

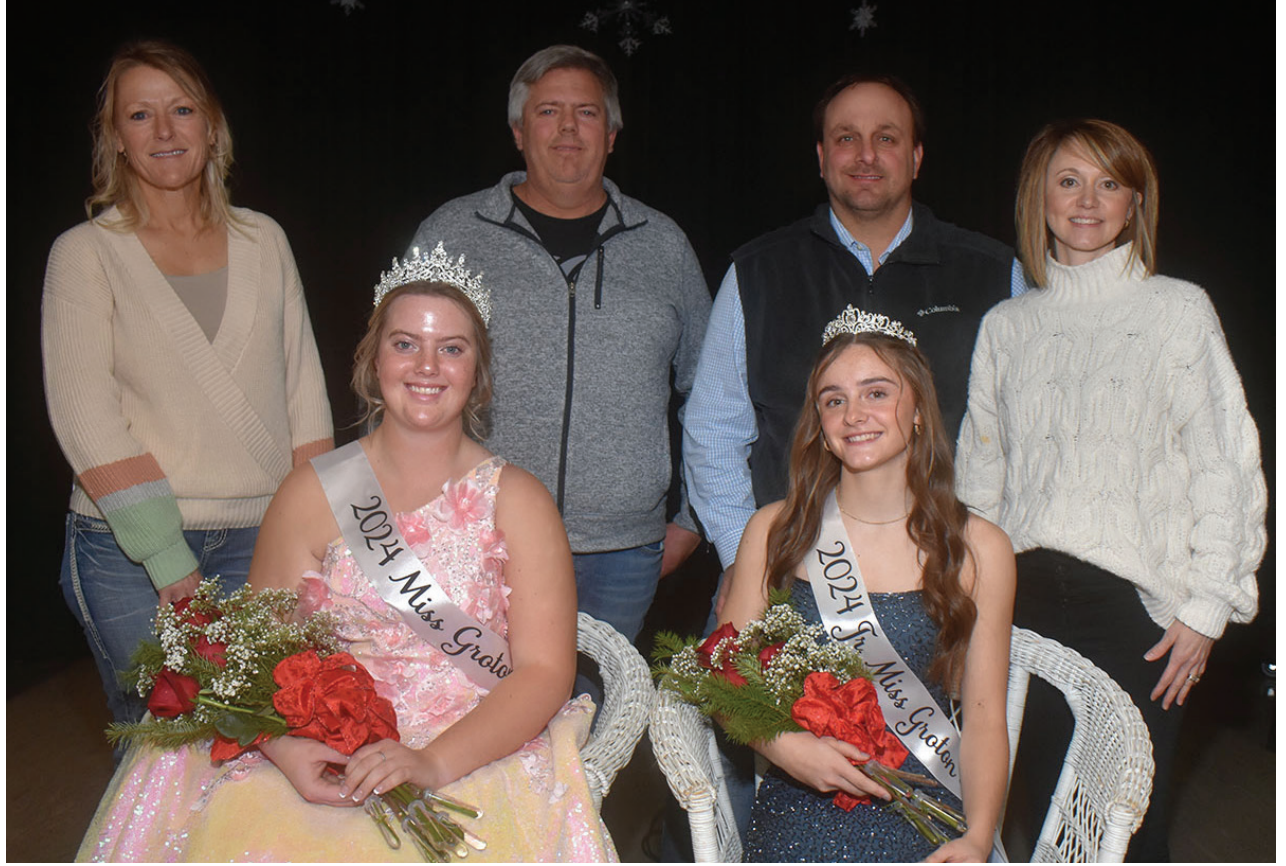
# The Groton Independent

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## Fjeldheim selected as 2023 NEC Volleyball Player of the Year!



Coach Chelsea Hanson said, "Congratulations to Anna Fjeldheim for being selected as the 2023 NEC Volleyball Player of the Year! Player of the year is awarded to one who was unanimously selected to the All-Conference team and then voted upon by all of the coaches. Anna stood next to multiple very talented players on the ballot and I am so proud to have her recognized! She had been a great player and leader for our program and we're so excited to have her represent our school! Great job, Anna!!!"



## 2024 Snow Queen Royalty

Pictured are Senior Snow Queen Faith Flihs, daughter of Raechel Otter and Bret Flihs; and Junior Snow Queen McKenna Tietz, daughter of Tom and Lindsey Tietz. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Zoellner has been knitting mittens for 18 years

by Dorene Nelson

Sharon Zoellner was the guest speaker at Groton Area Elementary school on Monday, November 20. She visited with the students in kindergarten through second grade, ending her presentation with colorful gifts of hand knitted mittens for every child.

"I've been doing this for 18 years now," Zoellner smiled. "I can't just sit around and watch television all of the time, so I like to keep busy and knitting is a good way to do that!"

"I enjoy reading, baking, doing word puzzles, and knitting," she listed. "I make more than just mittens, however. I also make baby booties, afghans, sweaters, Christmas stockings, and caps."

Near the end of her presentation, Zoellner had a little boy show one of the slippers she had made.

"These are for putting in your coat pocket and, after you get inside and take off your boots, you can slip these on to keep your feet warm as you walk around the classroom or your home."

"I have mittens for all of these little kids and like to explain what I do and how it is done," she added. "These are called knitting needles and are what I use to do the knitting."

When Zoellner asked the students what she should do with the extra mittens that she has, several quickly volunteered suggestions. "You could make gifts for Christmas, especially for those kids who don't have any mittens!"

"I love that idea," she exclaimed, "and I have knitted hats for children who have cancer and lose their hair."



Sharon Zoellner handing out mittens. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)



The senior talent winners went to Camryn Kurtz and Gavin Kroll, accompanied by Desiree Yeigh, as they performed Billy Joel's "Piano Man." Kroll bought a harmonica at All State Band and quickly learned how to play it. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kyrie Yeigh sang a song about her dad as she was accompanied by her mom, Desiree Yeigh, which took first place in the junior talent division. Kyrie performed an original song, "Warrior" that they wrote almost four years ago when Kyrie's dad was deployed. Kyrie put together the lyrics and her mom helped with the music. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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# Weekly Vikings Recap - Vikings vs. Bears

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Minnesota Vikings welcomed the Chicago Bears to US Bank Stadium for a Monday night matchup. With this being the last Vikings game before the bye week, it looked like the Vikings may have been looking ahead to their time off rather than getting up for the primetime game as they mustered only 242 total yards of offense and 10 total points.

The first half was an absolute snoozefest for both teams as a total of six points was scored thanks to a field goal by each team. Coming into the game, the main storyline for the Vikings was still the magic of Josh Dobbs. However, the first half was anything but magical as Dobbs threw for only 64 passing yards with two interceptions. Much of the success of the Vikings' offense, if that's what you can call it, came from penalties on the Bears' defense. By the end of the first half, the Vikings' offense had amassed an unimpressive 74 yards of offense with a 0% success rate on third downs.

The Vikings' defense, on the other hand, was much more of a success story. Although the Bears dominated the time of possession in the first half, the majority of their plays amounted to limited yardage as the Vikings' defense did a great job of containing Justin Fields' rushing ability. By halftime, Fields (who was the Bears' leading rusher), only had 21 yards on the ground to show for it.

As the second half began, the same woes continued for the Vikings' offense. On their first two drives, they managed to drive to midfield, only to be stopped on fourth-down both times, the second time resulting in Dobbs' third interception of the game. After the Bears kicked a couple of field goals to go up 9-3, the game seemed all but over as Josh Dobbs threw yet another interception, his fourth of the game.

All season long, the difference between a

win or loss for the Vikings has come down to turnovers. In head coach Kevin O'Connell's tenure, the Vikings are 3-9 when losing the turnover battle, and the team is 16-0. Simply put, turnovers are the main difference between the Vikings being a good to great team.

Nevertheless, all things changed when newly activated defensive lineman, Sheldon Day, recovered a Justin Fields fumble to completely shift the momentum of the game. The Vikings managed to drive down the field for the only touchdown of the game, thanks to a TJ Hockenson catch in the front of the endzone to give the Vikings a 10-9 lead.

Sadly, this would not be the final score, as the Bears got the ball back one more time and drove down the field to kick a game-winning field goal with 10 seconds left.

Vikings 10 - Bears 12

The Vikings now head to the bye week with a 6-6 record. The question will become whether the Vikings keep rolling with Josh Dobbs, who has been a turnover machine the past couple of games or go back with Jaren Hall. Whatever the Vikings do, the room for error has shrunk to almost zero for this team as they cannot afford many more losses if they want to make the playoffs.

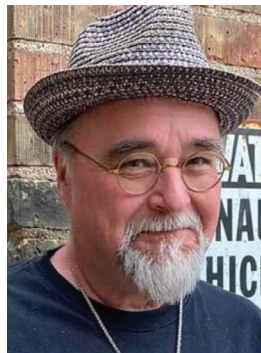
## This and that Prairie fare

It's been a good month for taste buds. With Thanksgiving, November's always going to be a win—with one possible exception, the raging debate over green bean hot dish. I don't think they have green bean hot dish in Switzerland because no one is neutral on that issue.

Politically, we may argue about a lot of things, but if you want to see North Dakotans at odds, try to make green bean hot dish the official hot dish of the state. I like vegetables well enough, but I resent culinary trickery in which duplicitous chefs hide things in the food that are good for you.

I remember my sister Patty, not known as a troublemaker, quietly picking the kidney beans out of her chili every time Mom served it. This was no small act of defiance. We were old school, and if we didn't eat everything we took, my father would warn ominously that "One of these days you're going to have to eat gopher tails. Or green bean salad." He was not to be trifled with, yet, quiet little Patty drew her line in the chili and he never crossed it. I respect that. In our family, even the nice kids are assassins.

I prefer a lard-based diet. On that count, liv-



## That's Life

by Tony Bender

ing in North Dakota can be amazing. I stopped at the Sterling Truck Stop last week for lunch and what did I find—fresh Fleischkuekle! A miracle! Especially because it was spelled correctly. Of course, many German delicacies in North Dakota have multiple spellings. That's why you'll never find "Fleischkuekle" on a spelling test. If you use an "F" or even a "PH" they have to count it.

### Minnesota's flag dilemma

Speaking of turmoil, there's a great deal of it emanating from Minnesota as a committee of colorblind myopic subversives has narrowed down the six finalists for the state's new flag. Yes, all art is subjective, but subjectively they're objectively awful. Nondescript. Boring.

Inconceivably, the 2,600 other submissions were even worse. That poor committee is probably traumatized. If there's such a thing as Post-Traumatic Art Syndrome, they've got it. Some of the 13 committee members fussed about some aspects—loons, trees and wildflowers—not being representative of the entire state. Neither is lutefisk in North Dakota, but I'm not willing to die on that hill. I'm an agnostic.

Not that Minnesota should ask North Dakota for advice. Remember when Doug Burgum re-invented our "Legendary" logo with Helvetica? At least it was efficient governance. Awful, but efficient. No committee. Just a bad decision. Bada-bing, we're done here. Living up to the nation's expectations. Simple. Boring.

A man's got to know his limitations. Imagine if he'd have tried to incorporate Fleischkuekle? There is no way possible to make Fleischkuekle look like anything but something that comes out of the south end of a buffalo. Sometimes the best decisions are the decisions we don't make. Or something. (I used to write for Yogi Berra.)

Minnesota should have hired just one artist. "Excuse me, Mr. Pollock, did you spill paint?"

"Nice soup can, Andy, but couldn't you make it loon soup?"

"Uh, Pablo, it's uh... interesting. But I don't think we can have boobs on the state flag. Especially square ones."

### You can put Christmas lights up now

I'm a traditionalist. It just doesn't feel right to see Christmas decorations in stores before Halloween. But now that Thanksgiving is past, have at it.

The kids are hit and miss at Christmas, nowadays, so I don't decorate, mostly because my enthusiasm for decorating is much greater than it is for un-decorating. I think it's seasonal affective disorder. Or as my mom used to call it, laziness.

One year, I kept a long needled Blue Spruce up until Valentines Day. The kittens loved it. That was all well and good because I didn't get a lot of company so I didn't have to explain myself, but I learned my lesson. I tried but didn't get all the needles removed from the carpet so I spent the following months "discovering" the ones I'd missed with my bare feet. It was September before I got them all, which was fortuitous. I'm not saying I nearly bled out, but I was becoming anemic.

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Dec. 9 ..... Santa Claus Day  
Dec. 21 ..... Elementary Christmas Concert (1:00)  
Dec. 21 ..... Early Dismissal (2:00)  
Dec. 21 ..... End of First Semester  
Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Christmas Vacation  
Jan. 3 ..... School Resumes  
Jan. 28 ..... Robotics Pancake Feed  
Jan. 28 ..... Carnival of Silver Skates  
Feb. 15 ..... P-T Conferences (1:30-8:00)  
Feb. 16 ..... NO SCHOOL - Faculty Inservice  
Feb. 19 ..... NO SCHOOL - President's Day  
Mar. 8 ..... End of Third Quarter  
Mar. 14-15 ..... NO SCHOOL - Spring Break  
Mar. 23 ..... Lions Easter Egg Hunt  
Mar. 29-Apr. 1 NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation  
Apr. 12 ..... All School Play, 4 p.m.  
Apr. 13 ..... All School Play, 10 a.m.  
Apr. 7 ..... POPS Concert (2 p.m., 5 p.m.)  
Apr. 17 ..... FCCLA Banquet  
Apr. 20 ..... PROM  
Apr. 20 ..... Firemen's Spring Social (7:00)  
Apr. 21 ..... Princess Prom (4:30)  
Apr. 25 ..... MS Spring Concert (7:00)  
Apr. 30 ..... Elementary Spring Concert (7:00)  
May 2 ..... HS Concert/Awards Night (7:00)  
May 4 ..... Lions Citywide Rummage Day  
May 12 ..... Graduation (2:00)  
May 15 ..... End of 2nd Semester  
May 16 ..... Faculty In-Service

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Sat., Dec. 2 at Clark/Willow Lake Tournament, 9:30  
Fri., Dec. 8 JH at Sisseton, 4:30  
Mon., Dec. 11 Junior High at Webster, 4:30  
Mon., Dec. 11 JV Jamboree at Madison, 5:00  
Thurs., Dec. 14 NEC at Milbank, 4:00  
Thurs., Dec. 14 NEC at Webster, 4:00  
Sat., Dec. 16 at South Border (Ashley), 9:00  
Sat., Dec. 16 at Sioux Valley, 10:00  
Mon., Dec. 18 JV/JH at McCook Central (Salem), 5:00  
Thurs., Dec. 21 at McCook Central (Salem), 4:00  
Thurs., Dec. 21 at Sisseton (w/Lisbon & Ortonville), 5:00  
Fri., Dec. 29 at Webster, 10:00  
Fri., Dec. 29 at Webster, 10:00  
Tue., Jan. 2 JV/JH at Oakes, 4:30  
Thurs., Jan. 4 at Webster (w/Redfield), 6:00  
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Fri., Jan. 5 JH Meet at Milbank, 5:00  
Sat., Jan. 6 at Garretson, 9:30  
Sat., Jan. 6 at Lyman  
Mon., Jan. 8 JV Invitational at Madison, 9:00  
Mon., Jan. 8 JV/JH Meet in Groton, 5:00  
Fri., Jan. 12 at Harrisburg, 2:00  
Sat., Jan. 13 at Gettysburg, 10:00  
Sat., Jan. 13 JH/JV at Gettysburg, 10:00  
Sat., Jan. 13 at Gettysburg, 10:00  
Mon., Jan. 15 JV/JH Meet at Redfield, 6:00  
Tue., Jan. 16 Groton Area (w/Clark & Hamlin)  
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Tue., Jan. 16 JH Meet at Simmons Middle School, 4:00  
Fri., Jan. 19 at Deuel, 6:00  
Fri., Jan. 19 at Pierre, 4:00  
Sat., Jan. 20 JV Invitational at Pierre, 11:00  
Sat., Jan. 20 at Arlington, 10:00  
Sat., Jan. 20 at Arlington, 10:00  
Sat., Jan. 22 JH/JV Meet at Ipswich, 6:00  
Sat., Jan. 27 Groton Tourney, 10:00  
Sat., Jan. 27 Groton Tourney, 10:00  
Fri., Feb. 2 at Lyman, TBD  
Sat., Feb. 3 at Stanley County, 10:00  
Sat., Feb. 3 at Yankton, 9:00  
Sat., Feb. 10 JH State at Pierre, 9:00  
Sat., Feb. 10 at Brandon Valley  
Sat., Feb. 17 Region at Gettysburg  
Feb. 22-24: State at Sioux Falls

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Tues., Feb. 13 Junior High at Waubay - 7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:15  
Fri., Feb. 16 Britton-Hecla  
(Boys 7th at 3:30 - Gym, Boys 8th at 4:30-Gym, Girls JV at 4:00, Boys JV at 5:00, Girls Varsity, Boys Varsity to follow)  
Sat., Feb. 17 at Florence/Henry  
(Henry School: 7th at 11 a.m., 8th at Noon, C at 1:00; JV at 2:00, Varsity to follow)  
Tues., Feb. 20 Region 1A at high seed  
Thurs., Feb. 22 Region 1A at high seed  
Fri., Feb. 23 Aberdeen Christian  
(1 JH game at 4:00, JV at 6:00, Varsity to follow)  
Tues., Feb. 27 Region 1A at high seed  
Thurs., Feb. 29 SoDak 16  
Fri., Mar. 1 Region 1A at high seed  
Tues., Mar. 5 SoDak 16  
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## Westport Town

Nov. 6, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting  
November 6th, 2023

The Town of Westport met on November 6th, 2023 with Jason & Jennifer Bender, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson, Larry Schmit and Doreen Hertel present. The following expenses were presented:

- City General NWPS- utility (\$379.83), Groton Independent-newspaper (\$15.45), Brown County Treasurer- mosquito spraying (\$400.00), SDML Workers Compensation (\$523.00), David's Lawn and Snow-cemetery maintenance (\$400.00), DSG-parts(\$203.25)
- Sewer NWPS-Utilities (34.29) & NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13)
- Water WEB (\$2,110.27).

Mitch Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Shane Storm.

The following deposits were presented:

- City General Brown County Collections (\$294.65), State of SD (\$7,174.33), & Interest (\$209.14).

Resident Payments - (\$960.00).

Water Resident Payments - (\$4,169.77).

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
2024 liquor license for The Shed was approved. Snow removal contract was signed with B&B for the 2023-2024 winter.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer Published November 29, 2023, at the total approximate cost of \$15.18 and may be viewed free of charge at [www.sdpublicnotices.com](http://www.sdpublicnotices.com). 22721

## Brown County

Nov. 21, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

November 21, 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, Gage, and Sutton. Absent were Commissioners Fjeldheim and Wiese. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Dennert.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Gage moved to approve the agenda with removing MOU for SDSU for 4-H Advisor due to further discussion needed to be had, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ORDINANCE #261 - FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #261. Applicant Brown County Planning & Zoning requesting to add to Title 4 Zoning, Chapters 4.2015 "Fences". All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (The full proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning & Zoning Office during regular business hours.)

**NE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (NECOG) - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):** Ted Dickey, NECOG Program Coordinator met with the Commission regarding the CDBG Grant for the YMCA Youth Development Center addition. First item presented was the Administration Contract between NECOG and Brown County for the administration of the CDBG Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 which is paid for entirely out of the CDBG Grant. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Administration Contract between NECOG and Brown County for the construction of the addition to the YMCA Youth Development Center. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Next item Ted presented was the Drawdown Request #1 for a total of \$597,433.94, requesting approval and authorization of signature. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Drawdown Request #1. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Final items presented by Ted were the Initial Requirement Documents which include Equal Employment Opportunity Policy; Resolution Assuring Fair Housing; Excessive Force Policy;

Certification Regarding Restrictions on Lobbying; Relocation, Displacement and Acquisition Plan and Code of Conduct Policy. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Initial Requirement Documents listed above. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RFP FOR SHERIFF OFFICE IN-CAR CAMERAS & DEPUTY BODY CAMERAS:** Dave Luntzman, Sheriff presented an RFP for the Commission to get approval and authorization for publication requesting proposals for new body camera and in car camera systems. After some discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to authorize advertising for the RFP for new body camera and in car camera systems for the Sheriff Deputies with an open date of December 12, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TIF ADMINISTRATION FEE:** Commissioner Gage shared that after some discussion with the Department of Revenue, Counties are allowed to charge an Administrative Fee for the work that County Offices put into TIFs. County offices involved include Equalization, Auditor's Office, Treasurer, Planning & Zoning and GIS, there is a lot of expense at the County level but there is no tax base to offset that because with a TIF it is locked up for 20 years. There are currently 27 TIFs that are active; 26 are in Aberdeen City and 1 with Brown County. Ross Aldental, State Attorney Deputy shared that he has reached out to another County that has an agreement with a Municipality to put that in the development plan - since they don't originate with the County, we don't really have a say in the matter. SDCL 11-9-15 is specific to municipal not counties. Our goal would be to pass a Resolution with an Administrative Fee for the County, stated Chairman Sutton. Commissioner Gage reiterated that due to the number of TIFs, it puts a large burden on what the County must handle for the 20 years of each TIF. Chairman Sutton shared that at the District Meeting, Brown County is tied at #2 in the State for the number of TIFs, Pennington County is #1 and Brown County and Codington County are tied at #2, followed by Minnehaha County.

**FLOOD PLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS:** Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director met with the Commission to discuss the Flood Plain Development Permits that Townships need to complete when there is a Flood to recoup costs for gravel or culvert repairs or replacements through FEMA. Normally, Emergency Management does the meetings with the Townships and works with FEMA. What is happening is that the Townships are sending their documentation into FEMA, but then FEMA is sending it back because they are missing the Flood Plain Permit that is issued by a Flood Plain Administrator. Then its crunch time because of the deadlines that it needs to be submitted. Scott contacted the State Emergency Management office to see about adding a line item, so the Townships are aware of this step before they submit their documents to FEMA. Scott questioned if they want the County Emergency Management Director, Scott Meints to inform them or he could attend the meetings, also to visit with the Townships. After further discussion, it was decided the Emergency Management Department will notify the entities to contact Scott Bader, Planning and Zoning Director. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent would like to be included in this process as well, so he is aware of what they are applying for when it comes to the recovery of the roads if they are going to be using FEMA funds then the Highway Department needs have this permit before proceeding with their process. Scott Bader also shared that he is going to attend the Equalization Township meeting in March and visit with the Board Members at that meeting as well.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the General Meeting minutes of November 14, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$131.91; Birmingham & Cwack Law Offices, PLLC \$278.20; Brick's TV and Appliance \$1,650.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,211.64; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$7,211.64; Den Herder Law Firm \$172.36; Dependable Sanita-

tion, Inc \$41,027.20; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$7,211.64; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$457.16; Jerald M. McNeary \$7,211.64; Jeremy Lund-Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$7,211.64; John Noyes-Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$7,211.64; Krista Heeren-Graber \$500.00; Kuck Law Office \$7,211.64; Natrona County Sheriff's Office \$55.00; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$780.00; Saber Shred Solutions, Inc \$3,975.35; SD Assoc of County Officials \$100.00; SD Dept of Health \$2,810.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$7,211.64; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$100.00; Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office \$75.00. Publishing: Black Hills Pioneer \$13.10; GateHouse Media California Holdings, Inc \$33.20; Gatehouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc \$337.99; Groton Daily Independent \$183.79; Lakota Times \$27.20; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$3,060.00. Rentals: H & H Farms \$250.00; Les Frohling \$200.00; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$49.16; Ron Jacobson \$250.00; Titan Machinery \$455.00. Repairs & Maintenance: 5D Transport, LLC \$6,480.00; Butler Machinery Company \$836.40; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$2,183.50; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$157.46; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$51.00; IMEG Corp \$33,543.30; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$9.61; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$1,101.56; Safety Service \$65.00; Sewer Duck, Inc \$85.00; Titan Machinery \$10,272.80; Traffic Solutions, Inc \$1,098.20; Webster Scale \$22,368.05; Woodman Refrigeration \$8,885.86. Supplies: Abigail Johnson \$20.00; Advance Auto Parts \$1,277.97; Agtegra Cooperative \$2,670.26; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$408.08; Anna Johnson \$23.33; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$562.04; Birmingham & Cwack Law Offices, PLLC \$6.65; Century Business Products \$165.49; Cole Paper Inc \$1,156.00; Elite Unmanned LLC \$239.00; Gillund Enterprises \$252.20; Graham Tire Inc \$1,981.35; Hall Sand & Gravel, Inc \$9,398.81; J.D. Power \$351.00; Jordenne DuCheny \$81.67; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$471.04; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$711.60; MacQueen Emergency \$781.84; Menards \$646.15; Midstates Group \$47.50; Norman Johnson \$20.00; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC \$15,000.00; Runnings \$699.97; Safety Service \$1,669.10; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,894.62; Titan Machinery \$680.85; Traffic Solutions, Inc \$53,806.97; WEB Water Bottling Company \$27.75; Woodman Refrigeration \$354.17. Travel & Conference: Adelaide Mounga \$213.86; Axon Enterprise, Inc \$495.00; Bill Donaldson \$24.48; Clubhouse Hotel & Suites Pierre \$760.60; Lynn Heupel \$114.11; Michael Wiese \$108.86; Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center \$107.00; Safe Harbor \$500.00. Utilities: CenturyLink \$1,323.41; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$321.47; City of Hecla \$176.34; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$513.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$209.10; Midcontinent Communications \$4.62; Northwestern Energy \$1,087.07; NVC \$3,828.61; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$96.47; Verizon Wireless \$1,467.04. Machinery & Equipment: CommTech Inc \$34,009.66. Others: Butler Machinery Company \$1,000.00; Safe Harbor \$755.00; SD Assoc of County Officials \$788.00.

**Payroll:** Commissioner \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,578.58; SA \$33,002.19; Maintenance \$10,336.74; Assessor \$15,143.68; Register of Deeds \$9,932.81; VSO \$4,254.10; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$9,274.46; HR \$4,698.75; Sheriff \$53,329.37; Jail \$65,101.83; Coroner \$683.60; Court Security \$7,980.01; JDC \$33,957.83; Welfare \$2,336.49; Museum \$11,605.18; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,918.00; Fair Board \$4,107.21; 4-H \$786.80; Weed \$3,131.79; Planning & Zoning \$7,232.60; Highway \$53,833.44; Dispatch \$36,580.98; Emergency \$4,808.51; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,673.89; Landfill \$18,004.34; Meal Benefits \$28.00; FICA \$25,672.66; Medicare \$6,004.09; Discovery\_HSA \$ 1,739.78; Retirement\_SDRS \$54,266.98. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Hiring of Cheyenne Neck as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$20.67/hr. - effective November 19, 2023.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:** Moved

by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Sutton to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following lease agreement: Tom Aman for lease of 37 10' Concrete Jersey Barriers on November 19, 2023, to December 18, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the Travel Request for Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent to attend Lake Region District Meeting in Veblen on November 16, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Contracts for Planning & Zoning 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 Dennert, seconded by Gage 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

### Body / In Car

### Camara Bids

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Body Camera & In Car Camera Systems

The Brown County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is requesting proposals for new body camera and in car camera systems for the Sheriff's Deputies. The goal of this process is to equip the certified law enforcement officers of the Brown County Sheriff's Office with body worn cameras to assist in their daily enforcement activities, as well as in-car cameras for those who are issued a patrol car.

Requested services include providing the camera systems as well as admin features such as:

- 12 Car camera systems capable of uploading video remotely.
- 18 body worn cameras that will sync with the in-car camera system.
- Mounting hardware for both camera systems.
- Secure software for managing videos.
- Secure system for dissemination of videos to stakeholders.

The BCSO has determined that due to the variations across platforms for this specific type of equipment and in order to meet the needs of local law enforcement a competitive sealed bids process is not practicable, nor is it advantageous.

Sealed proposals are due prior to 8:45am on December 12, 2023, to the Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market St., Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

The BCSO will review proposals from all candidates. These proposals will be evaluated based on cost, features, and convenience. Brown County reserves the right to reject all proposals at any time during the process. All proposals will be treated as closed records until a contract award. This RFP is not a contract and does not in any way bind the County to any obligations. The County is not responsible for costs incurred by anyone responding to the Request for Proposal. Upon submission, all proposals become the property of the County which retains the right to use any concept or idea presented in any proposal submitted, whether or not that proposal is accepted. The County expressly reserves the right to amend or withdraw this RFP at any time.

Any questions can be directed to: Chief Deputy Jon Lemke by phone at (605) 626-7100 Ext. 501 or via email at [jon.lemke@browncounty.sd.gov](mailto:jon.lemke@browncounty.sd.gov).

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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## Frederick School Nov. 14, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #6-2

Regular Board of Education  
Meeting

November 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Also present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Koster, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Others in attendance: Marty Morlock, Noah Kippely, Jeff Kippely, Titus Kippely, Mathew Kolb and Brayden Sumption.

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

Noah Kippely addressed the Board during Public Comment.

2024-041 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to amend the agenda to move Action Item – Drinking Fountains before Conflict of Interest Disclosures. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-042 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to leave the drinking fountains as is. Aye – Achen, Ellwein, Hart, Sumption; Nay: Schlosser. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2024-043 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

a. October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

b. October 2023 Payroll

c. October 2023 Financial Report

d. November 2023 Bills

e. Transfer \$250,000 from General Savings to Checking

Financial Report:  
General Fund- Checking: Bal 10-1-23: \$196,581.31; Receipts: \$85,760.93; Disbursements: \$205,299.63; Bal 10-31-23 \$205,299.63. Investments: Bal 10-1-23: \$684,637.16; Interest: \$34,690.51; Bal 10-31-23: \$719,327.67. Ending Fund Balance: \$796,370.28.

Imprest Fund: Bal 10-1-23: \$2,342.88; Receipts: \$2,692.12; Disbursements: \$2,130.97; Bal 10-31-23 \$2,904.03.

Capital Outlay Fund- Checking: Bal 10-1-23: \$891,082.10; Receipts: \$10,803.84; Disbursements: \$15,292.99; Bal 10-31-23 \$886,592.95. Investments: Bal 10-31-23: \$1,553,800.96. Ending Fund Balance: \$2,440,393.91.

Special Education Fund- Checking: Bal 10-1-23: \$37,097.93; Receipts: \$5,322.07; Disbursements: \$28,638.67; Bal 10-31-23 \$13,781.33. Investments: Bal 10-31-23: \$1,443,913.67. Ending Fund Balance: \$1,457,695.00.

Food Service Fund: Bal 10-1-23: \$14,951.15; Receipts: \$9,892.63; Disbursements: \$10,983.07; Bal 10-31-23 \$13,860.71.

Drivers Ed Fund: Bal 10-31-23 \$0.4.

Custodial Fund: Bal 10-1-23: \$40,558.51; Receipts: \$17,584.87; Disbursements: \$10,145.63; Bal 10-31-23 \$47,997.75.

Ovid J Stevens Scholarship: Checking: Bal 10-31-23 \$85. Investments: Bal 10-31-23: \$25,499.86. Ending Fund Balance: \$25,500.71.

Claims approved: General Fund salaries 111,239.22; Special Education salaries 15,251.25; Food Service salaries 3,473.52. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 35,067.16; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,147.27; American Funds, retirement 638.89; Delta Dental, insurance 2,629.16; Northern Plains Insurance Pool 15,610.47; The Standard, life insurance 247.75; Security Benefits, retirement 2,177.78; Optilegra, vision insurance 478.01; SD Retirement 18,235.58; SD Retirement Supplemental, 4,478.22. Total: \$210,674.28.

Bills approved: General Fund: Aberdeen Awards-vb award, 26.00; Achen, Stephen-fb worker, 15.00; Agtegra-fuel, 5,273.04; Amazon-supplies, 460.87; Babcock Family Chiropractic-DOT physical, 90.00; BP-fuel, 107.65; Campbell, Scott-fb worker, 30.00; CWD-FFVP, 1,127.70; Cenex-fuel, 44.07; Century Business Products-copier overage, 814.32;

Cole Papers-custodial supplies, 1,721.95; Cool Car Parts-battery, 593.90; DRN-tech services, 526.32; Deubrook Area School District-region 1B cross country, 107.15; DIGI-security badges,

499.57; Duenwald, Dan-asbestos inspection, 400.00; Eide Bailly-new auditor assistance, 375.00; Fairfield by Marriott-state cross country travel, 1,276.44; Farmers Union Oil-bus maintenance, 123.30; FBIA-national registrations, 525.00; Flemmer, Carl-vb worker, 120.00; Foreman Sales & Service-bus maintenance, 32,080.49; FASD Imprest Fund-misc., 2,130.97; GDI News-publishing, 74.23; Hub City Roofing-roof maintenance, 230.00; Hutson, Betty Pat-volleyball worker, 60.00; Innovative Office Solutions-stools, 94.71; Jensen, Nevan-liveticket worker, 200.00; Jostens-graduation/yearbook, 2,179.58; JVT-phone, 342.23; King, Hunter-fb worker, 45.00; King, James-fb worker, 80.00; King, Jericho-fb worker, 15.00; Lehmann, Sheketa-vb worker, 60.00; Losure, Erik-fb liveticket worker, 50.00; MACS/Capital One Credit-maintenance supplies, 19.48; Marathon Petro-fuel, 77.45; Menards-maintenance/custodial supplies, 19.55; Merchant Services-cc processing fees, 363.74; Mid-American Research Chemical-maintenance/custodial supplies, 774.94; Midstates Group-track banner, 70.00; Midwest Pest Control-pest control, 173.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities, 3,484.46; Mueller, Jeff-fb worker, 15.00; Myer, Beverly-vb worker, 60.00; NSU-fall 2023 digital textbooks, 402.84; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies, 121.40; Pashen, Brock-fb worker, 50.00; Pauer Sound-sound system service, 530.61; Prorate Services-23-24 drug and alcohol program, 85.00; Rochester 100-supplies, 145.00; SASD-504 workshop, 50.00; Schlosser, Richard-fb worker, 180.00; School Specialty-supplies, 15.52; Sewer Duck-toilet rental/pickup, 1,067.50; Sumption, Chris-fb worker, 30.00; Sumption, Gary-fb worker, 15.00; Sumption, Sarah-fb worker, 30.00; Sumption, Warren-fb worker, 80.00; Taylor Music-supplies, 48.00; Teachers Pay Teachers-curriculum supplements, 30.25; Town of Frederick-utilities, 652.98; Tschappat, Clara-vb worker, 30.00; Vetter, Sam-fb worker, 30.00; Wal-Mart-library supplies, 74.59; Zinter, Tonya-vb worker, 120.00. Capital Outlay Fund: Amazon-library books, 609.15; Century Business Products-copier lease, 613.32; Hauff Mid-America Sports-track uniforms, 1,960.00; Marco-intercom system, 38,034.67. Special Education Fund: Avera-OT/PT, 5,195.20; Kosters, Christine-travel, 76.00; ProMetric-parapro exam, 85.00; Teachers Pay Teachers-curriculum supplements, 10.26. Food Service Fund: Bernard Food Industries-food, 246.25; CWD-food/supplies, 7,423.38; Child & Adult Nutrition-commodities processing, 580.40; Community Store-food, 32.88; Meathouse-donated beef processing, 771.00; Pantorium Cleaners-kitchen supplies, 96.85. Imprest Fund: Devine, Valeree-vb ref/mileage, 125.50; Dickey County Sheriff-fingerprints, 10.00; Division of Criminal Investigation-background check, 43.25; First National Bank-state cross country meal money, 804.00; Jundt, Rosa-vb ref, 100.00; Leonhardt, Elizabeth-vb ref, 100.00; Northwestern Area School District-vb tournament fee, 150.00; SD FBIA-business battle and fall leadership, 395.00; SD Region 3 Area Principals Association-area principal meetings 23-24, 100.00; USPS-stamps, 66.00; Warner School District-23-24 HASBO dues, 75.00; Weismantel, Kelsey-vb ref/mileage, 162.22. Custodial Fund: Aberdeen Awards-LRC awards, 184.00; Amazon-FCCLA fall fest supplies, 231.92; Bauer, Dave-LRC Region cross country meet worker, 100.00; Believe Kids Fundraising-band and choir fundraiser, 3,906.60; BSN Sports-fb jerseys, 362.74; CWD-concessions, 1,420.28; Cash-Wa Direct-concessions, 286.44; Coca-Cola Bottling Company-concessions, 219.50; Community Store-concessions, 20.65; Dollar Tree-SADD supplies, 9.29; Frederick Area Athletic Association-meal at concessions, 354.00; Kesslers-concessions, 107.41; MB, LLC-BBB fall camp shirts, 440.64; Smith, Vern-donation from FB admissions, 2,000.00; Starbucks-SADD travel, 38.86; Target-cross country supplies, 35.95; Wal-Mart-SADD supplies, 27.47; Ware, Leesa-vb shirts, 114.67.

The following reports were presented:

Dan Miller: JLG Architects – A memorandum of understanding for the church property has been signed by both parties.

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

Shauna Severson: Business

Manager

Achen/Hart: Building/Co-op  
2024-044 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve the custodial account addition - FBIA. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-045 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve the intent to receive property/liability, workers compensation and cyber liability insurance bids or quotes. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The Board would like to recognize the following accomplishments: Jocelynn Ellwein and Sofia Losure were named to the Lake Region Conference's Second Team in volleyball; Brayden Sumption, McKinley Kosters, and Gavin Nickelson received All-Conference football recognition, and Levi Little received Honorable Mention. Brayden Sumption was also

named to the 9AA All-State team; the 7th grade Math Counts team placed third, while Andrew Schlosser placed sixth individually. The Boys' Cross Country team placed sixth at the state meet, while Milo Sumption placed 25th.

2024-046 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Shauna Severson, Business  
Manager

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## Brown County Holm 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 Holm 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-Holm 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.

Copies of the specifications can be obtained at no charge and are on file at the following locations:

Brown County Website: [Brown.SD.US](http://Brown.SD.US)

Brown County Fair Office: 400 24th Ave. NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: 605-626-7116

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 City Nov. 21, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

November 21, 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, Babcock, Wambach, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, Elizabeth Varin, Jordan Hintz, and Ken Hier.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to approve the agenda with the addition of skating rink discussion. All members voted aye.

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

The renewal of the solid waste facility permit was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Cutler. All members voted aye.

Ken Hier addressed the council regarding an updated wastewater study and presented the council with a proposal. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Babcock to authorize the signing of necessary documents related to the park saferoom project. Additionally, the resolution to appoint Mayor Hanlon as the applicant agent for the Hazard Mitigation Grant was approved as follows: (all members voted aye)

WHEREAS, City of Groton is submitting a Hazard Mitigation Grant application to the South Dakota Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and WHEREAS, City of Groton is required to appoint an Applicant Agent for the purpose of signing documents and assuring the completion of all application documents; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City of Groton appoints the Mayor as the authorized Applicant Agent.

Discussion took place regarding the police department vehicles.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to authorize the signing of a 3-year contract with Apptegy for a new City of Groton website and mobile application. All members voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wambach to table the authorization to enter into a 5-year lease agreement for a new payloader to the next meeting. All members voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wambach to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 772 – 2024 Salary Ordinance. All members voted aye.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Cutler to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 773 – 2024 Appropriations. All members voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Babcock to approve the October finance report. All members voted aye.

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

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to authorize the

following bills for payment. All members voted aye.

Payroll, \$26,069.06, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,427.86; ; Public Safety, \$9,594.36; ; Public Works, \$11,924.38; ; Culture & Recreation, \$122.46; ; USPS, \$289.56, Utility postage; Dacotah Bank, \$5,491.22, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$622.90, HSA contributions; Karl Chevrolet, Inc., \$41,282.00, 2023 Chevy Tahoe - Police Dept.; City of Groton, \$955.27, Family crisis utility payments & utility deposits applied to bills; SD State Treasurer, \$8,024.59, Sales & Excise Tax - October 2023; Justin Cleveland, \$1,695.28, Med flex; US Bank, \$21,426.46, DW #5 Loan Payment; Dacotah Bank, \$3,246.59, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Todd Gay, \$196.50, Mileage reimbursement - Heartland Energy conference in Madison, SD; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Employee retirement; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,218.34, Fuel purchases; USA BlueBook, \$148.51, pH2 tester w/ replaceable electrode - Wastewater Dept.; SD Municipal Street Maintenance Assoc., \$35.00, 2024 membership dues; SD Police Chiefs' Assoc., \$200.00, 2024 membership dues; SD Groton Finance Officers' Assoc., \$100.00, 2024 membership dues; SD Groton Human Resource Assoc., \$50.00, 2024 membership dues; SD Water & Wastewater Assoc., \$20.00, 2024 membership dues; James Valley Telecommunications, \$663.73, Telephone & internet services; Geffdog Designs, \$399.00, Engraved park bench sign - Furman Family, 1000ct "City of Groton" pens; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,216.59, Garbage hauling; Heartland Energy, \$39,882.77, Power services - October 2023; WAPA, \$23,538.12, Power services - October 2023; Dakota Supply Group, \$184.72, Heat shrink for URD fault - Electric Dept., 8" sewer pipe w/ 90 de-

gree bend - Wastewater Dept.; Dakota Fluid Power, \$60.99, Quick disconnect coupler and nipple for plowtruck - Streets; Farmers Union Co-op Assoc., \$2,170.00, #1 dyed diesel fuel; Fire Safety First, LLC., \$362.30, Annual safety maintenance and certification; Associated Supply Company, Inc., \$47.37, (2) 4-way spigots - Swimming Pool; Core & Main, \$22.17, Gripper plug - Swimming Pool; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease; NW Energy, \$18.64, Natural gas services - Water Tower; Groton Daily Independent, \$75.08, Publishing fees; Share Corporation, \$186.26, Water pump pliers; SD Department of Health, \$359.00, Water/wastewater testing; Aramark, \$58.03, Rug rent; Service Signs, Inc., \$2,798.98, 4x5 ft LED sign for Groton PD

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to approve the Holiday Lighting Contest on December 12th with \$100, \$75, and \$50 utility bill credits to be given away. All members voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Babcock to authorize city offices to be closed on November 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday. All members voted aye.

Reminder: Skating rink employment applications are due by December 4, 2023, at 5:00pm.

Discussion took place regarding the plan for the skating rink surface.

Reminder: 2024 dog licenses are due by December 29, 2023.

Adjournment into executive session did not take place due to there being no personnel or legal matters to discuss.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Douglas Heinrich, Finance  
Officer

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NW¼ 25 - NE¼ & NW¼ 32 - SW¼ 34

3-Year Lease – Cash Rent

Lyle Schroeder Land

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**Bid Deadline**

**Wed, Dec 13, 2023, at 4:00 P.M.**

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## Managing Soil: Maximizing Profit

2023 Conference and  
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December 12, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Colton Taopi Community Hall

102 E. 3rd St., Colton, SD 57018

Registration: \$25/pp. or FREE to SESD Exp. Farm Members  
Register by Nov. 29 at [extension.sdstate.edu/events](http://extension.sdstate.edu/events)  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 773 - 2024 GROTON APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Be it ordained by the city of Groton that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

	General Fund	Gross Rec Tax (BBB)	Airport Fund	Fam Crisis	Debt Service	Total
<b>Governmental Funds</b>						
410 General Government						
411 Legislative .....	27,300.00					27,300.00
411.5 Contingency.....	50,000.00					50,000.00
412 Executive.....	9,310.00					9,310.00
413 Elections.....	1,500.00					1,500.00
414 Financial Administration	419,435.00					419,435.00
419 Other .....	33,250.00					33,250.00
Total General Government	\$540,795.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$540,795.00
420 Public Safety						
421 Police .....	452,100.00					452,100.00
429 Other Inspection	4,500.00					4,500.00
Total Public Safety .....	\$456,600.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$456,600.00
430 Public Works						
431 Highways and Streets	542,450.00					542,450.00
432 Weed Control....	3,000.00					3,000.00
435 Airport.....			35,950.00			35,950.00
437 Cemeteries .....	14,100.00					14,100.00
439 Transit.....	2,500.00					2,500.00
Total Public Works .....	\$562,050.00	\$-	35,950.00	\$-	\$-	\$598,000.00
440 Health and Welfare						
441 Health .....	6,525.00			1,650.00		8,175.00
Total Health and Welfare.....	\$6,525.00	\$-	\$-	1,650.00	\$-	\$8,175.00
450 Culture and Recreation						
451 Recreation:						
Skating.....	8,075.00					8,075.00
Soccer .....						
Swimming Pool .	144,950.00					144,950.00
Golf.....						
Basketball.....	4,000.00					4,000.00
Tennis .....	200.00					200.00
Baseball .....	168,130.00					168,130.00
452 Parks.....	10,370.00					10,370.00
455 Libraries .....	11,250.00					11,250.00
456 Community Center	4,000.00					4,000.00
Total Culture and Recreation ...	\$350,975.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$350,975.00
465 Economic Development and Assistance..	17,870.00					17,870.00
Total Conservation and Development	\$17,870.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$17,870.00
470 Debt Service Refinance						
Principal.....					150,000.00	150,000.00
472 Interest.....					87,500.00	87,500.00
Total Debt Service .....					\$237,500.00	\$237,500.00
480 Intergovernmental Expenditures						
490 Miscellaneous						
499 Liquor licenses .	50.00					50.00
Total Miscellaneous.....	\$50.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$50.00
510 Other Financing Uses						
511 Operating Transfer--Out						
Total 2024 Appropriations .....	\$1,934,865.00	\$-	\$35,950.00	\$1,650.00	\$237,500.00	2,209,965.00
Total Appropriations and Accumulations .....	\$1,934,865.00	\$-	\$35,950.00	\$1,650.00	\$237,500.00	2,209,965.00

Note 1: The amounts shown here should not reflect accumulations to-date nor should it reflect the total to be accumulated. It should only report the amount to be accumulated in the budget year that you are working on.

Part II (9-22-1)  
(9-21-19)  
(9-21-20)

The following designates the fund or funds that money derived from the following sources is applied to

	General Fund	Gross Rec Tax (BBB)	Airport Fund	Fam Crisis	Debt Service	Total
<b>Governmental Funds</b>						
Unassigned Fund Balance	242,296.00		12,950.00			470,446.00
310 Taxes .....	1,403,500.00	29,000.00				1,432,500.00
320 Licenses and Permits ...	17,400.00					17,400.00
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	98,789.00					98,789.00
340 Charges for Goods and Services	107,580.00					107,580.00
350 Fines and Forfeits .....	400.00					400.00
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	15,500.00				9,350.00	24,850.00
390 Other Sources .....	35,000.00		23,000.00			58,000.00
Total Means of Finance .....	\$1,920,465.00	\$29,000.00	\$35,950.00	\$-	\$224,550.00	2,209,965.00
Proprietary and Fiduciary Funds						
Beginning Unrestricted Cash					110,000.00	110,000.00
Estimated Revenue.....			1,813,750.00	518,500.00	201,100.00	125,500.00
Transfer In						
Other Financing Sources						
TOTAL AVAILABLE .....			1,813,750.00	518,500.00	311,100.00	125,500.00
Less Appropriations (Expenses)			1,723,000.00	316,620.00	310,125.00	123,500.00
Less Debt Service						
Less Transfer Out						
ESTIMATED NET POSITION RETAINED			\$55,750.00	\$113,880.00	\$975.00	\$2,000.00

The finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the County Auditor. The amount of tax levy request is \$545,969, and the amount of opt out request is \$230,000. The total request being \$775,969.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
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Second Reading: 11/21/2023  
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**Groton City  
2024 Salary  
Ordinance**

ORDINANCE NO. 772  
An Ordinance entitled "The 2024 Salary Ordinance" to amend Ordinance No. 763, being an ordinance regulating the salaries of the elective and appointive officers and employees of the City of Groton. , ,  
BE IT ORDAINED BY The City Council of the City of Groton that the 2024 salaries and time of payment are as follows for the elected and appointed officers and employees: , ,  
Mayor, \$625.00, Monthly  
Council Members, \$3,000.00, Yearly, \$125.00, Per special City Council Meeting  
Board of Equalization, \$200.00, Yearly  
Planning & Zoning Commission, \$35.00, Per meeting  
Planning & Zoning Commission, \$70.00, Per special meeting  
Elected Officials, \$300.00, Per full day of additional authorized meetings  
Elected Officials, \$100.00, Per half day of additional authorized meetings  
Finance Officer, \$27.79, Hourly  
Deputy Finance Officer, \$28.98, Hourly  
Asst Finance Officer, \$23.97, Hourly  
Public Works Coordinator, St & Water Supt., \$37.02, Hourly  
Wastewater Superintendent, \$33.09, Hourly  
Asst Street Superintendent, \$30.75, Hourly  
Public works on call, \$200.00, Weekly  
Technology Specialist , \$32.38, Hourly  
Electric Superintendent, \$57.09, Hourly  
Electric Lineman, \$42.03, Hourly  
Electric Department on call , \$200.00, Weekly  
Police Chief, \$36.30, Hourly  
Police Officer & Assistant Chief, \$33.05, Hourly  
Police Officer Level 1, \$30.89, Hourly  
Police Officer Level 2, \$30.16, Hourly  
Full time permanent employee individual health insurance premium will be covered by the City of Groton, along with \$260 per month toward a dependent's insurance coverage provided by the City., ,  
The city will contribute to a med flex account at a 2 to 1 city/employee match, with a maximum city contribution of \$400., ,  
The city will contribute \$2 for every \$1 the employee contributes up to \$1000 to their health savings account under the HSA health insurance option only.  
First Reading: 11/7/2023  
Second Reading: 11/21/2023  
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**TUES., DEC. 5 9:00 - 4:00 PM**

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**Simon is finalist for 2023 BIG Idea Final Competition**

(November 23, 2023, Aberdeen, SD) Sixteen high school finalists have advanced to the 2023 BIG Idea Final Competition. This high school business idea competition encourages students to consider new ideas and opportunities for creating a business in their own region. All students who submitted entries are invited to the Final Competition and Awards Ceremony held December 5-6, 2023. The day will feature student pitches, educational booths, and campus tours. The Award Ceremony keynote speaker is John Meyer of Leadership South Dakota and of course, the awards!

In-state and out-of-state finalists will be judged in two separate competitions, with prizes awarded separately to each competition. The out-of-state finalists will be judged virtually on Tuesday, December 5th, and the in-state finalists will compete in-person on Wednesday, December 6th, at Northern State University.

There were 365 applications submitted from 76 different schools. First round judges include 139 volunteers along with 240 college entrepreneurship and business students. During the BIG Idea Final Competition, finalists will have six minutes to present their idea to a panel of judges and compete for nearly \$50,000 in cash prizes and scholarships.

Carter Simon created a business name of "Swing and a Miss" - his school advisor is Eric Swenson.



### November Students of the Month

The following Groton Area MS/HS Students have been selected as November's Student of the Month.

Back Left: Liby Althoff (9th), TC Schuster ( 8th), Liam Johnson (6th), Emily Clark (12th)

Front Left: Gage Sippel (10th), Elizabeth Fliehs (11th), Novalea Warrington (7th)

### Operation Christmas Child collects 579 boxes

From Tandra Smidt at Operation Christmas Child in Bristol: "As of Monday morning's final count and delivery, We had 27 volunteers that worked a total of 131.5 volunteer hours, that have packed Shoeboxes over a course of eight days, have now packed them into 37 cartons and loaded onto one trailer a total of 579 Gospel Opportunity Shoeboxes with each box having the potential to touch and change nine lives for 5202 souls for the Kingdom. "Praise the Lord" He is so good."

### Groton City Kelly Variance Hearing

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on December 11, 2023, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 9, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Abbie Kelly for a garage located within 7 feet of the South lot line in a Residential (R-1) District at 219 E 3rd Avenue, Groton, SD, legally described as Lt 7-9 Bk 8, of the Original Addition.

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

Doug Heinrich  
Zoning Administrator  
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### Groton Area has three on All Conference Volleyball team

Anna Fjeldheim, Elizabeth Fliehs and Carly Guthmiller were all named to the All Northeast Conference Volleyball team. Only Aberdeen Roncalli had three members as well and they were Camryn Bain, Jaidyn Feickert and Ava Hanson.

Hamlin had Emily Everson and Addison Neudendorf, Milbank had Rachel Schulte and Skyler Skoog, Sisseton had Chloe Langanger and Krista Langager, Britton-Hecla had Heather Storbakken, Clark/Willow Lake had Shay Michalski, Deuel had Josie Andersen, Redfield had Katie Rozell and Webster had Gracie Cadwell.



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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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## King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Microwave
- 4 Jubilation
- 8 Scruff
- 12 " — Believer"
- 13 Give temporarily
- 14 Big-screen format
- 15 Layered deserts
- 17 Refer to
- 18 Irate
- 19 Breaks away
- 21 Stockholm's land
- 24 JFK's veep
- 25 Fleur-de- —
- 26 Cutting tool
- 28 Parlor pieces
- 32 Now, on a memo

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- 34 Luau bowlful
- 36 Karate level
- 37 Prison-related
- 39 Atty.'s title
- 41 Mauna —
- 42 Soda
- 44 Steering device on a ship
- 46 Leaping antelopes
- 50 Hosp. hook-ups
- 51 Donald Duck's nephew
- 52 Like a good golf score
- 56 Greek mountain
- 57 Cannes milk
- 58 Blackbird
- 59 Favorites
- 60 PC programs
- 61 Ewe's mate
- 7 '50s Ford
- 8 "Great work!"
- 9 During
- 10 Top of the head
- 11 Former mates
- 16 Passing craze
- 20 "Survivor" ainer
- 21 High-five sound
- 22 Sagacious
- 23 Snooze
- 27 Misery
- 29 Crystalline mineral
- 30 Skin soother
- 31 Twinkler in the sky
- 33 Tropical fruits
- 35 Leb. neighbor
- 38 Texter's chuckle
- 40 Calms
- 43 "Straight Up" singer Abdul
- 45 TiVo, for example
- 46 Denny's rival
- 47 Inspiration
- 48 Nuisance
- 49 Break suddenly
- 53 Chips go-with
- 54 Santa — winds
- 55 Crater part

#### DOWN

- 1 Energy
- 2 Docs' bloc
- 3 Italian cheese
- 4 Forest clearings
- 5 Tiki bar necklace
- 6 Tolkien creatures

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## 2024 Snow Queens and their courts and helpers

Pictured standing, left to right, are senior snow queen candidate Cadence Feist, Miss Congeniality Ava Wienk, Usher Colby Dunker, MC Lane Tietz, junior snow queen candidates Claire Schuelke, Teagan Hanten and first runner-up Ashlynn Warrington, usher Holden Sippel, and junior snow queen candidates Emerlee Jones and Avery Crank; sitting are Senior Snow Queen Faith Flihs and Junior Snow Queen McKenna Tietz; and on the floor are Snow Prince Kase Ronning, son of Blake and Leah Ronning, and Snow Princess Kayleigh Raba, daughter of Chris and Erica Raba. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kianna Sander, above, sang a song dedicated to her grandfather who recently passed away. Anna Bisbee, below, challenged herself to sing an acappella.

(Photos by Paul Kosel)



The Snow Princess and Snow Prince candidates were interviewed by Peterson and Wright. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Others doing a junior talent performance were Emma Woizeschke, Lillian Olson, and the duet of Addison Hoeft and Libby Cole. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Frosty was Sarah Schuster as she was revealed by 2023 Senior Snow Queen Shaylee Peterson and 2023 Junior Snow Queen Talli Wright. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Snow Queen Chairman Becca Johnson, chats with the ushers, Colby Dunker and Holden Sippel. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Right: Dilly Bars, donated by the Groton Dairy Queen, were sold at intermission of the Snow Queen Festival. (Photo by



# Groton saferoom, finances discussed at city council

The city is one step closer to a new park saferoom.

by Elizabeth Varin

The council approved moving forward with the paperwork to apply for federal and state funding to help offset the \$630,000 projected bill for a new tornado shelter and bathroom facility at the City Park.

It might still be a while before work starts on a new building. The council authorized signing three different documents that will allow Northeast Council of Government to submit the grant funding application before the December 1 deadline.

The timeline presented to the council maps out more than a year for approval of the project by federal and state agencies.

"Unfortunately this won't happen overnight," said Jordan Hintz with NECOG. "FEMA has been taking a full year (for approval), and that's after its been through OEM (South Dakota Office of Emergency Management)."

The project presented to the council would include \$450,000 of work that would be eligible for reimbursement from the federal and state governments. If approved, FEMA would fund 75 percent of that total, with the Office of Emergency Management reimbursing an additional 10 percent of that cost.

The city would make up the remaining 15 percent of project funding, which equals \$67,500. However, there are some costs associated with the project that the federal and state governments will not cover.

That includes larger bathroom facilities and showers included in the building, Hintz said. The city would be responsible for those costs, which are estimated at \$180,000.

## Finance discussion continues

While the Groton swimming pool brought in about \$10,000 more than last year, expenses rose at an even higher rate.

The City Council reviewed a financial wrap-up of the 2023 swimming pool season. Operating revenue for the pool rose from \$43,025 in 2022 to \$53,377.10 in 2023. However, with salary increases and supply costs rising, the city spent nearly \$26,000 more than last year. Salaries totaled \$86,907.63 on salaries for 2023, above the \$64,430.60 salary totals from 2022.

That rise was due to South Dakota minimum wage increasing from \$9.95 in 2022 to \$10.80 in 2023, said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich. Swimming pool supplies also increased from \$16,572.47 in 2022 to \$28,603.13 in 2023, due to rising cost of pool chemicals and other supplies.

## Some push back on payload expense

The City Council pushed back on purchasing a new pay loader for the public works department, asking for an additional quote before purchasing the heavy machinery.

The new 2024 John Deere 544P machine has been discussed with the council since late summer. The quote presented to the council Tuesday evening from RDO Equipment Co.'s Aberdeen location includes a five-year plan with annual \$40,992.55 payments for five years followed by a \$1 buyout of the machine after that period of time.

However, the quote presented to the council earlier this month totaled about \$39,000 per year for five years.

And the price will continue to rise, said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich.

"If we don't lock anything in, the government discount drops," he said. "Basically this price is as cheap as we're going to get it. It's just going up from here."

Council members were concerned, though, about the already-rising cost.

Councilman Jon Cutler added he would like the public works staff to be able to try out the machine before purchasing it.

"I'm not against them getting a new payload," he said. "They need one."

He said the equipment company is pushing the machine really ag-

gressively, and it would be worth looking into getting another quote for a different payload.

Councilman Kevin Nehls agreed about trying to public works staff to try out the payload as well as looking for a secondary option.

"I just don't understand how in two weeks it went up \$10 grand," he said. "I thought Terry (Herron, public works coordinator,) said the guy was going to honor the price until the first. I thought it was the first of the year, but I may have misunderstood that."

## Police vehicle headaches continue

Before the council could talk about payloaders, though, it discussed another vehicle issue.

City staff plan to look into future options for police department vehicles due to bad reviews some have heard about the Chevy Tahoe.

The council had approved ordering the 2023 vehicle earlier this year, but pushed back a bit earlier this month on sending a check to the vehicle dealer. However, a check had been issued before Tuesday's meeting.

Mayor Scott Hanlon said he's heard some good and some bad about the Tahoes. It might be worth looking into getting rid of the vehicles before their warranties run out, he added.

The city's other Tahoe is currently being repaired, with the engine being replaced in the next few weeks, said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich.

The new Tahoe still needs extra features added before it can go into police service, with specialized equipment needing to be added. Councilman Kevin Nehls suggested finding a local shop that could add those features instead of having that work done elsewhere.

For the future, though, Councilman Brian Bahr said a different vehicle may be the way to go.

Hanlon added he wants the council to keep this in mind for the next vehicle purchased by the city.

"We're learning on this one," he said. "I hate to say this, but it's a learning process."

## In other action:

- A new city website is on the way. The City Council approved a three-year contract with Aptegy to produce a new website and mobile application. Aptegy created the Groton Area School District website and app. Additional discussion took place about the opportunity to streamline the utility billing process through an online format, though

that options won't be available until the city changes software companies, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich said.

- The council approved the city appropriation ordinance for 2024. Changes from the first reading of the ordinance include allocating \$35,000 on top of the annual donation of \$10,000 for baseball to set aside funding for possible construction of a new concession stand. About \$41,000 was also set aside for yearly payment on a new payload for the public works department.

- The council approved salaries for the 2024 calendar year. The schedule is printed on Page 6.

- City offices will be closed Nov. 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.

- The holiday lighting contest will take place Dec. 12, with a \$100 utility bill credit for first place, a \$75 utility bill credit for second place and a \$50 utility bill credit for third place.

- Applications for skating rink employment are due by 5 p.m. Dec. 4.

- Dog licenses for 2024 need to be bought at City Hall by Dec. 29.

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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**RSVP Text/Call Connie Rose at**  
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**If unable to attend, please send greetings to:**  
**Elda Stange, PO Box 305, Groton, SD 57445**



Three tubs of mittens. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)

## Zoellner

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"Carter, my second grade grandson here in Groton, and his family probably have thirty Christmas stockings altogether," Zoellner stated. "Some of the Christmas stockings I make are small and can be used for tree ornaments."

"It takes me about six hours to knit one pair of mittens," she explained. "I have 138 pairs here with me today. Altogether I've made 1350 pairs for Groton students and also gave 75 pairs to students in Britton, SD."

"I have a suggestion for you when the weather is really cold," added Mrs. Anne Zoellner, Sharon's daughter-in-law. "Put on a pair of stretchy gloves first, then put these knitted mittens on over the top. This keeps your hands really nice and warm!"

Following the talk with the students in one large group, Sharon Zoellner visited the kindergarten through second grade classrooms and handed out a pair of mittens to each student. Inside each pair was an additional surprise: a candy cane to take home.



Sharon Zoellner shows off a Christmas stocking. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)

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Sharon Zoellner and her husband Alan live in Groton. Their two sons, Troy and Darrin, do the farming. Both of her sons are also wrestling coaches for the Groton Area School system. Altogether the Zoellners have eight grandchildren.

### Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #1 Results

**Team Standings:** Jackelopes - 3, Chipmunks - 3, Coyotes - 2, Foxes - 2, Shihtzus - 1, Cheetahs - 1  
**Men's High Games:** Brad Waage - 198, Mike Siegler - 187, Tony Waage - 184  
**Women's High Games:** Vicki Walter - 165, Darci Spanier - 160, Julie Holt - 156  
**Men's High Series:** Brad Waage - 549, Mike Siegler - 514, Tony Waage - 494  
**Women's High Series:** Vicki Walter - 460, Darci Spanier - 428, Alexa Schuring - 398

### Conde National League

**Nov. 20 Team Standings:** Cubs 25, Tigers 23, Braves 23, Mets 22½, Giants 21½, Pirates 17  
**Men's High Games:** Ryan Bethke 211, 184; Chad Furney 190; Butch Farmen 174  
**Men's High Series:** Ryan Bethke 530, Butch Farmen 509, Chad Furney 484  
**Women's High Games:** Sam Bahr 167, Nancy Radke 161, Suzi Easthouse 157  
**Women's High Series:** Suzi Easthouse 460, Sam Bahr 454, Nancy Radke 427

## 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

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