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## Boys win Region 1A Golf Meet

The Groton Area boys golf team won the Region 1A team title at Sisseton on Monday. Pictured left to right are Logan Pearson, tied for 11th with a score of 86; Brevin Flihs, tied for second with a score of 80; Carter Simon, 10th place with a score of 85; Jace Johnson, ninth place with a score of 84; Jayden Schwan, 43rd, with a score of 105; and Coach Joel Guthmiller. Groton Area won the team title with a score of 47 followed by Sioux Valley with 50, Aberdeen Roncalli 56, Flandreau 59, Madison 61, Milbank 64, Dell Rapids 85, Tri-Valley 86 and Sisseton 135. The state tournament will be held October 1-2 at Hart Ranch in Rapid City. (Courtesy Photo)

## The Pantry receives first Feeding South Dakota shipment

by Dorene Nelson

The Pantry has long been Nancy Larsen's dream for the City of Groton. "There has to be a place where folks can go to get some groceries for their family," Larsen insisted. "I am so excited that this dream became a reality in April, 2022!"

"Enrich Groton, LLC, is an organization that started the Pantry and Common Cents Community Thrift Store," she explained. "With the help of Enrich, funds are raised at the Thrift Store, with numerous clothing and household donations, financial donations from the Groton community, from local churches, and from financial support from Thrivent Financial."

"We have a thriving, safe place for families to come for groceries," Larsen added. "The store is staffed by volunteers on Monday's from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Tuesday's from 4 to 8 p.m."

"The Pantry is set up for folks to visit on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis, based upon their needs," she listed. "We have signs posted for quantities that can be selected on each visit, based upon family size. We are very thankful for fresh produce that has been provided by community members."



Standing on the tail gate of the truck is the driver Brian Samuelson

Standing by the truck are Diane Warrington, Pat Miller, David Miller, Nancy Larsen, Karen Babcock, Feeding South Dakota Relations Coordinator Karen Webber-Boyer, and Topper Tastad. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)



Pat Miller, semitruck driver Brian Samuelson, and Nancy Larsen with the first delivery of senior boxes. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)

"The next project that we needed to start was getting involved with the Feeding South Dakota organization," Larsen stated. "We have been successful with getting the Senior Nutrition Boxes program to come to Groton for area senior citizens. This can include Conde, Ferney, Claremont, Andover, Bristol areas, etc."

"To qualify, you must be 60 years old and meet the income guidelines as set by the Feeding South Dakota program," she explained. "This has become a reality with the first delivery of Senior Boxes on September 25th. The delivery of these boxes will be occurring every month."

"We have also been able to order some foods through Feeding South Dakota to help support the Pantry," Larsen said. "The food varieties that can be ordered depend upon what is donated to the Feeding South Dakota program and from the Feeding America program."

The Groton Pantry is managed by Nancy Larsen (605-397-7097) and Pat Miller (605-397-7523) and Common Cents Community Thrift Store manager Diane Warrington (605-216-2350). If you have any questions on any of these programs, want to make a donation, or would like a tour, please contact any of these three individuals listed above.

# Weekly Vikings Recap - Vikings vs. Chargers

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Vikings' ship is precariously perched upon a crumbling ledge that overlooks an abysmal season – and it's only week 3.

Coming into this game, both the Minnesota Vikings and the Los Angeles Chargers were seeking their first win of the season. The Vikings were at home, and had a great chance to get in the win column. Unfortunately, it was the same old story for the Vikings as the team gave up costly turnovers when it mattered the most. The question now for fans is whether to root for the Vikings to win, or root for a high draft pick in the quarterback-loaded 2024 NFL draft.

The game was a pass-heavy performance as both teams' quarterbacks, Justin Herbert and Kirk Cousins, combined for a total of 97 combined passes thrown Sunday. Despite that, the best throw of the game did not come from either Herbert or Cousins but rather from Chargers' wide receiver, Keenan Allen. Allen, who had a career performance with 18 catches and 215 receiving yards, also threw his first career touchdown pass on a 49-yard throw to a wide-open Mike Williams in the third quarter.

The Vikings, who were so situationally proficient last season, seem to have lost the ability to perform well in the key moments of games. At the end of the first half with the score tied 7-7, the Vikings again found themselves with the ball in their opponent's territory with a chance to take the lead into halftime. For the third straight week in a row, the Vikings turned the ball over near the goal line, this time on an Alexander Mattison fumble. However, luckily for the Vikings, Mattison's forward progress was ruled as stopped and the Vikings got the ball back. Even though the Vikings technically did not turn the ball over on that play, it is still becoming a glaring problem that this team cannot protect the ball at the end of the first half.

Surprisingly, the run defense for the Vikings was not the problem today as they managed to hold the Chargers to only 30 yards rushing. Granted, the Chargers were without their best running back in Austin Ekeler, but it was a nice performance from them in that aspect of the game. However, the pass defense was not sharp in any aspect today. Not only did they give up 454 yards passing to Justin Herbert and Keenan Allen, but they also managed to turn likely interceptions into Chargers' touchdowns thanks to an Akayleb Evans tipped pass into the hands of Chargers' wide receiver, Josh Palmer. Evans, who has had a solid year so far as one of the Vikings' starting cornerbacks, had what would have been an easy interception near the endzone that would have given the Vikings the ball back with a 24-21 lead and a chance to milk the clock for an eventual victory. However, the football gods thought otherwise as the ball hit off the face of Evans

and into the hands of Palmer for a Chargers' touchdown and a 28-24 lead.

With 8:05 left in the fourth quarter, the Vikings managed to drive down the field to set up 1st and goal at the Chargers' three-yard line. After two failed rushing attempts and an incomplete pass, the Vikings found themselves with 4th and goal and only needing two yards to score. Unfortunately, the Vikings could not convert as Cousins threw an incomplete pass to Justin Jefferson short of the endzone.

However, the game was not over as the Vikings would find a way to stop the Chargers on a fourth down attempt at the Chargers' 24-yard line. With 1:47 remaining and no timeouts, the Vikings only needed 24 yards to score a touchdown and win this game. Instead, the team imploded. With 41 seconds left in the game and no timeouts, the Vikings picked up a first down and then immediately forgot how to manage the game clock. Instead of spiking the ball and stopping the clock, they took a lackadaisical approach getting a play call in, then had to rush to the line of scrimmage. The rushed play turned into a sloppy play and ended with Cousins throwing an interception. Game over.

Chargers 28 - Vikings 24

Next week, the Vikings will head to Carolina to face the Panthers. It will be interesting to see if Bryce Young will play in that game as he missed the Panthers' week 3 matchup against the Seattle Seahawks with an injury. The Panthers will be the easiest test so far for the Vikings and a perfect opportunity to get back in the win column.

## Name one thriving community without a newspaper

We sometimes get calls that start out accusatorially. "Why didn't I get my paper today!?" Pro tip: It helps to know who's calling. The pugnacious German approach is to yell first and shoot later. Last week, our papers got hung up a day in Bismarck (for the third time this year) so the phone started ringing at 10:30 a.m.

Our local post offices are excellent, but we send out thousands of papers each month and inevitably a few go MIA. Sometimes it's our mistake. Or the subscription's expired. Or an address changed. Sometimes, I swear, the subscription is cursed.

Sometimes we'll drop off a paper after work. It's funny, I started delivering "The Grit" as a kid, and I'm still delivering papers.

After an employee hangs up after having their competence impugned, I sometimes offer perspective: "Isn't that great that they want the paper that badly?" Conversely, the grocery store was out of smoked oysters last week, but I didn't want to fight anyone. I'm descendent from Germans and Russians, my ancestors spent their time invading or being

invaded, yet I'm inexplicably a pacifist.

Even with the bumps, I love what I do.

We have 125 years of bound newspaper copies in our office, and regularly welcome visitors researching family history and even old sports records. When they find what they're looking for, I'm thrilled, disappointed when they don't. It's a reminder that we're recording history.

People research weather records, the minutes of local government to settle a legal question; they track expenditures, actions and proposed tax increases. Knowledge is power. Newspapers are an economic hub. They make and save YOU money.

Bloomberg News published results of a 2018 study showing that after becoming a "news desert," taxpayers, having lost their newspaper watchdog, paid 6.4% more for bonds necessary for infrastructure. Ashley alone recently signed on for \$20 million in projects.

Bloomberg explained, "When local newspapers shut their doors, communities lose out. People and their stories can't find coverage. Politicos take liberties when it's nobody's job to hold them accountable. What the public doesn't know winds up hurting them. The city feels poorer, politically and culturally."

Family achievements may appear online, but invariably they submit it to us. Somehow, it's not official until it's recorded in the newspaper. If it's not in the paper, it's just not that important.

Sadly, twelve North Dakota communities no longer have that option. Since April, we've lost 12 newspapers. Twelve core communities and neighboring towns have lost the glue that bind them together. Another newspaper may pick up some of the slack, but it's never the same. There were once 300 newspapers in North Dakota. Today, about 75.

The big game? No photos, no story. The obituaries? The history of a beloved city father? Evaporated. The fundraiser? Anniversaries? Church events? Posters will have to do.

Some attrition is natural. Like the communities that disappeared when railroads no longer needed a station every 10 miles, location is a major factor. When we purchased the Wishek Star and Ashley Tribune 25 years ago, the fact that the papers were 100 miles away from any major city meant that merchants had a good chance to thrive. For us, there was no major threat from a "shopper." Shoppers devour advertising, leaving the work and expense of reporting to newspapers. I resent them.

Fifteen years ago, the USPS "reorganized" and it became almost impossible to get a paper delivered to Arizona, California, or the East Coast. Newspapers lost many rightfully frustrated subscribers. Delivery issues continue with an understaffed postal service.

We've invested in online editions to better serve our distant readers and an iPhone generation. We gift graduates with online subscriptions to grow our base. It doesn't have to be in print—newspapers just need to keep doing what they've always done, remain the authoritative news hub of the community.

Some newspapers haven't kept up with the cost of doing business and an evolving environment. Small towns are getting smaller. Online sites decimated classifieds. Now, after COVID and inflation—higher labor, printing and mailing costs—stress has increased.

No publisher wants to be the one who goes down with the ship. Most are mindful of the obligation to maintain a strong business to pass on when the time comes. The community has a crucial role, too, and it's in their self interest as well.

Subscribe. Advertise. Be informed. It's an investment in your community, in democracy. Use it or lose it. Name one thriving community without a newspaper.

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**Food donation to the Pantry from the Groton Senior Citizens organization.**  
**Back Row: Julie Shilhanek, Bruce Shilhanek, Richard Donovan, David Kleinsasser, Sarge Likness, Tony Goldade, and Bev Sombke**  
**Front Row: Marilyn Thorson, Elda Stange, Ruby Donovan, and Pat Larson**  
**Absent: Darlene Fisher** (Photo by Dorene Nelson)



**Ruby Donovan, vice-president of the Groton Senior Citizens, presents a thank you gift to Dorene Nelson for securing additional funding from Thrivent Financial for their donations to the Pantry.**  
 (Courtesy photo)

## Soccer: Groton Area girls remain at number two in the state

The number one and two seeded teams in the state in Class A played Saturday at Tea Area. Tea Area had a 1-0 lead at halftime, but quickly added three points in the second half for the 4-0 win over the Tigers. The top four seeded teams will host the first round of the playoffs.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, with Tricia Keith providing the commentary, 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 Dairy Queen, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Locke Electric and Love to Travel by Becah Flihs.

The girls will travel to Garretson on Sept. 30 with the first round of the playoffs on Oct. 3.



**Hamlin Tourney 7th Grade Champions**  
**Front: (L-R) Aspen Beto, Raquel Tracy, Maddie Herrick, Ari Dinger, Kaedy Bonn, Maddie Little**  
**Back: (L-R) Coach Kelby Tracy, Kenzie Anderson, Brooklyn Spanier, Neely Althoff, Tevan Hanson, Abby Fjeldheim, Adeline Kotzer** (Photo courtesy Chelsea Hanson)

## Boys golf team take second at Sisseton Invitational

Groton Area's boys golf team finished just one stroke behind Aberdeen Roncalli at the Sisseton Invitational held Thursday. Roncalli win with a team score of 357 followed by Groton Area with 358, Flandeau 360, Sioux Valley 362, Milbank 375, Dell Rapids 376, Tri-Valley 377, Aberdeen Central JV 397 and Sisseton with 442.

Brevin Flihs placed third with an 86, Carter Simon was fourth with an 86, Jacye Johnson had a 92, Logan Pearson a 94, Jayden Schwan a 99 and Jarrett Erdmann a 108.

## Robin Bitz is MS/SH Paraprofessional

Robin Bitz, the most recent employee for the Groton Area School System, has been hired as a junior high/senior high special needs paraprofessional. "I'm originally from Ipswich," she said. "After graduating from high school, I attended Lake Area Technical College in Watertown where I enrolled in cosmetology."

"I worked as a hair stylist for about twenty years," Bitz explained, "before switching to Aspire in Aberdeen. This job gave me the opportunity to help those who needed it the most. It also provided me with the experience and learning that I needed to switch to the special education area in a school system."

"I enjoyed working at Aspire but really wanted to get into a school system and was excited

to see this position was open," she smiled. "I work with all of the special education teachers in the middle school/high school."

"My job as a para is quite varied," Bitz stated. "I work with the twenty or so students in the special education classrooms, and I also attend classes with some of them. After the class is over, I work with the students individually to make sure that they understand the assignment and to help them with their work."

"My husband and I live in Bath so I have a short, trip on a nice four-lane highway to get the school every day," she said. "I love working here and find the other staff members to be friendly and easy to work with."



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**Fredrick Town  
 2024 Appropriation Ordinance**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE  
 Be it ordained by the City of Frederick that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality. Section 1: General Fund:  
 411.1 General Administration ..... \$37,556.00  
 414.2 Finance Office ..... \$44,176.00  
 414.1 Attorney ..... \$2,500.00  
 419.2 Gov't Buildings ..... \$21,000.00  
 422 Fire & Ambulance Department ..... \$17,000.00  
 452 Parks ..... \$8,600.00  
 437 Cemetery ..... \$5,619.00  
 432-432.9 Sanitation & Landfill ..... \$21,250.00  
 Economic Development ..... \$15,900.00  
 465 Frederick Dev. Corp. .... \$14,400.00  
 465.3 Misc. community Dev. .... \$1,500.00  
 431 Streets ..... \$91,330.00  
 455 Library ..... \$17,365.00  
 450 Community Center ..... \$2,410.00  
 411.5 Contingency ..... \$15,000.00  
 Total ..... \$299,706.00  
 Self-Supporting Funds:  
 Water Fund ..... \$100,888.00  
 Sewer Fund ..... \$60,613.00  
 Garbage Fund  
 Total ..... \$161,501.00  
 Total Appropriations (year 2023) ..... \$461,207.00  
 Section 2:  
 Means of Finance for the above expenditures  
 Water Fund Receipts ..... \$78,596.00  
 Sewer Fund Receipts ..... \$72,000.00  
 344 Garbage Fund Receipts ..... \$20,500.00  
 313 1% Sales Tax Receipts ..... \$40,000.00  
 Other Revenue ..... \$31,700.00  
 (License & Permits, State Shared Revenue, County Shared Revenue, Cemetery and Miscellaneous Revenue) .....  
 Demand Deposit ..... \$80,863.94  
 Total ..... \$323,659.94  
 General Tax Levy ..... \$137,547.06  
 Total Means of Finance (year 2024) ..... \$461,207.00  
 Section 3: That the funds raised by taxation pursuant to the preceding section shall be credited to the respective funds set forth.  
 Section 4: The finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the Brown County Auditor: ..... \$141,774.00  
 Passed first reading -  
 Passed second reading: Sept. 20, 2023  
 Adopted -  
 Published: Sept. 27, 2023  
 Effective date -  
 President - Board of Trustees  
 ATTEST:  
 Finance Officer  
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**Columbia City  
 2024 Appropriation Ordinance**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01  
 2024 CITY OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE  
 Be it ordained by the Municipality of Columbia that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.  
 411.1 Mayor and Council ..... 14,000.00  
 411.5 Contingency ..... 5,000.00  
 414.2 Finance Officer ..... 14,823.00  
 414.1 Attorney ..... 9,000.00  
 419.2 General Government Buildings: ..... 20,000.00  
 431 Highways and Streets: ..... 25,000.00  
 441.3 West Nile ..... 3,000.00  
 452 Parks ..... 46,500.00  
 470 Debt Service ..... 13,608.00  
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES ..... 150,931.00  
 MEANS OF FINANCE:  
 310.0 Taxes ..... 115,000.00  
 320.0 License and Permits ..... 300.00  
 330.0 Intergovernmental Revenue ..... 3,000.00  
 360.0 Miscellaneous Revenue ..... 800.00  
 369.0 Contributions & Donations ..... 38,500.00  
 TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE ..... 157,600.00  
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS:  
 Beginning Unrestricted Cash ..... 176,000.00  
 Estimated Revenue ..... 20,000.00  
 TOTAL AVAILABLE ..... 196,000.00  
 Less Appropriations (Expenses) ..... -13,000.00  
 ESTIMATED SURPLUS ..... 183,000.00  
 Transfers - In (Out) ..... 0.00  
 ESTIMATED SURPLUS RETAINED ..... 183,000.00  
 The auditor/finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax ..... \$63,723.00  
 (Signed and Dated by Mayor or President of the City Council)  
 (Signed and Dated by the Finance Officer)  
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**Brown County  
 Blade/Skidsteer  
 For Sale**

NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE  
 Notice is hereby given for auction of surplus property. The Auction will consist of the following items that are declared Highway Department Surplus:  
 • 2010 Terex Track Skidsteer Model PT-80  
 • 2012 John Deere 772G Blade  
 Auction will begin on October 7, 2023, and conclude on October 31, 2023.  
 Bids may be submitted at [purplewave.com](http://purplewave.com).  
 For more information on these items, please contact the Brown County Highway Department at (605) 626-7118.  
 ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
 Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**Frederick Town  
 Sept. 20, 2023  
 Special Meeting**

City of Frederick  
 September 20, 2023 Minutes  
 The second reading of the 2024 appropriation ordinance and the increase of town water rate was held Wednesday, September 20, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Koters and Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock, and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine.  
 Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
 Motion to approve the second reading of the 2024 appropriation ordinance made by Koters/Millard, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried. Motion to increase water rate up to \$28 minimum fee and \$5.10 per 1,000 gal after the first 1,000 gallons made by Campbell/Millard, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried.  
 Motion to adjourn made by Koters/Campbell at 7:03 PM; motion carried.  
 M. Heine  
 Assistant Finance Officer  
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**Columbia City  
 Sept. 21, 2023  
 Special Meeting**

City of Columbia Council Special Meeting  
 Thursday - September 21, 2023 7:00 p.m.  
 Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call- Corey, Emily, Meghan, Cara and Trevor via phone.  
 Mayor Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes from the September 13th meeting were read.  
 Meghan Butler made a motion to accept the minutes. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.  
 After review of the proposed 2024 budget, Emily Eichler made a motion to pass the 2nd reading of the 2024 ordinance budget. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

tion carried.  
 Mayor Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.  
 Next Regular Council Meeting - Wednesday, October 4, 2023 7:00 p.m.  
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**Bates Twp.  
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BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE:  
 OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds, grass, and trees in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 20, 2023 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.  
 Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner. Landowner is responsible for spraying all noxious weeds.  
 Bates Township Board of Supervisors  
 Betty Geist  
 Township Clerk  
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**West Hanson  
 ROW to be  
 Cut by Oct. 20**

West Hanson Township Mowing Notice  
 All road right of ways in West Hanson Township must be cut by October 20th. The Township will cut the right of ways not cut with cost charged to the landowner. The charge of \$150 per lot. \$250 per half mile and \$500 per mile will be charged to the landowner. Per Certified Law 31-32-2 the owner or occupant of any abutting or adjoining upon township roads shall cut, remove or destroy, or cause to be cut any grass, weeds, trees and brush growing in the right of way of such roads.  
 Jennifer Dirks, Clerk West Hanson Township  
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SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jared Bossly just wanted to Thank the Commission for putting the time in and going through the pipeline ordinance because it showed how important it was since Brown County was a big factor as to what happened with the PUC. Jared stated though that this is not over with by any means but wanted to Thank the Commission and the Representatives and that maybe now is the time to think about the other things we have talked about such as another moratorium to get ahead of this issue. Dennis Feickert also wanted to echo what Jared said and Thanks to the Planning & Zoning Board for their work on this. Dennis stated we can't back off because Summit is resetting their options in North Dakota. Dennis thinks Summit may try to come up with another route and take another run-on Brown County. Craig Schaanman also echoed the Thanks as well but wanted to share how important the Ordinance was: on Friday evening their attorney received an email from the PUC Attorney asking how many landowners would sign the 1500-foot setback but instead they did the opposite and got names of landowners that would not go along with the pipeline or the setback – they got 11 landowners along with 7 adjoining landowners that would not sign. The PUC Attorney specifically ask for Brown County and referenced that in her testimony.

Dennis Mitchell asked the Commission to consider opening the back roads into AgTegra Bath (Grebner) terminal due to the construction on Hwy. 12, not sure how they will get in unless the State could put a stop light at the Bath Corner. Dennis Jones also asked for an exit route to 8th Ave. for the empty trucks because it will be a disaster on Hwy. 12 with 350-400 trucks a day. If they can move trucks to East of Grebner and go North to 8th Ave. then go either East or West but it will create a lot of dust, so will need to address that issue. Mike Rizer, COO with AgTegra visited with the Commission in regard to the construction on Hwy. 12, also. Mike stated they are working with D.O.T on a regular basis and they have a project meeting today; they are looking at signals, display signs to alert traffic and they have reduced the speed already. AgTegra is concerned about the public, producers, members, and employees. D.O.T is looking at solutions but wondering if it's a possibility of opening that road for safety purposes. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent informed everyone that he has been communicating with D.O.T but this is a State Project, and it shouldn't be costing the County money. Right now, the road is not fit for trucks and probably a couple hundred dollars to fix and before he would fix the road, he would want to receive the funding up front from the State; he will plan to attend the meeting this afternoon.

District 3 Representative Brandie Schaeffbauer addressed the Commission to reiterate the Thanks and appreciates everything the Commission has done to stand up for their constituents. Representative Schaeffbauer stated: "Local Control Won the Day" and District 3 Representatives and Senator Novstrup are here to help in any way they can to maintain that control.

District 3 Representative Carl Perry just wanted to commend the Exchange Club of Aberdeen for having the Flags up around town on September 17th for Constitution Day. Also, Northern State University, Professor Rick Dice had Constitution Day on September 18th @ NSU Campus. Carl recited a couple of quotes on the Constitution then stated we take a lot of things for granted like America and the Brown County Commission, we have some great things in America,

and this is a great Commission.

**BID – BROWN COUNTY FAIR ENTERTAINMENT CONSULTANTS:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read, and consider sealed bids for Entertainment Consulting and Buying Services for the Grandstand Entertainment, in years 2024, 2025, and 2026. Bids were received from Hooked Up Entertainment in the amount of \$23,500.00 for 2024; \$23,500.00 for 2025 and \$26,500.00 for 2026 for a three year total of \$73,500.00 plus 2 motel rooms each year; Pepper Entertainment in the amount of 8% of total talent fees for 2024; 9% of total talent fees for 2025 and 10% of total talent fees with each year being capped at \$30,000.00 annually; Monument Talent in the amount of \$18,000.00 for 2024, \$20,000.00 for 2025 and \$20,000.00 for 2026 for a three year total of \$58,000.00; Neste Live in the amount of \$28,000.00 for 2024; \$29,000.00 for 2025 and \$30,000.00 for 2026 for a three-year total of \$87,000.00 plus one hotel room for a Neste Live on-site Service Representative each year; Romeo Entertainment Option 1 in the amount of \$31,000.00 for 2024, \$33,000.00 for 2025 and \$35,000.00 for 2026: for a three-year total of \$99,000.00 plus \$500.00/day for service rep plus expenses or Option 2 in the amount of \$17,000.00 for 2024, \$19,000.00 for 2025 and \$21,000.00 for 2026 for a three-year total of \$57,000.00 plus \$1 per ticket sold plus expenses each year. Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager requested to defer awarding the bid for 1 week to review all the details and discuss it with the Fair Board. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to defer bids for 1 week. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID – LANDFILL SCALE:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for Landfill Truck Scale Replacement. Bids were received from Prairie Scale in the amount of \$189,351.68 and Webster Scale in the amount of \$173,297.23. Mike Scott, Landfill Manager and Leif Redinger, Project Engineer from Helms & Associates requested to defer awarding the bid for 1 week to review all the details. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to defer bids for 1 week. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #255 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance #255 amending portions of Title 4 Zoning, Chapter 4.14, "Highway Commercial District (HC)" and Chapter 4.15, "Light Industrial District (LI)". Roll Call: Dennert – aye; Fjeldheim – aye; Wiese – aye; Gage – aye and Sutton – absent. Ordinance #255 Adopted. (Copies of the full Ordinance are available at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning & Zoning Office during regular business hours).

**ORDINANCE #256 – FIRST READING:** Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director shared that he would like to amend this ordinance regarding outdoor storage and containment. Discuss was held in regard to the setback as well, proposed ordinance says 500 feet and Ross Aldentaler, States Attorney questioned making it 1500 feet to stay consistent with other setbacks and landowners can sign a waiver if agree to something less. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #256 – to amend portions of Title 4 Zoning Chapter 4.01 – Definitions; Chapter 4.06 – Agriculture Preservation (AG-P); Chapter 4.07 – Mini Agriculture Preservation (M-AG); Chapter 4.08 – Residential District (R-1); Chapter 4.09 – Mobile Home District (R-2); Chapter 4.10 – Lake Front District (R-3); Chapter 4.11 – Rural Urban District (RU); and Chapter 4.16 – Heavy Industrial (HI) and An Addition to Title 4 Zoning Ordinances of Brown County with: Chapter 4.37, "Solar Energy Systems" (SES) and "Private Solar Energy System" (PSES) with the changes that Scott Bader proposed. Roll Call: Dennert – aye; Fjeldheim – aye; Wiese – aye; Gage – nay and Sutton – absent. The first reading passed with majority vote. The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours.

**QUOTES FOR A/C UNIT:** Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent presented 2 quotes for replacing an A/C Unit at the 1st Street Building: Woodman Refrigeration in the amount of \$13,583.00 for a Carrier 5-ton roof top A/C unit and Jakes Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$14,280.00 for a 5-ton Carrier RTU. Judy recommended going with Woodman Refrigeration. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to accept the Quote from Woodman Refrigeration in the amount of \$13,583.00 to replace A/C unit at the 1st Street Building. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent asked to have 2010 Terex Track Skidsteer and 2012 John Deere 772G Blade declared Surplus and place on Purplewave. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve declaring the 2010 Terex Track Skidsteer and 2012 John Deere 772G Blade surplus and use Purplewave to sell these items. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SPEED ZONE AMENDMENT:** Commissioner Wiese brought the following Resolution:  
**RESOLUTION #41-23**  
**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 #26-17, Resolution #30-18, Resolution #51-21 and Resolution #37-23.  
**WHEREAS,** the Brown County Commission has recommended amending the speed zone on County Road 15  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, #39-08, #72-08, #101-08, #94-13, #69-14, #15-16, #26-17, #30-18, #51-21 and #37-23 be amended as follows:

**AMEND:**  
County Road #15 (131st Street), beginning 1450' east and 300' south of the NW corner of 11-T123N-R64W at the intersection of US 281 and County 15, then 0.2 miles easterly at 35 mph.

Dated this 19th day of September 2023.  
Seconded by Commissioner Gage. Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-aye; Gage-aye, Sutton-absent. Resolution adopted.

**FEMA UPDATE:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave the Commissioners an update with the three sites for FEMA filings. County will be reimbursed for hauling gravel to Co. Rd. 25 & 16 by the Scandinavian Church; Hall Crossing FEMA is looking at repair or mitigation to see what we can do – but right now we can't do anything at this time because a Topeka Shiner has been found there, they are endangered and have a black out. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked about extracting the gravel that has been washed down stream, but Dirk stated we would need to get permits to do that. Fjeldheim wondered if FEMA would reimburse since it is part of their project and Dirk stated they could look into it.

**ELM LAKE BRIDGE CERTIFICATION:** Commissioner Wiese moved to approve and authorize Vice-Chairman Fjeldheim to sign the certificates for the Elm Lake Bridge per Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave the Commission a Department Update: still milling on Co. Rd. 16 and doing 6 miles of paving to the North; Biegler Road on the East side of Richmond; Mowing; Replacing BR 93, which is south of Groton; Lien's finished Co. Rd. 5 & 6 – will be sealed and striped in the next week or so; Elm Lake is going good – hauling black dirt out and gravel in, need to move fences back and seed it; Railroad Crossing at Tacoma Park is being replaced tomorrow and they did the one by Claremont yesterday. Commissioner Wiese asked about the Bridge at Sand Lake and Dirk said he will follow-up again on that. Dirk questioned the speed zone around the Sports Complex on 15 & 19 that was discussed at Convention. Dirk will come up with a plan.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the General Meeting minutes of September 5, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims and payroll.

Claims: Insurance: Claims Associates \$5,000.00. Professional Fees: All Nations Interpreters Inc \$2,000.00; Avera Aberdeen Family Physicians \$40.40; Avera Medical Group Behavioral Health Clinic \$2,800.00; Avera Medical Group Radiology \$944.27; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$2,185.64; Certified Languages International LLC \$1,093.95; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,211.64; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$7,211.64; Computer Forensic Resources \$3,009.85; Dakota Group LLC \$2,100.00; Dawn Foiles \$50.00; DEVNET \$3,445.31; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$7,211.64; Faulkton Area Medical Center \$62.22; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$30.00; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$88.05; IMEG Corp \$16,658.19; Jerald M. McNeary \$7,211.64; Jeremy Lund-Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$7,211.64; John Noyes-Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$7,211.64; Kristi Brandt \$132.25; Kuck Law Office \$7,211.64; Language Line Services, Inc \$466.54; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$1,222.00; Park Dietz & Associates, Inc \$6,868.13; Sanford Aberdeen Cardiology \$8.48; Sanford Aberdeen ED \$2,817.50; Sanford Cardiovascular Institute E \$8.48; Sanford Clinic Aberdeen \$426.55; Sanford Clinic Radiology-North Center \$385.42; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$902.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,725.75; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$1,954.89; SDSU Extension \$238.04; Super 8 by Wyndham Aberdeen \$10,988.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$7,211.64; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$291.80; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$415.70; Yellow Robe Consulting \$1,500.00; Zylstra Investigations \$1,216.30. Publishing: AlphaMedia Watertown \$4,200.00; Dakota Broadcasting, LLC \$4,960.00; DRG Media Group \$1,568.00; GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc \$867.96; Groton Daily Independent \$440.93; Hub City Radio \$1,200.00; i3G Media \$3,900.00; Todd County Tribune/Mellette County News \$24.46. Rentals: Aramark \$363.25; Dakota Electronics \$2,652.75; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$207.36; Vision Communications Co \$950.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Auto Value Aberdeen \$12.98; Century Business Products \$130.44; Custom Installation Solutions \$90.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$116.48; Diamond Mowers LLC \$12.01; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$1,911.09; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$125.83; Gardner Locksmithing \$100.00; Graham Tire Inc \$1,670.24; House of Glass \$583.06; Lien Transportation Company \$610,699.82; Napa Central \$129.99; NESD Specialized Washing, LLC \$1,207.50; Otis Elevator Company \$200.00; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$155.68; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$896.65; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$8,250.00; RDO Equipment Co \$16,695.32; Sewer Duck, Inc \$225.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$381.89; Titan Machinery \$1,744.20; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$9,107.31; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$1,947.81. Supplies: A-1 Locksmithing \$19.75; Aberdeen Fire Rescue \$1,129.49; Agtegra Cooperative \$74,344.56; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,150.28; Aramark \$123.43; Artz Equipment, Inc \$257.99; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$962.84; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$1,271.31; Butler Machinery Company \$5,340.36; Candace Rohrbach \$57.31; Century Business Products \$1,004.01; Clint Sombke \$161.22; Cole Paper Inc \$634.18; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$978.17; Dakota Oil \$2,910.20; Dakota Supply Group \$20.65; Diamond Mowers LLC \$509.30; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$1,309.06; Dive Rescue International \$800.00; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$929.66; Eddie's Northside Sinclair \$70.00; Farm Tire Service LLC \$1,890.00; FedEx \$17.71; Full Circle Ag \$884.36; Geffdog Designs \$164.88; Gillund Enterprises \$764.40; Hall Sand & Gravel, Inc \$12,520.73; Jebro Inc \$103,833.32; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$166,925.70; K & S Plumbing, Inc \$4,864.94; Kessler's \$947.44; Lien Transportation Company \$65,820.05;

Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$112.55; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$194.88; Maken-dra Ochsner \$100.00; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply \$21.90; Menards \$299.19; Midstates Group \$169.00; Network Center, Inc \$5,250.00; NVC \$27.66; Performance Oil \$85.95; Pharm-Chem, Inc \$720.90; Race West Awards & Trophies \$110.00; RDO Equipment Co \$8,187.61; Rinse & Go Car Wash \$10.00; Rixstine Recognition \$1,394.46; Runnings \$2,065.25; Safe-guard \$826.58; Sherwin Williams \$159.02; Titan Machinery \$234.32; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$6,752.81; Tri-State Water \$115.00; United Tactical Systems, LLC \$525.00; US Foods \$10,898.08; Vision Communications Co \$1,800.00; Volk Upholstery \$250.00; WEB Water Bottling Company \$26.25; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$2,455.11. Travel & Conference: Aaron Walberg \$302.08; Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel \$404.00; Dave Lunzman \$258.00; Dawn Foiles \$96.80; Grant County Auditor \$578.88; Jesse Milbrandt \$302.08; Karly Winter \$264.18; Lynn Heupel \$235.51; Mariann Malsom \$224.00; Safe Harbor \$225.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$43.23; CenturyLink \$352.69; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$6,782.53; City of Hecla \$130.88; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$513.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$209.10; Northern Electric \$5,622.10; Northwestern Energy \$11,476.85; NVC \$3,999.37; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$131.29; Town of Frederick \$78.44; Verizon Wireless \$1,332.68; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$130.76. Others: Safe Harbor \$1,226.53; SD Assoc of County Officials \$926.00; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$4,546.50; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$1,022,458.38. Jury: Grand Jurors \$10,975.16.

**Payroll:** Commissioner \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,448.42; SA \$37,620.08; Maintenance \$10,077.45; Assessor \$15,058.87; Register of Deeds \$9,932.81; VSO \$4,254.09; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$9,124.46; HR \$4,698.76; Sheriff \$46,685.43; Jail \$59,939.37; Coroner \$147.65; Court Security \$6,725.22; JDC \$27,715.42; Welfare \$2,336.49; Museum \$11,848.28; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,487.13; Fair Board \$5,850.58; 4-H \$877.43; Weed \$5,546.83; Planning & Zoning \$7,232.60; Highway \$50,715.85; Dispatch \$36,950.02; Emergency \$4,836.31; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,927.17; Landfill \$19,320.87. FICA \$24,993.41; Medicare \$5,845.25 and Discovery\_HSA \$1,688.61. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim: hiring of Brian Wagemann as Brown County Highway Truck Driver, FT, starting wage \$20.67/hour, effective September 11, 2023; hiring of Tina Jacobs as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT, starting wage \$20.67/hour, effective September 18, 2023; hiring of Jeremias Vega IV as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT, starting wage \$20.67/hour, effective September 20, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for August 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the following Lease Agreement: Northern Electric for lease of Club House on September 19, 2023, for Annual Meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, Mariann Malsom, ROD and Lynn Heupel, Auditor to attend SDACO Conference in Sioux Falls on September 11-13, 2023; Stephanie Morgan, DOE to attend IAAO Basic Course in Pierre, SD on October 1-6, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert 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.

**AUDITOR REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JULY 2023:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts of July 2023 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$23,120,217.44; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,325,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$5,479,550.72; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$29,932,915.58. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$19,026,706.00; Road & Bridge Fund \$1,357,508.93; Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$423,243.27; 911 Service \$868,994.52; Emergency & Disaster \$114,534.43; Domestic Abuse \$1,137.95; Teen Court \$0.00; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$51,004.88; Truancy Court \$221.23; Richmond Youth Camp \$0.00; 24/7 Sobriety \$15,319.17; ROD M&P \$95,443.54; American Rescue Plan Federal Grant \$0.00; Rural Access Infrastructure \$442,663.63; TIF Debt Service \$25,962.07; Landfill + cash change \$4,336,874.79; Landfill – restricted \$1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds \$1,772,789.62; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$29,932,915.58. 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 per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Vice-Chairman declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:51 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Title 4 Ordinance Change Approved

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #255

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AMENDED

TO BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE TITLE 4

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #255, An Ordinance Amending portions of Title 4 Zoning: Chapter 4.14, "Highway Commercial District (HC)" and Chapter 4.15, "Light Industrial District (LI)" was duly adopted by the Brown County Board of Commissioners on the 19th day of September and that Ordinance #255, shall be in full force and effect on 17th day of October 2023. (Copies of the full Ordinance are available at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours).

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 19th day of September 2023.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**What do you get for a clean sweep? A broom! Paper Paul presented Groton Area Volleyball Coach Chelsea with a broom for a clean sweep over Great Plains Lutheran Tuesday night in Groton. A clean sweep is winning the C, JV and Varsity match. She was also given brooms for clean sweeps over Sisseton, Clark/Willow Lake and Florence/Henry.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

**Netters have clean sweep over Great Plains Lutheran**



**Carly Guthmiller**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton Area's volleyball teams won all three matches for a clean sweep over Great Plains Lutheran in action played in Groton on Tuesday.

The varsity team shook off a stubborn Panther team, winning in set scores of 25-21, 26-24 and 25-21.

The first set was tied five times with two lead changes. The Tigers had a 23-21 lead down the stretch and went on to score the last two points for the win.

The second set was tied eight times with four lead changes. The Panthers jumped out to a 6-0 lead before Groton Area called time out. The Tigers rallied to the the set at eight and then the battle continued for the rest of the set. Groton Area trailed, 24-23, but came back to score the last three points for the win.

The third set was tied three times and there was one lead change when Groton captured the lead at 11-10 and slowly pulled away for the win.

Chesney Weber led Groton Area with

34 of 36 attacks and 11 kills, was six of seven from the serving line with three ace serves and had one assisted block. Anna Fjeldheim was 27 of 34 in attacks with 11 kills and was 13 of 13 from the serving line with one ace serve. Sydney Leicht had five kills, was 11 of 13 in serving with two ace serves, had one assisted block and 14 digs. Elizabeth Fliehs had 24 assists, had 11 digs, was 18 of 18 in attacks with five kills and one ace serve. Rylee Dunker had four kills and three assisted blocks, Faith Traphagen had two kills, Carly Guthmiller had 15 digs, four assists, one kill and one ace serve.

Kaylee Carlson had eight kills and two assisted blocks to lead the Panthers while Abby Kjenstad had five kills, Olivia Holmen had six kills and four assisted and three solo blocks, Esta Cameron had eight kills, Kate Holmen had four assisted and one solo kill, Emma Dornbusch had one kill and Jolie Lein had one ace serve.

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

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-12 and 25-16. Emma Kutter led the Tigers with eight kills while Jaedyn Penning had six kills, Kella Tracy had four kills, two ace serves and one block, McKenna Tietz had three kills and one ace serve, Jerica Locke had three ace serves, Emerlee Jones and Taryn Traphagen each had two kills and Sydney Locke had one ace serve. Brad and Pam Hanson were the sponsors for the event on GDILIVE.COM.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-13 and 25-17. Tom Tietz was the sponsor on GDILIVE.COM.  
- Paul Kosel



**Sydney Leicht**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Elizabeth Fliehs**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Chesney Weber**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

**Hanlon Brothers**  
**Gravel Hauling**  
New & Cleaning of Stockdams with our 60' reach trackhoe  
**605/395-6531**

**Soccer: Boys lose two final games**

The boys team lost to James Valley Christian earlier last week. The boys lost to Dakota Valley on Monday.

# A 27 volley features highlights Groton's win over Florence/Henry



**Anna Fjeldheim**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Rylee Dunker**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton Area's volleyball team avenged an earlier loss to Florence-Henry with a 3-0 win over the Falcons. The match was played Monday at Florence.

The first set featured a volley that lasted 1:40 with 27 volleys culminating with a kill at the net by Rylee Dunker that gave Groton a 17-14 lead. The set was tied nine times with six lead changes. Groton Area had an eight-point run to take a 21-14 lead and went on for the 25-29 win. The second set was tied four times with just the one lead change when Groton took a 2-1 lead and never trailed for the rest of the set en route to a 25-21 win. The third set was tied twice early on and Groton Area never trailed to post a 25-12 third set win.

Rylee Dunker was 22 of 24 in attacks with 10 kills and had one block; Sydney Liecht was 29 of 33 in attacks with 12 digs, had nine kills, was 18 of 21 in serving with three ace serves and had one block; Anna Fjeldheim had 10 digs, was 17 of 22 in attacks with nine kills, had two assists and one ace serve; Faith

Traphagen had four kills; Chesney Weber had three kills and was 15 of 15 in serving with one ace serve; Elizabeth Flihs had 33 assists and three kills; Carly Guthmiller had 14 digs and was 10 of 10 in serving with two ace serves, Laila Roberts had one kill and Jerica Locke had one ace serve.

Caylin Kelly, who had her 1,000th kill in a previous match, had 14 kills for Florence-Henry with 43 of 45 attacks and had two blocks. Taylor Watson had five kills and Kate Hulscher had four kills and five blocks.

Ryan Tracy provided the play-by-play calling 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.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-10 and 25-6. Talli Wright had two kills and three ace serves, Emerlee Jones had three kills, Sydney Locke had two ace serves, Chesney Weber had two kills and two ace serves, Kella Tracy had three kills, one ace serve and one block, Jaedyn Penning had two kills and two ace serves and Emma Kutter had seven kills.

Ryan Tracy provided the commentary on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Brad and Pam Hanson.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-11 and 25-9. McKenna Tietz had two kills and two ace serves, Emerlee Jones had six kills and two ace serves, Estella Sanchez had one ace serve, Taryn Traphagen had one kill and two ace serves, Teagan Hanten had one kill and one ace serve, Liby Althoff had two kills and five ace serves, Hannah Sandness had two kills and three ace serves and Avery Crank had two ace serves. The Falcons had three kills and one ace serve during the match.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the White House Inn.

The Tigers had a super clean-sweep with seventh and eighth grade wins as well.

- Paul Kosel



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



**Sydney Liecht**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Anna Fjeldheim**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Carly Guthmiller**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

# Football: Groton Area 35, Sisseton 12

## Groton Area Tigers

**Rushing:** 38 carries for 163 yard, 2 TDs

Korbin Kucker 20-83, 2 TDs

Christian Ehresmann, 10-57

Keegen Tracy, 1-11

Taylor Diegel, 3-10

Lane Tietz, 4-2

## Passing:

Lane Tietz completed

13 of 22 for 160 yards, 3 TDs

Korbin Kucker: 0-1

## Receivers:

Taylor Diegel, 5-70

Keegen Tracy, 5-64, 2 TD

Colby Dunker, 3-26, 1TD

**Fumbles:** Had 1, lost 1

**Penalties:** 1 for 10 yards

## Defensive Leaders

Logan Ringgenberg, 6 tackles, 1 sack

Brevin Fliehs, 6 tackles

Korbin Kucker, 5 tackles, 1 sack, 1 interception

Taylor Diegel, 1 fumble recovery

Keegen Tracy, 3 interceptions

Christian Ehresmann, 4 tackles, 1 sack

Karsten Jeschke, 1 sack

**Record:** 3-2

**Next Game:** Friday at Webster

## Scoring:

### First Quarter

8:24: Groton Area: Korbin Kucker, 3 yard run. (Kucker kick) .....7-0

3:52: Groton Area: Korbin Kucker 2 yard run. (Kucker kick) .....14-0

### Third Quarter

9:17: Groton Area: Lane Tietz pass to Colby Dunker, 5 yards (Kucker kick) .....21-0

8:06: Groton Area: Lane Tietz pass to Keegen Tracy, 27 yards (Kucker kick) .....28-0

5:39: Sisseton: Ethan DeSpiegler pass to Mason Hertzog, 26 yards. (PAT kick no good) 28-6

### Fourth Quarter

10:48: Groton: Lane Tietz pass to Keegen Tracy, 12 yards (Kucker kick) .....35-6

3:46: Sisseton: Ethan DeSpiegler 1 yard run. (PAT pass failed) ..... 35-12

## Sisseton Redmen

**Rushing:** 24 carries for 38 yards, 1 TD

LaVonte Carter, 9-17

Ethan DeSpiegler, 11-11, 1 TD

## Passing:

Ethan DeSpiegler completed

10 of 23 for 130 yards, 1 TD, 4 Interception

## Receivers:

Nate Tchida, 4-41

Christian Shepard, 3-36

Mason Hertzog, 2-20

Hayden Hellwig, 1-23

**Fumbles:** Had 2, lost 1

**Penalties:** 4 for 47 yards

## Defensive Leaders

Landyn Steichen, 8 tackles

Hughin Current, 7 tackles

Vincent Donnel, 7 tackles

**Record:** 1-5

**Next Game:** Bye week

# Tigers take advantage of turnovers in win over Sisseton

Groton Area took advantage of five turnovers and turned three of them into points as the Tiger gridiron team defeated Sisseton Friday at Sisseton, 35-6.

Korbin Kucker had 83 yards rushing with two touchdowns, had five tackles, one sack and one interception. Taylor Diegel had 70 yards receiving and had a fumble recovery. Christian Ehresmann had 57 yards rushing, four tackles and one sack. Keegen Tracy had 64 yards receiving, 11 yards rushing nad had three interceptions. Logan Ringgenberg had six tackles and a sack while Brevin Fliehs also had six tackles.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored 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 Dairy Queen, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Krueger Brothers, Locke Electric and Rix Farms/R & M Farms. Mike Nehls provided the commentary, Jeslyn Kosel ran the camera and the halftime interview was with the one and only Tom Woods.



**Colby Dunker**

(Photos by Paul Kosel)

## Gilbert places fourth at Groton Invite

Ryelle Gilbert placed fourth at the Groton Invitational cross country meet held Monday at the Olive Grove Golf Course. She ran the 5K race in 22:08.16. Sydney Holmes was 15th with a time of 24:45.92; Emily Clark was 24th with a time of 32:55.32.

In the boys division, Gavin Knoll finished 22nd with a time of 22:38.33; Nathan Unzen was 30th with a time of 23:58.33; Kason Oswald was 37th with a time of 29:37.21; and Logan Clocksene was 41st with a time of 36:41.82.

In the boys junior varsity 3K race, Garrett Schultz was 14th with a time of 13:54.37.



**Keegen Tracy**

(Photos by Paul Kosel)



**Korbin Kucker**

(Photos by Paul Kosel)

## Munchkin Run Results

Grades K-2nd Girls:  
1st – Anna Fliehs, 2nd – Maryn Sombke, 3rd – Calli Wilkinson

Grades K-2nd Boys:  
1st – Freddy Cole, 2nd – Bo Fliehs, 3rd – Quinton Ronning

Grades 3-5 Girls: 1st – Andi Iverson, 2nd – Avery Huber, 3rd – Ryan Hanson

Grades 3-5 Boys:  
1st – Henry Pharis, 2nd – Knox Mulder, 3rd – Rae Fliehs

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## Service Notice: Helen "Pat" Nehls



The funeral for Helen Patricia "Pat" Nehls was held Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Craig Grams officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Pat passed away September 20th at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.

Helen Patricia was born on August 18, 1938 to Thelmer and Marie (Akre) Vig at the family farm near Veblen. She attended and graduated from Veblen High School. Pat continued her education at Northern State, where she earned her teaching degree. She taught elementary school for 46 years at Groton Area Elementary. Pat was united in marriage with Carroll Lee "Spike" Nehls and together they were blessed with two sons.

Pat was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. She will forever be remembered for her love of sweets, diet coke and her many years as a teacher. She touched the lives of countless children, as a first grade teacher. Pat and Spike were both avid sports fans and rarely missed a home game, whether that was basketball, baseball, football or track.

Celebrating her life are her sons, Scott (Susan) Nehls of Tucson, Arizona, Lance (Arlene) Nehls of Tucson, Arizona, four grandchildren, Alexa Brown, Lacey (Isaak) Matzdorff, Logan Nehls, Brock Nehls, and her sister, Karen (Kent) Elliott of Mina. Pat also leaves behind many dear friends, including Jan Hoffman, Deb McKiver and Lance & Kristie Hawkins.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband in 2021.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Pat's Grandchildren: Alexa Brown, Lacey Nehls., Logan Nehls and Brock Nehls.

Casketbearers will be Dennis Flihs, Dale Grenz, Lance Hawkins, Linn Vig, Neil Vig and Brad Elliott.

Family requests that Tiger gear be worn for the service.

## The Life of Maxine Frances Voight

1928 – 2023



Born in Aberdeen, SD, Maxine Frances (Schott) Voight passed away peacefully on August 8, 2023, in Sunnyvale, CA. Maxine grew up near Groton, daughter of Walter and Rebecca (Daly) Schott, and sister to Frances. Her early childhood was spent on her grandparents' farm. She attended a local one-room schoolhouse (initially transported via horse and buggy) until her father became a bulk oil dealer, and the family moved into Groton. While her parents ran the local Mobil Oil business, Maxine spent many hours working at the gas station.

Upon graduation from Groton High School (1946), Maxine attended Northern State Normal College. She received a certificate to teach in country schools and taught seven children in first through fifth grades.

Maxine was married on August 20, 1948, to a local farmer, Duane A. Voight (Butch). She and Butch spent 56 years together living in New Mexico, farming in SD, and locating to Santa Clara, CA in 1956.

After Butch's death in 2004 she lived independently until 2020 when she moved to a senior community. She had four children: Candy (Jim), Vaughn (Bucky), Bing and Drew (Donna); six grandchildren: Larrissa, Jerrod (Victoria), Bridget, Dustin (Kirsten), Lindsey (Christian) and Meghan (Alex); and three great-grandchildren: Kyndra, Isla and Mateo.

Maxine enjoyed community classes in tailoring, upholstery, flower arranging, and self-improvement. She loved cards, board games, bunco, and dancing a waltz, cha-cha or square dancing with Butch. She traveled to foreign countries, visited states from coast to coast, and frequently returned to her SD roots, family and friends.

As a homemaker and volunteer and advocate for schools, she was a 17-year PTA volunteer, President, and school volunteer, 4-H and Girl Scout leader; volunteer with YMCA, Little League, the Parkinson's Support Group, and election boards.

Maxine dedicated many hours preserving fruit and jams from fruit trees in the garden. She created delicious breads, pies and pastries, and kept the cookie jar fully stocked. She kept up daily with TV news and subscribed to local newspapers and the Groton Independent for hometown news.

Maxine recently celebrated her 95th birthday with a large celebration of family and friends.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Rebecca, sister Frances Boyer, and beloved husband Butch. She will forever live in the hearts of all who were fortunate to know her. A celebration of life was held on September 2 at Los Gatos Memorial Cemetery, San Jose, CA.

## Death Notice: Richard Sanderson

Richard Sanderson, 93, of Conde passed away September 27, 2023 at Wilnot Care Center. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

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# Tigers have clean sweep over Tiospa Zina

Groton Area's volleyball team did not lose a single set from the junior high matches to the varsity matches in action played Thursday at Agency Village.

Three players hit double figures in the varsity match as Groton Area won, 25-7, 25-11 and 25-18. Anna Fjeldheim had 10 kills and three ace serves, Sydney Leicht had 11 kills, nine digs, and two ace serves, Rylee Dunker had 10 kills, Chesney Weber had seven kills and two ace serves, Elizabeth Flihs had 37 assists, nine digs, four kills and four ace serves, Faith Traphagen had four kills, Carly Guthmiller and eight digs and one ace serve and Jerica Locke had an ace serve.

Maryann Garland had four kills for the Wambdi and Gerrica Redday had two kills and two ace serves.

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 Dairy Queen, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Krueger Brothers and Locke Electric.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-7 and 25-11. Jaedyn Penning led Groton Area with seven kills and four ace serves, McKenna Tietz had six ace serves, Talli Wright had five kills, Kella Tracy three kills, Sydney Locke three ace serves, Chesney Weber two kills, Taryn Trapahgen and Jerica Locke each had an ace serve and Emerlee Jones had a kill.

The Groton Chiropractic Clinic was the sponsor of the match on GDILIVE.COM with a few words from Avery Crank and Estella Sanchez.

Groton Area won the C match by identical scores of 25-15. Emerlee Jones had eight kills, McKenna Teitz had three kills and two ace serves, Taryn Trapahgen had four kills and an ace serve, Liby Althoff had three kills and an ace serve, Avery Crank had three ace serves and a kill, Hannah Sandness had two ace serves and a kill and Leah Jones and Teagan Hanten each had a kill.

The White House Inn sponsored the match on GDILIVE.COM with Anna Fjeldheim providing the commentary.



**Jerica Locke**  
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Starting an exercise routine, especially when starting from scratch, can be daunting. The simplest way to get started is to start a timed walking routine. Start with 15 minutes per day. If you can't walk outdoors or on a treadmill, find a long hallway or a large indoor space like a store or mall and just walk. If you are consistent, you will find that week by week you will be able to increase your time ideally up to 30 minutes a day or more. If you have a friend or family member who shares the same goal, a walking partner will increase your odds of success.

If you have a condition or disability that keeps you from walking, alternatives abound. Some people are much more able to use a stationary bike, or exercise in a pool. Chair exercise or upper body only routines can be found online; use the same principles, starting at 15 minutes and increasing the time gradually.

Already got walking or your alternative down? You can increase the intensity by exercising more briskly or adding some hills or resistance to your routine. And better yet, you can add some strength training to maintain and build muscle. No fancy equipment needed – start with some squats from a sturdy chair; try a 30 second plank. Adding some variety to your routine is great to keep things interesting and reduce any risk of overuse injury.

There are some great ways to work on exercise in a group if your community has access. Many communities have free group chair exercise or walking groups that you can try out. If able, try a yoga, pilates, or tai chi class. That pesky friend who keeps inviting you to play pickle ball – say "why not" and give it a go! Probably the most important thing to help you be consistent with exercise is to find activities that you actually enjoy doing, so don't be afraid to try something new!

Our exercise abilities and goals might change as we get older, but the benefits of moving our bodies are present at all ages. So get out there and move! You'll be glad you did.

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