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Thompson is National Mounted Shooting Champion

by Dorene Nelson

Turner Thompson, a junior in Groton Area High School, is the current National Mounted Shooting Champion in his class. The main divisions in this competition are Men's, Women's, and Senior's. A Wrangler Class is for those eleven years of age and younger.

"We start in Class 1 and advance to the next level after we've received a qualified win four times at that level," Thompson explained. "These mounted shooting events, held at rodeos around the country and sponsored by the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, are the fastest growing equestrian sports in the Nation."

"Mounted contestants compete in this fast action timed event using two .45 caliber single action revolvers, each loaded with five rounds of specially prepared blank ammunition," he stated. "You make faster time in competition if you can pull the hammer back on your revolver really fast!"

"I have received the American Quarter Horse Association's World Championship three times," Thompson admitted shyly. "In addition to that I was the Pro Cup winner of \$10,000 at the National Finals Rodeo held in Wyoming."

"At the national finals, I competed against the top ten shooters in the world," he said. "We use a 45 bullet revolver with black powder in the bullets. There are thirty different events to compete in at this contest."

"Different patterns are used for each round of competition," Thompson explained. "The riders have to quickly memorize the pattern as well as shoot accurately at the inflated balloons fastened on posts along the path we have to follow."

"At large events each contestant will make eighteen to twenty runs, while there are only six to eight at smaller contests," he said.

"I've been participating for three years now, since the end of my 8th grade," Thompson stated. "Different contests require a variety of guns, such as rifles, shot guns, and revolvers."

"My parents Mark and June Thompson got me interested in this sport when I was just a little kid," he smiled. "At that time I was the youngest shooter in history to set a record in Mounted Shooting. My sisters also compete in this event."

"Western dress is required for competition," Thompson said. "Traditional western style clothing is most frequently used, but old time styles from the 1800's are also accepted."

"Any horse and mule that you want to ride is acceptable," he stated, "but if your animal is scared of the shooting noise, you might want to use a different one or even use earplugs for yourself and your horse!"

"Riders are scored on time and accuracy with a 5 second penalty for each missed balloon," Thompson said. "You also lose 5 seconds for dropping your gun and 10 seconds for not running the correct pattern. If you fall off your horse, you lose 60 seconds. A typical pattern can be run in 15-35 seconds, so penalties can really be the difference between winning and losing!"

"In addition to accurate shooting and following the pattern, safety is of the utmost importance," he added. "Local clubs sponsor clinics to help beginning shooters."

"There are more than fifty different patterns that can be used in contests," Thompson stated. "The riders have to quickly memorize these patterns in order to win. I have found it



Turner Thompson is a four-time American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Youth World Champion and the 2023 Reserve Overall Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA) World Champion.

(Courtesy Photos)

to be easy to remember each pattern as the contest is being held."

"A typical contest has three to six patterns each day," he explained, "with ten balloons for each pattern. For example, if there are 5 white balloons and 5 red balloons, the rider shoots all 5 white balloons first. Then, the rider holsters the first gun while riding to the far end of the arena, draws the second gun, and shoots the 5 red balloons, which are usually in a row straight towards the finish line."

"We travel on weekends to several states to compete. These include Arizona, Tennessee, Nebraska, Nevada, and Texas, where the World Championships are held," Thompson listed. "The World contest is coming up soon in mid-October."



Schwan awarded Innovator of the Year Award

According to Google there are 151 school districts in South Dakota...

Joe Schwan was nominated and selected as the 2023 innovator of the year! Though the South Dakota Superintendents Association.

Being in leadership is hard... being a leader through Covid was hard... someone recognized his leadership and took the time to submit it.

- Jodi Schwan



Turner's awards from the World's competition. (Courtesy Photo)



Turner and the other winners at World. (Courtesy Photo)



Turner Thompson

(Courtesy Photo)



Sydney Leicht awarded with her 1000th dig at the Northwestern match.

(Photo from Regan Leicht's facebook page)

Weekly Vikings Recap - Vikings vs. Bears

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

It was an unheralded battle between two 1-4 teams Sunday as the Minnesota Vikings took on the Chicago Bears. For the first time in his illustrious career, the Vikings were without Justin Jefferson as he is set to miss the next four games after being placed on Injured Reserve with a hamstring injury. Speaking of injuries, this game had a lot of them as Vikings' edge rusher Marcus Davenport went out early with an ankle injury, left guard Ezra Cleveland left with a foot injury, and Bears' quarterback Justin Fields left in the third quarter with an injury to his right hand. Despite having injuries to key players on both sides of the ball, the Vikings were able to take care of business and defeat the Bears. This marks the fourth straight victory in Soldier Field for the Vikings, the longest win streak in that stadium since the five-game win streak they had from 1996-2000.

The first half went exactly how you would expect it to go when two 1-4 teams play each other. Both teams traded punts and field goals throughout the first quarter as neither offense could move the ball down the field for any touchdowns. For the Vikings, they had to rely on multiple long field goals by Greg Joseph to stay tied with the Bears. It was not until the 0:22 mark of the second quarter that the Vikings reached the red zone, ultimately capping off the final drive of the first half with a touchdown to Jordan Addison, his fourth of the year.

Unfortunately the momentum of that touchdown drive did not carry over for the Minnesota Vikings, as four out of their five drives to start the second half were three-and-outs. Thankfully for the Vikings, the defense was able to pick up the slack. After Justin Fields went out with an injury, the Bears had to turn to its undrafted rookie quarterback, Tyson Bagent. On just his third play of the game, Bagent was strip-sacked by Vikings' safety Josh Metellus, which was then picked up by Jordan Hicks and ran in for a 42-yard touchdown to give the Vikings a 19-6 lead.

After the Bears were able to cut the Vikings' lead to 19-13, the Vikings' offense stalled yet again, this time thanks to a controversial intentional grounding call on Kirk Cousins. Cousins who threw the ball directly over CJ Ham's head was oddly given a penalty for not throwing to any eligible Vikings' receivers. Yet again, the Vikings' defense bailed out the offense as Byron Murphy intercepted a deep ball by Bagent to clinch the victory for the Vikings. Sunday was the first time this season that the Vikings won the turnover battle.

Vikings 19 - Bears 13

The Vikings will now look to host the San Francisco 49ers on Monday night next week. The 49ers, who took their first loss of the season this week against the Cleveland Browns, are claimed by many experts to be the best

team in the NFL at the moment. However, they might be without their two best offensive weapons as both Christian McCaffrey and Deebo Samuel left Sunday's game with injuries. If the Vikings can defeat the 49ers without Justin Jefferson, it might give the Vikings the momentum it needs as the team will head into the easy part of its schedule after Monday's game.

Windshields and rear view mirrors

The day of Ted Uecker's 60th birthday, I remember thinking, "My god, my friends are ancient!" The next thing you know, you're signing up for Medicare.

Perspective. Sometimes you're looking through the windshield, other times at the rearview mirror.

Windshield time is writing time. I ponder things on the horizon—like Ted's 90th birthday two Saturdays ago. I reflect upon the past, upon my good fortune. It could be fate or a some kind of quantum magnetism that brings such friends together—I don't know—but I know it's rare. And meant to be.

I call my adolescence a "Tom Sawyer childhood" because when my family docked at Frederick, SD, our second move in as many years, that sleepy little river town quickly and karmically became home, and I was adopted by a gang of Huck Finns and Becky Thatchers. Loyal, lifetime friends. Rascals all. The kind of people you hold in your heart, and to make room, it has to get bigger. Physics.

These are eternal trusts. Connections transcending lifetimes. Blessings apparent only in time. A foundation cementing confidence of soul.

I couldn't have known my first Fourth of July in Hettinger, when I was invited to Ted's cookout, that it would happen again with Ted and Nancy, Harriet and Jim Howe, Ginger and Kerry Dangerud, and of course, Tom Secret and Al McIntyre.

Teddy was a piece of work. Sort of a renegade traditionalist, if that's possible, and as smoke wafted from the grill, he shared his philosophy about modern times and his concerns about earring-wearing hippies. I don't remember if I had a ponytail at that time, but I grinned away at Ted's monologue with my silver hoop facing the other direction.

"Thiiiiiii is going to be interesting," I thought. And it was.

We were going to be epic friends. All of us. It was obvious. Make room, heart.

Ted remains the single most politically-incorrect, unfiltered, unscripted, misogynistic human being ever invented. And I forgive him. Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. Or the frog out with the warts. Or something. He once called my bride-to-be a "good lookin' little heifer," which, coming from a cattle buyer, I suppose, was high praise.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

If his mouth was running about unsupervised, his heart was always in the right place. He and McIntyre have bumped noses numerous times over the years, but in his role as a fundraiser for West River Regional Medical Center, Al always counted on Ted. The first check usually came from him.

Ted's braggadocios. About everything. Proudly, the world's shiftest cattle buyer... The world's greatest lover... Almost a deity. Yet, about the acts of generosity that really matter, silence.

I was flabbergasted the day Ted offered to fund the purchase of the Adams County Record. He thought I was good for the community. I'd rescued the paper, fallen in love with Hettinger and its Wild West personality, but it wasn't the right move at the time. Still, that offer confirmed all I ever needed to know about Ted Uecker II. His character is anchored in the one attribute I hold above all others—loyalty.

These are the things I thought about as I drove to and from Hettinger. How we'd gather at the Uecker home, drinking snooty wine, arguing politics, flinging hilarious insults at one another—and as long as it was funny, it was fine. Encouraged, even. There was no greater honor than being the butt of a witty insult. To be honorably skewered. Human shish kabobs. However, when we filed out, skirmishes abandoned, there were earnest hugs and honest 'I love you's.'

We lost Tom a year ago, Jim too long before that, but the rest of us are still walking—OK, limping—toward the bottom of that hill, a valley shrouded in mist. It's required that gather when we can. To acknowledge the gift, fleeting as it is. Fleeting and eternal all at the same time. To celebrate us.

There were a few insults at Ted's party because it wouldn't be right to stop now. We are a very funny bunch. But we've grown kinder. Maybe we're just tired. I'm sure had the backyard not been overflowing, Ted would have been content dozing off in front of the television.

He endured. Drank it in, as did the core. It was our moment, too. I found myself sitting quietly and smiling. Basking in the sunshine of friendships like a turtle on a warmed-up river stone. Ah, but it's 5 p.m. Cooling now. So we hold the sunshine while we can.

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Service Notice: Marjorie Overacker

Private family services for Marjorie Overacker, 73, of Groton, will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 21st at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Rob Moorlach will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Visitation will be open to the public from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral chapel on Friday. A prayer service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Marjorie passed away October 17, 2023 at her home after a courageous battle.

Conde National League

Oct. 16 Team Standings: Giants 17½, Cubs 17, Braves 12, Tigers 10, Pirates 9, Mets 6½

Men's High Games: Russ Bethke 181, Aaron Severson 181, Steve Hargis 177, Austin Schuelke 173, Ryan Bethke 173,

Men's High Series: Ryan Bethke 510, Austin Schuelke 467, Russ Bethke 465

Women's High Games: Suzi Easthouse 211, Vickie Kramp 173, Nancy Radke 165

Women's High Series: Suzi Easthouse 535, Joyce Walter 457, Vickie Kramp 445

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**Brown County
Oct. 10, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

October 10, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Ed Fischbach wanted to address some of the comments that were made by Mr. Hartwig with GEVO at last weeks Commission meeting. Ed wanted to inform the Commissioners not to be concerned with the threat he feels Mr. Hartwig made about pulling out of South Dakota: GEVO is a company from Colorado; totally subsidized by the taxpayers and has received \$187 million dollars from the State of South Dakota to build this project. Ed shared that he read an article stating that GEVO is not financially stable, stock shares are selling for \$1.00/share. He also wanted to bring to the Commissioners attention that Mr. Hartwig was at the last Legislative session, and he was lobbying against eminent domain and GEVO was not even in on the original application that Summit Carbon submitted to the PUC. Ed stated that in his opinion to let them leave the State and give that money back to State and in turn give to the Counties for help with such things as roads. Ed informed the Commissioners that Mr. Powell with Summit Carbon Solutions was at the Commission meeting in McPherson County proposing new routes; but about a month ago in Iowa he stated that if South Dakota & North Dakota rejected the permit – Summit would stop the project and again they didn't keep their word.

Kylie Lange from Summit Carbon Solutions shared that again they want to be transparent and wanted to share with the Commission that they have the Grant amounts that they will be giving to the Emergency Managers and First Responders along the route to allocate these funds based on their individual needs. The grant will be \$50,000 plus an additional \$1,000/mile of pipeline in your county. The first installment of \$10,000 will be deposited to a South Dakota Bank in short order, and the remaining funds will be disbursed once all requisite federal, state and local permits for the pipeline are secured. In addition to the grant, Summit plans to continue to work with first responders to identify and support response equipment needs.

Jim Seurer with Glacial Lakes Energy came to provide a short update from Glacial Lakes Energy perspective. Jim shared that he received a call from a repairable source with whom they have collaborated with for many years. This person was providing an update and wanted to inquire in their interest in forming a joint venture to construct a sustainable aviation fuel production facility at the Mina plant. They are highly interested in this plant mainly because of the 210 million gallons of ethanol that are currently produced between the Aberdeen and Mina. This is in preliminary planning stages they have had discussions with major airlines, who are willing to sign-off and take agreements has already occurred. The airlines are looking to lower their CI scores using through carbon capture and sequestration. The Summit project would lower the CI score by almost 50% at each plant. Jim feels the 2 local area plants would be in a competitive market position to meet the airlines sustainability levels. He also stated the caller said without this project an opportunity like this will likely have to go somewhere else. Jim asked the Commission to think about this because he believes this can and will happen; several places were looked at including Watertown, which was not picked. They selected 2 plants – Brown & Edmunds County – they see the opportunity to select 1 owner (Glacial Lakes Energy) with 2 locations within 12 miles of each other so the production facility can be more efficient and feels this is a real opportunity to lead into a larger energy market and reward the local economy into the future.

Ed Fischbach asked where the grant money was coming from, and Kylie Lange stated it is coming from Summits funds.

WEED & PEST BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and appoint Dennis Feickert to the Weed & Pest Board to replace Bill Donaldson, who was injured in a car accident and unable to fulfill his duties at this time. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SD DOT 511 TRAVELER INFORMATION SERVICE LIAISON: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve Scott Meints, Brown County Emergency Management Director to be the SD DOT 511 Traveler Information Service Liaison and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application for permission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ross Aldentaler, States Attorney Deputy suggested to go into Executive Session to discuss contracts. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into Executive Session for contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

FORKLIFT PURCHASE: Rachel Kippely, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to discuss the quotes she had last week, because when she got to her office after the meeting, she had another quote in her inbox and wanted to present that to the Commission since it is cheaper and from a local vendor. Rachel is recommending a 2021 Viper FY25BCS Propane Lift Truck, with 742 Hours @ \$18,750.00 from JGE. Commissioner Dennert moved to rescind the motion to purchase the 2019 Unicarriers with 700 hours from Forklifts of MN, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve purchasing the 2021 Viper FY25BCS Propane Lift Truck, with 742 Hours @ \$18,750.00 with a \$500 trade in from JGE, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RENTAL HOUSE: Rachel Kippely, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met to further discuss the Rental House with the Commission. Commissioner Sutton shared that the Web water for the Youth Camp goes through that house, so would need to keep the house heated to prevent freezing and when house is moved would need to figure out a new configuration, so it doesn't freeze then as well. After some discussion it was decided to advertise and accept sealed bids with a right to reject and have a deadline of next June to have it moved. Ross Aldentaler, States Attorney Deputy will work in the bid specs and present it at the meeting on October 17th. Ross also suggested setting up a couple of Open Houses for people to view the property.

NACo RECOMMENDATION FOR NATIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC LAND COUNTIES: Chairman Sutton shared that NACo is asking for 1% of the funds Brown County received from the US Treasury, which would be \$1,000.00: Brown County received \$100,000.00 in total. This would support the NACo initiative to establish the National Center for Public Land Counties and is a one-time investment. Commissioner Wiese shared that he feels NACo is a good investment, and they do a lot of good things, and this is focusing on counties with public lands and there are issues that come up occasionally. Chairman Sutton also stated that he has a lot of respect for what NACo does and their programs are strictly for the benefit of counties. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim to approve the \$1,000.00 contribution to NACo for the National Center for Public Lands, seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting minutes of October 3, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Insurance: Claims Associates \$3,000.00. Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$125.63; Dakota Wood-Grinding Inc \$46,734.80; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$222.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$13,410.00; Helms & Associates \$2,552.40; Kristi Brandt \$234.00; Language Line Services, Inc \$342.52; Minn-Kota Communi-

cations, Inc \$6,450.00; Sanford Health Occupational Health \$1,575.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,725.75; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$70.25; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$291.80; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00. Publishing: Dakota Country \$1,530.00; Lee Agri-Media \$477.00. Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$15,360.00. Repairs & Maintenance: A-1 Locksmithing \$276.00; B&B Contracting, Inc \$19,869.02; Climate Control \$1,514.09; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$39.31; Dakota Electronics \$240.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$1,924.29; Graham Tire Inc \$1,889.28; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$535.82; K&S Plumbing, Inc 2,738.17; Kirk's Auto \$26.90; Lawson Products, Inc \$84.35; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$2,891.92; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; RDO Equipment Co \$9,332.07; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$178.85; Sewer Duck, Inc \$85.00; Sign Solutions USA, LLC \$9,152.31; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$81.62; Source Truck & Equipment, Inc \$4,730.76. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$57,956.42; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$15.28; Auto Value Aberdeen \$331.35; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$874.20; Butler Machinery Company \$1,096.83; Century Business Products \$336.63; Charm-Tex, Inc \$88.74; Cole Paper Inc \$48.73; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$5,000.58; Crescent Electric Supply Co \$44.73; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$719.74; Dakota Oil \$398.60; DSS Image Apparel \$860.00; Fastenal Company \$74.39; Geffdog Designs \$2,339.10; Great Western Tire \$24,305.70; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$215.90; Kessler's \$123.86; Lawson Products, Inc \$956.02; Lynn Zacher \$161.67; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply \$101.19; Menards \$315.68; Myers Tire-Salt Lake City #20 \$100.02; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$60.00; PharmChem, Inc \$341.55; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC \$15,000.00; RDO Equipment Co \$5,432.42; Reporter & Farmer \$975.00; Rinker Materials \$20,527.44; Tri State Water \$35.00; US Foods \$8,081.69. Travel & Conference: Heartland Association of Fairs, Festivals & Events \$245.00. Utilities: Midcontinent Communications \$163.80; Northwestern Energy \$12,964.63; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$130.81; Town of Frederick \$80.34; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$126.08. Machinery & Equipment: Karl Chevrolet \$124,456.50; Lamb Chevrolet and Implement Inc \$47,914.00. Jury: Jurors \$921.50. Fair Premiums: Abby Wagner \$150.19; Abigail Johnson \$28.33; Ada Sharp \$30.00; Adelyn Quinn \$10.00; Aidan Grupe \$136.79; Andrew Moe \$360.19; Anisten Petersen \$236.79; Anna Johnson \$20.00; Arlowyn Spencer \$30.00; Arther Eichler \$350.00; Arthur Nelson \$402.60; Ashlyn Rathert \$125.00; Alyalyn Cray \$15.00; Barb Crawford \$10.00; Barb Kumpf \$15.00; Bevin Bertsche \$823.58; Blair Wasland \$88.57; Blake Pauli \$586.79; Brad Ellefson \$15.00; Brantley Belden \$24.08; Brenda Hanson \$15.00; Briggston Bertsche \$223.58; Carley Crist \$313.34; Carol Hilgemann \$15.00; Carol Osterman \$10.00; Carson Eichler \$156.23; Cassidy Hardie \$306.23; Chancery Kessler \$74.53; Char Akerman \$25.00; Charlee Holt \$336.79; Charleston Wachter \$51.96; Charli Rawden \$329.81; Chloe Jager \$173.58; Colin Frey \$598.85; Cort Paulson \$198.72; Coy Stephenson \$182.74; Crystal Bohle \$15.00; Cutler Schaunaman \$86.79; Daline Gellhaus \$15.00; Damian Larson \$12.90; Danielle Houghtaling \$157.19; Danyelle Schnabel \$16.67; David Juntunen \$29.02; Deb Droog \$30.00; Dee Sanderson \$15.00; Deegan Moes \$138.87; Dusty Fuller \$219.81; Emily Greenbaum \$25.00; Erica Juntunen \$31.12; Ethan Andresen \$156.49; Evangeline Wachter \$17.32; Gale Anderson \$25.00; Gayle Osman \$15.00; Georgia Wachter \$34.64; Gina Malsam \$10.00; Glenn Ringgenberg \$310.71; Grady Wasland \$310.71; Gwyn Fischbach \$40.00; Haden Harder \$36.11; Hadley Flogstad \$141.67; Hailey Heinje \$30.00; Hailey Pauli \$336.79; Hank Paulson \$404.55; Harmony Dorsets \$369.76; Hudson Eichler \$298.15; Hunter Kern \$48.59; Hunter Miller \$10.00; Iggy Fuller \$3.22; Isaiah Sharp \$30.00; Jacie Fogarty \$410.73; Jackson Cihak \$6.45; Jacob Jung \$208.52; James Dragt \$144.48; Janet Wright \$230.42; Jean Gerber \$10.00; Jeremy Cox \$25.00; Jill Johnson \$23.33; Jocelyn Wagner \$144.45; Jonathan Moe \$270.38;

Justin Klootwyk \$156.23; Kanin Wasland \$387.73; Karly Allison \$310.06; Katelyn Dorsey \$51.96; Kathryn Kilber \$263.78; Kaylee White \$136.79; Kimberly Kulesa \$10.00; Kristine Calva \$15.00; Kylie Herman \$15.00; Lauren Griese \$17.36; LeAnn Conn \$15.00; Lexi Osterman \$348.57; Linda Yates \$10.00; Liza Krueger \$427.98; Maggie Holt \$260.37; Mallory Schnabel \$90.12; Margo Wachter \$11.55; Mary Anne Whitman \$15.00; Melissa Denelsbeck \$15.00; Merrick Gemar \$310.71; Michael Kwasniewski \$15.00; Mike Frey \$148.72; Miranda Hanson \$69.44; Natylee Hockenbrock \$3.33; Nella Thompson \$15.00; Nolan Eichler \$231.49; Norman Johnson \$21.67; Pat Fritz-Bruckner \$247.15; Pat James \$30.00; Paxtyn Moes \$12.04; Peggy Hallstrom \$30.00; Peyton Bischoff \$289.76; Peyton Schnabel \$138.87; Preston Hinkleman \$96.30; Rachel Gemar \$225.67; Raymond Thorpe \$166.54; Remington Smith \$86.79; Richard Haberman \$787.85; Ricky Larson \$12.90; Robert Pechar \$25.00; Ron Loeschke \$15.00; Ron Lyren \$10.00; Ron Wolff \$316.20; Ryan Crist \$155.00; Ryder Juntunen \$63.69; Samantha Hockenbrock \$25.00; Samuel Fogarty \$3.74; Shaden Muller \$301.96; Sidney Anderson \$621.68; Sienna Kessler \$86.79; Sophia Feickert \$86.79; Sophia Fogarty \$127.07; Stetson Stearns \$72.23; Sydney Holmes \$150.30; Tamrin Rathert \$44.85; Tanner Grupe \$86.79; Tate McGraw \$23.09; Taylor McGraw \$46.42; Terry Salfrank \$15.00; Tigh Hardie \$96.44; Treyvin Griese \$86.79; Tristan Gosch \$86.79; Tye McGraw \$23.34; Tyler Heinje \$156.23; Vanessa Barondeau \$15.00; Will Bruckner \$274.15; Wyatt Burggraaf \$128.35; Wyatt Holmes \$17.32.

Payroll: Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,411.31; SA \$33,513.20; Maintenance \$11,292.45; DOE \$15,062.49; ROD \$9,932.80; VSO \$4,266.10; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$8,974.46; HR \$4,115.22; Sheriff \$47,175.81; Jail \$61,525.48; Coroner \$0.00; Court Security \$7,001.86; JDC \$30,555.44; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$11,612.60; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,561.13; Fair Board \$4,107.22; 4-H \$786.79; W & P \$5,530.95; P & Z \$8,224.75; Hwy \$53,576.49; Dispatch \$36,809.80; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,590.78; Landfill \$20,634.04; Meal Benefits \$216.00; FICA \$25,222.46; Medicare \$5,898.83 and Discovery_HSA \$1,739.78. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim: Transfer of Kandi Shantz from FT Brown County Jail Detention Officer to PT Brown County Jail Detention Officer, starting wage \$16.76; effective September 17, 2023; Resignation of Michael Ellerbush, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; effective October 3, 2023; Request to fill: Hiring of Angela Senger, PT Brown County Transport Driver, starting wage \$23.97/hour; effective October 4, 2023; Hiring of Jerome Akin, FT Brown County Highway Truck Driver, starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective October 23, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CENTENNIAL VILLAGE FAIR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to acknowledge receipt of revenue generated at Centennial Village for 2023 in the amount of \$16,264.80. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERORMANCE GRANT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 4th quarter LEMPG Grant Report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor Heupel shared with the Commission that she had contacted Rod Fortin, with Department of Legislative Audits to see if we could have the 2022 and 2023 Fiscal Year audits done in Spring of 2024 and then get back on track to yearly audits. Rod Fortin stated it was up to the governing board, but he didn't see a problem with that. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to have the 2022 and 2023 Fiscal Year Audits done in the Spring of 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The 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 10:38 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Groton City Oct. 3, 2023

Meeting Minutes October 3, 2023

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Wambach, Babcock, Nehls via telephone and Council President Bahr presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Deputy Finance Officer April Abeln, Assistant Finance Officer Kellie Locke, Terry Herron, Todd Gay, Dwight Zerr and Elizabeth Varin.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wambach to approve the agenda with the addition of hoop barn overhead door discussion and item #3- Finalize 2-year Lease Agreement for Groton Municipal Airport Land to be moved to executive session. All members voted aye.

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

Three sealed bids were submitted for the (3) 42" zero-turn Mowers: Trent Anderson at \$55.50 for mower 1, Trent Anderson at \$55.50 for mower 2 and Dustin Cooper at \$150.00 for all three. Four sealed bids were submitted for the 1988 GMC Sierra single axle truck: Greg Bonn at \$2,323.00, Dylan Anderson at \$1,000.00, Jerry Johnson at \$2,259.00 and Cody Monson at \$5,800.00. Two sealed bids were submitted for the Allis Chalmers blade: Dylan Anderson at \$600.00 and Jerry Johnson at \$2,555.55. Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to accept the following bids: Dustin Cooper for all (3) zero-turn mowers for \$150.00; Cody Monson for the 1988 GMC Sierra single axle truck for \$5,800.00; Jerry Johnson for the Allis Chalmers blade for \$2,555.55. All members voted aye.

A quote was received for the hoop barn overhead door. Further discussion will take place at next meeting.

Department reports were reviewed and discussed.

Terry Herron, Todd Gay and Dwight Zerr exited the meeting at 7:26pm.

Airport discussion was tabled due to the absence of Darrell Hillestad.

Discussion took place regarding the Park Saferoom.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Wells to approve the 2023 Baseball Report. All members voted aye.

Further discussion will take place next meeting regarding placement of a white tarp at the Skating Rink. It was mentioned that no hockey will be allowed during Carnival of Silver Skate practices.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wambach to approve the installation of North and South two-way stop signs at the intersection of East 7th Avenue and North 2nd Street. All members voted aye.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 770 Certifying 2024 City of Groton Property Tax Levy to Brown County was approved on a motion by Wambach and seconded by Wells. All members voted aye.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 771 - Water Rates was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Babcock. All members voted aye.

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

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

Payroll, \$31,334.85, Employee salaries; Executive, \$717.75, ; Administrative, \$4,719.19, ; Public Safety, \$10,511.06, ; Public Works, \$13,914.73, ; Culture & Recreation, \$1,472.12, ; Aberdeen FOP Lodge #4, \$100.00, 2023 FOP dues for PD officers; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; Lauren Johnson, \$250.00, Utility deposit refund; Douglas Heinrich, \$181.35, Med flex; Kim Weber, \$50.00, Utility deposit refund; NW Energy, \$797.67, Natural gas service - Swimming Pool (final bill); Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Dacotah Bank, \$6,554.39, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee Insurance; Employers Mutual Insurance, \$82.70, Employee Insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$38.49, Employee Insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$10,978.48, Employee Insurance; Aflac, \$336.62, Employee Insurance; Dave's Marine, Inc., \$729.00, (1)

bench for Furman Family - paid for by donations; Dacotah Bank, \$4,052.80, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; S&S Lumber Co., \$197.16, Basketball nets, bungee cords, seafoam, silicone spray, PVC cement, Sawzall blades, tape measure, spray paint, chains, hose hangers, poison peanuts; Ken's Alignment, \$1,113.63, Rotor replacement - 2021 PD Tahoe; Groton Daily Independent, \$92.28, Publishing fees; SD Department of Health, \$253.00, Water/pool testing; Grafix Shoppe, \$484.11, Custom reflective graphics for 2023 PD Tahoe; Team Lab Chemical Corp., \$588.50, Wastewater chemicals; Quality Quick Print, \$942.00, Minor accident reports, traffic tickets - PD; Locke Electric, Inc., \$2,500.00, LED flat panel fixtures at old city hall - partially paid for by Energy Efficiency Grant from Heartland Energy; Aramark, \$58.03, Rug rent; Sperry Stump Removal, \$910.00, Stump removal - Forestry; Irby, Inc., \$321.17, FR jeans, equipment testing - Electric Dept.; Ken's Fair Foods, \$1,169.55, Food for resale, fuel purchases, bottled water - Multiple Depts. ; Farmers Union Co-op Assoc., \$256.58, Fuel reimbursement for transporting dirt to airport; Eco-Lab Pest Elimination, \$112.36, Rubble site rodent control; Sanitation Products, Inc., \$69.98, Belt splice hardware kit - Streets; Glenn Bitz, \$150.00, Window cleaning - City Hall; Tritex Software Systems, \$737.47, PD software annual fees; Vosika Fencing, \$1,374.67, 2 new gates and straightening of post - Pickleball fence; Core & Main, \$155.13, Curb box repair lid - Water Dept.; Colonial Research Chemical Corp., \$210.34, Sweeper grease - Streets; Darrel's Sinclair, \$1,749.41, Battery, tires for snow plow truck - Streets; NW Energy, \$12.16, Natural gas service - PD; A-1 Sanitation, \$354.28, Use of rolloff dumpster ; Drew Johnson, \$1,150.00, Legal services - September 2023; Greg's Repair, \$589.72, Tires and installation-2021 PD Tahoe

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Nehls to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:07pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:42pm.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 9:42pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Kellie Locke, Assistant Finance Officer

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**Frederick School
Oct. 9, 2023**

Meeting Minutes
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

Regular Board of Education Meeting
October 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on October 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, and Eric Sumption; absent, Hart. Also present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Others in attendance: Sofia Losure, Jim Holbeck and Lee Dobrinz.

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

No one was present for public comment.

2024-035 Motion by Sumption, seconded by Achen to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2024-036 Motion by Sumption, seconded by Achen to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

a. September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
b. September 2023 Payroll
c. September 2023 Financial Report
d. October 2023 Bills

Financial Report:
General Fund- Checking: Last Balance: \$298,095.21; End of the month adjustment between funds - Receipt: \$1,895.40; Bal 9-1-23: \$299,990.61; Receipts: \$74,888.45; Disbursements: \$178,297.75; Bal 9-30-23 \$196,581.31. Investments: Bal

9-1-23: \$683,392.73; Interest: \$1,244.43; Bal 9-30-23: \$684,637.16. Ending Fund Balance: \$881,218.47.

Imprest Fund: Bal 9-1-23: \$2,747.50; Receipts: \$2,287.50; Disbursements: \$2,692.12; Bal 9-30-23 \$2,342.88.

Capital Outlay Fund- Checking: Last Balance: \$920,544.19; End of the month adjustment between funds - Disbursement: \$1,895.40; Bal 9-1-23: \$918,648.79; Receipts: \$1,007.85; Disbursements: \$28,574.54; Bal 9-30-23 \$891,082.10. Investments: Bal 9-30-23: \$1,553,800.96. Ending Fund Balance: \$2,444,883.06.

Special Education Fund- Checking: Bal 9-1-23: \$70,684.49; Receipts: \$494.88; Disbursements: \$34,081.44; Bal 9-30-23 \$37,097.93. Investments: Bal 9-30-23: \$1,443,913.67. Ending Fund Balance: \$1,481,011.60.

Food Service Fund: Bal 9-1-23: \$3,729.71; Receipts: \$25,163.93; Disbursements: \$13,942.49; Bal 9-30-23 \$14,951.15.

Drivers Ed Fund: Bal 9-30-23 \$0.04.

Custodial Fund: Bal 9-1-23: \$31,886.92; Receipts: \$11,650.74; Disbursements: \$2,979.15; Bal 9-30-23 \$40,558.51.

Ovid J Stevens Scholarship: Checking: Bal 9-1-23: \$1000.85; Transfers to Savings: \$1000.00; Bal 9-30-23 \$.85. Investments: Bal 9-1-23: \$24,499.86; Transfers in: \$1000.00; Bal 9-30-23: \$25,499.86. Ending Fund Balance: \$25,500.71.

Claims approved: General Fund salaries 85,139.20; Special Education salaries 15,350.68; Food Service salaries 3,833.89. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 28,573.89; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,147.27; American Funds, retirement 1,467.52; Delta Dental, insurance 1,949.16; Northern Plains Insurance Pool 16,779.55; The Standard, life insurance 245.55; Security Benefits, retirement 1,223.89; Optilegra, vision insurance 464.93; SD Retirement 15,692.38; SD Retirement Supplemental, 4,478.22. Total: \$176,346.13.

Bills approved: General Fund: Agtegra-fuel, 4,809.60; Amazon-supplies, 486.17; Arrowwood Resort-business manager travel, 222.40; ASBPT-workers comp FY23, 511.00; Best Western Ramkota-FCCLA travel, 550.00; Bledsoe-DOT physicals, 180.00; BSN Sports-FB supplies, 171.60; CWD-FFVP, 976.40; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt & Burns-annual attorney meeting, 160.00; Cole Papers-custodial supplies, 882.26; Dunhams-PE equipment, 44.99; FASD Imprest Fund-misc., 2,692.12; FCCLA-polos, 960.00; First National Bank-returned check, 25.00; GDI News-publishing, 318.58; Generation Genius-lesson subscription, 120.00; JVT-sept phone, 236.59; JW Pepper-music supplies, 28.99; Ketterling Photography-pictures, 137.50; MARC-maintenance supplies, 1,038.78; MDU-utilities, 3,381.79; Menards-transportation supplies, 14.48; Merchant Services-cc processing fees, 94.80; Mosley-ipad management, 5.50; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies, 133.40; Pirate Ship-USPS postage, 4.09; Price Plumbing-service, 153.00; Runnings-transportation supplies, 42.45; SASD-AI training, 50.00; Scholastic-book fair, 1,042.44; Schwan Electric-service, 258.86; Sewer Duck-toilet rental, 1000.00; SD DOT-highway ad, 24.00; Shutterfly-plaque pictures, 13.84; Teachers Pay Teachers-curriculum supplements, 32.25; Town of Frederick-utilities, 651.34; USA Clean-maintenance supplies, 52.03; WalMart- supplies, 84.89.

Capital Outlay Fund: Connecting Point-service/mileage, 3,117.10; Global Industries-water fountain, 825.84; Hauff Mid-America Sports-VB uniforms, 700.75; House of Glass-door service, 534.48; Marco-intercom system, 10,633.11. Special Education Fund: Avera-OT/PT, 6,688.82; Kosters, Christine-travel, 51.68. Food Service Fund: CWD-food/ supplies, 4,610.50; Community Store-food, 33.73; Hebl, Jodi-lunch account refund, 35.45; Pantorium Cleaners-kitchen supplies, 84.85; SD DOE Child & Adult Nutrition-commodities processing, 543.40; Webstaurant Store-supplies, 89.59. Imprest Fund: Deutsch, Terry-FB ref/mileage, 154.16; Eureka School District-JH/JV FB jam-boree, 100.00; Faulkton Area School District-XC meet, 35.00; First National Bank-book fair cash box, 200.00; First National Bank-business manager travel meals, 34.00; Foust, Paul-FB ref/mileage, 175.76; Gauer,

Brad-FB ref/mileage, 268.82; Groton Area School District-LRC marching band festival, 40.00; Groton Area School District-XC meet, 50.00; Jundt, Rosa-VB ref, 100.00; Pauer Sound-excise tax on installation, 166.44; Schmidt, Mike-FB ref/mileage, 164.96; SD FCCLA-fall leadership registration, 650.00; Voeller, Logan-fridge, 175.00; Webster Area School District-XC meet, 40.00; Weismantel, Kelsey-VB ref/mileage, 162.22; Young, Mike-FB ref/mileage, 175.76. Custodial Fund: Amazon-XC, 75.96; Barondeau, Janelle-XC, 23.87; Beef Logic-concessions, 40.80; Coca Cola-concessions, 350.00; Community Store-concessions, 235.52; CWD Direct-concessions, 73.13; CWD-concessions, 150.79; FASD Booster Club-concessions proceeds, 448.00; Geffdog-BBB, 558.72; Geffdog-XC, 372.78; Kesslers-concessions, 31.81; Pizza Ranch-FB, 517.76; Sams Club-concessions, 219.73.

The following reports were presented:

Jim Holbeck and Lee Dobrinz: JLG Architects

Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director

Shauna Severson: Business Manager

2024-037 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to amend the meeting start time to 6:00 p.m. for the regular board meetings November through March. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-038 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to accept the resignation of Jessica Mardian - Paraprofessional. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-039 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to offer and approve the Employee Work Agreement offered to Misty Dosch - Paraprofessional at the rate of \$15.00/hr. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The board would like to recognize the following accomplishments: The Girls Cross Country team placed 1st (third year in a row) at the Conference meet; Andrew Schlosser placed 1st in the JV division at the Conference meet.

2024-040 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

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Columbia City Oct. 15, 2023

Special Meeting

City of Columbia Council Special Meeting- October 15, 2023
CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Emily Eichler, Trevor Meints

Mayor 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 were in favor - motion carried.

Corey presented the second reading of the proposed International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance. After discussion, Cole Kampa made a motion to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

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

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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Riverside Township Weed Notice

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Bruce Sippel
Township Clerk

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**Groton School
Oct. 10, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2023

President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Flihs Gengerke, Lerseth-Flihs, Pharis, Rix, and Weismantel. Absent: Harder. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal Edwards, and Business Manager Hubsch.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pharis, second Flihs to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of September 11, 2023; September District bills, open enrollment #24-21, #24-22, and #24-23. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Payroll - 206,567.00; FIT - 19,174.76; Medicare - 7,727.54; Social Security - 33,041.56; American Funds - 524.80; SD Retirement - 32,987.68; Health Savings Account - 100.00; Fiduciary Trust - 440.00; Horace Mann Insurance - 561.90; AFLAC - 2,178.08; Thrivent - 250.00; Delta Dental - 3,247.99; SD Supplemental Retirement - 1,785.96; US Dept of Treasury - 252.04; Wellmark - 63,333.06; Standard Life - 657.87; Wage Works - 979.14; Avesis - 378.82; Aberdeen Awards - awards, 324.00; Advance Auto Parts - parts, 244.03; Amazon - supplies, 1,090.96; AmericInn Lodge

- state golf lodging, 959.91; Arrowwood Resort - conference lodging, 222.40; Band Shoppe - shoes, 187.76; Boston Fern - coronation supply, 285.00; Carson-Dellosa - kdg supply, 43.82; Cintas - rugs, 305.86; Cole Papers - copy paper/janitor supply, 9,425.89; Core Educational Cooperative - earth science course, 260.00; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 34,491.23; Daktronics - repairs, 1,307.50; Demco - library supply, 199.82; Dependable Sanitation - garbage, 1,254.50; Diamond Dry Cleaning - band uniforms, 37.95; Eric Armin - title supplies, 22.90; Farm Tire Service - repairs, 40.00; Geffgood Designs - VB shirts/royalty shirts, 1,294.60; Good Shred - shredding, 43.50; Harlow's - parts, 346.53; Hillyard - janitor supply, 789.39; House of Glass - repairs, 63.10; Rebecca Hubsch - conference meals, 32.75; JW Pepper - music, 320.99; John Deere Financial - repairs, 2,245.80; Jostens - yearbook, 961.91; Locke Electric - repairs, 2,898.97; Matchbox - GBB backpacks, 550.00; Matheson - IA supply, 50.75; MJ's - fuel, 3,804.45; Northside Implement - repairs, 506.16; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 11.26; Robotics - entries, 180.00; Scholastic - scholastic news, 362.40; School Specialty - kdg supply, 37.90; SDAMLE - membership, 100.00; SDIAAA - dues, 155.00; SDTEA - registration, 100.00; Sewer Duck - toilet rental, 385.00; Taylor Music - reeds/repairs, 174.47. Total General Fund - \$440,306.66.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - managed print agreement, 2,791.77; Amazon - equipment, 188.22; Apple - apps, 1000.00; BK Custom T's - banner, 45.96; Connecting Point - software, 28,458.64; Custodial Fund - ad-

vanced payments, 916.20; Easy Vista - renewal, 528.30; Follet - library materials, 1,093.22; Hub City Roofing - roofing project payment, 192,000.00; Huff Construction - Health science lab payment, 20,980.24; Literary Resources - K-5 curriculum, 170.64; School Specialty - maps, 811.66; Sichmeller Engineering - HVAC upgrade, 44,550.00; Sweetwater - band recorder/windscreen, 284.98; Taylor Music - quad set/equipment, 1,214.95; Time Management System - software, 11,969.09. Total Capital Outlay - \$307,003.87.

SPECIAL ED: Net Payroll - 29,718.60; FIT - 2,042.08; Medicare - 1,088.58; Social Security - 4,654.50; SD Retirement - 4,821.30; Fiduciary Trust Company - 100.00; AFLAC - 250.98; Delta Dental - 919.98; SD Supplemental Retirement - 200.00; Wellmark - 10,906.00; Standard Life - 156.25; Avesis Vision - 141.85; 55000.12 Avera St Lukes - PT/OT, 20,228.81; Judy or Gene Williamson - mileage, 771.12; Nikki Wright - mileage, 459.00. Total Special Ed - \$76,459.05.

ENTERPRISE: Net Payroll - 5,066.99; FIT - 461.79; Medicare - 184.72; Social Security - 789.82; SD Retirement - 707.20; AFLAC - 172.60; Wellmark - 1,710.33; Standard Life - 3.84; Avesis - 29.47; 9126.76 Ace Refrigeration - repairs, 798.66; Bernard - food, 1,393.54; Bimbo - bakery goods, 370.52; Cintas - apron/towels, 184.38; Custodial Fund - aprons/towels, 184.38; CWD - food, 1,556.56; Andy Dockter - lunch refund, 9.50; East Side Jersey Dairy - milk, 1,061.23; Groton Area School - transfer to dues, 15.00; Jay & Bobbie Lier - lunch refund, 13.50; Eric & Ann Menzia - lunch refund, 5.23; Performance Foodservice - food, 7,063.71; SD DOE

- food, 322.38; SNA - membership, 154.00; US Foods - food, 4,189.82. Total Enterprise - \$26,449.17.

OST & Driver's Ed: Net Payroll - 3,351.26; FIT - 105.45; Medicare - 112.84; Social Security - 482.62; SD Retirement - 194.40; AFLAC - 96.01; Wellmark - 429.34; SD Supplemental Retirement - 27.78; Standard Life - 13.64; 4813.34 Advance Auto Parts - parts, 129.99. Total OST & Driver's Ed - \$4,943.33.

CUSTODIAL FUND: 57,324.36. RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 17,951.16; Local Sources, Other - 91,358.54; County Sources - 3,097.55; State Sources - 31,341.11; Federal Sources - 3,347.56; Surplus Sales - 2,500.00. Total Receipts - 149,595.92.

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda items.

Program overview presentations were presented to the board by mathematics teachers E. Swenson and G. Kjellens and social science teachers S. Wanner and S. Thorson.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Pharis, to approve the September 2023 Financial Report, Custodial Accounts, and Investments. Motion carried.

Moved by Flihs, second by Pharis, to approve the September 2023 school lunch report. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second by Flihs, to approve the September 2023 school transportation report. Motion carried.

Continued discussion regarding potential school district FY2025 Opt-Out. Superintendent Schwan presented information to the board, and the same infor-

mation was posted on the school website. No action was taken.

Continued discussion regarding the 1969 HS Gymnasium Renovation. Gengerke will be looking for community members to form a fundraising committee for bleachers and new flooring.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: J. Schwan reported that two of the three doors for the health science room came in as the wrong size. The new doors are in production. HVAC project Sichmeller Engineering is planning on being on-site to inspect completed work and prepare a punch list. Attended the DOE Accountability Roadshow, as the Elementary School will be a "Targeted Support and Improvement" school for attendance in the subgroup of English Learners and Hispanic/Latino. The designation is for two years and will be eligible for Title I 1003 grant funding to complete the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. The district will receive Supply Chain Assistance funding for the Food Service Fund of \$15,867.72. The Groton Area School District Board earned a Silver Level award for participation in the ASBSD board recognition program; Schwan has been hosting a series of meetings with internal staff stakeholders and working on changes to the District mission statement and enrollment count for the District on September 28 was 596 students.

B. Schwan reported elementary enrollment at 301 students, Math and Reading Family Game night to be held October 10 from 5:30-7:30 for JK-5th graders, reported on the South Dakota Comprehensive Needs Assessment for being Target School Improvement, and the annual OST Coffee Fundraiser will be

kicking off shortly. S. Edwards reported attending the SASD Leadership Conference and meeting again on November 29; Homework Academy is up and running; Edwards has joined the Northeast Area Principals group; Student Needs Team, which encompasses Special Education staff, will be meeting once a month; reported on having a strong sub listing and making updates on the student handbook to present at future board meetings.

Hubsch discussed various board reports and requested input from board members on what reports they would like to see in the future.

Moved by Rix, second by Weismantel, to approve the request and conditions for a wrestling practice cooperative with Doland School District contingent upon Doland School District paying for an assistant coach's stipend/benefits. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Flihs, to approve a \$160 contribution to send school attorney Rodney Freeman to the Education Law Association annual meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second by Flihs, to approve the request from James Valley Thunder for the use of the GHS Arena Gym for summer 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to adjourn at 8:58 a.m. Motion carried.

Becky Hubsch, Business Manager Deborah Gengerke, President The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official. Published October 18, 2023, at the total approximate cost of \$138.47 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublic-notices.com. 22611

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 FINANCIAL REPORTS

	General Fund	Assigned Gen Frund	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption	Food Service	OST	Driver's Ed	Custodial
SEPT. 1 2023	\$1,605,658.46	\$147,330.40	\$790,530.79	\$376,273.32	\$10.91	\$161,701.54	\$16,423.70	\$18,393.27	\$198,609.88
RECEIPTS									
Local Sources.....	\$20,615.99	\$2,732.00	\$6,654.54	\$3,156.78	\$10.46	\$12,238.47	\$12,640.00		\$50,359.36
County Sources.....	\$3,097.55								
State Sources.....									
State Aid.....	\$20,777.00								
State Apportionment.....									
State Reimbursements.....									
Bank Franchise.....									
Federal Sources.....	\$10,564.11					\$3,347.56			
Sale of Assets.....	\$2,500.00								
Due from Govt.....									
Transfer In/Out									
TOTAL MONTHLY RECEIPTS	\$57,554.65	\$2,732.00	\$6,654.54	\$3,156.78	\$10.46	\$15,586.03	\$12,640.00	\$0.00	\$50,359.36
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,663,213.11	\$150,062.40	\$797,185.33	\$379,430.10	\$21.37	\$177,287.57	\$29,063.70	\$18,393.27	\$248,969.24
MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS	(\$432,271.24)	(\$368.64)	(\$209,034.64)	(\$90,614.82)	\$0.00	(\$22,127.92)	(\$4,849.98)	\$0.00	(\$57,324.36)
JOURNAL ENTRIES									
SEPT. 30, 2023	\$1,230,941.87	\$149,693.76	\$588,150.69	\$288,815.28	\$21.37	\$155,159.65	\$24,213.72	\$18,393.27	\$191,644.88

"Differences matter"

Aristotle is said to have referred to the female as a mutilated male, and this philosophy seems to have carried forward into much more modern times.

In 1977, official FDA guidelines recommended that women of "childbearing potential" be excluded from early stage clinical trials. Men, particularly white men, were considered the ideal model, from which the success and side effects of any particular treatment could be judged. Somehow, women's menstrual cycles made them too difficult to study, while simultaneously being irrelevant to the results. The thalidomide tragedy quite reasonably brought fetal wellbeing to the front of researchers' minds, but there was reluctance to wait for animal teratogenicity data before starting human trials. Companies often interpreted childbearing potential to mean childbearing age, and then extended that ban to all women, in all stages of research. Studies carried out in the mid to later part of the last century frequently enrolled thousands of participants, but no women at all. This was even true in purely observational studies, where nothing was being trialed or tested.

Then, in 1993 congress passed a mandate that women be included in NIH funded trials, and the FDA changed their guidelines. Now they said that the population studied in trials should be representative of the people likely to be treated with an intervention if it were approved. This meant that most studies had to include people of different ages, races, and genders.

Once scientists started looking, it became evident that the differences among us translate to differences in the way diseases develop, the way conditions present, and the way we respond to potential treatments. We may need different doses. We may experience different side effects. We may need different treatments altogether. This can be true for differences based on age, race, health status, and, of course, sex.



Debra Johnston, MD



The scientific landscape is very different today than it was in 1993, but we still have a long way to go. A recent review of studies involving cardiovascular disease, cancer, and mental health interventions found that just over 40% of study participants were women. Cardiovascular disease and cancer affect men and women almost equally. In mental health research the situation is worse: women make up approximately 60% of those affected, but still, just over 40% of those enrolled in trials.

Everyone deserves to know that the recommendations their doctor makes are backed by science that includes people like them. Many treatments work just as well in people of different races, ages, or genders. But many don't, and we won't know if we don't ask that question.

Debra Johnson, M.D. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org and on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show providing health information based on science, built on trust for 22 Seasons, on SDPB and streaming live on Facebook most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

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Groton Area vs. Elk Point/ Jefferson Thursday, Oct. 19 6 p.m.



Anna Fjeldheim
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Sydney Leicht
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Laila Roberts
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Carly Guthmiller
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Elizabeth Flihs
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Rylee Dunker
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

A send-off for the Girls Soccer Team to the state championship game

A pep rally was held Friday afternoon as the girls soccer team will be playing in the state championship game at 11 a.m. today in Brandon Valley. Coach Kucker talked about how good of a team he has this year and that they are looking forward to a rematch with the Titans. Unfortunately, Tea Area won the game, 3-1. Jerica Locke scored the lone goal.



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There was a welcome home celebration for the girls soccer team Sunday afternoon at the Groton Area Arena. The girls placed second in the state this year. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

Tigers take down Northwestern in four sets

Groton Area took four sets to shake off Northwestern with intense volleyball action played Tuesday in Groton. The Tigers won the match, 3-1.

The first set was tied 11 times and there were six lead changes in a game that went extra points. The Tigers trailed, 24-20, but came back to tie the game at 24. Northwestern still had the one point lead at 25 and 26 before the Tigers got the lead 27-26. The set was tied at 27 and the Tigers scored the last two points for the 29-27 win.

In that set, Anna Fjeldheim and Sydney Liecht each had five kills while Rylee Dunker had two kills, a block and an ace serve, Chesney Weber had a kill and an ace serve, Elizabeth Fliehs had two kills, Carly Guthmiller had two ace serves and Emma Kutter had a kill. Ashley Haven led Northwestern with two kills and two ace serves while Adriana Ratigan had three kills and Ella Boekelheide had two kills and an ace serve.

The second set was tied eight times and there were six lead changes. Groton Area had a seven point rally to take a 16-10 lead, but the Wildcats came back to take an 18-17 lead. Northwestern would score the final six points for the 25-21 win. Rylee Dunker led Groton Area in that set with four kills and two blocks while Chesney Weber had four kills, Anna Fjeldheim and Laila Roberts each had two kills, Sydney Liecht had a kill and an ace serve, Emma Kutter had a block and Carly Guthmiller had an ace serve. Ashley Haven led Northwestern with four kills and a block, Adriana Ratigan had two blocks and a kill and Nicolette Nickeson had two kills.

The third set was tied only five times with just two lead changes in the early part of the game. Groton Area led after it was tied at seven, taking a 13-10 lead and a 17-11 lead en route to a 25-20 third set win. Chesney Weber led Groton Area with eight kills and an ace serve, Anna Fjeldheim had two kills and an ace serve, Rylee Dunker had two kills, Emma Kutter had two blocks, Sydney Leight had a kill and an ace serve, Carly Guthmiller had an ace and Laila Roberts had a kill. Ella Boekelheide led Northwestern with three kills while Adriana Ratigan had two blocks and a kill, Sophia Troske had two ace serves and Nicolette Nickeson and Ashley Haven each had two kills.

Ashley Haven had a powerful fourth set for the Wildcats as she powered in nine kills to put Northwestern on top for much of the set. Northwestern jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but Groton Area came back to tie it at nine and took a 10-9 lead. Thereafter, the set was five times and there were two lead changes. Groton Area trailed, 24-19, but came back to tie it at 24 and took a 25-24 lead. The set went extra points as it was tied at 25 and 26. Northwestern had mistakes down the stretch with being over the net at least two times, but the final points came from Northwestern when they were charged with someone being out of rotation and Groton Area won, 28-26. Anna Fjeldheim and Chesney Weber each had four kills in that set while Sydney Leicht and Rylee Dunker each had three kills, Emma Kutter had a kills and Carly Guthmiller and Elizabeth Fliehs each had an ace serve.

For the match, Chesney Weber was 38 of 39 in attacks with 17 kills and was 10 of 11 in serves with three ace serves. Anna Fjeldheim was 49 of 56 in attacks with 13 kills and had two ace serves. Sydney Leicht was 31 of 37 in attacks with 10 kills, was 16 of 18 in serving with three ace serves and led the team in digs with 38, and had one solo block. Rylee Dunker had 11 kills, one ace serve and two assisted and one solo block. Carly Guthmiller was 22 of 23 in serving with five ace serves, had four assists and 29 digs. Emma Kutter had two kills and two solo and one assisted block. Elizabeth Fliehs had 46 assists, 16 digs, two kills and one ace serve. Laila Roberts had three kills.

Overall, Groton Area was 94 of 99 in serving with 14 ace serves, 181 of 208 in attacks with 55 kills, had 119 digs and seven blocks. Northwestern was 95 of 96 in serving with nine ace serves, 186 of 204 in attacks with 53 kills, had 117 digs and 14 assisted and one solo block. Northwestern had 20 net violations on the night.

Ashley Haven was 76 of 83 in attacks with 22 kills, was 13 of 13 in serving with two ace serves and had four assisted blocks.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Agtegra, 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.

Northwestern won the junior varsity match, 2-1. Groton won the first set, 25-14, lost the second set, 25-14, and lost the third set, 15-11. Jaedyn Penning led Groton Area with six kills and an ace serve, Kella Tracy had six kills, Talli Wright three kills and three ace serves, Faith Traphagen two kills, McKenna Tietz a kill and an ace, Emerlee Jones, Jerica Locke, Chesney Weber and Hanna Sandness each had an ace serve and Taryn Traphagen had a kill. The junior varsity match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Gordon and Dorene Nelson.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-21 and 25-14. Emerlee Jones, (whose fans sponsored the broadcast on GDILIVE.COM) led the Tigers with nine kills and three ace serves, Taryn Traphagen had eight kills, Liby Althoff had four ace serves and three kills, Leah Jones, Teagan Hanten and Hannah Sandness each had a kill and Ashlynn Warrington had an ace serve.

- Paul Kosel

Netters post 3-0 win over Langford

Groton Area's volleyball team posted a 3-0 win over Langford Area in action played Monday in Langford. Set scores were 25-23, 25-16 and 25-21.

Rylee Dunker was 18 of 20 in attacks with 13 kills, had two ace serves and had two solo and one assisted block. Chesney Weber was 24 of 26 in attacks with eight kills, was 17 of 19 in serving with three ace serves and had two assisted blocks. Sydney Leicht was 29 of 30 in attacks with seven kills, had 19 digs and one ace serve. Jaedyn Penning had four kills and was seven of seven in serving with one ace serve. Elizabeth Fliehs had 34 assists and three sniper kills. Emma Kutter had two assisted and one solo block and two kills. Carly Guthmiller was eight of 11 in serves with two ace serves and had 19 digs. Laila Roberts had one kill.

The Lions were led by Megan Gustafson with nine kills and a block, Bayleann Moen had seven kills, Eliana Darling four kills, Cali Vanderbilts Vorst had four kills and an ace serve, Tawnee Nelson had two ace serves, Alexandria Darling had a kill and an ace serve, and Bryanna Peterson and Emily Olson each had a block.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Agtegra, 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, 25-18 and 25-16. Jaedyn Penning led the Tigers with eight kills and an ace serve, Taryn Traphagen had six kills, Kella Tracy four kills, McKenna Tietz four ace serves, Talli Wright two kills, Faith Traphagen two blocks, Jerica Locke a kill and an ace serve and Liby Althoff and Emerlee Jones each had a kill.

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

Groton Area has super clean sweep over Deuel

Groton Area's volleyball teams did not lose a single set from junior high to high school Thursday night as the Lady Tigers had a super clean sweep over Deuel Cardinals.

Groton Area won the varsity match, 25-15, 25-19 and 25-15. The match was tied six times and there were just two lead changes.

Rylee Dunker was 22 of 24 in attacks with 14 kills and had one assisted block, one dig and one ace serve. Anna Fjeldheim was 17 of 18 in attacks with 10 kills and she had eight digs. Chesney Weber was 16 of 17 in attacks with seven kills and she had one dig, one assisted block and one ace serve. Sydney Leicht had two kills, was 12 of 13 in serves with one ace serve and had eight digs. Emma Kutter had two kills. Carly Guthmiller was 11 of 15 in serves with two ace serves and she had 22 digs. Laila Roberts had seven digs and one kill.

Hope Bjerke led Deuel with three kills and two blocks while Jose Anderson and Annika Kriz each had four kills and Alayna Carlson had two blocks and one kill.

Groton Area, now 14-4, will travel to Langford on Monday. The Tigers will not participate in the Milbank Tournament on Saturday due to the state soccer championship game.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy doing the color commentary. The coverage was sponsored by Agtegra, 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, 25-21 and 25-19. The match was tied twice with one lead change. Jaedyn Penning led Groton Area with 12 kills and an ace serve while Talli Wright had four kills, Faith Traphagen, Kella Tracy and Liby Althoff each had a kill and a block, Taryn Traphagen had a kill and an ace serve and Emerlee Jones and Chesney Weber each had a kill.

Alayna Carlson and Camdyn Peterreins each had three kills for Deuel. Fans of Jaedyn Penning sponsored the broadcast on GDILIVE.COM.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-14 and 25-13. Taryn Traphagen led the Tigers with nine kills while Liby Althoff had three ace serves and a kill, Emerlee Jones had two kills and two ace serves, Leah Jones had four kills, McKenna Tietz had a kill and two ace serves, Brenna Imrie had two ace serves and Ashlynn Warrington and Hannah Sandness each had an ace serve.

Evangelina Gratz led Deuel with five ace serves.

The match was broadcast on GDILIVE.COM sponsored by fans of Emerlee Jones.

Groton Area won the eighth grade match by identical scores of 25-20. The seventh graders won their match, 25-7 and 25-12.

- Paul Kosel

Football: Groton Area 20, Mobridge-Pollock 8

Groton Area Tigers

First Downs: 13

Rushing: 41 carries for 114 yards, 1 touchdown
 Christian Ehresmann 25-77, 1 TD
 Korbin Kucker 8-36
 Keegen Tracy 2-4
 Teylor Diegel 2-1
 Gavin Englund 1-0
 Lane Tietz 3-(-4)

Passing:
 Lane Tietz completed
 3 of 9 for 50 yards, 1 TD
 Korbin Kucker: 0 for 1 for 0 yards

Receivers:
 Colby Dunker: 2-30
 Teylor Diegel: 1-20, 1 TD

Fumbles: Had 5, lost 0
Penalties: 7 for 60 yards

Defensive Leaders
 Logan Ringgenberg, 8 tackles, 1 fumble recovery for 28 yard return for TD, 1 sack
 Christian Ehresmann 9 tackles
 Holden Sippel 7 tackles, 1 sack
 Colby Dunker 7 tackles
 Teylor Diegel 2 interceptions
 Korbin Kucker 1 sack

Record: 5-3
Next Game: Playoffs vs. Elk Point/Jefferson

Scoring:
First Quarter
 2:09 Groton Area:
 Logan Ringgenberg 28 yard fumble recovery return. (PAT pass failed) 6-0
Second Quarter
 0:01: Groton Area:
 Teylor Diegel 20 yard pass from Lane Tietz. (PAT: Tietz to Keegen Tracy)..... 14-0
Third Quarter
 7:15: Groton Area:
 Christian Ehresmann 3 yard run. (PAT: pass failed) 20-0
Fourth Quarter
 9:05: Mobridge-Pollock:
 Max Saxon 2 yard run. (PAT: Jackson Eiseman to Shane Henderson) 20-8

Mobridge-Pollock 8

Mobridge-Pollock Tigers

First Downs: 15

Rushing: 38 carries, 144 yards, 1 TD
 Simon Fried 12-78
 Jackson Eiseman 15-33
 Joseph Dutenhoeffer 4-11
 Mack Saxon 6-7, 1 TD
 Easton Eiseman 1-4

Passing:
 Jackson Eiseman
 completed 9 of 27 for 108 yards
 2 interceptions

Receivers:
 Shane Henderson 3-45
 Simon Fried 2-16
 Kale Knudson 2-12
 Taylor Carmody 1-15
 Easton Eiseman 1-10

Fumbles: Had 4, lost 1
Penalties: 6 for 28 yards

Defensive Leaders
 Easton Eisemann 8 tackles
 Taylon Carmody 8 tackles
 Shane Henderson 5 tackles

Record: 2-5
Next Game: End of Season

Ringgenberg takes fumble into the endzone to get Groton Area rolling over Mobridge-Pollock

Groton Area got the traveling trophy back to Groton as the hometown Tigers defeated Mobridge-Pollock, 20-8. The football game was played in Groton under windy and medium to heavy misty conditions.

Logan Ringgenberg scored first on a fumble recovery and running back 28 yards for the touchdown. He also had eight tackles and one sack for the Tiger defense.

Teylor Diegel would score with half a second left in the half after he would, just a few plays earlier, intercept the ball. Diegel's touchdown was a 20 yard pass from Lane Tietz. Diegel also had a second interception in the game.

Christian Ehresmann would score on a three-yard run in the middle of the third quarter. He led the rushing with 25 carries for 77 yards and had nine tackles.

Colby Dunker had 30 yards receiving and had seven tackles. Korbin Kucker had 36 yards rushing and one sack. Holden Sippel had seven tackles and one sack. Keegan Tracy caught one PAT from Lane Tietz, who completed three of nine passes for 50 yards.

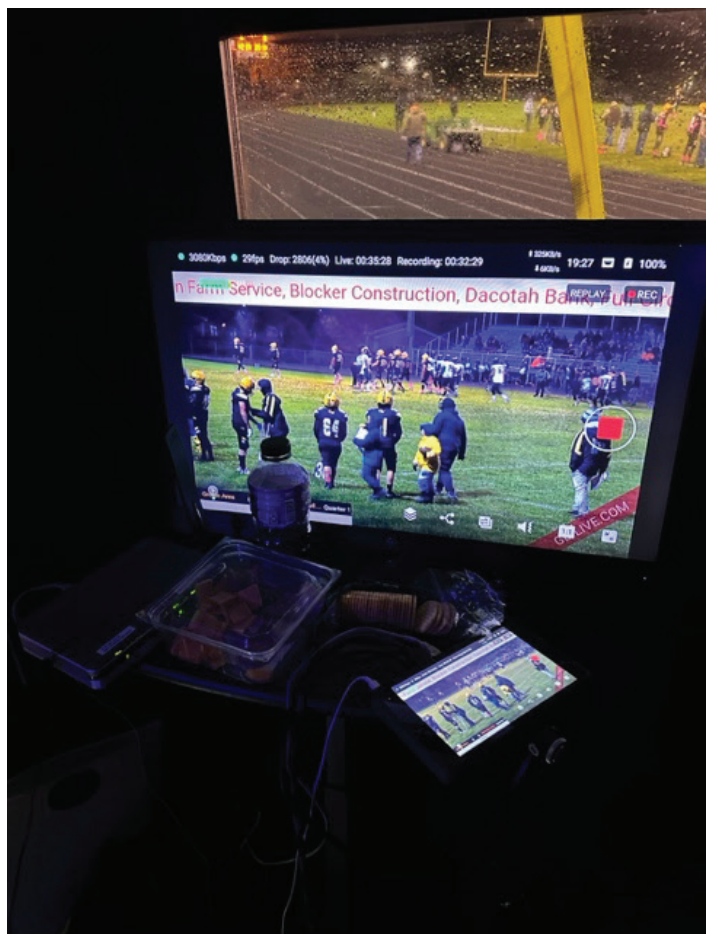
The wet conditions made for a slippery football as there were nine fumbles in the game with Mobridge-Pollock losing the one to Ringgenberg.

Mobridge-Pollock had 144 yards rushing and 108 yards passing. Groton Area had a total of 114 yards rushing and 50 yards passing. Mobridge-Pollock had 15 first downs while Groton Area had 13. There were 13 penalties in the game.

Groton Area will head to the playoffs to take on Elk Point-Jefferson on Thursday. The Tigers are 5-3 on the season heading into the playoffs.

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- Paul Kosel



GDILIVE all set up for the football game

The rain and the wind did not stop the broadcast of the football game on Friday in Groton, thanks to the help of lots of people. Justin Hanson of Rutgear605 provided a deer shelter on his trailer. Landon Johnson helped haul the trailer to the field. S & S Lumber used their forklift to lift the stand onto the trailer. James Valley Telecommunications allowed us to use their wifi hotspot since we were on the west side of the field. Everything worked great. The left photo features our setup (oh yes, including a snack!) with a big screen TV. We were independent from electricity as we had our own power box that supplied the power to our equipment.

Mike Nehls did a wonderful job announcing. Instead of staying in the shelter, he decided to announce from the sideline of the field. Jeslyn Kosel operated the camera out the window of the shelter having extra duty to balance the camera on two legs of the tripod instead of three (see top right photo for her station). Paul Kosel kept all of the technical things going inside the shelter, out of the rain. It was a new experience for everyone.

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Lake Region Marching Festival

The Lake Region Marching Festival was held Friday in Groton.

In the high school division, Warner took first and Pierre T.F. Rigs, Emerald Regiment, took second.

In the combined division, Aberdeen Roncalli took first and Langford Area took second.

In the middle school division, Simmons/Holgate Middle School took first and Milbank Middle School took second.

Pierre Emerald Regiment won outstanding drum-line, while Aberdeen Roncalli won outstanding wind, Color Guard and Grand Overall Winner.

Mike Nehls was a busy guy on Friday as he announced the line-ups for the Lake Region Marching Festival. Due to the weather, the event was moved into the Arena. Then Nehls did the commentary of the football game on GDILIVE.COM.



Columbia City International Property Maintenance Code Book

ORDINANCE 2023-2
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE BOOK SECTIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Columbia that the following ORDINANCE of the City of Columbia adopting the 2021 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures; by providing the standards for facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in the City of Columbia; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees. The Council of the City of Columbia does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, one (1) copy of which is on file in the office of the City Finance Officer of the City of Columbia, being marked and designated as the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 edition, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Columbia in the State of South Dakota for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; proving for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the office of the City of Columbia are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this legislation.

Section 2. Deletions or additions added directly to code book. The following sections are hereby revised:
Section 101.1; Insert Town of Columbia
Section 103.1; Insert Code Enforcement Department
Section 302.4: Six (6) Inches
Section 304.14: May 1 – October 31
Section 602.3: November 1 – April 30
Section 602.4: November 1 – April 30
Section 104.1: Insert:
All prices based on a minimum of 2 hours, plus cost of fuel on all equipment. City Operator is required for the equipment at the rate set forth in the Ordinance

Bucket Truck	\$100.00 per hour
Bobcat/Skid Loader.....	\$100.00 per hour
Pay Loader.....	\$150.00 per hour
Dump Truck	\$100.00 per hour
Rotary Mower & Tractor	\$250.00 per hour
Z Commercial Mower	\$250.00 per hour
Pickup Truck.....	\$75.00 per hour
Trailer	\$75.00 per hour
Weed Eaters.....	\$50.00 per hour
Chain Saw.....	\$50.00 per hour
Car Tires.....	\$20.00 each
Truck Tires.....	\$75.00 each
Tractor Tire	\$150.00 each
Equipment Operator	\$75.00 per hour
Laborer.....	\$75.00 per hour

Household Garbage charged out per ton or Dumpster at the going rate of contractor. The above prices are subject to change.

Section 108.1 Membership of board. Change to read. The board of appeals shall be made up of three members of the town board.
Section 109.4 Insert \$200.00 fine and add – The cost for violation of any portion of this code and the cost of abating any public nuisance set forth in this code shall be taxed by special assessment against the real estate on which the nuisance occurred.

Section 110.4 Insert Not less than \$200.00
Section 302.4 Insert Six (6) Inches
Section 304.1 Insert: Add – All buildings and houses must be kept in a good and safe condition.

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 2023-2 of the City of Columbia entitled 2021 International Property Maintenance Code (Property Maintenance Code) shall be in effect to run concurrently with all other previous ordinances. The International Property Maintenance Code will supersede any and all ordinances if a direct conflict should arise.

Section 4. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Columbia City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suite or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 6. That this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the support of the municipal government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately upon the passage and publication hereof.

Dated at Columbia, South Dakota, this 15th day of October, 2023.

Corey Mitchell
Corey Mitchell, Mayor
ATTEST: Cara Dennert
Cara Dennert, Finance Officer
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The Groton Area High School Marching Band led the Lake Region Marching Festival that was held in the Groton Area Arena on Friday.



The Groton Area drum line was the last one to perform at the Lake Region Marching Festival.



The Northern State University marching band put on a crowd pleasing performance at the Lake Region Marching Festival.

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Members of Steve Herron's family pose for a picture with Pumpkineers Joe Foertsch, April Abeln, and Topper Tastad. The Steve Herron Memorial Pumpkin Patch sign was created by Jacobsen Farm Service, LLC with labor done by Joe and Topper. Pictured left to right are Tami Herron, Colin Herron, Zach Herron, Brittany Luttrell, Watson Herron, Ryker Herron, Joe Foertsch, April Abeln, Topper Tastad, Terry Herron, Lori Herron, David Rosenberg, Jamie Herron (Photo courtesy Ron Rehfluss)



It takes many grillers working together to feed everyone! Pictured here at Joel Bierman, Bob Strassemeier, Scott Kettering and Todd McGannon. Cody Keller joined them later as well. (Photo by April Abeln)



Jorie Locken is pictured here with her brother. Both were winners of prizes. The giant pumpkin weighed 1401lbs. Jorie guessed 1400lbs. Many local businesses donated prizes that were given away. (Photo by April Abeln)



Lots of volunteers at the 8th Annual Pumpkin Fest



Mike Nehls was busy making announcements on the new park sound system throughout the day. (Photo by April Abeln)



David McGannon is one of the original Pumpkineers and continues to line up the hayrides annually. (Photo by April Abeln)



Douglas and Brooklyn Heinrich volunteered at the prize table. This year they donated goodie bags that were handed out to children as well as Midco sponsored cinch bags. (Photo by April Abeln)



The Groton Lions Club performed free vision screenings for children in the park. It was reported that over 2 times more were done at this year's event than last year's. (Photo by April Abeln)



Katelyn Nehlich is pictured here switching shifts as a train driver. The train is borrowed from the Lyle Schaunaman family every year. (Photo by April Abeln)



Paul Foertsch, father of Joe, helps ensure riders get on and off the hayrides safely. (Photo by April Abeln)

'Groton Tiger Week' proclamation, budget priorities take stage at City Council meeting

by Elizabeth Varin

It's Groton Tiger Week!



Groton Mayor Scott Hanlon, Groton Area High School Girls' Soccer Head Coach Chris Kucker and players Mia Crank and Kennedy Hansen pose with the proclamation declaring Oct. 15-21, 2023 as "Groton Tiger Week." (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

Groton Mayor Scott Hanlon signed a proclamation this week honoring the Groton Area High School Girls' Soccer Team after the team's appearance at the state championship. The proclamation was presented to Head Coach Chris Kucker and players Mia Crank and Kennedy Hansen.

While the proclamation names the state championship appearance, it also includes Groton Area High School's superior standings in athletic and academic student participation programs, the district's fine example in its role as an educational institution and the community support.

The week of Oct. 15 to 21, 2023 was named Groton Tiger Week in the city.

Budget priorities discussed

The City Council reviewed budget requests from different city offices, including potentially \$315,000 for a new electric metering system.

A growing number of the city's current electrical meters are not able to be read remotely, and city staff have to check those meters in person. And the problem seems to be getting worse almost daily, said City Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich.

"They're reaching their end of life," he said. "Give it another four or five years, and the batteries start to go. And we'll be in the same shape with water meters."

Other options besides spending more than \$300,000 were discussed, including searching for grant funding or testing out a few new electric meters to see how well they work.

Other big ticket requests include setting aside \$100,000 (\$50,000 in 2024 and another \$50,000 in 2025) for a new concession stand at the baseball facility, the city park saferoom/restroom facility, summer salary increases based on minimum wage changes, and other wage and cost of living increases.

The City Council can always change the budget mid-year if priorities shift or funding sources change, Heinrich said.

The list presented to the council doesn't include potential public works projects, as those lists will become available in the next few weeks, he said.

Resident wants to cut red tape

Groton resident Greg Heilman asked the council to cut out the red tape and call him if there's an issue at his property.

Heilman received a letter in May about branches on his property at 105 North Fifth Street and a foundation in disrepair. However, he said, the issues could have been resolved with a simple phone call.

"If you're going to send out notices, you have to at least let me know what's in disrepair," he said.

After receiving the notice, Heilman said he called Councilman Brian Bahr and had the issues resolved within 24 hours.

"Can we throw this away, and put this to bed, or are there other concerns that need to be addressed," he asked. "... A simple phone call would have put this to bed a long time ago. I don't think we need to waste money sending attorney letters out. That's taxpayers' money."

City Attorney Drew Johnson replied, though, that issues still remain at the property.

"That place over there is a pit," he said. "The neighbors over there don't have to live next to that."

Mayor Scott Hanlon said there are issues here and there around town, and the council is just trying to make everybody happy and keep the town looking good. He added that if there is a continued issue at Heilman's property, the city will call to discuss it with him.

- A new plan is in place to better the ice skating rink surface. The city will take a grader to the area the rink is, take out vegetation and layers of dirt until it reaches clay, pack it down and bring in water to freeze. It should help with issues that happened last year, when organic matter decayed and gasses caused pockets to form on the ice surface, said Councilman Jon Cutler. However, if the area were graded, and inches of ice covered the clay, it should be a better situation. "We have to try something," Councilman Brian Bahr said.

- Farmland surrounding the Groton Airport will be leased to Shawn Gengerke Farms after the City Council finalized a two-year lease agreement. Bids were opened Sept. 19, but the council met in executive session earlier in the month to discuss whether to extend the lease,

as per a request from the bidder. Councilman Jon Cutler asked the council to consider extending the leases in the future, as two years doesn't give a farmer much time to fertilize and improve the land for crops. "If you would have extended it to three or four years, I think it would have been unfair to the rest of the people who bid," he said. However, he added, it would be worth the time to send a letter to those who bid and see if they would prefer a four- or five-year lease.

- The council approved blocking a portion of Main Street for the downtown trick or treat event from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 31.

- Water rates will go up effective Nov. 1 after the council approved the second reading of an ordinance to raise the rates. The rate increase was prompted by Web Water increasing rates to the city in October.

- The council approved renewing liquor and wine licenses for city businesses, including package off-sale liquor and retail on-sale liquor for Jungle Lanes & Lounge; package off-sale liquor and retail on-sale liquor for American Legion Post No. 39; package off-sale liquor for Ken's Food Fair; retail on-sale liquor for Red Horse Inn; retail on-sale liquor for Olive Grove Golf Course; retail on-off sale wine and cider for Dollar General; and package off-sale liquor for MJ's Sinclair.

State Minimum Wage to Increase Jan. 1


PIERRE, S.D. – The state minimum wage will increase from \$10.80/hour to \$11.20/hour effective Jan. 1, 2024.

The minimum wage is annually adjusted by any increase in the cost of living, as measured in the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor. South Dakota implements this annual increase as established by SDCL 60-11-3.2, a law passed by the South Dakota Legislature that took effect on Jan. 1, 2016.

The hourly minimum wage for tipped employees will be \$5.60/hour effective Jan. 1, 2024, half the minimum wage for non-tipped employees. Wages and tips combined must equal at least the minimum wage.


These increases will apply to all South Dakota employers, with some limited exceptions. For more information, visit dlr.sd.gov/employment_laws/minimum_wage.aspx.

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By David Adler

"Brandeis: free speech critical to preservation of Democracy"

In response to previous columns about the appointment, importance and influence of Justice Louis Brandeis, an enthusiastic reader has asked a most welcome question about the jurist's contributions to the Supreme Court's development of the law governing freedom of speech.

In *Whitney v. California* (1927), Justice Brandeis penned what most scholars agree was one of the most eloquent and powerful defenses of freedom of expression in Anglo-American legal history. His opinion draws upon the aims of those who declared America's independence, drafted the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and fought to preserve and protect independent thought from arbitrary governmental action. As a philosophical matter, Brandeis, like other great champions of freedom of speech, believed freedom of expression critical to democracy and integral to human self-fulfillment.

As the Court was poised to consider the *Whitney* case, the law governing free speech hinged on the meaning and application of the "clear and present danger test," conceived by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes in his 9-0 opinion for the Court in 1919, in *Schenck v. United States*. Holmes began with the presumption that the freedom of speech is not an absolute right, but rather subject to congressional regulations in the name of providing for the common defense.

Congressional authority is sweeping, of course, but the question of the limits of its authority arises, Holmes noted, when it conflicts with speech. The matter of resolving governmental authority v. freedom of speech, as when in *Schenck's* case, it involved speech that criticized the government's conduct of World War I, turned on whether the speech posed a "clear and present danger" to the United States.

The parameters of the clear and present danger were not spelled out in justice Holmes's opinion for the Court, leaving Justices to contemplate questions about the severity of the danger – minimal or great – and the immediacy – imminent or remote – of the danger.

Brandeis spent the years between *Schenck* and *Whitney* contemplating these questions and searching for a reasonable rule.

In 1927, Anita Whitney had helped to create the Communist Labor Party of California. She was convicted of membership in an organization advocating "criminal syndicalism," a term that was applied to radical groups, and she was given an indeterminate sentence of one to 14 years in the San Quentin penitentiary. Some members of the organization, but not Whitney, had engaged in violent acts which drew the attention of state officials, who moved to prosecute its members. When the case arrived at the Supreme Court, Justice Brandeis lamented the fact that Whitney's attorney had not challenged the statute under a mere membership v. violent action distinction, but he could not help Whitney.

Brandeis' magnificent concurring opinion read in part: "Those who won our independence ... believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty. They believed that freedom to think as you will and to speak as you think are means indispensable to the discovery and spread of political truth; that without free speech and assembly discussion would be futile; that with them, discussion

affords ordinarily adequate protection against the dissemination of noxious doctrine; that the greatest menace to freedom is an inert people; that public discussion is a political duty; and that this should be a fundamental principle of the American government."

In his opinion, Justice Brandeis reversed the presumption of governmental authority to regulate speech and, instead, emphasized the necessary freedom to speak, that is, the importance of protecting the free flow of discussion, subjecting it to carefully proscribed limits. He believed that speech should be protected unless the incitement to violence was likely and the violence apprehended was so imminent, that there was no time for "speech to counteract speech." He wrote: "To courageous, self-reliant men, with confidence in the power of free and fearless reasoning applied through the processes of popular government, no danger flowing from speech can be deemed clear and present, unless the incidence of the evil apprehended is so imminent that it may befall before there is opportunity for full discussion. Such, in my opinion, is the command of the Constitution."

In sum, Brandeis' stout defense of speech was bottomed on a belief that every democratic government must be subjected to constant examination by the electorate. As part of the cause of making ideas available to the citizenry, even speech that might tend to lead to disruption but was unlikely to result in "serious injury to the State" must be permitted. Most important, while harmful acts should be punished, speech itself should not.

Justice Brandeis' opinion in *Whitney* may well be the most memorable and forceful of all the opinions he wrote during his long tenure on the Court. His test for suppression of speech – serious, unlawful and immediate harm – became the law of the land in 1969, in *Brandenburg v. Ohio*. In the years between *Whitney* and *Brandenburg* – punctuated by the fears of radicalism instilled by the Great Depression, the ravages and complexities of World War II and McCarthyism and repression of Communism in the 1950s – the Court struggled with the question of the scope of free speech. By the end of the tumultuous 1960s, the Court recognized the wisdom in Justice Brandeis's test for freedom of speech.

South Dakota State Fair Generates over \$200,000 in Tax Revenue

PIERRE, S.D. – The 2023 South Dakota State Fair generated \$222,108.58 in tax collections.

During this year's State Fair, we saw a big jump in vendors with 607 booths rented to 322 different vendors. Fairgoer spent money on goods, services, and concessions during the five-day event – totaling over \$2.7 million in revenue.

South Dakota has seen consistent revenue from the State Fair over the last several years – even with the record-breaking heat. Thousands of South Dakotans got out to enjoy the state fair and all the fun family attractions that come with it.

Of the tax collected during the course of the South Dakota State Fair, \$113,541.78 was state sales tax, \$53,813.43 was Huron's municipal sales tax, \$15,777.19 was Huron's municipal gross receipts tax, and \$38,976.18 was state tourism tax.

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