away for Groton with her ace serve. Groton Area had the momentum on their side going into the third set and took a 3-0 lead and never trailed for the 25-20 win.

Sydney Leicht had 11 kills, four ace serves and 14 digs to lead Groton Area. Anna Fjeldheim had 10 kills, two ace serves, two assists an assisted block and 11 digs. Rylee Dunker had five kills, an ace serve and two solo blocks. Faith Traphagen had five kills and an assisted block. Lydia Meier had six kills while Carly Guthmiller had three ace serves, Jerica Locke had an ace serve and Laila Roberts had 10 digs.

Sisseton was led by Krista Langager with seven kills and a block, Rylie Huff had five kills, Ruby Rice had four kills, an ace and a block, Chloe Langager had two kills and a block, Alexia Quinn had a kill and an ace, Emmalee Nielsen had a kill and Tara Nelson had an ace serve.

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Weber Landscaping was the sponsor of the junior varsity match as Emma Kutter finished the match with six kills and three ace serves, Chesney Weber had eight ace serves and three kills, Kella Tracy had four kills, Talli Wright two kills, Jerica Locke had a kill and an ace serve, Taryn Traphagen, Emerlee Jones and Sydney Locke each had a kill.

Jim and Mindy Jones sponsored the C match on GDILIVE.COM with Emerlee Jones leading the way with eight kills, Taryn Traphagen had three kills and an ace serve, Avery Crank had three ace serves and a kill, McKenna Tietz had three kills, Hannah Sandness three ace serves, Brenna Imrie had a kill and two ace serves, Leah Jones and Liby Althoff had two kills and Teagan Hanten had a kill.

- Paul Kosel

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Dear EarthTalk: Is New York City really sinking? If so, is it a problem and is it a natural or human-caused phenomenon? Can anything be done about it?-- Jane B., Newark, NJ

The sea level surrounding New York City (NYC) is nine inches higher today than it was in 1950. Put differently. While it took 48 years for the sea level around NYC to rise by six inches, the next three inches took less than 20 years. Scientists forecast that in the next 14 years the waters around NYC will rise another six inches. With all five boroughs of the city surrounded by water, the sinking of NYC puts its 8.4 million residents, its economy, and its property worth billions of dollars at risk.

The sinking or settling of Earth's surface is known as subsidence—a geological process that can be either natural or human-caused. For NYC, the main cause of subsidence is the sheer weight of the more than one million structures built on it. The United States Geological Survey estimates that structures in NYC weigh 1.68 trillion pounds—the equivalent of 1.9 million Boeing 747s. The pressure exerted by this extraordinary weight causes NYC to sink 0.04 to 0.08 inches every year.

There are other reasons, too, that NYC is sinking. Global warming, caused by the high level of human-made carbon emissions, is steadily increasing sea levels. Warmer temperatures melt ice sheets and glaciers, adding water to the oceans. And as ocean waters warm up, it causes oceans to expand. Climate change is also contributing to NYC's sinking by increasing the frequency of hurricanes. As the world heats up, more evaporation from water bodies takes place, causing heavier precipitation and more flooding along the shores. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has found that because of climate change, coastal flooding has become 40 percent more likely and 10 percent more intense.

Yet another human-made contributor to the sinking of NYC is the extraction of groundwater from underground aquifers., which is used to supply a third of the city's drinking needs. Years of pumping these aquifers has caused the soil to compact by reducing the size and number of open pores in the soil that previously held water. This, too, has led to subsidence in NYC.

This is not to say that all causes of NYC's sinking are human made. The natural erosion and deposit of sediment can cause soil to shift from one area to another leading to uneven subsidence. Volcanic activity beneath the ground can force tectonic plates to move in ways that also make the land above it sink.

To minimize subsidence, NYC could halt the construction of new buildings. But this is unrealistic given the needs of its growing population. It could limit extraction of groundwater, but that would threaten the availability of safe drinking water. NYC could build defenses such as seawalls and flood gates. These can be helpful, but they are expensive to construct and do not address the source of the problem.

Alternately, the NYC government could adopt more creative urbanization plans that build away from areas vulnerable to subsidence, and consider the construction of new pipe systems to transport water from regional aqueducts instead of extracting local groundwater. And most important, they can support policies that mitigate global warming, such as carbon taxation, and provide incentives for clean energy adoption.

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The sheer weight of all the human infrastructure and development is causing Manhattan to sink, and sea level rise isn't helping. Credit: Roddy Scheer

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This summer, our troop took our canoes along the 108 miles on the Missouri River in Montana, in the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument. That stretch of the Missouri, where the river has carved impressive rock formations that create "breaks" in the land, is largely untouched and flows as it did for Lewis and Clark's expedition in 1804 to 1806.

Canoeing and camping along the same places as the Corps of Discovery was an amazing experience, and provided ample time to ponder the immense changes our nation has made in 200 years.

Medicine has also made immense changes and progress in the last two centuries. For instance, bloodletting, which had been used for thousands of years, was still in practice at the time of Lewis and Clark, although some physicians were doing studies that showed its harms and limited benefit. Contrast that to advances today in germ theory, insulin for diabetes, surgical advances, tiny stents that can open up blood vessels in the heart and brain, x-rays, CTs and MRIs, amazing new drugs, the list is exponential.

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