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Marching Festival moved to the Arena

Groton Area Band Director Desiree Yeigh has said that the Lake Region Marching Festival scheduled for Main Street on Friday will be moved to the Arena. The weather is looking to be very unpleasant for an outdoor event.

Yeigh said that "We have to limit our spectators to make sure we have enough seating in the arena. I would encourage you to watch on the livestream at GDILIVE.com. Paul is offering this event free of charge. THANK YOU, Paul!"

Groton school board discusses social study standard implementation, more at morning meeting

by Elizabeth Varin

Questions remain on what social studies will look like at Groton Area School District in the next few years.

Social studies teacher Scott Thorson discussed issues facing educators with the new social studies standards during Tuesday morning's school district board meeting. One of the issues is there is currently no text book that would cover the standards. That may push back the implementation timeframe.

Other changes the district may see would be possibly a full year of government taught instead of the currently-offered one semester class, he said. With the new standards, it would be virtually impossible to condense it all within one semester. If it becomes a year-long class, that may cause issues with what electives students will have time for.

Teaching more about U.S. government, tribal governments and South Dakota history is a good thing, Thorson said. There just isn't currently a curriculum that covers all of that. And it will be hard to implement the new standards if there isn't a textbook available for students and educators.

There are also changes coming for Shaun Wanner, social studies teacher. Currently one class focuses on the timeframe of the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, he said. However, the new standards would expand that from 1492 to 2008. It's going to be a challenge to figure out where to add the new information.

It is important for the students to know these things, though, Wanner added. Many students will spend a lot of their lives in South Dakota, and it's important to know that history.

There currently have not been any changes to the graduation requirements as of yet, said Superintendent Joe Schwan. However, if government is expanded into a full year, it may require something going away to make that work.

The district has been putting off purchasing new social studies material for the last few years as they didn't want to spend money on books that would be outdated soon, Schwan said. However, some of the books are falling apart at this point. And some larger school districts are also holding off on purchasing new supplies until base curriculum is set.

"They're not convinced the standards adopted aren't going to change," he told the board.

At a recent educators conference, there wasn't discussion about pushing back implementation of the new standards, Thorson said. However, he added, he wouldn't be surprised if it were pushed back pending a decision on curriculum requirements.

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GHS Marching Band Gets Gold Award at Gypsy Day Parade

Groton Area's Marching Band took part in the Gypsy Day Parade in Aberdeen on Saturday. It was a short march for the band as once they were past the judges, they had to leave the parade so the soccer players could get back to Groton to get reach for the State Semifinal game. The band earned a Gold award this year. (Photo courtesy Jess Paepke on Desiree Yeigh's Facebook Page)



Girls soccer team advances to state

Some of the younger soccer players gathered around Amy Warrington as they sang the National Anthem at the State Semifinal Soccer Game played Saturday in Groton. Groton Area defeated Sioux Falls Christian, 2-1, to advance to the state title game Saturday, 11 a.m. at Brandon Valley as the Tigers take on Tea Area. See the good luck page and more photos on Pages 6-7. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Getting read for the Pumpkin Fest

These pumpkins are all for the Eighth Annual Pumpkin Fest! Thank you to all these pumpkineers and John & Gail Zeck for their hard work in making this happen! Pictured here are Topper Tastad, Dacey Kampa, Joe Foertsch, Lexie Locke, April Abeln, Lennox Locke, Axel Abeln, Travis McGannon, Val Baker, Deb McKiver, Gail Zeck, Carson Zeck, Grady Zeck, Jessie Zeck, Katie Kampa and Dane Kampa.

(Photo courtesy April Abeln)

Weekly Vikings Recap - Vikings vs. Chiefs

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

In their first-ever matchup against Patrick Mahomes, the Minnesota Vikings fell just short of defeating the best quarterback in the NFL. The Vikings now move to 1-4 on the season and there will be a lot of questions as to whether the Vikings will move on from some of their key older players.

The first half was a solid one for the Vikings as they stayed toe-to-toe with the Chiefs. After a Josh Oliver fumble on the first play of the game, which led to an eventual Chiefs' touchdown, the Vikings were able to stay the course and put together three straight scoring drives. The only problem for the Vikings was that two of the three resulted in field goals instead of touchdowns. When playing a team like the Chiefs who can score whenever they want, the Vikings needed to score touchdowns on every drive they could. If the Vikings could have turned those field goals into touchdowns, they could have positioned well heading into halftime. Instead, the Vikings found themselves tied 13-13 at the half, with the Chiefs starting the second half with the ball.

Although the storyline coming into the game might have been Travis Kelce and his popstar girlfriend, the real story of the game was the Chiefs' consistent long offensive possessions. On the Chiefs' first six possessions, only one of them did not last nine plays or longer. That massive play total can demoralize and exhaust a defense like the Vikings that lacks the true star power to shut down Patrick Mahomes.

What also demoralized the Vikings was that they had multiple opportunities in the second half to end the Chiefs' offensive drives early. On the Chiefs' first drive of the second half, the Vikings quickly forced the Chiefs into a long third down. After sending pressure on the Mahomes, Mahomes was forced to throw a long lob to his receiver who was able to pull down the ball over Cam Bynum. Bynum, who jumped prematurely, had the opportunity to bat the ball down and cause a fourth down. Instead, he went for the interception, and the Vikings paid for it. The same thing would happen for the Vikings on the next drive when Travis Kelce, who was hobbling from an ankle injury in the first half, mossed Josh Metellus on a key third down. If those two plays went the Vikings' way, the game would have been a lot different for the Vikings.

However, after scoring on an Alexander Mattison screenplay, the Vikings finally forced the Chiefs' offense into a punt. Down 27-20 with less than 10:00 remaining, the Vikings needed to go 80 yards down the field to the game. The only problem was that Justin Jefferson was out with a hamstring injury. Nonetheless, the Vikings drove down the field into Chiefs' territory thanks to Jordan Addison and KJ Osborn covering for Jefferson's absence. Sadly, the Vikings could not finish the drive as they

failed to convert on a crucial fourth down after the referees made a questionable decision to pick up a penalty on the Chiefs for defensive pass interference. What made matters worse was that while the referees were discussing the call, a Chiefs player took off his helmet on the field, which should have resulted in an unsportsmanlike penalty on the Chiefs and pinned the Chiefs deep in their territory. Instead, the referees did nothing, and it was the Chiefs' ball with a chance to run out the clock thanks to the Vikings using up all their timeouts early into the second half.

The Vikings would eventually get one more shot at it after a Chiefs' punt. However, with only a 1:00 left and no timeouts, the Vikings fell short as Kirk Cousins was sacked while attempting to throw a game-ending hail mary.

Chiefs 27 - Vikings 20

Next week, the Vikings will travel to take on the Chicago Bears. The Bears, who won their first game of the season last Thursday, will come in with more rest and more momentum than the Vikings. If the Vikings lose, the season is officially over.

Sunday Morning Heroes

I still remember Sunday mornings at the apartment Bob Booker and I shared on Railroad Avenue in Aberdeen in the late Seventies. While Bob was sleeping, I would tiptoe out to the living room and patch an audio cable from the television to the stereo system and wait until All Star Wrestling began, "featuring the top professional wrestlers from the United States, Canada, England, Australia, Mexico, Poland, Germany, Japan..." ("But mostly Minneapolis," Bob once quipped.)

With "Mean Gene" Okerlund's voice thundering through the speakers, Bob would emerge sleepily in a bathrobe and a half-flattened perm, which for some reason was a thing back then, and the day would begin with us cheering the heels (bad guys), the jobbers (perennial losers) and booing the babyfaces (good guys). We were rebels.

We admired the tag team of Jesse "The Body" Ventura and "Adorable Adrian Adonis" who would strut and bully until things got tough, at which point, the hulking, muscle-bound Jesse would drop to his knees, hands clasped in prayer, begging for mercy, before his scrawny opponent, Greg Gagne, whose father Verne co-founded the AWA (American Wrestling Association). Then, while the referee was distracted, Adrian would club "Greggy," as we derisively called him, from behind with a folding chair, causing the immediate disqualification of our heroes and—get this—allow them to retain their tag team title because of the disqualification. The AWA had the greatest rules ever.

Verne looked like your dad—if your dad was bald, wore tight swim trunks around the house and accessorized with lace up boots. But he was a popular people's champion and a 1948 Olympian. His foil at the time was Nick Bockwinkel, the suave, erudite, arrogant heel managed by Bobby "The Brain" Heenan, described as "the smartest man in wrestling."

During interviews conducted by the short, tuxedoed, seedy-looking Gene Okerlund, Heenan would brag about the exemplary wrestling prowess of "Mr. Bockwinkel" and complain about the skulduggery of supposed mastermind promoter and co-founder of the

AWA, Wally Karbo, who had a thick German accent and often grew so flustered during exchanges with Heenan and Bockwinkel all he could do was sputter. While Heenan was singing his praises, Bockwinkel, in all his sweptback blond-haired splendor, would preen for the camera and nod in agreement.

Heenan's role was to insult and infuriate fans. One time, before an appearance at the Aberdeen Civic Arena, Heenan was a guest on Bob's afternoon show on KSDN, and obliged by calling everyone in town ignorant hillbillies and insisting that there would be trouble if anyone showed up waving "Weasel" signs or chanting "Weasel!" when he walked in, which naturally, they did. During his career, he was shot at, beaten and stabbed by fans who took their wrestling pretty seriously. He once paid his \$1,200 fee to join the Screen Actor's Guild so he could take a small movie role for which he was paid \$1,000. "That's how smart I was," he said.

A former wrestler, Heenan once took on perennial loser "Sodbuster" Kenny Jay, who got his name from his landscaping business. In every match, Kenny Jay would put on a good show and almost win, only to fall victim to some underhanded tactic or nefarious plot. This time though, at a key point in the match, "Rock 'N' Roll" Buck Zumhofe distracted Heenan, who was summarily pinned. "The Brain" was so furious, he smashed Zumhofe's boom box, valued in the thousands (claimed Zumhofe), on the turnbuckle, setting off another memorable controversy.

With Kenny Jay's hand raised in victory, Bob and I leapt to our feet, dancing around on the furniture in our bathrobes like spastic Samurais, chanting "Kenny Jay won! Kenny Jay won!" During his career, Kenny Jay (Benkowski) wrestled an ape, a bear, and even lasted two and a half rounds with Muhammad Ali in an exhibition match—the highlight of his career, he said—but for Bob and me, it was the was the memorable win over "The Brain" that remains unforgettable.

One of the great interviews was Reggie Lisowski, otherwise known as the barrel-chested Crusher, who trained by "smoking cigars and carrying kegs of beer". By the end of his road work, legend has it, the keg was empty, but Crusher continued to exercise late into the evening by "dancing with all the dollies on Wisconsin Avenue." He favored stout Polish barmaids.

The interviews were always as entertaining as the matches. The best one I ever saw was with Jerry Blackwell, a 474-pound bearded villain from Stone Mountain, Georgia, who planned to illustrate his toughness by breaking a plank with his forehead in front of the cameras. With Baron Von Rashke (a substitute school teacher in the off-season) holding the board, Blackwell gave it a mighty whack. It cracked but didn't break. Blackwell wobbled while Okerlund and Von Rashke's eyes grew wide at the botched stunt. He managed to carry on, but as he woozily bragged about the mayhem he would inflict on his next opponent, a trickle of blood began to trickle down his face. So it was that the only blood I ever saw on All Star Wrestling came during an interview.

The AWA folded in 1991 after Vince McMahon transformed wrestling from a regional attraction to a slickly produced worldwide phenomenon. It had its moments, but it lacked the humor, personality and heart of the AWA. The AWA was cartoons for adults. A soap opera for men and a few rabid grandmothers. But those days are gone. Vern Gagne is gone. So is Blackwell. Karbo exited in 1993. Adonis died in a car wreck in 1988 on the way to a match. We lost the Crusher in 2005. Heenan, beloved in wrestling circles, has battled throat cancer, his arrogant lisp now silenced.

I miss those guys. I was feeling kind of wistful about it on this, a misty Sunday morning 35 years later. Then, half afraid of what I would find, I did a web search for Kenny Jay. Fear not, "The Sodbuster" is still going strong at 77, still living in Minnesota. It made me smile.

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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

Chief Justice Taft: Presidency OK, Supreme Court Heavenly

William Howard Taft, the only man to serve as President of the United States and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, once observed that the Court was his idea of what Heaven must be like. This prompted Justice Felix Frankfurter to declare that "he had a very different notion of heaven than any I know anything about."

Taft reached "heaven" in 1920 when President Warren G. Harding appointed him to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Harding asked Taft whether he "would accept a position on the Supreme Court." Taft said he would accept only the Chief Justiceship. Soon after that conversation, Chief Justice Edward White died and Harding nominated Taft, who was quickly confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

It is difficult to understand Taft, the 27th President, without recognizing his consuming ambition to become Chief Justice—not merely one of eight Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, but the Chief Justice—and his reverence for the law and the American judicial system. Taft's single-minded pursuit of the Chief Justiceship shaped his decisions and long career in public affairs.

Taft longed to be a distinguished jurist, in the mode of his hero, Chief Justice John Marshall. Taft once said that "he would rather have been Marshall than any other American. Marshall is the greatest jurist America has ever produced." Toward that goal Taft, in 1892, accepted an appointment to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. His wife, Helen, was unhappy; she

wanted him to take jobs leading to the White House.

In the interest of marital harmony, and in pursuit of his own dreams, Taft resigned from the circuit court in 1900 when President William McKinley asked him to become chairman of the second Philippine Commission and the first civilian governor of the Philippines with the task of organizing civil government after the Spanish-American War. McKinley assured Taft that he would appoint him to the Supreme Court, but he was assassinated before he could fulfill his promise. His successor, Theodore Roosevelt, so admired Taft that he offered to nominate him to the Court on three separate occasions. Taft declined each time, stating that he wanted to become Chief Justice. While Taft waited for Chief Justice Melville Fuller to retire or die, Roosevelt announced his decision not to run for reelection after 1908. Roosevelt threw his full weight behind Taft, who easily defeated Democratic nominee, William Jennings Bryan in the general election.

Taft was not particularly interested in serving as president. Indeed, his single presidential term was a frustrating and unrewarding experience, symptoms, perhaps, of his desire for another high office. Taft may well be the only president in our history who, while in office, coveted another position. His eyes remained squarely on the Chief Justiceship.

Taft's proudest moments as a one-term president involved his efforts to shape the judiciary. With the possible exception of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Taft devoted more attention to the judiciary than any other president. As a former Solicitor General and circuit judge, Taft was keenly aware of the importance of judicial appointments. Like FDR, who dealt with a Court dominated by aged Justices, Taft, too, felt the need for changes in the geriatric Fuller Court. "The condition of the Supreme Court is pitiable," Taft wrote after his election, "and yet those old fools hold on with a tenacity that is most discouraging."

Taft had the chance to virtually remake the Court, which he proceeded to do with six Supreme Court appointments, more than any other one-term president in American history. Leading lawyers in his time toasted Taft's "rehabilitation" of the Court. Yet, Taft's joy in remaking the High Court was undercut by his own unfulfilled ambition to become Chief Justice. When he named a new Chief Justice to succeed Melvin Fuller, he shared his regret that "the one place in the government which I would have liked to fill myself I am forced to give to another."

Taft's absorbing interest in the Chief Justiceship influenced his choice in nominating Edward White, rather than Charles Evans Hughes, to become Chief. Taft was an ardent Republican, as was Hughes, but White was a Democrat. White was a dozen years older than Taft and 17 years older than the widely respected Hughes. Why, then, did Taft choose a much older and ideologically incompatible jurist in White over Hughes, for whom he had great admiration?

Simply put, as a strategic matter, Taft believed that with the passage of time, he might be able to succeed White as Chief Justice. Taft's bet—his focus on actuarial factors—proved successful. Upon White's death in 1920, Taft replaced the very man whom he had nominated to the Court a decade before. Taft, finally, was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Life of Eugene Prunty



Mass of Christian Burial for Eugene Prunty, 94, of Andover will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 14th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Father Gregory Tschakert will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Andover under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Services will be broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM and will also be broadcast on GDIRADIO at 89.3 FM, available within 1 mile of Groton.

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

Gene passed away Sunday, October 8, 2023 at Sun Dial Manor, Bristol.

Eugene "Gene" Patrick Prunty was born on July 15, 1929 to Francis Patrick (FP) and Victoria Josephine (Schmit) Prunty at their home outside Andover, South Dakota. He was delivered by his father and was the 7th of 16 children. He was baptized and confirmed at All Saints Catholic Church in Andover. He attended the country school and graduated from Andover High School in 1947. After the fall harvest he went to Tioga, North Dakota for the grain and potato harvest. He returned to the Andover area in 1949.

Gene was drafted into the Army in December 1951. During the Korean War, Gene worked as a construction engineer in the Combat Corps of Engineers building roads from July to October in 1953. One road was on the 38th parallel north of Seoul and another to an Air Force radar station on top of the highest mountain in South Korea. His unit also built the compound at Panmunjom, where North and South Korean officials met, and he was present for the prisoner exchange. While stationed in Manchuria, (now North Korea), Gene told a reporter, "We didn't have a warm meal for two and a half months." Gene served 22 months and was discharged at Camp Carson, Colorado in October 1953 at the rank Sergeant.

Following military service, Gene attended the Agricultural School (GI Farm School) in Andover, SD and then returned to the family

dairy farm. Over the years he raised cattle, sheep, chickens, pigs, dairy cows and farmed 400 acres of crops (barley, oats, rye, corn, wheat, alfalfa, sorghum and hay).

He was united in marriage to Bernice Louise Nehls Larson on September 21, 1982 (the same day as his parents wedding). Bernice had two adult children Dennis and Ruth (George) Kimball. Bernice and Gene made their home on the Prunty Registered Holstein Farm for the next 20 years. They enjoyed traveling to visit relatives and friends in Seattle and Alaska. Gene visited Ireland, from where his namesake, Patrick Henry Prunty immigrated in 1845 to Shiocton, Wisconsin, the site of the original Patrick Prunty Family farm. For several years Gene was the Andover Santa Claus driving his team of miniature horses to town. Gene served as treasurer for the Threshing Association for 7 years. He also served on the Andover centennial committee. On November 10, 2017, Eugene Prunty received the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. He was also a continuous member of the American Legion Post 258, Department of South Dakota for over 70 years.

Gene was widowed in June 2002. In 2014 Gene moved to The Groton Manor and then in 2017 to Sun Dial Manor in Bristol, SD.

Gene is survived by one brother: Bill (Betty) Prunty, Salinas, CA; Three sisters: Sister Pat Prunty PBVM, Sioux Falls, SD; Dorothy (John) Meier, Normal, IL; Theresa (Darell) Evers, Mankato, MN; step-daughter, Ruth (George) Kimball, Anchorage, AK and many nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife Bernice, his parents, four brothers: Robert, Edward, Tom and Clarence; seven sisters: Mary Prunty, Marge Wing, Evelyn Overas, Cecelia (Heinen) Jurgens, Betty (Grode) Gollnick, Ruth Prunty, and Marian Grode.

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Frederick Town
Oct. 4, 2023

Meeting Minutes

City of Frederick
 October 4, 2023 Minutes
 Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, October 4, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kosters and Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock, Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine, and Utility Manager Dalton Kopecky

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the September meetings were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The October accounts payable were approved with a motion by Kosters/Millard; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$934.15; A. Gunther wage EBL \$78.50; Badger Meter fees Swr \$116.81; Brown County Treasurer RE tax 303 2nd Ave Gen'l \$674.92; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$86.57; Dalton Kopecky UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$140.38; Dahme Construction repair leak Wtr \$7,500; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,723; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cnty \$862.38; FDC Gen'l \$1200; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; J. Kosters Gen'l \$92.34; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,373.77; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$296.14; M. Cox wage EBL \$528.10; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.37; M. Morlock mowing wage Gen'l \$55.41; R. Bakeberg UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$144.07; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$138.52; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$65.78; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$92.34; VISA supplies Gen'l \$416.17; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$5,058.45
OLD BUSINESS
 Dalton Kopecky and Scott Campbell provided a utility report. The property at 303 2nd Ave that the city now owns needs a tree torn down as well as the house.

NEW BUSINESS
 Motion to approve the third quarter library report made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

The November meeting will be Monday, November 6 at 7 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Kosters at 7:34 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine
 Assistant Finance Officer
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Columbia City
Oct. 4, 2023

Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting – October 4, 2023
 CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

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

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cole Kampa made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. The liquor license for Karen's Bar is up for renewal. Trevor and Cole will not vote on the renewal. Minutes were passed out from the September 21st special budget meeting. Emily Eichler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: SDPA – park insurance – 4362.79; United States Treasury – 3rd Quarter 2023 – 2192.74; Jeremy Dosch – September wages – 419.99; Cara Dennert – September wages – 1235.25; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies – 116.55; Emily Eichler – 3rd quarter wages – 296.46; Corey Mitchell – 3rd quarter wages – 340.34 plus Sept. wages & rental – 189.62; Trevor Meints – 3rd quarter wages – 296.46; Cole Kampa – 3rd quarter wages – 255.29; Meghan Butler – 3rd quarter wages – 296.46; GDI – publication – 65.83; Northwestern Energy – electricity for new parks – 567.30; SD Unemployment Insurance – 43.42; Double D Lot Services – new park mowing – 7811.00 Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was discussion about the park lease contract. Emily shared some concerns of the Columbia Baseball Association, and it was agreed that the wording needs to be altered regarding the monetary coverage of issues that may come up. The association will need to come to a meeting to finalize after corrections are made to the contract.

Nuisances - The Columbia Cares group held a city cleanup last weekend. They were able to help out a lot of residents with jobs that needed doing.

Streets – Cole will be contacting B&B to get the streets bladed again before winter. Corey and Jeremy have worked on some culverts and low spots. Emily has a bad culvert by her daycare that needs some attention. Trevor is going to look into purchasing some cattle/wind break panels to put up on the north end of town to help with the winter snow.

Parks - The parks are in the process of being winterized. The bathrooms will be locked and the sprinklers will be blown out.

Lagoon/sewer - The city is working on the surface water discharge permit.

Rubble Site – The site will need to be burned at an opportune time.

NEW BUSINESS - As of today, there have been no bids on the Woods Three Point mower that is surplus property. Interested

parties should call the city and leave a message 605-396-2655 or e-mail. The council discussed the International Property Maintenance Code recommended by the code enforcer that we have hired to address city nuisances. Emily Eichler made a motion to pass the first reading of the International Property Maintenance Code ordinance. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Second reading will be October 15th at 7:45 a.m. Discussion maintenance man wages was tabled until the November meeting. As discussed in the September minutes, the Columbia City Council is looking for someone to fill the remainder of Meghan Butler's term (December 2023– May 2024). Anyone interested in the position should e-mail the city (columbiacity@nvc.net) Cara presented the application for the liquor license for Karen's Bar & Grill. Meghan Butler made a motion to renew the license. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. There was an e-mail from Dakota Resources regarding a contract for 2024. There was much discussion from the board. There has been great work accomplished by the committees with Paula's direction, but the board is confident that these committees will continue to make great gains on their own.

After reviewing the amount of money required to keep the parks in shape, the council does not feel it is financially responsible to continue to pay almost \$8,000 for the services of Dakota Resources. Trevor Meints made a motion to not continue the services of Dakota Resources. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Motion carried. There was also discussion on the possibility of buying a second Bobcat for snow removal for the upcoming winter. Corey will look into some prices.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara Dennert presented bank balances. Emily Eichler made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. The board discussed the possibility of moving some of the sewer fund monies to the sewer fund money market account. Cara will contact the bank for guidance.

September 30, 2023 balances:
 SF - \$ 159,883.57 \$; SF Money Market - \$ 50,361.42;
 GF - \$ 127,545.53; GF Money Market - \$ 50,361.42; CD Money Market - \$ 32,138.24;
 FIT - \$ \$14,645.87; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Corey Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.

Next City Council Meeting – October 15th – 7:45 a.m. (Second reading of International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance)

Next Regular City Council Meeting – November 1, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer
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Westport Town
Oct. 2, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

October 2nd, 2023
 The Town of Westport met on October 2nd, 2023 with Larry Schmit, Shane Storm, and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General
 NWPS (\$380.01), SD unemployment ins (\$24.34), US treasury (\$869.88), Groton Independent (\$29.28), Dept of Legislative Audit- Audit (\$2,496.00), SDARWS –water leak testing (\$400.00)

Sewer
 NWPS (\$ 40.61) & NRWA –loan repayment (\$210.13), DANR (\$9,310.01).

Water
 WEB (\$1,685.57), Public health Lab-water testing (\$211.00) & Water Maintenance District (\$459.18).

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

The following deposits were presented:

City General
 Brown County Collections (\$261.46), State of SD (\$12,026.25) & Interest (\$107.46).

Sewer
 Resident Payments - (\$2,750.00),

Water
 Resident Payments – (\$4,150.79).

NEW BUSINESS:

Water loss was discussed, looking into possible reasons why. No other business was discussed.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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WEB Water
Notice of

Annual Meeting

WEB Water Development Association, Inc.

Annual Member Meeting Notice

WEB Water Development Association, Inc. hereby gives notice that its Annual Member Meeting will be at 2:00 pm on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023, at the Dakota Event Center. The following Board positions are up for election:

District 1: Rural – Walworth and Potter Counties in SD. (Incumbent Director Allen Walth, Glenham, SD, is seeking re-election to a third term.)

District 6: Rural – Day, Clark and Marshall Counties in SD. (Incumbent Director Bob Whitmyre, Webster, SD, is seeking re-election to a third term.)

District 8: Bulk – Brown County in SD and Dickey County in ND. (Incumbent Director Les Hinds, Groton, SD, is seeking re-election to a fourth term.)

To be considered as a candidate for one of the above Board positions, pick up a nominating petition & instructions from the WEB Water Office at 38456 W Hwy 12, Aberdeen, SD, or request one by writing to WEB Water at PO Box 51, Aberdeen, SD 57402-0051, or by emailing your petition request to kdegrout@webwater.org. Please call the WEB Water office at 605-229-4749 if questions. The deadline for submitting nominating petitions for WEB Water director positions is 3:00 p.m., Thursday, November 9, 2023.

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Riverside Township
Mowing Notice

Riverside Township
Weed Notice

Riverside Township Owners and Tenants of Riverside Township are hereby notified and required according to law, to cut all weeds and mow road ditches tenanted by them within said township on or before Oct. 20, 2023 will be fined \$150 per half mile charged to the abutting property.

By order of the township board
 Bruce Sippel
 Township Clerk
 Published October 11 and 18, 2023, at the total approximate cost of \$12.69 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 22594

Groton City
Property Tax
Levy Notice

Ordinance 770
 An Ordinance certifying the 2024 City of Groton Property Tax Levy to Brown County

Be It Ordained by the governing body of the City of Groton, South Dakota that the City Finance Officer is hereby directed to certify the following amount of property tax levy to the County Auditor of Brown County, South Dakota, in the manner provided by law.

General Fund \$545,969
 The amount of tax levy request is \$775,969. The amount of opt out request is \$230,000. The total request being \$545,969, for general purposes.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

First Reading: 9/19/2023
 Second Reading: 10/3/2023
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Brown County
Oct. 3, 2023
Meeting Minutes

October 3, 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 Fjeldheim, Gage, and Sutton. Commissioners Dennert and Wiese were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gage.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve the agenda with HR Report being scratched due to no report this week, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE #256 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance #256 amending 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).

Roll Call: Fjeldheim – aye; Gage – aye, Sutton – aye, Dennert – absent and Wiese – absent. Ordinance #256 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).

QUOTES FOR HEAT/COOL SYSTEM FOR 24/7 BUILDING: Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent supplied 2 quotes to the Commission to replace the Heat/Cool System for the 24/7 Building: Woodman Refrigeration in the amount of \$8,743.00 and Jakes Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$9,000.00 for a Payne Natural Gas Furnace, 80,000 BTU and BO 3 Ton 13 SEER A/C with 3 Ton Cased Evaporator Coil. Judy's recommendation was to go with Woodman Refrigeration. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to accept the Quote from Woodman Refrigeration in the amount of \$8,743.00 to replace the Heat/Cool System for the 24/7 Building. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PROJECT UPDATE/SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS AND GEVO INC.: Kylie Lange with Summit Carbon Solutions shared that they want to be more transparent and wanted to share the why's of the project: she introduced Kent Hartwig, Director of State & Local Government Affairs with GEVO to explain what aviation fuel is and what it could mean to South Dakota (SD) and how it ties in with the Summit Carbon project. Kent shared they are building their first large scale aviation fuel facility in Lake Preston, SD, they will be fermenting corn into ethanol and then in a secondary process turn the ethanol into a hydrocarbon, which is a drop-in replacement for jet fuel. The plant is called Net-Zero1, they plan to produce 65 million gallons of renewable fuel and plan to employ around 90 full-time employees, and employee over 1500 Construction workers over the next 3 years – this plant is to be the largest investment SD has ever seen. Plan to process approximately 38 million bushels of corn annually, so will need to access from outside Kingbury county so the economic benefits will be seen throughout SD. Also, will produce 695 thousand metric-ton of distillers' grain that will go to feed livestock in the surrounding area. They plan to capture as much carbon as possible through the entire SANF process, this begins working directly with farmers, plan to pay a premium for corn raised in a low-carbon way (examples given were reduce synthetic fertilizer usage, conservation tillage, using biodiesel in farm equipment). The Net-Zero1 plant will reduce fossil omission by creating a wind-turbine farm for renewable electricity that will be directly connected to the plant along with a Dairy Digestor that creates renewable natural gas which could be an input for their facility. GEVO is working with Summit Carbon Solutions

to connect to their pipelines in SD. If Summit pipeline fails to be built in SD, then it puts the plant in Lake Preston at high risk of being relocated to another location that has these availabilities. GEVO supports the establishment of the pipeline to reduce the carbon emissions from ethanol plants across the state and will fit to sustain ethanol production innovation in the transportation sector. GEVO has a history of working with SD based companies, universities and corn growers to develop environmentally friendly products: looking to SD to expand their network and build multiple sites and SD is high on their list but they need to look at proximity of pipelines when selecting the sites for future Net-Zero 1 plants. Commissioner Gage asked where else would they have access for other plants if not in SD – Kent replied in North Dakota, Nebraska, Illinois and Louisiana. Jared Bossly wanted to clarify that they need the Summit Carbon pipeline to make all these products – Kent shared there are 2 plants: Ethanol and Hydrocarbon their process doesn't require Carbon Dioxide, but they are capturing the carbon dioxide emissions at the ethanol plant putting it into the pipeline to permit carbon sequestration site which reduces the carbon intensity which is valuable in the marketplace. Jared feels that carbon dioxide is being stole from these plants and then asked why they can't set this up at all the plants instead of using a pipeline to produce the jet fuel or methanol (largest traded commodity in the world), so there are some opportunities for the farmer owned plants to something with these products. Kylie stated that Glacial Lakes is incredibly excited about the future of aviation fuel and what that market could mean, they are aware of GEVO and other companies and the opportunities. Kent shared there are about 110 billion gallons of jet fuel used globally on an annual basis, they can blend up to 50% with Jet A fuel, able to significantly penetrate the market; the airline customers want this product and actively working with GEVO, who is able to provide the lowest carbon solution and they are currently the only entity that can do it. Dennis Feickert questioned Kent to know why they are just showing up now instead of being ahead of the game and indirectly threatening to pull this from SD – Kent stated there is only one of him and he works in multiple states and that is on him but they haven't been shy about it, they've had conversations with State Legislators on getting the pipeline built so right now wanting to educate the people on their plans. Commissioner Gage then asked where they have plants now – Kent replied in NW Iowa; Luverne, MN that is shipped to Texas; in the process of building out the plant in Lake Preston which is located 1-mile outside of town. Commissioner Gage asked if they know what the setbacks were in Kingbury County and was informed they don't have a pipeline ordinance. Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director questioned if the pipeline would transport anything else besides the carbon to sequester it and Kylie stated no that is the only thing that will be going through the pipeline.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY – NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS (NVC): Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve three applications submitted to provide telecommunications services by NVC for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #14 in Section 28& 33-T124-R63, Brown County, SD; Brown County #12, in Section 8, 5, 6-T123N-R63, Brown County, SD and Brown County Hwy #5, in Section 19 & 30-T128-R60, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave a brief department update on ongoing projects: Elm Lake project is still going, the seeding & erosion control is done and looking like they will need to do the fencing – not officially open but know it is getting used and no boat dock there now but looks nice; continuing to pave on Co. Rd. 16 from State Hwy. 10; Biegler Rd. down to the fishing dock – full mile overlay and continuing to mow.

FORKLIFT PURCHASE: Parks Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission regarding the need of a new forklift; they have 3 on the grounds but only 1 works. Rachel presented them quotes from 3

different locations:
MAKE, HOURS, PRICE, BUSINESS, TRADE, WARRANTY
1995 Kamatsu, 279, \$10,000.00, F-M Forklift Sales & Service, \$0.00, None
1998 Green Clark, 2150, \$13,500.00, F-M Forklift Sales & Service, \$0.00, None
2007 Toyota, 9778, \$14,900.00, F-M Forklift Sales & Service, \$500.00, 90 days
1989 Toyota, 8175, \$16,000.00, F-M Forklift Sales & Service, \$0.00, None
2019 Unicarriers, 700, \$20,480.00, Forklifts of MN, \$800.00, 120 days
2019 Unicarriers, 1760, \$24,680.00, Forklifts of MN, \$800.00, 120 days
2006 Hyster, 3268, \$25,000.00, Midwestern Equipment, \$700.00, None
2008 Yale, 9549, \$26,750.00, Midwestern Equipment, \$0.00, None
2012 Toyota, 15000, \$27,500.00, Midwestern Equipment, \$0.00, None
2018 Toyota, 3300, \$28,900.00, F-M Forklift Sales & Services, \$500.00, 90 days
2022 Kubota, 42, \$34,500.00, Stan Houston, \$0.00, None

Rachel stated she knows budgets are going to be tight but will do her best to cover it, because it is something they need. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked if they could surplus the others, Rachel stated that is an option. If they can get the Forklift soon, they could test it with camper and boat storage. Commissioner Sutton stated that when looking at the three department budgets, you will probably need a supplement, but it is necessary equipment. Rachel stated they are going to hold off on ordering any parts until next Spring to save some money. Rachel recommends the 2019 Unicarrier with 700 hours from Forklifts on MN with \$800 trade in. Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve purchasing the 2019 Unicarriers with 700 hours from Forklifts of MN, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RENTAL HOUSE: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to discuss the rental house at the Richmond Lake Youth Camp. Rachel shared that she talked to Milbank Housing in regard to having it moved from County property; they think it would cost between \$18,000 to \$22,000.00 plus \$75.00/mile along with being responsible for any overhead utility charges along the route for raising wires, tree trimming if needed and cost of moving permit. County would be responsible for disconnecting all the utilities, plumbing, HVAC items and electrical in the basement along with cleaning out the basement only leaving bear posts or studs. Also, the chimney would need to either be removed or lowered to the peak of the roof. Rachel just wanted to let them know this is an option but doesn't have an official recommendation at this time but wanted to start the discussion. Other options Rachel listed are to demo it but its in pretty good shape or see if a County Employee would be interested in it. Commissioner Fjeldheim questioned putting it out there and see if we would get any bids on it. Commissioner Sutton stated that now we have some costs associated so he doesn't have any problems with doing that. Rachel questioned the language so the buyer would be responsible for those costs, and it was referred to Deputy State's Attorney, Ross Aldentaler. Commissioner Gage feels the only issue would be the trimming of the trees to get it out of the County property, he feels the County should have a say on that matter so to keep the property looking nice. Ross will put a bid spec together and have further discussion next week at the Commission meeting.

SOLID WASTE (SW) MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the SW Management Program Grant Agreement for the New Loader. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting minutes of September 26, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Black Hills Land & RV Rentals, LLC \$3,535.00; Brick's TV and Appliance \$3,675.00; Halley Becking

\$250.00; Houston Engineering, Inc \$3,256.20; Kennedy Pier Knoff Loftus, LLP \$321.00; Kristi Brandt \$237.10; Lincoln County Treasurer \$203.30; Minnehaha County Auditor \$98.41; Northern Plains Psychological Associates, LLC \$225.00; SD Dept of Public Safety \$5,400.00; SD Dept of Transportation \$15,503.59; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00. Publishing: Midcontinent Communications \$10,140.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Ace Refrigeration, LLC \$1,200.54; Foerster Testing Limited \$1,771.00; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$1,417.08; House of Glass \$1,227.65; Louiseau Construction, Inc \$71,335.36; Menards \$229.93; Myers Tire-Salt Lake City #20 \$29.35; Olson's Pest Technicians \$250.00; Parkview Nursery \$252.97; Sewer Duck, Inc \$337.50. Supplies: Ategra Cooperative \$4,429.47; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$437.71; Aramark \$123.43; Artz Equipment, Inc \$550.44; Cartney Bearing \$17.00; Century Business Products \$351.66; Cole Paper Inc \$4,102.10; Dakota Supply Group \$33.92; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$378.36; Faulkton Drug \$69.20; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$4,942.84; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$363.20; MacQueen Emergency \$1,737.00; McDonald's \$400.60; Menard's \$459.87; Midstates Group \$541.80; Myers Tire-Salt Lake City #20 \$195.85; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$32.00; Performance Oil \$408.60; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc \$1,062.84; Rachel Wilson \$39.36; RDO Equipment Co \$31.54; Sierra Kamin \$81.77; Tina Jacobs \$34.83; Tonya Walth \$31.85. Travel & Conference: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$50.00; Best Western Ramkota Hotel-Rapid City \$1,210.00; Carrie Weisenberger \$37.32; City of Groton \$250.02; Dale Kurth \$122.10; David North \$76.32; Doug Fjeldheim \$221.96; Drew Dennert \$335.58; Duane Sutton \$311.10; Halley Becking \$98.64; James Meyers \$30.96; Patrick Keatts \$24.72; Paul Johnson \$62.44; Russell Metz \$498.64; Stan Beckler \$19.92. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$183.84; CenturyLink \$281.84; Midcontinent Communications \$138.23; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$24.00; Northwestern Energy \$4,720.27; Verizon Wireless \$40.01. Others: SD Dept of Labor and Regulation \$1,501.81; WEX Health Inc \$3,000.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage 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.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Travel Requests: Tucker Anderson, State's Attorney Deputy to attend Statewide swearing in ceremony in Pierre, SD on September 29, 2023. Adelaide Mouna, State's Attorney Office to attend: 23rd Annual Community Response to Child Abuse Conference in Sioux Falls on October 3-6, 2023; 2023 SD Advanced Victim Assistance Academy in Mitchell on November 1-3, 2023; SANE Courtroom Testimony in Sioux Falls on November 16-17, 2023. Lynn Heupel & Stephanie Jacobson, Auditor/Elections to attend the Election Workshop in Pierre on Oct. 17-19, 2023. Dirk Rogers, Highway to attend the following: Local Road Advisors Conference in Sioux Falls on October 23-25, 2023; NACE Fall Business Meeting in Chattanooga, TN on October 18-20, 2023. Matt Heupel & John Florey, Highway Staff to attend the Local Road Advisors Conference in Sioux Falls on October 23-25, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following Lease Agreements: Trent Loos for lease of Club House on October 25, 2023, for Across the Pond Radio Show. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HAY LAND LEASE RENEWAL ADDENDUMS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the Hay Land Lease Renewal Addendum for lease of hay land located at Richmond Youth Camp and lease of hay land located at the Brown County Fairgrounds with Don Schumacher from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal 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 Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:35 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County
Title 4
Amendment

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #256

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

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #256, An Ordinance Amending 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) was duly adopted by the Brown County Board of Commissioners on the 3rd day of October and that Ordinance #256, shall be in full force and effective on 31st 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 3rd day of October 2023.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Notice of Hearing: August 30, 2023

First Reading: September 19, 2023

Second Reading/Adoption: October 3, 2023

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Effective Date: October 31, 2023

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Groton City
Jetto Variance
Notice

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on October 23, 2023, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 9, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Daniel and Becky Jetto for a deck addition located with 27 feet of the South lot line in a Residential (R-1) District at 25 W 5th Avenue, Groton, SD, legally described as Lt 12-13 & S 10' Lt 14 Bk 27, of the WB Hayes Addition & Port V/S.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this variance may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Doug Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

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Groton City
Jetto Variance
Notice

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on October 23, 2023, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 9, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Daniel and Becky Jetto for a garage addition located within 22 feet of the South lot line in a Residential (R-1) District at 25 W 5th Avenue, Groton, SD, legally described as Lt 12-13 & S 10' Lt 14 Bk 27, of the WB Hayes Addition & Port V/S.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this variance may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Doug Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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Groton Area heads to State Championship Game!

Pictured in back, left to right, are Assistant Coach Kaylin Kucker, Kayla Lehr, Gretchen Dinger, Taryn Traphagen, Faith Traphagen, Jaedyn Penning, Brooklyn Hansen, Brenna Imrie, Kennedy Hansen, Emerlee Jones, Mia Crank and Assistant Coach Wyatt Locke; in front, left to right, are Head Coach Chris Kucker, Avery Crank, Carly Gilbert, Rylee Gilbert, Addison Hoffman, Laila Roberts, Jerica Locke, Elizabeth Flihs, Sydney Locke, McKenna Tietz and the Tiger Mascot Rowan Hanson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area vs. Tea Area
11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023
Brandon Valley

Good Luck in the State Title game from

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Groton Daily Independent
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Farmers Union Insurance - JR Johnson
Doug & Wanda Hamilton
Blocker Construction
BK Custom T's & More
Bierman Farm Services
Bary Keith at Harr Motors
Allied Climate Professionals
Agtegra



A huge crowd was on hand for the state semifinal girls soccer game in Groton on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. And as the announcer, Greg Milbrandt, said, "Thank the Big Guy for providing a beautiful day!" (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Avantara Groton, Bahr Spray Foam, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Farmers Union Co-op Assoc., Groton Dairy Queen, Groton Ford, Locke Electric, Lori's Pharmacy, Love to Travel by Becah Flihs, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc., Northern State University, Rix Farms/R&M Farms, Weismantel Agency



Groton Area beats Sioux Falls Christian, 2-1

It was a high intense game between two teams who tied earlier in the season. This was a high stakes contest with the winner advancing to the State Championship Game in Class A Girls Soccer.

Sioux Falls Christian scored with 3:29 left in the first half and led at halftime, 1-0.

Brooklyn Hansen kicked to Laila Roberts who scored a long shot with 26:04 left in the game to tie it at one (Photo above). Then, with less than 50 seconds left in the game, Kennedy Hansen had a corner kick. Upon review of the video, the ball bounced off the shoulder of a Sioux Falls Christian player, it bounced high in the air and Laila Roberts jumped high into the air (left photo) and head butted the ball into the goal while falling on everyone in front of her. (Photos lifted from GDILIVE video)

Groton Area Tigers

#	Name	Year	Position
0	Jaedyn Penning	SO	GK/MF
1	McKenna Tietz	FR	MF/F
2	Brenna Imrie	FR	D/MF
3	Addison Hoffman	FR	MF/F
4	Ryelle Gilbert	08	MF/D
5	Taryn Traphagen	FR	MF/F
6	Brooklyn Hansen	JR	MF/F
7	Laila Roberts	JR	F/MF
8	Gretchen Dinger	JR	MF/F
9	Kayla Lehr	JR	MF/F
10	Liz Flihs	JR	MF/F
11	Jerica Locke	SO	MF/F
12	Sydney Locke	08	MF/F
13	Emerlee Jones	FR	MF/D
15	Mia Crank	SO	MF/GK
18	Faith Traphagen	JR	MF/F
21	Carly Gilbert	SO	D/MF
23	Kennedy Hansen	JR	D/MF
25	Avery Crank	FR	MF/D

Head Coach: Chris Kucker

Assistant Coach: Kaylin Kucker

Assistant Coach: Wyatt Locke

Previous State Appearances 2012: Fourth Place 2013: Third Place



A pep rally was held Friday afternoon at the GHS Arena for the girls soccer team advance to the state semifinals.

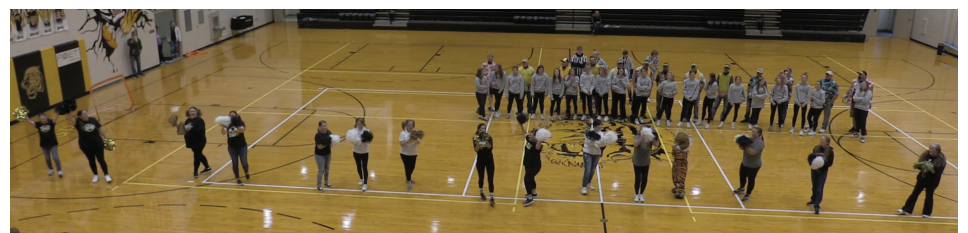


The GHS Pep Band played during the pep rally. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

The event was recorded and is available for viewing at 397news.com. The link is on the left side of the horizontal black bar.



Coach Chris Kucker tried to get the crowd fired up. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



The moms of the players were the cheerleaders. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



The dads were blind folded and were lead by their daughter and given instructions while playing a soccer game. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

2023 Season Scores

Groton Area 4, West Central 0
Groton Area 4, Garretson 0
Groton Area 6, Belle Fourche 0
Groton Area 4, St. Thomas More 1
Groton Area 3, Vermillion 2
Mitchell 3, Groton Area 0
Groton Area 2, Dakota Valley 0
Groton Area 1, SF Christian 1

Tea Area 4, Groton Area 0
Groton Area 3, Garretson 1
State Quarterfinal
Groton Area 4, St. Thomas More 0
State Semifinal
Groton Area 2, SF Christian 1
State Championship
Groton Area vs. Tea Area

Netters have clean sweep over Britton-Hecla

Groton Area's volleyball team had a clean sweep over Britton-Hecla Monday night in Groton, winning the C, JV and Varsity matches, losing no sets.

Anna Fjeldheim led the Tigers in the varsity set with 15 of 19 attacks for 11 kills and 15 of 16 serves for three ace serves. Groton Area halved the Britton-Hecla score with each successive set, winning 25-20, 25-10 and 25-5.

Chesney Weber was 18 of 20 in attacks with eight kills, was 18 of 18 in serves with three ace serves, had two assists, 11 digs and two assisted blocks. Rylee Dunker had seven kills, was 12 of 15 in serves with three ace serves and had one solo block. Emma Kutter had four kills and three assisted and one solo block. Sydney Leicht was 25 of 27 in attacks with six kills, had three ace serves and 15 digs. Elizabeth Flihs had 29 assists and one ace serve. Carly Guthmiller had 11 digs and one ace serve.

Abigail Lee led the Braves with five kills. Annika Tank had 11 digs and Heather Storbakken had two ace serves.

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Anna Fjeldheim
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton Area won the junior varsity match by game scores of 25-18 and 25-17. Jaedyn Penning led Groton Area with seven kills while Faith Traphagen had four kills, Kella Tracy had two kills and two ace serves, Taryn Traphagen had three ace serves and one kill, Chesney Weber had three ace serves, Sydney Locke had two ace serves, Talli Wright had a kill and an ace serve and Emerlee Jones had a kill.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by fans of Jaedyn Penning.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-19 and 25-11. Taryn Traphagen led Groton Area with six kills while Leah Jones had three kills, McKenna Tietz had three ace serves, Hannah Sandness had a kill and two ace serves, Avery Crank had two ace serves, Teagan Hanten had two kills and Emerlee Jones and Liby Althoff each had a kill.

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- Paul Kosel



Rylee Dunker
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Chesney Weber
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Carly Guthmiller
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Elizabeth Flihs
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Sydney Leicht
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Fjeldheim finishes off Milbank with an ace serve



Coach Chelsea Hanson has been sweeping in the brooms as the Tigers continue to have clean sweep wins in volleyball. She was presented with a broom for the clean sweep over Mobridge-Pollock and one for the clean sweep over Milbank. A clean sweep is winning the C, JV and Varsity matches. She was awarded a larger broom for the Milbank match as the Tigers did not lose a set in those three matches. (Photo by Tina Kosel)

Anna Fjeldheim had game winning ace serve in the third set as Groton Area topped Milbank in volleyball action Thursday in Groton.

Groton dominated the match as Milbank had the lead just once the entire night and there were six ties in the evening. Milbank used all six of their timeouts while Groton Area used one.

The Tigers jumped out to an 8-1 lead in the first set and went on to win, 25-17. The Tigers had a 3-0 lead in the second set before Milbank took the lead at 4-3 and 5-4 before the Tigers went on a seven point run to take an 11-5 lead. The Tigers went on to win, 25-15. The third set was close, but Milbank never led; however, the Bulldogs did tie the set at two, nine and 19 before Groton Area went on to win, 25-22.

Fjeldheim had a double-double on the night with 11 kills (24 of 26), 14 digs and was 10 of 10 in serving with three ace serves. Chesney Weber was 22 of 28 in attacks with nine kills, had five digs and one ace serve. Sydney Leicht had 17 digs, six kills, three assists and one ace serve. Carly Guthmiller had 18 digs, was 19 of 19 in serving with six ace serves and had a kill. Rylee Dunker had six kills, one ace serve, one block and one dig. Emma Kutter was 11 of 11 in attacks with five kills, had two assisted blocks and one dig. Elizabeth Fliehs had 30 assists, seven digs, one kill and two assisted blocks. Jaedyn Penning had three digs and was nine of nine in serving with two ace serves.

Rachel Schulte led Milbank with 12 kills while Skler Skogg had 10 kills and two assisted blocks, Shaylee Schuchard had three assisted kills, Clarie Snaza had a kill and two assisted blocks, Isabella Anderson had a block and a kill and Addison Krause had a kill and the only Milbank ace serve in the match.

The game 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. Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy provided the color commentary of the match.

Groton Area, now 12-4, will host Britton-Hecla on Monday. Milbank is now 14-8. Groton Area is closing in on Roncalli for the number one spot in Region 1A.



Laila Roberts
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton Area won the junior varsity match by identical scores of 25-17. Jaedyn Penning led Groton Area with eight kills and four ace serves, Taryn Traphagen had five kills and two ace serves, Kella Tracy had five kills and an ace serve, Talli Wright had five kills, Liby Althoff had three kills, Sydney Locke had a kill and an ace serve and Faith Traphagen had a kill and a block.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM sponsored by fans of Jaedyn Penning. Ryan Tracy provided the color commentary of the match.

Groton Area made it a clean sweep with a C match win of set scores of 25-10 and 25-9. Emerlee Jones had 10 kills and an ace serve, Taryn Traphagen had three ace serves and three kills, McKenna Tietz had five kills, Avery Crank had four ace serves and a kill, Ashlyn Warrington had five ace serves, Liby Althoff had two ace serves and a kill, Teagan Hanten had two kills, Hannah Sandness had two ace serves and Brenna Imrie had an ace serve.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM sponsored by fans of Emerlee Jones with Ryan Tracy providing the color commentary of the match.

The seventh graders won their match, 25-16 and 25-11. The eighth graders lost their match, 11-25, 25-12 and 11-15.

- Paul Kosel



Anna Fjeldheim
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Carly Guthmiller
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Elizabeth Fliehs and Anna Fjeldheim
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October 2023 Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 12

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots and broccoli, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Pop Tarts

School Lunch: Pasta with meat sauce.

Region 1 Cross Country at Webster, 1:30 p.m.

JH Football hosts Britton-Hecla, 5 p.m.

Volleyball hosts Deuel: (C/7th at 5 p.m., JV/8th at 6 p.m., Varsity to follow)

Friday, Oct. 13

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle hot dish with peas, mixed vegetables, Swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg wraps

School Lunch: Hamburger, fries.

Lake Region Marching Festival in Groton, 10 a.m.

Football hosts Moberidge-Pollock, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14

State Soccer Championship Game at Brandon Valley, 11 a.m. (Groton Area vs. Tea Area)

Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pumpkin Fest at City Park, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Sunday, Oct. 15

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Freshmen meet with pastor, 1 p.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion (St. John's at 9 a.m., Zion at 11 a.m.), Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.

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

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

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

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 16

Senior Menu: Vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, tomato juice, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Apple pie in a cup.

School Lunch: French bread pizza, peas.

Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.

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

Volleyball at Langford (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m. with varsity to follow)

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, California Blend, Lemon tart bar, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Monty cristo sandwich.

School Lunch: Oriental chicken, Asian rice.

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Volleyball hosts Northwestern (C/7th at 5 p.m., JV/8th at 6 p.m., varsity to follow) VOLLEY FOR CURE NIGHT!

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. at City Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes/ham, peas, Mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread, Ambrosia.

School Breakfast: French toast.

School Lunch: Cheese stick with Marinara sauce.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation (service event), 6 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, Oct. 19

Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, califlower, apricots, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Muffins.

School Lunch: Taco salad.

Emmanuel Lutheran: WELCA (final day to pack LWR projects), potluck, 1:30 p.m.

First Round of Football Playoffs

Friday, Oct. 20

Senior Menu: Scalloped chicken, carrots/broccoli medley, pineapple tidbits, Gingerbread with topping, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Bagel bites.

School Lunch: Mac and cheese, cooked carrots.

End of First Quarter

Volleyball at Redfield (C/7th at 5 p.m., JV/8th at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow)

Saturday, Oct. 21

Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

State Cross Country Meet at Yankton Trail Park, Sioux Falls

Robotics at Douglas High School

Sunday, Oct. 22

United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school singing in church, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship/Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.; No Sunday school; Choir, 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 23

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

School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick.

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries.

United Methodist: PEO Meeting (outside group), 7 p.m.

Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck at Noon.

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

5th Grade Band Introduction, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Volleyball hosts Faulkton (JV at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow)

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, oriental blend vegetables, baked apples, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Scones.

School Lunch: Scalloped potatoes and ham.

Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ASVAB Test, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, broccoli normandy blend, Fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Cereal.

School Lunch: Tacos.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.

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

Thursday, Oct. 26

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combo, mashed potatoes with gravy, 7-layer salad, peaches.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

School Lunch: Corndogs, mashed sweet potatoes.

Second Round of Football Playoffs

Friday, Oct. 27

Senior Menu: Potato soup, ham salad on croissant, tomato spoon salad, frosted brownies, fruit.

School Breakfast: Biscuits.

School Lunch: Subs, chips.

Saturday, Oct. 28

Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Junior High Volleyball Tournament at Matchbox in Aberdeen.

Sunday, Oct. 29

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

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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion (Milestones for JK and Kindergarten), 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 30

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.

School Lunch: Chicken fries mashed with gravy.

Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

FCCLA Blood Drive at High School

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, fruit, orange sherbert, garlic toast.

School Breakfast: Waffles.

School Lunch: Werewolf burgers (hamburgers), white trees (cooked cauliflower)

Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Downtown Trick or Treat, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

United Methodist Trunk or Treat, 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Region 1A Volleyball Tournament

NCRC Test for Seniors, 8:40 a.m. to Noon

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School Board

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Doland wrestling requirements discussed

The district board want the Doland School District to pay for an assistant coach position in order to keep practicing with the Groton school team.

Doland wrestlers practiced at Groton through a practice cooperative last year, but they competed for their school, said Superintendent Schwan. The Groton coaches did work with the Doland wrestlers, but their attention was focused on Groton wrestlers, especially at competitions. The Groton coaches did have to register the Doland wrestlers, too.

"A lot of it falls on our coaches," he said. "And that's just not right."

The primary reason Doland sends wrestlers to Groton for practice is that the Doland district doesn't have a coach or training room for wrestling, Schwan said. The Doland district does cover transportation costs for their wrestlers, but there should be some financial component to training in Groton as well, he said.

School board members agreed, including board Vice President Marty Weismantel.

"I don't have a problem with them practicing, but they need to provide something for it," he said.

Board member Grant Rix proposed renewing the agreement for this year with the addition of having Doland fund the stipend of one assistant coach at the rate the Groton district pays them.

The board approved the conditions to continue the wrestling practice cooperative.

- District officials presented past financial information as the board continues to look at an opt-out vote. The PowerPoint Presentation shown to the board is available on the "documents" area of the Groton Area School District website. Discussion is set to continue at meetings in November and December.

- The district will receive another round of Supply Chain Assistance funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The money, which will go into the food service fund, totals \$15,867.72. The district is still having some issues getting food orders, with some items being delayed, Superintendent Schwan said. It has caused a few last-minute changes to the school menu.

- The district will allow James Valley Thunder to use the high school arena for the summer of 2024, though the fee for use will increase from \$2,400 to \$3,000. That would help offset costs of utilizing the new HVAC units that were installed this past summer.

- Middle school and high school math teachers went over the math program at the school district. Greg Kjellsen discussed class sizes in algebra, algebra II and pre-calculus. There are three algebra classes with 47 total students ranging from eighth grade to eleventh grade. It presents issues as the students' abilities really range for that class. There are two algebra II classes with 20 total students, and one pre-calculus class with 19 students. Eric Swenson discussed recent testing results for his classes, as well as utilizing those results to tailor what is being taught.

- New doors for the health science lab are still in the works. Contractors came to the school in September to install the new doors, but two of the three doors were incorrectly sized. New doors are in production.

- Nothing out of ordinary was reported in the school transportation report. The district hasn't been putting miles on its supplemental buses in September, Superintendent Schwan said. A significant number of miles have been put on activity buses, but that is to be expected during this time of year, he added.

Conde National League

October 9 Team Standings: Cubs 16, Giants 13 1/2, Braves 12, Tigers 7, Pirates 6, Mets 5 1/2

Men's High Games: Ryan Bethke 202, Topper Tastad 196, Aaron Severson 190

Men's High Series: Aaron Severson 518, Ryan Bethke 514, Chad Furney 506

Women's High Games: Suzi Easthouse 196, Vickie Kramp 184, Nancy Radke 178

Women's High Series: Suzi Easthouse 556, Vickie Kramp 467, Nancy Radke 437

Oct. 2 Team Standings: Cubs 14, Giants 10 1/2, Braves 9, Tigers 6, Pirates 5, Mets 3 1/2

Men's High Games: Ryan Bethke 188, Russ Bethke 184, Austin Schulke 180

Men's High Series: Chad Furney 500, Austin Schulke 475, Russ Bethke 472

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 216, Joyce Walter 189, Nancy Radke 159

Women's High Series: , Vickie Kramp 499, Joyce Walter 483, Michelle Johnson 384

Sept. 25 Team Standings: Cubs 11, Giants 9 1/2, Braves 6, Tigers 5, Pirates 3, Mets 1 1/2

Men's High Games: Russ Bethke 214, Ryan Bethke 190, Butch Farmen 186

Men's High Series: Ryan Bethke 541, Russ Bethke 500, Austin Schulke 493

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 192, Suzi Easthouse 171, Sam Bahr 169

Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 498, Sam Bahr 491, Suzi Easthouse 458

SD State Fair Starts Strong, Ends with Record Breaking Heat

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This year's State Fair experience was like no other, with temperatures soaring on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, exceeding 100 degrees each day. Sunday's 103 temperature in Huron broke a 130-year record from 1893, and Monday's 102 temperature broke a record from 1913.

More than 1,400 exhibitors entered more than 8,500 exhibits in open class livestock and non-livestock competitions.

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9,375 4-H display exhibits, livestock exhibits, and youth in action entries participated in the Fair.

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Dear EarthTalk: What's the connection, if any, between the onset of global warming and an increase in violent human behavior?

-- Robert C., Southampton, MA

It's not uncommon to hear talk about the dire consequences of global warming—rising-sea levels, extreme weather and ecological disruptions. But there's another dimension to this crisis that doesn't get much attention but is equally concerning: the link between global warming and increased violent behavior.

Indeed, a new study from University of Washington and Boston University researchers that surveyed data from 100 U.S. cities found that hotter-than-normal days—which we are getting more of every year thanks to global warming—coincide with higher incidences of gun violence. Several other previous studies underscore the connection between warmer temperatures and violence, with murder, rape and assault rates higher across the board during warmer-than-average stretches of days, months, seasons and years.

How does this add up? Researchers believe that prolonged exposure to climate change-related stressors can lead to anxiety, depression, and even post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)—and that those experiencing these mental health issues may be more susceptible to engaging in violent behaviors as a coping mechanism or due to their altered mental state.

According to Iowa State University psychology researcher Craig Anderson, higher temperatures cause the brain to divert resources to other parts of the body in order to cool down. When this happens, parts of the brain are not running at full capacity, making it harder to process new information, manage emotions and control impulses. People who are hot are also more likely to perceive others as behaving aggressively, which increases the odds of hostile confrontations. "Heat stress primes people to act more aggressively," reports Anderson. "We can see this play out on a larger scale across geographic regions and over time."

While it's clear that hotter temperatures can rile people up more than usual, the ripple effect on society at large is more troubling. The predicted decline in crop yields and scarcity of drinking water in a fast-warming world could act like a multiplier effect on our tendency to get short-tempered when we heat up, and regional violent conflicts over essential resources—food and water—are the likely result.

Historians point to the 2011 civil war in Syria as an example of climate change catalyzing violent conflict. Prolonged warming-induced droughts there contributed to crop failures and displacement of rural communities which exacerbated existing social and political tensions creating an environment that erupted into full-scale civil war. These types of conflicts are likely to become more and more common as we continue to add more and more greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere.

One way to minimize warming-induced violence at the meta level is to reduce warming by reducing our carbon footprints. And we can also take other steps to ensure a more peaceful future regardless of our ability to rein in emissions. Building resilient communities and food systems can go a long way towards reducing violence in the face of climate-related stressors. And we should prioritize mental health services and support systems to assist individuals in coping with the psychological impacts of climate change.



Researchers are starting to find links between warming-induced rises in temperature and increased violent human behavior. Credit: Pixabay.

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In order for blood to return from your feet back to the heart, the blood must be pumped up against gravity. Check valves in the veins are what keep the blood from pooling back down the legs in between heartbeats. When the heart beats (called systole), the valves open and allow the blood move upward. When the heart is paused, filling for the next beat (called diastole), the valves close and keep blood from flowing back towards the feet. As we age these valves become weak and do not fully close, then the surrounding veins become swollen with extra blood causing varicose veins to occur.

Women are also more likely to develop varicose veins than men due to hormonal changes during pregnancy and menopause. Standing or sitting in one position for long periods of time can also increase the risk of developing varicose veins since leg muscle contractions also help move the blood up against gravity. Older age, obesity, and family history are all common risk factors.

Varicose veins do not just look unsightly; they can also cause pain in the legs. They often lead to an aching or heavy feeling in the legs. Varicose veins additionally lead to burning, throbbing, itching or muscle cramping in the legs. If that is not bad enough, complications related to varicose veins can include ulcers, bleeding, or blood clots.

Unfortunately there is not a way to repair these valves once they are damaged. However, there are some things you can do to help manage varicose veins. Wearing compression stockings can help decrease swelling in the legs. Frequent movement of the legs such as pumping your ankles a few times an hour, raising your legs above the level of the heart for 15 minutes a few times each day, increasing exercise, and losing weight can all help increase blood flow.

If these measures do not give the relief you need, then it is time to talk with your doctor and discuss seeing a specialist for more advanced treatment. There are several different treatments available and they can help you find the one that is right for you. While varicose veins may be below the surface, do not let them get to the point where they really "get under your skin."

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