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North Area Honor Band

The South Dakota North Area Honor Band event was held Saturday in Aberdeen. Representing Groton were Carlee Johnson on the French Horn, Emily Clark on percussion, Gretchen Dinger on flute and Cadence Feist on Bari Saxophone. They are pictured with their director Desiree Yeigh.

Upon nomination by their band director, students who auditioned were seated first in the ensemble, and additional students of high caliber completed the sections. Approximately 100 students representing 22 schools were selected to participate in the 2023 band.

Other schools participating include: Aberdeen Central, Christian and Aberdeen Roncalli, Bowdle, Clark, Eureka, Gettysburg, Great Plains Lutheran, Groton Area, Herreid, Howard, Hoven, Huron, Ipswich, Langford, Leola, Milbank, Northwestern, Selby Area, Sully Buttes, Summit and Warner. (Courtesy Photo)

Celebrating a soon-to-be centenarian, economic development discussed during City Council meeting

by Elizabeth Varin

December 14 is for celebrating Elda Stange.

Groton Mayor Scott Hanlon signed a proclamation Tuesday evening declaring Dec. 14, 2023 as Elda Stange Day in the city of Groton.

Longtime resident Stange, who was born in rural Groton, will celebrate her 100th birthday that day. Elda settled in the city of Groton in the early 1960s and has resided at the same residence since.

Stange has been "an incredibly positive, active member of the community and continues to do so with her involvement in various organizations and clubs," reads the proclamation.

Stange currently serves as secretary for the Groton Senior Citizens, according to the proclamation.

Volunteers needed to explore economic development opportunities

The city is looking for community members who want to see the community grow.

A group of city representatives met Tuesday afternoon with Dakota Resources officials to talk about economic development in the community.

The city is looking at additional housing, day care options and more options to grow the community, said Councilwoman Karyn Babcock. Now the city wants members of the public to move forward.

The city is looking to contract with Dakota Resources for \$2,500 for six months. That money, which two individuals volunteered to pay, will go to Dakota Resources to assemble and train a group of Groton citizens to form an economic development committee.

"I feel like it would be a great thing for us to do," Babcock said. "It's not going to hurt us. It's people coming together to find things for Groton, new housing, daycare, improvements, any type of growth."

City officials are looking for volunteers to help form the committee, which will explore different options, grant funding availability and more.

Mayor Hanlon said the city is going to move forward with creating the committee, but it needs community involvement. He asked anyone interested in joining the new committee to contact himself, Councilwoman Babcock or the city to find out more.

Hanlon also emphasized the need for diverse views, from different genders, ages, professions, "so we have lots of different ideas."

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Elda Stange celebrates 100 years



According to Psalm 90:10, "Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty if our strength endures." However, some individuals surpass even that 80 year mark since Elda Stange, Groton, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on December 14, 2023.

"I am the youngest in my family," Elda explained. "There were five girls and one boy who lived to adulthood. One boy and two girls died in infancy."

"My parents, John and Emilie Stange, raised us on a farm five miles west of Groton," she said. "After they passed away, I first lived with my sister Leona and her husband Ed Siek. When Ed

passed away in 1960, Leona and I moved into the house where I live today."

"Life was very different and very hard when I was a child," Elda admitted. "On the farm in 1930, there was no electricity, running water, or indoor plumbing in our homes."

"Our farm house was heated by a centrally located wood burning heater," she explained. "We loved those warm mornings around the stove!"

"We planted a large garden and raised most of our own food. The only thing we bought from the store was sugar and flour," she listed. "We even churned our own butter and drank the delicious buttermilk that was a by-product of the churning process."

"We milked cows by hand and fed the cattle, pigs, and chickens," Elda said. "We traveled by horse and surrey but also walked a lot."

"The school I attended was one-room with a wood-burning heater in the corner," she explained. "I always thought it was very cold in school! During recess we played kitten ball and tag since there were no swings available."

"Everyone worked hard on the farm, but the hardest part for me was picking the corn off the ground after harvest," Elda reminisced. "It was cold, sometimes snow had fallen, and the work was slow. We also had to stomp down the grain inside the bins. I disliked that job a lot!"

"Of course, we also raised chickens and ducks, for eggs and for roasting for special occasions," she smiled. "Life was harder then, but as I remember it today, it didn't seem so bad at the time. Comparing it to life today makes it seem worse than I remember it being!"

"When I moved into Groton, I found life to be easier but not necessarily without some hard work. I cleaned house for others as well as fixing hair for several ladies," Elda stated. "Now I have help come here to do my vacuuming and mopping of the kitchen floor!"

"I cook my own meals and make desserts and other treats for the Ladies' Aid meetings at St. John's Lutheran Church," she listed. "Since I no longer drive, I receive lots of help with grocery shopping, getting to Aberdeen for doctor's appointments, and to attend church."

"I used to embroider dishtowels and do other kinds of handiwork such as crocheting and knitting," Elda said, "but I had to quit doing that because my hands have some arthritis now!"

"I still keep busy sewing squares of material together to be made into a quilt top," Elda explained. "When I have a quilt top completed, I take it to church where we quilters add a layer of fill and a piece of material for the back to donate quilts to the Orphan Grain Train."

"I am currently a member of the Groton Garden Club, Groton Senior Citizens, and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League," she listed.

"Groton is the perfect size small town to live in," Elda smiled. "I have lots of people who volunteer to help me. Neighbors keep my lawn mowed and my sidewalks clear of ice and snow."

"I have been able to travel to many parts of the country, thanks to Jim and Connie Rose, my nephew and his wife," she added. "I've had a good life and am very content," Elda admitted. "I'm in good health, considering my age, and continue to simply trust in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

- Dorene Nelson

Queen of Hearts

The Queen of Hearts drawing resumed Thursday after a week off for Thanksgiving. During the two week span, 718 tickets were sold for \$4590. The jackpot now stands at \$34,940. Della Abeln's name was drawn and she got the Joker with card number 14. She will get \$359. The next drawing is next Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Groton American Legion.

Weekly Vikings Recap - Bye Week

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Minnesota Vikings took the week off this week as they were given the luxury of having a late-season bye week. The big news coming out of the week was that the Vikings officially activated Justin Jefferson off the Injured Reserve, ensuring that he will be back on the field for the Vikings next week when they head to Las Vegas to face the Raiders. Jefferson, who has not played in a game for the Vikings since he got injured against the Kansas City Chiefs on October 8, is currently the Vikings' third leading pass-catcher, behind TJ Hockenson and Jordan Addison, despite missing the Vikings' last seven games. The entrance of Jefferson will be an added boost for a Vikings' offense that seems to have stalled out a bit in their last couple of games.

With nothing else happening this week for the Vikings, now might be the best time to look back on the Vikings' season and analyze some of the good and the bad things that have come with this 2023 season.

The 2023 season for the Vikings has come down to two things in our opinion: injuries and turnovers. Unlike the 2022 season where the luck seemed to be entirely on the Vikings' side all season, this year has been the opposite as the Vikings have had several injuries to key players and lost the turnover battle in almost every game. Both injuries and turnovers tend to tell you less about a team's performance and more about how lucky they are. And, the Vikings have not been very lucky this season.

Coming into the season, the success of the Vikings was going to come down to two specific players: Kirk Cousins and Justin Jefferson. Hopes were high for both as Jefferson was coming off winning the NFL Offensive Player of the Year award and Cousins was building a relationship with head coach, Kevin O'Connell, that he had never seemed to have previously in Minnesota. However, the high hopes only lasted so long as the Vikings lost Jefferson in week 5 to a hamstring injury and Cousins in week 8 to an Achilles.

Most NFL teams would fold over if their two best players went out for long periods with injuries. However, the Vikings did not. With Jefferson out, the Vikings went 5-2, and without Cousins the rest of the season, the Vikings have gone 2-2 but currently sit in the sixth seed in the NFC playoffs. It is a testament to the culture that Kevin O'Connell has built in his two years here in Minnesota. He instilled in this team that despite the odds stacked against them, they still have the talent to go out and beat any team in the NFL on any given week. And even in the Vikings' two most recent losses, for which the Vikings lost by a total of a combined three points, the Vikings played like the better team in both those games, only losing because of turnovers.

That gets us to the other problem for the Vikings this season, the turnovers. Through the

Vikings' first 12 games, they have amassed a total of 24 turnovers, the most in the NFL. In the Vikings' six losses this season, they have had 17 turnovers, and in their six wins, they have had only 7. In other words, the difference between a Vikings win or loss comes down to their ability to not turn the ball over, something they have still not been able to figure out given they have had seven turnovers in just their last two games before the bye week.

Looking to next week, the Vikings will head to Las Vegas to face the Raiders. After this game, and the Bengals game the following week, the Vikings will end their 2023 season with the most important stretch of football as their final three games are against the Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers. It will be a true test of O'Connell's coaching and culture if the Vikings can pull off enough victories to place themselves in the NFC playoffs given these tough matchups.

Fortunate Son

When I moved to Denver in 1983, I had a part-time gig in radio nailed down, but I needed another part-time job, so I went to a retail store where I was summarily dismissed by Human Resources. They weren't hiring.

"Where are you from?" she asked absently as I turned to leave.

"North Dakota," I said.

"Come back. We've got a job for you."

I don't know if people from the Dakotas still have the reputation of being good workers and I have no intention of finding out. I'm pooped. But that experience cemented the idea that maybe we are a little bit special out here on the prairies. If so, it's easy to draw a line from our immigrant heritage to now. I know my parents instilled a work ethic in me. Or maybe it was guilt. No matter, it was just as effective.

It's more than that that makes us unique, I think. So many of us were raised in small towns, and the thing about small towns is they have the elbow room to nurture big personalities.

I often describe my experience as a Tom Sawyer childhood, idyllic, a small river town overflowing with adventures and mischief. But what made Frederick, SD, special for me were the characters, the retired old men who often parked on the benches on Main Street to tell stories and bask in the sun.

There were only a couple of "town kids" my age when we moved to Frederick from Edgeley, ND, in 1968, but they lived on the edge of town and were usually occupied with farm-related activities. So my friends were, as my mom affectionately referred to them, "the

old farts."

I think the farts decided to adopt me when I started a GRIT paper route in grade school. I had 32 subscribers but I ordered another 20 copies each week to hawk on the street. I realize now that life is about sales in one form or another and sales is about overcoming objections.

"I can't read."

"There are lots of pictures."

My favorite challenge was Werner Groop, a bib-overall-wearing leprechaun. He'd make you work for your 15¢. One day, I was pitching the paper to a couple of farmers outside the Cenex station when Werner interrupted. "Aren't you going to sell me one?"

"I just sold you one at the elevator."

"That must have been my twin brother."

Then it began, a knock-down, drag-out argument over whether or not I was going to sell him (another) paper. He insisted he had a twin. I insisted he did not, but finally I broke down, took his 15¢ as he strode away triumphantly. He did have a brother, Eino, but Eino was as droll as Werner was feisty.

We were fortunate enough to have two cafes—the Hilltop Cafe and the City Cafe. The farts would gather at the City Cafe for coffee mostly to tease Signe and Patsy who didn't have a sense of humor, which made it that much more fun. One day Eino ordered oyster stew for dinner. He fished around in the broth with his spoon for a while before finding an oyster. "Hey, Signe," he said. "Does this one have a brother?" I don't remember how Eino died. It could have been murder.

There were also two bars—the Legion and the Pond(a)rosa. I know. It was spelled with an "A" and I still don't know why. Maybe to stay out of legal trouble with Hoss and Little Joe. The Legion served hard liquor, "The Pond" served 3.2 beer and attracted North Dakota teens on weekends. If you were 18, you could have a beer in Frederick. I learned to play pool there in fourth grade. For 50¢ they'd let you stuff bar rags in the pockets and play as long as you like. Frederick daycare.

Dogs were allowed, too. Dale Doty, who hauled the town's garbage in a 1940's-something truck, stopped in daily for a tap Hamm's—always with a sprinkle of salt—with his sidekick, Skippy, a big black mutt, perched on the stool next to him. Dale also put in a big garden with a small Allis-Chalmers tractor on which he'd modified the seat to accommodate an old couch cushion so Skippy could ride along.

One summer, students from the Bible college in Ellendale, ND, picketed the Pondarosa. I always count the churches and bars in a small town to see who's winning—God or Anheuser Busch. Many years after the bar protest, the Pondarosa fell into disrepair and was torn down. The Methodists and Lutherans are winning.

I had dinner with Mom yesterday. I usually come in on the south entrance, over the river, and past the park. There are shiny new elevators and voids on Main Street where so many of my memories were formed. The memories, though, are still there.

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by Tony Bender

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City Council

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It's a great opportunity to see this town grow, not only for those on the committee, but their children, their neighbor's children and the whole future of the community, Hanlon said.

• The council approved hiring skating rink attendant at minimum wage plus 25 cents per year of experience. South Dakota's minimum wage increases to \$11.20 per hour on Jan. 1, 2024. Employees hired include Emma Davies, Gretchen Dinger, Anna Fjeldheim, Carly Guthmiller, Leah Jones, Kayleigh McGannon and Wyatt Wambach.

• The council approved entering into a lease agreement for a CASE Construction payloader for the public works department. The machine, a 2024 621G Zbar TS T4F, will cost \$211,500. The city will be able to trade in a 2009 John Deere payloader to help defray some of that cost. City staff were directed to explore different financing options for the piece of machinery, though financing is available through the seller, Titan Machinery in Aberdeen.

• A new engine is on the way for a Groton Police Department vehicle. While still under warranty, issues with one of the police department vehicles has been a familiar topic for the council. Police Chief Stacy Mayou suggested the council look into replacing department vehicles when they get close to the end of their warranties.

• A new wastewater facility plan is in the works. The council approved a proposal to contract with IMEG to create an updated plan, beginning in 2024. The plan would include improvements needed for the wastewater system in the city.

• A few reminders were given at the council meeting. The holiday lighting contest will be judged Dec. 12, with \$100, \$75 and \$50 in utility bill credits to be given away. City offices will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 for Christmas. Finally, dog licenses for 2024 are due Dec. 29, 2023.

• The council reappointed Gordon Nelson to the Planning and Zoning Board for another five-year term.

• The council tabled discussion on a building permit inspector after council members questioned whether there would be a conflict of interest if Planning and Zoning Board member Keith Wipf were to be hired for the inspector position. Councilwoman Karyn Babcock also asked about certifications needed for the position.

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #2 Results

Team Standings: Jackelopes – 6, Shihtzus – 5, Coyotes – 5, Foxes – 3, Chipmunks – 3, Cheetahs – 2

Men's High Games: Tony Waage – 202, Brad Waage – 182, Mike Siegler – 179

Women's High Games: Darci Spanier – 170, Vicki Walter – 161, Alexa Schuring – 160

Men's High Series: Roger Spanier – 507, Tony Waage – 499, Lance Frohling – 494

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter – 453, Sue Stanley – 428, Dar Larson – 421



Columbia Hometown Holiday Party
Saturday, Dec. 9
5-7 p.m. at the Columbia Legion
 All ages are welcome!
Christmas Music ~ Hayrides
Crafts and Games
Santa Claus
 Free will offering supper will be served
 Festive or ugly, wear your favorite Christmas attire!
 Home decorating winners will be announced!
Come see the beautifully decorated
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Girls Basketball

Second chance free throw propels Lady Tigers to one-point overtime win over James Valley Christian

A lane violation at the free throw line gave Jerica Locke a second chance at a missed free throw was the deciding factor in Groton Area's 54-53 overtime win over James Valley Christian.

The Vikings started out fast and took a 6-2 lead as the Tigers struggled in the season opening game. James Valley held a 9-4 lead, but then the Tigers scored nine straight points to take a 13-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Despite missing five of nine free throws in the second quarter, the Tigers slowly pulled away to a 31-24 lead at halftime. In the second quarter, Brooklyn Hansen made two three-pointers and had eight points to lead the Tigers.

Groton Area opened up an 11-point lead at 38-27 in the third quarter led it, 41-33 at the end of the third quarter.

Groton Area scored the first basket in the fourth quarter to have a 10-point lead, but then the Viking scored 10 unanswered points to tie the game at 43 with 4:20 left in the game. Groton Area still had the upper hand and had a three point lead, but Alexa Goertz would make seven of seven free throws in the fourth quarter to keep the Vikings within striking distance. The game was tied at 48 and would tie the game at 50 with 20 seconds left in the fourth quarter. Groton had a chance to win the game, but the shot would not fall, sending the game into overtime.

James Valley Christian's two leading scorers would be fouled out by the overtime. Groton Area had a 52-51 lead with 19 seconds left. Jerrica Locke was fouled. She made the first free throw. She missed the second one, but a lane violation on the Vikings gave Locke a second chance. She made the second one giving the Tigers a three-point edge. The Vikings would be put on the line in the closing seconds, but despite making both free throws, the one point difference was enough for the Tigers to win.

Rylee Dunker had a double-double on the night with 15 points and 10 rebounds, plus she had one assist. Kennedy Hansen had 10 points, four rebounds, four assists and one steal. Brooklyn Hansen had eight points and two assists. Jaedyn Penning had six points, two rebounds and one assist. Faith Trapahgen had six points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Jerica Locke had four points, seven rebounds, three assists and one steal. Sydney Leicht had two points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals. Laila Roberts had two points, one rebound and one assist. Talli Wright had one point and one rebound. Taryn Traphagen had two assists and one steal.

The Tigers were 14 of 41 in two-pointers for 34 percent, six of 15 in three-pointers for 40 percent, eight of 19 from the line for 42 percent, had 32 rebounds, 21 turnovers, 17 assists, seven steals and 15 team fouls.

Alexa Goertz led the Vikings with 20 points followed by Kaylie Robinson with 13, Addison Bartholow 11, Jacey Wipf four, Addyson Knight and Daril Frandsen each had two points and Rhayonna Hood added a free throw. The Vikings made 18 of 45 field goals for 40 percent, 15 of 18 free throws for 83 percent, had 25 team fouls and 18 turnovers.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with Shane Clark doing the play-by-play. Game sponsors were Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, BK Custom Ts & More, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Full Circle Ag, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Locke Electric and Rix Farms/R&M Farms Groton Area will host Hamlin on Friday as part of a double header.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 36-12, leading at the quarters tops at 9-2, 21-5

and 29-7. Rylee Dunker had 13 points while McKenna Tietz had six, Faith Trapahgen, Taryn Traphagen and Mia Crank each had four points, Kella Tracy had three and Ashlynn Warrington had two points.

Rylin Wipf led the Vikings with six points. The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with Shane Clark doing the play-by-play. Ed and Connie Stauch sponsored the broadcast. James Valley Christian won the junior high game, 18-16.

-Paul Kosel



Brooklyn Hansen
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jerica Locke
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!

Please join us for a birthday party in honor of *Elda Stange*

Saturday, Dec. 9
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church
308 N. 2nd St., Groton

RSVP Text/Call Connie Rose at 804-301-7480

If unable to attend, please send greetings to: Elda Stange, PO Box 305, Groton, SD 57445

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Brown County Tuckpointing Metal Repair

NOTICE TO MASONRY/SHEET METAL 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 19, 2023, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project: Tuckpoint exterior masonry and sheet metal repair on the Brown County Courthouse 111 SE 1st Avenue, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Project to finished on or before October 25, 2024.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope; "Brown County Tuckpointing/Metal Repair" to be opened on December 19, 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 informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

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

Brown County Website: Brown.SD.US
 Brown County Auditor's Office: 25 Market Street, Ste.1, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone 605-626-7110
 Brown County Maintenance: 25 Market Street, STE 1, Aberdeen SD 57401. Phone 605-626-7124

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Peterson Rezoning

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #260
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
 TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #260, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by John & Lindsay Peterson was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 28th of November 2023 and will become effective on the 26th of December 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described properties from Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Lot 1B of Lot 1, "Biegler Richmond Lake Second Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37902 127th Street, Ravinia Twp.).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of November 2023.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Notice of Hearing: November 1, 2023

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Second Reading/Adoption: November 28, 2023

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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 re-

motely.

- 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.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Groton Goodness Sale

Members of Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. visited Becky of BK Custom T's & More and placed their shirt orders on Tuesday!

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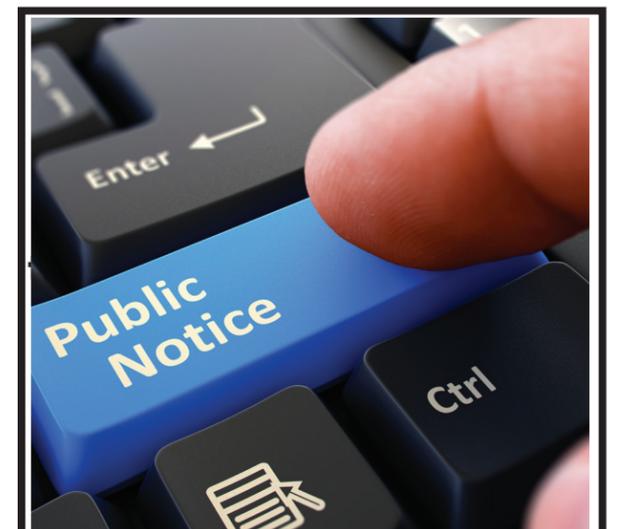
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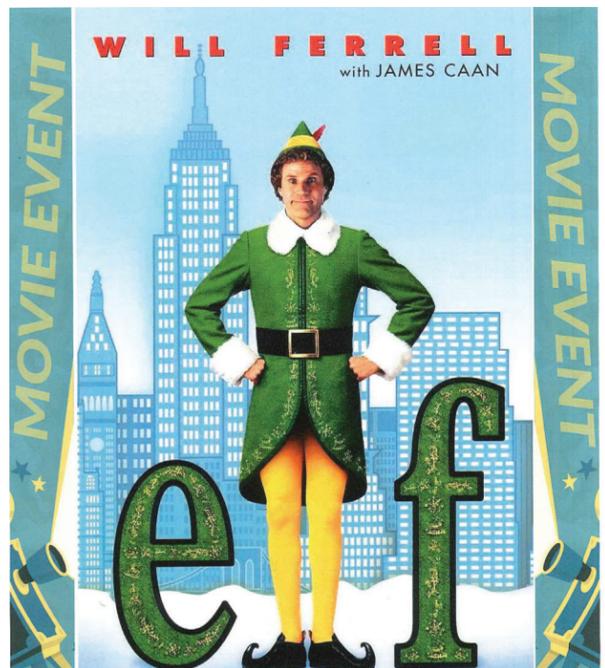


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**Brown County
Nov. 28, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

November 28, 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, Gage, Sutton and Wiese. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Wiese.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Sheriff Lunzman took a moment to introduce Deputy Josh Lee and Harry, the new drug dog for Brown County Sheriff Department.

ORDINANCE #260 – SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #260. Applicant John & Lindsay Peterson to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for 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.

RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize the Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License for Stacy Gossman DBA: Head East at 5759 E. Hwy. 12, Suite #2, Aberdeen, SD – Lot 1B, Gossman First Addition, Kesslers Outlot to Aberdeen in S ¼ of Section 15-T123-R63 of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License for Stacy Gossman DBA: West Bound at 5759 E. Hwy. 12, Suite #3, Aberdeen, SD – Lot 1B, Gossman First Addition, Kesslers Outlot to Aberdeen in S ¼ of Section 15-T123-R63 of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize the Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License for Stacy Gossman DBA: Up North at 5759 E. Hwy. 12, Suite #4, Aberdeen, SD – Lot 1B, Gossman First Addition, Kesslers Outlot to Aberdeen in S ¼ of Section 15-T123-R63 of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT: Chelsey Sheridan and Michael Gutenkauf, from IMEG shared with the Commissioners their findings on the Bridge Inspections they did in Brown County. They inspected 60 Bridges in 2023 out of the 134 in Brown County. Brown County's Average Sufficiency rating for 2023 is 83.8, which is higher than the State's average. The bridges with a poor condition and low sufficiency rating IMEG inspects those annually, will post load limits until they will recommend closing the bridge. Commissioner Wiese commented that Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent does a good job juggling things around and staying ahead of the issues.

RICHMOND ROADS: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met with the Commission to discuss options for the roads at Richmond Lake. Dirk shared that they posted traffic counters, and the numbers are consistent with the past reports. They are going to be replacing the Guard Rail, IMEG is designing with State Engineer specifications but just a lengthy process. For the wash boarding issues, Dirk suggested using bentonite, which can hold more water and should get rid of the wash board effects. From State Park to Co. Rd 13A was milled and 13A has always been gravel and would have a tough time asking for \$100,000 to supplement his budget to do pave this. Commissioner Wiese mentioned that if the guard rail is replaced and they minimize the

wash boarding by the Bridge that should be sufficient. Commissioner Gage shared that in the traffic count reports that speed is also a factor. The speed limit is 30 mph but people that are traveling these roads are driving 10-15 mph over the speed limit, so if they would slow down – that would help and not be a cost to the County.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave the Commission a Department Update. They are continuing to haul gravel and collect rip rap; mowing should be completed today.

COMBINED ELECTION AGREEMENT: Auditor Heupel shared that the Aberdeen School District asked to update this agreement due to a change in their staff. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton and Auditor Heupel to sign the Combined Election Agreement. Commissioner Dennert commented that since we use Vote Centers, he would like us to look into adding the cost of the Rural Vote Centers in the future agreements. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RFP FOR TUCKPOINTING: Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent had submitted an RFP Notice for the Tuckpointing Project that she wanted to get approved. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve publishing the RFP with a bid opening date of December 19, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to get approval for Gabby Barrett based on the Deal Points for 2024 Brown County Fair. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Gabby Barrett contract for the 2024 Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY FAIR TICKET PRICES FOR 2024: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to discuss the Fair Board recommendations for the ticket prices for 2024 Brown County Fair. Tickets went on sale for Black Friday, which is at the 2023 prices. Looking at 2024, we haven't done an increase in three years, so looking to increase for 2024. There has been comments from the public asking for better entertainment, so by increasing the tickets prices that additional revenue would go towards the Entertainment Committee budget line item to get afford better entertainment. After this, they are not looking to increase ticket prices again for a while, plus adding the Sunday entertainment into the 3 and 4-day package tickets. Commissioner Sutton shared that this was discussed in length at the Fair Board meeting and some members felt it wasn't enough of an increase compared to ticket prices for concerts held in other venues such as Sioux Falls. Rachel shared that they have had about \$14,000 in pre-sales at the 2023 prices, which goes through December 25, 2023. Then in March when we start to sell again, it would be at the increased rates. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following 2024 Ticket Prices (not including the individual night tickets at this time):

TICKET TYPE
2024 – PRE-SALE PRICES, 2024 – WEEK OF FAIR
3 – Day General Admission: \$100.00, \$120.00
4 – Day General Admission: \$130.00, \$150.00
3 – Day Reserved: \$120.00, \$140.00
Carnival – Daily: \$30.00, \$35.00
Carnival – Week Pass: \$70.00, N/A
Rodeo – Adult: \$20.00, \$25.00
Rodeo – Child: \$10.00, \$15.00
Sunday Event - Adult: \$10.00
Sunday Event – Child: \$0.00, \$0.00

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager asked for an Executive Session to discuss contracts: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to go into Executive Session for Contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager met with the Commission to discuss raising the Solid Waste (SW) Tipping Fees as of January 1, 2024. After some discussion on the SW Tipping Fees and Solid Waste Fees for rural container sites the following resolutions were

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE – 2024

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #50-23
WHEREAS, Title 3, Solid Waste Management System, Chapter 3.07010 of the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, effective March 12, 1997, as amended, requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish the fees for use of the landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Solid Waste Tipping Fee Schedule shall be effective January 1, 2024:

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE
PRICES EXCEPT MINIMUM CHARGE DO NOT REFLECT APPLICABLE SALES TAX

ALL LOADS MUST BE TARPED AND SECURED

ALL WASTE MUST BE SORTED AND PUT INTO PROPER AREAS
Type, Fee
Appliances: Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers: \$12.50 per item, With or Without FREON

Asbestos1 Friable – Powdery or Dusty state, can be crumbled and reduced: \$ 5.00 per bag to powder by hand

Compost: Grass, Leaves and Light Garden Residue: FREE

Contsoil: Gas and Diesel Contaminated Soil (notification and analysis: \$30.00 per ton, required before disposal)

Contsoilsp: Contaminated Soil Special (i.e., NW Energy, Coal Gasification): \$38.00 per ton

MSWRB Rubble waste placed in Unit 1: \$30.00 per ton

INDSWIndustrial Solid Waste: \$38.00 per ton

MSW1: Municipal Solid Waste – IN COUNTY (Paper, plastic, .. cardboard, carpet, upholstered furniture, mattress, box springs, etc.): \$38.00 per ton (Check with Landfill for material not accepted)

MSW2: Municipal Solid Waste – OUT OF COUNTY (same as MSW1): \$38.00 per ton

MSWCR .Rural container site collection waste, Assess per ton

MSWDA: Carcasses (notification required prior to dumping): \$38.00 per ton

Rubble 1: Asphalt Shingles ONLY: \$30.00 per ton

Rubble 2: Heavy debris, concrete, dirt, rocks etc.: \$30.00per ton

Rubble 3: Pallets: \$38.00 per ton

Mobile Homes – all sizes: \$400.00per unit

Scrap Metal: Metals: \$38.00 per ton

Sludge: Sump waste (analysis may be required): \$38.00 per ton

Tires: Large quantities priced per ton: \$300.00 per ton

Tires Count: Car and light truck: \$ 4.00 per tire

Tire Shreds: Shredded tires (cell disposal): \$38.00 per ton

Tree Chips: .Wood chips from trees: \$38.00 per ton

Trees1: Trees less than 8 inches in diameter: \$30.00 per ton

Trees 2: Trees more than 8 inches in diameter (must be 8' or shorter in length): \$30.00 per ton

Minimum Charge (except on per item fees) 4.2% Sales Tax included: \$ 5.00

The following items are accepted free:

Residential: Lead Acid Batteries, Waste Oil, Paint, Grass and Leaves, Propane Tanks

Dated this 28th day of November 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Dennert. Roll call vote: Commissioners Dennert-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Wiese-aye, Gage-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

SOLID WASTE FEE:

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #51-23

WHEREAS, Title 3, Solid Waste Management System, Chapter 3.07011 of the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, effective March 12, 1997, as amended, requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish the Solid Waste Special Assessment fee schedule for the following year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Solid Waste Special Assessment fees shall be effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for the Brown County Sanitary Landfill:

SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FEE SCHEDULE

(Assessment plus applicable sales tax billed with the Real Estate Tax Notice)

1. Households within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that require curb service @ \$40.00 per year.

2. Households within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that do not require curb service @ \$90.00 per year.

3. Condominiums taxed as single units within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that require curb service @ \$40.00

per year.

4. Condominiums taxed as single units within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that do not require curb service @ \$90.00 per year.

5. Apartment Units and Assisted Living Units within Incorporated Cities that require curb service @ \$20.00 per unit per year.

6. Seasonal Lake Cabins @ \$55.00 per year.

7. Mobile Home parks, outside incorporated municipalities, which provide or require lot side waste pickup during the entire assessment period, for deposit into a permitted landfill solid waste facility @ \$40.00 per unit per year.

8. Mobile Home parks, outside incorporated municipalities, which do not provide or require lot side waste pickup during the entire assessment period, for deposit into a permitted landfill solid waste facility @ \$90.00 per unit per year.

Dated this 28th day of November 2023

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

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting minutes of November 21, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Brown County Treasurer \$18,875.22; CenturyLink-Lumen \$190.36; IAAO-International Assoc of Assessing Officers \$480.00; Lucy Lewno \$320.00; Mark Katterhagen \$27.00; US Bank Visa \$2,292.61; Valerie Larson \$27.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc \$1,176.78; Groton Daily Independent \$112.03; US Bank Visa \$900.38. Repairs & Maintenance: 5D Transport, LLC \$4,387.50; Jason's Electric Inc \$306.12; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$331.04; Olson's Pest Technicians \$440.00; US Bank Visa \$4,145.05. Supplies: Aberdeen Catholic School System \$255.10; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$227.78; Dakota Supply Group \$11.70; Lucy Lewno \$13.26; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$49.98; Marco Technologies, LLC \$10.26; Menards \$43.26; US Bank Visa \$16,178.48. Travel & Conference: Dennis Feickert \$13.26; Duane Jark \$132.09; IAFE-International Assoc of Fairs & Expositions \$900.00; US Bank Visa \$3,545.92. Utilities: Northwestern Energy \$1,856.07; US Bank Visa \$1,774.24. Bond Payments: Alan P. or Angela P. Bernard \$13,025.10; Amber L Scriver Subtrust Created Under the Peterson Land Trust 2022 \$19,537.65; Amber Scriver \$3,256.27; Angela Bernard Subtrust Created Under the Peterson Land Trust 2022 \$19,537.65; Angela Peterson Bernard \$3,256.28; Darwin H. or Mary J. Bettmann \$1,953.76; David and Jill Lehmann Living Trust \$16,281.90; Donald D. or Maxine E. Fischer \$1,953.75; FDM Revocable Living Trust \$16,280.80; Great Plains Bank \$19,537.65; Herman Schumacher \$8,140.95; James D. Gressett \$16,280.80; John Kippley \$3,256.28; Joop Antonius Hubertus Bollen \$16,280.80; Lynnette Durheim \$6,512.55; Mark & Mary Volk \$6,512.55; Marlin Nilsson \$13,025.10; Plains Commerce Bank-Abdn \$248,449.21; Pyush Ramanlal Patel \$16,280.80; Robert M. or Lora M. Larson \$3,255.70. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

•Resignation of Gabrielle Schneider, Brown County Jail Detention Officer; effective November 20, 2023.

•Resignation of Brett Wilson, Brown County Jail Sergeant; effective November 24, 2023.

• Transfer of Joshua Lee as PT Brown County Deputy Sheriff to FT Brown County Deputy Sheriff; effective November 26, 2023.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCES-SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORITY PUBLICATION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize publication for first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held on December 19, 2023, in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposed Ordinance #262, applicant Don & Darlene Schum-

acher for the purpose of rezoning the properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current and future uses: Proposed Lots 1 and Lot 1, "Don and Darlene Schumacher Addition" in the SW ¼ of Section 17-T123N-R64W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County South Dakota (38314 133rd Street, Aberdeen Twp.); Proposed Ordinance #263, applicants Nicholas Huber & Brianna Hellwig for the purpose of rezoning the properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: "Sutherland's Outlot 1" in the NW ¼ of Section 25-T123N-R65W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13424 379th Ave., Mercier Twp.); Proposed Ordinance #264, applicant Thomas Moore for the purpose of rezoning the properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current and future use: Proposed Lot 1, "Monroe Addition" in the SW ¼ of Section 2-T128N-R65W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37824 101st Street, Palmyra Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS:

Resolution #52-23

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "B.J. OUTLOT IN THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 123 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #53-23

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing: "MONROE ADDITION IN THE S ½ SW ¼ OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 128 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #54-23

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "GROTON SUBSTATION THIRD ADDITION IN THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 122 NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-6, and any amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #55-23

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing CHRIS AND SARA ALLEN FIRST RICHMOND LAKE SUBDIVISION IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 23-T124N-R65W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #56-23

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing JOHN AND KATHLEEN

ANDERSEN ADDITION IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 14-T123N-R63W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #57-23

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "HENDRICK SECOND ADDITION IN THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #58-23

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing DON AND DARLENE SCHUMACHER ADDITION IN THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 117-T123N-R64W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Wiese motioned to approve plat of "Anderson First Addition to Mansfield in the SE ¼ of Section 32, Township 121 North, Range 64 West of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. Seconded by Commissioner Gage. 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 an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: Ross Alentaler, State's Attorney Deputy shared with the Commission that he is still looking into the TIF Administrative Fees. Commissioner Sutton asked for an update on the policy for limited access. Ross stated that Minnehaha County just settled on their lawsuit so give it some time to see how that works out and he is looking into insurance and liability on the use of the Community Room downstairs.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:39 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Groton December Events Calendar

Wednesday, Dec. 6

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

School Breakfast: Cereal

School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, green beans.

Groton Chamber meeting, noon, at City Hall
Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.;
Confirmation, 6 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.;
Advent Service, 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Community coffee hour,
9:30 a.m.; UMYF Angel Tree Shopping and
games, 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, Dec. 7

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

School Breakfast: breakfast pizza.

School Lunch: Chicken strips, baked beans.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.

Middle School/High School Christmas pro-
gram, 7 p.m., GHS Gym

Friday, Dec. 8

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

School Breakfast: Biscuits.

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, peas.

Basketball Double Header with Hamlin in
Groton: (Gym: Boys C, 4 p.m., Girls C, 5 p.m.)
Arena: Girls JV, 4 p.m., Boys JV, 5 p.m., Girls
Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow

Junior High Wrestling at Sisseton, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Santa Claus Day, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Profes-
sional Management Services

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

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

Movie event at Wage Memorial Library, 11
a.m. to 1 p.m.

Elda Stange's 100th Birthday party, 1 p.m. to
3 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church

ACT Testing, 8 a.m. to noon, Groton Area
School.

Sunday, Dec. 10

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with com-
munion, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.;
choir, 6 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: worship at St. John's 9
a.m., worship at Zion 11 a.m., Sunday school
9:45 a.m.

United Methodist: Worship with communion;
Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 9:30
a.m.; Sunday school Christmas program prac-
tice, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.;
PEO meeting (outside group), 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Monday, Dec. 11

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

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.

School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, cooked
carrots.

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

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

Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Commu-
nity Center, 1 p.m.

School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Boys JV Wrestling Jamboree at Madison, 5
p.m.

Boys Junior High Wrestling at Webster, 4:30
p.m.

Junior High Girls Basketball at Sisseton, 7th
at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Senior Menu: Potato soup, ham salad crois-
sant, tomato spoon salad, frosted brownie.

School Breakfast: Waffles.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, try taters

Emmanuel Lutheran: Church Council

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

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

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

Holiday Lighting Contest, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

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

School Breakfast: Egg bake.

School Lunch: Cheese nachos, refried beans.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Caroling (choir, league
and 7-8 confirmation), 6 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.;
Advent Service, 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Communion coffee hour,
9:30 a.m.; Parents confirmation meeting for
7-8 grade, 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, Dec. 14

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

School Breakfast: Pop tarts.

School Lunch: Sloppy joes, tater tots.

Basketball Double Header at Sisseton: Aux.
Gym: Boys C at 4 p.m., Girls C at 5 p.m.; Main
Gym: Girls JV at 4 p.m., Boys JV at 5 p.m., Girls
Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow.

Boys and Girls Northeast Conference Wres-
tling Tournament at Milbank, 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf,
California blend vegetables, peach crisp, whole
wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg wraps.

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans.

Basketball Double Header at West Central:
Boys C and Girls C, 4 p.m.; Boys JV, 5 p.m.;
Girls JV, 5:15 p.m.; girls Varsity and Boys Var-
sity to follow.

Saturday, Dec. 16

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

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

Girls Wrestling at South Border (Ashley), 9
a.m.

Boys Wrestling at Sioux Valley (Volga), 10
a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sunday school program
practice, 9 a.m.; Worship with Sunday school
program, 10:30 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with commu-
nion: at St. John's, 9 a.m.; at Zion, 11 a.m.;
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.

United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.;
coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school Christ-
mas program practice, 9:30 a.m.; Groton wor-
ship with Sunday school Christmas program
during service, 10:30 a.m.

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

gram and dinner, 5 p.m. (everyone welcome
to attend)

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

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

Monday, Dec. 18

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, baked potato
with sour cream, peas and carrots, pineapple/
strawberry ambrosia, cookie, whole wheat
bread.

School Breakfast: Cheese omelets.

School Lunch: Tater tot hot dish.

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

St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature
Circle, 7:30 p.m.

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

Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Commu-
nity Center with potluck dinner, Noon.

Junior High Girls Basketball hosts Webster in
the Arena. 7th at 5 p.m., 8th at 6 p.m.

Boys JV and JH wrestling at McCook Central/
Montrose (Salem), 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Senior Menu: Sloppy Joe on bun, oven
roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, acini
depepi fruit salad.

School Breakfast: Monty Cristo sandwich.

School Lunch: Chicken legs, mashed pota-
toes.

St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.

United Methodist: Angel tree times at church
for delivery

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

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

Girls Basketball at Aberdeen Roncalli: at the
elementary school will be the 8th grade game
at 4 p.m. At the High School, C game at 5 p.m.
with JV and Varsity to follow.

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Senior Menu: Goulash, corn, apple crisp,
whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: French toast.

School Lunch: Chef salad.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.;
League, 6:30 p.m.; Longest Night Service, 7
p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45
p.m.; Preschool Christmas Program at 7:00 pm

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

Groton CM&A: Christmas caroling and game
night, 6 pm.

Thursday, Dec. 21

FIRST DAY OF WINTER!

End of Second Quarter, early dismissal at 2
p.m.

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes
and gravy, steamed cabbage, rainbow sherbet.

School Breakfast: Muffins.

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, tri taters.

Elementary School Christmas Program, 1
p.m., GHS Gym.

Boys Basketball hosts Aberdeen Roncalli: C
game at 5 p.m. with JV and Varsity to follow.

Boys Wrestling at Sisseton, 5 p.m.

Girls Wrestling at McCook Central/Montrose
(Salem), 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans,
grape juice, pineapple tidbits, whole wheat
bread.

No School - Christmas Break

Saturday, Dec. 23

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

Catholic: SEAS Mass, 4 p.m.; St. Joseph,
Turton, Mass, 6 p.m.

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Sunday, Dec. 24

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; No Sunday school, worship with communion, 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Christmas Eve Service, 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Conde Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.; Groton Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.; Candlelight Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Mass, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; St. Joseph, Turton, Mass, 6 p.m.

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

Monday, Dec. 25

CHRISTMAS DAY!

City office and public works departments closed.

No senior menu.

St. John's Lutheran: Christmas Day Service at Zion, 9 a.m.

No School - Christmas Break

Tuesday, Dec. 26

Senior Menu: Chicken Alfredo, lemon buttered broccoli, pumpkin bar, cookie, whole wheat bread.

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

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

No School - Christmas Break

City office and public works departments closed.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Senior Menu: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O.

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

No School - Christmas Break

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

Thursday, Dec. 28

Senior Menu: Breaded cod, parsley buttered potatoes, creamy coleslaw, rainbow sherbet, whole wheat bread.

No School - Christmas Break

Girls Basketball hosts Aberdeen Christian. JV game at 5 p.m. followed by Varsity.

Friday, Dec. 29

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered carrots, apricots, whole wheat bread.

No School - Christmas Break

Boys Basketball at Hoop City Classic in Mitchell: Groton Area vs. Pine Ridge at 12:30 p.m.

Boys and Girls Wrestling at Webster, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30

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

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

Sunday, Dec. 31

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m.; at Zion, 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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- 7 Holler
- 12 Director Spike
- 13 Chemical suffix
- 14 Fall sign
- 15 Nest egg acronym
- 16 Large, luxurious car
- 18 Brooch
- 19 Range
- 20 Collections
- 22 — tear (ragging)
- 23 First lady of scat
- 27 Earth Day mo.
- 29 Transparent
- 31 Dolphins' home
- 34 Traces of smoke
- 35 Agile
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by Linda Thistle

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GHS Boys Wrestling

Six grapplers place at Clark/Willow Lake Tournament

Six Groton Area wrestlers placed at the Clark/Willow Lake Tournament held Saturday. Taking second place were Wyatt Hagen at 106, Walker Zoellner at 132 and Christian Ehresmann at 150; placing third were Korbin Kucker at 157 and Gavin Englund at 285; and Karter Moody took fourth at 285.

Team Scores: 1. Kingsbury County 171.0, 2. Faulkton Area 157.5, 3. Canton JV 148.5, 4. Webster Area 129.0, 5. Clark/Willow Lake 128.5, 6. Groton Area 111.5, 7. Britton-Hecla 78.0, 8. Pierre JV 59.0, 9. Tiospa Zina 4.0.

90-98: Noah Scepaniak (2-2)

Champ. Round 1 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 2-2 won by fall over Korbin Mix (Britton/Hecla) 0-2 (Fall 1:24)

Quarterfinal - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 2-2 won by major decision over Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 0-2 (MD 16-4)

Semifinal - Noah Horsley (Pierre JV) 2-1 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 2-2 (Fall 2:30)

Cons. Semi - Karstyn Schlechter (Webster Area) 3-2 won by decision over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 2-2 (Dec 10-8)

90-98: Luke Gauer (0-2)

Quarterfinal - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 2-2 won by major decision over Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 0-2 (MD 16-4)

Cons. Round 2 - Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 0-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Maverick Clausen (Clark/Willow Lake) 3-1 won by fall over Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 2:10)

106: Wyatt Hagen (2-1) placed 2nd and scored 17.5 team points.

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 2-1 won by tech fall over Cain Hogg (Faulkton Area) 2-2 (TF-1.5 4:09 (15-0))

Semifinal - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 2-1 won by decision over Jyles Auble (Pierre JV) 4-1 (Dec 8-5)

1st Place Match - Tayten Kurkowski (Webster Area) 3-0 won by decision over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 2-1 (Dec 10-5)

106: Aiden Strom (0-2)

Champ. Round 1 - Jyles Auble (Pierre JV) 4-1 won by fall over Aiden Strom (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 1:10)

Cons. Round 1 - Aiden Strom (Groton Area) 0-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Benny Pommer (Clark/Willow Lake) 2-2 won by fall over Aiden Strom (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 1:59)

113: Lincoln Krause (1-1) placed 2nd and scored 16.0 team points.

Semifinal - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 1-1 won by fall over Karsten Lerwick (Kingsbury County) 1-2 (Fall 2:00)

1st Place Match - Cade Gaikowski (Clark/Willow Lake) 2-0 won by fall over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 1-1 (Fall 0:49)

120: John Bisbee (0-2)

Semifinal - Sean Roseland (Faulkton Area) 2-1 won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 0:28)

Cons. Semi - Culter Davis (Kingsbury County) 2-2 won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 2:08)

126: Donavon Block (1-2) scored 6.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 1-2 won by fall over Cody Shepherd (Tiospa Zina) 0-2 (Fall 0:22)

Semifinal - Cody Zell (Kingsbury County) 3-0 won by fall over Donavon Block (Groton Area) 1-2 (Fall 1:17)

Cons. Semi - Isaac Johnson (Clark/Willow Lake) 2-2 won by major decision over Donavon Block (Groton Area) 1-2 (MD 11-2)

132: Walker Zoellner (2-1) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 2-1 won by fall over Bryce Heitkamp (Britton/Hecla) 2-2 (Fall 0:51)

Semifinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 2-1 won by fall over Wyatt Tuntland (Canton JV) 3-1 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Chase Adam (Canton JV) 6-1 won by fall over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 2-1 (Fall 0:00)

150: Christian Ehresmann (2-1) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 2-1 won by fall over Aiden Van Balen (Pierre JV) 2-2 (Fall 0:17)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 2-1 won by fall over Landon Coyle (Faulkton Area) 3-1 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Ayson Rice (Canton JV) 7-0 won by major decision over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 2-1 (MD 14-3)

157: Korbin Kucker (3-1) placed 3rd and scored 15.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 3-1 won by fall over Jackson Charron (Pierre JV) 3-2 (Fall 3:16)

Semifinal - Aidan Kranz (Canton JV) 5-1 won by major decision over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 3-1 (MD 9-1)

Cons. Semi - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 3-1 won by major decision over Gage Baumgarn (Webster Area) 3-2 (MD 10-1)

3rd Place Match - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 3-1 won by decision over Collin Beaner (Britton/Hecla) 2-2 (Dec 4-2)

165: Easten Ekern (0-2)

Quarterfinal - Bryce Klancke (Clark/Willow Lake) 2-2 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 0:25)

Cons. Round 1 - Micah Decker (Canton JV) 1-2 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 1:55)

175: Ben Hoeft (1-2) scored 4.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Kalo Steely (Pierre JV) 2-2 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 1-2 (Fall 1:51)

Cons. Round 1 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 1-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 1-2 won by injury default over Conner Glines (Britton/Hecla) 0-2 (Inj. 0:00)

Cons. Round 3 - Deion Harris (Kingsbury County) 1-2 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 1-2 (Fall 0:00)

190: Drew Thurston (0-2)

Quarterfinal - Gunnar Swenson (Canton JV) 4-1 won by fall over Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 1:30)

Cons. Round 1 - Dashed Davidson (Britton/Hecla) 1-2 won by fall over Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 0:00)

215: Isiah Scepaniak (0-2)

Quarterfinal - Tristen Baloun (Faulkton Area) 3-1 won by fall over Isiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 0:24)

Cons. Round 1 - Isiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Matthew Angiolelli (Webster Area) 2-2 won by fall over Isiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 0:47)

285: Karter Moody (2-2) placed 4th and scored 13.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 2-2 won by fall over Collin Gaikowski (Clark/Willow Lake) 0-2 (Fall 0:40)

Semifinal - Parker Bode (Faulkton Area) 3-0 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 2-2 (Fall 0:00)

Cons. Semi - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 2-2 won by fall over Tyler Lease (Canton JV) 1-2 (Fall 1:49)

3rd Place Match - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 3-1 won by fall over Karter Moody (Gro-

ton Area) 2-2 (Fall 1:58)

285: Gavin Englund (3-1) placed 3rd.

Quarterfinal - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 3-1 won by fall over Tyler Lease (Canton JV) 1-2 (Fall 2:42)

Semifinal - Tucker Hardy (Britton/Hecla) 2-1 won by fall over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 3-1 (Fall 0:00)

Cons. Semi - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 3-1 won by fall over Gage Miotke (Webster Area) 2-2 (Fall 1:28)

3rd Place Match - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 3-1 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 2-2 (Fall 1:58)

GHS Girls Wrestling

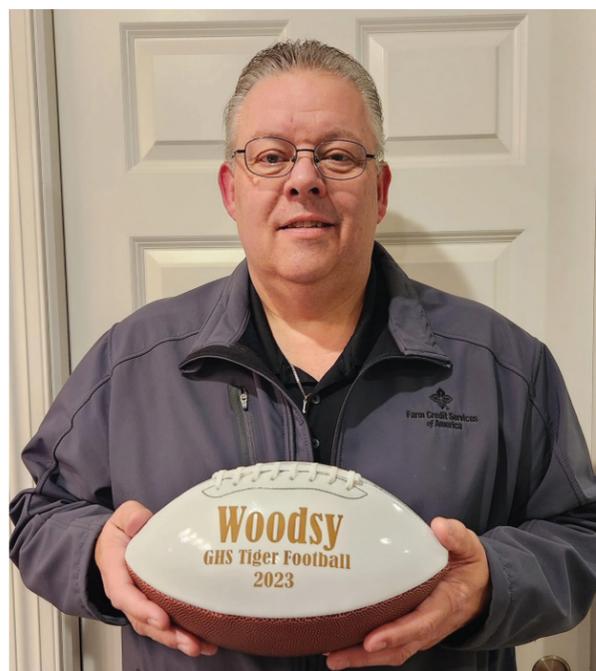
Krueger takes second at Dell Rapids Tournament

Liza Krueger took second place at the Top of the Rock Girls Tournament held Saturday in Dell Rapids. Krueger, wrestling at 100-114 pounds.

100-114: Liza Krueger (1-1) placed 2nd and scored 4.0 team points.

Round 2 - Liza Krueger (Groton) 1-1 won by fall over Chloe Staskywicz (Dell Rapids) 0-2 (Fall 3:39)

Round 3 - Hannah Jensen (Dell Rapids) 2-0 won in sudden victory - 1 over Liza Krueger (Groton) 1-1 (SV-1 3-1)



Tom Woods recognized with his time with Tiger Football

The following was posted on Tom and Patti Woods facebook page:

Not done with you...

It was Fall Awards Night in Groton Thursday evening...

I was unable to attend, but Friday morning, as I was ready to leave for work, Coach Shaun Wanner dropped off this gift...

From our 4 Tiger Football Seniors and their parents....

Signed by our Seniors and the Coaches...

I will put it in a place of honor so I can tell your story...

As I thought about the 2023 Football Seniors and all that have played Tiger Football in the 37 years I have been Blessed to volunteer...

A tune by Tauren Wells came on the radio that gives the perfect reminder for us all as we move on to the next chapter in life...

Tauren sings...

"It's not over, it's only begun...

So don't hide, don't run...

'Cause God's not done with You...

He's not done...

God's not done writing your story..."

I am beyond thankful for the 37 years I have been allowed to volunteer for Groton Tiger Football...

I will NEVER be able to repay everyone for the Joy that has filled my life over my time with Tiger Football...

Tigers, God Bless You, every one!

Forever I will cheer...

Go Tigers!



2023 Groton Area Fall Sports Awards

A large crowd was on hand for the fall activities awards recognition event held in the GHS Gym Thursday. The event lasted 61 minutes with pictures being completed in 16 minutes. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Girls Soccer

Emerlee Jones – Coaches Award, Kennedy Hansen – Miss Universal and First-Team All-State, Jaedyn Penning – Defensive MVP and All-State Honorable Mention, Liz Flihs – Heart and Soul Award, Laila Roberts – All-State Honorable Mention, Jerica Locke – Miss Hustle and First-Team All-State, McKenna Tietz – Offensive MVP. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Cross Country

Ryelle Gilbert – MVP, Sydney Holmes – Rookie of the Year, Emily Clark – Sportsmanship Award and Academic All-State, Kason Oswald – Most Improved. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Volleyball

Anna Fjeldheim – Offensive MVP, NEC All-Conference, Academic All-State, NEC Volleyball Player of the Year, Carly Guthmiller – Defensive MVP and NEC All-Conference, Chesney Weber – Rookie of the Year, Sydney Leicht – Queen of Receive and Academic All-State, Rylee Dunker – Rookie of the Year, Liz Flihs – Sniper and NEC All-Conference. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Boys Soccer

Easton Weber – Most Improved, Jacob Zak – MVP, Best Offensive Player, and All-State Honorable Mention, Logan Ringgenberg – Best Defensive Player and Academic All-State, Gage Sippel – Best Teammate, Karsten Flihs – Best Attitude. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Football

Back Row: Karsten Jeschke – Scout Team MVP, Colby Dunker – Most Improved Offensive Player and NEC All-Conference, Taylor Diegel – Most Improved Defensive Player and NEC All-Conference, Christian Ehresmann – Defensive MVP and NEC All-Conference, Keegen Tracy – NEC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Front Row: Lane Tietz – NEC All-Conference and 11B Academic All-State, Logan Ringgenberg – Co-MVP Lineman, NEC All-Conference, and 11B All-State Football Team, Korbin Kucker – Offensive MVP and NEC All-Conference Honorable Mention, Holden Sippel – Co-MVP Lineman, NEC All-Conference, 11B Academic All-State, Richard Deurre Outstanding Football Player Scholarship Award. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



All-State Football Team

Left: Logan Ringgenberg is only the 23rd GHS athlete to be named to the 11B Football All-State Team. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Boys Golf

Jace Johnson – Most Improved, Brevin Flihs – Top Medalist. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



AD Recognized

Coach Shaun Wanner recognized and presented Alexa Schuring with a Friend of Football award for all of her hard work taking over as the Groton Area athletic director. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

