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## Ice Storm Damage

Some of the netting was taken down during the Christmas Day ice storm that hit Groton. It basically looks like the zip ties were broken as the poles look in good shape.



## Rubble Site Fire

The tree pile was getting pretty big and the time has arrived for the big burn at the city rubble site.

# Housing in Groton, fees discussed during first City Council meeting of 2024

The Groton City Council rang in the new year with a look at a housing study and city fees.

At Tuesday's council meeting, council members had a look at draft housing study prepared by Community Partners Research Inc. The company, based in Minnesota, offers consulting services for housing development, housing markets and community development projects.

The 93-page draft report goes over demographics of the Groton community, population trends and income data using information from sources like the U.S. Census Bureau and private data reporting services like Applied Geographic Solutions and Esri, Inc.

The two private data services showcase different predictions for the Groton population through the next five years. Through many of the data points, Applied Geographic Solutions predicted large increases in the population from 2023 to 2028, while Esri, Inc. predicted the number of residents will go down in that same period.

Similarly, Applied Geographic Solutions projects Groton will add 48 households between 2023 and 2028, bringing to total number of households to 638. Esri, Inc. projects Groton will lose seven households during that same period, bringing to total to 564 households.

The report writers conclude both of those national data sources are not reliable in their projections.

"Community Partners Research, Inc., has generated its own forecast which expects the City of Groton to add approximately five households in an average year, or up to 25 households over the five-year projection period," according to the report.

The report points out strengths for housing development in Groton. Those include Groton's proximity to Aberdeen, median home price, adequate land for development, developers and builders willing to invest in housing projects in

the area and more.

The report also indicates barriers for development, including limited commercial/retail options, the age and condition of some houses in the area, a limited supply of residential lots available in Groton and limited new rental housing construction since 2010.

Recommendations include improvements to rental housing development, home ownership, single-family new construction, housing rehabilitation and other housing initiatives.

The council approved city fees for 2024.

Those fees include listing of what the city charges for various services, access to the city's rubble site and recreation charges like swimming pool passes and fees to play baseball.

Not many changes were noted from the 2023 fee listing to the 2024 charges.

"Nothing much has changed," Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich told the council. "A couple things that we have are the price of gravel, crushed rock... it looked like it was a couple of years since it went up."

The cost for gravel was increased to reflect changes in the economy, he said.

Sand will now cost \$24.50 per yard (one ton equals one yard), up from \$24.50 per yard in 2023. Crushed gravel will cost \$22 per yard, up from \$20 per yard, and three-quarter inch rock will cost \$42 per yard up from \$36 per bucket (two yards per bucket).

The price of black dirt also increased from \$12 per yard in 2023 to \$19 per yard in 2024.

There were no other increases from the 2023 revised charges approved in November 2023. And while the charges were approved at Tuesday's meeting, the council could review those fees later in the year. The council has adjusted rates mid-year, like upping some swimming pool-related fees for swimming les-

sons in March 2023.

Heinrich pointed out that the new charges don't include increases in recreation programs like fees to play baseball. While there had been some discussion about baseball and softball fees, what Groton charges is comparable to other leagues in the region.

"It's a good program to have," Heinrich said. "I don't want to push kids away."

- The election for four council seats is set for April 9. The two-year terms for Ward 1 Councilman Kevin Nehls, Ward 2 Councilman Brian Bahr and Ward 3 Councilman Jason Wambach are ending this year. The one-year appointment of Ward 1 Councilman Jon Cutler is also ending in 2024. Those four, along with anyone else interested in running for council positions, will be able to sign declarations of candidacy and begin circulating nominating petitions on January 26. The deadline to file candidate nominating petitions is February 23. The deadline for candidates to withdraw their name from nomination is also February 23. Mayor Scott Hanlon, Ward 2 Councilwoman Shirley Wells and Ward 3 Councilwoman Karyn Babcock have terms ending in 2025.

- The council approved employee salaries for 2024.

- o Mayor Scott Hanlon - \$625 per month plus \$125 per special meeting, \$300 per full-day meeting and \$100 per half-day meeting

- o Council members Brian Bahr, Karyn Babcock, Shirley Wells, Jon Cutler, Kevin Nehls and Jason Wambach - \$3,000 per year plus \$125 per special meeting, \$300 per full-day meeting and \$100 per half-day meeting

- o Board of Equalization - \$200 per year

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# Weekly Vikings Recap

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The table was set for another Central Division Collision. The Vikings and Packers needed a big win on Sunday night to keep their slim playoff hopes alive. Earlier in the day, the Pittsburgh Steelers helped them out by winning at Seattle over the Seahawks. How was this game going to transpire?

US Bank Stadium was rockin' and the amazing light show got things started. Kirko Chains lost his shirt and sounded the Gjallarhorn and boom!! Game on.

After each team went three and out, the Packers put together a nice drive to get on the board first with a field goal.

Turnovers continue to plague the Vikings as the Packers capitalized on an interception. An errant pass by rookie Jaren Hall gets tipped by Johnny Mundt only to land in the hands of a Packer defensive back. Just two plays later, Jordan Love hits his receiver over the middle for a 33-yard touchdown and the Vikings are quickly down 10-0.

The Packers put another nice drive together and decide to get aggressive and go for a fourth down inside the Vikings thirty only to be stopped on a dropped pass. Jaren Hall hits a couple of nice long passes to Justin Jefferson and Jordan Addison to set up a 54-yard Greg Joseph field goal.

The Packers offense marches right back down the field and scores on a Jordan Love dive from 3 yards out. The Viking defense was getting handled up front and the defensive backs are playing too far off.

Another turnover by Jaren Hall and the Packers tack on another touchdown with just eight seconds to go. The Packers lead 23-3 at the half and the Vikings get booed off the field.

Nick Mullens time in the second half. He drives the Vikings into the red zone only to come up short on fourth down. Jefferson catches three passes on the drive after having only one in the first half.

Instead of the Vikings scoring they allow the Packers to take it straight down the field for another long drive and touchdown pass by Jordan Love. They head into the fourth quarter down 30-3. A truly embarrassing performance on both sides of the ball.

The fourth quarter starts on a positive as the Vikings punt return gunner blows up the return specialist and recovers the muffed punt.

The Vikings punch it in from eight yards out with a short pass to Johnny Mundt. Can the Vikings pull off another crazy comeback like last year versus the Colts? Nope, the final score was 33-3.

But tonight was a night the defense will want to forget. Outside of some incomplete passes, it felt like the Packers consistently put up positive yardage on almost every play. Aaron Jones averaged over six yards per carry and the Viking's pass rush did not come close to sacking Jordan Love. The Packer play-calling was spot on all night long.

So where does this leave the Vikings? Their record sits at 7-9 and are effectively eliminated from the playoffs. After turning the season around after starting 1-4, they have proceeded to go 1-5 in the last six games and this was seen by many to be the easiest part of their schedule. Yes, they lost some close games but they were games against teams that were struggling and they couldn't finish them off when they needed to.

A lot of talk about the possibility of losing the defensive coordinator Brian Flores to a head coaching job may cease as the Viking defense that played so well during their winning streak has been dismantled by average teams the last three weeks.

So now the Vikings need a ton of help to get to the playoffs next week. If the Packers, Seahawks, Saints, and Falcons all lose, and the Vikings beat the Lions, who have nothing to play for next week, they can sneak in. Crazy things have happened. Happy New Year all!!

## Big John's clothes

*Editor's note: Tony Bender took the week off for the holidays. Here's one of our favorites.*

Things can slide when you're a bachelor. You do dishes when you run out of forks. When the sock drawer is empty, you buy more. You start drinking out of milk cartons. You carry out the trash every February 29. And there's no one to yell at you.

Like I said, things start to slide.

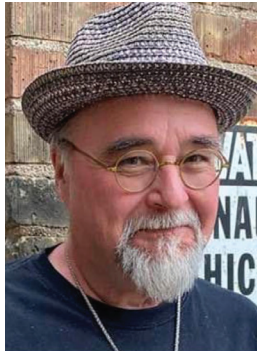
Things started to slide for Big John some time ago.

He didn't expect interference from my mother.

For three Sundays in a row, Mom drove by John's house on her way to church. And every Sunday, she could see the same flannel shirts and trousers dangling from his clothesline. It troubled her. It's something she couldn't help.

There's a gene that women have—The Orderliness Gene—that is multiplied in strength when they become mothers. As a mother of six, Mom has an Orderliness gene so enlarged it is actually visible to the naked eye.

The Orderliness Gene makes women go to extremes—some actually polish the leaves of their houseplants for cripes' sake. But it's no weirder than the Squalor Gene found in the DNA of men. It fades with marriage but mutates unchecked in the body of a bachelor. Thus you have men who believe a living room carpet comprised of Cheetos and cornflakes is a good thing.



## That's Life

by Tony Bender

Frankly, I'm amazed that my mom could drive by John's laundry even twice without scooping it off the line, sewing on missing buttons and ironing his underwear. She must be getting old.

Anyway, give her credit for holding out for three weeks. As for John, he claims he was just trying to pack as much of that "fresh air softness" into his dungarees as possible. That's his story anyway. I don't figure it would hold up in court, but us journalists are supposed to tell both sides of the story—even if one is a dang big fib.

But back to our story...

As she drove by John's laundry on the third week, Mom couldn't help herself. She stopped the car and began pulling the clothes off the line.

Technically, you might call it theft, but it's a small town. Even if the town cop had driven by, the conversation would have gone something like this:

Cop: "Hey, Jan, watcha doin'?"

Mom: "Stealing Big John's laundry."

Cop: "Awwright, jest don't git caught."

Of course, once she had John's clothes there was the quandary of what to do with them. I suppose she could have saved them for the next city rummage sale and let John buy them back, but she decided to box them up and mail them back.

Our local U. S. Postmaster was only too happy to help. He encouraged Mom to send the package postage due. So she did.

She had to wait three days before John got around to getting his mail. Like I said, things start to slide.

As he walked away from the Post Office, John began opening the box. When he realized what was in it, he did an abrupt U-turn.

"Who sent this?!" he demanded.

But of course, our postal employees are sworn to uphold the confidentiality of their clients. Collusion is their business.

For weeks, John accused pretty much everyone in town of the chicanery before the truth came out.

My little brother, Mike, the one with the Blabbermouth Gene, spilled the beans. But by then the statute of limitations on clothes heisting had expired.

But trouble may again be brewing.

Just last weekend, Mom mentioned to John that his laundry had been out for an extended period again.

Just a friendly warning.

"They're just rags," he protested. "Don't steal them again!"

Then in that laconic Big John way, he added, "That was a good one..."

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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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Kids: color stuff in!



Do you know that bears sleep during the winter? In the fall, we eat extra food and store up fat, which we live off of while sleeping. We find a cave or hollow tree, or we dig out a burrow under the ground. Then, we make a nest of leaves, branches and grass. Our fur keeps us warm. We usually sleep from October until April, but we sometimes wake up. I know I should be sleeping, but I love playing in the snow too much to sleep!

## Sn❄w! Sn❄w! Sn❄w!

Read the clues to fill in this crossword all about "snow!":

1. water \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground, making slippery patches
2. snowflakes have more \_\_\_\_\_ shapes than we can count
3. periods of time when Earth is covered in snow and ice
4. when falling crystals group together
5. water in air condenses around bit of dust, freezes, forms this
6. we put these on walkways to keep us safe
7. large piles of snow on sides of road
8. snow sliding down mountainside
9. snowflakes formed in colder and drier air are usually \_\_\_\_\_ and leave a fluffy snowfall
10. scoop on the front of trucks to help clear the roads
11. snow covering the ground is called a \_\_\_\_\_ of snow
12. raindrops hit the earth and instantly freeze, coating items
13. amount of snow dropping in a season
14. large storm that hits along the upper east coast
15. has smooth runners on its underside for snow travel
16. 3 globes made of snow placed on top of each other; face made with carrot nose and charcoal eyes
17. hand-held tool for moving snow
18. enormous mass of snow and ice that floats in the ocean
19. crystals of snowflakes form fascinating \_\_\_\_\_
20. wind-blown pile of snow

## Snow Math!

There's no math like snow math! Add the words in the snowman to the word 'snow' to make new words: (The shapes of the spaces will give you clues.)

1. snow + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
2. snow + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
3. snow + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
4. snow + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
5. snow + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Can you find and circle words on this page that start with these consonant blends: bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, and sl?

Can you help me fall gently to the ground?

Where's Arid? Can you find her? She's never seen snow before!

Whoooooaaa!!!

Whoosh!

I wanted to see snow up close, but this is ridiculous!

Hmm... No phone out here in the snow!

## DoubleTake



DoubleTake

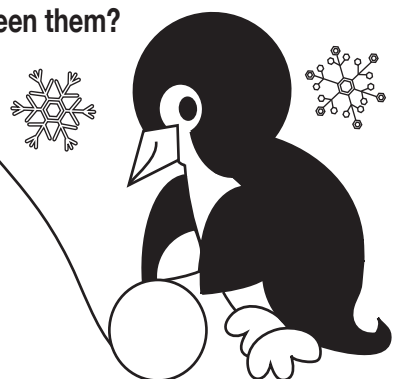
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Draw a snowflake here →

Find and circle these 16 winter weather words or terms:

- snowflake
- drifts
- icicle
- hail
- frozen
- cloudy
- glaze
- sleet
- cold
- frost
- flurries
- blizzard
- wind chill
- temperature
- water
- ice

Study the playing penguins. Can you find 5 tiny differences between them?





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# We the People

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By David Adler

## Mr. Smith Goes to the Supreme Court to Save the Rule of Law

Jack Smith, the special counsel prosecuting former President Donald Trump for his efforts to illegally overturn the 2020 election, made a bold and strategically wise move in a rare request to the U.S. Supreme Court to rule "expeditiously" on Trump's claim of absolute immunity from criminal prosecution. Trump's assertion that he is above the law represents a profound threat to the rule of law.

Smith's extraordinary request to the High Court to grant "certiorari before judgment" represents the best opportunity to preserve Trump's scheduled trial date—March 4, 2024—which his legal team is trying to delay. It also serves the vital interests of the rule of law, American democracy and the public's right to a speedy trial.

Federal District Court Judge Tanya S. Chutkan rejected Trump's assertion of "absolute immunity" from criminal prosecution. She rightly held that "presidents are not kings" and that in the United States, "no man is above the law." As expected, Trump appealed the ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Trump's appeal to the circuit court carries with it a pause in the pre-trial proceedings, including the process of securing jurors in what will be a historic trial. No American president has been tried on criminal charges. The delay in the proceedings serves the strategic interests of the former president who, obviously, does not want to stand trial. If Trump can delay trial until the late summer months, he may be able to postpone it until after the election since Judge Chutkan would face the difficult question of whether to try Trump in the heat of the campaign, requiring him to be in court for the duration of the trial rather than on the stump. That dilemma is exacerbated by the need, and the right, of the American people to know, before they go to the polls, whether Trump committed a crime against the United States.

Even worse, if Trump were to win the election, he could order the justice department to drop the prosecution, meaning we might never know the full scope of evidence amassed by Smith and the ultimate truth about the allegations against Trump. The "verdict," as it were, would be left to scholars—less satisfactory than the judgment rendered by a jury of Trump's peers.

The United States of America v. Donald Trump is a case of first impression, which means the first time that the High Tribunal is asked to address the question of whether a former president enjoys absolute immunity from prosecution for crimes that he committed while in office. If the Court agrees to hear the case and decides that Trump does not, in fact, enjoy immunity from criminal prosecution, then the trial may proceed. If the Court decides, on the other hand, that the president is immune from criminal prosecution, then the case is dismissed. It is possible that the Court will decide that the case and the issues at the center of it should be fully ventilated by the circuit court, leaving the Supreme Court in the position of ruling after the normal appellate process has played out. All of that would take time, of course, likely too much time.

The Supreme Court should agree to hear this case. It should grant "certiorari before judgment." Rule 11 of the Court's practice emphasizes that this will be granted in cases of "imperative public importance." This is such a case. Indeed, if the question of whether the president is above the law does not present a question of "imperative public importance," then no case meets this stringent requirement.

The Court rarely grants certiorari before judgment. Historically, the two great cases in which the Court has granted the writ were those involving sweeping assertions of presidential power, though neither presented an issue of such soaring importance as a former president claiming he is above the law. In *Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer* (1952), better known as the Steel Seizure Case, the Supreme Court rejected President Harry Truman's claim of an emergency presidential power to seize the steel mills to keep them open and operating in the face of a nationwide steel strike at a time when the production of steel was vital to America's role in the Korean War and the success of the Marshall Plan in rebuilding Europe after the devastation of World War II. The Court held that no statute and no constitutional provision conferred authority upon the president to seize private property.

More recently, in 1974 in *United States v. Nixon*—the Watergate Tapes Case—the Court granted certiorari before judgment when President Richard Nixon asserted the power of "absolute executive privilege" to withhold taped conversations in the Oval Office in a criminal case involving Watergate defendants. The Court, in a unanimous 8-0 opinion (Justice William Rehnquist recused himself) authored by Chief Justice Warren Burger, a Nixon appointee, rejected Nixon's unprecedented assertion of power, finding no support in the architecture of the Constitution.

*USA v. Trump* represents the most profoundly important issue of our time, indeed, of any time in American history. The Court should decide if the president is immune from criminal prosecution and whether any man—or woman—is above the law.

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December 27, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License for Stacy Gossman DBA: Ollie's at 2520 8th Ave. NE, Ste. B, Aberdeen, SD – Lot 1, Ronnie's Way Addition to Aberdeen in NW 1/4 of Section 17-T123-R63 of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize the Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License for Stacy Gossman DBA: Annie's at 2520 8th Ave. NE, Ste. C, Aberdeen, SD – Lot 1, Ronnie's Way Addition to Aberdeen in NW 1/4 of Section 17-T123-R63 of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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**RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License for Stacy Gossman DBA: Caponez at 2520 8th Ave. NE, Ste. F, Aberdeen, SD – Lot 1, Ronnie's Way Addition to Aberdeen in NW 1/4 of Section 17-T123-R63 of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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**AWARD BID FOR TUCKPOINTING PROJECT:** Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent met with the Commission to discuss her recommendation on the Tuckpointing Bid. Judy recommended accepting the bid from Building Restoration Corporation for \$738,233.00, which includes the base bid of \$692,283.00 plus alternate #2 for \$45,950.00. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the bid from Building Restoration Corporation for a total of \$738,233.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) – DRAW-DOWN REQUEST #2:** Moved by

Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Draw-down Request #2 for a total of \$558,493.93. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PROGRESS HEARING:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize publication for the Public Progress Hearing on the Brown County YMCA Youth Development Center Building Addition Project to be held on January 23, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting minutes of December 19, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$254.30; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$389.45; Blackburn & Stevens, Prof. LLC \$364.46; Brick's TV and Appliance \$1,037.50; CenturyLink-Lumen \$179.32; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$2,086.50; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$222.37; Kristi Brandt \$132.05; Lucy Lewno \$170.00; Mark Katterhagen \$18.00; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$27,702.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$47.00; Sara J. Zahn \$144.40; State Bar of South Dakota \$3,240.00; US Bank Visa \$2,700.32; Valerie Larson \$18.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$100.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media California Holdings, Inc \$259.47; Groton Daily Independent \$47.46; The Argus Leader \$20.63. Repairs & Maintenance: B&B Contracting, Inc \$5,993.81; Butler Machinery Company \$776.00; J&K Painting \$973.58; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$3,046.83; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$137.89; Northern Electric \$15,000.00; US Bank Visa \$1,299.51. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$108.75; Brown County Treasurer \$5.01; Cole Paper Inc \$3,436.79; Fire Safety First LLC \$19.60; Kessler's \$36.04; Lucy Lewno \$6.63; Marco Technologies, LLC \$41.71; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply \$1,595.00; Menards \$100.77; PharmChem, Inc \$1,282.34; Panther Premier Print Solutions \$202.84; Runnings \$135.30; Sandy Woytassek \$18.75; US Bank Visa \$9,946.08. Travel & Conference: Carrie Weisenberger \$37.32; Dale Kurth \$117.21; David North \$114.45; Doug Fjeldheim \$190.74; Drew Dennert \$275.40; Duane Jark \$18.87; Duane Sutton \$104.04; James Meyers \$22.95; National Assessment Center Association \$600.00; Patrick Keatts \$25.10; Paul Johnson \$100.68; Stan Beckler \$19.59; US Bank Visa \$1,964.87. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$348.00; US Bank Visa \$3,174.84; Verizon Wireless \$201.96.

Payroll: SA \$5,218.40; Assessor \$2,515.60; IT \$5,012.00; HR \$712.40; Sheriff \$4,383.20; Jail \$5,266.40; JDC \$3,788.30; Museum \$6,145.60; Parks/Fairgrounds \$1,084.00; Fair Board \$1,713.60; 4-H \$629.60; Highway \$9,722.20; Dispatch \$1,779.20; Emergency \$1,779.20; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,356.00; Landfill \$4,469.60; FICA \$3,445.69 and Medicare \$805.87. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- Reclassification of Jail Records Technician from a Grade 10 to a Grade 11; effective December 24, 2023.

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- Promotion of Wes Graff from Brown County Sheriff Office Investigator to Brown County Sheriff Office Senior Investigator, starting wage \$32.40/hr; effective December 24, 2023.

- Payment of retirement award for Kendall Titze in the amount of \$150.00 before taxes, requirement was met.

- Request to fill Brown County Highway Heavy Equipment Operator, FT.

- Wage increases as submitted effective December 24, 2023 for a pay date of January 12, 2024. Per Pay Period - Commissioners: Duane Sutton @ 988.81; Drew Dennert @ 941.27; Doug Fjeldheim @ 941.27; Mike Gage @ 941.27; Mike Wiese @ 941.27. All eligible employees per hour: Lynn Heupel @ 39.62; David Engraf @ 24.09; Janel Hettich @ 29.35; Stephanie Jacobson @

22.93; Joshua Walberg @ 30.08; Patricia VanMeter @ 39.62; Dorene Borchard @ 30.83; Tracy Engquist @ 21.82; Jolene Forsting @ 29.35; Lori Goldade @ 19.11; Elizabeth Hovendick @ 21.29; Erin Kumpf @ 20.77; Jo Sheffield @ 21.82; Brandy Trusty @ 20.77; Karly Winter @ 56.95; Ross Aldentaler @ 43.57; Mark Anderson @ 36.65; Tucker Anderson @ 36.65; Christine Haggerty @ 21.29; Penny Hart @ 29.35; Adelaide Mouna @ 25.31; Karla Nelson @ 38.51; Jessica Rychlik @ 21.29; Jennifer Stoddard @ 42.51; Sara Swisher @ 26.59; Judy Dosch @ 35.76; Jon Daschel @ 16.00; Monty Forsting @ 18.82; Macy Mikkelsen @ 16.00; Joel Randall @ 17.91; Jason Reed @ 16.00; Mickey Schulz @ 21.82; Sally Swanson @ 16.00; Randy Zens @ 30.08; Gene Loeschke @ 35.76; Kathy Fischer @ 27.93; Jillian Klein @ 18.82; Joe Kraft @ 25.94; Barry Kusler @ 27.25; Russell Metz @ 30.83; Stephanie Morgan @ 21.29; Sarah Swenson @ 29.35; Mariann Malson @ 39.62; Anne Dohman @ 21.29; Andrew Janusz @ 21.82; Martha Stohr @ 20.77; Cindy Woodford @ 26.59; Aaron Walberg @ 30.83; Jesse Milbrandt @ 25.31; Scott Madson @ 34.89; Pat Wolberg @ 46.92; Allison Tunheim @ 38.51; Jessica Johnson @ 23.50; Dave Lunzmann @ 49.52; Jon Lemke @ 41.47; Keith Baker @ 30.08; Austin Ball @ 26.59; Kristin Barstad @ 25.31; Brandon Black @ 29.35; Daniel Bray @ 28.63; Bryan Gordon @ 26.59; Wes Graff @ 32.40; Michael Hill @ 32.40; Sam Hoppock @ 26.59; Doreen Howell @ 20.26; Linn Kamin @ 29.35; Joseph Kretchman @ 26.59; Joshua Lee @ 26.59; Ermelinda Marcuson @ 28.63; Brandon Mills @ 27.93; Erin Spencer @ 27.25; Sandra Woytassek @ 26.59; Gavin Wright @ 30.83; Lynn Zacher @ 20.77; Jaycob Aldea De Jesus @ 21.82; Neil Bittner @ 24.69; Carlos Caraballo Rodriguez @ 21.82; Alondra Caraballo-Sambolin @ 21.82; Ross Collins @ 21.82; Kyle Couchey @ 24.69; William Esser @ 21.82; Erislandy Ferrer @ 21.82; Shanae Florence @ 21.82; Chase Galbraith @ 21.82; Lesli Geranen @ 26.59; Taylor Harman @ 21.82; JoAnn Hatzenbeller @ 17.91; Monica Hein @ 33.21; Danica Hillestad @ 22.93; Paige Hull @ 21.82; David Hunter @ 24.69; Emily Jacobs @ 21.29; Tina Jacobs @ 21.29; Michael Janes @ 20.26; Makayla Jennings @ 26.59; Scott Kolb @ 24.69; Everett Krueger @ 21.82; Heather Kulwicki @ 21.82; James Marnette @ 21.82; Molly McClellan @ 21.82; Jeree Meyers @ 24.69; Cynthia Mitchell @ 28.63; Sam Mouna @ 35.76; Cheyenne Neck @ 21.82; Tyler Richards @ 21.82; Luis Rivera Colon @ 21.82; Jonathan Roberson @ 21.82; Merari Salazar-Aguilar @ 21.82; Angela Senger @ 24.69; Kandi Shantz @ 21.29; Patricia Slutts @ 21.82; Nathan Smith @ 30.83; Jason Stichka @ 21.82; Jerremias Vega IV @ 21.82; Brittany Watts @ 20.26; Terrence Evans @ 31.61; Russell Ochsner @ 25.94; Anthony Sorenson @ 28.63; Jacob Carrillo @ 22.37; Kymberly Gasser @ 21.82; Julie Hermansen @ 21.29; Denica Jones @ 21.82; Troy Knebel @ 26.59; Jennifer Kolb @ 22.37; Johann Kolb @ 22.37; Makendra Ochsner @ 21.82; Cody Richards @ 21.82; Rhacine Sam @ 21.82; Savanna Simon @ 21.82; Jerremias Vega @ 22.93; Caid Verzani @ 21.82; Stacie Wasem @ 27.93; Ellie Weinmeister @ 22.37; Rachel Wilson @ 27.93; Roxanne Hilgenberg @ 30.83; Patricia Kendall @ 30.83; Kristin Boeshans @ 22.93; Brandon Duxbury @ 22.93; Jennifer Hopkins-Entzel @ 17.82; Levi Margolies @ 17.82; Marianne Martila-Klipfel @ 23.50; Alaina Perry @ 17.82; Sherri Rawstern @ 24.09; Joe Kaven @ 22.93; Daniel Schlosser @ 24.09; Rachel Kippley @ 35.76; McKenzie Bierman @ 25.94; Stacey Uselman @ 20.77; Christopher Hemen @ 27.93; Clifton Bader @ 43.57; Ronald Keller @ 25.94; Dorion Anderson @ 25.94; Dirk Rogers @ 43.57; Jerome Akin @ 21.82; Jerry Bjerke @ 21.82; Cindy Eppard @ 21.82; John Florey @ 30.83; Troy Grote @ 22.93; Charles Gruenstein @ 22.93; Matthew Heupel @ 29.35; Casey Jensen @ 25.31; Nicholas Juenger @ 25.31; Joseph Keough @ 22.37; Kyle Kost @ 22.93; Gerald Lehrkamp @ 25.31; Joshua Matthews @ 29.35; Brad Nehlich @ 24.09; Darrin Olson @ 21.82; Dwain Otte @ 22.37; John Peterson @ 21.82; Kurt Pigors @ 25.31; Michael Rohrbach @ 24.09; Jeffrey Seiler @ 21.82; Joshua Ulmer @ 23.50; Brian Wagemann @

21.82; Paul Wipf @ 25.94; Dean Zumbaum @ 25.31; Kenton Jones @ 39.47; Sarah Jesz @ 33.21; Dawn Allam @ 29.35; Jill Crosby @ 24.69; Jordanne Ducheny @ 23.50; Logan Flack @ 24.09; Aaron Gasser @ 29.35; Sierra Kamin @ 24.09; Nichole Krenz @ 24.09; MaKayla Madson @ 24.09; Haydn Podoll @ 24.69; Candance Rohrbach @ 26.59; Joshua Sitarz @ 22.93; Tonya Walth @ 28.63; Abby Wentz @ 22.93; Scott Meints @ 35.76; Patti Woods @ 29.35; Ryan McClain @ 22.37; Maggie Bell @ 17.26; Henry Fulda @ 18.33; Michael Scott @ 35.76; Jarell Arndt @ 24.69; Robert Baumgartner @ 25.31; Jason Kallenberger @ 25.31; Rhonda Kvernevig @ 19.11; Terry Lout @ 25.31; Marty McDermand @ 24.09; Mark Milbrandt @ 19.11; Hunter Miller @ 19.11; Steven Ramsdell @ 19.11; Tobias Stugelmayer @ 19.11.

o Side Note: Kelsi Vinger with the Brown County State's Attorney office, JDAI, was as of December 24, 2023, \$56,686.39/year plus \$7,438.11/year for the grant, for a total of \$64,124.50/year; effective December 24, 2023. The grant is scheduled to end on June 30, 2024; at that time \$7,438.11 will be subtracted from the annual wage.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUTO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to increase spending authority and estimated revenue in the following funds for unanticipated reimbursement for expenditures: Fund #101.4.331.97 @ \$13,026.75; #101.5.151.411 @ \$13,026.75 (SVAWA); Fund #101.4.37300 @ \$2,100.06; #101.5.512.42518 @ \$2,100.06; Fund #101.4.34555 @ \$114,000.00; #101.5.524.42500 @ \$114,000.00; Fund #201.4.33402 @ 544,869.85; #201.5.311.42501 @ \$5,444,869.85; Fund #238.4.33100 @ \$2,202.85; #238.5.158.421 @ \$38.86; #238.5.158.42600 @ 14.99; #238.5.158.42700 @ \$2,149.00 (JDAI); Fund #238.4.33100 @ 7,693.74; #238.5.155.41100 @ \$5,960.61; #238.5.155.41210 @ \$369.60; #238.5.155.41220 @ \$86.46; #238.5.155.42700 @ \$1,277.07 (Court Resource Home); Fund #248.4.33400 @ \$10,000; #248.5.212.41100 @ \$10,000.00 (24/7). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to increase spending authority (no cash): Fund #101.5.XXX.422.99: 142 Treasurer @ \$35,000.00; 153 Court Appointed Attorney @ \$23,000.00; 166 Predatory Animal @ .01; 172 Human Resources @ \$28,000.00; 421 County Nurse @ \$293.00; 441 - Mentally Ill @ \$8,500.00; 445 MI Board @ \$20,108.25; 512 Museum @ \$60,000.00; 522 Parks @ \$3,500.00; 523 Fairgrounds @ \$15,000.00; 711 P & Z @ \$27,000.00; 248 24/7 @ \$5,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ZONING ORDINANCES - SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to set hearing date and authorize advertising for first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held January 16, 2024 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD: Proposed Ordinance 265, applicant William Wulff for the purpose of rezoning the property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Lot 1, "Wulff First Subdivision" in the SE 1/4 of Section 7-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13159 395th Avenue, Bath Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLATS:** Resolution #59-23

Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: "TRUEBENBACH ADDITION IN THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 127 NORTH, RANGE 62 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined in accordance with provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #60-23

Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution

"Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: "EDWARD HOFER FIRST ADDITION IN THE S 1/2 OF SECTION 6-T123N-R62W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined in accordance with provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #61-23

Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: "J AND J BROTZEL ADDITION IN GOVERNMENT LOT 1 IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 126 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined in accordance with provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #62-23

Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: "D. FEICKERT ADDITION IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined in accordance with provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP BOND:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the Township Bond (Treasurer & Clerk) for Aberdeen #20 - Heather Basham, James Kunkle. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS:** Discussion was held regarding two Certificates of Deposits that mature on December 30, 2023. Patty VanMeter is going to check to see what the new interest rate would be if they are renewed. Commissioner Fjeldheim, mentioned to look into alternative sources to get a higher interest rate. This discussion was postponed until January 9, 2024.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 9:02 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County YMCA Addition Project Update**

Notice of Public Progress Hearing

A progress hearing will be held on January 23, 2024 at the Brown County Commission Chambers. The purpose of this meeting is to receive questions and comments concerning the

Brown County YMCA Youth Development Center Building Addition Project and its funding.

This hearing will be open to the public and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Written comments pertaining to the projects, or its funding may be submitted to Lynn Heupel at the Brown County Courthouse, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 by 8:45am on January 23, 2024.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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## Frederick Town Dec. 20, 2023 Special Meeting

Ordinance No. 224  
Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance

For the Year 2023  
Be it ordained by the Town of Frederick that the following sum is supplementally appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

411.10 Board, Council, or Commission .....	\$3,704.83
437.00 Cemetery .....	157.55
455.00 Library .....	416.39
Total General Fund .....	4,278.77
Total Water Fund .....	154,801.09
Total Appropriations .....	159,079.86
Source of Funding	
Undesignated Funds .....	\$34,079.84
Contingency Fund .....	15,000.00
Sewer Fund .....	2,064.80
Demand Deposit .....	107,935.22
Total Source of Funding .....	\$159,079.86

Signed and Dated by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Frederick;

R. Scott Campbell, Chairman  
Troy Millard, Board Member  
Jeff Kusters, Board Member  
Passed First Reading: December 6, 2023

Passed Second Reading: December 20, 2023

Published: Jan. 3, 2024  
Effective Immediately

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## Frederick Town Dec. 20, 2023 Special Meeting

City of Frederick  
December 20, 2023 Minutes

The second reading of the 2023 Supplemental Appropriations was held Wednesday, December 20, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kusters and Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock, and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine.

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

Motion to approve the second reading of the 2023 Supplemental Appropriations made by Kusters/Campbell, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Kusters/Millard at 7:03 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine  
Assistant Finance Officer

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# Ehresmann wins at Webster Invitational

Christian Ehresmann won the 144 pound weight class at the Webster Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in Webster. He pinned his first three opponents and won the final match with an 11-5 decision.

Wyatt Hagen was a third place finisher at the tournament while Walker Zoellner placed fourth.

Groton Area placed eighth in the 16 team tournament with 63 points.

**Team Points:** 1, Miller, 211.0; 2, Aberdeen Central, 164.5; 3, Clark/Willow Lake, 137.5; 4, Webster Area, 122.0; 5, Deuel, 104.5; 6, Border West, 98.0; 7, Sioux Valley, 68.0; 8, Groton Area, 63.0; 9, Britton/Hecla, 56.0; 10, Hamlin, 53.0; 11, Ipswich-Bowdle, 35.0; 12, Garretson, 34.0; 13, Mobridge/Pollock, 32.0; 14, Hanson County, 30.0; 15, Ortonville, 4.0; 16, Sanborn Central, 2.0

**106: Wyatt Hagen (11-5) placed 3rd and scored 16.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 11-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 11-5 won by fall over Lucas Ludwig (Garretson) 0-2 (Fall 3:25)

Semifinal - Chase Hurd (Miller) 18-2 won by fall over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 11-5 (Fall 0:41)

Cons. Semi - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 11-5 won by fall over Gage Landmark (Deuel) 5-8 (Fall 0:30)

3rd Place Match - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 11-5 won by decision over Bailey Gillen (Aberdeen Central) 2-2 (Dec 10-7)

**120: John Bisbee (1-8).**

Quarterfinal - Zach Rikimoto (Border West) 9-4 won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 1-8 (Fall 2:50)

Cons. Round 1 - Tanner Atkinson (Britton/Hecla) 3-7 won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 1-8 (Fall 1:40)

**126: Donavan Block (2-8)..**

Champ. Round 1 - Jaden Buchmann (Hamlin) 6-7 won by decision over Donavan Block (Groton Area) 2-8 (Dec 7-5)

Cons. Round 1 - Donavan Block (Groton Area) 2-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Tyson Hagberg (Deuel) 6-10 won by fall over Donavan Block (Groton Area) 2-8 (Fall 3:15)

**132: Walker Zoellner (11-6) placed 4th and scored 11.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 11-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 11-6 won by decision over Logan Foster (Clark/Willow Lake) 7-9 (Dec 5-1)

Semifinal - Wyatt Wientjes (Mobridge/Pollock) 7-3 won by fall over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 11-6 (Fall 1:40)

Cons. Semi - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 11-6 won by fall over Dubhlaonn Vermeulen (Sioux Valley) 7-14 (Fall 4:16)

3rd Place Match - Brenden Grove (Aberdeen Central) 6-3 won by fall over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 11-6 (Fall 4:52)

**144: Christian Ehresmann (13-2) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 13-2 won by fall over Trace Shoemaker (Webster Area) 6-8 (Fall 0:22)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 13-2 won by fall over Gunnar Knittel (Ipswich-Bowdle) 1-3 (Fall 2:00)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 13-2 won by fall over Bryce Hawkinson (Britton/Hecla) 11-4 (Fall 3:09)

1st Place Match - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 13-2 won by decision over Teagan Foreman (Miller) 14-2 (Dec 11-5)

**157: Easten Ekern (2-11).**

Champ. Round 1 - Beau Schilling (Ipswich-Bowdle) 8-11 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 2-11 (Fall 2:00)

Cons. Round 1 - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 2-11 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Bryce Klancke (Clark/Willow Lake) 6-5 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 2-11 (Fall 1:45)

**175: Ben Hoeft (5-10) scored 2.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 5-10 won by decision over Logan Omundson (Ortonville) 1-7 (Dec 9-2)

Quarterfinal - Justin Rorhbach (Ipswich-Bowdle) 10-9 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 5-10 (Fall 1:00)

Cons. Round 2 - Westin Switzer (Hanson County) 1-4 won by decision over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 5-10 (Dec 9-4)

**190: Isiah Scepaniak (0-9).**

Champ. Round 1 - Caleb Kneen (Sanborn Central) 5-7 won by decision over Isiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-9 (Dec 14-10)

Cons. Round 1 - Isiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Isaac Nelson (Webster Area) 10-7 won by fall over Isiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-9 (Fall 1:51)

**285: Gavin Englund (11-5) scored 8.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 11-5 won by fall over Mathis Resel (Miller) 4-4 (Fall 3:14)

Quarterfinal - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 11-5 won by fall over Raymond Klein (Deuel) 6-10 (Fall 5:03)

Semifinal - Samson Flakus (Aberdeen Central) 12-5 won by fall over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 11-5 (Fall 0:51)

Cons. Semi - Noah Adelman (Border West) 5-7 won by fall over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 11-5 (Fall 0:59)

## **GHS Girls' Wrestling**

# Little places fourth at Webster Invitational

Maddie Little placed fourth at the Webster Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday.

**G107: Maddie Little (1-4) placed 4th and scored 4.0 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Maddie Little (Groton Area) 1-4 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Dani Batchelor (Clark/Willow Lake) 7-2 won by fall over Maddie Little (Groton Area) 1-4 (Fall 2:29)

Cons. Semi - Maddie Little (Groton Area) 1-4 received a bye () (Bye)

3rd Place Match - Trinity Kurtenbach (Sioux Valley) 4-5 won by fall over Maddie Little (Groton Area) 1-4 (Fall 0:57)

## **Tuff Tigers Wrestling**

### **Warner/NW Youth Wrestling Tournament Results for Groton Tuff Tigers**

**Tots 31-32: Watson Herron's place is 2nd.**

1st Place Match - Aiden Braun (Ipswich Area) won by fall over Watson Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:38)

**Tots 36-40: Ryker Herron's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.**

Round 1 - Ryker Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Cohen Nath (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:04)

Round 2 - Ryker Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Cody Shanley (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:12)

Round 3 - Ryker Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Tayven Hutchinson (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:46)

**Tots 49-53: Kruz Khali's place is 3rd and has scored 3.0 team points.**

Round 2 - Kohen Resel (Miller AAU Wrestling) won by fall over Kruz Khali (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:10)

Round 3 - Lincoln Peckham (Warner/Northwestern) won by fall over Kruz Khali (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 1:49)

**Bantam 52-57: Roman Bahr's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.**

Round 1 - Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Hayes Frericks (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 2:08)

Round 2 - Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by major decision over Berkley ODay (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Maj 8-0)

Round 3 - Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Trigger Munce (Huron Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:43)

**Bantam 70-75: Kroy Khali's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.**

Round 1 - Kroy Khali (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Westin Huizenga (Redfield Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:16)

Round 2 - Kroy Khali (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Hendrix Becker (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:17)

Round 3 - Kroy Khali (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Oakley Town (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:45)

**Midgets 49-52: Bennett Iverson's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.**

Round 2 - Bennett Iverson (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Aiden Frost (Hoven Greyhounds) (Fall 0:37)

Round 3 - Bennett Iverson (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Kandrick Jones (Britton Wrestling Club) (Fall 2:34)

**Midgets 76-80: Huntley Overacker's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.**

Round 1 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Eli Wacholz (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:46)

Round 2 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Camryn Fitzgerald (Watertown Arrows) (Fall 2:04)

Round 3 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Eli McCloud (Kingsbury County) (Dec 6-2)

**Novice 76-80: Bentley Ehresmann's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.**

Round 1 - Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Chan Dreis (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Dec 9-7)

Round 2 - Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Grayson Decker (WWBC) (Fall 0:59)

Round 3 - Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Logan Josephsen (Kingsbury County) (Fall 1:44)

Round 4 - Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by major decision over Graham Reuer (Warner/Northwestern) (Maj 12-0)



## GHS Boys' Basketball

### **Pine Ridge remains undefeated with win over Groton Area**

Four players hit double figures but it was not enough for Groton Area to overcome Pine Ridge in boys basketball action played Friday at the Corn Palace, 73-62.

Pine Ridge led at the quarter stops at 19-15, 30-28 and 49-39.

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 21 points, six rebounds two assists and two steals. Jacob Zak had 14 points, three rebounds, two assist and two steals. Ryder Johnson had 11 points, one rebound one one assist. Keegen Tracy had 11 points, two rebounds, four assists and one steal. Kassen Keough had three points, Taylor Diegel had two points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals. Logan Ringgenberg had one rebound.

Groton Area made 12 of 24 two-pointers for 50 percent, nine of 21 three-pointers for 43 percent, 11 of 16 free throws for 69 percent, had 17 rebounds, 10 turnovers, 11 assists, seven steals and 13 team fouls.

Marvin Richard III scored 24 of his 31 points in the second half to lead Pine Ridge while Kanye Hollow Horn had 13 points, Jaylin Rouillard had 12, Anthony Steele 10, Domonic Ghost Bear four and Xavier Little had three points.

Pine Ridge is now 5-0 on the season while Groton Area is 3-2.

## GHS Girls' Basketball

### **Groton Area beats Aberdeen Christian**

Groton Area's girls basketball teams posted wins over Aberdeen Christian in games played in Groton on Thursday.

The varsity team led at the quarter stops at 16-2, 27-5 and 34-10.

Brooklyn Hansen led the Tigers with 11 points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Jerica Locke had nine points, three rebounds, four assists and two steals. Jaedyn Penning had six points, four rebounds and one assist. Rylee Dunker had six points, three rebounds, two assists and four steals. Kennedy Hansen had five points, two rebounds, three assists and two steals. Taryn Traphagen had four points, seven rebounds, one assist and one steal. Faith Traphagen had two points,



**Emily Clark passes the ball off after being cut off by Chloe Holt.**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Jerica Locke brings the ball down the court in Groton's game with Aberdeen Christian.**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Roberts added two points.

Both games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The varsity game was 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. Dorene Nelson sponsored the junior varsity game. Shane Clark did the play-by-play of the games with Jeslyn Kosel running the camera.

- Paul Kosel



**Rylee Dunker sets a screen for Kennedy Hansen.**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

## **Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #6 Results**

**Team Standings:** Shihtzus – 16, Coyotes – 15, Jackelopes – 15, Cheetahs – 11, Chipmunks – 10, Foxes – 5

**Men's High Games:** Brad Waage – 225, Tony Waage – 203, John Sippel – 199

**Women's High Games:** Emily Sternhagen – 180, Alexa Schuring – 174, Sue Stanley – 171

**Men's High Series:** Tony Waage – 564, Brad Waage – 546, Brad Larson – 514

**Women's High Series:** Alexa Schuring – 474, Sue Stanley – 458, Vicki Walter – 431

**Fun Game - Least Strikes** - Chipmunks with 18!

## GHS Boys' Basketball

### **Zak has double-double, Tietz powers in five three-pointers in Groton's win over Warner**

Groton Area's boys varsity team scored 16 straight points at the end of the first half to beat Warner, 69-34.

Lane Tietz scored all 26 of his points in the first half which included five of eight three-pointers. He also had one rebound and three assists. Ryder Johnson had 16 points, three rebounds and one steal. Jacob Zak had a double-double on the night with 12 points and 10 rebounds and also had eight assists, one steal and one block. Logan Ringgenberg had five points and two rebounds. Teylor Diegel had four points, one rebound, one assist and two steals. Blake Pauli had three points and one assist. Easton Weber had three points. Colby Dunker had two assists. Kassen Keough had two rebounds and three assists. Turner Thompson had two rebounds. Logan Warrington had one rebound and Karson Zak had two rebounds.

Three-Pointers: Jacob Zak 1, Tietz 5, Johnson 2, Pauli 1, Weber 1.

Groton Area made 15 of 25 two-pointers for 42 percent, 10 of 20 three-pointers for 50 percent, nine of 11 free throws for 82 percent, had 25 rebounds, three turnovers, 20 assists, five steals, 17 team fouls (12 in the first half), and one block.

Zachary Evans led the Monarchs with 12 points while Brody Sauerwein had 10, Hunter Cramer seven, Drew Bakeberg three and Josiah Baum added two points. Warner made 13 of 37 field goals for 35 percent, seven of 15 free throws for 47 percent, had six turnovers and 10 team fouls.

Groton Area won the junior varsity boys game, 46-19. Everyone scored for the Tigers, led by Kassen Keough with 10 points, Turner Thompson eight, Jayden Schwan and Taylor Diegel each had seven, Logan Warrington six, Blake Pauli and Karson Zak each had two and Ethan Kroll had one point.

Jesiah Baum led Warner with seven points.

## GHS Girls' Basketball

### **Kennedy Hanson leads Groton with 16 points, but Tigers fall short against Warner**

Warner scored 15 straight points to start the second half to win the girls varsity game, 40-28. The game was tied three times and the lead changed hands eight times when Groton Area held a 20-19 lead early in the third quarter. Warner then went on a 15-point run to take a 34-20 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Kennedy Hanson led the Tigers with 16 points, one rebounds and one assist. Jaedyn Penning had six points five rebounds and two assists. Faith Traphagen had four points, four rebounds, one assist and three steals. Rylee Dunker had two points, to rebounds, one assist and five steals. Jerica Locke had three rebounds, one assist and three steals. Brooklyn Hansen had two rebounds and two steals. Laila Roberts had a steal. Taryn Traphagen had three rebounds and two steals.

Three-Pointers: Kennedy Hansen - 4.

Groton Area made six of 38 two-pointers for 16 percent, four of 17 three-pointers for 24 percent, four of 10 free throws for 40 percent, had 20 rebounds, 15 turnovers, six assists, 16 steals and 12 team fouls.

Kyra Marcuson led the Monarchs with 14 points followed by Ava Nilsson with nine, Stacia Carda had seven, Sophia Hoeft had three and adding two points each were Kyleigh School, Jordyn Jensen and Lauren Marcuson.

Warner made 15 of 38 field goals for 39 percent, six of eight free throws for 75 percent, had 23 turnovers and 13 teams fouls.

Groton Area won the girls varsity game, 34-6. Laila Roberts had 10 points, McKenna Tietz and Mia Crank each had six points, Taryn Traphagen and Talli Wright each had four points and Faith Traphagen and Emerlee Jones each had two points.

- Paul Kosel



# 2023 Groton City Building Permits

1/24/23, Carla Tracy, 23001, \$70.00, 2-Bathroom remodel, 34 N Main St, \$9,000.00  
 2/14/23, Full Circle Ag, 23002, \$1,963.16, Dry fertilizer retrofit, 109 E Aspen, \$387,632.50  
 3/22/23, Ryan and Amanda Tarpein, 23003, \$112.26, Replace 10 windows, 506 N Broadway, \$17,451.18  
 4/5/23, Ian Rose, 23004, \$175.00, Remodel basement, 105 N 2nd St, \$30,000.00  
 4/11/23, Melvin Harrell, 23005, \$50.00, Patio door, new front door, 204 N 5th ST, \$5,000.00  
 4/19/23, Jared Poppen, 23006, \$39.50, deck and stairs addition, 11 N 5th St, \$2,900.00  
 4/21/23, Karen Debrine, 23007, \$30.88, Fence, 116 N 1st ST, \$1,175.00  
 4/21/23, Andrew Kappes, 23008, \$115.00, New concrete driveway, 304 N State St, \$18,000.00  
 4/24/23, Duane Hinman, 23009, \$27.50, Fence, 1103 N Broadway, \$500.00  
 4/26/23, Brian Jones, 23010, \$265.00, Addition, 203 W 2nd Ave, \$48,000.00  
 4/26/23, Dustin Cooper, 23011, \$110.00, shingles, garage addition, 506 N Main, \$10,000.00  
 5/3/23, Jodi Sternhagen, 23013, \$45.00, replace tar portion of driveway w/ concrete, 1002 N Main, \$4,000.00  
 5/4/23, Cody Keller, 23014, \$29.00, new front steps/deck, 207 E 11th Ave, \$800.00  
 5/8/23, Michael Johnson, 23015, \$56.50, New front deck, 402 N Broadway, \$6,300.00  
 5/8/23, Troy Carda, 23016, \$275.00, Sidewalks and garage, 204 E 3rd Ave, \$50,000.00  
 5/15/23, Glacial Homes, 23017, \$2,175.00, New Home, 1605 N 6th St, \$430,000.00  
 5/12/23, Jeff Steen, 23018, \$41.65, Replace steps with deck, 1303 N 5th St, \$3,330.37  
 5/15/23, Bierman Farm Service, 23019, \$1,525.00, New Shop, 10 S Main St, \$300,000.00  
 5/17/23, Bill Schuck, 23020, \$65.00, Remodel garage, 306 N 4th St, \$8,000.00  
 5/22/23, Groton Transit, 23021, \$281.68, garage doors, concrete, 202 N Main, \$51,335.22  
 5/19/23, Dakota Storm Roofing, 23022, \$130.60, Roofing- Groton Transit, 202 N Main, \$21,119.21  
 5/26/23, Stan Monson Jr, 23023, \$25.00, Warranty work- singles, 202 W 2nd Ave, \$-  
 5/26/23, Sarah Person, 23024, \$67.50, Moving utility shed, 407 N Washington, \$8,500.00  
 5/26/23, Larry Remington, 23025, \$30.00, storage shed, 406 N 5th st, \$1,000.00  
 6/12/23, Jerry Peltier, 23026, \$28.00, Repair shed, 127 W 2nd Ave, \$600.00  
 6/12/23, Geofgrey Davis, 23027, \$35.00, Fence Around house, 310 N 5th ST, \$2,000.00  
 6/15/23, Wayne Hein, 23028, \$27.47, Oil Driveway, 402 E 4th Ave, \$493.00  
 6/15/23, Mark Abeln, 23029, \$75.63, concrete around garage and building, 106 N Main, \$10,125.00  
 6/21/23, Jamie Krueger, 23030, \$27.50, Fence, 8 E 4th Ave, \$500.00

6/26/23, Alfred Tastad, 23031, \$25.00, Concrete, 206 N 3rd St, \$-  
 6/28/23, Shirlee Frohling, 23032, \$27.50, Privacy fence around pool, 207 N Madison, \$500.00  
 7/7/23, Linda Himanga, 23033, \$32.50, Front deck, 407 N Main, \$1,500.00  
 7/10/23, Nathan Bone/ Darcie Moody, 23034, \$50.00, Deck Repair, 404 E 14th Ave, \$5,000.00  
 7/12/23, WW Rentals, 23035, \$279.13, Repair east wall and repair roof, 25 N Main St, \$50,825.00  
 7/17/23, Jeff West, 23036, \$30.00, Lean to garage, 605 N Main, \$1,000.00  
 7/18/23, Melvin Harrell, 23037, \$65.00, Install wall anchors in basement-West & North walls, 204 N 5th St, \$8,000.00  
 7/27/23, Jim Lane, 23038, \$50.00, Reshingle entire house, 105 N 5th St, \$5,000.00  
 8/3/23, Ken's, 23039, \$150.00, Replace concrete, 4 E Hwy 12, \$25,000.00  
 8/9/23, Barry & Trudy Smith, 23040, \$43.50, Gazebo and egress window, 907 N 3rd St, \$3,700.00  
 8/11/23, Gertrude Erickson, 23041, \$37.50, Replace awning, 102 E 2nd Ave, \$2,500.00  
 8/17/23, Sam Weber, 23042, \$90.00, Cement driveway and sidewalk, 204 N State St, \$13,000.00  
 8/17/23, Jerrie Vedvei, 23043, \$40.00, Repair steel roof on garage, 1004 N Main St, \$3,000.00  
 8/21/23, Duane & Laura Hinman, 23044, \$62.25, Pre-built shed by garden, 1103 N Broadway, \$7,450.00  
 8/29/23, Michael Johnson, 23045, \$50.00, Replace windows and window casings, 402 N Broadway, \$5,000.00  
 8/29/23, Adamn Franken, 23046, \$28.00, Tin part of roof, 104 N 2nd St, \$600.00  
 8/31/23, Patrick Foster, 23047, \$275.00, Finishing garage and basement, 1301 N 5th ST, \$50,000.00  
 9/5/23, Betty Breck, 23048, \$50.00, Shingles, 506 N 4th St, \$5,000.00  
 9/6/23, Austin Barrett, 23049, \$40.00, Shingles, 509 N Main St, \$3,000.00  
 9/6/23, Glenn Cooper, 23050, \$60.00, New sidewalk, 2 E 2nd Ave, \$7,000.00  
 9/5/23, Samantha Braun, 23051, \$150.00, Kitchen and living room remodel, 309 N Washington St, \$25,000.00  
 9/13/23, Terry Kenny, 23052, \$27.50, Roof between garages, 610 N Main st, \$450.00  
 9/28/23, Hector Hernandez, 23053, \$50.00, New siding, 1502 N Broadway, \$5,000.00  
 9/28/23, MJ Sinclair, 23054, \$425.00, Replace concrete, 105 E Hwy 12, \$80,000.00  
 10/1/23, Randy Flitter, 23055, \$100.00, Remodel bathroom and bedroom, 112 N 4th St, \$15,000.00  
 10/4/23, Evan Erickson, 23056, \$25.00, West deck of house, 214 N 6th St, \$-  
 10/5/23, Todd McGannon, 23057, \$49.00, Fix foundation, 403 N Main St, \$4,800.00  
 10/6/23, Dan & Becky Jetto, 23058, \$29.25, Add deck to front of house, 25 w 5th Ave, \$850.00  
 10/6/23, Dale Flihs, 23059, \$61.82, New windows, 105 N 4th ST, \$7,364.00

10/6/23, Justin Linville, 23060, \$325.00, Garage addition 24x64, 25 W 5th Ave, \$60,000.00  
 10/6/23, Dale Grenz, 23061, \$125.00, New garage, 905 N 1st St, \$20,000.00  
 10/11/23, Huber/Gavin Krueger, 23062, \$85.00, Replace front deck and repair siding, 504 E 8th Ave, \$12,000.00  
 10/16/23, Ardella Theunissen, 23063, \$125.00, Residing house, 208 N Madison, \$24,000.00  
 10/19/23, Patrick Foster, 23064, \$25.25, Removal of shed and putting in gravel, 1301 N 5th St, \$50.00  
 10/20/23, Michael Shilhanek, 23065, \$70.00, Move in garden shed, 307 W 2nd Ave, \$9,000.00  
 10/23/23, Ron Falk, 23066, \$75.00, Move in shed, 206 N 1st St, \$10,000.00  
 10/31/23, Double E Properties, 23067, \$225.00, Replace all windows and exterior repairs, 1107 N 2nd St, \$40,000.00  
 11/1/23, Carter Jondahl, 23012, \$75.00, siding garage, 301 N 5th St, \$10,000.00  
 11/2/23, James Holt, 23068, \$35.00, Fence, 6 E 5th Ave, \$2,000.00  
 11/4/23, Jess Kroll, 23069, \$125.00, Hoop Barn, 1506 W Aspen Ave, \$20,000.00  
 11/15/23, Steve Smith, 23070, \$26.50, 10'x10' kennel, 1104 N Main, \$300.00  
 11/16/23, Jesse Anderson, 23071, \$75.00, Repair basement foundation, 108 N 2nd St, \$10,000.00  
 11/27/23, Heath Giedt, 23072, \$60.00, Flooring, 1313 N 5th St, \$7,000.00  
 12/14/23, Abbie Kelly, 23073, \$205.00, Detached garage and driveway, 219 E 3rd Ave, \$36,000.00, Variance approved 12/11/23  
 12/18/23, Paul Kosel, 23074, \$115.00, Repair NGP building, 15 N Main St, \$18,000.00,

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The Family of Gordon Nelson

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## 2024 GETTYSBURG NO TILL EVENT

Thursday, January 18, 2024  
 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CST  
 CC Bar, 112 S. Exene Street  
 Gettysburg, SD

### AGENDA INCLUDES:

- Rotation, Residues & Realities – Peter Johnson, RealAgriculture.com
- Acid Soil Management in No Till Soils – Dr. Chris Augustin, Dickinson Research Extension Center
- Kochia Requires Our Full Attention – Dr. Brian Jenks, Weed Specialist

For more details visit [SDNoTill.com](https://SDNoTill.com)

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Seating is limited. CCA credits will be available.



# City Council

Continued from front

o Planning and Zoning Commissioners Les Hinds, Cody Lindgren, Jeff Steen, Doug Hamilton and Keith Wipf - \$35 per meeting plus \$70 per special meeting

o Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich - \$27.79 per hour

o Deputy Finance Officer April Abeln - \$28.98 per hour

o Assistant Finance Officer Kelly Locke - \$23.97 per hour

o Public Works Coordinator and Street/Water Superintendent Terry Herron - \$37.02 per hour

o Wastewater Superintendent Dwight Zerr - \$33.09 per hour

o Assistant Street Superintendent Branden Abeln - \$30.75 per hour

o Technology Specialist Paul Kosel - \$32.38 per hour

o Electric Superintendent Todd Gay - \$57.09 per hour

o Electric Lineman Landon Johnson - \$42.03 per hour

o Police Chief Stacy Mayou - \$36.30 per hour

o Police Officer and Assistant Chief Justin Cleveland - \$33.05 per hour

o Police Officer Level One Thomas Strickland - \$30.89 per hour

o Police Officer Level Two Benjamin Smith - \$30.16 per hour

• The council also noted that a complete list of volunteers will be kept at City Hall. Those volunteers include people who help at city-sponsored events.

• Recreation league baseball and softball employee applications are due at 5 p.m. Feb. 6. That includes the baseball coordinator, softball coordinator, Legion coach, Junior Legion coach, Junior Teener coach, girls softball coaches for U8, U10, U12 and U14 teams, day baseball/softball coach and concession manager.

- Elizabeth Varin

## King Crossword - Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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## Weekly SUDOKU - Answer

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# 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.

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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Melville captain
- 5 Male swans
- 9 Luau dish
- 12 Humorist Barry
- 13 Med. plan options
- 14 PC program
- 15 Barrel bottom bit
- 16 Concerning
- 17 Old Olds
- 18 Voice in an iPhone
- 19 Half of XIV
- 20 Rooters
- 21 Formerly called
- 23 "Morning Edition" aier
- 25 Humidor contents
- 28 Salad base
- 32 Maxim
- 33 Sean of "Rudy"
- 34 Bequest
- 36 Surround with light
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- 42 WWII service member
- 44 "See ya!"
- 48 Some
- 49 "Legally Blonde" role

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- 8 Away from NNW
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# New poll shows democracy and elections in doubt in South Dakota

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**South Dakota News Watch**

A new statewide poll has exposed deep concerns among South Dakota voters that the U.S. democratic system of government is at risk and also revealed that almost half of voters agree that violence is an acceptable method of protecting the democracy.

Political science professor Shane Nordyke of the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D., is not surprised, although she is somewhat dismayed, by the new statewide poll results generally showing that many South Dakota voters question the integrity of elections and that a vast majority believe that American democracy is currently under threat.

As the director of the Chiesman Center for Democracy at USD, Nordyke has seen consistent polling in recent years showing that South Dakota voters are concerned about the security of elections, have doubts about the stability of democracy and are worried that civility in the country is on the wane.

The poll, commissioned jointly by South Dakota News Watch and the Chiesman center, generally shows a continuation of those trends.

"I don't know that any of this is a surprise necessarily," Nordyke said in an interview. "This seems to be the one universal thing that we all agree upon, that these democratic norms we've been accustomed to are being eroded and it seems like the system hasn't worked appropriately."

The poll of random registered voters showed that 68.2% of respondents saying American democracy is "under attack" and 25.8% saying it is "being tested."

The results showed the concerns were shared at fairly consistent levels among all political parties, including 96.8% of Republicans, 95.1% of Democrats and 87.7% of Independent or No Party Affiliation voters seeing democracy at some level of risk.

Furthermore, 39% of respondents overall said it is acceptable to engage in violence to protect American democracy, while 56% said it is unacceptable.

Republicans led the way in finding violence acceptable, with 16.5% in strong agreement and 30.6% somewhat agreeing that violence is acceptable to protect democracy. Among Independents/NPA respondents, 14.6% strongly agreed that violence is acceptable and 22.3% somewhat agreed, while among Democrats, 13.9% strongly agreed violence is acceptable and 9.0% somewhat agreed.

Jon Schaff, a political science professor at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., reviewed the poll results and said it is clear that

most South Dakotans are worried about the strength of our democracy, though for very different reasons depending on political party affiliation.

Republicans, for example, may agree that the election was stolen from former President Donald Trump and that the electoral system is corrupt. Democrats, meanwhile, may believe that Trump himself is the real threat to democracy as he continually questions or attacks democratic norms, processes and long-held faith in institutions.

Schaff expressed concern but also some doubt about whether so many South Dakotans actually support violence as a way to protect democracy.

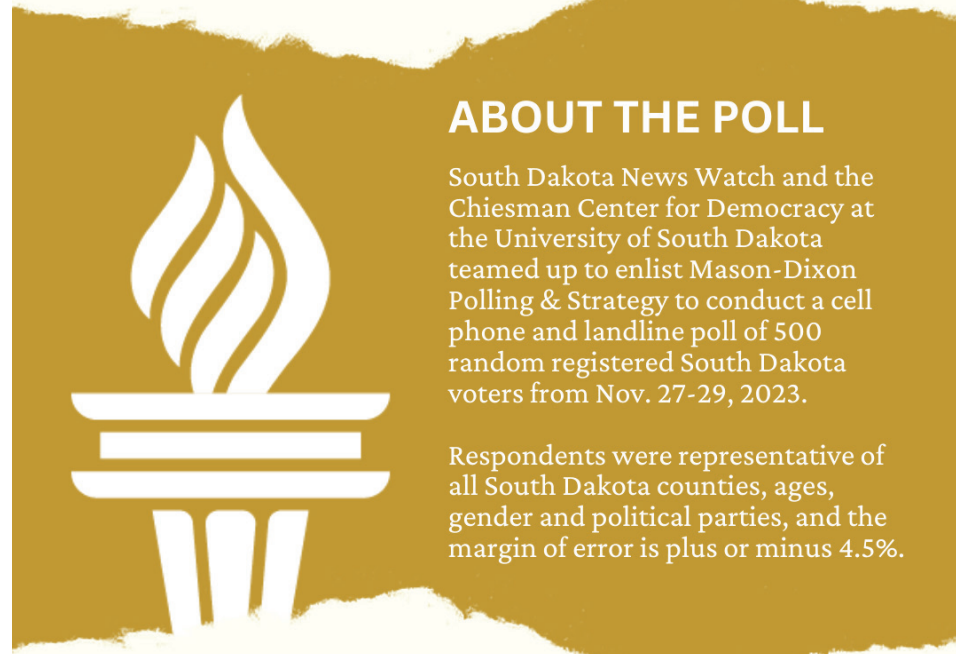
People who are generally disgruntled or upset about politics and government may overstate their feelings when contacted by a pollster, he said. However, Schaff did not downplay the significance of the high level of respondents who said they accept violence as a path forward for American democracy.

"To a certain degree, when people give extreme answers to poll questions, you do have to take that with a certain grain of salt because some people will say anything to a pollster if they're grumpy enough," Schaff said. "However, if you say you're willing to resort to violence in order to stop another party from taking power, that's pretty scary and indicative of some deep level of distrust in our country right now."

Part and parcel of the concerns over the stability of democracy are voter suspicions about the integrity of elections, including the 2020 presidential election in which President Joe Biden defeated Trump.

"When you have even a significant minority that doesn't really trust the electoral system and isn't confident that our elections are competently run in a manner that suggests integrity or legitimacy, you've probably got a real problem," said Schaff. "I think it's very worth worrying about."

The late November poll found that while 67% of overall respondents accept that Biden defeated Trump, 32% do not accept that outcome despite a lack of clear evidence of fraud.



## ABOUT THE POLL

South Dakota News Watch and the Chiesman Center for Democracy at the University of South Dakota teamed up to enlist Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy to conduct a cell phone and landline poll of 500 random registered South Dakota voters from Nov. 27-29, 2023.

Respondents were representative of all South Dakota counties, ages, gender and political parties, and the margin of error is plus or minus 4.5%.

(56% are very or somewhat confident). Doubts about election integrity were highest among Republicans (49.2% not confident) followed by Independents/NPA (44.6% not confident) and then Democrats (23.8% not confident.)

The poll also found that most people have more trust in local election officials than state election leaders but indicated that many voters do not trust the results from states dominated by political parties of which they are not a member.

Nordyke said concerns about election integrity and strength of democracy pre-date the 2020 election and the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. But she added that Trump's consistent claims that the election was stolen have intensified concerns among some voters that the system cannot be trusted.

"We have had a very strong norm in our democratic process from the beginning that the person who loses the election concedes very quickly and moves on, but you didn't see that in 2020," she said. "That peaceful transition of power is a very powerful and important norm for success of our democracy, and it's the erosion of those norms that are causing concern."

Nordyke speculated that the highly divisive politics common in American government today are causing a cycle in which people are less and less inclined to talk about problems or work together to find common ground and possibly solutions.

"The opposing party, whomever that is, has almost become a caricature in our minds. We're not thinking that these are our neighbors in that other party," she said. "We are moving further and further away from the types of activities and platforms with people who have very different views where we are able to talk about important issues in a civil way."

Concerns over the integrity of elections is an issue that seems unlikely to fade.

Just as Trump continues to question election results and decry the integrity of the system, Minnehaha County Auditor Leah Anderson recently questioned the accuracy of voting systems used by county voters.

USD political science professor emeritus Michael Card said the lack of faith in government began decades ago, when trust in government peaked with the passage of the American Civil Rights Act in 1965. "Trust in government then was at 80% and we're at the lowest point ever now," he said.

In more recent times, the devastation and isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic challenged the sense of security held by many Americans and may have fed a new level of distrust in government, elected officials and

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sible upside to the concerns about democracy,” she said. “When you’re concerned, you’re more likely to say, ‘Huh, we need to pay more attention to this problem.’”

Schaff said that in the current political environment there is unlikely to be a single or simple solution to improving civility, trust in elections and faith in democracy among voters.

He suggested people could spend less time on their phones and more time reading a book or talking directly with others.

They can stop watching partisan news and not fall victim to leaders and media members who try to manipulate their passions by stirring up anger and resentment toward those who disagree. And he said voters can make better choices on Election Day to support candidates who are more “statesmanlike” and who work toward improving the country and its people more so than solely trying to remain popular or powerful.

Whatever the solution, Schaff said he hopes the tide turns soon toward greater civility, more trust earned by government and greater overall faith in American democracy.

“There’s no quick solution to these problems,” he said. “Because that’s sort of how you lose a civil culture, gradually and then all at once, and maybe we’re seeing the ‘all at once’ happening right before our eyes.”

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American institutions, Card said.

Constant questioning of the 2020 presidential election results, and doubts expressed by election officials such as Anderson, have further fueled that distrust and angst and could ultimately lead to greater lawlessness, he said.

That crucible of divisiveness can open the door for people with an agenda or a strong personal view to readily influence others, not unlike how Minnesota election denier Rick Weible has come to South Dakota to sow distrust in elections, as reported by News Watch in November.

“I think it’s a real problem because if we don’t trust the government, what will that do to our compliance with the laws of our country?” Card asked. “If we don’t trust a police officer to fairly execute traffic laws, for example, I’m much more likely to speed or be on my cell-phone while driving.”

Card also raised concerns about an increase in what political scientists describe as “confirmation bias” in which people tend to listen only to people or leaders who agree with beliefs they already hold. That phenomenon can increase divisiveness both in politics and in daily life in a society, he said.

“We don’t see contradictory information,” Card said. “We see very clearly the evidence that fits the notion we already walk into a room with.”

Increased divisiveness can exacerbate incivility as people become less inclined to share new or contradictory ideas with one another, which can cause greater isolation and divisiveness among factions of society, he said.

A News Watch/Chiesman poll taken in fall 2020 showed that nearly 8 in 10 registered South Dakota voters (79.0%) said that civility in America had gotten worse over the past five years, while 2.6% said civility had improved during that time.

As evidence of confirmation bias, Card pointed to a new poll by the Washington Post that found Americans moving away from the idea that 2020 election was legitimate or that the attack on the Capitol was a violent riot.

The Post poll found that compared to a similar poll taken in late 2021, Republican respondents are now less likely to believe that Capitol riot participants were “mostly violent,” less likely to believe Trump was responsible for the attack and that they are slightly less likely to see Biden as the legitimate winner of the 2020 election.

“If we’re subject to this confirmation bias, we are subject to being manipulated in a certain direction,” Card said.

And yet, Nordyke said there are some positive messages within the new News Watch/Chiesman poll results, including the fact that so many South Dakota voters are concerned about the fragility of our democracy, which might cause people to hold themselves and elected officials accountable for what they say.

“In some ways this is a positive sign, a pos-

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I found these words that begin with the consonant blends: bl, cl, fl, gl, pl and sl: blanket, blends, blown, clear, cluster, clues, fluffy, floats, globes, playing, sleep, sliding, slippery and sleigh. And in the penguin puzzle: blizzard, cloudy, flurries, glaze and sleet.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is there really a "snow drought" in parts of the U.S. and how does this negatively affect ecosystems? -- J.L., Denver, CO

A snow drought occurs when there is a subnormal amount of snow accumulation. Two types of snow droughts are specified by the American Meteorological Society's Glossary of Meteorology: dry snow drought and warm snow drought. Dry snow drought occurs when temperatures are lower than normal. Cold air holds less moisture than warm air, and when temperatures are extremely low, lighter or even no snowfall may result. Meanwhile, warm snow drought is typically the result of elevated temperatures that replace snow with rainfall or cause the snowpack to melt prematurely.

Currently, 2023 stands as the hottest year on record. High surface temperatures of the Pacific Ocean have impacted atmospheric conditions and precipitation patterns, creating a strong El Niño climate pattern. With El Niño, the warmer waters push the Pacific jet stream south of their neutral position, bringing above-average rainfall to the Southern U.S. Contrastingly, areas in the Northern U.S. experience higher temperatures and lower rainfall levels than normal.

Snowfall has been subaverage throughout the Midwest, with some areas of upper Michigan and Minnesota reaching deficits of over 20 inches. In the days of early December 2023, cities like Minneapolis reached almost 50 degrees Fahrenheit, temperatures that are very unusual for that time of year. Similar statistics are being seen in the Pacific Northwest. Cities in the Northeast, like Philadelphia and New York, have experienced nearly 700 days without receiving an inch of snowfall in a single day.

Snow droughts can significantly disrupt an ecosystem's flora and fauna. Without snow as insulation, roots are exposed to cold air, affecting plants' health and survivability. Animals that have evolved to survive in snow, such as lynx and jackrabbits, often have more difficulty hunting prey or hiding from predators during periods of snow drought. The absence of snow cover also contributes to changes in temperature dynamics. Snow reflects sunlight and helps to regulate local temperatures. When snow is scarce, dark surfaces like soil and vegetation absorb more sunlight, leading to increased warming.

Snow droughts also have delayed consequences. Snowpack serves as a natural water reservoir and plays a critical role in regulating the precipitation cycle. When a snow drought occurs, the reduced snowpack leads to reduced snowmelt, impacting the following spring and summer months. Following a snow drought, lower soil moisture can stunt plant and crop growth and increase the likelihood and magnitude

of wildfires. The diminished snowmelt weakens stream flows and therefore decreases water quality. Additionally, low flow disrupts aquatic animals' natural migration and reproduction patterns and reduces the supply of drinking and irrigation water. Snow droughts are expected to become increasingly common as global temperatures continue to rise and the repercussions are unmistakably destructive to human activity and wildlife alike. .. EarthTalk® is produced by Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss for the 501(c)3 nonprofit EarthTalk. See more at <https://emagazine.com>. To donate, visit <https://earthtalk.org>. Send questions to: [question@earthtalk.org](mailto:question@earthtalk.org).



**The lack of snow during periods of snow drought can impact everything from water availability to wildlife viability.** Credit: Pexels.com.

## "Seizures"

A seizure can be one of the most frightening things for a family member, friend, or anyone to witness. However, for some people with epilepsy, seizures may be fairly common and not unexpected.

Roughly 1 in 10 people may have a seizure at some point in their lifetime.

A seizure occurs when there is a burst of uncontrolled electrical activity in the brain. This may cause a sudden change in awareness or full loss of consciousness, unusual sensations or thoughts, or temporary problems in muscle tone or movements, such as stiffness, twitching, or limpness.

The two main types of seizures are focal and generalized. A focal onset seizure starts in one area of the brain and spreads, causing mild or severe symptoms. A generalized seizure occurs when both sides of the brain are affected. Generalized seizures may include:

- Absence - which causes a staring spell, the "petit mal" seizure
- Atonic - which causes someone to go limp suddenly
- Myoclonic - which causes sudden body jolts or increased tone briefly
- Tonic - which causes muscle stiffness
- Clonic - which causes muscles to spasm and jerk
- Tonic-clonic - a combination of jerking and muscle stiffness, the "grand mal" seizure

If you witness someone having a seizure, stay with them until the seizure ends and they are fully awake. Stay calm, it should end in a few minutes. Ease them to the floor and turn the person gently to one side which can help them breathe. Clear the area of anything hard or sharp to help keep them safe. Consider putting something soft and flat like a folded jacket under their head. Consider removing their glasses or sunglasses. Loosen ties or anything around the neck.

Not all people who have a seizure need to go to the hospital. Time the seizure and consider calling 911 if the seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes. Other reasons to call 911 include if they have never had a seizure before, if they have difficulty breathing or waking after the seizure, if they have another seizure soon after the first, if they get hurt from the seizure, if it happened in water, or if they have a known health condition like diabetes, heart disease, or are pregnant.

Do not hold the person down or try to stop their movements. Never put anything in their mouth or forcefully open a tightly clenched jaw, since that could harm them. It is a myth that someone having a seizure is in danger of swallowing their tongue.

After the seizure, the person is likely to be unconscious or sleepy for a few minutes more. This is the post-ictal phase, when the brain is still very active and trying to contain the electrical impulses. Once someone is alert, they are likely to be sore, confused, or frightened themselves. Tell them what happened in a calm and simple manner.

Seizures can be quite frightening to witness, but with some knowledge, you may be better prepared to help.

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