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Future of Groton airport discussed during City Council's tour of shop

What can the airport in Groton become?

It's a discussion City Council members had during a tour of Brett Anderson's shop at the end of Tuesday's council meeting.

Three fixed wing single-engine aircrafts sat in the shop: a 1954 Piper Super Cub, a 2008 American Champion Aircraft Scout and a 1959 Cessna 182C. Council members got up close to the planes and learned some of the history behind the crafts.

Darrell Hillestad went through different opportunities that could come with improvements at the airport north of town.

"I just wanted them to see what aviation can be in Groton," he said. "Airplanes are not just about giving rides in. There's business behind it."

Hillestad and Anderson discussed possible opportunities to build a hangar at the airport that could serve as a place to repair planes. There are also opportunities to do technical mechanic training and flight lessons at the airport in the future.

There's a void in aircraft mechanics in the industry, Anderson told the council.

"There's a lot of demand for it," he said. "And Groton would be a great place to do it."

There is still a lot left to do before that type of technical training could start, Hillestad said. While a lot of work has been done over the past few years to improve the airport site, there are still plenty of projects that could help improve it.

"There's a lot of work left to do," he said. "We're just scratching the surface."

Gordon Nelson's death sets somber note

Earlier in the meeting, the City Council was set to accept the resignation of Gordon Nelson from the Planning and Zoning Board during its Tuesday meeting. The Council had reappointed Nelson to the board at the Dec. 5 meeting.

However, Nelson died Dec. 16.

Council members discussed Nelson's passing.

"I would like to send out condolences from me and the City Hall, everyone from planning and zoning," Hanlon said. "Gordie was a good guy. He did a lot of good things for the community."

Nelson served on the Groton City Council for several terms, drove the Groton Community Transit bus and volunteered on the Brown County Fair Board for six years.

Hanlon appointed Cody Lindgren as planning and zoning board representative.

- City offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26 for Christmas.

- Dog licenses for 2024 are due Dec. 29.

- Anna Fjeldheim was promoted to skating rink manager. Wages were set at \$11.95 per hour along with \$250 a month.

- The council will discuss a new fee schedule for 2024 during its first meeting in January. The fees were set to be discussed Tuesday, but city officials are still reviewing some numbers.

- Discussion about creating a building inspector position was tabled until February. City Attorney Drew Johnson said he would speak to representatives from Aberdeen about how they structure their inspector positions and bring the information back to the City Council.

- Elizabeth Varin



From left: Groton Councilman Brian Bahr, Mayor Scott Hanlon, Councilwoman Karyn Babcock, Councilman Kevin Nehls, City Attorney Drew Johnson, Councilman Jon Cutler and Councilwoman Shirley Wells stand near a 1959 Cessna 182C with a 1954 Piper Super Cub in back on the left and a 2008 American Champion Aircraft Scout on the right in pilot Brett Anderson's shop west of Groton on Tuesday evening. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



From left: Groton Mayor Scott Hanlon, pilot Brett Anderson and Councilman Brian Bahr look over a American Champion Aircraft Scout fixed wing single-engine plane Tuesday evening at Anderson's building west of Groton. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton City Council members Kevin Nehls, Karyn Babcock, Shirley Wells, Scott Hanlon and Brian Bahr, along with City Attorney Drew Johnson and Groton pilot Brett Anderson surround Darrell Hillestad to see video of a Cessna landing in a field near Groton. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



It was a busy day, Monday, at the Groton Community Center with the Feeding South Dakota Truck stopping in to drop off senior boxes. In addition to the boxes this month, they will receive a free T-Shirt and a blanket. Charlotte Martin is pictured here ready to hand out the merchandise. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Weekly Vikings Recap - Battle of the Backups

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

In a rare Saturday afternoon NFL game, the Minnesota Vikings headed to Cincinnati to face the Bengals in what was a battle of the backup quarterbacks, Nick Mullens and Jake Browning. Coming into the game, both the Bengals and Vikings were 7-6 and needed a win to keep their playoff hopes alive.

The story of the Vikings the last few weeks has been the defense, which before this game had not allowed a touchdown since November 19. That streak continued through the first three quarters on Saturday as the Vikings' defense was able to hold Browning and the Bengals to only three points. And then the fourth quarter happened...

On the offensive side of the ball, the Vikings took the conservative route on Saturday as they relied heavily on the running game. Ty Chandler, who got his first career start with Alexander Mattison out with an injury, showed that he might be the Vikings best running back going forward. Chandler had 132 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries, plus three catches for 25 yards. Saturday's game was the first time a Vikings running back hit 100 rushing yards since week 10 of last season.

The big question coming into the game was how Nick Mullens was going to perform in his first career start with the Vikings. The problem with backup quarterbacks is they tend to make inexcusable mistakes, and Nick Mullens was no different on Saturday. In the second quarter, the Vikings managed to drive down the field into the red zone on back-to-back drives. Both times those drives ended on a Nick Mullens' interception. For a game where ball control and taking any points you can get was going to win the Vikings this game, Mullens' two interceptions cost the Vikings at least six points in the first half.

Thankfully, after halftime, Kevin O'Connell decided to go back to what gave the Vikings success in the first half and gave the ball to Ty Chandler, who broke out for a 24-yard run on the first play of the second half with the Vikings backed up on their eight-yard line. And, when the Vikings needed a big play on a crucial third down, Mullens made a clutch throw to Jordan Addison for a 37-yard touchdown to give the Vikings a 14-3 lead.

After the Vikings kicked a field goal to extend their lead to 17-3, the Vikings' streak of no touchdowns finally came to an end on a Tee Higgins touchdown at the start of the fourth quarter. With that touchdown, the entire momentum of the game seemed to flip as the Bengals quickly scored another touchdown to tie the game 17-17 with 9:00 remaining in the game.

Although the momentum was on the Bengals' side, luck was on the Vikings' side as on the next drive, Mullens had a pick-six overturned thanks to the Bengals being offside. And, when

Mullens made a highly dangerous throw into the endzone, somehow it resulted in a Jordan Addison touchdown to give the Vikings back the lead, 24-17. However, that lead lasted only a few minutes as the Bengals tied the game 24-24 on another Tee Higgins touchdown. For the first time this season, a Vikings game went into overtime.

After stopping the Bengals on their first drive, the Vikings got the ball with only needing a field goal to win the game. However, their drive got stalled at midfield after failing to convert back-to-back quarterback sneaks on third and fourth down. The mindboggling thing for the Vikings was the decision to run the same thing on each play with Brandon Powell, the smallest player on the entire roster, lining up behind Mullens to push him. Unfortunately, the Bengals would immediately drive down the field for the game-winning field goal.

Vikings 24 - Bengals 27

Next week, the final push of the season will start for the Vikings as they host the Detroit Lions on Christmas Eve next week. The Vikings will need to win multiple games over the Lions and Packers if they want to make the playoffs.

Christmas meditation

I fell asleep in front of the television the other night but was awakened by a song—Michael Buble, singing Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas on Saturday Night Live. It was so beautifully rendered, Nat King Cole and Mel Torme in heaven would approve. I watched and listened with rapt attention and felt something long dormant in my soul stirring again. I wasn't sure what it was. I fell drifted off again with the song circling about in my brain, Buble's rich tenor held gently aloft by the orchestra strings

I replayed the performance again this morning and got choked up again when he sang, "if the fates allow." I wondered why the line struck me. I think it is because even as Christmases march forever onward, the faces around the tree slowly, inexorably, change and then disappear, becoming memories we trot out seasonally for the most part. We smile at the memories, mourn a bit and then tuck them back away because life is for the living and the dead are anchors in both the best and worst sense of the word, with the power to hold us down or grant us a foundation upon which to build. The world turns. We breathe deeply, exhale, and then move aside for the next birth.

As I sit in contemplation this morning, a stray cat sits in the flower box watching me through the window. My coffee has gone cold. Perhaps I have the seasons confused, but Christmas has become for me a season for thanks. I've seen enough of them to recognize the inevitable changes and appreciate the present. I witness the joy it brings my children. I overhear whispered secrets. I see packages smuggled in. I try to hold these moments in my hand, but they are like water—they flow through my fingers, and time flows relentlessly on. Yesterday is history; today is all that mat-

ters. Tomorrow is just a promise. But Christmas—well, Christmas is eternal.

I gaze into the future for a moment, and for a moment the cosmic dictates are suspended and I catch a glimpse of my children's children and grandchildren celebrating some future Christmas around a tree that has not yet been planted. My blood. Something of me lives within them. They have learned well lessons that reach back generations past me. Everything is connected. I give thanks. The list of reasons is long, impossible to render.

Yesterday, I walked across the dormant grass in jeans and a T-shirt feeling the December sun on my back, the cool bite of winter on my bare arms. Winter's grip has not yet tightened. For now it is but a caress. Snow is scattered lightly like spattered frosting, huddling in the shadows, hiding from the sun. This is nature's way. Balance. The trees stand naked, branches reaching to the sky in defiance of the season.

My old dog lies in the sun sleeping deeply, living in her dreams, flushing birds in that ethereal world. There she is forever young. The stray cats leaps from my pickup bed, startled as I walk by, and then meows at me, rolls on his back as if to let me pet him, but rolls away as I approach, uncertain. A pheasant rises, clucking, from the ditch. The frantic drumbeat of wings. My old dog sleeps through it all. And I walk, giving thanks with each step for this holy day. This earth, my church.

I've changed I realize. Grown wiser, I think, grown sentimental for sure. How is it that Christmas songs can make me weep? Is this a sign of the maudlin that infects the aged or is it an awakening—a rebirth of my soul? If I am wiser, I am not wise enough to know the answer. I smile at the ghosts in my memories as they whisper past. I do not fear them. I do not fear that place. I know have already been blessed, and if it ended today I would be satisfied. Grateful. These are the things I meditate upon in my solitude.

My children return in winter's early nightfall beneath a cool orange moon and brittle stars, hustling secretively, noisily, through the door with packages and wrapping, chattering voices regaling me with the day's adventures. Suddenly the house springs alive in a way not possible when I am alone. My mysterious smile goes unnoticed as they blur past. I struggle to hold the moment, but it is like air in my hand—like sunlight, warm and shining, eternal, life-giving but impossible to contain.

My old dog rises and is rewarded with a treat. The cats circle, curious. The cockatiels scold the noisemakers. It is chaos. I bask in the warmth of their arrival and silently give thanks for the moment.

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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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We'd like to go to the North Pole to...

...visit Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves!

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Kids: color stuff in!

All About Santa



I'm ready for the big night when I'll fly around the world in a sleigh pulled by my magical reindeer. I love to come down chimneys to put toys under Christmas trees and stuff stockings with lots of goodies!

Ho Ho Ho Santa chimney

z z z z z ...not a creature was stirring...not even a...z z z z z...

milk and cookies North Pole Christmas Eve

Santa's reindeer are not wild reindeer. They are well-tended by Santa's elves!

Umm, Santa?

Can you fill in the missing letters on the list to name all of Santa's reindeer?

...and the most famous reindeer of all... u d o l

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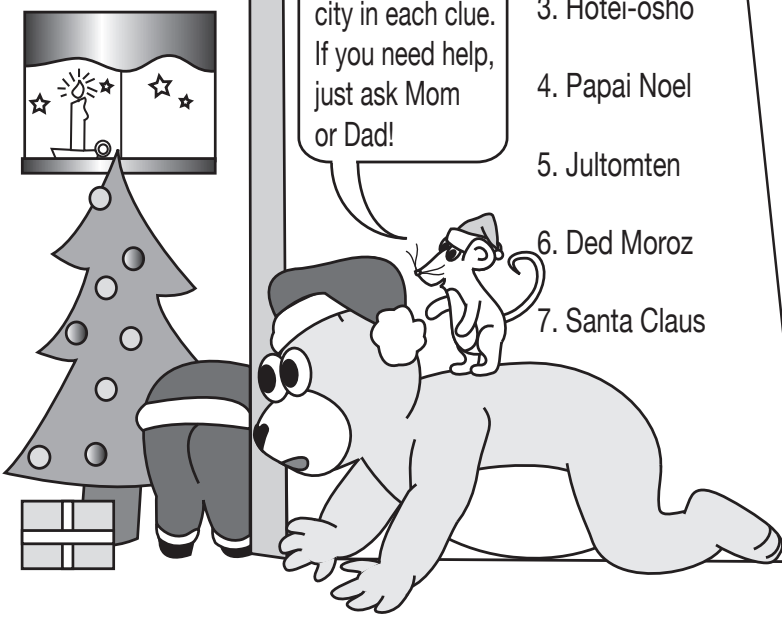
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coal elves

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- said to be Santa's favorite treat on Christmas Eve
- Santa writes this to remember each child's behavior
- where Santa enters the house to deliver presents
- they build the toys and help Santa with all chores
- Santa Claus' cheerful wife; keeps Santa organized
- night Santa flies around the world in his sleigh
- jolly phrase that Santa shouts from his sleigh
- if you misbehave, expect a lump of _____ in your stocking
- Santa might leave sweet treats like _____ canes in stockings
- also known as Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas (Russia)
- where Santa lives - it's very cold, but Mrs. Claus keeps the house cozy
- Santa carries the perfect gift for every good boy and girl in his _____
- to get to every house in one night, Santa flies in a big red _____
- wild _____ are still found in Siberia, Greenland, Alaska and Canada
- where all the toys are made and the elves work their magic

Forest is being a little naughty, and a mouse is stirring too! Hopefully Santa Claus won't notice them peeking!



Who Brings the Gifts?

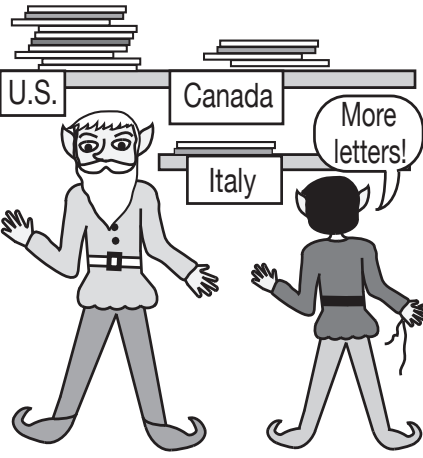
Hint: this puzzle is a little hard, so I put name of a major city in each clue. If you need help, just ask Mom or Dad!

- Svaty Mikulas
- La Befana
- Hotei-oshio
- Papai Noel
- Jultomten
- Ded Moroz
- Santa Claus

In North America, Santa Claus brings the Christmas presents while children sleep. **Who brings the gifts in other countries? Do this 3-way match to find out (one is done for you):**

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| A. Rides in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. Lives at the North Pole. Children leave milk and cookies for him. (Washington, D.C.) | 1. Italy |
| B. Christmas gnome who lives under the floorboards. Rides a straw goat named Julbocken. (Stockholm) | 2. Russia |
| C. Buddhist monk who delivers gifts. Children believe he has eyes in the back of his head, and that he's always watching. (Tokyo) | 3. Brazil |
| D. Grandfather Frost. Delivers toys and gifts in person. Rides in a sled pulled by three horses called a Troika. (Moscow) | 4. Japan |
| E. Comes to visit in January. Flies around on a broom and enters homes through the chimney. Children leave morsels out for her to eat. (Rome) | 5. Sweden |
| F. Wears lightweight silk clothing and lives in Greenland. He puts treats in shoes of the children. (Rio de Janeiro) | 6. United States |
| G. Visits children on Dec. 6th (St. Nicholas Day). He brings an angel who carries a big book that tells who's naughty or nice. But, Baby Jesus brings the gifts on Christmas Eve. (Prague) | 7. Czech Republic |

Letters to Santa



What does Santa use to help him organize the letters he gets from children around the world?

R = Red
G = Green

Freddie To Santa

To Santa Claus North Pole

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Brown County
Dec. 12, 2023
Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BIDS FOR EXPO ROOF: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for replacing or retrofitting a metal roof on the Holum Expo Building at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Rachel Kippely, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager wanted to Thank Dean Marske from HKG Architects for his assistance with this project. One bid was received from MEGA Construction with products from Campbell Town & Country in the amount of \$658,500.00 for Option #1 to remove and replace the roof: no bid for the retrofitting. Alternate #1 provides contractor to furnish and install 60 mill building flashing between Holum Expo Building and Odde Ice Area transition at the cost of \$4,125.00; Alternate #2 provides contractor to furnish and install roofing contractors alternate building flashing between Holum Expo Building and Odde Ice Area transition at the cost of \$5,980.00; Option #3 provides for contractor to patch and repair existing ceiling in the Holum Expo Building under option #2 cover rib roof retrofit. Contractor to provide allowance for damaged or missing insulation per 100 sq. ft. of replacement furnished and installed at the cost of \$1,600.00, if chose to do the retrofit but they chose not to bid that option. Rachel asked to defer the decision for a week because it is significantly higher than the estimates they received in May, which they knew would happen and asked the Commission to look at the budgets because about double of what they thought it would be. Commissioner Dennert moved to defer the bid for the roof on the Holum Expo for a week, seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wiese asked for the time frame on this project, Rachel shared they had stated to be done by August 1, 2023. Discussion was held with Kurt Preszler with MEGA Construction and Rich Hilgemann with Campbell Town & County about the time frame and they stated that if start by beginning of May should be completed by August 1st plus discussed the plans on what they were looking at doing. Commissioner Dennert asked how long the new roof would approximately last, Rachel stated specs asked for a 20-year warranty.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BODY CAMERAS & IN CAR CAMERA SYSTEMS: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider proposals for new body cameras and in car camera systems for the Sheriff's Deputies. Dave Lunzman, Sheriff and Jon Lemke, Chief Deputy opened the proposals. All Proposals received were for 5-year contracts, Commissioner Fjeldheim questioned what happens at the end of the 5 years and it was shared they would probably have to start over with new contracts. Proposals received were as follows: Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$174,488.00: \$21,000.00 for the first year and \$38,300.00 for years two through five; Digital Ally in the amount of \$218,168.00: \$51,704.00 for the first year and \$41,616.00 for years two through five; LensLock in the amount of \$152,745.00: \$32,065.00 for first year and \$30,170.00 for years two through five; Axon in the amount of \$105,177.60; Versa-term Visual Labs was \$35,760.00 for first year and recurring years are \$24,480.00; Utility Inc. in the amount of \$170,000: \$68,000 for first year and \$25,500 for years two through five. Sheriff Lunzman asked to defer the decision for a week so they could go over all the proposals. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked if they were familiar with any of them that were common in this area, Sheriff Lunzman and Chief

Deputy Lemke shared that Axon is one, Lens Lock is used by the SD Highway Patrol and Motorola is another one. Commissioner Wiese moved to defer the proposals for the body cameras and in car camera systems for a week, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Wiese asked Sheriff Lunzman to get information back to the Commission also from the IT Department to make sure in case there are any questions on the capabilities, storage capacity and functionality.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY – NORTHERN ELECTRIC: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the application submitted to provide primary electrical services by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #16 in Section 5-T123N-R62, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met with the Commission to give them a department update. Dirk shared they have hauled rock to a holding pattern for Rip Rap; graveling in the SW part of the County; going to look at getting some material in place to save on some trucking; may be crushing soon – depends on when receive the crusher – renting as of January 1st; cleaning up the backyard and Snowplows are ready to go when needed. Commissioner Dennert shared that he got a call regarding the truck speed by Rolling Meadows on Co. Rd. 13 and asked if a flashing speed limit sign could be posted there and Dirk said they could do that.

AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF THE EMPLOYEE UNION CONTRACT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize Chairman to sign the Employee Union Contract. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE & AUTHORIZE SIGNING THE JOINT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NECOG FOR 2024

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Vice-Chairman Fjeldheim to sign the Joint Cooperative Agreement with NECOG for 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PILOT PROGRAM: Allison Tunheim, Human Resources (HR) Director and Scott Meints, Emergency Management (EM) Director met with the Commission to discuss the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Pilot Program that is being offered through the SDML Workman's Comp. Allison shared that the goal of the program is to reduce the number of slips and falls work comp claims; SDML shows that approximately 25% of the claims are slips and falls. Focus of the program is where the employees job requires them to be outdoors during the winter months, such as Highway, Landfill, Law Enforcement and Maintenance. Scott informed the Commission thought it would have some good benefits but after looking into it more, there are more questions than answers. A couple of issues are the requirements for the program: employee must sign documentation, follow the policy set forth; employee must wear the PPE for their whole shift. If the employee doesn't wear the PPE and has an accident, then the adjuster could deny the Work Comp claim and the County could be liable or the footwear could damage some flooring and not sure who would be liable for those situations. Plus, the cost is \$30/pair. Scott feels there are too many unknowns at this time, and we are getting push back on the wording "must" and "shall" wear. They don't feel this policy would not be beneficial for Brown County at this time. The recommendation from EM & HR is if the County wanted to do something, to purchase the same style of footwear that is being offered but for a lower cost of around \$15-\$18 and offer the employees that would like them and not sign onto the Pilot Program. Our claims were very low for outside weather related. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked if they needed a certain percentage needed for this pilot program to take off. Scott stated they provided a list of potential departments, which was Sheriff's office, Corrections, Highway, Landfill. Another concern was what happens if a deputy ends up in a foot pursuit and one gets caught or starts coming off and the deputy gets hurt, so who's liable for that situation. Scott of-

ferred to purchase some through the Safety Committee, funding from his budget. They did have a deputy test them when we got the little bit of snow, and she was happy with them but again concerned about wearing them inside and possibility of damaging floors. Commissioner Wiese commented that they are offering this Pilot Program to 3 Counties and 3 Cities, and they won't be offended if they are told 'No'; it does heighten awareness and an opportunity for the County to be proactive without mandating the PPE. Commissioner Fjeldheim stated that he doesn't feel the interest is there to implement the program and it is for information only. Commissioner Wiese asked them to provide SDML some feedback and work with the Safety Committee. Scott Meints asked if the Commission would object to his department purchasing a few of the pairs he mentioned, consensus was it would be a good thing to have available and let the employees decide if want to use them at their discretion.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting minutes of December 5, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$300.68; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$244.84; CGI, LLC \$1,057.50; Dakota Group LLC \$3,287.24; Faulkton Area Medical Center \$63.63; Helms & Associates \$7,521.26; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$300.36; Language Line Services, Inc \$286.30; Lincoln County Auditor \$574.65; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc \$179.10; Minnehaha County Auditor \$600.74; Park Dietz & Associates, Inc \$742.50; Pauer Sound, LLC \$64.00; Sanford Clinic Aberdeen \$221.52; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$216.00; SD Dept of Health \$1,220.00; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$291.80; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$100.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$497.20. Publishing: Black Hills Pioneer \$15.04; GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc \$1,282.82; Groton Daily Independent \$289.85; Hub City Radio \$300.00; TDS Media Direct, Inc \$380.00; Todd County Tribune/Mellette County News \$53.30. Rentals: Aramark \$355.16. Repairs & Maintenance: A-1 Locksmithing \$36.50; All Over Roofing LLC \$1,836.50; Big Scoop \$20.00; Butler Machinery Company \$2,942.45; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$3,274.05; Custom Installation Solutions \$85.00; Dakota Pump & Control \$673.47; Dakota Supply Group \$506.32; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$300.00; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$125.83; Graham Tire Inc \$26,113.72; Great Western Tire \$55.50; Heartland Heating & Cooling, LLC \$27.06; Montgomery's Furniture Inc \$27,510.90; Olympic Sales, Inc \$546.83; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$212.64; RDO Equipment Co \$196.41; Safety Service \$8.25; Service Signs Inc \$99.49; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$8,070.74; Valtir, LLC \$369.11. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$56,971.09; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$785.42; Auto Value Aberdeen \$280.60; Butler Machinery Company \$448.71; Century Business Products \$53.05; Charlee Holt \$173.58; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$5,153.58; Dakota Electronics \$663.40; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$37,457.72; Farm Tire Service LLC \$800.00; Great Western Tire \$4,942.16; Heartland Heating & Cooling, LLC \$1,326.00; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$36.12; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$206.59; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$111.94; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$62.60; Maggie Holt \$423.58; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc \$115.43; Menards \$235.69; Midstates Group \$847.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$32.00; Performance Oil \$544.00; PharmChem, Inc \$497.25; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, LLC \$15,000.00; RDO Equipment Co \$4,382.93; Safety Service \$3,301.53; SD Dept of Transportation \$3,963.77; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$6,487.14; Tyler Business Forms \$1,483.06; US Foods \$9,580.50; Valtir, LLC \$3,424.00. Travel & Conference: Dave Lunzman \$446.00; Karla Nelson \$426.52. Utilities: City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$1,299.57; Economy Propane, LLC \$938.70; Midcontinent Communications \$163.80; Northwestern Energy \$14,215.96; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$120.49; Town of Frederick \$192.39; Verizon

Wireless \$41.92; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$245.18. Machinery & Equipment: Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$148,500.00. Others: Keith Butterfield \$53.38; SD Assoc of County Officials \$780.00; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$4,680.09; SD Retirement System \$2,008.50; WEX Health Inc \$5,000.00. 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:

- Hiring of Jaycob Aldea De Jesus as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$20.67/hr. – effective December 10, 2023.

- Hiring of Ross Collins as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$20.67/hr. – effective December 10, 2023.

- Hiring of Marty McDermand as Brown County Landfill Heavy Equipment Operator, FT; starting wage \$22.82/hr. – effective December 18, 2023.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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

UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES FOR 2021 & 2022: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to declare the taxes uncollectible on three mobile homes (Parcel #15215, #28574 and #28560) as submitted by Patty VanMeter, Brown County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: District 3 Representative Perry shared with the Commission some information on the Retirement Laws: in 2022 about \$31 million was given to 1344 residents got their retirement checks in Brown County. They have set aside 14.6 billion dollars set aside so they can continue to make those payments. Rep. Perry commented that he believes South Dakota is the only state that is fully funded at this time.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:02 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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 Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Claremont Town Sewer Facility Improvement

RESOLUTION NO. 213
RESOLUTION GIVING APPROVAL TO CERTAIN SEWER FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS; GIVING APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A REVENUE BOND TO FINANCE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITIES; APPROVING THE FORM OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE REVENUE BOND AND PLEDGING PROJECT REVENUES AND COLLATERAL TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF THE REVENUE BOND; AND CREATING SPECIAL FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM AND RETIREMENT OF THE REVENUE BOND AND PROVIDING FOR A SEGREGATED SPECIAL CHARGE OR SURCHARGE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS.

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of SDCL Chapter 9-40 (the "Act") as found and determined by the Legislature is to provide for financing the acquisition, maintenance, operation, extension or improvement of any system or part of any system for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and other domestic, commercial and industrial wastes; or any system for the control of floods and drainage; or any combination thereof, together with extensions, additions, and necessary appurtenances; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality is authorized by Section 6 of the Act to issue revenue bonds to defray the cost of extensions, additions and improvements to any utility previously owned without pledging its credit and is authorized to pledge the net income or revenues from the Project in accordance with Section 15 of the Act; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Claremont (the "City") currently operates a sewer system for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and other domestic, commercial and industrial wastes; and for the control of floods and drainage and has determined that improvements to the sewer facilities are necessary for the conduct of its governmental programs and qualifies as an improvement, extension or addition to its sewer system; and,

WHEREAS, the City has determined to issue its revenue bonds to finance the improvements to its sewer system for the purpose of collecting, treating and disposing of sewage and other domestic, commercial and industrial wastes (the "System") and has applied to the South Dakota Conservancy District (the "District") for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan to finance the improvements;

WHEREAS, the City shall adopt special rates or surcharges for the improvements to be pledged, segregated and used for the payment of the Bonds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions. The terms when used in this Resolution shall have the following meanings set forth in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise. All terms used in this Resolution which are not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Loan Agreement unless the context clearly otherwise requires.

"Act" means South Dakota Codified Laws Chapter 9-40.

"Loan" means the Loan made by the South Dakota Conservancy District to the City pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement and as evidenced by the Revenue Bond.

"Project" means the City of Claremont Storm Sewer and Lift Station Project Improvements.

"Revenue Bond" means the revenue bond or bonds issued the date of the Loan Agreement by the City to the South Dakota Conservancy District to evidence the City's obligation to repay the principal of and pay interest and Administrative Expense Surcharge on the Loan.

"System" means the City's system of collecting, treating and disposing of sewage and other domestic, commercial and industrial wastes.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Necessity and Findings.

2.1.1. Declaration of Necessity. The City hereby determines and declares it is necessary to construct and finance improvements to its System described as the Project.

2.2. Findings. The City does hereby find as follows:

2.2.1. The City hereby expressly finds that if the Project is not undertaken, the System will pose a health hazard to the City and its inhabitants and will make the City unable to comply with state and federal law.

2.2.2. Because of the functional interdependence of the various portions of the System, the fact that the System may not lawfully operate unless it complies with State and federal laws, including SDCL Chapter 34A-2, and the federal Clean Water Act, and the nature of the improvements financed, the City hereby finds and determines that the Project will substantially benefit the entire System and all of its users within the meaning of Sections 15 and 17 of the Act.

2.2.3. The City hereby determines and finds that for the purposes of the Act, including, in particular, Sections 15 and 17 of the Act, only the net income from the Project financed by the Revenue Bond be pledged for its payment.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Loan, Pledge of Revenue and Security.

3.1. Authorization of Loan. The City hereby determines and declares it necessary to finance up to \$505,000 of the costs of the Project through the issuance of bonds payable from the revenue of the Project and other funds secured by the City. The City hereby determines that because the Revenue Bond is issued in connection with a financing agreement described in SDCL 46A-1-49, pursuant to Section 15 of the Act no election is required to issue the Revenue Bond.....

3.2. Approval of Loan Agreement. The execution and delivery of the Revenue Obligation Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement"), the form of which is on file with the Finance Officer (the "Finance Officer") and open to public inspection, between the City as Borrower and the District, is hereby in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed, and the Mayor and Finance Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement in the form and content attached hereto, with such changes as the Attorney for the City deems appropriate and approves, for and on behalf of the City. The Mayor and Finance Officer are hereby further authorized and directed to implement and perform the covenants and obligations of the City set forth in or required by the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement herein referred to and made a part of this Resolution is on file in the office of the Finance Officer and is available for inspection by any interested party.

3.3. Approval of Revenue Bond. The issuance of a revenue bond in a principal amount not to exceed \$505,000 as determined according to the Loan Agreement in the form and content set forth in Appendix B attached to the form of Loan Agreement (the "Revenue Bond") shall be and the same is, in all respects, hereby authorized, approved, and confirmed and the Mayor, Finance Officer, and other appropriate officials shall be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute and seal the Revenue Bond and deliver the Revenue Bond to the District, for and on behalf of the City, upon receipt of the purchase price, and to use the proceeds thereof in the manner set forth in the Loan Agreement. The Mayor and Finance Officer are hereby authorized to approve the final terms of the Revenue Bond and their execution and delivery thereof shall evidence that approval. The Revenue Bond shall be issued under the authority of SDCL Chapter 9-40 and SDCL Chapter 6-8B, and the provisions of the Act are hereby expressly incorporated herein as provided in Section 19 of the Act.

3.4. Pledge of Revenues. The Revenue Bond together with the interest thereon, shall not constitute a charge against the City's general credit or taxing power, but shall be a limited obligation of the City payable solely out of the Project Debt Service Account, which payments, revenues and receipts are hereby and in the Loan Agreement pledged and assigned for the equal and ratable payments of the Revenue Bond and shall be used for no other purpose than to pay the principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond, except as may be otherwise expressly authorized in the Loan Agreement (including the purpose of securing Additional Bonds issued as permitted by the terms thereof). The City covenants and agrees to charge rates for all services

from the Project or establish special charges or surcharges which will be sufficient to provide for the payments upon the Revenue Bond issued hereunder as and when the same become due, and as may be necessary to provide for the operation and maintenance and repairs of the Project, and depreciation, and the Rate Resolution shall be revised from time to time so as to produce these amounts. The City hereby reserves the right to determine on a periodic basis the appropriate allocation of operation and maintenance expenses, depreciation, repair and reserves associated with the facilities financed with the Revenue Bond, provided that such determination of allocable operation and maintenance expenses shall in no event abrogate, abridge or otherwise contravene the covenant of the City set forth in this Section 3 or any other covenant or agreement in the Loan Agreement.

SECTION 4. Special Charge or Surcharge for Revenue Bond.

4.1. The City does hereby create the Revenue Bond Special-Surcharge District (the "Surcharge District") which shall include all users which benefit from the Project. There shall be charged a special charge or surcharge pursuant to Section 15 of the Act for the services provided by Project financed by the Revenue Bond. The special charge or surcharge shall be segregated from other revenues of the System and shall be used for the payment of the Revenue Bond. The special charge or surcharge shall create net income, remaining from time to time after first paying all reasonable and current expenses of maintenance, repairs, replacements and operation, sufficient to fund interest, reserve and debt service fund annual requirements and shall be 110% of the debt service requirements on the Revenue Bond.

4.2. Rates and collection. The rate herein specific will be collected as a special charge or surcharge for the Project. This special charge or surcharge shall remain in effect until such time as the Revenue Bond is defeased or paid in full.

4.3. Initial Surcharge. The initial special charge or surcharge shall be set by resolution and collected at the same time as other charges of the utility. All users within the Surcharge District which benefit from the Project, current and future, shall be charged the special charge or surcharge. The special charge or surcharge is found to be equitable for the services provided by the Project. The special charge or surcharge shall begin at such time as will produce sufficient revenue to pay principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond when due.

4.4. Segregation. The Finance Officer shall set up book-keeping accounts in accordance with South Dakota Legislative Audit guidelines for the segregation of the revenue, special charges and surcharges.

4.5. Periodic review. The amount of the surcharge shall be reviewed from time to time, not less than yearly, and shall be modified in order to produce such funds as are necessary and required to comply with the Loan Agreement's rate covenant and to pay principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond when due. The surcharge may be set by resolution in accordance with this Section. The rate resolution shall be necessary for the support of government and shall be effective upon passage.

SECTION 5. Additional Bonds. As permitted by Sections 8 and 9 of the Act, Additional Bonds payable from revenues and income of the System or Project may be issued, as permitted in the Loan Agreement, and no provision of this Resolution shall have the effect of restricting the issuance of, or impairing the lien of, such additional parity bonds with respect to the net revenues or income from the extensions, additions or improvements. The City shall have the right to issue additional bonds secured by a lien subordinate to the lien from the Revenue Bond pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

SECTION 6. Project Fund Accounts. For the purpose of application and proper allocation of the income of the Project and to secure the payment of principal, Administrative Surcharge and interest on the Revenue Bond, the following mandatory asset segregations shall be included in the sewer system account of the City and shall be used solely for the following respective purposes until payment in full of the

principal of and interest on the Revenue Bond:

6.1. Project Revenue Account. There shall be deposited periodically into the Project Revenue Account the net revenues as defined in Section 17 of the Act derived from the operation of the Project collected pursuant to the resolutions and ordinances of the City of Claremont, South Dakota (collectively the "Rate Resolution"). Moneys from the Project Revenue Account shall be transferred periodically into separate funds and accounts as provided below.

6.2. Project Debt Service Account. Out of the revenues in the Project Revenue Account, there shall be set aside no later than the 25th day of each month into the account designated Project Debt Service Account, a sum sufficient to provide for the payment as the same become due of the next maturing principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bonds and any reserve determined by the City's governing body to be necessary. The amount set aside monthly shall be not less than one-third of the total principal, interest, and Administrative Surcharge payable on the following February 15, May 15, August 15 or November 15 and if there shall be any deficiency in the amount previously set aside, then the amount of such deficiency shall be added to the current requirement.

6.3. Depreciation Account. There shall be established a General Depreciation Account. Out of the revenues of the Project Revenue Account there shall be set aside each month into the General Depreciation Account an amount determined by the Common Council to be a proper and adequate amount for repair and depreciation of the Project.

6.4. Project Surplus Account. There shall be established the Project Surplus Account. Revenues remaining in the Project Revenue Account at the end of any fiscal year after all periodic transfers have been made therefrom as above required, shall be deemed to be surplus and shall be transferred to the Project Surplus Account. If at any time there shall exist any default in making any periodic transfer to the Project Debt Service Account, the Common Council shall authorize the Finance Officer to rectify such default so far as possible by the transfer of money from the Project Surplus Account. If any such default shall exist as to more than one account or fund at any time, then such transfer shall be made in the order such funds and accounts are listed above.

When not required to restore a current deficiency in the Project Debt Service Account, moneys in the Project Surplus Account from time to time may be used for any of the following purposes and not otherwise:

(a) To redeem and prepay the Revenue Bond when and as such Revenue Bond becomes prepayable according to its terms;

(b) To pay for repairs of or for the construction and installation of improvements or additions to the System; and, if the balances in the Project Debt Service Account and the Project Depreciation Account are sufficient to meet all payments required or reasonably anticipated to be made there from prior to the end of the then current fiscal year, then:

(c) To be held as a reserve for redemption and prepayment of any bonds of the System which are not then but will later be prepayable according to their terms; or

(d) To be used for any other authorized municipal purpose designated by the Common Council.

(e) No moneys shall at any time be transferred from the Project Surplus Account or any other account of the Fund to any other fund of the City, nor shall such moneys at any time be loaned to other municipal funds or invested in warrants, special improvements bonds or other obligations payable from other funds, except as provided in this Section.

SECTION 7. Approval of Paying Agent/Registrar. The Revenue Bond shall be payable at the office of U.S. Bank National Association, St. Paul, Minnesota, hereby designated as paying agent and registrar.

SECTION 8. Approval of Bond Counsel. Meierhenry Sargent LLP is hereby retained as Bond Counsel with respect to the Revenue Bond.

SECTION 9. Tax Matters. The Interest on the Revenue Bond shall be excludable from

gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("the Code") and applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations").

SECTION 10. Covenants. The City hereby covenants and agrees with the District and other owners of the Revenue Bond as follows:

10.1. The City will punctually perform all duties with reference to the Project, the System and the Revenue Bond required by the constitution and laws of the State of South Dakota and by this Resolution.

10.2. The City agrees and covenants that it will promptly construct the improvements included in the Project.

10.3. The City covenants and agrees that pursuant to Sections 25 through 27 of the Act, the lawful holders of the Revenue Bond shall have a statutory mortgage lien upon the Project and the extensions, additions and improvements thereto acquired pursuant to the Act, until the payment in full of the principal and interest on the Revenue Bond, and the City agrees not to sell or otherwise dispose of the System, the Project, or any substantial part thereof, except as provided in the Loan Agreement and shall not establish, authorize or grant a franchise for the operation of any other utility supplying like products or services in competition therewith, or permit any person, firm or corporation to compete with it in the distribution of water for municipal, industrial, and domestic purposes within the City.

10.4. The City covenants and agrees with the District and other owners of the Revenue Bond that it will maintain the System in good condition and operate the same in an efficient manner and at a reasonable cost, so long as any portion of the Revenue Bond remains outstanding; that it will maintain insurance on the System for the benefit of the holders of the Revenue Bond in an amount which usually would be carried by private companies in a similar type of business; that it will prepare, keep and file records, statements and accounts as provided for in this Resolution and the Loan Agreement. The Revenue Bond shall refer expressly to this Resolution and the Act and shall state that it is subject to all provisions and limitations thereof pursuant to Section 19 of the Act.

SECTION 11. Depositories. The Finance Officer shall cause all moneys pertaining to the Funds and Accounts to be deposited as received with one or more banks which are duly qualified public depositories under the provisions of SDCL Ch. 4-6A, in a deposit account or accounts, which shall be maintained separate and apart from all other accounts of the City, so long as any of the Bonds and the interest thereon shall remain unpaid. Any of such moneys not necessary for immediate use may be deposited with such depository banks in savings or time deposits. No money shall at any time be withdrawn from such deposit accounts except for the purposes of the Funds and Accounts as authorized in this Resolution; except that moneys from time to time on hand in the Funds and Accounts may at any time, in the discretion of the City's governing body, be invested in securities permitted by the provisions of SDCL 4-5-6; provided, however, that the Depreciation Fund may be invested in such securities maturing not later than ten years from the date of the investment. Income received from the deposit or investment of moneys shall be credited to the Fund or Account from whose moneys the deposit was made or the investment was purchased, and handled and accounted for in the same manner as other moneys therein.

SECTION 12. Consent to Appointment. In the event of mismanagement of the Project, a default in the payment of the principal or interest of the Revenue Bond, or in any other condition thereof materially affecting the lawful holder of the Revenue Bond, or if the revenues of the Project are dissipated, wasted or diverted from their proper application as set forth in the Loan Agreement, Revenue Bond, or herein, the City hereby consents to the appointment of a receiver pursuant to Section 33 of the Act, and agrees that the receiver will have the powers set forth therein, and in Sections 34 and 35 of the Act to operate and administer the Project, and charge and collect rates as de-

scribed therein.

SECTION 13. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution, the Loan Agreement, the Revenue Bond, or any other Loan Document shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution or said Loan Agreement, Revenue Bond, or any other Loan Document.

SECTION 14. Repeal of Resolution. At such time as the Revenue Bond is defeased or paid in full, this Resolution and the special charge or surcharge shall automatically be repealed without any further action of the City.

SECTION 15. Authorization of City Officials. The Mayor, Finance Officer, City Attorney and City officials shall be and they are hereby authorized to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City any and all other certificates, documents or other papers and to perform such other acts as they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement and carry out the actions authorized herein.

SECTION 16. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on the 20th day following its publication, unless suspended by a referendum.

Adopted at Claremont, South Dakota, this 12th day of December 2023.

APPROVED:
/s/ Shane Johnson
Mayor
(SEAL)
Attest: /s/ Charla Rye
Finance Officer
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Claremont Town Dec. 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The board of trustees for the town of Claremont met on December 12, at 7:00 pm in City Hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with Trustees Rasmussen and Spencer present. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the minutes of the November meeting were approved. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the following warrants were approved. General: JVT, phone, internet and sewer phone, 140.45; Post Office, stamps, 66.00; Northwestern Energy, street lights, 329.46; Northwestern Energy, city hall, 75.53; Frank Rasmussen, 9 meetings, 900.00; Shane Johnson, 9 meetings, 900.00; Jason Spencer, 9 meetings, 900.00; S&S Lumber, parts, 113.31; GDI, publishing, 19.59; Charla Rye, wages, 350.00; Grandslam Computers, backup, 195.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, tractor insurance, 190.87; WWW: Helms and Ass. storm sewer Design, 4050.00; Northwestern Energy, pump house power, 37.16; Northwestern energy, sewer Lift power, 41.84; Northwestern Energy, sewer Lift power, 17.83; BDM, water purchased, 1034.10; USDA Rural Development, water loan payment, 576.00; The board Resolution No. 213 on a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen giving approval to the issuance and sale of a Revenue Bond to finance, directly or indirectly, the improvements to the facilities; approving the form of the loan agreement and the Revenue bond. See complete Resolution below. With no further business before the board a motion was made by Rasmussen to adjourn and seconded by Spencer. Motion carried. Respectfully Submitted, CRye, Finance Officer
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**Groton School
Dec. 11, 2023**

Meeting Minutes

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

REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2023

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

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to approve the agenda with an amendment of the addition of new business to revise minutes of the August 14, 2023 school board meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pharis, second Flihs to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of November 13, 2023; district bills, November 2023 financial report, custodial accounts, and investments, school lunch report, and school transportation report, and approve open enrollments 24-24, 24-25, 24-26. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Pay-

roll - 319,434.80; Benefits - 82,858.79; Aberdeen Awards - awards, 25.00; Advanced Auto Parts - parts, 657.86; Amazon - supplies, 101.11; Anderson's - yearbook fundraiser, 861.95; Automatic Building Controls - alarm monitoring, 480.00; Capitol One - supplies, 211.49; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt, Shelton - legal fees, 914.22; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 52,261.94; Dakota Electronics - 419.90; Dependable Sanitation - garbage, 1,254.50; Eide Bailly - audit payment, 10,000.00; Good Shred - shredding, 43.50; Greg's Repair - repairs, 322.62; Groton Area - Veteran's Day breakfast, 373.04; Hauff Mid-America Sports - basketball supply, 120.29; Hillyard - janitor supply, 1,990.75; House of Glass - keys, 14.25; Jostens - diploma covers, 331.00; Maximum Promotions - banner additions, 332.36; North Area Honor Band - student registrations, 80.00; Northside Implement - parts, 1,234.11; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 2,730.65; Pflitzer Pest Control - pest contracts, 2,317.07; S&S Lumber - supplies, 1,992.11; Alexandra Schuring - meal reimbursement, 10.76; Taylor Music - music, 70.09; Wageworks - admin fee, 97.25. Total General Fund - \$481,541.41.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - managed print agreement, 2,681.72; Amazon - surge protectors, 425.25; Capitol one

- monitor, 168.00; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 4,167.98; Daktronics - scoreboard updates, 12,840.00; Harlow's Bus - 2024 IC CE bus, 117,332.15; Matheson Tri-Gas - torch, 367.24.

Total Capital Outlay - \$137,982.34.

SPECIAL ED: Net Payroll - 52,408.69; Benefits - 15,048.66; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 650.03; Judy or Gene Williamson - mileage, 985.32; Nikki Wright - mileage, 489.60. Total Special Ed - \$69,582.30.

FOOD SERVICE: Net Payroll - 9,975.83; Benefits - 2,906.59; Ace Refrigeration - repairs, 706.86; Brandon Bible - refund, 13.95; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 812.21; East Side Jersey Dairy - milk, 1,293.40; Hillyard - dish detergent, 1,060.73; Performance Foodservice - food, 3,911.49; US Foods - food, 3,621.71. Total Food Service - \$24,302.77.

OST: Net Payroll - 3,825.79; Benefits - 795.41; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 1,253.70. Total OST - \$5,874.90.

DRIVERS ED: Net Payroll - 0.00; Benefits - 0.00. Total Driver's Ed: \$0.00.

CUSTODIAL FUND: 97,531.32.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 1,508,095.54; Local Sources, Other - 86,853.17; County Sources - 2,669.55; State Sources - 27,699.00; Federal Sources - 196,042.83. Total

Receipts - 1,821,360.09.

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. Bev Sombke addressed the board about tripping on a grate while entering the gymnasium.

Continued discussion regarding potential school district FY2025 Opt-Out. Superintendent Schwan presented information to the board. The board discussed setting a future special meeting to discuss the next steps for an Opt-Out.

Superintendent Schwan went through the review of the District Covid-19 Return to Learn Plan, with minor updates to verbiage with ICU program to Homework Academy.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: J. Schwan reported the Fiber replacement project progress, 1003 School Improvement Grant for \$2,869 to cover transportation, meals, and substitution costs; overview of the state budget address, and recap of the Region 5 superintendent meeting.

B. Schwan reported elementary enrollment at 304 students, South Dakota Comprehensive Needs Assessment Framework and Process, MAPS testing, Christmas concert to be held December 21, at 1:00pm and PAC Movie Night was a huge success and thanked everyone

who helped with the activity and clean up.

S. Edwards reported enrollment of 299 students, MAPS testing, staff reviews being completed for the fall semester, NEAP meeting on December 12, middle and high school had a successful Christmas concert, Mr. Pietz the new music instructor, begun on December 11, and continuation on reviewing the MS/HS Handbook.

Hubsch reported that the 2022 District audit is completed, and the 2023 audit is finishing up. Maintenance of Effort report is completed with district meeting compliance with exceptions; the Red Rover Platform will be ready for trial period, working on updating personnel files, and is participating in election webinar training series.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Pharis, to approve the revision of the minutes of August 14, 2023 to read the motion as follows: "Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve the bid for 1.0 acre of land in SW quarter of section 14 of Oak Gulch Township (former school site of Oak Gulch School District) to J. Paul Zimmerman, John F. Zimmerman, and Sarah J. Zimmerman represented by Danny Smeins, P.C. for \$2,500 and authorize Superintendent to execute paperwork to effectuate the sale. Motion carried." Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second by

Harder, to approve Troy Zoellner as JH Wrestling Coach for the 2023-2024 season at \$2,250. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Lerseth-Fliehs, to approve the change in date for the January 8, 2024 regular school board meeting to January 10, 2024 at 7pm. Motion carried.

2024-2025 School Calendar was discussed with no action being taken.

President Gengerke declared a short recess at 9:00pm.

President Gengerke declared recess over at 9:04pm and declared the board to go into executive session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(2) student issue, and SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel issue. Moved by Flihs, second by Pharis, Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 9:36pm

Moved by Flihs, second by Pharis to approve hiring of Eli Lich, student custodian, at \$11.75/hr. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Lerseth-Fliehs to adjourn at 9:38p.m. Motion carried.

Becky Hubsch, Business Manager Deborah Gengerke, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 FINANCIAL REPORTS

	General Fund	Assigned Capital Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption	Food Service	OST	Driver's Ed	Custodial
NOV. 1 2023	\$1,551,613.67	\$351,983.44	\$308,173.20	\$20.43	\$168,229.34	\$35,637.69	\$18,263.28	\$201,108.17
RECEIPTS								
Local Sources	\$731,826.35	\$516,624.00	\$244,940.70		\$14,704.49	\$4,717.35		\$82,135.82
County Sources	\$2,669.55							
State Sources								
State Aid	\$27,699.00							
State Apportionment								
State Reimbursements								
Bank Franchise								
Federal Sources	\$1,494.00	\$184,623.00			\$9,925.83			
Sale of Assets	\$0.00							
Due from Govt.								
Transfer In/Out								
TOTAL MONTHLY RECEIPTS	\$763,688.90	\$701,247.00	\$244,940.70	\$0.00	\$24,630.32	\$4,717.35	\$0.00	\$82,135.82
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$2,315,302.57	\$1,053,230.44	\$553,113.90	\$20.43	\$192,859.66	\$40,355.04	\$18,263.28	\$283,243.99
MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS	(\$487,829.91)	(\$490,784.02)	(\$84,762.49)	\$0.00	(\$28,280.53)	(\$11,278.09)	(\$154.95)	(\$97,531.32)
JOURNAL ENTRIES	(\$61.81)		\$113.82			(\$0.85)		
NOV. 30, 2023	\$1,827,410.85	\$562,446.42	\$468,465.23	\$20.43	\$164,579.13	\$29,076.10	\$18,108.33	\$185,712.67

GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL EDUCATION	FOOD SERVICE	OST	Driver's Education
Payroll	Payroll	Payroll	Payroll	Payroll
Instruction \$319,434.80	Instruction \$52,408.69	Instruction \$9,975.83	Instruction \$3,825.79	Instruction \$-
Employee Benefits \$82,858.79	Employee Benefits \$15,048.66	Employee Benefits \$2,906.59	Employee Benefits \$795.41	Employee Benefits \$-
Supplies, Utilities, Etc. \$85,536.32	Supplies, Etc. \$17,305.14	Food, Supplies, Etc. \$15,398.11	Supplies, Etc. \$6,656.89	Supplies, Etc. \$154.95
Total \$487,829.91	Total \$84,762.49	Total \$28,280.53	Total 11,278.09	Total 154.95

**Frederick School
Dec. 11, 2023**

Meeting Minutes

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

Regular Board of Education Meeting
December 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on December 11, 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 Kosters, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Others in attendance: Tonya Zinter.

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

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2024-047 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-048 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

a. November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

b. November 2023 Payroll

c. November 2023 Financial Report

d. December 2023 Bills

Financial Report:

General Fund- Checking: Bal 11-1-23: \$77,042.61; Receipts: \$362,487.00; Disbursements: \$208,357.92; Transfers from Investments: \$250,000.00; Bal 11-30-23 \$481,171.69. Investments: Bal 11-1-23: \$719,327.67; Interest: \$37,625.65; Transfer to Checking: \$250,000.00; Bal 11-30-23: \$506,953.32. Ending Fund Balance: \$988,125.01.

Imprest Fund: Bal 11-1-23: \$2,904.03; Receipts: \$2,130.97; Disbursements: \$155.40; Bal 11-30-23 \$4,879.60.

Capital Outlay Fund- Checking: Bal 11-1-23: \$886,592.95; Receipts: \$187,529.64; Disbursements: \$41,217.14; Bal 11-30-23 \$1,032,905.45. Investments: Bal 11-30-23: \$1,553,800.96. Ending Fund Balance: \$2,586,706.41.

Special Education Fund- Checking: Bal 11-1-23: \$13,781.33; Receipts: \$92,371.45; Disbursements: \$28,798.29; Bal 11-30-23 \$77,354.49. Investments: Bal 11-30-23: \$1,443,913.67. Ending Fund Balance: \$1,521,268.16.

Food Service Fund: Bal 11-1-23: \$13,860.71; Receipts: \$7,239.40; Disbursements: \$15,359.74; Bal 11-30-23 \$5,740.37.

Drivers Ed Fund: Bal 11-30-23 \$0.04.

Custodial Fund: Bal 11-1-23: \$47,997.75; Receipts: \$12,043.96; Disbursements: \$10,892.46; Bal 11-30-23 \$49,149.25.

Ovid J Stevens Scholarship: Checking: Bal 11-30-23 \$85. Investments: Bal 11-1-23: \$25,499.86; Interest: \$262.14; Bal 11-30-23: \$25,762.00. Ending Fund Balance: \$25,762.85.

Claims approved: General Fund salaries 85,474.36; Special Education salaries 16,569.03; Food Service salaries 3,947.57. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 28,884.21; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,126.81; American Funds, retirement 638.89; Delta Dental, insurance 2,219.30; Northern Plains Insurance Pool 15,610.47; The Standard, life insurance 241.27; Security Benefits, retirement 2,177.78; Optilegra, vision insurance 470.57; SD Retirement 15,818.44; SD Retirement Supplemental, 4,478.22. Total: \$177,656.92.

Bills approved: General Fund: Agetgra-fuel, 3,697.68; Barondeau, Janelle-education reimbursement, 300.00; Beef Login-build your base, 169.32; Cahill Bauer & Associates-FY23 audit, 8,050.00; CWD-FFVP, 826.08; Century Business Products-copier overage, 528.53; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman,

Kludt & Burns LLP-legal advice, 503.35; Cole Papers-custodial supplies, 812.32; Dallmann, Jennifer-education reimbursement, 40.00; Farmers Union Oil-bus maintenance, 106.75; FCCLA-dues, 408.00; FASD Imprest Fund-misc., 155.40; GDI News-publishing, 89.13; Holiday-fuel, 64.00; Innovative Office Solutions-supplies, 87.60; JHC Services-bus maintenance, 693.20; Jostens-graduation gowns, 126.00; JVT-phone, 235.83; Kessler-FACS supplies, 89.00; Merchant Services-cc processing fees and fraud protection, 195.91; Mid-American Research Chemical-maintenance/custodial supplies, 1,342.01; Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities, 4,073.95; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies, 133.40; Pashen, Jennifer-education reimbursement, 124.99; Push Pedal Pull-fitness center service, 1,305.91; Red Roof Inn-FB travel, 91.00; Runnings-supplies, 107.38; School Specialty-supplies, 234.33; Sumption, Alex-DOT physical reimbursement, 120.00; Teachers Pay Teachers-curriculum supplements, 55.09; Town of Frederick-utilities, 654.36; USPS-stamps, 62.30. Capital Outlay Fund: Amazon-library books, 42.59; Century Business Products-copier lease, 306.66; Schmidt Construction-gravel at bus stop, 570.00. Special Education Fund: Avera-OT/PT, 4,935.44; Event Brite-conference registration, 220.00. Food Service Fund: CWD-food/supplies, 3,852.64; Community Store-food, 23.04; Pantorium Cleaners-kitchen supplies, 84.85; SD Child and Adult Nutrition-commodities processing, 112.52; SNA SD-membership, 53.00. Imprest Fund: Region IV FCCLA-region FCCLA registration, 155.40. Custodial Fund: Amazon-FCCLA fall fest supplies, 98.10; Brotzel, Julie-SADD expenses, 168.86; Carey, Haley-volunteer VB coach, 2,600.00; Kessler-concessions/FCCLA, 328.51; KW Prints-GBB warmups, 1,155.00; Leola School District-powerlifting club transfer, 328.51; Nelson Nursery-music fundraiser, 4,357.10; Pizza

Ranch-LRC meeting, 137.11; Ole & Lena's Pizzeria-SADD fundraiser, 2,435.50.

The following reports were presented:

JLG Architects - Surveys will be mailed out to all in-district and open enrollments households.

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

Shauna Severson: Business Manager

Achen/Hart: Building/Co-op
A discussion was had regarding report cards and school to home communication. No action taken.

The ARP ESSER Safe Return Plan was discussed. No action taken.

Our current opt out and the need for a new opt out beginning tax year 2025 was discussed. The current \$200,000 opt out has been used the following: Tax year 2022 - \$200,000 (taking the full amount is required the first year); Tax year 2023 - \$100,000; Tax year 2024 - \$170,000.

2024-049 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the \$10,685.00 transfer from General Fund to Capital Outlay Fund and \$14.73 from Custodial Fund to General Fund. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-050 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to set the Driver Education rate at \$175.00 per student. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-051 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to set the date and time for the 2024 School Board and Opt Out Election to April 9, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-052 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the Frederick Area School District Certified Staff Evaluation Policy. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-053 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to accept the resignation from Paula Tschosik, Title Teacher and thank her for sixteen years with the district. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The Board would like to recognize the following accomplishments: Sofia Losure for being named Honorable Mention with her business, Hometown Helpers, at the Big Idea Competition; Leah Grotelueschen for receiving Gold and Ruby Dallmann for receiving Silver at Region FCCLA.

2024-0054 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

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**Groton School
Notice of
2022 Audit**

Notice of Audit of the Fiscal Affairs of Groton Area School District No. 06-6

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of Groton Area School District No. 06-6 of Brown County, South Dakota, have been audited by Eide Bailly LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and that a detailed report thereon is filed with the governing board, the Business Manager, and the Department of Legislative Audit, 427 South Chapelle, Pierre, South Dakota, for public inspection.

The following findings and recommendations referred to in the report are hereby published in compliance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12:

Current Audit Findings and Recommendations
Finding 2022-001 - Preparation of Financial Statements and Footnotes including Significant Audit Journal Entries

Criteria: The School District's internal control structure should be designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements and footnotes, which

includes having an adequate system for recording and processing entries material to the financial statements being audited in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: Groton Area School District 06-6 requested the external auditors to assist in the preparation of the financial statements and related footnotes for the year ended June 30, 2022. As part of the financial statement preparation process, at times, we propose material audit adjustments that are not identified as a result of the School District's existing internal controls and, therefore, could result in a misstatement of the School District's financial statements.

Cause: The limited size of the School District's staff and resources causes the inability to prepare the financial statements and footnotes and could cause the need for auditors to, at times, propose material journal entries.

Effect: This condition may affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation: This circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations. Also, a thorough review of the transactions in each fund should take place prior to the beginning of the audit, to ensure generally accepted accounting principles have been followed for each fund type, especially for transaction types infrequent in occurrence.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

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Varsity teams, girls JV win at West Central double header

Both varsity games and the girls junior varsity team were all winners at the West Central doubleheader played Friday at Hartford.

Girls Varsity: Groton Area 45, West Central 35

Groton Area scored 11 straight points at the end of the first quarter and then the Tigers kept their distance from the Trojans to post a 45-35 win in the girls varsity game.

The game was tied at seven when Groton Area scored 11 straight points to take an 18-7 after the first quarter. Groton Area's largest lead was 13 points which happened at 22-9 and the Tigers led at half time, 27-20. Groton Area got another 13-point lead at the end of the third quarter, 37-24.

Coach Matt Locke said, "Our defense stepped up really well and made things hard for them (West Central) and we did a real decent job getting rebounds. Their (Sydney Leicht and Kenedy Hansen) confidence grew once they saw their shots fall through the basket. It was a great win."

Sydney Leicht and Kennedy Hansen came out firing hot in the first quarter and both made two three-pointers and a two-pointer to set the temple for the game. Leicht finished with 17 points, three rebounds, two assists and one steal. Hansen had 14 points, three rebounds, three assists and one steal. Jerica Locke had a three pointer and three free throws to finish with six points, 10 rebounds and one steal. Jaedyn Penning had six points, eight rebounds and two assists. Brooklyn Hansen had two points, two rebounds and one assist. Rylee Dunker had five points, one assist and one steal and Faith Traphagen had one assist.

Groton Area made seven of 27 two-pointers for 26 percent, six of 16 three-pointers for 38 percent, made 13 of 19 free throws for 68 percent off of West Central's 20 team fouls, had 33 rebounds, 13 turnovers, 10 assists and four steals.

Alexa Borns and Janelle Jarding led West Central with seven points each, Kacey Jason had six points, Abbi Thornton five, Molly Anderson and Mara Schultz each had four points and Emille Stofferahn added two points. West Central had seven turnovers and made six of eight free throws off of Groton Area's 10 team fouls.

Girls Junior Varsity: Groton Area 28, West Central 23

Groton Area won the girls junior varsity game, 28-23. West Central held an 11-6 lead after the first quarter and the game was tied at half time at 12. Groton Area took a 21-18 lead into the fourth quarter.

Rylee Dunker led the Tigers with nine points followed by Laila Roberts with five, Talli Wright had four, having three each were Faith Traphagen, Taryn Traphagen and Mia Crank, and McKenna Tietz added one free throw.

3-Pointers: Roberts 1-, T. Traphagen 1.

Addison Kunzweiler led West Central with five points.

Girls C Game: West Central 32, Groton Area 13

West Central won the C game, 32-13. The Trojans led at the quarter stops at 7-6, 16-8 and 21-10.

McKenna Tietz led the Tigers with seven points while Emerlee Jones had three, Sydney Locke had two and Kella Tracy one.

Aubrey Borns led West Central with seven points while Avery Latham, Teagan Lupkes and Emma Voeltz each had six points.

Boys Varsity: Groton Area 71, West Central 54

It was a 13-point run that propelled the Tigers to a 71-54 win in the boys varsity game. Four players hit double figures in scoring to power the offense.

Groton Area held a 17-16 lead after the first quarter. The lead changed hands four times and the game was tied once in the second quarter before Groton Area took a 35-31 lead at half time. Groton Area had a one-point lead at 32-31, but then scored 13 points spanning into the third quarter to take a 45-31 lead. The Tigers took a 56-37 lead into the fourth quarter.

Coach Brian Dolan posted on his facebook page: "Great road win last night vs. a tough West Central team. The boys played so connected . . . at times it was beautiful to watch." He echoed the same thoughts during the GDILIVE interview: "The second half was our best basketball in about two years. We connected on both ends of the floor . We shared the ball offensively Our defense was very aggressive but not gambling and it caused them (West Central) a lot of problems. I'm proud of the guys."

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 31 points, five rebounds, three assists and four steals. Jacob Zak had 11 points, two rebounds, three assists and one steal. Keegen Tracy had 11 points, two rebounds, five assists and three steals. Logan Ringgenberg had 11 points, four rebounds and one steal. Ryder Johnson had seven points, nine rebounds and two assists. Teylor Diegel had one steal and Colby Dunker had one rebound.

Groton Area made 18 of 26 two-pointers for 69 percent, seven of 17 three-pointers for 41 percent, 14 of 20 free throws for 70 percent, had 23 rebounds, seven turnovers rovers, 13 assists, 10 steals and 13 team fouls.

Jake Kuhl led West Central with 10 points (all of them in the first half) while Brodie Herr had nine, Connor Mebius, Crew Heier and Will Kuhl each had six points, Kolte Garry four, Baden Schulte three and Anthony Latham, Carter Tetzlaff and Elliot DeJong each had two points.

West Central made 22 of 48 field goals for 46 percent, two of four free throws for 50 percent, had eight turnovers and 16 team fouls.

Groton Area, now 2-1 on the season, will host Aberdeen Roncalli on

Thursday with a C game at 5 p.m. followed by the junior varsity and varsity game.

Boys Junior Varsity: West Central 45, Groton Area 39

The Trojans won the junior varsity game, 45-39. West Central led at the quarter stops at 14-9, 28-19 and 33-32. Groton Area tied the game at 34 with 5:35 left in the game, but was unable to reclaim the lead.

Taylor Diegel led Groton Area with 13 points while Easton Weber had eight, Gage Sippel five, Turner Thompson and Karson Zak each had four, Blake Pauli had three and Kassen Keough added two points.

3-Pointers: Pauli 1, Diegel 3, Weber 2.

Luke Knight led West Central with 12 points.

Boys C Game: West Central 46, Groton Area 42

West Central won the boys C game, 46-42. The Trojans had a 24-15 lead, but Groton Area battled back. It was 33-28 at the end of the third quarter. Groton Area battled back to within one point, 43-42, with 42 seconds left in the game, but West Central would make the final three free throws and the Tigers were scoreless at the end.

Karson Zak and Ryder Schelle led the Tigers with 10 points each, Jace Johnson and Easton Weber each had six, Logan Warrington five, Jayden Schwan had three and Ethan Kroll had two points.

3-Pointers: Zak 2, Weber 2.

Game Sponsors on GDILIVE.COM

All games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM (starting nearly half time of the C games). Subvarsity sponsors were Bary and Tricia Keith, Justin and Chelsea Hanson, Ed and Connie Stauch, and one "for all the grandparents watching." Varsity games were sponsored by 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.

- Paul Kosel

Girls' Basketball

Cavaliers score 15 straight to stop Groton Area at the end

It was a close game until the end of the third quarter when a lid was put on the basket and the Tigers went scoreless for the rest of the game. Aberdeen Roncalli defeated Groton Area in girls basketball action played Tuesday in Aberdeen, 33-20.

The Cavaliers held a 6-3 lead after the first quarter and it was tied at 16 at halftime. The Tigers held a 20-18 lead late in the third quarter before the Cavaliers scored 15 straight points and the Tigers were scoreless for the rest of the game.

Rylee Dunker led the Tigers with eight points, all of them in the first quarter, and she had eight rebounds. Kennedy Hansen had five points three rebounds, one assist and two steals. Jerica Locke had three points, two rebounds, one assist, three steals and one block. Faith Traphagen had two points and one steal. Jaedyn Penning had two points, six rebounds and one steal. Sydney Leicht had two rebounds and one steal. Brooklyn Hansen and Mia Crank each had one rebound.

Ava Hanson led Roncalli with 10 points with four of them being free throws. Camryn Bain and Claire Crawford each had eight points, McKenna O'Keefe had four points, Maddie Huber two and Morgan Helms had one free throw.

Groton Area made eight of 24 two-pointers for 33 percent, one of 16 three-pointers for 6 percent, made one of three free throws for 33 percent, had 23 rebounds, 19 turnovers, two assists, eight steals, 10 team fouls and one block.

Roncalli made 10 of 36 field goals for 28 percent, eight of 10 free throws for 80 percent, had 13 turnovers and 14 team fouls.

The varsity game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by 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, Krueger Brothers, Locke Electric, Rix Farms/R&M Farms and Spanier Harvesting and Trucking.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 24-20. Roncalli led, 4-2, after the first quarter, the game was tied at nine at halftime and the Tigers took a 19-11 lead into the fourth quarter.

Taryn Traphagen led Groton Area with nine points followed by Laila Roberts and Talli Weight with five each, Rylee Dunker had three and Faith Traphagen two points.

Elyana Roach led the Cavaliers with six points while Olivia Dix and Ava Danielson each had five points and Gabby Thomas had four points.

The Groton Chiropractic Clinic sponsored the broadcast of the junior varsity game on GDILIVE.COM.

Roncalli won the C game, 34-29. The Cavaliers held a 14-2 lead after the first quarter, but Groton Area scored 10 straight points in the second period to take an 18-16 lead at halftime. The Cavaliers battled back to take a 26-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

McKenna Tietz led Groton Area with 10 points while Kelly Tracy had six, Brenna Imrie five, Emerlee Jones three, Ashlynn Warrington and Estella Sanchez each had two points and Teagan Hanten added a free throw.

Kadince Glynn led Roncalli with 10 points while Addison Cassidy had seven, Grace Cogley six, Olivia Dix five, and Sophie Siefken, Eliana Roach and Karsyn Davis each had two points.

Dorene Nelson sponsored the broadcast of this game on GDILIVE.COM.

- Paul Kosel

Tigers win five of six games at Sisseton

Groton Areas basketball teams won five of the six games played Thursday in Sisseton.

Boys Varsity

The boys varsity team defeated Sisseton, 83-38. The Tigers scored the last 17 points of the first quarter and Sisseton had 11 turnovers as the Tiger defense was relentless on the floor. Groton Area led at the quarter breaks at 30-6, 63-21 and 74-30.

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 21 points, three rebounds, two assists and three steals. Ryder Johnson had 18 points, five rebounds, four assists, two steals and one block. Jacob Zak had 16 points, seven rebounds, four assists, four steals and one block. Keegen Tracy had seven points, one rebound and one steal. Colby Dunker had six points and four rebounds. Logan Ringgenberg had four points, three rebounds, one steal and one block. Kassen Keogh had four points, two rebounds, one assist and four steals. Gage Sippel had two points and three rebounds. Blake Pauli had three rebounds, two assists and one block.

Groton Area made 30 of 44 two-pointers for 68 percent, four of 15 three-pointers for 27 percent, 11 of 21 free throws for 52 percent, had 31 rebounds, five turnovers, 14 assists, 19 steals, 14 team fouls and five blocks.

3-Pointers: Tracy 1, Johnson 1, Tietz 1, Zak 1.

Nate Tchida led the Redmen with 13 points while Mason Herzog had eight, Gage Hanson seven, Austin Kohl had three, Christian Shepherd, Bradley Hanson and Jeremiah Perez each had two points and Hayden Hellwig added one free throw.

Sisseton made 13 of 32 field goals for 41 percent, eight of 16 free throws for 50 percent, had 21 turnovers and 13 team fouls.

Boys Junior Varsity

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 66-25. Everyone scored for the Tigers with Kassen Keough leading the way with 14 points followed by Gage Sippel with 12, Jayden Schwan 11, Taylor Diegel had nine, Karson Zak and Easton Weber each had six, Blake Pauli four and Logan Ringgenberg and Turner Thompson each had two points.

3-Pointers: Keough 2, Schwan 1, Diegel 1, Weber 3.

Hayden Hellwig and Jeremias Perez led the Redmen with seven points apiece.

Boys C Game

Groton Area won the C game, 58-25, leading at the quarter stops at 14-6, 29-13 and 45-20.

Karson Zak led Groton Area with 20 points followed by Easton Weber with 11, Logan Warrington seven, Ethan Kroll six, Jayden Schwan and T.C. Schuster each had five, and Jace Johnson and Ryder Schelle each had two points.

3-Pointers: Zak 4, Schwan 1, Weber 3, Schuster 1, Kroll 1.

Vincent Donnell led Sisseton with 10 points.

Girls Varsity

Sisseton won the girls varsity game, 65-22. The Redmen had a 20-point run in the third quarter. Sisseton led at the quarter stops at 17-5, 31-23 and 53-15.

Jaedyn Penning led Groton Area with six

points and seven rebounds. Jerica Locke had five points, five rebounds, one assist and two steals. Rylee Dunker had four points, five rebounds. Mia Crank had three points, two rebounds. Kennedy Hansen had two points, one rebounds, two assists. Brooklyn Hansen had one point, two rebounds. Faith Traphagen had one point and one rebound. Sydney Leicht had two rebounds and two steals. Laila Roberts had one assist. Talli Wright had one rebound. Taryn Traphagen had one steal.

Groton Area made four of 28 two-pointers for 14 percent, two of 20 three-pointers for 10 percent, eight of 12 free throws for 67 percent, had 26 rebounds, 17 turnovers, four assists, five steals and seven team fouls.

3-Pointers: Penning 1, Crank 1.

Krista Langager led the Redmen with 20 points followed by Hannah Levenson with 15, Alexia Quinn had 12, Emmalee Nielsen and Chloe Langager each had seven points and Ruby Rice and Rylie Huff each had two points.

Girls Junior Varsity

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 35-27. Brooklyn Hansen led Groton Area with nine points while Faith Traphagen had six, Taryn Traphagen five, Kelly Tracy four, Ashlynn Warrington three, McKenna Tietz and Mia

Crank each had two and Laila Roberts and Talli Wright each had one points.

3-Pointers: > Traphagen 1, Hoffman 2. Elliot Hortness led Sisseton with 10 points.

Girls C Game

Groton Area won the C game, 40-22, leading at the quarter stops at 12-2, 25-10 and 31-18.

McKenna Tietz led Groton Area with 15 points while Sydney Locke had nine, Emerlee Jones had five, Kella Tracy four, Avery Crank three, and Brenna Imrie and Estella Sanchez each had two points.

3-Pointers: Locke 1, Crank 1.

Saylor Langager led Sisseton with 11 points.

All games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The varsity games were sponsored by 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. Sub-varsity sponsors were Gordon and Dorene Nelson for two games, Ed and Connie Stauch for a game and one that remained nameless.

Shane and Laura Clark assisted Paul and Jeslyn Kosel.

- Paul Kosel

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- 4 Wide
- 9 America's uncle
- 12 Consume
- 13 Heart line
- 14 La-la lead-in
- 15 Gym machine
- 17 And so on (Abbr.)
- 18 Nabokov novel
- 19 Bowling lanes
- 21 Packs tightly
- 24 Go yachting
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- 55 Deadly virus

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Ehresmann, Krueger are NEC Champions

Groton Area had two wrestlers that took first place at the Northeast Conference match. The tournaments were held Thursday.

Christian Ehresmann took first at 150 pounds and Liza Krueger took first at 100 pounds. Gavin England took third at 285 pounds while placing fourth were Lincoln Krause at 113m Walker Zoellner at 132 and Ben Hoeft at 175.

100: Liza Krueger (2-1) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 2-1 received a bye () (Bye)
Semifinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 2-1 received a bye () (Bye)
1st Place Match - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 2-1 won by fall over Reagan Cook (Tiospa Zina) 2-6 (Fall 2:00)

106: Wyatt Hagen (3-3) scored 3.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Tayten Kurkowski (Webster Area) 9-3 won by decision over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 3-3 (Dec 4-2)
Cons. Round 1 - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 3-3 won by fall over Lincoln Kilker (Britton/Hecla) 4-8 (Fall 3:59)
Cons. Semi - Maddon Odland (Redfield) 7-3 won by fall over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 3-3 (Fall 3:43)

113: Lincoln Krause (3-3) placed 4th and scored 9.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 3-3 won by fall over Bentley Fokken (Deuel) 1-4 (Fall 1:52)
Semifinal - Evan Folk (Milbank) 7-4 won by fall over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 3-3 (Fall 1:42)
Cons. Semi - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 3-3 won by decision over Tate Neuharth (Redfield) 0-5 (Dec 4-1)
3rd Place Match - Kaden Wookey (Clark/Willow Lake) 6-2 won by fall over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 3-3 (Fall 0:46)

120: John Bisbee (0-4)

Quarterfinal - John Bisbee (Groton Area) 0-4 received a bye () (Bye)
Semifinal - Owen Fischer (Milbank) 8-2 won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 0:17)
Cons. Semi - Jake Wipf (Redfield) 2-1 won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 0:24)

126: Donavon Block (1-4)

Quarterfinal - Tacey Miller (Webster Area) 8-3 won by fall over Donavon Block (Groton Area) 1-4 (Fall 1:35)
Cons. Round 1 - Ryker Gauger (Deuel) 5-5 won by fall over Donavon Block (Groton Area) 1-4 (Fall 4:38)

132: Walker Zoellner (4-3) placed 4th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 4-3 received a bye () (Bye)
Semifinal - Conner Zens (Redfield) 9-0 won by decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 4-3 (Dec 7-0)
Cons. Semi - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 4-3 won by fall over Tyson Hagberg (Deuel) 2-6 (Fall 3:59)
3rd Place Match - John Yonker (Hamlin) 7-3 won by decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 4-3 (Dec 6-0)

150: Christian Ehresmann (4-1) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 4-1 received a bye () (Bye)
Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 4-1 won by fall over Joe French (Milbank) 9-5 (Fall 4:50)
1st Place Match - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 4-1 won by decision over Gavin Kloos (Deuel) 7-1 (Dec 7-4)

165: Easten Ekern (0-4) p

Quarterfinal - Ben Suther (Britton/Hecla) 9-4 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 1:07)
Cons. Round 1 - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 0-4 received a bye () (Bye)
Cons. Semi - Hughin Current (Sisseton) 2-4 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 0:45)

175: Ben Hoeft (2-4) placed 4th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Dashed Davidson (Britton/Hecla) 5-6 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 2-4 (Fall 0:46)
Cons. Round 1 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 2-4 received a bye () (Bye)
Cons. Semi - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 2-4 won by major decision over Hunter Bourassa (Webster Area) 2-4 (MD 19-8)
3rd Place Match - Dashed Davidson (Britton/Hecla) 5-6 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 2-4 (Fall 0:48)

190: Drew Thurston (0-4)

Quarterfinal - Isaac Nelson (Webster Area) 5-3 won by fall over Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 1:20)
Cons. Round 1 - Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 0-4 received a bye

() (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Riley Popp (Clark/Willow Lake) 2-7 won by fall over Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 1:32)

215: Isiah Scepaniak (0-4)

Quarterfinal - Collin Gaikowski (Clark/Willow Lake) 4-6 won by fall over Isiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 0:25)
Cons. Round 1 - Isiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-4 received a bye () (Bye)
Cons. Semi - Matthew Angiolelli (Webster Area) 3-4 won by fall over Isiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 3:47)

285: Gavin Englund (6-2) placed 3rd and scored 15.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Grady Fey (Redfield) 8-0 won by fall over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 6-2 (Fall 1:14)
Cons. Round 1 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 6-2 won by fall over Raymond Klein (Deuel) 5-6 (Fall 2:02)
Cons. Semi - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 6-2 won by fall over Noah Smith (Hamlin) 10-4 (Fall 0:45)
3rd Place Match - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 6-2 won by fall over Tucker Hardy (Britton/Hecla) 8-5 (Fall 3:40)

Groton Senior Citizens

November 13, 2023

Groton Seniors met for their potluck Thanksgiving dinner. Thirteen members were present. President Sarge Likness led the flag pledge and table prayer. Bingo was played after dinner. Pat Larson and Tony Goldade won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes went to David Kleinsausser, Darlene Fischer, Julie Shilhanck. Ice Cream was served before going home.

November 20, 2023

Groton Seniors met two times in November with seven members present. Cards were played by the winners of the games. Pinochle-Sarge Likness, Canasta- Eunice McColister. Marilyn Thorson's birthday was celebrated with cake and ice cream. Door prizes went to Marilyn Thorson, Pat Larson, Tony Goldade.

December 11, 2023

Groton Seniors met for their potluck Christmas dinner. Twelve members were present. Bingo was played after dinner. David Kleinsausser, Marilyn Thorson and Bev Sombke won black out. Door prizes went to Ruby Donovan, Dick Donovan and Sarge Likness. Elda Stange's 100th birthday was celebrated with a cake by Bev Sombke and ice cream. Happy Birthday was sung.

Thank you

A special thank you to friends and family that came to help me celebrate my 100th birthday. Also for all the cards I received through the mail. God Bless you. Elda Stange

Frederick Town Dec. 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

City of Frederick
December 6, 2023 Minutes
Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, December 6, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kosters and joining late, Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine.

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved with a motion by Kosters/Campbell; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. The December accounts payable were approved with a motion by Kosters/Campbell; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,184.06; Badger Meter fees Swr \$235.35; Black Mountain utility support Wtr/Swr/Grbg \$2,330; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$70.85; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,723; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$804.12; First National Bank of Frederick security box Gen'l \$8; FDC Gen'l \$1200; Frederick Seed chemical Gen'l \$162.50; Farmer's Union Oil propane EBL \$385.59; GDI minutes Gen'l \$31.73; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,373.77; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$259.90; M. Cox wage EBL \$620.83; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.37; O. Morlock cleaning CC \$10.62; R. Bakeberg UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$121.91; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$65.78; SD Dept of Health samples Wtr \$539; SD Gov't FO Assoc dues FO \$70; SDML mem-

bership Gen'l 414.39; SDML WC Fund Gen'l \$578; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; VISA stamps Gen'l \$264; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$5,535.43

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Campbell provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's report from patrolling the area. The property at 303 2nd Ave will be demolished within the next week by Dahme Construction. Titan's Bar and Grill will not be applying for a liquor license and will be closing.

NEW BUSINESS

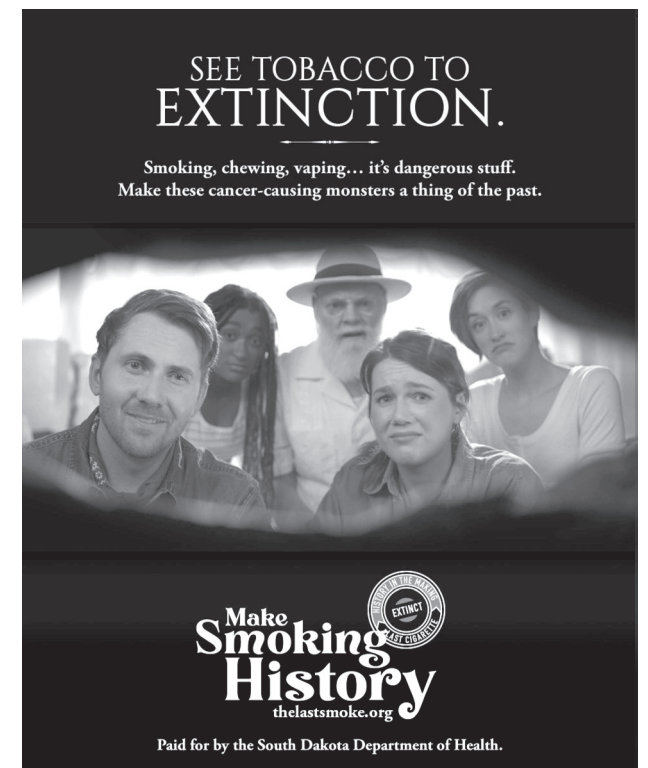
Motion to approve Ordinance 224 for the Supplemental Ap-

propriations for 2023 made by Campbell/Kosters, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried. The second reading will be Wednesday, December 20th at 7PM in the Community Center.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 10 at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Kosters/Millard at 7:46 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer
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The Groton Area wrestling team took second place at the Sioux Valley Avalanche Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in Volga. (Photo from Groton Area facebook page)

Grapplers take second at Sioux Valley Tournament

Groton Area wrestlers took second place at the Sioux Valley Avalanche Tournament held Saturday in Volga. Wyatt Hagen at 106 pounds and Christian Ehresmann at 150 pounds took first place, Walker Zoellner at 132 pounds and Gavin England at 285 pounds took second, Lincoln Krause at 113 pounds and Karter Moody at 285 pounds took third and Easter Ekern at 165 pounds took fourth place.

Kingsbury County won the tournament with 225 pounds while Groton Area took second with 106, Deuel was third with 94 points followed by West Central with 92, Chamberlain with 81, Sioux Valley with 74, Mitchell with 60, Tri-Valley with 55, Yankton with 34 and Dell Rapids with 24.

106: Wyatt Hagen (5-1) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Hagen (Groton) 5-1 received a bye () (Bye)
Quarterfinal - Wyatt Hagen (Groton) 5-1 won by decision over Grayson Pischke (West Central) 4-1 (Dec 8-3)

Semifinal - Wyatt Hagen (Groton) 5-1 won in sudden victory - 1 over Chase Henriksen (Kingsbury County) 10-6 (SV-1 9-4)

1st Place Match - Wyatt Hagen (Groton) 5-1 won by decision over Jett Whiting (West Central) 7-3 (Dec 10-6)

106: Noah Scepaniak (1-2).

Champ. Round 1 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton) 1-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Jett Whiting (West Central) 7-3 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton) 1-2 (Fall 0:00) Cons. Round 2 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton) 1-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton) 1-2 won by fall over Xander Sharpe (Tri-Valley) 1-4 (Fall 0:35) Cons. Semi - Chase Henriksen (Kingsbury County) 10-6 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton) 1-2 (Fall 3:43)

106: Aiden Strom (1-4).

Champ. Round 1 - Aiden Strom (Groton) 1-4 received a bye () (Bye)
Quarterfinal - Chase Henriksen (Kingsbury County) 10-6 won by fall over Aiden Strom (Groton) 1-4 (Fall 2:52)

Cons. Round 2 - Aiden Strom (Groton) 1-4 won by fall over Daltin Coughlin (Kingsbury County) 0-4 (Fall 0:48)

Cons. Round 3 - Grayson Pischke (West Central) 4-1 won by fall over Aiden Strom (Groton) 1-4 (Fall 0:22)

106: Luke Gauer (1-2).

Champ. Round 1 - Luke Gauer (Groton) 1-2 won by fall over Daltin Coughlin (Kingsbury County) 0-4 (Fall 1:26)

Quarterfinal - Payton Barrick (Tri-Valley) 4-4 won by fall over Luke Gauer (Groton) 1-2 (Fall 0:50) Cons. Round 2 - Xander Sharpe (Tri-Valley) 1-4 won by fall over Luke Gauer (Groton) 1-2 (Fall 3:29)

113: Lincoln Krause (3-2) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Lincoln Krause (Groton) 3-2 received a bye () (Bye)
Semifinal - Noah Bennett (Mitchell) 5-2 won by fall over Lincoln Krause (Groton) 3-2 (Fall 0:54)

Cons. Semi - Lincoln Krause (Groton) 3-2 won by fall over Karsten

Lerwick (Kingsbury County) 2-5 (Fall 2:04)

3rd Place Match - Lincoln Krause (Groton) 3-2 won by fall over Bentley Fokken (Deuel) 2-4 (Fall 1:43)

126: Donavon Block (3-4) scored 7.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Cody Zell (Kingsbury County) 11-2 won by fall over Donavon Block (Groton) 3-4 (Fall 3:34)

Cons. Round 1 - Donavon Block (Groton) 3-4 received a bye () (Bye)
Cons. Round 2 - Donavon Block (Groton) 3-4 won by fall over Stratton VanOverschelde (Mitchell) 0-3 (Fall 3:38)

Cons. Round 3 - Donavon Block (Groton) 3-4 won by forfeit over Zach Grochow (Dell Rapids) 0-6 (For.) Cons. Semi - Ryker Gauger (Deuel) 5-4 won by fall over Donavon Block (Groton) 3-4 (Fall 0:37)

132: Walker Zoellner (5-2) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton) 5-2 won by forfeit over forfeit (Mitchell) 0-4 (For.) Semifinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton) 5-2 won by fall over Tyson Hagberg (Deuel) 4-6 (Fall 2:55)

1st Place Match - Tate Steffensen (Sioux Valley) 15-1 won by fall over Walker Zoellner (Groton) 5-2 (Fall 1:29)

150: Christian Ehresmann (5-1) placed 1st and scored 25.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 5-1 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 5-1 won by fall over Owen Shea (Deuel) 2-2 (Fall 1:20) Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 5-1 won by medical forfeit over Blake Jennings (Kingsbury County) 7-5 (M. For.)

1st Place Match - Christian Ehresmann (Groton) 5-1 won by major decision over Gavin Kloos (Deuel) 8-1 (MD 14-5)

165: Easten Ekern (2-4) placed 4th and scored 8.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Kaleb Johnson (Kingsbury County) 9-3 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton) 2-4 (Fall 1:06) Cons. Round 1 - Easten Ekern (Groton) 2-4 won by decision over Jesus Mendoza (Tri-Valley) 3-7 (Dec 4-0) Cons. Semi - Easten Ekern (Groton) 2-4 won by fall over Tyler Glammeier (Dell Rapids) 2-2 (Fall 0:35) 3rd Place Match - Braxton Huber (West Central) 7-3 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton) 2-4 (Fall 0:30)

175: Ben Hoeft (1-4).

Quarterfinal - Ben Hoeft (Groton) 1-4 received a bye () (Bye)
Semifinal - Chisum Blum (Chamberlain) 4-4 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton) 1-4 (Fall 1:14) Cons. Semi - Luke Johnson (Sioux Valley) 1-3 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton) 1-4 (Fall 1:15)

190: Layne Johnson (1-2).

Quarterfinal - Layne Johnson (Groton) 1-2 won by fall over Tryker Myers (Yankton) 4-7 (Fall 5:01) Semifinal - Marshall Holz (Kingsbury County) 7-2 won by fall over Layne Johnson (Groton) 1-2 (Fall 0:41) Cons. Semi - Xavier Yount (Tri-Valley) 7-6 won by fall over Layne Johnson (Groton) 1-2 (Fall 0:46)

190: Isiah Scepaniak (0-4).

Quarterfinal - Breyten Johnson (Kingsbury County) 9-4 won by fall over Isiah Scepaniak (Groton) 0-4 (Fall 1:10)

Cons. Round 1 - Xavier Yount (Tri-Valley) 7-6 won by fall over Isiah Scepaniak (Groton) 0-4 (Fall 1:40)

285: Karter Moody (5-3) placed 3rd.

Quarterfinal - Karter Moody (Groton) 5-3 won by fall over Charlie Becker (Dell Rapids) 3-5 (Fall 1:09) Semifinal - Owen Vandeweerd (Sioux Valley) 15-2 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton) 5-3 (Fall 2:11) Cons. Semi - Karter Moody (Groton) 5-3 won by fall over Cooper Gerard (Chamberlain) 0-9 (Fall 0:45) 3rd Place Match - Karter Moody (Groton) 5-3 won by fall over Charlie Becker (Dell Rapids) 3-5 (Fall 1:37)

285: Gavin Englund (4-2) placed 2nd and scored 16.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Gavin Englund (Groton) 4-2 received a bye () (Bye)
Semifinal - Gavin Englund (Groton) 4-2 won by fall over Raymond Klein (Deuel) 6-6 (Fall 3:06)

1st Place Match - Owen Vandeweerd (Sioux Valley) 15-2 won by decision over Gavin Englund (Groton) 4-2 (Dec 5-1)

Krueger takes third at Ashley Tournament

Liza Krueger took third at the Second Annual Girls' Border Brawl held Saturday in Ashley. There were 31 teams that participated in the tournament. Krueger's place put Groton Area in 24th place.

100: Liza Krueger (5-2) placed 3rd and scored 16.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 5-2 won by fall over Marlee Miller (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 2-3 (Fall 3:06)

Quarterfinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 5-2 won by decision over Brenli Wilkens (Beulah-Hazen) 2-2 (Dec 6-3)

Semifinal - Jennifer Verdin (Hettinger/Scranton) 10-2 won by fall over Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 5-2 (Fall 1:59)

Cons. Semi - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 5-2 won by decision over Kimber Fritel (Stanley) 5-3 (Dec 5-0)

3rd Place Match - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 5-2 won by decision over Eloise Jenner (South Border) 14-8 (Dec 5-0)

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This is an experience I soon will not forget, and hope it never happens again. On our way to West Central Friday

afternoon, I started to feel roughness on the road just south of Brookings. I at first thought it was the road. I was passing a semi and then started to feel uneasy. I slowed up and as I slowed up, I realized that my passenger rear tire had blown. I maneuvered from the left lane to the right lane and pulled off the road. Jeslyn and I got out and examined the tire - yup - it's history.

I ended up unpacking the truck with all of my GDILIVE stuff in it and got the tire and jack out. I would say God was watching over me. For about that same time, Shane and Laura Clark drove my and noticed my situation. They turned around to come back and help.

Those jacks in the car are unique, to say the least. It took a little bit, but I finally figured out how to use it. I got the car jacked up and the tire off. I put on the spare and lowered the jack. The spare did not look good. Shane got his pressure tester - yup, basically no air. But he had portable air compressor. We put it on and got the pressure up to 60 PSI. Then all was good to go.

What were the odds of the Clarks driving by at that moment and having the extra tools I need to get back on the road. All I could say was Thank the Lord!

I still had a 50 pound bag of salt in the truck. Shane offered to take the spare with him and the bag of salt to lighten the load. I don't think the tire can be patched!

Of course, with the donut, you don't go 80 mph on the road. I was thinking that the school was at Humboldt, but on our way south to Humboldt, I had another nudge that something was not right. I Googled West Central High School. Oops - it was in Hartford. Wonderful. That was about 15 minute delay on top of that.

Jeslyn was saying that right at 4:00, we'll probably start getting text messages about why



we are not on the air. Then right at 4:00 on the dot, the text messages were coming in. I figured we should be set up by 4:15.

We got the gym where we met up with Andrea Johnson, their athletic director. She had the information for the wifi. We went to the girls game first as it was quick to set up the iPad for Laura and Shane. We got them going in a couple of minutes. Then we headed over to the boys games. Getting to their press box was interesting. We went up an elevator and marched through their wrestling room where they were having practice. We got upstairs and quickly set up. We were live just before halftime of the C boys game.

As Shane said, the morale of the story is this - check your spare tire to make sure it's fully inflated. You may not be as lucky as I was to have a Shane drop in to inflate it for you!

One final note: I was extremely humbled when I received a phone call the next morning. Someone called me and said they would pay for the tire repair for me. They said they appreciate what we do with GDILIVE.COM and wanted to take care of the bill. All I can say is THANK YOU!



Diane Warrington and Betty Dunker were packaging up Smoked Sulguni cheese that will be available at The Pantry. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Classifieds and Card of Thanks

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

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What does Santa use to help him organize the letters he gets from children around the world?

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3. Brazil
4. Japan
5. Sweden
6. United States
7. Czech Republic

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4. Papai Noel
5. Jultomten
6. Ded Moroz
7. Santa Claus

A. Rides in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. Lives at the North Pole. Children leave milk and cookies for him. (Washington, D.C.)
B. Christmas gnome who lives under the floorboards. Rides a goat named Julbocker. (Stockholm)
C. Buddhist monk who delivers gifts. Children believe he has eyes in the back of his head, and that he's always watching. (Tokyo)
D. Grandfather Frost. Delivers toys and gifts in person. Rides in a sled pulled by three horses called a Troika. (Moscow)
E. Comes to visit on January 6th, flies around on a broom and enters homes through the chimney. Children leave morsels out for her to eat. (Rome)
F. Wears lightweight silk clothing and lives in Greenland. He puts treats in shoes of the children. (Rio de Janeiro)
G. Visits kids on Dec. 6 (St. Nicholas Day); brings an angel who carries a big book that tells who's naughty or nice; Baby Jesus brings the gifts on Christmas Eve. (Prague)

Groton Community Transit
205 E 2nd Ave., Downtown Groton
invites you to its
Holiday Bake Sale
Thursday, Dec. 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Coffee, cider and Christmas goodies will be served.
Groton Transit wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed Year!
If you would like to donate baked goods, please contact the Groton Transit dispatch office at 605-397-8661.
Any and all donations are welcome!

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The Life of Gordon Nelson



Gordon C. Nelson, 78, Groton, died on December 16, 2023, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Funeral services will be on Friday, December 22, 2023, 2 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, with Pastor Jeremy Yeadon officiating. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen, SD, following the service.

Gordon was born in Aberdeen, SD, on March 30, 1945, to Clarence and Margaret (Stefan) Nelson. He was educated at River Side Country School and graduated from Aberdeen Central High School in 1963.

He married Dorene Sager on June 29, 1963. To this union two children were born, Carmel in 1964 and Corey in 1970. He was a dedicated family man who especially enjoyed his children and his four grandchildren (who he would get in trouble with) and their activities.

Gordon and Dorene frequently traveled to Minnesota to attend their grandchildren's birthday parties, music concerts, Christmas programs, graduation ceremonies, weddings, and other important events.

Gordon was employed by Milbrandt & Grote Heating and Air Conditioning, Aberdeen, SD, from 1963 – 1970. He worked for Ell's Sheet Metal until 1987 when he and his partner purchased the business, changing the name to Custom Sheet Metal. They also started an art gallery which focused on wildlife prints. He and his partner eventually sold both businesses with Gordon remaining part-time at the sheet metal shop for many years.

Gordon was involved in many community activities. He taught hunter safety in Aberdeen for over 35 years and was the official scorekeeper for all home boys and girls basketball games in Groton for 25 years. He served on the Groton City Council for several terms, drove the Groton Community Transit bus, and volunteered on the Brown County Fair Board for 6 years. He recently served on the City of Groton's planning and zoning committee.

Gordon loved his cars. He built a new garage for his "toys," and only got it because Dorene insisted on half of it for her woodworking shop. He enjoyed traveling and reading as well as working on jigsaw and crossword puzzles. He took many hunting trips to Canada, Wyoming, and Northern Minnesota as well as several salmon and trout fishing adventures on Lake Superior. He regularly visited with his Transit friends for coffee and to discuss local "news."

He and Dorene traveled with their children to many places in the States. During retirement, they took cruises to Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, the Western Caribbean, and the Baltic Sea countries, including Russia, as well as bus trips to all the Eastern European countries.

Gordon was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, having served on the board of education and as an elder several times.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his brother Marvin, and a granddaughter Grace Anne Nelson.

Survivors include his wife, daughter Carmel (Gary) Willett, Carver, MN; son Corey (Brenda) Nelson, Rochester, MN; grandchildren Christopher (Cassie) Willett, Burnsville, MN; Nicholas Willett, Aurora, CO; and Hope and Isaac Nelson, Rochester, MN; sister-in-law Karen Nelson, Watertown, SD.; niece Nicole (Nelson-Williams) Pieske, St. Peter, MO; sister-in-law JoAnn Russ, Pueblo, CO; and two nephews, Ian Russ and Kyle Russ, Pueblo, CO, as well as many cousins and family members.

Pallbearers are Gordon's son-in-law Gary Willett, his grandchildren Christopher Willett, Nicholas Willett, Hope Nelson, and Isaac Nelson, and his nephews Ian Russ and Kyle Russ.

Honorary pallbearers are the members of his coffee group: Tyke Nyberg, Dave Blackmun, Jay Johnson, Marc Johnson, Dave McGannon, Randy Stanley and John Wheeting as well as his friends and co-workers at Custom Sheet Metal.

Sports Quiz

by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Dan Baker has served as the public address announcer for what Major League Baseball team since 1972?

2. What Pro Football Hall of Fame running back announced his retirement from the NFL via a fax letter to "The Wichita Eagle" newspaper in July 1999?

3. Name the American tennis player who won nine Grand Slam women's singles titles in the 1950s and died of ovarian cancer at age 34 in 1969.

4. The Florida Tuskers, Hartford Colonials, Omaha Nighthawks and Virginia Destroyers were teams that competed in what pro football league that operated from 2009-2012?

5. What Italian boxer won two middleweight title fights against Emile Griffith in a trilogy of bouts from 1967-68?

6. Industrialist Tom Yawkey was owner of what Major League Baseball team from 1933-76?

7. What Baseball Hall of Famer from Puerto Rico was National League Rookie of the Year in 1958 and NL MVP in 1967?

Answers

1. The Philadelphia Phillies.
2. Barry Sanders.
3. Maureen Connolly.
4. The United Football League (UFL).
5. Nino Benvenuti.
6. The Boston Red Sox.
7. Orlando Cepeda.

The Life of Carolyn Snyder



Carolyn Ruth Snyder, 91, of Grand Forks, ND, passed peacefully into the Lord's hands on Dec. 2, 2023.

Carolyn was born in Loveland, CO, on Sept. 23, 1932 to Oscar and Carola Geisler. Her childhood was largely in Pasadena, CA, but in high school, she lived in Colorado. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in nutrition. During her internship, she was engaged to Dr. Robert Snyder, and after marrying him in California, she moved to Groton, SD, to join him in building his veterinary practice. They lived there from 1957-2015 where they raised their family, and Groton remained the favorite gathering place for many holidays and celebrations as their kids' families grew. In 2015, Carolyn and Bob moved to Grand Forks to be closer to Paul and Shawn and their young family.

Carolyn and Bob had 5 children: Barbara, Kristine, Linda, R. Michael, and Paul. She had 17 grandchildren, five of whom are married. She had 5 great grandchildren and a sixth on the way, and she never tired of holding a newborn baby! Her life reflected her strong values of family, friends and faith.

She was active in church, educational groups, bridge clubs, and tirelessly offered help and support not only to her family but to many in the community. She loved a good cup of coffee at almost any time, and she loved to travel and shop. She was a loving wife, a good friend, and an excellent accountant and seamstress. She painted in her later years, and as she appreciated beauty, she also created beauty in the way she lived her life.

Her family and friends remember her as loving, accepting, constant, generous, kind, gentle, smart, gracious, supportive, affirming, servant-hearted, humble, unselfish, and patient, grounded, adventurous, easy-to-love, and always present for family.

She is survived by her children Barbara Luna, Kristine (John) Albrecht, Linda (Ben) Sparkman, Mike (Valerie) Snyder, and Paul (Shawn) Snyder as well as 17 grandchildren: Brittany Luna, Ethan (Cami) Albrecht, Liu Snyder, Elisabeth Sparkman, Daniel (Hilary) Sparkman, Catherine Sparkman, and Jonathan Sparkman, Jacob (Hannah) Snyder, Nathan (Hayley) Snyder, David (Amanda) Snyder, John (Kelby) Snyder, Titus Snyder, Claire Snyder, Leah Snyder, Simeon Snyder, Joshua Snyder and Caleb Snyder.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert, and her five siblings Armin, Manfred, Rosie, Emma, and Floss.

Carolyn's private interment took place on Dec. 15 at the Groton Cemetery in Groton, SD.

Melvin Larson Farm Sale

11724 391st Ave. Columbia, SD 57433

Brown County, SD Land for sale.

The following real estate is being offered for sale on written bids.

Legal: NW ¼ of section 34-T126N-R63W

Brainard township

From US Highway 12 it is 14.5 miles north on Brown County Highway 14 on the east side of the highway.

Approximately 160 deeded acres, 140 crop acres with a Crop Soil Rating of 71.8, the building site is approximately 4.8 acres with a house and a detached two stall garage with WEB Rural Water. The house is rented and the house property comes subject to the lease which expires in October.

Terms of Sale: Sellers are selling this property by sealed bid. Call Dani with Siegel, Barnett & Schutz, LLC at 605-225-5420 for a bid packet. Initial bids must include a complete bid sheet and be received at Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb LLP in Aberdeen, South Dakota on or before 5 p.m. on January 15, 2024. Initial bidding will be through a written sealed bid. The top five bidders will be invited to bid again at a private live auction. A check for the earnest money reflecting 5% of the total bid will be required with submission of the final bid. Additional details of the property and bidding will be provided in the bid packet.



SCAN ME

For Pictures go to: <https://www.facebook.com/melvinlarsonfamilyfarm>



Groton Area's December MS/HS Students of the Month

Back Left: Layne Johnson (8th), Emma Kutter (11th), Emerlee Jones (9th), Talli Wright (10th)
 Front Left: Gavin Hanten (6th), Camryn Kurtz (12th), Arianna Dinger (7th)

Groton Area School works to ensure that all levels of academic instruction also include the necessary life skills teaching, practicing, and modeling that encourages essential personal life habits that are universally understood to facilitate helping our students become good human beings and citizens.

It is learning with our heads, hearts, and hands to be caring and civil, to make healthy decisions, to effectively problem solve, to be respectful and responsible, to be good citizens, and to be empathetic and ethical individuals.

Students are selected based on individual student growth in the areas of: positive behavior, citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards.

Forces seek to gut public education

by Marie Miller

Tough times ahead as certain forces seek to gut public education. An educated population is never the enemy; ignorance is.

Teachers don't want to teach kids what to think; they want to teach kids how to think. I believe everyone wants that. The problem is that, if you're going to think, you need facts to think about. Books are the gateway to facts, and however much you curate what you let kids read, you can't protect them from facts. Kids grow up and discover when you've been lying to them. I did, and I was not impressed.

I graduated from high school 50 years ago, and I'm still not over discovering well after I graduated that we set up concentration camps and threw American citizens into them during World War II, a war that ended less than 10 years before I was born, so it wasn't exactly ancient history at that point. This absolutely should have been taught. I should not have had to discover it by accident. I have not forgiven the generation that decided it would be OK to lie to me about something this big.

Do you seriously think today's kids will grow up to be all that different? You want their respect in the future, then don't lie to them today.

Learning some White people have done bad things is not learning to feel bad about being White any more than learning about the Crusades or the Spanish Inquisition was learning to feel bad about being Catholic. I want my actions in the future to be predicated on a foundation of solid knowledge about the past; otherwise, how can I help to create a more just world? Anyone here opposed to justice?

No??? I didn't think so.

As long as what kids are reading is age-appropriate and true and represents the past honestly, then it's healthy for them to be reading it. Speaking of truth, this woman speaks truth.

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Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #4 Results

Team Standings: Shihtzus – 11, Coyotes – 11, Jackelopes – 9, Chipmunks – 7, Cheetahs – 6, Foxes – 4

Men's High Games: Brad Waage – 215, Tony Waage – 199, Ron Belden – 190

Women's High Games: Dar Larson – 157, Vicki Walter – 154, Brenda Waage – 149

Men's High Series: Brad Waage – 582, Ron Belden – 515, Roger Spanier – 483

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter – 433, Darci Spanier – 424, Brenda Waage – 407

Week 4 – Most 9 Counts w/out Fill – Foxes with 16!

Conde National League

Dec. 18 Team Standings: Mets 7, Tigers 5, Braves 4, Cubs 4, Pirates 4, Giants 0

Men's High Games: Russ Bethke 195, Ryan Bethke 192, Chad Furney 186

Men's High Series: Russ Bethke 512, Chad Furney 508, Ryan Bethke 473

Women's High Games: Suzi Easthouse 180, Nancy Radke 175, Sam Bahr 167

Women's High Series: Suzi Easthouse 501, Nancy Radke 466, Sam Bahr 444

Strange, but True

By Lucie Winborne

* We should all be so lucky as to have vision like that of the mantis shrimp: Not only do its eyes possess four times as many color receptors as a human's, it can see UV, visible and polarized light as well.

* The rise in global temperatures has led to flowers emitting less scent.

* Lightning hasn't brought down an airplane since 1963, thanks to engineering that allows a bolt's electric charge to run through and out of the aircraft.

* Spinraza, a drug prescribed for spinal muscular dystrophy, has a list price of \$750,000.

* By 2018, more than 100 people living in the U.S. owed at least \$1 million in federal student loans.

* A one-euro breakfast featured at an IKEA store in the Netherlands proved so popular that it had to be canceled after it attracted too many customers and even led to highway traffic jams.

* Kellogg's All-Bran cereal is actually 87% bran.

* Heading for the gym in the new year? Be sure to take some hand sanitizer! A report found that a typical gym's free weights boast 362 times as much bacteria as a toilet seat.

* During the Cold War, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to put aside their political differences if Earth was ever invaded by aliens from outer space.

* Nicaraguan Catholics who abstain from meat during Lent include iguanas and armadillos in their diet.

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There are many layers of Christmas, but the most important one is Jesus. His birth gave us the promise of a heavenly home!

Merry Christmas!

**GDI News
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Groton Angel Tree Thanks You All

I would really like to thank the people for the donations and help with making this the best Christmas for the children again. Thanks to Lori's Pharmacy and Dollar General for hosting the Angel Tree this year.

It just melts my heart when I pull up to a house or apartment and see the smiles of the children and telling me that they will get a Christmas this year and it will be their best.

It is so special to see all the smiles I see from them. I have been doing the Angel Tree since 2007.

Tina Kosel



Groton Area Kindergarten



Emersyn Giedt is the daughter of Heath and Katelyn Giedt of Groton. What Christmas means to me is decorating for Pre-slees Secret Santa



Claire Erickson is the daughter of Andy and Shari Erickson of Aberdeen. What Christmas means to me is being with my family and getting presents



Lelina Po is the daughter of Day Day Po and Victoria Shwe of Groton. What Christmas means to me is Santa and the elves making toys

Caring is something we do year around, but it's especially special at this time of year!

Have a very *Merry Christmas!*

AVANTARA Groton



Aunna Freeland is the daughter of Sarah Freeland of Houghton. What Christmas means to me is toys and being with family



Grace Oswald is the daughter of Matt and Sam Oswald. What Christmas means to me is decorating the Christmas tree



Cory Paulson is the son of Andy and Kara Paulson of Andover. What Christmas means to me is decorating my tree

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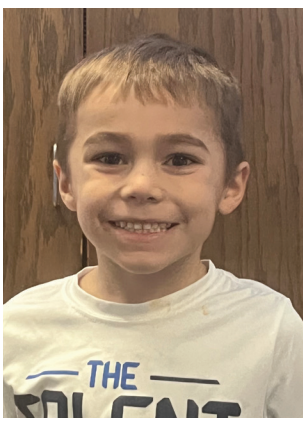
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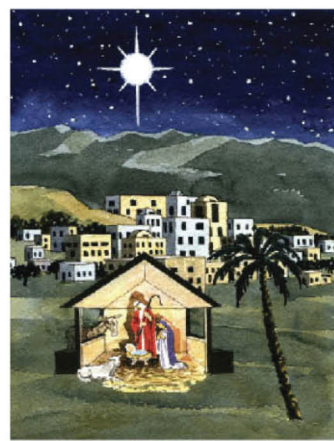
Colton Zimmerman is the son of Jarett and Amanda Zimmerman of Groton. What Christmas means to me is that Jesus get born



Bryton Larson is the son of Josh and Desa Larson of Columbia. What Christmas means to me is it's Jesus's birthday



Alex Clark is the daughter of Austin and Allisen Clark of Groton. What Christmas means to me is Santa comes and gives you presents



Silent Night Holy Night

With exceeding great joy, we bid all of our friends and neighbors a most joyous and harmonious season.

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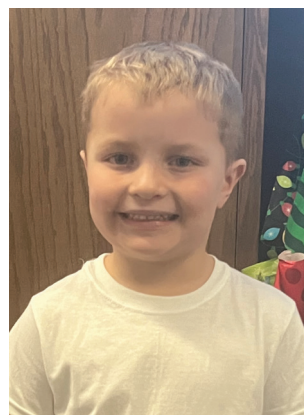


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Kaylee Hofer is the daughter of Ricky and Sarah Hofer of Groton. What Christmas means to me is It's Jesus's birthday



Kase Ronning is the son of Blake and Leah Ronning of Groton. What Christmas means to me is Santa gives us presents



Kylie Borg is the daughter of Adam and Ashley Borg of Groton. What Christmas means to me is Love and family

We're building a solid foundation so we can wish you a *Merry Christmas!*



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God bless you during this wonderful season when we remember the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. As the Word says, "He is Lord."



Merry Christmas from Dale, Joyce and the rest of the crew at the Groton Dairy Queen!

The American Legion wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Groton American Legion
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Kennedy Ball is the daughter of Brock and Rosalie Ball of Bath. What Christmas means to me is I love Santa



Molly Swisher is the daughter of Travis and Taylor Swisher of Groton. What Christmas means to me is being with my family



Maya Anderson is the daughter of Taylor and Laura Anderson of Groton. What Christmas means to me is being together as a family

Sending Our Best At The Holidays

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Postmaster



Indria Rodriguez Centeno is the daughter of Carlos Rodriguez and Karely Centeno. What Christmas means to me is celebrating Christmas



Ruby Henderson is the daughter of Brad and Michelle Henderson of Groton. What Christmas means to me is you spend time with your family and friends



Raven Bahr is the daughter of Brian and Liz Bahr of Groton. What Christmas means to me is I get to build a snow man and get presents

The season of joy is here once again. Let's rejoice and welcome this holiday with a smile. Wishing you a Christmas filled with love and happiness.

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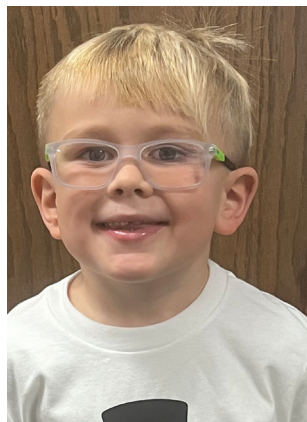
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Teagan Sombke is the daughter of Bryan and Whitney Sombke of Groton. What Christmas means to me is Jesus's birthday



Tayden Hendrickson is the son of Shelby Hendrickson and Travis Hendrickson of Aberdeen. What Christmas means to me is Santa gives us presents



Jed Morehouse is the son of Brent and Jessica Morehouse of Andover. What Christmas means to me is Love and sharing

*It was a Holy Night
So special -
So calm -
So bright*



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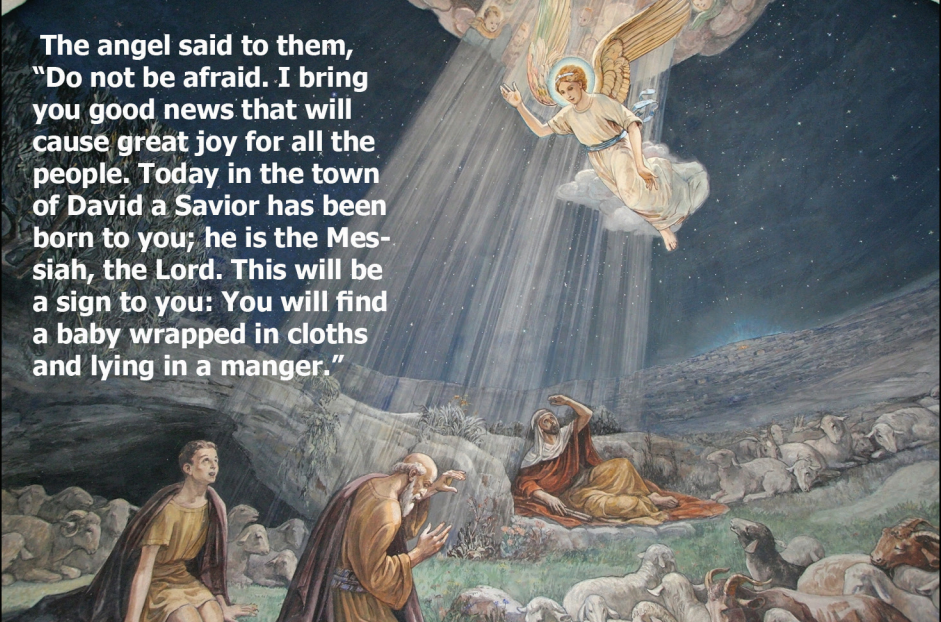
Jayden Moo is the son of EhMoo and Pawshee of Aberdeen. What Christmas means to me is It's Jesus's birthday



Max Erickson is the son of Seth and Megan Erickson of Groton. What Christmas means to me is Jesus's birthday



Lexie Locke daughter of Spencer and Kellie Locke of Groton. What Christmas means to me is we get presents and see our whole entire family



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

*From all of us at Lori's Pharmacy in Groton,
we wish you a very blessed Christmas!*



Vic Flihs is the son of Tigh and Adrienne Flihs of Claremont. What Christmas means to me is making Gingerbread houses



Jax Ronning is the son of Blake and Leah Ronning of Groton. What Christmas means to me is Santa giving us presents



Landry Johnson is the son of Gene and Tayla Johnson of Groton. What Christmas means to me is Jesus was born.

Here's to teeing off for Christmas from the

Olive Grove Golf Course

Merry Christmas!



397-GOLF
Groton, South Dakota



Evalynn Peterson is the daughter of Jocelyn Peterson of Groton. What Christmas means to me is I like getting presents



Landon Buntrock is the son of Ryan and Laurie Buntrock of Columbia. What Christmas means to me is putting up the Christmas tree



Felicity Hanlon is the daughter of Jayde Lier of Conde. What Christmas means to me is you put up a Christmas tree and get a lot of presents

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perfect light!*



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Layla Feist is the daughter of Mike and Ashley Feist of Groton. What Christmas means to me is seeing Santa !



Kyson Land is the grandson of Chad and Chanise Pray of Groton. What Christmas means to me is I like getting presents



From our POET family to yours
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



Kayleigh Raba is the daughter of Chris and Erica Raba of Columbia. What Christmas means to me is time with family



Harper Rowen is the daughter of Jason and Heather Rowen of Bath. What Christmas means to me is to be helpful and set up the decorations



Nolan Gingerich is the son of Daniel and Megan Gingerich of Columbia. What Christmas means to me is getting presents

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Ivy Cole is the daughter of Chuck and Carrie Cole of Groton. What Christmas means to me is I get to go see my family



Elizabeth Haskell is the daughter of Lance and Cassie Haskell of Conde. What Christmas means to me is Santa gives me presents

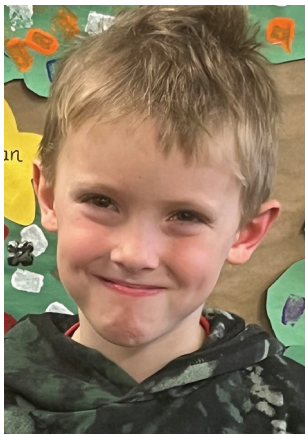
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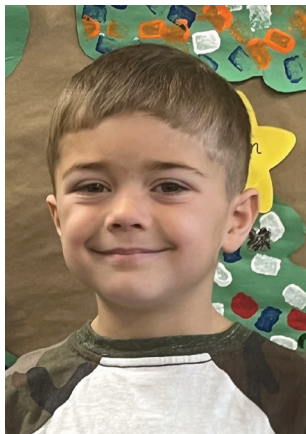
Aubrie Traphagen is the daughter of Trent and Heather Traphagen of Aberdeen. What Christmas means to me is I like to get presents



Elleit Severson is the daughter of Matt and Jordan Severson of Groton. What Christmas means to me is having fun .



Emma Flihs is the daughter of Trey and Rebecca Flihs of Groton. What Christmas means to me is seeing my family.



Beau Bahr is the son of Dion and Samantha Bahr of Groton. What Christmas means to me is Santa is coming



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Sunny Washenberger is the daughter of Daniel Washenberger and Laura Arth of Bath . What Christmas means to me is Happiness!



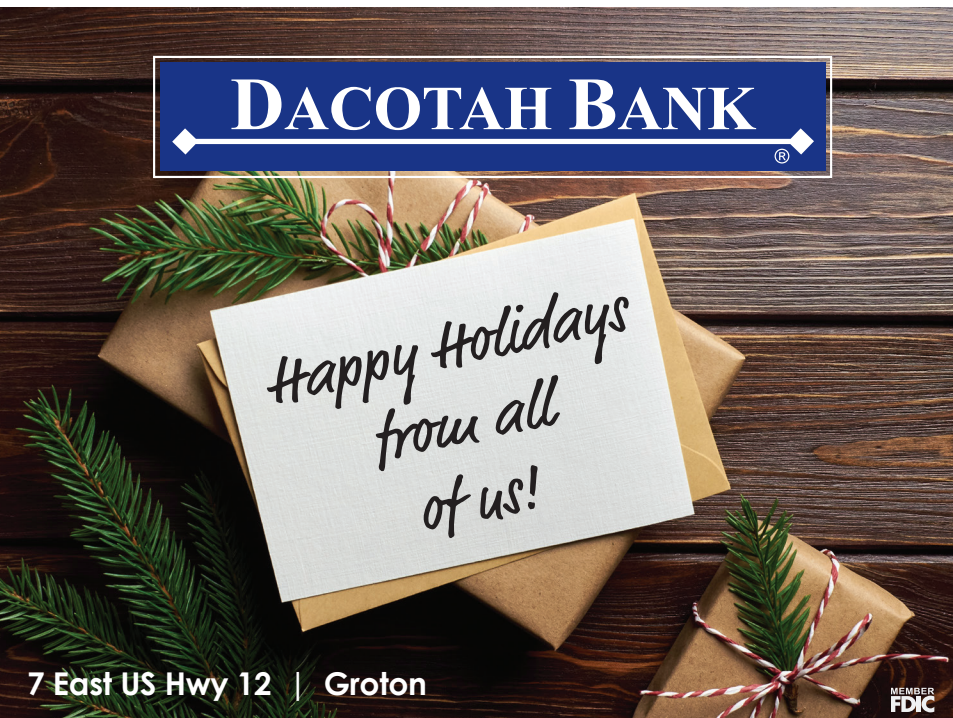
Harper Cleveland is the daughter of Justin and Gretchen Cleveland of Groton. What Christmas means to me is it snowing out and I want to build a snowman



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May you and those you love find true happiness and peace this Christmas!

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Dear EarthTalk: What's the deal with food dyes in sodas and other drinks? Are they really bad for us, and how can we avoid them if so?

-- Laura C., Pittsburgh, PA

Food dyes have been a controversial ingredient in sodas and various beverages for decades, due to concerns about their potential health risks. These dyes are synthetic color additives used to enhance the visual appeal of foods and drinks. While they serve an aesthetic purpose, their safety and impact on health have sparked considerable debate among consumers and health experts.

The most commonly used food dyes in beverages include Red 40, Yellow 5, Yellow 6, and Blue 1. These dyes are derived from petroleum or coal tar sources and undergo rigorous testing by regulatory agencies like the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) before approval for use in food and drinks.

Critics argue that these synthetic dyes might be problematic, especially in sensitive individuals. Research has suggested potential links between artificial food dyes and behavioral problems in children, such as hyperactivity and attention issues. However, the scientific evidence remains inconclusive, with some studies supporting these claims while others find no significant impact on behavior.

Moreover, some individuals might experience adverse reactions or allergies to certain food dyes, resulting in skin rashes, digestive problems or respiratory issues. For these people, avoiding products containing artificial dyes may be crucial to feeling their best.

To steer clear of artificial food dyes in beverages, consumers can opt for alternatives that prioritize natural colorants or those that don't use any added dyes. Several brands offer drinks made with natural coloring from fruit or vegetable extracts, such as beet juice, turmeric or spirulina, to achieve vibrant hues without resorting to synthetic dyes. Reading product labels meticulously is vital making the right choices. Furthermore, choosing homemade or freshly squeezed juices, herbal teas or infused water can eliminate exposure to artificial dyes altogether. These options not only ensure a lack of synthetic additives but also provide nutritional benefits and a more wholesome drinking experience.

Maintaining a balanced and varied diet with an emphasis on whole, unprocessed foods will help you steer clear of most troublesome synthetic ingredients. By reducing reliance on heavily processed beverages, individuals can limit their exposure to not just artificial dyes but also excess sugar, artificial sweeteners and other potentially harmful additives commonly found in commercial sodas and drinks.

Nutritionists and public health advocates continue to worry about all the synthetic dyes in our food supply these days and are hoping for more research to clear up whether or not these often-unnecessary additives are doing irreparable harm to our individual bodies and our collective health.

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Food dyes in sodas and other drinks can cause health issues for those sensitive to such chemicals. Credit: Robbins Flores, Pexels.com

Unraveling Medical Myths

Myths are just stories we tell ourselves and others to make sense of the world around us. Myths convey beliefs or values and attempt to tell the truth. In their effort to tell the truth, myths may exaggerate or misrepresent things. Sometimes this misrepresentation is innocent, while other times it is used as a tool to regulate or manipulate people.



Jill Kruse, DO

Myths can be used to give a sense of power and control over an overwhelming situation.

Of the many types of myths, ones that deal with medicine are particularly common. A person's life can feel out of control during times of sickness or injury. It is easy to feel powerless when one's body is not feeling or acting normally. A story that helps explain why this is happening can be comforting. A story can assign blame to whom or what caused this. It can also serve as a lesson or a warning to others. In every myth there is usually some small bit of truth that makes it believable.

Look at the myth "going out with wet hair will cause you to catch pneumonia". It serves as a warning; if you do this, you could put your health in danger. Countless college students running late to early morning classes have tested this myth, including me. Science has proven that bacteria or viruses in the air entering your lungs cause pneumonia, not wet hair.

If you Google "Does going out with wet hair make you sick" – you will get over 50 million results in less than a second. If you look long enough, you will find at least one page to support whatever stance you want to take on this. Mayo clinic and Cleveland clinic both have websites stating this is a myth. Some websites say "this is a myth, but..." They go on to hypothesize subtle correlations between having wet hair and lowering nasal passage temperatures just enough to increase susceptibility to a virus that may already be there. Of course, there will always be grandmothers who insist that they are right, regardless of what any doctor, institution, or the internet says.

We live in an age of easy information. With so many answers and opinions, it is very easy to get overwhelmed and not know who or what to believe. This is why we at the Prairie Doc have strived to bring in experts each week to help give health information that is based on Science and built on Trust. We know that without science, we cannot bring you accurate information. More importantly, without trust, it really does not matter what we tell you. We hope that over the last twenty years we have earned that trust. Please continue to tune in to South Dakota Public Television, Facebook, or YouTube and ask those questions. We are here for you and truly look forward to discussing your questions each week. We will help you separate medical myth from fact so you can "Stay Healthy Out There".

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