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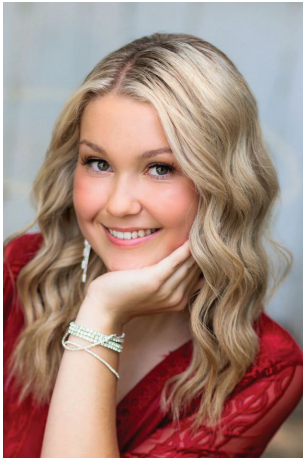
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## 78th Annual Snow Queen Contest is Sunday

The 78th Groton Area Snow Queen Contest will be held on Sunday, November 26th in the GHS Old Gymnasium at 4:00pm. The contest will feature three high school seniors and six high school freshmen vying for the Senior and Junior Snow Queen Titles, the crowning of a kindergarten prince and princess, a talent contest that will exhibit three senior and four junior talent entries, ice cream refreshments, and the unveiling of the mystery frosty! The Groton Area Snow Queen Committee welcomes all to come and enjoy the show!

### Senior Snow Queen Candidates



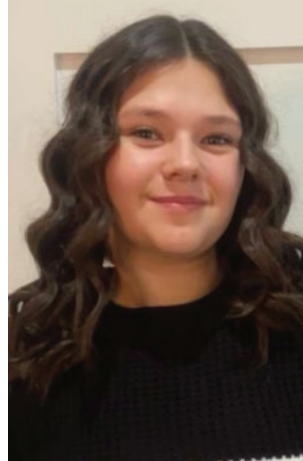
**Ava Wienk**  
Daughter of Brent and Lisa Wienk



**Cadence Feist**  
Daughter of Jason and Dannielle Pullan and Cory Feist



**Faith Flihs**  
Daughter of Bret Flihs and Raechel Otter



**Avery Crank**  
Daughter of Tom and Rachael Crank



**Emerlee Jones**  
Daughter of Jim and Mendy Jones



**Claire Schuelke**  
Daughter of Austin and Deb Schuelke

### Junior Snow Queen Candidates



**Teagan Hanten**  
Daughter of Cody and Sarah Hanten



**McKenna Tietz**  
Daughter of Tom and Lindsey Tietz



**Ashlynn Warrington**  
Daughter of Jason and Robyn Warrington



### The Pantry serves 69 families in October

In October 2023, 69 families were served at The Pantry - Groton, SD. These families included 80 children, 86 adults, and 38 seniors with a total of 1,640lbs given out. Enrich Groton SoDak Inc's mission of serving the needs of the community is possible by sales at Common Cents Community Thrift Store - Groton, SD along with the monetary and food donations received.

Pictured here is Manager Pat Miller with her husband David. Both play a vital part in daily operations of the food pantry and volunteer during open hours on Mondays from 11am-3pm. Ruby Larson, Brenda McCarthy and Wendy Monson volunteer during open hours Tuesdays from 4-8pm. The Pantry is located inside the Groton Community Center.

**Right Photo: The new lighted sign for the Groton Police Department has arrived in Groton. The sign was made possible by donations from various Groton residents. The next step is to remove the Wage Memorial stone in the building and take that stone to the current Wage Memorial history room, then fill in the hole and install the sign.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)





# Weekly Vikings Recap - Vikings vs. Broncos

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Minnesota Vikings and Denver Broncos entered their Sunday night primetime matchup as one of the most anticipated games of the week. Just a month ago, both teams were thinking that their season might be over. However, thanks to a three and five-game winning streak for the Broncos and Vikings respectively, both teams entered Sunday night's game with an eye for the playoffs. And the game did not disappoint.

The first half started poorly for the Vikings as Josh Dobbs fumbled on just the third play of the game when he received a pitch from TJ Hockenson on a trick play. Thankfully, the Vikings shut down any momentum for the Broncos and held them only to a field goal. After trading punts, the Vikings' offense got rolling thanks to the running attack of Alexander Mattison and Ty Chandler. Coming into the game, the Broncos were one of the worst rush defenses in the NFL, and it was evident that the Vikings wanted to exploit it as they ran the ball on seven out of their first 10 plays. The highlight of the drive, however, came on a Josh Dobbs touchdown to Josh Oliver after Dobbs broke what seemed like a guaranteed sack from the Broncos defender. If there has been one constant throughout Dobbs' first three games with the Vikings it's that he has a strong lower body that makes it hard for defenders to take him down.

The rest of the half was uneventful, to say the least for both the Broncos and Vikings as neither team could find the endzone and had to settle for multiple field goals. As the first half ended, the Vikings went into halftime with a 10-9 lead after not allowing a Broncos touchdown. Impressively, this was the Vikings' fourth straight game without allowing a touchdown in the first half. The Vikings' defense has become more and more dominant each week.

The second half started great for the Vikings,

as the defense forced an immediate three-and-out. The Vikings' offense picked up where it left off in the first half as they continued to run the ball down the throat of the Broncos' defense. After the Vikings reached the RedZone, they found themselves in a tough 3rd down. However, the magic of Josh Dobbs came to life again as he ran it in for a 10-yard touchdown to give the Vikings a 17-9 lead, his third straight game with a rushing touchdown.

After the Vikings' defense forced another three-and-out, all momentum was on the Vikings' side. However, the turnover issues that plagued the Vikings earlier in the year returned. On back-to-back drives, Alexander Mattison first fumbled the ball, and then Josh Dobbs threw an interception. Thankfully, the Vikings' defense completely shut down the Broncos' offense as they held them to field goals on both possessions, which kept the Vikings' lead intact, 17-15.

After the Vikings kicked a field goal to improve their lead to 20-15, the Broncos' offense had one last drive to finally score their first touchdown of the game. Sadly, that is exactly what they did as Russell Wilson dinked and dunked down the field before eventually finding Courtland Sutton in the endzone to give the Broncos a 21-20 lead.

Unfortunately, the Josh Dobbs magic did not come alive on the final drive as the Vikings failed to move the ball down the field to set up a field goal and eventually turned the ball over on downs to give the Broncos the victory, officially ending the Vikings' five-game win streak.

Vikings 20 - Broncos 21

Looking ahead, the Vikings will face the Chicago Bears next week, their last game before the bye week. Despite the loss, the Vikings still sit in a wild card spot in the NFC playoffs.

## Farm living is the life for me

I stepped outside the other morning to a cacophonous whine that at first sounded like traffic racing through an underpass. Then I saw them—thousands of snow geese blanketing the corn stubble to the south of my home, others circling above.

I paused and imagined my Grandpa Spilloway pausing to take it all in no matter how much work he had to do. It's a scene that plays out across the prairie generation after generation. That connection to nature. That lifestyle.

Last summer, we had a mama fox and two kits living under the garden shed, not an uncommon occurrence. We've become a refuge for deer, pheasants, eagles, and foxes. I've

given up keeping fish in the ponds, however, because raccoons are able anglers. I've yet to beat them to the sweet corn.

At sunset one day I looked out from the deck and saw both kits sitting, meditatively looking south at the same field. We share the same connection.

I was providing some information for paperwork the other day and described my home as "rural Venturia." A blank stare. "Because the hustle and bustle of Venturia is too much." I'm not sure what the population is in Venturia, but Jesus had more disciples.

Up until the last 25 years, I led a relatively transient life, the life of a radio guy. I'm adaptable, so I did fine in the heart of the city, but three times I've been able to live in the country. That's home. Mowing, weeding, and blizzards seem like a modest price to pay. For the geese. For the foxes. To breathe.

As a kid, I typically spent several weeks with my grandparents in Gackle and another stretch with my grandparents in Ashley, picking rocks, hauling bales, feeding calves, and fixing fence.

My Grandpa Spilloway charged me with gopher eradication. Charged. He taught me economics. He paid for the traps and gave me a nickle a gopher tail. I could also use the .22, but I'd have to reimburse him 2¢ per shell. I didn't often miss, but even then, it was considerable overhead. So, I learned to snare gophers. By each summer's end, I'd worked my way through three pastures. Now, I've gone soft. I feel bad if I even run over a gopher.

Economics made me a good shot. My Grandpa Bender would call me outside sometimes to shoot pennies for visitors. Not in midair—don't get excited, I wasn't that good—but out of a board or the top of a corner post. When I told Grandpa Bender that Mom was the best shot in the family, he didn't believe me, so after Easter dinner, he had to see for himself.

She missed the first shot. "This shoots a little high, doesn't it?" she remarked.

"Oh, yeah. I forgot to tell you that."

After that, she hit 21 straight, and as the carnage mounted, he'd slap his thigh. "Golly!" She didn't miss the rest of the day and he beat the heck out of his leg.

Grandpa Spilloway milked about 50 Holsteins and grew a modest amount of corn in that pitiful rocky soil, so he didn't need a lot of horsepower. His tractors were 1940's Allis Chalmers, the kind you hand cranked, and he had a Co-op loader tractor that somehow was enough to clear the yard after the Blizzard of 1966. There was nothing he couldn't do with a tractor, a welder, and a 30-30.

Grandpa Bender had a splendid Oliver tractor and a Farmall. I have absolutely no need for them, but when I see a restored Oliver or the prettiest tractors ever made, Minneapolis-Molines, I am so tempted...

I worked a summer for a local farmer, and he had a new 1070 Case, which I was convinced was the most powerful machine that could ever be built. It was enough to bend a drag (hitched behind a disc) without me noticing. The man had a temper but his dad, who helped out from time to time, took the fall.

I don't remember seeing as many corn piles as I have seen this season. A good year, I think. You'll never get a farmer to tell you that, though. Maybe it's superstition. For the record, I like seeing new pickups and combines in the field. It's good for everyone.

I don't know if I'd make a good farmer, starting up at a blackening sky hovering over a bumper crop. As for those farmers who go to Vegas... well, it seems redundant.

May your bins bulge. Thanks for feeding the geese.

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**Brown County**  
**Nov. 7, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**  
 November 14, 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 Gage.

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ORDINANCE #260 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #260. Applicant John & Lindsay Peterson requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance with its current use: Lot 1B of Lot 1, "Biegler Richmond Lake Second Subdivision" in the SW ¼ of Section 13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37902 127th Street, Ravinia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RENTAL RATES:** Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission regarding a request received for renting out the Cement Barriers. The cost to transport would be on the Lessee. Rachel suggested \$25.00 per barrier per week. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve renting the cement barriers at \$25.00 per barrier per week. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACTS:** Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager presented a contract for Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show to be held at the 2024 Brown County Fair on Sunday, August 18th. They would still have the Antique Tractor Pull as well, this would be additional family entertainment. The Lumberjack Show would be for an hour at the cost of \$12,000.00. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the contract for the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show for the 2024 Brown County Fair at the cost of \$12,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager shared with the Commission that she had requested quotes for Electrical Services for 3 years. She received two quotes: Muth Electric for \$63.00/hr. per Journeyman and \$63.00/hr. for any additional labor (non-journeyman) & KEI for \$75.00/hr. per Journeyman and \$69.00/hr. for any additional labor (non-Journeyman). The Fair Boards recommendation would be to go with KEI. Commission Chairman stated they acknowledge the Fair Board recommendation since it is under \$25,000.00.

**RFP FOR EXPO ROOF:** Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager discussed two options for updating the roof on the Expo Building and the Expo Addition: they are looking at a removing the old and replace it or build over the top of the current roof. Rachel is working with HKG for engineering specs and weight limits on the current roof. She is hoping to have the final RFP ready by the end of the day, with an opening date of December

12th. Discussion was held on the problem areas with current roof, Rachel stated that in the RFP they state that the company will need to do a walk through before placing a bid. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve publishing the RFP with a bid opening date of December 12, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**POTENTIAL AGRICULTURAL LEARNING CENTER AT THE BROWN COUNTY FAIR-GROUNDS:** Samantha Olson, South Dakota Farmer's Union (SDFU) Education Specialist presented the Commission a proposal for an Agricultural Learning Center. They would like to renovate the current building that holds the chickens and/or Petting Zoo during the Fair by putting in a concrete floor and bring Agriculture to life by providing free interactive agricultural educational displays and resources with things such as live sow birth, live cow birth, baby chicks hatching, calf bottle feeding, soil & range conservation, farm safety and several grain and livestock displays. They do not have any dollar amount on the financing right now because they are waiting to some quotes but working with 4-H, FFA and County; County would pay to replace the building for the bunnies and chickens then Farmer's Union would be for the renovations and displays in the building for the Agricultural Learning Center. Rachel shared that the bunny barn needs to be replaced because it is at the end of its life and the roof had significant damage. Currently, there are only two other Agricultural Learning Centers in the State, so we could be the third one; other two are at Sioux Empire Fair and State Fairgrounds. Rachel showed Commission a Quonset type building to possibly replace the Bunny Barn; a 45' x 70' building that would cost around \$39,000.00 without a cement floor, cement floor would cost an additional \$4,000.00 and then to add a couple garage doors on each end, either a 12' x 12' or 10' x 10' total cost of the building would be around \$55,000.00. Rachel shared that after visiting with 4-H Advisor, the Poultry could be temporarily housed in the Open Class Sheep Barn – a row down the middle, if needed. Another benefit is that Samantha would run this during the Fair and free up the Fair Board Members to do other things. Commissioner Wiese questioned about possible sponsorships for the new building, Rachel said that could be an option but hadn't done any preliminary work on that at this time. Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert approved Farmer's Union and County State's Attorney work on a contract to move forward on the Agricultural Learning Center at the Brown County Fairgrounds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FY2025 WEED & PEST GRANT:** Chris Hemen, Weed & Pest Supervisor met with the Commission asking for approval of the FY2025 Competitive Weed & Pest Grant for Yellow Toadflax Biological Control in the amount of \$2,000.00. Chris shared with the Commission this is a 50/50 cost share and they are trying to establish a collection site. Chris gave the Commission an update on the year and how well things went. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the FY2025 Competitive Weed & Pest Grant application. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting minutes of November 7, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Certified Languages International LLC \$787.05; CGI, LLC \$816.88; Dakota Group LLC \$1,800.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$15,030.00; Helms & Associates \$4,802.16; Language Line Services, Inc \$531.08; Lewis & Clark BHS \$426.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$310.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$2,554.89; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$291.80; Troup County Sheriff's Office \$50.00; Yellow Robe Consulting \$1,500.00; Youngberg Law, Prof. LLC \$246.10. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$261.58. Rentals: Aramark \$388.14; Dakota Electronics \$218.00; Erickson & Associates LLC \$150.00; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$49.70. Repairs & Maintenance: 5D Transport, LLC \$4,995.00; Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$219.95; Aberdeen Clean-All, LLC \$3,598.98; All Over Roofing LLC \$1,300.00; Artz Equipment, Inc \$390.00; B & B Contracting, Inc \$3,465.00; Butler Machinery Company \$2,618.66; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$786.24; Graham Tire Inc \$13,597.19; House of Glass \$1,943.41; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$561.91; Leidholt Electric \$144.17; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$235.09; Napa Central \$189.99; Northstar Safety, Inc \$32.58; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$189.32; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$1,587.81; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$629.84; RDO Equipment Co \$10,596.80; Runnings \$2,616.22; Schroeder Construction Inc \$184,979.28; Schwan Welding \$1,691.50; Steven Lust Automotive \$364.27; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$9,358.09; Vosika Fencing \$9,775.00. Supplies: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$736.00; Ag-tegra Cooperative \$70,658.27; Amazon Capital Service, Inc \$65.72; Arther Eichler \$186.79; Artz Equipment, Inc \$541.56; Auto Value Aberdeen \$9.98; Carson Eichler \$96.30; Cartney Bearing \$1,241.73; Century Business Products \$1,068.82; Cole Paper Inc \$1,095.87; Creative Product Sourcing, Inc \$87.14; Crescent Electric Supply Co \$138.39; Dakota Electronics \$1,737.85; Dakota Oil \$6,844.30; Dive Rescue International \$4,177.35; Farm Tire Service LLC \$3,760.00; GovConnection, Inc \$161.80; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$66,184.51; Hudson Eichler \$319.44; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$33.93; Kessler's \$104.18; Lamont Companies Inc \$800.00; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$274.35; Lien Transportation Company \$1,548.93; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$108.91; MacQueen Emergency \$587.40; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$134.87; Menards \$133.24; Midstates Group \$6.00; Newman Signs, Inc \$2,706.49; Nolan Eichler 433.34; Northstar Safety, Inc \$62.25; Rinse & Go Car Wash \$22.00; Runnings \$2,012.93; SD Dept of Health \$40.00; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$1,131.81. Travel & Conference: Dave Lunzmann \$472.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$141.75; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$147.01; Northern Electric \$86.00; Northwestern Energy \$1,042.80; Town of Frederick \$80.34; Verizon Wireless \$2,880.98; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$108.84. Others: SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$8,831.20; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$792,499.01; Thomas L Kline \$274.13. State Fair Premiums: Adelyn Quinn \$5.00; Gina Malsam \$10.00; Hunter Miller \$10.00; Jean Berger \$10.00; Linda Yates \$5.00; Ron Lyren \$10.00. 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:

Hiring of Merari Salazar-Aguilar as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$20.67/hr.; effective November 8, 2023.

Hiring of Gabrielle Schneider as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$20.67/hr.; effective November 15, 2023.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of col-

lecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BROWN COUNTY RACETRACK RENEWAL FOR 2024 SEASON:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the Brown County Racetrack Renewal Addendum for 2024 Season. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Travel Request for Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent to attend Asphalt Conference Planning Meeting in Brookings on November 8, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Chairman Sutton shared there will be a Department Head Meeting at 11am. Commissioner Wiese shared that the SD Assoc. of Towns & Townships meeting this evening at 6pm in the Community Room at the Courthouse.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 9:57 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County**  
**Holum Expo Metal**  
**Roof Bid Notice**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on December 12, 2023, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project - Replacing or retrofitting a metal roof on the Holum Expo Building at the Brown County Fairgrounds, 400 24th Ave NW, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the following: Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope with "Brown County Fairgrounds-Holum Expo Building Roof" to be opened on December 12, 2023.

**PROPOSAL GUARANTY:** No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or bank draft, for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

**PERFORMANCE BOND:** Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price.

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

Job must be completed by July 31, 2024.

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Brown County Auditor's Office: 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: 605-626-7110 ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**Groton School  
Nov. 13, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING  
November 13, 2023

President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Flihs, Gengerke, Harder, Lerseth-Flihs, Pharis, Rix, and Weismantel. Absent: None. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal Edwards, Principal B. Schwan, and Business Manager Hubsch.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve the agenda with an amendment of the addition of an executive session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel issue. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Flihs, second Harder to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of October 10, 2023; district bills, October 2023 financial report, custodial accounts and investments, school lunch report, and school transportation report. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Pay-

roll - 219,875.23; Benefits - 169,834.11; Aberdeen Lawn Care - fertilizer/weed control, 675.00; Allied Climate Professionals - heating startup, 1,158.17; Amazon - supplies, 482.51; AmericInn Lodge & Suites - all state choir lodging, 1,640.68; BELIEVE Kids Fundraising - music fundraiser, 1,166.30; Best Western Plus Ramkota - state soccer lodging, 989.91; Brown County Treasurer - mosquito spraying, 477.44; Capital One - supplies, 394.88; Cole Papers - janitor supplies, 316.84; CRT LLC - VB camp lodging, 1,100.00; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 43,678.92; Dependable Sanitation - garbage, 1,238.00; Dollar General - title game night supplies, 71.98; Groton Area Chamber - dues, 500.00; Harlow's Bus - parts, 44.64; JW Pepper - music, 353.98; Jeff's District - plumbing, 204.00; Jerke Irrigation - irrigation system work, 414.18; JGE - scissor lift repair, 2,386.22; Jostens - graduation supplies/yearbook deposit, 2,848.35; Matheson Tri-Gas - IA supplies, 69.99; McLeod's - business office supply, 354.55; Mid-American Research - janitor supply, 3,972.89; MJ's - gas/diesel, 9,330.18; Northside Implement - parts/repairs, 7,880.21; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 1,402.41; Robotics Education Foundation - registrations, 380.00; Safety Service - repairs,

369.51; School Specialty - aprons/towels, 99.17; SDHSAA - orchestra audition music, 4.00; Share Corp - janitor supply, 903.73; Taylor Music - repairs, 582.00; Wageworks - admin fee, 97.25. Total General Fund - \$475,297.23. CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - managed print agreement, 2,784.03; Amazon - equipment, 1,032.38; Cole Papers - vacuums, 1,243.98; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 778.55; Ewell Education Services - renewal, 390.00; Follet - library materials, 77.41; Hauff Mid-America - practice jerseys, 521.00; Hewlett-Packard Financial - computer lease, 17,253.29; Hillyard - cut mats, 1,154.69; Huff Construction - Health science lab payment, 17,990.96; NSU Finance Office - digital textbooks, 796.23; Stan Houston - vacuum, 129.00; US Bank - payments, 446,632.50. Total Capital Outlay - \$490,784.02. SPECIAL ED: Net Payroll - 35,858.58; Benefits - 26,967.73; Avera St Lukes - PT/OT, 15,747.95; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 278.00; OTC Brands - preschool supply, 42.95; Judy or Gene Williamson - mileage, 899.64; Nikki Wright - mileage, 336.60. Total Special Ed - \$80,131.45. FOOD SERVICE: Net Payroll - 6,613.85; Benefits - 4,934.17; Bimbo - bakery goods, 311.02;

Custodial Fund - aprons/towels, 460.95; East Side Jersey Dairy - milk, 1,138.55; Amber Groft - lunch refund, 200.00; The Meathouse - local burger, 809.00; Performance Foodservice - food, 7,233.35; SD DOE - food, 1,108.23; US Foods - food, 4,337.01. Total Enterprise - \$27,146.13. OST: Net Payroll - 2,528.14; Benefits - 1,430.27; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 6,656.89. Total OST - \$10,615.30. DRIVERS ED: Net Payroll - 0.00; Benefits - 0.00; MJ's Sinclair - parts/repair to driver's ed car, 154.95. Total Driver's Ed: \$154.95. CUSTODIAL FUND: 60,336.29. RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 460,582.56; Local Sources, Other - 0.00; County Sources - 2,569.61; State Sources - 20,860.00; Federal Sources - 8,772.44. Total Receipts - 492,784.61. 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. Continued discussion regarding potential school district FY2025 Opt-Out. Superintendent Schwan presented information to the board. No action was taken. The following items were discussed in administrative re-

ports: J. Schwan reported the health science lab is completed, an update on the HVAC and fiber project, food service administrative review, 1003 school improvement grant, state budget address/state superintendent meeting, and region five superintendent meeting. B Schwan reported elementary enrollment at 304 students, South Dakota Comprehensive Needs Assessment Framework and Process, OST fundraiser, MAPS testing, LEA and School-wide plans to practice professional development, and PAC Movie Night happening December 1st. S. Edwards reported positive media attention in the health science lab, Veterans Day assembly, mandatory fire drills, dual credit, and fall sports wrap-up. Hubsch reported quarterly reports completed, ESSER II closeout, food service review, board stipends, electronic filing for tax forms, Eide Bailly will be coming Nov. 27-Dec 1 for 2023 audit, shared good news report-health science collaboration with Sun Dial Nursing Home, Pat's Closet Clean Out, SD School Superintendents Association naming Joe Schwan 2023 Innovator of the Year award recipient. Superintendent Schwan discussed 2022-2023 District and School Report Card. Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis, to approve Tanner

Pietz, K-12 Vocal Music Teacher, starting approximately December 11, 2023, at \$24,750 with a K-12 vocal music stipend of \$990. Motion carried. Moved by Rix, second by Harder, to approve Troy Zoellner as JH Wrestling Coach for the 2023-2024 season at \$2,250. Motion carried. Moved by Harder, second by Lerseth-Flihs to approve volunteer assistants Becky Hearnen-Girls Basketball, Chris Ehresman-Wrestling, and Jeremy Krueger-Wrestling Motion carried. President Gengerke declared a short recess at 8:40pm. President Gengerke declared recess over at 8:44pm and declared the board to go into executive session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(2) student issue, and SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel issue. Moved by Pharis, second by Flihs, Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 9:26pm. Moved by Pharis, second Harder to adjourn at 9:27p.m. Motion carried. Becky Hubsch, Business Manager Deborah Gengerke, President The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official. Published November 22 and 29, 2023, at the total approximate cost of \$152.61 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 77715

**GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

|                               | General Fund          | Assigned Gen Fund   | Capital Outlay        | Special Education    | Bond Redemption | Food Service         | OST                 | Driver's Ed        | Custodial            |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>OCT. 1 2023</b>            | <b>\$1,230,941.87</b> | <b>\$149,693.76</b> | <b>\$588,150.69</b>   | <b>\$288,815.28</b>  | <b>\$21.37</b>  | <b>\$155,159.65</b>  | <b>\$24,213.72</b>  | <b>\$18,393.27</b> | <b>\$191,939.88</b>  |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>               |                       |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    |                      |
| Local Sources                 | \$252,600.91          | \$478.21            | \$70,948.36           | \$33,624.74          | (\$0.94)        | \$17,298.36          | \$15,658.02         |                    | \$69,974.90          |
| County Sources                | \$2,569.61            |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    |                      |
| State Sources                 |                       |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    |                      |
| State Aid                     | \$20,860.00           |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    |                      |
| State Apportionment           |                       |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    |                      |
| State Reimbursements          |                       |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    |                      |
| Bank Franchise                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    |                      |
| Federal Sources               | \$0.00                |                     |                       |                      |                 | \$8,772.44           |                     |                    |                      |
| Sale of Assets                | \$0.00                |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    |                      |
| Due from Govt                 |                       |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    |                      |
| Transfer In/Out               |                       |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    |                      |
| <b>TOTAL MONTHLY RECEIPTS</b> | <b>\$276,030.52</b>   | <b>\$478.21</b>     | <b>\$70,948.36</b>    | <b>\$33,624.74</b>   | <b>(\$0.94)</b> | <b>\$26,070.80</b>   | <b>\$15,658.02</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>      | <b>\$69,974.90</b>   |
| <b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>        | <b>\$1,506,972.39</b> | <b>\$150,171.97</b> | <b>\$659,099.05</b>   | <b>\$322,440.02</b>  | <b>\$20.43</b>  | <b>\$181,230.45</b>  | <b>\$39,871.74</b>  | <b>\$18,393.27</b> | <b>\$261,914.78</b>  |
| <b>MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS</b>  | <b>(\$449,373.46)</b> | <b>(\$2,110.28)</b> | <b>(\$306,853.87)</b> | <b>(\$84,285.24)</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>(\$28,827.20)</b> | <b>(\$3,958.41)</b> | <b>(\$129.99)</b>  | <b>(\$60,336.29)</b> |
| <b>JOURNAL ENTRIES</b>        |                       |                     |                       |                      |                 |                      |                     |                    | <b>(\$470.32)</b>    |
| <b>OCT. 31, 2023</b>          | <b>\$1,057,598.93</b> | <b>\$148,061.69</b> | <b>\$352,245.18</b>   | <b>\$238,154.78</b>  | <b>\$20.43</b>  | <b>\$152,403.25</b>  | <b>\$35,913.33</b>  | <b>\$18,263.28</b> | <b>\$201,108.17</b>  |

| GENERAL FUND                          | SPECIAL EDUCATION             | FOOD SERVICE                     | OST                          | Driver's Education      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Payroll                               | Payroll                       | Payroll                          | Payroll                      | Payroll                 |
| Instruction \$219,875.23              | Instruction \$35,858.58       | Instruction \$6,613.85           | Instruction \$2,528.14       | Instruction \$-         |
| Employee Benefits \$169,834.11        | Employee Benefits \$26,967.73 | Employee Benefits \$4,934.17     | Employee Benefits \$1,430.27 | Employee Benefits \$-   |
| Supplies, Utilities, Etc. \$61,774.40 | Supplies, Etc. \$21,458.93    | Food, Supplies, Etc. \$17,279.18 | Supplies, Etc. \$-           | Supplies, Etc. \$129.99 |
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Sometimes, life can put us in troubled situations and sadness. However, giving thanks no matter the situation links us directly to God and the angels. So take time to appreciate the craziness that life comes with and our lives will be filled with more joy. Happy Thanksgiving from

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A Bounty of Thanks

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. ~Melody Beattie

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A Time To Give Thanks

Here's hoping all your prayers are answered during this holiday season. We're counting our blessings and your friendship is at the top of the list!

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

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# Groton Area Junior Kindergarten Students are Thankful for Thanksgiving



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Veda Stiegelmeier is the daughter of Jordan and Whitney Stiegelmeier. I am thankful for food because it fills my tummy up and it tastes good, I really like rice.



Brecken Swanson is the son of Scott and Jenna Swanson. I am just thankful for my mom because she let's me go to hotels to go swimming.



Brooks Vedvei is the son of Scott and Sara Vedvei. I am thankful for my remote-control car and my mom because she let me get it at the store.



Zoey Strom is the daughter of Nicholas and Jenna Strom. I am thankful for my family because I love them, and they are nice to me.

*"Wishing you the happiness of good friends, the joy of a happy family, and the wonder of the holiday season. Have a memorable thanksgiving!"*



**Greg Johnson**  
**Construction**  
 Bristol



Clayton Morehouse is the son of Justin and Amanda Morehouse. I am thankful for family because they are nice to me.



Mikkal Neel is the son of Michael and Kayla Neel. I am thankful for my mom and dad because I love them.



Laiken Neigel is the son of Tyler and Autumn Neigel. I am thankful for my mom and family because I love them.



Dylan Roble-Rodriguez is the son of Ana Rodriguez. I am thankful for my house and food because I love them.

*Wishing you the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this thanksgiving day!*



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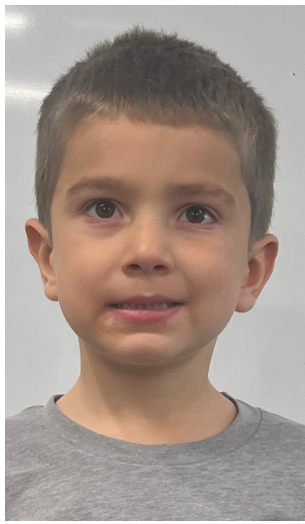
*Bountiful Blessings*  
*at Thanksgiving*

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**Briggs Eichler** is the son of Collin and Emily Eichler. I am thankful for my puppy Max because he chases me.



**Huntley Frost** is the son of Christopher and Samantha Frost. I am thankful for my mom because I love her.



**BayleeAnn Kupcho** is the daughter of Hacob Kupcho and McKenzie Wright. I am thankful for my family because I like playing games with me.



**Regan Lemke** is the daughter of Jonathan and Jordan Lemke. I am thankful for my family because I like them.



**Beckett Rose** is the son of Ian and Karen Rose. I am thankful for my house because we can live in it and play with toys.



**Jackson Steffes** is the son of Jared and Jennifer Steffes. I am thankful for my grandpa because he loves me, and he took care of me when I was sick.



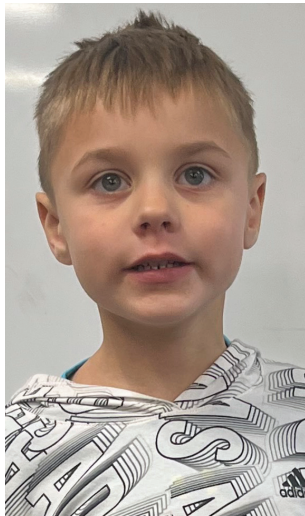
**Kyle Tarpein** is the son of Ryan and Amanda Tarpein. I am thankful for going swimming because it makes me happy.



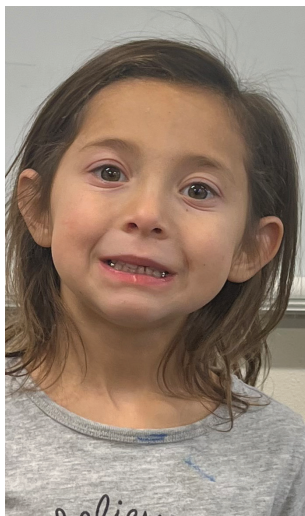
**Ava Wiseman** is the daughter of Dustin and Kandis Wiseman. I am thankful for my family because they are my favorite people.



**Joseph Bosmoe** is the son of Justin Bosmoe and Gabriella Cutler. I am thankful for my family because I love them so much.



**Jaiden Johnson** is the son of Jerry and Rebecah Johnson. I am thankful for my dad because he plays my favorite game with me.



**Harper Harry** is the daughter of Kristopher and Alison Harry. I am thankful for my mom and my friends because I like them.


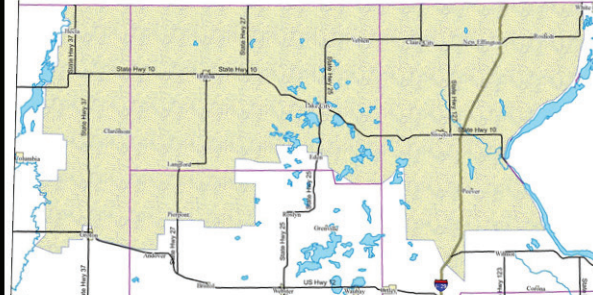
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*Happy Thanksgiving!*



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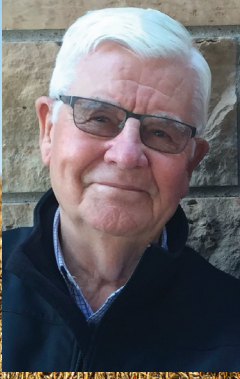
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**Operation Christmas Child collection site in Bristol**  
Westside Wesleyan Church of Bristol has been a drop-off point for Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes for six years. The Bristol location is the drop off for groups, individuals and churches contributing to the Operation Christmas Child program in northeast South Dakota. Pictured are Jeff (left) and Brooke (right) Smidt along with Jeff's mom, Tandra (middle). Last year 594 boxes were left off. Monday is

the last day for delivery. From there, the trailer will be taken to Sioux Falls, then to Denver and then to North Carolina where the boxes will be sorted and sent to various places around the world. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

"Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds." -Theodore Roosevelt



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Frosty is Back!!!

Please check the Groton Daily Independent for daily clues as to who the Groton Area Mystery Frosty is. The unveiling of Frosty will take place at the Groton Area Snow Queen and Talent Contest on Sunday, November 26th at 4:00pm. The Groton Chamber voted to gift Snow Queen \$100 in Chamber Bucks for the winner of the Mystery Frosty competition.



## 2023 Frosty Clues

- I....
- 16.) Played in a state championship game in high school
  - 17.) Have been to five countries in Europe
  - 18.) Am scared of spiders and public speaking
  - 19.) Make a mean chili
  - 20.) Have 2 pets that I LOVE!
  - 21.) Have a YMCA membership
  - 22.) Am married with two kids
  - 23.) Do not live in Groton city limits and work in Aberdeen
  - 24.) Am embarrassed to admit that I am chronically late because I am always trying to multitask
  - 25.) Have to say white water rafting in class four rapids was on of the most fun activities I have ever done

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Squid squirt
- 4 Beloved
- 8 "Ditto"
- 12 "The Simpsons" barkeep
- 13 Killer whale
- 14 Director Kazan
- 15 Get older
- 16 Feel elated
- 18 Two-dot punctuation mark
- 20 Triage ctrs.
- 21 Calendar entry (Abbr.)
- 24 Smiles broadly
- 28 Flight costs
- 32 "Phooey!"
- 33 Hosp. area
- 34 Rich cake
- 36 Quarterback Manning
- 37 Arrears
- 39 NPR show hosted by Terry Gross
- 41 Thoreau piece
- 43 Gym site, for short
- 44 Promptly
- 46 Film trophy
- 50 Rock fan's imaginary instrument
- 55 Employ

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- 56 Satan's purchase
- 57 Separate
- 58 Crib
- 59 Ginormous
- 60 Cookware
- 61 Newt
- 7 Yard tool
- 8 Had a hunch
- 9 Carte lead-in
- 10 Roman 1002
- 11 Corn spike
- 17 Sphere
- 19 Klutz
- 22 Campus VIP
- 23 Towel material
- 25 Vicinity
- 26 Niger's neighbor
- 27 Swizzle
- 28 Staffer
- 29 Frozen deserts
- 30 Abrades
- 31 Goblet feature
- 35 Prom dates
- 38 Snarl
- 40 Owns
- 42 One of us
- 45 Trace
- 47 Rubik's baffler
- 48 "Dream on!"
- 49 Monopoly payment
- 50 Bonfire residue
- 51 Debtor's note
- 52 Bad hairpiece
- 53 Overly
- 54 Illustrations

### DOWN

- 1 Apple computer
- 2 NASA scrub
- 3 Fall (over)
- 4 Memorized
- 5 Historic period
- 6 Off-torn knee part, for short

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## Notice of Regular Annual Meeting Of Full Circle Ag

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of Full Circle Ag, Britton, SD, will be held at the Britton Area Event Center at 1203 3rd St, Britton, SD on Tuesday, December 5th. The meeting will be held at 10:30 am with lunch to follow. The meeting will include the following purposes:

- Review Annual Audit
- Election of Directors
- Any other business to come before the board

This is a very important business meeting of your cooperative; everyone is urged to attend.

Jason Asche, Secretary

# FULL CIRCLE AG

*Tomorrow's Vision Today*



The job of a Groton police officer! Officer Justin Cleveland had to rescue a duck on US Highway 12 near the Sixth Street entrance. There was a call of a duck in the middle of the road. The stunned duck was rescued by Cleveland and was taken off the road. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Classifieds and Card of Thanks

The following rates are for Classifieds published in both the Groton Daily Independent and the Groton Independent. Cut rate in half if you just want it in the GDI or just the weekly.

- 1 Week: \$9 for first 30 words, 20¢/word thereafter
- 2 Wks: \$17 for first 30 words, 38¢/word thereafter
- 3 Wks: \$24 for first 30 words, 54¢/word thereafter
- 4th consecutive week is free

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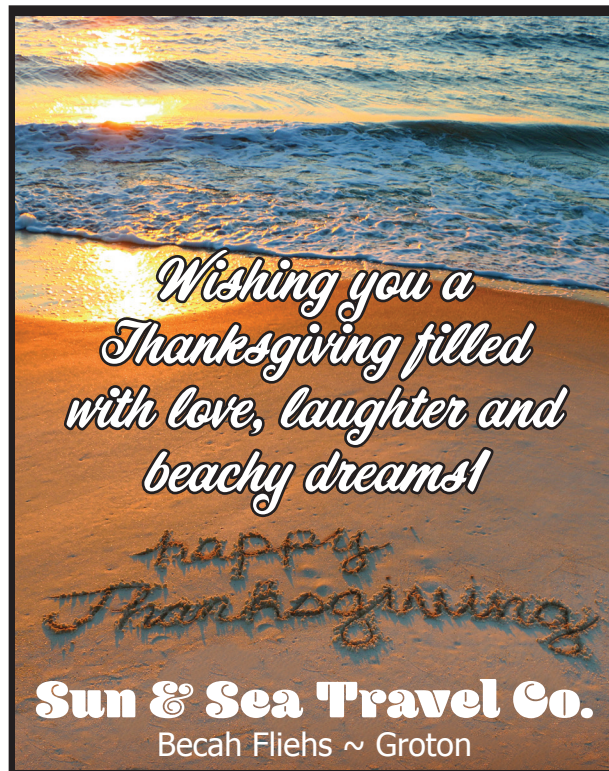
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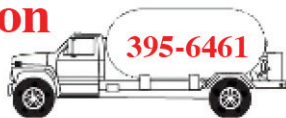
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# We the People

The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



By David Adler

## Justice William O. Douglas: Horatio Alger of the Supreme Court

William O. Douglas, the longest serving Supreme Court Justice in American history (1939-1975), whose outsized life on and off the bench required two autobiographical volumes and inspired both devoted followers and passionate detractors, was at the center of the Court's most important 20th Century rulings. President Franklin D. Roosevelt might have expected as much when he nominated Douglas, just 40 years old,

to replace Justice Louis Brandeis, who was forced by a heart attack to leave the Judicial Palace. At the time of his appointment, Douglas had been an eminent law professor at Columbia and Yale and was at the forefront of important national reforms in the world of law, business, regulation, and the Security and Exchange Commission, where he served as its third chairman.

Roosevelt had eminently good reasons for naming Douglas to the Court. Once seated, Douglas proceeded to influence the direction of the Court for the next 36 years. Anyone serving for so many years in a period that ran from FDR and the heels of the Great Depression, through difficult challenges and cases in the Second World War, through leadership in battling racism and promoting the sea changes in equal protection, through the trauma of McCarthyism and the tumult of the Vietnam War and the 1960s, into the battles for press freedom and the Nixon Presidency, is bound to stir controversy. Douglas did.

To his legion of supporters, Douglas was a Justice committed to democracy and individual liberty, to a galaxy of freedoms—speech, press, and privacy—that defined a free people and a free nation. A true believer in democracy, Douglas perceived freedom of speech as "the glory of our government." He was profoundly committed to the right of the people to hear all the evidence before selecting our nation's leaders. As his career progressed, Justice Douglas came to embrace a Jeffersonian theory of natural rights. He wrote, "The rights of men are inalienable." They inhere, he wrote, "because of the divine spark in every human being."

To his detractors, Douglas was a judicial activist who shunned the duty of craftsmanship and close reasoning in writing opinions. His opinions, they said, resembled hastily written notes on cocktail napkins, reflective of his desire to move to the next project, whether it was a lecture, a book or national and international travel. He was a maverick and led an unconventional lifestyle, marrying his fourth wife when he was 66 and she was 22. In April 1970, President Richard Nixon persuaded then House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford to commence impeachment proceedings against Douglas, the first Justice since Samuel Chase in

1804 to be threatened with removal. The effort against Douglas was defeated in the House Judiciary Committee.

What is most fascinating about William

O. Douglas was the fact that he was the Court's Horatio Alger. As such, his meteoric rise from poverty and illness to elevated stations in the politics, jurisprudence, and life of the nation, punctuated by his appointment to the High Bench at the tender age of 40, was altogether improbable.

Douglas was born in 1898, in Maine, Minnesota, but spent his childhood in Yakima, Washington. His father, a Presbyterian minister, died when Douglas was six years old, leaving his family penniless. His early life was a struggle against poverty and polio, shadowed by a lonely, widowed mother who frequently reminded young William that he would never become the man that his father was.

Douglas was told by doctors that he would never walk again. But he looked to the surrounding Cascade foothills as a therapeutic remedy. He began with baby steps which, in time, led to solitary hikes and, with years of work, a granite-hewed physique that seemed, decades later, out of place in courtrooms filled with attorneys who knew their way around buffets and bars. Douglas said that his long hikes in the Cascades instilled in him a love for the outdoors and the environment, which he championed to the end of his life, plus a deep-seated affection for solitude.

Douglas worked his way through Whitman College, taking jobs as he could find them. His impoverished circumstances forced him, as a student, to live in a tent for at least a year. Following graduation from Whitman in 1920, he taught school for two years and then, with six cents to his name, he "hopped a freight train and rode east," with the intention of enrolling in Columbia Law School in New York City.

The long train ride, Douglas explained in an autobiography, was a life-changing experience, one that shaped his view about the law and law enforcement. He wrote about the fear that he felt when he witnessed "rail-yard bulls"—railroad security agents and police officers—yank hobos from the trains, beat them mercilessly, and take their meager belongings.

Douglas, blessed with a photographic memory and recognized by law faculty members at Columbia as brilliant, graduated near the top of his class, supporting himself through tutoring opportunities and various odd jobs. He observed that his work schedule, from morning to night, left little time for school and study, which meant he "took education on the run."

How a person in Douglas's shoes could emerge as a candidate for one of the nation's highest positions is a fascinating story, which we continue next week.

### Weekly SUDOKU

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Enrich Groton SoDak Inc volunteers worked together Thursday night and packed 49 Thanksgiving food boxes that were delivered to residents in Groton by the Groton Police and Public Works Departments. Boxes include food items for a Thanksgiving meal and families will also get an Elf on the Shelf kit donated by Wage Memorial Library.



Pictured left to right are Ruby Larson, Charlotte Martin, April Abeln, Wendy Monson, Topper Tastad, Brenda McCarthy, Karyn Babcock, Elizabeth Barajas, Diane Warrington, Pat Miller, David Miller. (Courtesy Photo April Abeln)

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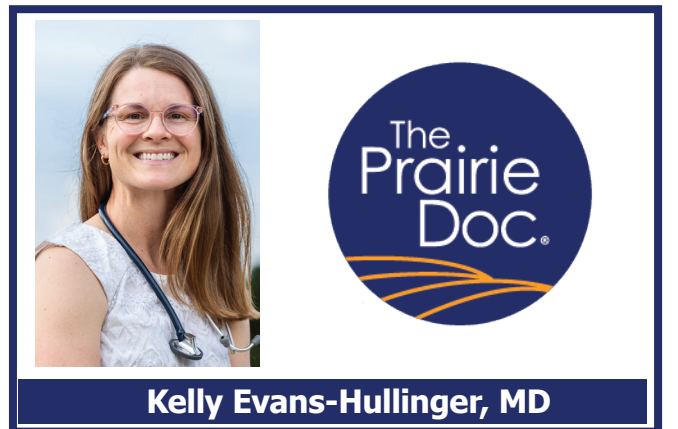
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## Practicing Gratitude

I love Thanksgiving. I love preparing the food all day and enjoying it while sitting around a table with some of the people I love most. And there is one holiday tradition that I have grown to adore. As we sit



down to eat, we share one thing we feel grateful for this year. Practicing gratitude has been shown to improve aspects of mental health and our sense of well-being, and it isn't hard to understand why. Saying or thinking "I am grateful for..." feels really good and doing so regularly can help shape our outlook on the world and our place in it. I know this, and still, I fail to follow through with regularly practicing gratitude like some experts recommend.

There is no time like the present, right? Let's try it. Here are some things this Prairie Doc is feeling particularly thankful for this year:

I am thankful for my health, thankful to be alive. As I grow older, and as I continue to walk with my patients as they encounter disease and sometimes death, the simple wonder of being alive and feeling well has never felt so clear. None of us will avert death but feeling gratitude for life does make each day a little sweeter.

I am grateful for my family and friends who have sustained me through difficult times and shared in my joy. I am on the receiving end of hugs, snuggles, and the hilarious and warm actions of my children, who give me laughter and hope every day.

I am incredibly grateful to be a physician. I feel fortunate to have a profession that gives me meaning and connects me to people and my community. I am indebted to my colleagues and mentors, including my Prairie Doc cohorts and the original Prairie Doc, Rick Holm, who generously shared so much with me about being a physician.

There. That felt good. I hope you'll try it too, around the Thanksgiving table, privately in a journal, or however it works for you. Let's make a habit of practicing gratitude.

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