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## Groton Area has five players named to All State Soccer



Five Groton Area soccer players have been named to the All State Soccer Teams. The girls are Jerica Locke, first team; Kennedy Hansen, first team; Jaedyn Penning, honorable mention; Laila Roberts, honorable mention; and Jacob Zak, honorable mention. (Courtesy photos)

## Table Talks feeds students physically and spiritually

by Dorene Nelson

Table Talks is held at St. John's Lutheran Church every Wednesday when there is school. It is open to all high school age students who wish to hear about God's word and gather around a delicious meal with their friends.

The meal is at no cost to the students, and with generous donations and willing workers, the weekly event will continue. The donations help defray the costs of paper products, food, and other necessary items to ensure the success of this weekly gathering.

"We average about 50 students weekly," said Pam Rix. "In addition to the great meal, a guest speaker addresses the group for about ten minutes."

The speaker on October 18, 2023, was Micah Westby, the pastor at New Life Fellowship in Aberdeen. It is important that students are fed spiritually on a regular basis.

"These speakers selflessly donate their time to provide the students with their own personal journey of faith," said Laurie LaMee. "They often list ways that the students can give of their time and talents to share the good news they hear at Table Talks."

"The students come into the church parish hall where the food is set up in a self-service style," Pam Rix said. "They automatically line up, fill their plates, and find a spot with their friends."

"I try to keep the Facebook page updated weekly so that the students know what we're serving," Bridget Fliehs said. "These kids really are not that fussy about what they eat, but they are always hungry!"

The main workers include the following: Laurie LaMee, Becky Hunter, Laurie Mitchell, Bridget Fliehs, Eunice McColister, Becky Knecht, and Pam Rix. Other individuals also help when they can.

Everybody has a specific job, but all will pitch in wherever help is needed. Currently Pam Rix is in charge of organizing everything and often does the cooking; Laurie LaMee and Laurie Mitchell run errands and help get everything set up; Becky Hunter gets the weekly speakers. Bridget Fliehs also communicates with the school and Table Talk workers when there is no school or when fewer students might attend.

"We serve God by planting 'seeds' of faith," LaMee said. "Everybody needs to know that God loves them too! After all, even in this hard world we live in, people do care! We hope these weekly meals will provide some nourishment for the soul as well as the body!"

The menu was baked taco casserole, buttered bread, dill pickles, fruit, and a variety of bars. These hard workers also try to accommodate food allergies.

"High school students come hungry and leave with appetites satisfied as well as having received a message for their daily life," Becky Hunter said.

In 2014 Vicci Stange decided to try and start Table Talks here in Groton. She got the idea from a similar event at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. The church provided a bus at Aberdeen Central High School for any students willing to get a free meal and food for their soul! She is still part of this program but is currently working on the farm to get the harvesting done.

The group welcomes any and all workers as well as continuing to plan for the future. In order to do this, supplies of paper products, food, dessert, etc. are needed. If you feel called to support this program, contact Pam Rix at (605) 377-3297.



Back Laurie LaMee, Laurie Mitchell, Becky Hunter Front Pam Rix, Bridget Fliehs.



Students gather at the St. John's Lutheran Church fellowship hall for the weekly Table Talks.



# Weekly Vikings Recap - Vikings vs. 49ers

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

With the whole country watching on Monday night, the Minnesota Vikings put together their best performance of the season against arguably the best team in the NFL, the San Francisco 49ers. Granted the 49ers came into Monday's game without two of their best players, Trent Williams and Deebo Samuel, but the same can be said about the Vikings who are still without their superstar wide receiver, Justin Jefferson. However, with Jefferson's absence, Monday night became the official coming-out party for Jordan Addison, who caught two touchdowns and had over 100 yards receiving.

The first half, for the most part, was a dominant one for the Vikings' defense - as they held a dominant 49ers' offense to only 7 points and a likely MVP finalist in Christian McCaffrey to less than 50 yards rushing. However, like every player, the Vikings were only able to contain Christian McCaffrey for so long. At the end of the second quarter, McCaffrey was able to get in the endzone with a rushing touchdown. This touchdown gave McCaffrey his 16th straight game with a touchdown, an NFL record for a non-quarterback. However, McCaffrey was not done as midway through the third quarter, he took a simple screen pass from Brock Purdy for a 35-yard touchdown.

Despite the Vikings' early successes, McCaffrey's second touchdown of the game cut the Vikings lead to 19-14 despite the Vikings outgaining the 49ers by nearly 100 total yards up to that point. The main reason for the Vikings' inability to gain a larger lead over the 49ers came down to them having to settle for multiple field goals when inside the 49ers' 10-yard line. You have to get points when you can take them but it's risky to settle for two short-yardage field goals when playing a team like the 49ers.

Thankfully, for the Vikings, Kirk Cousins came to play on Monday night. This might be a reactionary statement to make, but Monday night's performance by Kirk Cousins might have been the best performance of his Vikings' career. After throwing an interception at the start of the game, Cousins completely locked in by going 35/45 with 378 yards passing. When the Vikings needed it, Cousins was thereby converting eight of the Vikings' 13 third-down attempts.

With all that said, the most impressive stat of the night though was the fact that Cousins did not get sacked. It was a credit to both Cousins and the Vikings' offensive line that they were able to avoid getting sacked by reigning defensive player of the year, Nick Bosa, and the rest of the 49ers' dominant defensive line. Vikings' offensive tackle, Christian Darrisaw, shut down Bosa so much that Bosa decided midway through the game to move to the other side of the line and face Brian O'Neill, instead.

However, in typical Vikings fashion, they had to make the game as stressful as possible. After a Greg Joseph missed field goal with less than 2:00 remaining, the Vikings found themselves with only a 5-point lead and needing to hold off the 49ers from driving down the field to win the game. Thanks to Cam Bynum, the stress did not last much longer as he picked off Brock Purdy for the second time Monday to seal the upset for the Vikings.

Vikings 22 - 49ers 17

Now, the Vikings head to Green Bay to face the Packers, who are currently on a three-game losing streak. The Vikings, who will likely be favorites over the Packers, have a real chance to go on a major win streak in the next five weeks before their week 13 bye as they face the easiest part of their schedule. It might be shocking but the Vikings have a legitimate shot to get back in the NFC North race going forward.

## Autumn stirs memories

It's 6 a.m. on a Monday, and I'm cornered. I've got a bunch of newspapers waiting for a column. Most weeks I have an idea pretty much cooked in my head, but sometimes it doesn't hit me until a couple of hours before deadline. There's a lot to be said for "sleeping on it." So, much of the time, I just wake up with a plan. Sometimes my muse flies past the window snickering, "You're on your own."

And here we are.

Most writers are alike. If it weren't for deadlines, nothing would ever get written, and when it comes to books, authors will hold those pages like a favorite blankie because we're just not sure it's ready. Fear of commitment.

Of all the writers in the world, statistically, 100% of them have plans to write the "great American novel." When I sat down to write one decades ago on a clunky MS-DOS-based dinosaur, I realized after a few chapters that I was woefully unprepared. I needed to write regularly. I needed to polish my skills. I realized that the reason I hadn't started on my magnum opus is because no one was making me do it. So I tricked myself by signing up some papers for a weekly column. It was cheaper than hiring someone to twist my arm. Unfortunately, that plan is working this morning. Did I mention I'm cornered?

Fog is shrouding the landscape; gold, red, and brown leaves cover a ragged lawn that should have had one more mowing. It's my favorite season but my affection is waning. Fall hangs like the Sword of Damocles, and soon it will fall in the guise of snow. A few years ago we had a blizzard on October 10, so every day we get past that point, feels like a victory. If we make it past Thanksgiving, and all the corn is in the bin, well, it's like hitting the lottery.

Like all prairie dwellers, I play the same game each autumn. How long can I hold out before I turn the furnace on? It's amazing how long a

sweater, a lap blanket, and a warm pug snoring at your feet can allow you to hold out. But it was 67F in the house this morning, and since it's hard to type under a blanket, I relented. Last year, I held out until it was in the mid 50s. I've gotten soft.

Some of my fall activities have evolved, some remain the same. I never lived and breathed hunting—I've taken out more deer with my bumper than with my rifle—but the camaraderie of the hunt was the payoff. One learned never to wear your best hat, however. If the birds were elusive, and the boys got bored, someone might sweep the cap off your head, toss it up and blast it. Extremely air-conditioned hats were so common at Duff's Bar in Westport, they didn't even merit a comment. A raised eyebrow and the understanding that the victim had been hunting with Woof Dog.

I don't know what the limit on caps is.

I was the oldest of six kids, so the family budget was tight. Allowance wasn't a thing. So, I delivered newspapers, shoveled snow in the winter, mowed lawns in the summer, and raked lawns in the fall.

Alice Humphries lived next to us in a tiny house where she gave piano lessons to get by. Across the street in a beautiful home built of field stones lived the imperial Sena Glover, a benevolent dictator, who counted on my sisters to get her library books, and me to rake the leaves and shovel the walk, even though she never went anywhere.

Sena's trees produced a prolific amount of leaves in a large yard. After I'd raked Alice's modest acreage, I tackled Sena's house. It was a long, tedious afternoon resulting in a long line of bulging plastic bags. When I was done, I knocked on the door and was granted entrance.

"How much do I owe you?"

"Whatever you think it's worth, Sena."

"Well, what did Alice pay you?" (She was competitive.)

"I think that should be between Alice and me."

"How much!?"

"Well, I guess it worked out to \$5 an hour." (An outrageous sum in those days.)

"I'm not paying that!!!"

Still, it was a pretty good haul.

I haven't raked a leaf for years. I don't miss it. I do miss those old gals, though. I hadn't realized until now that I think of them annually when the autumn leaves surrender.

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# Fjeldheim has season high 19 kills in Groton's win over Redfield

Groton Area had a near perfect clean sweep of Redfield in volleyball action Friday at Redfield. The varsity lost one set, but besides that, all teams won their matches.

The Tigers won the varsity match, but had to hold off a stubborn 9-15 Redfield team, which won the first set, 25-23. The Pheasants jumped out to a 3-0 lead. Groton Area tied it at five and thereafter, it was tied four more times before Redfield took a 16-13 lead. The Pheasants led, 24-19, but Groton's rally fell short, 25-23. Chesney Weber had four kills in that set while Anna Fjeldheim and Sydney Leicht each had three kills, Rylee Dunker had a kill, a block and an ace serve, Emma Kutter had a kill and a block and Elizabeth Fliehs had a kill. Cecilia Suchor led Redfield with four kills.

Fjeldheim was on fire in the second set, leading the Tigers with nine kills as Groton Area won, 25-16. Weber had three kills, Leicht had two ace serves and a kill, Dunker had two kills, Fliehs had a kill and an ace serve and Faith Traphagen had a block. Katie Rozell led Redfield with four kills.

The third set was tied three times in the early part with two lead changes as Redfield then took charge and led, 7-3. The Pheasants had a five point lead late in the set, 19-14, but Groton Area would score seven straight points to take a 21-19 lead and the Tigers would score the last three points for the 25-21 win. Weber had four kills, Leicht had two kills and an ace serve, Carly Guthmiller had two ace serves, Fjeldheim and Traphagen each had a kill and Fliehs had a kill and an ace serve. Rozell led Redfield with four ace serves and three kills and Kinley Smith had two kills and two blocks.

Redfield kept the fourth set challenging for while as it was tied three times up until 11. Redfield seemed to run out of steam as the Tigers continued to ground the Pheasants. Groton Area outscored Redfield, 7-1, to take an 18-12 lead and went on for the 25-18 win. Fjeldheim had six kills in that set while Fliehs and Leicht each had two kills, Traphagen had a kill and a block and Guthmiller and Dunker each had a kill. Charlie Jungwirth and Suchor led the Pheasants with two kills and Rozell had a kill and an ace serve.

The Tigers earned 66 of its 100 points for 66 percent while Redfield earned just 37 of its 80 points for 46 percent.

Fjeldheim had a season high 19 kills, with 45 of 49 attacks. Weber had was 27 of 32 in attacks with 14 kills and an ace serve, Leicht had eight kills and was 24 of 25 in serves with three ace serves, Fliehs had 39 assists, five kills and two ace serves, Dunker had four kills, one ace and one block, Traphagen had two kills and two blocks, Guthmiller had 24 digs, was 12 of 14 in serves with two ace serves and one kill, and Kutter had one kill and one block. Laila Roberts had 20 digs and four assists.

Rozell led Redfield with nine kills and five ace serves, Suchor had nine kills, Smith had five kills and two block, Jungwirth had six kills, Hayden Gall had two ace serves and Chloe Zens had one kill.

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, 25-11 and 25-17. Jaedyn Penning led Groton Area with seven kills and one ace serve, McKenne Tietz had four kills, Kella Tracy three kills, Chesney Weber, Taryn Traphagen and Talli Wright each had two kills, Faith Traphagen had two blocks, Sydney Locke had a kill and an ace serve and Jerica Locke had an ace serve. Layla Hardie led Redfield with three kills and an ace serve. The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by fans of Jaedyn Penning.

Groton Area won the C match by identical scores of 25-13. Hannah Sandness led Groton Area with six ace serves and a kill, Libby Althoff had three kills and three ace serves, Taryn Traphagen and Emerlee Jones each had four kills, Avery Crank had four ace serves, McKenna Tietz had two ace serves and Brenna Imrie, Leah Jones and Teagan Hanten each had a kill. Madysen Morissette had three kills for Redfield and Jessie Ratigan had two kills and an ace serve. The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the White House Inn.

Groton Area won the eight grade match, 25-22 and 25-16. The Tigers won the seventh grade match, 25-12 and 31-29.

- Paul Kosel



**Paul Kosel and Justin Hanson provided the play-by-play commentary of the volleyball match Monday in Groton.** (Selfie photo by Justin Hanson)

and two assisted blocks. Elizabeth Fliehs had 21 assists, nine digs, one block assist and one ace serve. Jaedyn Penning and Laila Roberts each had one kill.

Carley Cotton had nine kills while Addison Medius had eight kills, one ace and one block, Jayme Sen had two kills and one block, Kelli Stoecker had four kills and a block and Anna Aesoph had two ace serves for Faulkton.

The win propelled the Tigers to the number one seed in the region and finish the regular season with an 18-4 record.

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Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-14 and 25-20. Talli Wright led Groton Area with six ace serves and two kills, Jaedyn Penning had four kills and three ace serves, McKenna Tietz had two ace serves and a kill, Emma Kutter had two kills and a block, Chesney Weber and Kella Tracy each had two kills, Taryn Traphagen and Faith Traphagen each had a kill and Sydney Locke had an ace serve.

Grace Kopecky led the Trojans with four kills and an ace serve.

Fans of Jaedyn Penning sponsored the broadcast on GDILIVE.COM.

- Paul Kosel

## Netters roll past Faulkton

Groton Area's volleyball team is on a 12 match winning streak after taking care of Faulkton in three sets Monday night in Groton.

Set scores were 25-23, 25-12 and 25-21.

It was the night of the fives for the Tigers with four players having five kills and one having five ace serves.

Anna Fjeldheim was 21 of 26 in attacks with five kills, was 12 of 12 in serves with one ace serve and had 15 digs. Sydney Leicht had five kills, one ace serve, nine digs and three assisted blocks. Carly Guthmiller was 17 of 17 in serves with five ace serves and led the team in digs with 29. Chesney Weber was 29 of 33 in attacks with five kills, had one block assist and one ace serve. Rylee Dunker was 14 of 16 in attacks with five kills and had three assisted blocks. Faith Traphagen had four kills

## Volleyball Region 1A Pairings

### Class A - Region 1

#### #1 - Groton Area High School

	<b>1 Groton Area</b>	18-4	<b>10/31</b> 6:00 PM CT
	<b>8 Waubay/Summit</b>	2-22	

#### #2 - Groton Area High School

	<b>4 Sisseton</b>	11-14	<b>10/31</b> 7:30 PM CT
	<b>5 Redfield</b>	10-16	

#### #3 -

	<b>2 Aberdeen Ronc...</b>	18-5	<b>10/31</b> TBD
	<b>7 Tiospa Zina</b>	7-20	

#### #4 -

	<b>3 Milbank</b>	19-11	<b>10/31</b> TBD
	<b>6 Webster Area</b>	10-16	

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**Groton City**  
**Oct. 17, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
 October 17, 2023

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Cutler, Wells, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, Chris Kucker, Mia Crank, Kennedy Hansen, Elizabeth Varin, and Greg Heilman.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Greg Heilman expressed concerns regarding a letter he received from City Attorney Johnson referencing nuisance property at 105 N 5th Street.

Heilman exited the meeting. Mayor Hanlon signed the proclamation declaring October 15th – 21st of 2023 as Groton Tiger Week to honor the Groton Area Girls' Soccer Team's performance at the 2023 Class 'A' State Soccer Championship. Mayor Hanlon then presented the proclamation to Coach Chris Kucker, Mia Crank, and Kennedy Hansen. Congratulations Tigers! Kucker, Crank, and Hansen exited the meeting.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Nehls to authorize the execution of the 2-year lease agreement for Groton Municipal Airport Land with Shawn Gengerke. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to accept the quote from Aaron Anderson for the reframing of the hoop barn door. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to refrain from purchasing a white tarp for the skating rink. Instead, public works employees will scrape the surface of the rink down to the clay, wet the clay, pack it down, and then fill it with water. All members present voted aye.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 771 – Water Rates was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Cutler. All members present voted aye.

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

Discussion took place regarding the annual budget for 2024. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted aye.

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

Payroll, \$30,573.04, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,427.86; Public Safety, \$10,661.45; Public Works, \$12,034.02; Culture & Recreation, \$3,449.71; Ken's Alignment, \$138.54, Four-wheel alignment - 2021 PD Tahoe; Dacotah Bank, \$1,161.58, Withholding/SS/Medicare; USPS, \$287.43, Utility billing postage; City of Groton, \$100.00, Utility deposit applied to bill; Dwight Strom, \$124.27, Utility overpayment/deposit refund; Dacotah

Bank, \$5,503.32, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$622.90, HSA contributions; Dacotah Bank, \$3,899.23, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; WEB Water, \$24,248.37, Water services - September 2023; Talli Wright, \$200.00, Lifeguard certification reimbursement; Jayden Schwan, \$200.00, Lifeguard certification reimbursement; Mia Crank, \$200.00, Lifeguard certification reimbursement; David & Rebecca Hunter, \$500.00, Water heater rebate - 50 gallon; SD State Treasurer, \$9,459.38, Sales & Excise Tax - September 2023; SD Retirement System, \$13,577.72, Employee retirement; CWE Properties, \$149.21, Utility bill refund; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Groton Ford, LLC, \$413.80, Rewire trailer lights - Streets; WAPA, \$22,501.95, Power services - September 2023; A&B Business Solutions, \$359.14, Printer lease; Blue Valley Public Safety, \$180.75, Repairs to storm siren board/receiver; J's Superior Cleaning, \$120.00, Commercial cleaning services - City Hall; Irby, Inc., \$33,112.05, Electric Department tools & supplies - wire, storage modules, fuses for substation conversion; Pipe Detectives, Inc., \$43,148.28, Wastewater projects - cleaning & televising of lines, preparation for relining; Dakota Brush, \$69.00, Window squeegees - Swimming Pool; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,198.19, Garbage hauling - September 2023; South Dakota 811, \$86.10, Message fees July thru September 2023; Railroad Management Co., \$1,494.05, Annual power line crossing fees; Dollar General, \$154.60, Swiffer refills, batteries, candy for homecoming parade, Armor All wipes, trash bags, bottled water - Multiple Depts.; Jeff's District & Drain Maintenance, \$444.00, Services rendered on warming house sewer main; Ken's Food Fair, \$509.95, Fuel purchases; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,648.00, Fuel purchases; Groton Daily Independent, \$31.57, Publishing fees; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease; James Valley Telecommunications, \$767.58, Telephone & internet services; Douglas Heinrich, \$592.50, Mileage/meal reimbursement - SDML Annual Conference in Rapid City - 10/3/23 thru 10/6/23; Locke Electric, Inc., \$2,055.85, Replacement of LM receiver at Kurtenbach residence, wiring of AC at City Hall, maintenance on exhaust fans at Swimming Pool; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$632.19, Books for library, seat covers for wastewater pickup, candy for homecoming, water samples, certified letters, fuel, RemotePC annual fee; Terry Herron, \$14.00, Meal reimbursement - (1) lunch - Stabilization Pond Training in Huron, SD on 10/12/2023; Dwight Zerr, \$14.00, Meal reimbursement - (1) lunch - Stabilization Pond Training in Huron, SD on 10/12/2023; AutoZone, Inc., \$92.12, Oil filters, tool set; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc.,

\$336.00, Cylinder repair on plow truck - Streets; Border States Industries, Inc., \$2,951.20, Wire clamps - Electric Dept.; NW Energy, \$12.05, Natural gas service - water tower; SDML Workers' Compensation Fund, \$26,180.00, 2024 policy renewal; SD Public Assurance Alliance, \$75,569.83, 2024 policy renewal;

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve the liquor license renewals for Jungle Lanes & Lounge, American Legion Post #39, Ken's Food Fair, Red Horse Inn, Olive Grove Golf Course, Dollar General, and MJ's Sinclair. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to authorize Main Street to be blocked off for Downtown Trick or Treat on October 31, 2023, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. All members present voted aye.

Elizabeth Varin exited the meeting.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Nehls to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:09pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:22pm.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
 Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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will be allowed on the meter charge of residential consumers for a period of 12 months (from January to December) if the consumer provides proof that the family is eligible to receive low-income fuel assistance (LIEAP).

d. Residential or General Service consumers found to be using unmetered water furnished by the City of Groton water system shall be disconnected until a meter is installed by the property owner.

Passed First Reading: 10/03/2023  
 Passed Second Reading: 10/17/2023  
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 Effective: 11/01/2023  
 Attest:  
 Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
 Douglas J. Heinrich, Finance Officer

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**Claremont Town**  
**Oct. 13, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 10-13-2023 at 7pm in City Hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with Spencer present. Others present were Ted Dickey NECOG and Bob Babcock of Helms and Assoc.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved by Spencer and seconded by Johnson.

On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Johnson the following warrants were approved: General Jason Spencer, mower gas, 60.14; JVT, phone, internet, 138.86; Full Circle Auto, dyed diesel, 261.87; Don Vander Vorst, 5.25 hrs, 178.17; NEW, streetlights, 365.07; NEW, office/city hall, 117.32; Miss Smith, 4.5 hrs cleaning, 65.46; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Charla Rye, office supplies, 137.56; SD PAA, insurance, 2703.76; IRS, 3 qt. Fed tax, 364.20; Br. Co. Treasurer, mosquito, 320.00; WWW: NEW, water (power), 48.20; BDM, purchased water, 1176.30; SD Dept of Health Lab, purification of water, 181.00; Ecolab, pest elimination, 181.66; USDA Rural Development, loan payment, 576.00; Ted Dickey and Bob Babcock were present to explain the sanitary storm sewer facilities Funding application. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Johnson a Resolution to move forward with the storm sewer system improvements was approved and to establish Shane Johnson with authorization to sign all necessary documents. Liquor License was okayed on a motion by Johnson and seconded by Spencer. Motion carried. A motion was made by Spencer to purchase a used tractor from Valley Plains Equipment of Britton. Motion seconded by Johnson. Motion Carried. Miss Smith representing the baseball program requested a temporary license for the Baseball Fundraiser to be held on 11-4-2023 at the American Legion Hall in Claremont. On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Spencer, motion carried. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Johnson to adjourn was made and approved.

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**Groton City**  
**Water Rates**  
**Updated**

ORDINANCE NO. 771  
 An Ordinance entitled "Amending Rates for Groton Municipal Utility Customers" to be effective November 1, 2023.

Be it ordained by the City of Groton, South Dakota that Ordinance No. 8-1-4 be amended to read as follows:  
 8-1-4 Rates.  
 Rates for the use of utilities furnished by the City shall be established by Ordinance by the Groton City Council.

Section 4. Water Rates:  
 The schedule of rates governing Residential or General Service Consumers of water in the City of Groton which follows is to be used for billing on a monthly basis throughout each year. Each water service is figured independently from any other water service at each customer's location.

a. Residential and General Service Water Customers  
 Meter Charge: \$9.62 plus  
 Minimum charge: \$23.65 per month which includes 0-2,000 gallons  
 Anything over 2,000 gallons \$8.35 per 1,000 gallons  
 Plus, Water Surcharge: \$11.50 per customer who receives or benefits from the new water tower (this surcharge is to be implemented whether or not the water is capped, to be removed in July of 2049)

Plus, Water Surcharge: \$7.85 per customer who receives or benefits from the water system (this surcharge is to be implemented whether or not the water is capped, to be removed in July of 2051). Residents who qualify for Section 4c are not required to pay this surcharge.  
 b. Bulk water rate: \$10.00 per 1000 gallons  
 c. Residential Low-Income Discount  
 A \$9.62 per month discount

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
 by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**  
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**NEW FOR SPRING 2024**

**Behavioral and Mental Health Technician, AAS**  
**Medical Lab Technician, AAS**  
**Respiratory Therapist, AAS**

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# Brown County Oct. 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

October 17, 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 Auditor Heupel.

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY – WEB WATER:**

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve application submitted to provide potable water line service by Web Water for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #14 in Section 22-T124-R63, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met with the Commissioners to give them a department update. Dirk shared they are continuing with mowing, they have 4 tractors but looking to rent a couple more; Elm Lake Road is still closed but a good portion of the fencing is completed – will put another lift of gravel then be able to open the road fully in a couple of weeks; will be putting oil on Biegler Road then pave later in this week; BR93 is being replaced by Holloway; done paving on Co. Rd. 16 this year but will still be striping; he has gotten a few calls regarding lights at the dumpster sit on south Co. Rd 10 and then doing some patching yet as well.

**SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS UPDATE:** Kylie Lange with Summit Carbon Solutions met with the Commission to explain further that they are wanting to produce Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), which is similar to ethanol fuel, but it is blended into jet fuel; 50% can be blended with jet fuel where only 10-15% for ethanol gasoline. Kylie compared it to the Dakota Access Pipeline which runs through South Dakota but its not an energy source because it runs through as crude oil to Illinois where it is refined, become a product at which time they have the right to sell it. Where the carbon pipeline will do is sequester the CO2 to North Dakota where they can produce SAF, without capturing the CO2, SAF is not an option. Blend ethanol with jet fuel, for ethanol jet fuel but it's not SAF. Airlines get to choose which product to use, majority of them are making commitments to SAF, Summit Carbon and Glacial Lakes want to produce this here in the US instead of the airlines purchasing it from foreign entities, which are already working on this, and create energy independence here in the U.S. Glacial Lakes wants to make a 750-million-dollar investment into producing SAF, but not able to do this if they are not able to lower their carbon intensity score lowered. Commissioner Sutton asked for clarification regarding the ethanol that is being produced today can be mixed with jet fuel, Kylie said no that it would need to go through a process to be turned into SAF. Then Sutton asked if the sequestration would affect the ethanol that is bringing produced, and Kylie stated no it would only be considered low carbon. Sutton stated that it only makes it low carbon because it would be sequestered instead of being emitted into the atmosphere. Kylie answered Commissioner Sutton stating that yes it will be the same final product.

Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director asked if they would then have two pipelines: 1 for ethanol and 1 for jet fuel. Kylie thinks that would be the case, but she and Eric Schovanec are not familiar with how it will exactly work. Eric reiterated that Glacial Lakes wants to invest 750-million-dollars and the GEVO plant in Lake Preston is a 4-billion-dollar investment that would create thousands of jobs. The proposed plant in Lake Preston will produce roughly 50-million-gallons of SAF, with the potential to build 700 plants across the world. Question is will they be built in the U.S. using domestic corn production or in China.

Jared Bossly commented that for 2 years we have been discussing this pipeline and how you are talking about the jet

fuels. He feels they need pipeline to get Carbon Dioxide (CO2) to these plants, but there are other options such as green menthol which doesn't need a pipeline. Now you are coming to the Commission saying if they don't change their ordinance and back this, you will be pulling out of the state – Jared questioned whose backing all this and its foreign entities so not sure what to think. He personally doesn't trust what they are saying now, after how they handled things the last 2 years so will need to explain things more. Eric stated they don't need CO2 to produce SAF, the plant needs to lower their carbon ethanol. Jared again asked why they couldn't make methanol & lower their carbon footprint and then do the jet fuel process with no pipeline. Eric replied that is not what GEVO is proposing to do but will not build in SD if they are not able to get low carbon ethanol. GEVO is looking at other sites, so it is just a matter of where they build.

Dennis Feickert asked if there have been any studies of how much CO2 they are emitting into the atmosphere if they are using this jet fuel. Kylie replied that airlines track their emissions, when you book a flight, you have to bypass the information stating how much CO2 will be produced on the flight you are taking, which is why they want SAF to drop their score drastically. Eric stated that the only way airlines will be able to hit their goal is through SAF, jet fuel is the largest impact on their carbon intensity.

Commissioner Wiese asked what Kylie and Eric (Summit Carbon Solutions) wants from the Brown County Commission. Kylie stated they will be permitting a Conditional Use Permit so wants to give them the information and the 'Why'. Eric shared that ultimately to discuss if there could be any revision to the ordinance setback, as of now they know they have to reroute the pipeline in order to comply with the ordinance but there is no opportunity to route the pipeline to get to the plant. They are going to try to go through the process and seek out the waivers, which is going to be difficult, but as it stands now if they can't get to the Aberdeen plant it will be dropped from the project and proceed without this plant. Want to work with Brown County for a route to get to the plant. Commissioner Wiese stated the work is going to have to be done with the landowners and Planning & Zoning (P&Z) because the Commission takes the recommendations from P&Z. Kylie stated that is what she wanted to discuss because she understands that they can't work with P&Z or even get on their agenda until Summit submits a Conditional Use Permit, she was hoping for a more collaborative process to discuss the route, where they are in the County, but that sounds like it's not an option. Commissioner Gage explained the process that you need to have everything in order, P&Z doesn't do the groundwork, but you can work with Scott Bader, P & Z Director as far as what you need for this.

Commissioner Dennert asked if they could come in and show the Plume Study. Kylie shared the Director of Engineering (Alex Lange) is presenting it to the Emergency Managers and First Responders at this time: it took 2 hours for a one-on-one explanation but don't have a presentation at this time.

Commissioner Fjeldheim stated that the Aberdeen Plant seems to be the hang-up, why can't they attach to another plant such as Watertown. Eric responded that most of the plants are surrounded by businesses, they want to explore the opportunities, seek out the waivers so they can access the Aberdeen plant. Dennis Feickert asked if Commission has had any update from Emergency Management Director and Chairman Sutton shares Scott Meints is listening in on the meetings, but he has not given Commission any updates. Kylie wanted to answer Commissioner Fjeldheim as to why the Aberdeen plant: they did a study and with having two plants within 13 miles of each other – they would piggyback off each other – ethanol from Aberdeen Plant and proposing SAF conversion at Mina plant. Commissioner Gage shared they will need to work on the Conditional Use Permit and once have everything they can present to the P&Z Board, as far as project or routing update that can be done through the Commission meetings: the P&Z Board pays attention to the Commission meetings and Scott Bader is a good resource for find-

ing out the process. Dennis Feickert commented that it comes down to Freedom and Property Rights and feels the Grant lends towards a bribe to influence the Counties. Kylie replied they were asked for transparency, give us information and you wanted us to prove that we'd take care of the First Responders, so they provided the written letter on the grant, not a bribe, which went to the Emergency Managers to get to the right people. Eric wanted to clarify that this is not for only Brown County, they have heard that budgets are strapped, this is an opportunity to give money & the equipment, where it's needed. Dennis feels that Summit Carbon Solutions should draft a contract and sign it, that specifically states they will pay for any damages created or caused, any equipment needed or used, any loss of life would cover all these costs – if and when the pipeline goes through.

**FAIR TICKETING SERVICES:** Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to discuss ticketing services for the Brown County Fair. Rachel got quotes from Saffire, Etix, Midwest Tix, Virtual Tickets, AttendStar, Showpass and Tixr and presented them to the Fair Board last week. The Fair has been using Showfix for several years, but the Customer Service is not what we need for Tech Support and Troubleshooting. Etix is who they'd like to recommend. The box office fee, which the Fair absorbs would go from 25 cents to 15 cents, which we would be invoiced for; they would continue the same for credit card/online purchases the cost will go to a flat fee of \$2.50 per ticket instead of varying based on the amount of sales and the buyer will still absorb the credit card fees. Rachel shared if they would decide to go with their recommendation it would take 2-4 weeks to Onboard, which is the mapping on the website: only the yellow now will be the reserved seating in the Larry Gerlach Grandstand. Discussion was held on Event Insurance for refunds, but policy states ticket sales are final and not refundable. Rachel said that kiosks are becoming more popular and are thinking or trying 1 or 2 at the Fair this year, as well. Etix is used by the ND and MN State Fairs. Commissioner Wiese suggested to go into Executive Session to discuss contracts. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage 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.

Chairman Sutton shared they have a proposal from E-tix so asked for a motion to approve for Option 1. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to accept the proposal from E-tix, option 1. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS:** Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager presented recommendation from the Fair Board to appoint the following Fair Board Members: Dylan Frey, Lee Kock and Trevor Meints for 3-year terms; reappoint Dwight Guthmiller, Jeff Kippley, Mike Nehls and Nancy Radke for their second 3-year terms; recommend a second 1-year term appointment for Jayson Tollefson and Greg Markley. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Fair Board recommendations as listed above. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #257 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #257. Applicant Brown County Planning & Zoning requesting to amended to change zoning on the described properties from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Lot 1 & Lot 2, "S&C Schipke Subdivision of Lot 1, D&S Business Park First Addition", Lot 2 thru 8 "D&S Business Park First Addition" & Lot 1 thru 10 "Todd Rosebrock First Subdivision", all in the NW ¼ of Section 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (4051, 4063, 4050, 4202, 4230, 4302, 4301, 4231 & 4201 Schipke Lane; 4095, 4185, 4275, 4365, 4395, 4390, 4360, 4270, 4180 & 4090 Paper Lane; Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #258 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commis-

sioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #258. Applicant Nickolas & Nicole Johnson requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: The 343.5 feet next North of the South 343.5 feet of Outlot D "Engel Subdivision" in the NE ¼ of Section 18-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12625 389th Ave., Ordway Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #259 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #259. Applicant Bernie & Tonya Jark requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for their current use: Proposed Lot 1A, "Bernie & Tonya Jark First Subdivision" in the SE ¼ of Section 5-T121N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14265 396th Ave., East Rondell Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**STATE'S ATTORNEY UNIFORM POLICY:** Karly Winter, State's Attorney presented the Commission a Clothing/Logo Apparel Policy for the State's Attorney office. After some discussion, Commissioner Dennert moved to approve the policy presented: State Attorney Office (SAO) staff may be allotted logo-apparel which identifies them as employees of the Brown County SAO. Clothing purchased with department funds must be appropriate in both cost and function for the work performed and is subject to department-head approval. Department-head approval will be dependent on availability of funds each year. Employees should not wear SAO logo apparel items outside of work hours unless for stops incidental to trips to and from work. SAO logo apparel items should not be worn in non-professional settings, such as bars and lounges. Employees may be required to return items purchased with department funds upon termination of SAO employment. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of October 10, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Insurance: Claims Associates \$5,000.00; SD Assoc of Country Commissioners \$5,942.00. Professional Fees: Bill Schaeffer \$15.00; Certified Languages International LLC \$1,211.10; CGI, LLC \$1,386.88; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,211.64; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$7,211.64; Dakota Group LLC \$2,100.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$7,211.64; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$160.00; Jerald M. McNeary \$7,211.64; Jeremy Lund - Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$7,211.64; John Noyes-Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$7,211.64; Koletzky Law Office, Prof. LLC \$224.70; Kuck Law Office \$7,211.64; Lewis & Clark BHS \$426.00; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$754.00; NSU Women's Swim Club \$7,000.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$143.00; SD Dept of Health \$1,380.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$2,387.70; SDACC \$1,000.00; SDSU Extension \$103.40; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$7,211.64; Thurman Law Office \$593.85; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc \$669.84; Groton Daily Independent \$1,025.56; Hireclick-Keloland Employment \$1,788.00; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$918.00; West River Eagle \$13.65. Rentals: Aramark \$257.32; Mike Nehls \$80.62; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$259.20. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$454.95; Artz Equipment, Inc \$207.13; Century Business Products \$163.03; Fastcase Inc \$528.00; IMEG Corp \$49,730.98; Jebro Inc \$600.00; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$4,403.61; JGE, Inc \$18,250.00; Lawson Products, Inc \$78.62; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$683.77; Pheasantland Industries, Garment Division \$14.89; Sewer Duck, Inc \$377.50; Transource \$136.58; Western States Fire Protection Co \$4,693.00. Supplies: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$1,257.91; Aberdeen Pit Stop \$4.70; Advance Auto Parts

\$535.62; Agtegra Cooperative \$1,953.82; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$563.99; Cartney Bearing \$344.03; Century Business Products \$1,322.16; Dakota Oil \$178.20; DSS Image Apparel \$514.00; Ellie Weinmeister \$97.66; Farm Tire Service LLC \$1,525.00; FedEx \$19.13; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$2.88; GovConnection, Inc \$744.40; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$93,740.28; Karen Swank \$721.50; Koletzky Law Office, Prof. LLC \$6.00; Lawson Products, Inc \$898.21; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$142.39; Lien Transportation Company \$378,559.14; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$622.06; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$2,025.00; Mator Detailing \$359.00; Menards \$86.27; Midstates Group \$240.80; Midwest Pump & Tank \$239.10; Napa Central \$42.98; NVC \$26.97; Performance Oil \$325.19; PharmChem, Inc \$694.17; Pheasantland Industries, Garment Division \$226.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$66.60; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$18.58; Quality Welding, Inc \$34.00; Runnings \$1,145.14; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$385.00; Thee Glass Doktor, LLC \$609.40; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,894.62; Thurman Law Office \$6.90; Titan Machinery \$248.00; Transource \$2,869.79; WEB Water Bottling Company \$19.50. Travel & Conference: Adelaide Mouna \$617.16; Brandon Duxbury \$94.00; Karla Nelson \$589.66; Logan Flack \$182.69; Mariann Marttila-Klipfel \$94.00; Mike Nehls \$494.50; Patricia Kendall \$94.00; Stephanie Morgan \$348.18; Tucker Anderson \$196.18. Utilities: CenturyLink \$128.70; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$893.29; City of Hecla \$142.30; James Valley Telecommunications \$209.10; Midcontinent Communications \$208.78; Midwest Alarm Fire & Security Systems \$306.73; Northwestern Electric \$86.00; Northwestern Energy \$105.35; NVC \$2,989.99; Verizon Wireless \$4,253.24. Others: Brown County Sheriff's Office \$128,416.50; F&L Investments, LLC \$1,267.69; SD Assoc of County Officials \$766.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$916,746.22. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- Employment ending for Nancy Radke, Brown County Fair & Parks, seasonal; effective October 6, 2023; Richard Burns, Brown County Fair & Parks Maintenance, PT; effective October 27, 2023; John Weig, Brown County Fair & Parks, seasonal; effective October 19, 2023.

- Employment ending for Megan Bierman, Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT; effective October 10, 2023. Request to fill.

- Resignation of Zachary Wicaryus, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; effective October 8, 2023. Request to fill.

- Retirement of Kendall Titze, Brown County Highway Roads & Bridges Operations Supervisor, FT; effective December 23, 2023.

- Transfer of Matt Heupel from Brown County Highway Equipment Operator to Brown County Roads & Bridges Operations Supervisor, wage \$27.80/hour; effective October 16, 2023.

- Transfer of Joshua Matthews from Brown County Highway Road & Bridge Crew Leader to Brown County Highway Roads & Bridges Operations Supervisor, wage \$27.80/hour; effective October 16, 2023.

- Approve personal miles driven for July 2023 at .62 per mile as follows: Kendall Titze 90 miles at \$55.80; John Florey 114 miles at \$70.68; Mike Scott 160 miles at \$99.20.

- Approve personal miles driven for August 2023 at .62 per mile as follows: Kendall Titze 138 miles at \$85.56; John Florey 126 miles at \$78.12; Mike Scott 220 miles at \$136.40.

- Approve personal miles driven for September 2023 at .62 per mile as follows: Kendall Titze 102 miles at \$63.24; John Florey 114 miles at \$70.68; Mike Scott 150 miles at \$93.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OPERATING TRANSFER FOR HIGHWAY DEPT.:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the following operating transfer from the General Fund #101-5.911.191 in total amount of \$3,805,500.00 to the Road and Bridge Fund #201-4.371 @ \$3,805,500.00, as reflected in the 2023 General Fund Budget.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST 2023:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts of August 2023 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$20,792,675.31; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,325,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$5,479,550.72; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$27,605,373.45. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$17,538,850.77; Road & Bridge Fund (\$413,152.44); Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$423,243.27; 911 Service \$793,275.70; Emergency & Disaster \$98,978.02; Domestic Abuse \$1,226.53; Teen Court \$0.00; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$51,047.03; Truancy Court \$21.23; Richmond Youth Camp \$0.00; 24/7 Sobriety \$7,980.62; ROD M&P \$101,019.16; American Rescue Plan Federal Grant \$0.00; Rural Access Infrastructure \$442,663.63; TIF Debt Service \$25,962.07; Landfill + cash change \$4,512,790.94; Landfill - restricted \$1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds \$2,620,755.57; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$27,605,373.45. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following lease agreement: Hannah Carlson for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp on November 3-4, 2023, for Birthday Party. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Commissioner Dennert brought the following Resolution:

Resolution #46-23  
WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers created and adopted the United States Constitution in 1787, thereby setting forth the supreme law of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the first ten amendments to the Constitution, written by James Madison to guarantee individual freedoms, were ratified in 1791 and became known collectively as the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, The First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances"; and

WHEREAS, Freedom of speech is a right guaranteed to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Free Speech Week, a national, annual, non-partisan, commemorative event, takes place during the third full week of October to raise awareness of the importance of free speech and free press in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Free Speech Week is designed to be an inclusive celebration for all Americans, and as such, a wide variety of organizations, schools and individuals across the country will conduct activities and events devoted to free speech topics to mark the week; and

WHEREAS, Free Speech Week is also an opportunity to share information with the public and the media as a way of furthering the vision of our Founding Fathers;

NOW, THEREFORE, We the Brown County Commission do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2023, to be Free Speech Week, and encourage all citizens to participate in the celebration of this fundamental freedom.

Dated this 17th day of October 2023.

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

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

**ADJOURNING:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:41 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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## The Life of Bruce Sippel



Bruce Harry Sippel passed away October 21, 2023 doing what he loved, helping with harvest at a cousin's farm. Services for Bruce Sippel, 66, of Groton will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 26th at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Jeremy Yeadon will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Services will be broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM and will also be broadcast on GDIRADIO at 89.3 FM, available within 1 mile of Groton.

Bruce Harry Sippel was born on January 23, 1957, the only child of Harry Albert and Lorraine Mae (Johnson) Sippel in Aberdeen. Bruce attended school in Groton, graduating in 1975. He furthered his education at the Tech School in Wahpeton, ND, earning a degree in Auto Mechanics. On April 12, 1980 he was united in marriage to his forever love, Victoria Luce and together they were blessed with 4 children. They raised their children together on his childhood homestead. Bruce worked for several places over the years, including Trail Chevrolet, Darrel's Sinclair and farming with Lee Thompson and Pharis Farms. He later hauled gravel for Hanlon Brothers and had just retired in early October from Agtegra (formerly Wheat Growers) where he had been a semi-driver for 16 years.

Bruce was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, James Valley Threshing Association and the James Valley Tractor Club. He was active on the Fireman's Board, where he served as Secretary, Grain Bin Rescue Team at Agtegra and the Township Board. His loved spending time with his grandchildren, anything involving tractors, driving semi and visiting with everyone--he never met a stranger!

Celebrating his life is his wife of 43 years, Vickie, children, Emily (Jesse) Wolff of Mankato, MN, Felicia (James) Ethridge of Redfield, SD, Adam (Bailey) Sippel of Groton, SD, six grandchildren: Michael, Kaylee and Claire Wolff, Jaxon, Haven and Natalie Ethridge and several fur-grandbabies. He is also survived by brother-in-law, Steve

(Teresa) Luce of Powder Springs, GA, sister-in-law Kathy (Bryan) Evjen of Standburg, SD, sister-in-law, Sherrie (Dean) VanZee of St. Lawrence, SD and many close friends and relatives.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his daughter, Lisa Sippel, his close friend and cousin, Marty Sippel, his brother-in-law, John Luce and many aunts and uncles.

Honorary Casketbearers will be members of the James Valley Tractor Club and James Valley Threshing Association.

Casketbearers will be Marc Sippel, Anthony Sippel, Craig Weber, Dean VanZee, Jerome Akin and Shaun Rickett.

## The Life of Marjorie Overacker



Private family services for Marjorie Overacker, 73, of Groton, was held Saturday, October 21st at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Rob Moorlach officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Marjorie passed away on October 17, 2023 at her home surrounded by loved ones after a courageous battle.

Marjorie Marie was born on January 16, 1950 at St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen to Donald A. and Margarete (Larsen) Clocksene. She was baptized at the Groton United Methodist Church on March 23, 1951 and later confirmed in 1964. Marjorie attended school in Groton and graduated in 1968. On July 11, 1968, she was united in marriage with Roger E. Overacker at the Groton United Methodist Church. Following their wedding, they moved to St. Maries, Idaho, where they were blessed with two children.

In 1975, they returned to Groton and Marjorie began her medical career at Colonial Manor Nursing Home. She also worked for Home Health, owned a ceramics shop, and worked at the Groton Independent Newspaper. Marjorie started college in 1986 at Presentation College and graduated with a nursing degree in 1989. She worked as a registered nurse on 4th surgical floor at Avera-St.Lukes until her retirement in February of 2013.

Marjorie was an active member of the Legion Post #39 Auxiliary, the Groton Garden Club, P.E.O. Chapter AC, United Methodist Women, and as a member of the UMC Board. She also belonged to the Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Friday Morning Coffee Group. Marjorie's greatest love was her family. She spent countless hours scrapbooking, doing family history, and organizing photos for future generations. She enjoyed helping her grandchildren with homework, teaching them to cook/bake, working in her flower garden, and canning fall produce.

Celebrating her life is her husband of 55 years, Roger; her children, Angela (Shane) Johnson, Jesse Overacker (Stacey Wellnitz); grandchildren, Sterling, Faith, and Luke Johnson, KayLynn, Emily, and Huntley Overacker; her

sister, Dona (Merle) Higgs; two first cousins, Marilyn Clocksene, and Kent Sckerl along with many dear in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her brothers-in-law, Earl Overacker, Ronald Wallen, Harvey Hanson; and cousins, David Sckerl, Carroll Clocksene, and Greg Clocksene.

Memorials may be designated to the United Methodist Church, a GHS nursing scholarship, or an organization of your choice.

## "Get your eyes checked!"

If you ever played baseball, you may have been told to "keep your eye on the ball." When batting, a baseball player is taught to watch the ball the entire time from when it leaves the pitcher's hand to when, hopefully, their bat smacks the ball for a hit. It may sound simple, but some pitchers can throw fast and sometimes they throw a curveball. Great hitters use their vision and spot the difference, helping them get a hit. Lose focus, and in the blink of an eye the pitch has whipped past them for a strike.

Like keeping your eye on the ball in baseball, I recommend you keep your eye on your eyes. Sure, you may have good vision, but that does not necessarily mean your eyes are in good health. It is important to see an eye doctor for a regular check up, to help spot any eye issues early.

There are several common eye conditions that can be seen early by annual eye exams. Cataracts, macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy are some of the examples. Catching these right away helps prevent or delay vision loss. Early detection allows for easier, more effective, and cost efficient treatments.

Cataracts are from clouding of the lens of the eye that can cause blurring and sometimes eventual blindness. Treatable with surgery, outcomes may be better when diagnosed early in the course.

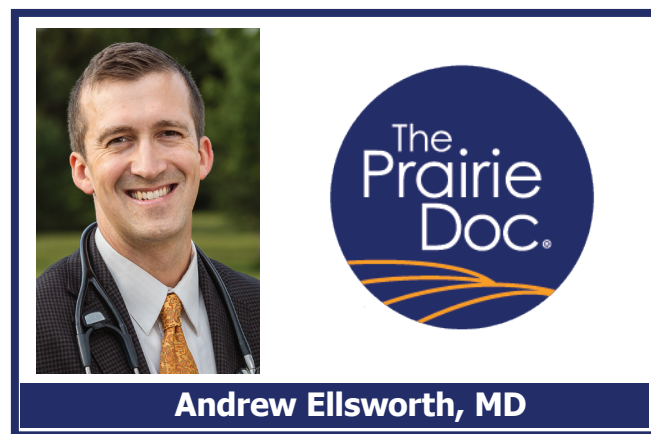
Macular degeneration is a problem with the retina which can cause blurring and central vision loss. Early diagnosis and treatment helps slow the course of the disease.

Caused by increased eye pressure, glaucoma may lead to vision loss from damage to the nerve in the back of the eye called the optic nerve. Often people have glaucoma without knowing it until their vision slowly deteriorates. Once again, early detection is key for preserving vision.

Diabetic retinopathy is a common complication from diabetes that causes damage to the blood vessels in the retina, causing vision loss. If you have diabetes or pre-diabetes, please have an annual eye exam and tell your eye doctor so they know to look for associated eye problems.

Just like a baseball player needs to keep an eye on the ball to watch for changes in movement, I encourage you to get your eyes checked to detect changes in your eyes to prevent vision loss. So, the next time you hear a baseball fan yell "Get your eyes checked!" to an umpire, may it be a reminder to schedule your next eye exam.

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Andrew Ellsworth, MD





**Tom Woods is always full of inspiration and Thursday night was no exception as talked to Paul Kosel at halftime of the football game.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Colby Dunker caught this pass to gain some ground for the Tigers.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Elk Point-Jefferson ends the Tiger football season

The Groton Area football season came to an end Thursday at Elk Point as the Tigers lost in the first round of the football playoffs, 48-13.

Korbin Kucker had 52 yards rushing, 73 yards passing including a touchdown pass to Brevin Fliehs for 61 yards and had six yards receiving. Christian Ehresmann had 12 yards rushing, 16 yards receiving and 12 tackles. Logan Ringgenberg and Holden Sippel each had 10 tackles.

Overall, Groton had 58 yards rushing while the Huskies had 193. The Tigers had 129 yards passing while Elk Point-Jefferson had 268 yards. Both teams lost one fumble including Groton's fumble on the five EPJ five yard line. The Tigers had three interceptions while EPJ had none.

Groton scored on a Kucker three yard run and a Kucker to Brevin Fliehs 61 yard pass.

The Tigers end the season with a 5-4 record.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, with Mike Nehls and Jeslyn Kosel. The broadcast was sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Bierman Farm Services, BK Customs T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Farmers Union of Ferney and Conde, Fliehs Sales & Service, Full Circle Ag, Groton Chiropractic Clinic, Groton Dairy Queen, Groton Ford, Krueger Brothers, Lori's Pharmacy, Milbrant Enterprises Inc, Professional Management Service, S & S Lumber, Spanier Harvesting, The Meathouse, Andover, Weismantel Agency.

## Football: Elk Point-Jefferson 48, Groton Area 13

Groton Area Tigers

**First Downs:** 8

**Rushing:** 26 carries for 58 yards, 1 touchdown

Korbin Kucker 17-52  
Christian Ehresmann 6-12  
Brevin Fliehs 1-4  
Karston Jeschke 2-5

**Passing:**

Lane Tietz completed  
10 of 21 for 56 yards, 1 TD, 3 Int.  
Korbin Kucker: 2 for 3 for 73 yards

**Receivers:**

Brevin Fliehs 1-61  
Teylor Diegel 5-24  
Colby Dunker 3-19  
Christian Ehresmann 1-16  
Korbin Kucker 1-6  
Caden McInerney 1-3

**Fumbles:** Had 2, lost 1

**Penalties:** 4 for 30 yards

**Defensive Leaders**

Christian Ehresmann 12 tackles  
Logan Ringgenberg 10 tackles  
Holden Sippel 10 tackles

**Record:** 5-4

**Next Game:** End of Season

**Scoring:**

**First Quarter**

11:41: EPJ: Carson Timmins 68 yard pass from Keaton Gale (PAT kick no good)..... 6-0  
7:24: EPJ: Ashton Fairbanks 36 yard pass from Keaton Gale (PAT Timmins kick) ..... 13-0

**Second Quarter**

8:08: Groton Area: Korbin Kucker 3 yard run. (PAT Kucker kick) .....13-7  
6:13: EPJ: Gunner Ewing 8 yard run (PAT: Timmins kick).....20-7  
4:52: EPJ: Ashton Fairbanks 27 yard pass from Keaton Gale (PAT Timmins kick) ..... 27-7

**Third Quarter**

4:49: EPJ: Garrett Merkely 40 yard pass from Keaton Gale (PAT Timmins kick) .....34-7  
0:10: EPJ: Jacob Gale 14 yard run (PAT: Timmins kick) ..... 41-7

**Fourth Quarter**

8:24: EPJ: Luke Schmitz 4 yard run (PAT: Timmins kick).....48-7  
4:01: Groton Area: Brevin Fliehs 61 yard pass from Korbin Kucker (PAT: Kick no good) 48-13

**First Downs:** 21

**Rushing:** 31 carries for 193 yards, 3 touchdowns

Jacob Gale 6-50  
Keaton Gale 4-18  
Garrett Merkley 3-25  
Gunner Ewing 4-33  
Luke Schmitz 2-29

**Passing:**

Keaton Gale completed  
13 of 26 for 268 yards  
4 touchdowns

**Receivers:**

Carson Timmins 1-68  
Grayson Girard 1-14  
Garrett Merkley 4-86  
Ashton Fairbanks 4-76  
Kayden Moore 1-11  
Luke Schmitz 1-19  
Gunner Ewing 1-(-6)

**Fumbles:** Had 3, lost 1

**Penalties:** 6 for 60 yards

**Defensive Leaders**

Kaydon Moore 4 tackles  
Landon Johnsen 4 tackles

**Record:** 8-1

**Next Game:** Host Tri-Valley

## Statewide Classifieds

### AUCTIONS

INTERSTATE AUCTION CENTER. November 4, 10:00am. 3 miles east of SF, exit 402, Brandon, SD. Lawn mower, garden equipment, recreational, etc. Full listing: auctionzip.com, 605-331-4550

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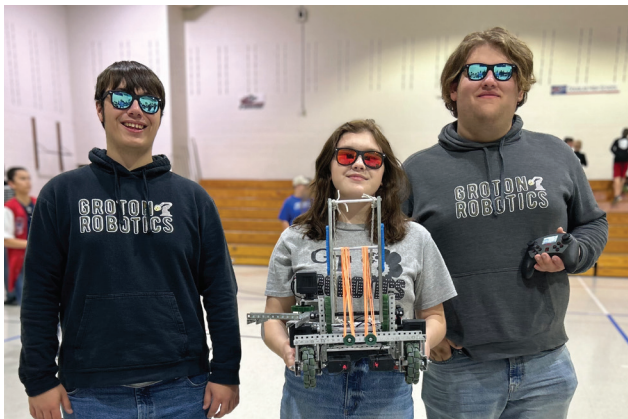
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# Robotics open season at Douglas



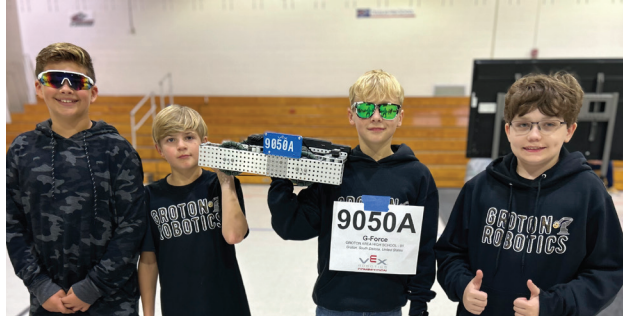
**Jameson Penning and Garrett Schultz.**  
(Photo Courtesy Melissa Schultz)



**Axel Warrington, Kianna Sander, Corbin Weismantel.** (Photo Courtesy Melissa Schultz)

Groton Robotics is in full swing! We have four teams consisting of 6th grade thru 11th, 15 students in total. Coach is Neil Warrington. Our first tournament we've traveled to was Douglas High School in Box Elder on October 21st. The teams fought hard and all teams made it to the elimination round! In two weeks on November 4th, we will be traveling to Mitchell, for the first ever Robotics competition ever held in the famous Corn Palace!

- Melissa Schultz



**Haden Harder, Connor Kroll, Grant Cleveland, Logan Olson.** (Photo Courtesy Melissa Schultz)



**Evie Grant, Kira Clocksene, Logan Clocksene, Hayden Zoellner.** (Photo Courtesy Melissa Schultz)



## Groton Area Middle School Band

**1st row: (L to R): Percussion: Owen Sperry, Kolton Antonsen, Makenna Krause, Caleb Hanten, Ryder Schwan, Wyatt Morehouse, Hudson Eichler, Jordan Schwan (Not pictured)**

**2nd row: (L to R): Percussion: Peyton Padfield, Trombone: Libby Cole, Rylie Rose, Layne Johnson, Logan Olson, Jace Johnson, Asher Zimmerman, Noah Scepaniak. Percussion: Jose Fernando Nava Remigio**

**3rd row: (L to R): Baritone: Ilyanna Dallaire, Elias Heilman (Not pictured) Trumpet: GraceLynn Hubbs Mullner, Kinzleigh Furman, Kyleigh Kroll, Ruelle Gilbert, Kason Oswald, Shaydon Wood, and Rowin Jansen van Rensburg**

**4th row: (L to R): Flute: Tenley Frost, Amelia Ewalt, Novalea Warrington, Adeline Kotzer, Arianna Dinger, Aurora Washenberger, Sam Crank, Chloe Withey (Not pictured)**

**5th row: (L to R): Clarinet: May Dallaire, Madison Herrick, Trinity Dallaire, Aubrie Lier, Jameson Penning, Aspen Beto, Haden Harder**

**6th row: (L to R): Alto Sax: Xzavier Klebsch, Andi Gauer, Liam Johnson, Zach Flihs, Lincoln Shilhanek, (Not Pictured), Addison Hoeft. Tenor Sax: Wesley Borg, Journey Zieroth (Not pictured). Bass Clarinet: Connor Kroll**

**7th row: (L to R): Tuba: TC Schuster, Mrs. Desiree Yeigh (Director), Tuba: Liam Lord.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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# BOTH DAKOTAS TURN 134 ON NOVEMBER 2

**By Tom Emery**

Happy Birthday to both North Dakota and South Dakota. You look good for your age.

November 2 marks the 134th anniversary of statehood for both North Dakota and South Dakota, which were signed into the Union on that date in 1889. North Dakota is considered the 39th state, ahead of South Dakota at 40 – though no one knows for sure.

The impetus for statehood came from an omnibus bill passed by Congress on Feb. 22, 1889 – which, coincidentally, was Washington's Birthday. The bill allowed the division of the Dakota Territory into two states, and for the people of North Dakota and South Dakota to create constitutions and state governments. The act also extended the same privileges to Montana and Washington.

By then, both halves of the Dakota Territory far exceeded the population minimum for statehood, which was 60,000. Some 340,000 residents inhabited present-day South Dakota, with 150,000 in the North.

At 3:40 p.m. on Nov. 2, 1889, President Benjamin Harrison signed the Dakotas into statehood. A telegram from Secretary of State James Blaine announced the news, claiming that North and South Dakota "entered the Union at the same moment."

That was not entirely true. Harrison – possibly from playfulness but likely for political gain -- chose not to show favoritism toward either state. As a result, he shuffled the papers, covered up the names of each state, and signed them blindly.

Most sources assert that North Dakota is considered the 39th state, and not the 40th, simply on the alphabet – because "n" comes before "s."

It remains the only time in American history that two states were admitted to the Union on the same day.

News of the admission was greeted with wild celebration in both states. In Bismarck, the capital of North Dakota, a newspaper account reported "flags went up, cannons were fired, and everybody turned out to cheer and add to the tumult...bands paraded the streets and the crowds (were) singing 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' 'America,' and other national songs."

The admission of the Dakotas marked the beginning of a ten-day stretch in which four states joined the Union. Six days later, Montana gained admission, with Washington following on November 11. The run of four states in ten days has not been equaled before or since.

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## Stratford Town Stratford Bar Beverage License

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Stratford City Council at its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Hall of the Stratford Community Center. Hearing will be held on the applications listed below for liquor licenses in the Town of Stratford, South

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Anna Kwak  
Finance Officer  
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# 8th Grade Persuasive Vacant Lot Proposal

What does Groton need? Everyone has ideas of what Groton needs, and the Groton 8th Graders were responsible for planning and developing a hypothetical vacant lot in English class. Some ideas for the vacant lot were a movie theatre, Chick-fil-A, an athletic center, and a diner. The students wrote persuasive reports, sketched a drawing of the lot, created a slide presentation, and built a small-scale model depicting what they would put in the lot. Judges for the project were April Abeln, Doug Heinrich, Jaimie Mitchell, Shelby Edwards, and Joe Schwan.



**Riley Rose, Journey Zieroth, Addison Hoeft, and Chesney Weber.** (Photo courtesy



**Owen Sperry, Ryder Schelle, Kason Oswald, Trey Smith, Wyatt Wambach.** (Photo courtesy Diane Kurtz)



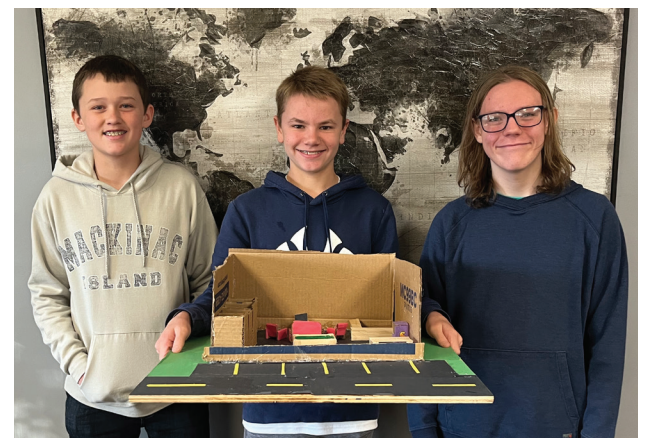
**Makenna Krause, Libby Cole, Kinsley Rowen, Sydney Locke .** (Photo courtesy Diane Kurtz)



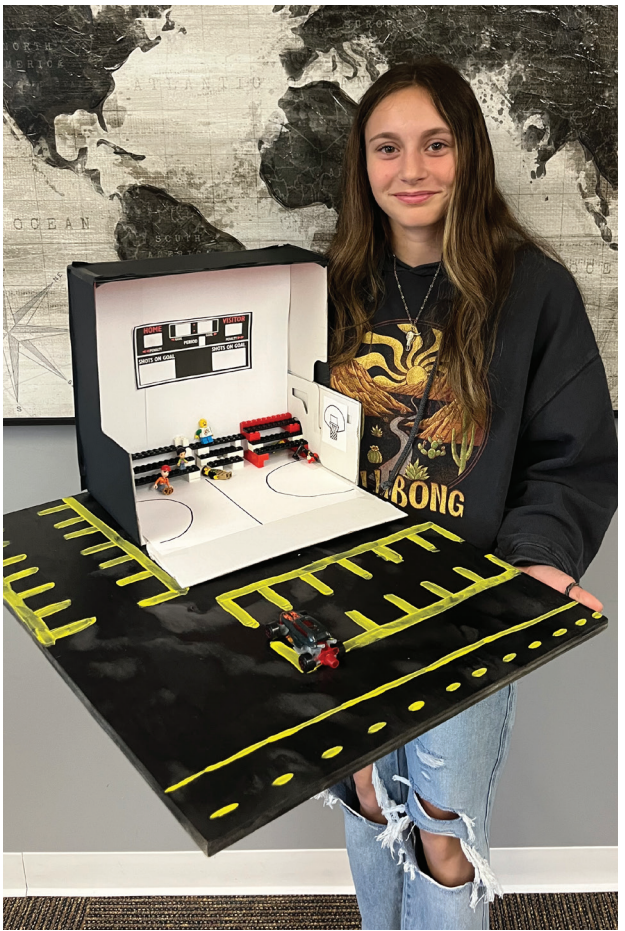
**Shaydon Wood, Jace Johnson, Layne Johnson, Easton Weber.** (Photo courtesy Diane Kurtz)



**Ethan Kroll, T.C. Schuster, Karson Zak, Brysen Sandness.** (Photo courtesy Diane Kurtz)



**John Bisbee, Alex Abeln, Brayden Barrera.** (Photo courtesy Diane Kurtz)



**Taryn Thompson.** (Photo courtesy Diane Kurtz)



**Raelynn Feist, Mya Feser, Gracie Pearson, Audrey Davis.** (Photo courtesy Diane Kurtz)



**Jackson Furman, Bradyn Wipf.** (Photo courtesy Diane Kurtz)



**Aimee Heilman.** (Photo courtesy Diane Kurtz)



**Ella Kettner, Rylen Ekern, Kyleigh Kroll, Trinity Dallaire.** (Photo courtesy Diane Kurtz)



Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. board of directors and volunteers were given the opportunity to work in the concession stand Monday night and received \$300 for doing so. Money will go towards items for The Pantry. Was a fun adventure and definitely a team building activity! Groton Area MS/HS Booster PAC allows clubs and groups this option as a fundraiser for their cause. Pictured here are Pat Miller, Diane Warrington, Lance Larsen, April Abeln, Nancy Larsen, Ruby Larson, Kari Bartling, Karyn Babcock, and Elizabeth Barajas. (Courtesy Photo)



# 18 Groton Area musicians attend Northwestern Middle School Music Festival

On Tuesday October 10th, 18 students attended the Northwestern Middle School Music Festival. From both the Groton Middle School Choir and Band Departments. The band students are chosen from nominations from band directors and then spend time working with guest director Jared Opp, Band Director from Gregory. The choir students had the wonderful opportunity to work with guest director Katie Opp, Choir Director from Gregory. Overall, the students had a wonderful experience, and the students performed an impressive concert to a gym completely filled with an audience.



## MS Choir Photo

Front Row (L to R): Mya Feser, Andi Gauer, Amelia Ewalt, Payton Castles, Kinzleigh Furman, Wyatt Morehouse, Gavin Hanten, Hudson Eichler, Wesley Borg, and Mrs. Amy Warrington, Sub Choir Director

Second Row (L to R): May Dallaire, Illyanna Dallaire, Aubrie Lier, Dacey Kampa, Tenley Frost, Arianna Dinger, Peyton Padfield, Jose Fernando Nava Remigio. (Courtesy Photo)



Libby Cole is a 3 year member for this festival. (Courtesy Photo)

## Change in basketball fouls this year

There will no longer be a 1 and 1 bonus shot for common fouls after 7 team fouls in each half. When team fouls get to 5 per quarter, there will be an automatic two shot bonus. Team fouls start back to 0 at each quarter.

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

8	2	9	6	7	3	1	5	4
1	5	6	4	2	8	9	3	7
4	7	3	1	5	9	2	6	8
7	1	8	5	9	4	6	2	3
3	4	5	2	6	1	7	8	9
6	9	2	8	3	7	4	1	5
2	3	1	9	4	5	8	7	6
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## MS Band Photo

Front Row (L to R): Jordan Schwan (Percussion), Kason Oswald (Trumpet), TC Schuster (Tuba), Kyleigh Kroll (Trumpet)- 2nd Chair, Makenna Krause (Percussion)- 2nd chair

Second Row (L to R): Libby Cole (Trombone), Addison Hoeft (Bari Sax)- 1st chair, Journey Zieroth (Tenor Sax)- 1st chair

Third Row: (L to R): Aspen Beto (Clarinet), Novalea Warrington (Flute)- 1st chair, Liam Johnson (Alto Sax), and Mrs. Desiree Yeigh, Band Director. (Courtesy Photo)

## Conde National League

Oct. 23, 2023 Team Standings: Giants 17 1/2, Cubs 17, Braves 16, Pirates 12, Tigers 11, Mets 10 1/2

Men's High Games: Ryan Bethke 209, Dalton Locke 199, Butch Farmen 193

Men's High Series: Ryan Bethke 542, Dalton Locke 507, Cody Keller 458

Women's High Games: Nancy Radke 171, Vickie Kramp 159, Michelle Johnson 148

Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 472, Nancy Radke 455, Sam Bahr 421