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Groton City Council looking to build economic development board

A team of residents will explore gaps and opportunities to promote economic development in Groton.

City officials are looking for residents to join a core team that will help launch the Groton Development Corporation.

At Tuesday's meeting, the City Council authorized Mayor Scott Hanlon to sign an agreement with Dakota Resources to support the launch of the economic development group through community coaching.

Dakota Resources, based in Renner, S.D., aims to empower rural leaders, organizations, communities and regions through capital and capacity that creates a path toward thriving rural communities, according to the company's website. The company's work is structured around inclusion, connection, inspiration, empowerment and celebration.

"I feel it's a positive step forward," Hanlon said.

The coaching services costs \$13,000. The South Dakota Community Foundation is funding \$10,000 of that cost.

Two individuals said they would split part of the remainder due to Dakota Resources, Hanlon said. The city will pay \$500 for travel costs, including mileage.

Hanlon said he has a couple people interested in joining the core team that would form the development corporation. He asked the council to put out feelers to see who else in Groton would be interested in joining that group.

Two more to man skating rink

Two more people were hired for skating rink attendants.

Hannah Sandness and Kason Oswald were temporarily hired Jan. 11 per the swimming pool committee, but those positions were formalized Tuesday. The council approved hiring the two additional attendants at minimum wage plus 25 cents per year of experience. Neither Sandness nor Oswald qualify for that 25 cent increase.

Others who were hired in December to work as skating rink attendants include Gretchen Dinger, Emma Davies, Carly Guthmiller, Leah Jones and Kayleigh McGannon. Anna Fjeldheim was hired as skating rink manager.

Wyatt Wambach was hired in December as well, but is no longer able to work at the rink.

- Residents are reminded that some summer work employment applications are due Feb. 6. Those positions include baseball coordinator, softball coordinator, Legion coach, Jr. Legion coach, Jr. Teener coach, day baseball/softball coach and concession manager. Applications for under-eight, under-10, under-12 and under-14 softball coaching positions are also due at that time.

- The council approved a special event alcoholic beverage license for the Chunky Hand-Knit Blanket Class on Jan. 30 at the Wage Memorial Library. Twelve spots were available and were filled within two days of announcing the event, said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich.

- Elizabeth Varin



Johnson is first to represent Groton Area at MS All State Jazz Band

Sixth Grader Liam Johnson has been accepted into the 2024 MS All State Jazz Band on Alto Saxophone. Liam is the first student to represent Groton at this event. MS All State Jazz Band will be held in Mitchell on Feb 2nd-3rd.

(Photo from Groton Area Facebook Page)

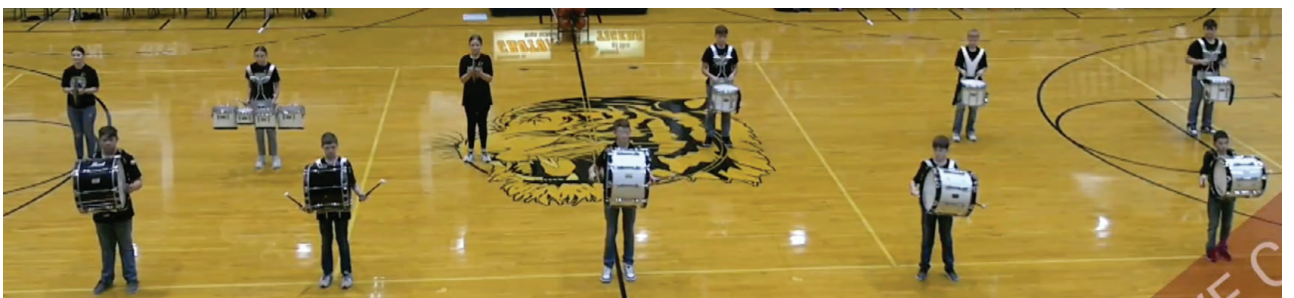


Dalton Locke ran the GDILIVE broadcast table at the Groton Area Tuesday night. He did the commentary for the wrestling triangular in the Arena.

The junior high games at Milbank, the wrestling triangular at Groton Area and the City Council meeting were all broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM last night.

Home Wrestling Triangular added

Varsity Wrestling Triangular between Groton Area, Britton-Hecla and Canistota will be held on Friday, the 26th of January. It will begin at 6PM.



The middle school drum line (above) and the high school drum line (below) performed at the Tiospa Zina basketball doubleheader on Thursday. (Photos lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Weekly Vikings Recap - Wild Card Round

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

Houston Texans 45 - Browns 14

In the first game of the Wild Card Round, the up-and-coming Houston Texans blew out the favored Cleveland Browns in a surprising upset. Browns' quarterback, Joe Flacco, who before Saturday's game had never lost a Wild Card game in which he was the starting quarterback, seemed to have lost that "magic" that seemed to be a big part of the Browns' success this season when he threw two pick-sixes in a matter of 2:00 in the third quarter. By that point, the Texans had a 21-point lead, CJ Stroud and the Texan's offense was clicking, and the game was pretty much over from there.

Kansas City Chiefs 26 - Miami Dolphins 7

The Chiefs and Dolphins game went exactly how you would expect for a game with a temperature below zero degrees and a team from Florida that relies so heavily on their speed. Outside of one play where Tyreek Hill was able to score on an underthrown pass from Tua Tagovailoa, the Chiefs' defense completely shut down the Dolphins' offense, holding them to only 264 total yards of offense.

With the cold weather, the Chiefs' offense decided to rely heavily on their three key skill players: Isaiah Pacheco, Rashee Rice, and Travis Kelce, who accounted for 46 of the 68 rushing and receiving targets. That decision paid off as the Chiefs' offense put up 26 points in their win over the Dolphins, their second most in a game since November 26

Green Bay Packers 48 - Cowboys 32

In a shocking upset, the Green Bay Packers destroyed the Dallas Cowboys, who many thought had a real shot to make their first NFC Championship game appearance since 1995. Despite a change at the quarterback position for the Packers, the team continues to be the thorn in the Dallas Cowboys' side, making it the third straight playoff loss for the Cowboys when facing the Packers. AT&T Stadium is truly becoming "Lambeau South" as the Packers are now 6-0 all-time in that stadium, and have more playoff wins there than the Cowboys themselves.

Los Angeles Rams - Detroit Lions

In his first game back to Detroit since he was traded in 2021, Matthew Stafford and the Los Angeles Rams came in hoping to spoil the Detroit Lions' first home playoff game since 1993. After an offensive shootout in the first half where both the Lions and Rams' offenses scored on the first six drives of the game, the

defenses showed up big in the second half, holding both offenses to no touchdowns. Despite a stellar performance from Matthew Stafford and Puka Nacua, who went for 181 receiving yards, the most for a rookie in a playoff game in NFL history, the Lions had multiple key third-down stops in the fourth quarter to maintain their lead and eventually come out with their first playoff victory since 1991.

Buffalo Bills 31 - Pittsburgh Steelers 17

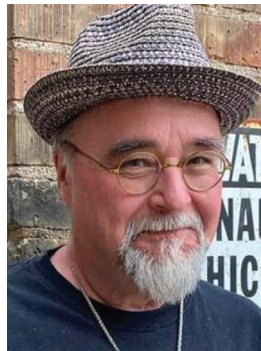
After having their game moved from Sunday to Monday due to severe winter weather, the Buffalo Bills finally got to face off against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday afternoon. In typical Bills' fashion, the Bills relied heavily on both Josh Allen's arm and legs as he accounted for four total touchdowns, one of which was an impressive 52-yard rushing touchdown that gave the Bills a 21-0 lead. Unsurprisingly, the Steelers did not go without a fight, but their comeback fell short as the Bills will now move on to face the defending Super Bowl Champions, the Kansas City Chiefs, next week.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers 32 - Eagles 9

In the final game of the Wild Card Round, the defending NFC Champion, Philadelphia Eagles, traveled to Tampa Bay to face the Buccaneers. The game was pretty much all Buccaneers from start to finish as they dominated both sides of the ball, outgaining the Eagles by 151 total yards of offense. The Eagles, who coming into the game had lost five of their last six games, seemed to be completely out of sync the entire game. No play was more evident of that than when they got stuffed on their patented "brotherly shove" on a two-point attempt conversion attempt in the first half. The Buccaneers will now head to Detroit next week for the divisional round.

Let's go to the movies

Hello friends and survivors! Hopefully, everyone is dug out, thawed, and power is restored. Like many of you, I've spent a lot of time hunkered down in recent weeks. By my calculations, we have enough food and wine to survive well into June. Of 2035. We ran on generator for a few days during the ice storm. Enough to keep the house heated and the television on, so I watched a few movies...



That's Life

by Tony Bender

Oppenheimer: I know many readers are ahead of me on these movies, but there are others like me who live 100 miles from a theater, who wait for the hits to start streaming at home. I'm a history buff, so I found this story compelling and insightful. As much as you think you know about history, a good biopic can be thought-provoking. I came to the conclusion that the Manhattan Project was unavoidable. The Bomb was coming one way or another. Better to be in American hands, not that our track record is unimpeachable. The big question was did it have to be dropped? The narrative suggests, yes, that Japan would have fought an invasion to the last man. Then there's the context... the country had been fighting for four years and was weary. Imagine though, being Harry S. Truman, and having to make that decision.

Barbie: Well, Gus the Wonder Pug and I dressed in frilly pink things and settled in to see what had so riled old, white misogynists. Yes, it's a view of American patriarchy, but it's more sly than accusatory, mocking observations of the gauntlet women must run in society. Any movie with Margot Robbie and Will Ferrell is worth a shot. Robbie, arguably, is this generation's thespian genius. Incredible range. It's hard to pull your eyes from the screen because it's so entertainingly shot—alternating between a comic book universe to the

real world—and the characters are cheerfully obtuse and funny.

Asteroid City: A Wes Anderson film, so you know it will be a different universe. Like "Barbie," it features a palette of color offset by black and white scenes. It's got a decidedly 50's feel with a long list of recognizable actors including a brilliantly deadpan Scarlett Johanson. Tom Hanks is droll—everyone is, and it's one of those movies that kept me thinking for days afterward. I'm definitely going to watch it again.

Once Upon a Time in Hollywood: I know, this one's been out there for a while, but I had to watch it again. First of all, it's a buddy flick with Leonardo DiCaprio, funny and vulnerable, and Brad Pitt, who exudes cool and a little homicidal mystery. It's centered around the Manson murders, and Margot Robbie (again) plays an endearing Sharon Tate. I won't spoil it for those of you who haven't seen it, other than to say it has a redemptive theme. Highlights include DiCaprio, a washed up TV cowboy, struggling through a guest appearance on another series, and Pitt's macho stuntman character ending up in a tussle with Bruce Lee. Quentin Tarantino is one of the best directors of our time, and this is one of his best. It's got heart.

And some oldies: OK, I couldn't flip past the "Blues Brothers." I'm sure I saw it in the theaters forever ago, and countless times since, but, hey, it's Belushi and Aykroyd. They're on a mission from God. A musical farce that reminded me how much I miss John Belushi.

I don't find a lot of "family movies" particularly intriguing, but some of them, like "The Sandlot," are iconic. A lesser relative, but still funny as heck, is "Rookie of the Year," the story of 12-year-old kid whose arm suddenly develops major league powers and he's recruited to save the iconic Chicago Cubs from evil forces, and there are always evil forces lurking in such stories. John Candy provides levity—interrupting the other levity—as the announcer. Daniel Stern directs and stars as a brain-addled pitching coach. Gary Busey, who before he fell off his motorcycle, was a poor man's Nick Nolte, is terrific as fading pitcher.

And just for the heck of it, another Saturday Night Live spinoff, "Tommy Boy." Chris Farley, of course, plays the title character. David Spade is the straight man. It was never going to win an Academy Award, but it never aspired to. It's here to give you 97 minutes of silliness and a feel-good reunion with that lost big goof, Chris Farley.

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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!

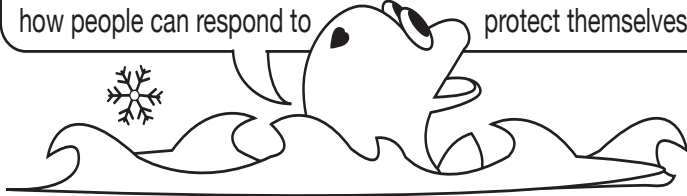
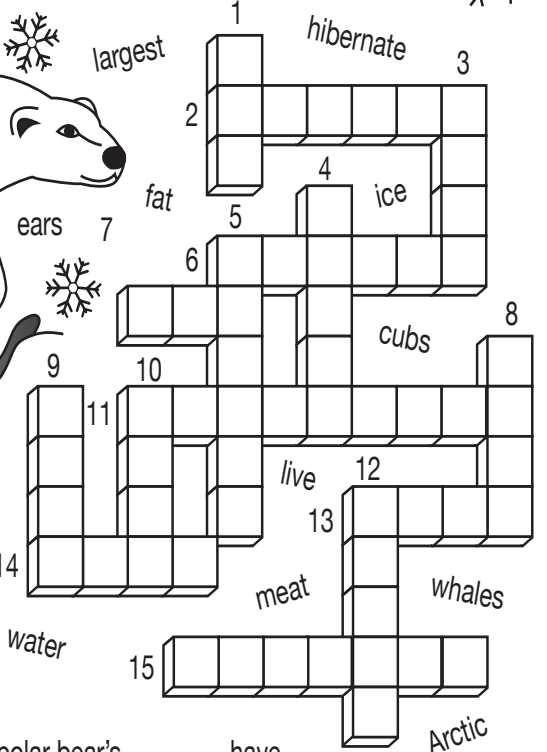
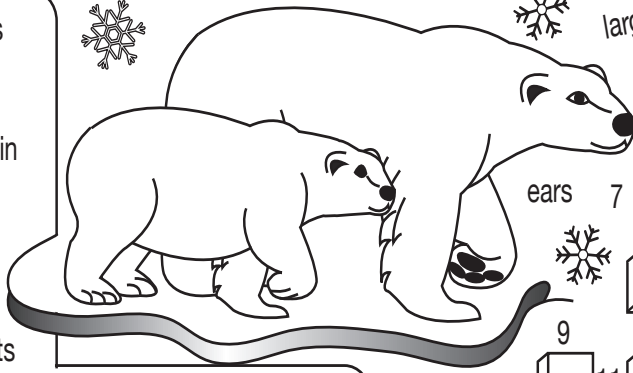
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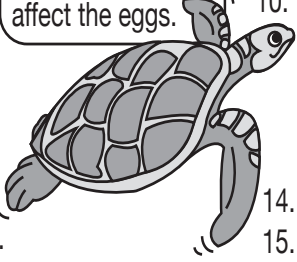
Studying Earth's Climate

For many years, scientists have been charting the world's changing temperatures. It is natural for some movement of temperatures to occur, but many people wonder how the changes in climate that result will affect animals and people in their habitats and daily lives.

In the coldest northern parts of the world, scientists are studying ice and the way it freezes and melts. Some are also studying the region's polar bears, marine animals that spend most of their time at sea rather than on land. Scientists have seen that the ice that these bears live and hunt upon is starting to melt earlier in the season than it once did. The bears are swimming farther from home to hunt for food (seals) and some are not making it back. Some reports say that polar bears are getting thinner and that more of their cubs are dying. By studying such changes, scientists hope to understand how people can respond to protect themselves and wildlife around the globe.



People check the temperature of the sand at the green sea turtles' nesting area. They want to see if any changes affect the eggs.



Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about polar bears:

1. A polar bear's _____ layer can grow up to 4 inches thick. It provides warmth and can keep them from going hungry.
2. Polar bears live in the _____ region around the North Pole.
3. Mothers care for their _____ for about 2 1/2 years.
4. The "food" or prey for polar bears mostly lives in the _____.
5. The foot of a polar bear is partially _____ to help it swim.
6. Polar bears have been known to kill Beluga _____.
7. The loss of _____ may push polar bears closer to extinction.

8. The bottoms of a polar bear's _____ have hair to keep them warm.
9. In the wild, polar bears _____ 25-30 years.
10. The skin of a polar bear is actually black, but its _____ makes it look white.
11. Polar bears do not _____ in the winter like other bears.
12. Polar bears can swim up to 60 _____!
13. Polar bears don't like fruit or vegetables; they mostly eat _____.
14. Polar bears have small _____ so they don't lose too much heat.
15. Polar bears are, on average, the _____ bears in the world.

What Conditions Might Change?

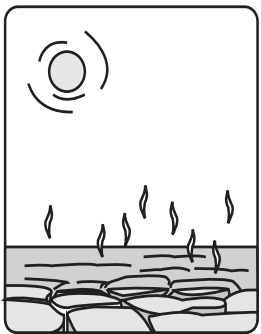
Due to changes in the climate, weather people think that we may have more or stronger...

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Fill in the blanks to spell out some possible changes:



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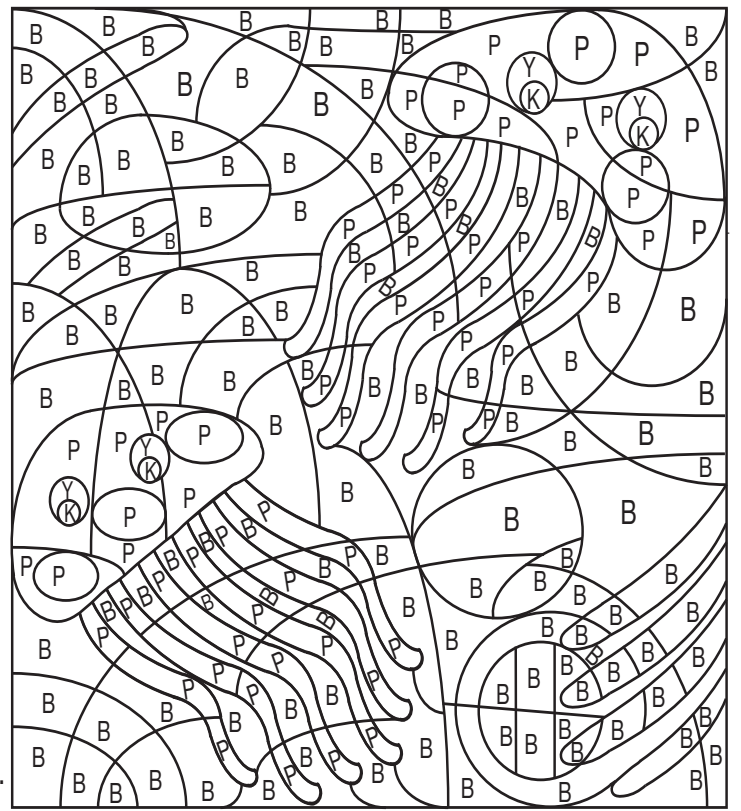
These water animals have been found swimming many miles farther north than usual. Some people think that rising water temperatures let these animals feel comfortable in areas where they normally would not go.

Follow this color key to color in the puzzle to see them:

B = Blue Y = Yellow
P = Pink K = Black

North Atlantic right whales are being watched for changes in their food sources and their habitat, too.

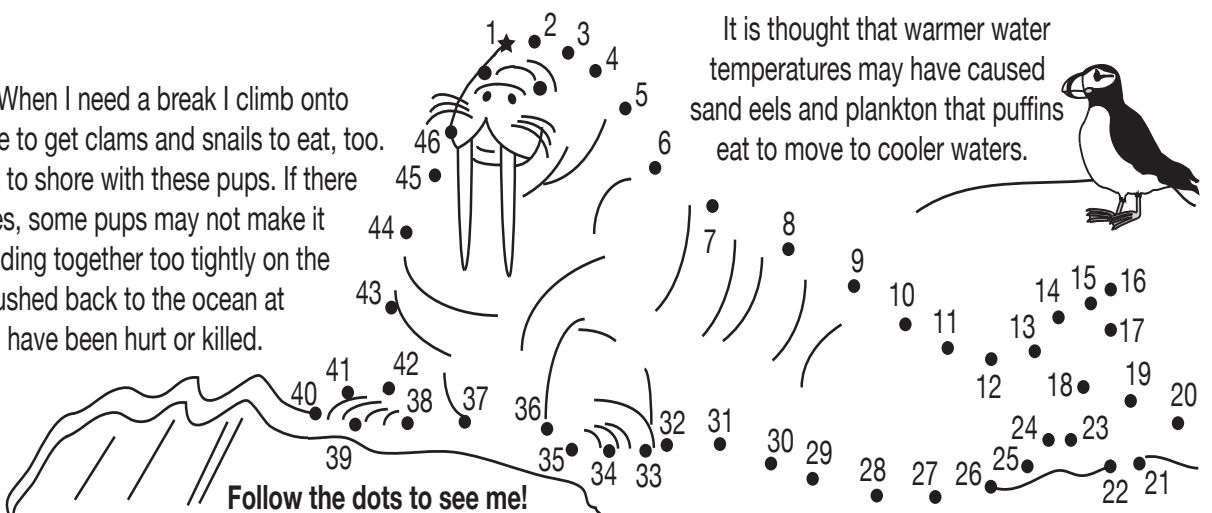
Swimming Out of School!



Who Am I?

I take long swims in the cold ocean waters. When I need a break I climb onto icy shores or ice floes to rest. I dive from sea ice to get clams and snails to eat, too. We have our babies on ice and then swim back to shore with these pups. If there is less ice and we have to swim longer distances, some pups may not make it to the shore. In some areas we have been crowding together too tightly on the ice. Sometimes, when frightened, we have all rushed back to the ocean at once resulting in a stampede where some of us have been hurt or killed.

I am a _____
s i r a w u



Follow the dots to see me!

It is thought that warmer water temperatures may have caused sand eels and plankton that puffins eat to move to cooler waters.



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Triangular Wrestling

Groton Area hosted a triangular wrestling match Tuesday with Clark/Willow Lake and Hamlin/Castlewood. Clark/Willow Lake and Groton Area posted wins over Hamlin while Clark/Willow Lake defeated Groton Area.

Clark/Willow Lake 51, Groton Area 30

- 120: Isaac Johnson (Clark/Willow Lake) over John Bisbee (Groton Area) (Fall 1:33)
- 126: Donavon Block (Groton Area) over Damian Severson (Clark/Willow Lake) (Fall 3:34)
- 132: Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) over Logan Foster (Clark/Willow Lake) (Fall 3:26)
- 138: Austin Vig (Clark/Willow Lake) wins by forfeit
- 144: Taylor Merkel (Clark/Willow Lake) wins by forfeit
- 150: Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) over Bryce Klancke (Clark/Willow Lake) (Fall 2:38)
- 157: Matt Batchelor (Clark/Willow Lake) over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) (Fall 1:39)
- 165: Elliot Bratland (Clark/Willow Lake) over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) (TB-1 3-1)
- 175: Josh Kannegieter (Clark/Willow Lake) over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) (Fall 0:55)
- 190: Riley Popp (Clark/Willow Lake) over Drew Thurston (Groton Area) (Fall 1:44)
- 215: Charlie Frost (Groton Area) over Collin Gaikowski (Clark/Willow Lake) (Fall 1:58)
- 285: Karter Moody (Groton Area) over Jerome Enboden (Clark/Willow Lake) (Fall 2:34)
- 106: Cade Gaikowski (Clark/Willow Lake) over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) (Fall 3:45)
- 113: Cooper Pommer (Clark/Willow Lake) over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) (Fall 1:09)

Groton Area 60, Hamlin/Castlewood 15

- 106: Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) over Tommy Mullen (Hamlin/Castlewood) (Fall 0:26)
- 113: Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) wins by forfeit
- 120: Jaden Buchmann (Hamlin/Castlewood) over John Bisbee (Groton Area) (Fall 0:44)
- 126: Donavon Block (Groton Area) wins by forfeit
- 132: John Yonker (Hamlin/Castlewood) over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) (Dec 9-4)
- 138: Double Forfeit
- 144: Tate Everson (Hamlin/Castlewood) wins by forfeit
- 150: Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) wins by forfeit
- 157: Easten Ekern (Groton Area) wins by forfeit
- 165: Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) wins by forfeit
- 175: Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) wins by forfeit
- 190: Drew Thurston (Groton Area) over Guillermo Cruz (Hamlin/Castlewood) (Fall 3:38)
- 215: Charlie Frost (Groton Area) wins by forfeit
- 285: Gaviin Englund (Groton Area) over Noah Smith (Hamlin/Castlewood) (Fall 4:27)

Clark/Willow Lake 60, Hamlin 21

- 120: Jaden Buchmann (Hamlin/Castlewood) over Isaac Johnson (Clark/Willow Lake) (Fall 4:49)
- 132: John Yonker (Hamlin/Castlewood) over Logan Foster (Clark/Willow Lake) (Dec 10-7)
- 144: Tate Everson (Hamlin/Castlewood) over Taylor Merkel (Clark/Willow Lake) (Fall 3:58)
- 190: Riley Popp (Clark/Willow Lake) over Guillermo Cruz (Hamlin/Castlewood) (Fall 2:00)
- 285: Noah Smith (Hamlin/Castlewood) over Jerome Enboden (Clark/Willow Lake) (Fall 4:55)
- 106: Cade Gaikowski (Clark/Willow Lake) over Tommy Mullen (Hamlin/Castlewood) (Fall 0:12)

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #8

Team Standings: Shihtzus – 4, Jackelopes – 4, Coyotes – 3, Chipmunks – 1, Cheetahs – 0, Foxes – 0

Men's High Games: Tony Waage – 208, John Sippel – 199, Brad Waage – 197

Women's High Games: Vicki Walter – 178, Nancy Radke – 172, Alexa Schuring – 171

Men's High Series: Tony Waage – 586, John Sippel – 551, Brad Waage – 508

Women's High Series: Darci Spanier – 441, Vicki Walter & Alexa Schuring – 435, Nancy Radke – 433

Fun Game: Most 6 Spares – 3 way tie! Shihtzus, Foxes, Jackelopes with 5 each!

Conde National League

Jan. 15 Team Standings: Braves 11, Mets 11, Cubs 9, Tigers 8, Pirates 8, Giants 1

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 201, Chad Furney 190, Ryan Bethke 188

Men's High Series: Ryan Bethke 509, Chad Furney 499, Butch Farmen 473

Women's High Games: Suzie Easthouse 181, Nancy Radke 166, Sam Bahr 166, Cheryl Reyalts 151

Women's High Series: Sam Bahr 490, Suzie Easthouse 478, Cheryl Reyalts 430

Jan. 8, 2024 Team Standings: Tigers 8, Braves 8, Mets 8, Cubs 8, Pirates 4, Giants 0

Men's High Games: Russ Bethke 224, Butch Farmen 219, Aaron Severson 190

Men's High Series: Russ Bethke 554, Butch Farmen 525, Aaron Severson 516

Women's High Games: Cheryl Reyalts 151, Sam Bahr 147, Vanessa Bethke 139

Women's High Series: Michelle Johnson 390, Sam Bahr 387, Vickie Kramp 380

Junior high hoop teams split with Milbank

Groton Area seventh graders defeated Milbank in boys basketball action in Milbank on Tuesday, 33-29. The game was tied at five after the first quarter and Groton Area led at half time, 12-9, and after the third quarter, 21-16.

Anthony Gilmore led the Tigers with 13 points followed by Jordan Schwan with 10, Asher Johnson seven, Zach Flihs two and Connor Kroll one.

Kye Scoular led Milbank with 12 points while Brady Allen had 10, Kale Wenzl five and Logan Dexter two.

Groton Area won the 10-minute seventh grade exhibition game, 11-4. Wesley Borg had seven points while Sam Crank and Wes Morehouse each had two points. Harper Wendland and Cam Stengel each had two points for Milbank.

Milbank led a the quarterstops at 704, 18-13 and 27-15 en route to a 29-20 win in the eighth grade game. Jace Johnson led Groton Area with 11 points, Anthony Gilmore had five and Ethan Kroll, Ryder Schelle and T.C. Schuster each had two points.

Lincoln Holscher led Milbank with 15 points while Bennett Hunt had seven, Emmett Snaza four, Will Mullenbach two and Rylan Wendland added one point.

State of S.D. Magpie Review Hearing

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ss) COUNTY OF BROWN IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST S.W.M., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING PHOEBE ROSE WHITE MAGPIE AND EUGENE TRACY, RESPONDENTS.

A & N 23-104 NOTICE OF REVIEW HEARING TO: Phoebe White Magpie Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a Review Hearing on the 6th day of March, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day, before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Karla Nelson, Deputy Brown County States Attorney
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Brown County Nominating Petitions

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND FOR FILING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITIONS

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the primary election is March 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by March 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it shall be considered filed.

Nominating petitions for the offices of County Commissioners, State's Attorney, County Auditor, County Coroner, County Treasurer, Delegates and Alternates to Republican Party Conventions, Delegates to State Republican Party Conventions, Precinct Committeeman and Committeewomen for the Republican Party, shall be filed in the office of the county auditor located in the county courthouse between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central time.

Nominating petitions for the offices of US Representative, State Senate District 1, State Representative District 1, State Senate District 3, State Representative District 3, State Senate District 23, State Representative District 23, Heartland Consumers Power District Directors, Water Development District Directors, shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central time.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run as an independent candidate in the general election is April 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by April 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it shall be considered filed.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Stratford Town Nominating Petitions

CITY OF STRATFORD TRUSTEE VACANCY NOTICE
The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:
TRUSTEE (THREE-YEAR TERM)
Circulation of nominating petitions
Please notify Anna Kwak if you are interested. Petitions will be made available at the Community Center on FEBRUARY 1st, 2024.

First day to begin petition circulation is FEBRUARY 2nd, 2024. Deadline is FEBRUARY 23rd, 2024 at 5:00 PM.
Submitted by:
Anna Kwak Finance Officer
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Town of Warner Nominating Petitions

Notice of Vacancy Municipality of Warner, SD
The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer: Trustee, Dave Fair. This is for a three year term.

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer: Trustee, Terry Evans. This is for a one year term.

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26th, 2024. Petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer located in the Warner Community Center, 11 West Main Street, Warner SD 57479 between the hours of 9:00AM and 12PM, Monday, Thursday or Friday and no later than Friday, February 23rd, 2024 at 5 PM central time.
Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer
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Frederick School Nominating Petitions

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6-2

The following school board positions will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office.

Richard Achen, School Board Member, 3-year term
Richard Schlosser, School Board Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 27, 2024, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at 202 E Main St, Frederick, SD on official school calendar days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., central time, not later than February 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Shauna Severson Business Manager
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Groton School Nominating Petitions

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

The following school board positions will become vacant on July 1, 2024, due to the expiration of the present terms of office of the following school board members:

Kara Pharis, 3-year term
Martin Weismantel, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 27, 2024, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at Groton Area High School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., central standard time not later than February 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Becky Hubsch, Business Official
Groton Area School District
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Town of Columbia Nominating Petitions

Notice of Vacancy Municipality of Columbia
The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office: Columbia City Council Cole Kampa, Columbia City Council Member, 3-year term
Jeremy Dosch, Columbia City Council Member, 3-year term
Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26th, 2024. If you need a petition, please call the city office and one will be mailed to you. Petitions can be left in the drop box at the city office. Final day for turning in a petition is February 23rd, 2024.

Cara Dennert Finance Officer City of Columbia
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Frederick Town Nominating Petitions

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Frederick Board Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31, 2024 and petitions may be picked up and filed with the finance officer. Finance Officer may be contacted Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the First National Bank of Frederick 314 Main Street. Final day for turning in petitions is February 23, 2024 by 5:00pm. Finance Officer will be at the Finance Office, located at 406 3rd Avenue, Frederick, SD from 4:00-5:00 pm on the final day.

Jennifer Morlock Frederick Finance Officer
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Groton City Nominating Petitions

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON
The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elected officer.

Jon Cutler - Councilperson Ward 1 - 1-year term
Kevin Nehls - Councilperson Ward 1 - 2-year term
Brian Bahr - Councilperson Ward 2 - 2-year term
Jason Wambach - Councilperson Ward 3 - 2-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26th, 2024, and petitions may be filed at City Hall located at 120 N Main St., Groton, SD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central standard time not later than the 23rd day of February, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer
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Frederick School Jan. 8 Meeting

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2 Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 8, 2024
A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on January 8, 2024, 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 Kesters, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Others in attendance: Marty Morlock.

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

No conflict of interest disclosures.
2024-055 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-056 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

a. December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
b. December 2023 Payroll
c. December 2023 Financial Report

d. January 2024 Bills Financial Report:

General Fund- Checking: Last Checking Bal: \$481,171.69; FY23 audit entries affecting cash balance - Disbursements: \$14,370.22; Bal 12-1-23: \$466,801.47; Receipts: \$180,468.89; Disbursements: \$174,734.22; Bal 12-31-23 \$472,536.14. Investments: Bal 12-1-23: \$506,953.32; Interest: \$1,073.60; Bal 12-31-23: \$508,026.92. Ending Fund Balance: \$980,563.06.

Imprest Fund: Bal 12-1-23: \$4,879.60 Receipts: \$155.40; Disbursements: \$1,757.26; Bal 12-31-23 \$3,277.74.

Capital Outlay Fund: Checking: Last Checking Bal: \$1,032,905.45; FY23 audit entries affecting cash balance - Receipts: \$13,708.24; Bal 12-1-23: \$1,046,613.69; Receipts: \$80,655.80; Disbursements: \$919.25; Bal 12-31-23 \$1,126,350.24. Investments: Bal 12-31-23: \$1,553,800.96. Ending Fund Balance: \$2,680,151.20.

Special Education Fund: Checking: Last Checking Bal: \$77,354.49; FY23 audit entries affecting cash balance - Receipts: \$1,468.48; Bal 12-1-23: \$78,822.97; Receipts: \$36,023.50; Disbursements: \$27,066.73 Bal 12-31-23 \$87,779.74. Investments: Bal 12-31-23: \$1,443,913.67. Ending Fund Balance: \$1,531,693.41.

Food Service Fund: Last Checking Bal: \$5,740.37; FY23 audit entries affecting cash balance - Disbursements: \$806.51 Bal 12-1-23: \$4,933.86; Receipts: \$17,347.61; Disbursements: \$10,177.45; Bal 12-31-23 \$12,104.02.

Drivers Ed Fund: Bal 12-31-23 \$.04.
Custodial Fund: Bal 12-1-23: \$31,886.92; Receipts: \$8,143.07; Disbursements: \$4,286.63; Bal 12-31-23 \$53,005.69.

Ovid J Stevens Scholarship: Checking: Bal 12-31-23 \$.85. Investments: Bal 12-1-23: \$25,762.00; Interest: \$11.29; Bal 12-31-23: \$25,773.29. Ending Fund Balance: \$25,774.14.

Claims approved: General Fund salaries 89,775.59; Special Education salaries 15,350.98; Food Service salaries 3,854.26. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 28,851.61; 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 243.92; Security Benefits, retirement 2,177.78; Optilegra, vision insurance 470.57; SD Retirement 15,848.86; SD Retirement Supplemental, 478.22. Total: \$176,647.26.

Bills approved: General Fund: Aberdeen School District- Atec, 4,876.80; Agtegra-fuel, 8,919.43; Amazon-supplies, 500.95; American Red Cross-training supplies/certification, 285.53; Arrowwood-superintendent travel, 98.12; CWD-FFVP/ supplies, 569.58; Century Business Products-copier coverage, 292.49; Cole Papers-custodial supplies, 2,119.34; CommTech-tech service, 270.00; Fire Safety First-annual maintenance, 225.00; Foreman Sales & Service-bus maintenance, 1,795.74; FASD Imprest Fund-misc., 1,757.26; GDI News-publishing, 72.57; Harves Sport Shop-bball supplies, 29.88; JVT-phone, 236.87; JW Pepper-music, 24.98; Kesslers-FACS supplies, 99.16; McLeods-supplies, 70.64; Menards-maintenance supplies, 116.30; Merchant Services-cc processing fees and fraud protection, 101.06; Mid-American Research Chemical-maintenance/custodial supplies, 175.11; Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities, 5,271.32; North Central Special Ed Coop-early childhood/psych/speech services, 6,000.00; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies, 133.40; Pirate Ship- mailings,

98.09; Runnings-transportation supplies, 67.92; SDHSCA-coach dues, 104.00; State of SD-medicaid admin fee, 21.83; Teachers Pay Teachers-curriculum supplements, 26.98; Town of Frederick-utilities, 651.13; USPS-stamps, 1,070.30. Capital Outlay Fund: Amazon-library books, 47.80; Century Business Products-copier lease, 306.66. Education Fund: North Central Special Ed Coop-early childhood/psych/speech services, 10,224.43. Food Service Fund: CWD-food/supplies, 3,571.69; Community Store-food, 2.89; Pantorium Cleaners-kitchen supplies, 92.35. Imprest Fund: Aberle, Spencer -bb ref, 150.00; Donat, Eric-bb ref, 302.54; Edgeley Public School-jh gbb entry fee, 25.00; Frost, Chris-jv bbb ref/mileage, 333.84; Holt, Adam-bb ref, 125.00; Roth, Brendan-bb ref/mileage, 193.34; Wanner, Andrew-bb ref/mileage, 177.54; Wanner, Shaun-bb ref, 150.00; Witlock, Scott-bb ref, 150.00; Zimmerman, Kim-bb ref, 150.00; Custodial Fund: Bosten Fern-teachers slush, 58.00; CWD-concessions, 1,123.06; CWD Direct-concessions, 577.74; Coca Cola-concessions, 93.00; Community Store-concessions, 56.75; Kesslers-FCCLA/concessions, 342.61; Kiwanis Club-FBLA fundraising cards, 90.00; MB, LLC-vb gear, 279.00; Target-SADD supplies, 53.12.

The following reports were presented:
Jeff Kesters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director

Shauna Severson: Business Manager - The renewal/increase of the general fund opt out was mentioned; the district did not take the full amount these last two years of the three-year opt out. If we decide to increase, we would not be required to take the full amount the first year like we were required to do with this last opt out. There are uncertainties regarding the upcoming teacher accountability review, which is an area of concern for our general fund. Another concern is the change to the capital outlay formula. We were able to transfer \$366,125 from capital outlay to general fund, but fiscal year 2023 was the final year to do so. Discussion items regarding the need for this opt out will be published in the GDI, Frederick Forward and on the school's website.

Achen/Hart: Building/Co-op 2024-057 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve Resolution 2024-001 - Resolution for \$450,000 Five-Year Opt Out and Vote to be Held. Upon roll call, all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

THE GOVERNING BOARD Frederick Area School District 6-2 do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$ 450,000 starting with calendar year 2024 taxes payable in the calendar year 2025. This opt out will be for five years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2029. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board.

Also, be it resolved that the GOVERNING BOARD OF Frederick Area School District 6-2 will conduct an election to approve or disapprove the tax levy opt out pursuant to SDCL 10-13-36. The election will be held on April 9, 2024.

2024-058 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve the \$500,000 transfer from Capital Outlay checking to money market savings. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The Board would like to recognize the following accomplishments: Sofia Losure for being named a SD SportScene Schwan Financial Premier Performer.

2024-059 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to go into executive session at 6:49 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlusser declared the board out of executive session at 7:51 p.m.

2024-060 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption on intent to renew 2024-2025 Administrative Contracts. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-061 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

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Frederick City Jan. 10 Meeting

City of Frederick
January 10, 2024 Minutes
Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, January 10, 2024 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kesters 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.

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,288.73; Bower's Tree Service SP \$350; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$71.59; DANR dues Wtr/ Swr \$250; Dennis Durheim gravel Sts \$843.17; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,701; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$879.51; Farmer's Union Oil propane EBL \$357.23; GDI minutes Gen'l \$50.22; US-DA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; J. Kesters wage Gen'l \$92.34 J. Morlock wage FO \$1,373.77; JHC Services LLC plow Sts \$1,481.47; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$298.83; M. Cox wage EBL \$631.92; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.37; R. Bakeberg UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$114.51; R. Bakeberg sexton wage Cmty \$253.96; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$138.52; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$64.64; SD Dept of Health samples Wtr \$15; SD Water & Wastewater dues Wtr \$10; Schwan Electric Inc generator Gen'l \$217.19; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$92.34; VISA stamps Gen'l \$196.15; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$5,454.51

OLD BUSINESS
Scott Campbell provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's report from patrolling the area.

NEW BUSINESS
The salaries for 2024 will be as follows: Chairman of the Board \$25/chairman + \$50/mtg; Board Members \$50/mtg; Mowing wage \$12/hr; Cemetery salary \$550/yr (semiannually); Utility Manager \$100 base salary + \$16/hr; Water Supervisor \$250/mo; Community Center wage \$11.50/hr; Finance Officer \$1,725/mo; Assist. Finance Officer \$1,325/mo; Librarian \$13/hr; Assist. Librarian \$11.50/hr. Motion to approve the 2024 wages and salaries made by Kesters/Millard; motion carried. Motion to accept the Emma Burnham Library quarterly report made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence from citizens and municipal news.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Kesters at 7:36 PM; motion carried.
M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer
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— King Crossword —
Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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JANUARY 9, 2024 – 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. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

BID – RICHMOND YOUTH CAMP HOUSE: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed for bid auction to purchase the real property of 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath House to be moved from 37909 Youth Camp Road. No bids were received. Rachel Kippley shared they did have 7 people attend the Open Houses. Since no bids were received, the county can negotiate a contract for the property, at the most advantageous price, if the specifications of the original bid are met. (SDCL 5-18A-5 (9))

EXPO ROOF FUNDING: Auditor Heupel provided the Commission with different options of potential funds to cover the additional costs of the Expo Roof. Commissioner Wiese commented that he appreciated Lynn putting that together, so they know their options. Auditor Heupel informed the Commission we did not receive the Performance Bond or the Proposal Guaranty; the Contract Agreement was not approved at this time.

FAIRBOARD: Randy & Stephanie Mages met with the Commission to discuss a letter that they received asking them to resign from the Fairboard. They had not been contacted by the Commission or the Board for an opportunity of a hearing, so they were taken back by the letter they received. Randy asked the Commission to rescind Stephanie's resignation because she has nothing to do with the By-Law Committee. Randy informed the Commission that he was Secretary of the Board for 2022 & 2023. In October, he was assigned to the By-Law Committee by the Fairboard President. Randy had met with Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager and Suzanne Moen, Fairboard member twice to go over the by-laws and he enjoyed their collaboration and how well they worked together. Randy shared that Rachel made the changes on her computer during their meeting, which has the draft and then the changes were e-mailed to the Fairboard from the Fair Office not from him, he commented that it has been honest and transparent. The full Fair Board would need to approve any changes, which then goes to the Commission to be approved. Randy contacted Suzanne Moen to see if she was also asked to step down because of her involvement with the by-laws and she has not; Randy is unsure if anything has been done with Manager Kippley for her involvement with the by-laws and he asked the Commission to consider absolving Stephanie Mages from this issue and rescinding this request and investigate, educate Suzanne, Rachel and himself on how the Commission prefers the by-laws to be handled. Chairman Sutton restated that Randy was asking to rescind the resignation of Stephanie and Randy stated it made no sense why she should resign because she was not part of the by-law committee. Chairman Sutton shared that By-Laws was only part of it, dealing with personnel and staff was another part, it was various items. Chairman Sutton then asked if they remove asking Stephanie to step-down that would resolve the issue. Randy asked if he thought it was fair that he was being asked to step down because of his involvement, he was put on that Committee by his peers. Chairman Sutton said it goes beyond his involvement on the by-law committee, Commissioner Dennert and himself met with the Executive Committee of the Fairboard and that is what led to the sending of the letter. Stephanie asked for him to share that with them, Chairman Sutton said he would be willing to meet with them and further explain the concerns. Randy stated they wanted a hearing to talk about

this. Chairman Sutton shared that its more complicated than just your presence on the by-law committee; reference was made that you feel that changes in general need to be made whether it be the governance, the oversight, etc. Randy commented that no profound changes were made but he did share that he would like the Fairboard to have more autonomy and be able to control and regulate some things, and he'd like the President to know its their job to do certain things and the office to know it their job to do certain things. Randy was looking at if a new manager would come in and new Fairboard members how they are going to interact with one another based on the by-laws. Chairman Sutton shared the Commission will discuss this matter and get back to Randy & Stephanie.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT: Chairman Sutton shared that Patty VanMeter, Treasurer is checking with another bank to see how much money they are willing to accept of public funds because the 1.25% of interest doesn't seem right and they understand that public funds are handled differently than private but hoping for better than 1.25% for interest rate. Commissioner Dennert asked what the automatic renewal date was, and Auditor Heupel shared it was today. Commissioner Fjeldheim stated that he didn't feel we should even consider the renewal, he suggested to draw it out, take a week to see if other banks will take it, even if we need to split the money between 3 different banks if it is the amount that is causing the problems but don't want have them automatically renew it at 1.25% when we could be getting 4.5% somewhere else. Commissioner Fjeldheim made a motion to cash in the CD and let the Treasurer VanMeter decide what is necessary and appropriate for the funds, seconded by Dennert and review the options next week. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FEES FOR PT-55 REPORT: Mariann Malsom, Register of Deeds informed the Commission that every month they have a PT-55 report that all Register of Deeds offices create and must send to the Department of Revenue. The report is a short version of all the sales for that month; the Assessor's office receives this report as well. Over time there have been individuals such as appraisers, real estate agents, mortgage banks that are requesting this report as well. At Convention Mariann learned that other County Register of Deeds charge for this information, all Register of Deeds work together and try to stay consistent, so she is asking to start charging for the PT-55 Report; her suggestion is \$100 flat fee for a year. After further discussion the following resolution was

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution:
RESOLUTION #05-24
RESOLUTION TO SET FEES FOR PT-55 REPORTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Brown County Commissioners may implement, alter, or amend fees and/or charges for the Register of Deeds, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an annual fee be set for the PT-55 monthly report; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an annual fee of \$100 per requester is hereby approved.

Dated this 9th day of January 2024.

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

PLANNING & ZONING APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE:

Commissioner Gage offered the following Resolution:
RESOLUTION #06-24

WHEREAS, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, the Board of Brown County Commissioners may alter or amend the schedule of fees, charges, expenses and a collection procedure for building permits, zoning permits, certificates of zoning compliance, appeals, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Application Fee Schedule established by Resolution #40-19 and #52-21 be amended; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that application fees will be shown in:

PLANNING & ZONING "TABLE 2024 – APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE"

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by authority of Chapter 4.26 Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, the following

APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE in the Planning/Zoning Department is hereby approved and adopted to be effective January 9, 2024 as shown on:

PLANNING & ZONING "TABLE 2024 – APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE"

- **APEAL ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** - \$300.00 (to the Zoning BOA)
- **APEAL ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DECISION** - \$300.00 (to Circuit Court – paperwork prep)
- **APEAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECISION** - \$300.00 (to Circuit Court – paperwork prep)

- **REZONE PARCEL APPLICATION** - \$350.00
- **PRELIMINARY PLAT APPLICATION** - \$25.00
- **VACATION OF AN EXISTING PLAT APPLICATION** - \$100.00
- **PRELIMINARY & FINAL PLAT APPLICATION (Combined)** - \$150.00
- **VARIANCE GENERAL APPLICATION** - \$125.00
- **VARIANCE TO STRUCTURE SETBACKS APPLICATION** - \$125.00
- **VARIANCE TO SHELTERBELT SETBACKS APPLICATION** - \$125.00
- **VARIANCE TO APPROACH SEPERATION DISTANCE APPLICATION** - \$125.00
- **CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO)** - \$325.00
- **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION – STANDARD APPLICATION** - \$225.00
- **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION – WIND ENERGY APPLICATION** - \$500.00
- **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION – SOLAR ENERGY FARM APPLICATION** - \$500.00
- **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION – DISTRICT OPTIONS APPLICATION** - \$225.00
- **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION – CANNABUS REGULATIONS APPLICATION** - \$500.00
- **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION – NEW COMMUNICATION TOWERS APPLICATION** - \$225.00
- **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION – NEW SIGN AND/OR SIGN STRUCTURE APPLICATION** - \$225.00
- **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION – ANY PIPELINE OR ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINE APPLICATION** - \$500.00

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

ADOPT THE ZONING MAP: Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director presented a new Zoning Map to the Brown County Commission to be adopted as January 9, 2024. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adopt the new Zoning Map. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EDWARDS PRESERVE NATURE AREA BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Edward Preserve Nature Area Board which consists of Nathan Edwards, Edwards Family; Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission; Alex Little, Richmond Lake Association; Bruce Johnson, Richmond Lake Association; Brandon Sigaty, Richmond Sewer District and Chris Allen, Richmond Lake Resident. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Contract Agreement with Building Restoration Corp. for the Tuckpointing Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPOINT BOARD MEMBER FOR ODDE & HOLUM COMPLEX: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to appoint Commissioner Gage to the ODDE & HOLUM Complex Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Nothing received at this time.

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY COMMISSION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Regional Railroad Authority Commission for 2024 which is as follows: City of Aberdeen - Rob Ronayne; Alternate - Josh Rife; Beadle County - Doug Ramsell; Alternate - Dennis Meyer; Brown County - Doug Fjeldheim; Alternate - Mike Wiese; Edmunds County - Morris Grosz; Alternate - Micheal Geditz; Spink County - Suzanne Smith; Alternate - Kevin Siebrecht. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the January 2, 2024 Reorganization Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following claims: Unemployment Insurance: SD Dept of Labor and Regulation \$1,230.98. Professional Fees: Active Data Systems \$17,570.00; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$251.26; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$4,274.29; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$680.00; Helms & Associates \$714.80; IMEG Corp \$12,000.00; Language Line Services, Inc \$536.36; Lincoln County Auditor \$919.35; Mark Katterhagen \$72.00; Marla Zastrow \$34.26; Northern Plains Animal Health \$413.98; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$1,015.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$737.75; Schneider Geospatial, LLC \$2,916.00; SD Assoc of County Commissioners \$6,976.00; SD Assoc of County Officials \$3,244.73; SD Assoc of Weed & Pest Supervisors \$75.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$1,774.26; SD Sheriff's Association \$1,595.93; SDAAO-SD Assoc of Assessing Officers \$525.00; SDACHS \$350.00; SDAE4-HP \$120.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$101.50; Valerie Larson \$72.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$540.35. Repairs & Maintenance: A-1 Locksmithing \$150.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$21.34; Day County Treasurer \$1,570.65; Geffdog Designs \$85.00; Graham Tire Inc \$19.16; J & K Painting \$905.52; Lien Transportation Company \$1,802.50; Meister Mowing LLC \$1,850.00; Midstates Group \$1,140.00; Olson's Pest Technicians \$250.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$281.20; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; RDO Equipment Co \$25,996.04; Safety Ser-

vice \$806.25; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$81.62; Tally Tubular Mfg. Inc. \$100.00; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$1,091.05; TruGreen, Aberdeen \$605.28; Whitmore Inc \$700.00. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$47,589.51; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$154.79; Arts South Dakota \$350.00; Auto Value Aberdeen \$316.35; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Butler Machinery Company \$824.63; Cole Paper Inc \$639.30; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$1,715.07; Dakota Electronics \$12,594.50; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$711.18; Dive Rescue International \$225.00; Farm Power Mfg. \$340.60; Fire Safety First LLC \$122.40; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$11.52; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$58.50; Jason Vilhauer \$406.86; Karen Swank \$40.50; Leidholt Tool Sales, LLC \$55.46; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$241.95; Mariann Malsom \$187.99; Menards \$344.53; Midwest Group \$669.75; Napa Central \$728.34; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$32.00; Performance Oil \$37.26; Prevention Magazine \$255.00; RDO Equipment Co \$260.50; Ross Collins \$100.00; Runnings \$65.94; SDEMA \$60.00; Share Corporation \$781.80; Sherwin Williams \$196.76; South Dakota Magazine \$70.00; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$589.00; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$144.78; US Foods \$8,578.86; Whitmore Inc \$25,063.10. Travel & Conference: Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center at Cedar Shore \$119.72. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$43.23; Midcontinent Communications \$163.80; Northwestern Energy \$16,457.80; Richmond Lake Sanitary District \$2,400.00; Town of Frederick \$77.00; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$106.92. Others: NCOG \$26,856.06; SD Assoc of County Officials \$712.00; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$4,027.42; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$683,991.31. Jurors: \$3,114.40. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #07-24
WHEREAS, by authority of Chapter 4.26 Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, the Board of Brown County Commissioners may alter or amend the fee schedule, charges, expenses and a collection procedure for Building, Zoning, or Construction Permits, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the fee schedule established by Resolution #47-07 and #22-08 be amended; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that fees will be based upon the valuation of the project as shown in Table 2024 "Permit Fee Schedule"; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a minimum fee be set; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an "Administrative Fee" be applied when any construction has commenced prior to application and/or prior to receiving a Permit; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a "Surcharge" be applied when any construction has commenced prior to an application being submitted or prior to obtaining a building or zoning permit.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by authority of Chapter 4.26 Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, the following fee schedule for Building, Zoning, or Construction Permits is hereby approved and adopted to be effective January 9, 2024 as shown on Table 2024 "PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE":

.. PERMITS: as in Table 2024 "Permit Fee Schedule"

- Moving Permit - \$10.00
- Demolition Permit - \$10.00
- Sign: Face Replacement - \$20.00
- Sign: New Construction Set - \$100.00
- Fence Permit (for inside community, not rural) - \$10.00
- Flood Plain Development Permit (FPDP) –
 - \$20.00 alone
 - \$10.00 with permit

CONSTRUCTION: as in Table 2024 "Permit Fee Schedule"

- Permit: \$25.00 minimum fee for any construction from \$0.00 to \$10,000.00
- Permit: \$3.00 per \$1,000.00 of valuation of project construction after \$10,000.00
- Penalty – Administrative Fee: Failing to obtain a PERMIT prior to construction - \$50.00
- Penalty – Surcharge: Construction has commenced prior to an Approved Permit application. Penalty fee is equal to 1/2% times total project valuation: Ex. 0.50% x \$400,000.00 = \$2,000.00.

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

seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Wes Graff, Sheriff's Office to attend Mexico Cartels & Culture Training in Andover, MN on February 21-23, 2024; Candace Rohrbach, Communications to attend Be the Difference Conference in Knoxville, TN on January 27 – February 3, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor, Lynn Heupel shared with the Commission the Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent would like to have the remainder of her 2023 Budget reserved for her to use in 2024 due to upcoming expenses she will have. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to reserve the budget balance for Maintenance in the amount of \$218,547.46 for 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to split the additional funds for the Odde and Holum Complex Improvement Fund between Commission and Fair budgets. For 2023, the amount will be a total of \$10,102.50. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 11:48 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Specialist, Jessica Johnson:

- Resignation of Logan Slack, Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT; effective January 22, 2024. Request to fill.
- Approve hiring Sophia Powell as Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT; starting wage \$22.37/hr.; effective January 22, 2024.
- Amendment on the Thanksgiving and Day After Thanksgiving Holiday from the fourth Thursday and Friday in November to the fifth Thursday and Friday in November 2024.
- Approve personal miles driven for October 2023 at 0.62 per mile as follows: Matt Heupel 60 miles at \$37.20; John Florey 108 miles at \$66.96; Mike Scott 180 miles at \$111.60.
- Approve personal miles driven for November 2023 at 0.62 per mile as follows: Matt Heupel 95 miles at \$58.90; John Florey 96 miles at \$59.52; Mike Scott 130 miles at \$80.60.
- Approve personal miles driven for December 2023 at 0.62 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthews 248 miles at \$153.76; Matt Heupel 85 miles at \$52.70; John Florey 114 miles at \$70.68; Mike Scott 150 miles at \$93.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY INTEREST STATEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to accept for filing the Oct-Dec 2023 Interest statement (\$129,187.58), submitted by County Treasurer, Patty VanMeter. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following lease agreement: Layne Lux for lease of the Club House on June 29, 2024 for a Wedding. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following abatements: Parcel #22061 for tax year 2024 - \$997.26; Parcel #16128 for tax year 2024 - \$2,102.76; Parcel #1211 for tax year 2024 - \$13.15; Parcel #1215 for tax year 2024 - \$15.72; Parcel #6150 for tax year 2024 - \$66.29; Parcel #8786 for tax year 2024 - \$2,388.36. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim,

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Claremont Town Jan. 9 Meeting

The Board of trustees for the town of Claremont met on 1-9-2024 at 7pm in city hall. President Shane called the meeting to order with trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present.

The minutes of the December meeting were presented and on a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer approved.

On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed:

General:
NWE, street lights, 335.35;
NWE, city hall, 105.78; post office, postage, 66.00, GDI, publishing, 26.33; JVT, phone, internet, 140.18; Misi Smith 4 hrs. cleaning, 59.12; IRS, 4th qt. report, 641.95; Jason Spencer, 9.5 hrs, 138.18; Charla Rye, wage, 500.00;

WSSW:
BDM, water purchased, 899.80; NWE, pump house, 31.57; NWE, left station, 41.09; NWE, left station, 17.56; Corporate Trust, TFM US Bank, debt service, 5461.36; USDA RD, loan payment, 576.00; Fcolab, pet elimination, 181.00;

With no further business before the board a motion to adjourn was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charla Rye F.O.

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Weekly SUDOKU

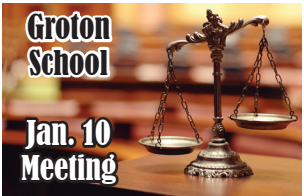
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GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 FINANCIAL REPORTS

| General Fund | Capital Outlay | Special Ed. | Bond Redemption | Food Service | OST | Driver's Ed | Custodial | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| DEC. 1 2023 RECEIPTS | \$1,827,410.85 | \$562,446.42 | \$468,465.23 | \$20.43 | \$164,579.13 | \$29,076.10 | \$18,108.33 | \$185,712.67 |
| Local Sources | \$441,616.26 | \$241,434.64 | \$114,416.27 | | \$19,188.34 | \$3,293.97 | | \$68,666.10 |
| County Sources | \$3,382.78 | | | | | | | |
| State Sources | | | | | | | | |
| State Aid | \$27,699.00 | | | | | | | |
| State Apportionment | | | | | | | | |
| State Reimbursements | | | | | | | | |
| Bank Franchise | | | | | | | | |
| Federal Sources | \$226,094.00 | | | | \$25,303.54 | | | |
| Sale of Assets | | | | | | | | |
| Due from Govt | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer In/Out | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL MONTHLY RECEIPTS | \$472,698.04 | \$467,528.64 | \$114,416.27 | \$0.00 | \$44,491.88 | \$3,293.97 | \$0.00 | \$68,666.10 |
| FUNDS AVAILABLE | \$2,300,108.89 | \$1,029,975.06 | \$582,881.50 | \$20.43 | \$209,071.01 | \$32,370.07 | \$18,108.33 | \$254,378.77 |
| MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS | (\$466,992.18) | (\$137,982.34) | (\$63,949.44) | \$0.00 | (\$21,901.95) | (\$4,854.86) | \$0.00 | (\$157,990.95) |
| JOURNAL ENTRIES | \$11.18 | | | | | | | |
| DEC. 31, 2023 | \$1,833,127.89 | \$891,992.72 | \$518,922.48 | \$20.43 | \$187,169.06 | \$27,515.21 | \$18,108.33 | \$96,387.82 |

| GENERAL FUND | SPECIAL EDUCATION | FOOD SERVICE | OST | Driver's Education | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Payroll | Payroll | Payroll | Payroll | Payroll | | | | | |
| Instruction | \$306,183.97 | Instruction | \$47,479.20 | Instruction | \$7,853.75 | Instruction | \$2,921.24 | Instruction | \$- |
| Employee Benefits | \$81,335.70 | Employee Benefits | \$14,345.29 | Employee Benefits | \$2,641.80 | Employee Benefits | \$679.92 | Employee Benefits | \$- |
| Supplies, Utilities, Etc. | \$79,472.51 | Supplies, Etc. | \$2,124.95 | Supplies, Etc. | \$11,406.40 | Supplies, Etc. | \$1,253.70 | Supplies, Etc. | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$466,992.18 | Total | \$63,949.44 | Total | \$21,901.95 | Total | 4,854.86 | Total | 0.00 |



UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
 January 10, 2024
 President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Flihs, Gengerke, Harder, Lerseth-Flihs, Pharis, Rix, and Weismantel (7:43pm). Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal Edwards, Principal B. Schwan, and Business Manager Hubsch.

Moved by Pharis, second Rix to approve the agenda with an amendment of the addition of old business of discussion regarding football cooperative with Langford School District, and new business of approving retirement of Julie Milbrandt at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, approve resignation of Brittany Hubbard as Oral Interpretation advisor for 2024-2025 school year, approve resignation of Mike Nehls as head custodian effective February 2, 2024, and executive session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported.
 Moved by Rix, second Pharis to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of December 11, 2023; district bills, school lunch report, school transportation report, and open enrollments 24-27. Motion carried.
 Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda items.
 Motion by Pharis, second by Harder, to approve the December 2023 financial report, custodial accounts, and investments. Motion carried.
GENERAL FUND: Net Payroll - 306,183.97; Benefits - 81,335.70; Spencer Aberle - official, 157.20; Allied Climate Professionals - boiler repair, 530.61; Amazon - janitor supplies/batteries, 203.00; Bahr's Jungle - pizza, 179.89; Cintas - rug service, 698.14; Cole Papers - copy paper, 4,194.40; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 69,331.49; Dependable Sanitation - garbage, 1,238.00; Justin Deutsch - official, 170.40; Eide Bailly - audit services, 6,603.10; Farm Tire Service - tires, 2,381.18; Kristopher Frericks - official, 170.40; Chris Frost - sports help, 35.00; Full

Circle Ag - oil, 953.91; Gettysburg School District - wrestling registration, 150.00; Groton Baseball - trophies, 130.00; Justin Hanson - sports help, 70.00; Hillyard - supplies, 1,228.52; House of Glass - repairs, 737.86; Mike Imrie - sports help, 85.00; JW Pepper - music, 124.97; Tanner Jondahl - official, 170.40; Jordan Kjellsen - sports help, 70.00; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 6,115.17; Productivity Plus - repairs, 1,864.02; Prorate Services - DOT testing, 300.00; RefurbConnect - Robotics computers, 1,199.96; Region 4 Music Contest - entry fees, 202.50; Robotics Education & Competition Foundation - entry fees, 412.00; SASD - registration, 90.00; Melissa Schultz - Robotics Reimbursement, 415.00; Sperry Stump Removal - snow removal, 500.00; Tim Steinwandt - official, 157.20; Taylor Music - music/reads, 238.06; Martin Weismantel - sports help, 245.00; Wells Fargo - NFHS network, 74.33; Krissi Zak - sports help, 50.00; Kim Zimmerman - official, 157.20; Kristi Zoellner - sports help, 175.00; Troy Zoellner - DOT physical, 100.00. Total General Fund - \$489,428.58.
CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - managed print agreement, 2,348.84; AgEdNet.com - subscription, 465.00; Cole Papers - vacuum, 754.87; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 16,735.88; Follett - elementary library books, 708.18; Hauff - GBB shorts, 190.82; House of Glass - elementary interior door project, 20,493.00; Wells Fargo - FACS subscription, 10.50.
Total Capital Outlay - \$41,707.09.
SPECIAL ED: Net Payroll - 47,479.20; Benefits - 14,345.29; Avera St Lukes - PT/OT, 10,357.93; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 13,897.16; Judy or Gene Williamson - mileage, 642.60. Total Special Ed - \$86,722.18.
FOOD SERVICE: Net Payroll - 7,853.75; Benefits - 2,641.80; Ace Refrigeration - repairs, 1,768.68; BIMBO Bakery - food, 366.88; Cintas - apron/towel service, 203.84; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 622.57; East Side Jersey Dairy - milk, 793.45; The Meathouse - processing, 530.00; Performance Foodservice - food, 2,654.47; US Foods - food, 3,567.34. Total Food Service - \$21,002.78.
OST: Net Payroll - 2,921.24; Benefits - 679.92; Custodial Fund - advanced payments, 181.66. Total OST - \$3,782.82.
DRIVERS ED: Net Payroll - 0.00; Benefits - 0.00. Total Driver's Ed: \$0.00.
CUSTODIAL FUND: 97,531.32.
RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 758,837.40; Local Sources, Other -129,778.18; County Sources - 3,382.78; State Sources - 27,699.00; Federal Sources - 251,397.54. Total Receipts - 1,171,094.90.
 Continued discussion regard-

ing potential school district FY2025 Opt-Out. Superintendent Schwan presented information to the board. The board discussed having a \$1,250,000 opt-out amount with a ten-year term. A resolution will be addressed at the upcoming January special board meeting.

Discussion regarding football cooperative with Langford School District. Superintendent Schwan will send board members a questionnaire to gather input for proposal guidelines of what a coop would look like. No action was taken.
 The following items were discussed in administrative reports: J. Schwan reported HVAC punch list, 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, filing of an insurance claim for a stolen school van, and an overview of 2024 legislative session.
 S. Edwards reported enrollment of 299 students, MAPS testing, upcoming trainings

SASD Leadership and NEAP, starting the 24-25 school year schedule, and continuation on reviewing the MS/HS Handbook.

B. Schwan reported elementary enrollment at 306 students, South Dakota Comprehensive Needs Assessment Framework and Process, MAPS testing, elementary PAC program presenting Images of the World assembly set for May 9th, and elementary track and field day with the tentative date of May 10th.

Hubsch reviewed the 2022 audit, a summary of the indirect cost worksheet, the Red Rover platform is active with employees and substitutes, and an overview of school board petition timelines. Board members with expiring terms are Weismantel and Pharis.

Moved by Rix, second by Weismantel, to approve the resignation of Anna Fuhrman, Ag Instructor, on fulfillment of the 2023-2024 contract terms. Motion carried.
 Moved by Flihs, second by Pharis, to approve the retirement of Julie Milbrandt at the end of

the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Flihs, second by Harder, to approve the resignation of Brittany Hubbard, Oral Interpretation Advisor, for 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Harder, to approve the resignation of Mike Nehls, Head Custodian, effective February 2, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Harder, second by Rix, to set date for annual school board election on April 9, 2024 (7:00am-7:00pm), and authorize Business Manager to designate officials with voting precincts in Andover, Bristol, Columbia, and Groton. Motion carried.

Motion by Weismantel, second by Flihs, to approve Change Order #1 for the HVAC Upgrade Project. Motion carried.

Review of the FY2022 District audit.
 Motion by Harder, second by Flihs, to adopt Supplemental Budget #FY24-1. Motion carried.
 Motion by Lerseth-Flihs, second by Weismantel, to set

a special board meeting for Tuesday, January 30th, at 7 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Weismantel, second by Pharis, to adopt the 2024-2025 School Calendar. Motion carried.

President Gengerke declared a short recess at 9:13 pm.

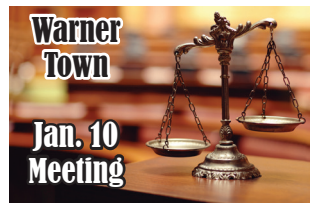
President Gengerke declared recess over at 9:18pm and declared the board to go into executive session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel issue. Moved by Weismantel, second by Flihs, Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 9:39 pm

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to adjourn at 9:40 pm. 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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TOWN OF WARNER MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2024
MEMBERS PRESENT: Gaylon Townsend, Terry Evans, Dave Fair, Stewart Nelson and Nichol Townsend. Paul Vetch, Justin McCord, Barb Breidenbach, Linda Johannsen.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Fair to approve the minutes from December 13th, 2023 meeting with the correction of a bill approved for Vosika Fencing for \$5455. Motion carried.
FINANCIAL REPORTS: MSC: Townsend/Fair. Checking: Town \$266,242.45; Water \$97,432.59; Sewer \$169,668.03. CDs: Town \$32,287; Water \$49,241.77; Sewer \$27,838.93.
BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: MSC: Fair/Evans.
AGTEGRA (fuel) \$258.15, Norton (anti-virus fee) \$69.02, Office Max (supplies) \$30.44, US Bank (loan payment) \$9631.84, USDA (loan payments) \$2083, USPS (water test postage) \$9.55, Walmart (supplies) \$27.28, Warner Post Office (postage) \$66, WEB Water \$4982.49, B&B Contracting (repairs) \$2084.05, Badger Meter (meter reads & annual service fee) \$911.10, Dakota Supply Group (supplies) \$197.81, Dependable Sanitation \$2640, Gannet SD LocalIQ (advertising) \$46.08, Lynn Aman (CC cleaning) \$75, MACS (supplies) \$32.65, MBC (rent) \$2700, Menards (supplies) \$26.04, Midcontinent (shop & office service) \$277.87, Northwestern Energy \$2011.24, SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems (annual fee) \$410, SD Dept of Rev/Lab \$15, SD Dept of Rev/Sales Tax \$141, SD Federal Property Agency (supplies) \$240, SD One Call \$17.85, Town Water/Sewer \$189.35, TranSource (supplies) \$773.95, Stewart Nelson \$3442.44, Terry Evans \$53.56, Dave Fair \$192.08, Gaylon Townsend \$565.98, SD Retirement Fund \$524.04, Payroll Taxes \$1149.10

Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance Final Reading was approved. MSC: Fair/Townsend. Ordinance #12-23 2023 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance. Be it ordained by the Town of Warner that the following sums be appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality. 101-GENERAL FUND: 101-00000-General \$482.31, 101-41110-General \$0.54, 101-41440-Retirement \$46.16, 101-41900-Shop \$7762.50, 101-43110-Projects \$1483, 101-43150-Storm Drains \$7538.28, 101-43160-Street Lights \$554.82, 101-45600-Community Center \$79,410.17, Total Appropriations - \$97,277.78. Source of Funding: Transfer from other departments: 101-41110-General \$33, 101-41150-General \$1700, 101-41410-General \$800, 101-41420-General \$1287.19, 101-41920 Office \$515.01, 101-41950-Planning and Zoning \$133.96, 101-42200-Fire \$342.34, 101-43100-Streets \$1042.61, 101-43230-Garbage \$1591.19, 101-45200-Parks \$2757.82, Undesignated Fund Balance \$87,074.66, Total Source of funding - \$97,277.78

604-S E W E R F U N D : 604-43250-Sewer \$35,088.24, Total Appropriations-\$35,088.24. Source of Funding: Accumulated Surcharge Balance \$35,088.24 First Reading 12-14-2023, Second Reading 1-10-2024. Published 1-10-2024. Signed: David Fair, Chairman. Attest: Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer.

2024Wages: Maintenance: Stewart Nelson \$52,402.08 annual salary. Finance Officer: Nichol Townsend \$22 hourly wage. Planning & Zoning: Linda Johannsen, Chairman \$47 per meeting plus \$52 per month for writing Building Permits. Barb Breidenbach \$42 per meeting, Paul Vetch \$42 per meeting, Justin McCord \$42 per meeting. Board of Trustees: Chairman Dave Fair \$68 per meeting, Terry Evans \$58 per meeting, Gaylon Townsend \$58 per meeting. Certified Employees (Water, Sewer, CDL) \$17.50 per hour. Mowers and all other temporary workers \$15.50 per hour.
 Discussion was held regarding the new BankNorth build. Scott Bader was present to discuss county requirements, concerns, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:
 Appoint 2024 Chairman for Board of Trustees: Dave Fair was

appointed as Chairman. MSC: Evans/Townsend.
 Appoint 2024 Finance Officer: Nichol Townsend was appointed. MSC: Fair/Evans.
 Appoint Official Bank Depository: MSC: Townsend/Fair to appoint BankNorth of Warner.
 2024 Newspaper Designation: MSC Fair/Evans to designate The Groton Independent.
Trustee Vacancy: The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer: Trustee, Dave Fair. This is for a three year term. The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer: Trustee, Terry Evans. This is for a one year term. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26th, 2024. Petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer located in the Warner Community Center, 11 West Main Street, Warner SD 57479

Delinquencies: 6 were noted and notices will be posted on doors. Two have already been shut off.
Snow removal issues were discussed. Due to the wet, heavy snow received, drainage and snow placement were issues. May have to haul out of cul-de-sacs if possible.
New swing set was discussed and Dave Fair presented a quote. No action taken.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, February 14th, 2024 at 7PM in the Warner Community Center.
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Town of Westport General Meeting
 January 1st, 2024
 The Town of Westport met on January 1st, 2024 with Larry Schmit, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.
 The following expenses were presented:
City General
 NWPS- utility (\$554.27), Groton Independent - newspaper (\$23.02), SD Unemployment Insurance (\$18.42), US treasury - 941 (\$629.33) & US treasury -940 (\$70.52), Darwin Hinz- dirt work (\$500.00) & David Lawn & Snow - cemetery mowing (\$400.00).
Sewer
 NWPS - Utilities (\$53.68), NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13)
Water
 Public Health Lab -water sample (\$15.00) & WEB- water (\$2,124.84).
 Larry Schmit made motion to pay all bills; second by Mitch Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:
City General
 Brown County Collections (\$542.26), State of SD (\$3,391.71), Interest (\$214.69).
Sewer
 Resident Payments- (\$590.0).
 Loan Surcharge (\$1,820.00)
Water
 Resident Payments - (\$3,613.26).
NEW BUSINESS:

Yearly insurance was reviewed and approved for 2024. The city has received a water violation for failure to submit lead/copper samples. Concerns were expressed by board, about the contract, with Water District Maintenance. Reviewed the town hall rental prices which will go into effect March 1st, 2024 will be \$25.00 a day.
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Sisseton, Hamlin top girls NEC

Sisseton and Hamlin remain undefeated in the girls race for the Northeast Conference title. In the Region 1A seeding, Sisseton and Roncalli are the big favorites with Sisseton in the number one spot.

Girls NEC Standings

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| Sisseton | 3-0 | 8-0 |
| Hamlin | 4-0 | 6-3 |
| Milbank | 4-1 | 6-3 |
| Deuel | 3-1 | 5-5 |
| Roncalli | 3-1 | 8-1 |
| Redfield | 2-3 | 4-5 |
| Webster Area | 2-4 | 4-6 |
| Clark/Willow Lake | 1-3 | 3-7 |
| Groton Area | 1-3 | 5-4 |
| Britton-Hecla * | 1-4 | 2-7 |
| Tiospa Zina | 0-5 | 0-10 |

* Class B Team

Jan. 16: Roncalli at Tiospa Zina (postponed)

Jan. 18

Clark/Willow Lake at Roncalli, Milbank at Groton Area, Hamlin at Redfield, Webster Area at Sisseton, Deuel at Tiospa Zina

Jan. 23: Roncalli at Hamlin

| Girls Region 1A | | Season | | | Seed Pts |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------|----|-------|----------|
| # | Name | W | L | PCT | PTS |
| 1 | Sisseton | 8 | 0 | 1.000 | 46.250 |
| 2 | Aberdeen Roncalli | 8 | 1 | .889 | 45.444 |
| 3 | Milbank | 6 | 3 | .667 | 41.333 |
| 4 | Groton Area | 5 | 4 | .556 | 41.111 |
| 5 | Waubay/Summit | 5 | 3 | .625 | 41.000 |
| 6 | Redfield | 4 | 5 | .444 | 40.222 |
| 7 | Webster Area | 4 | 6 | .400 | 38.300 |
| 8 | Tiospa Zina | 0 | 10 | .000 | 33.900 |

NEC Boys' Basketball

Deuel loses first NEC game

Deuel lost its first conference game last week to the hands of Clark/Willow Lake, 53-45. That leaves Hamlin as the only undefeated team in the Northeast Conference. In other games during the past week it featured top tier teams beating lower tier teams by wide margins. Groton Area defeated Tiospa Zina, 71-44, Roncalli beat Sisseton, 64-35, Milbank beat Redfield, 75-30, and Hamlin beat Webster Area, 84-44,

Meanwhile in the Region 1A seeding, Tiospa Zina holds a slim edge over Groton Area for the number one spot.

Boys NEC Standings

| | NEC | Overall |
|-------------------|-----|---------|
| Hamlin | 4-0 | 6-2 |
| Groton Area | 4-1 | 6-2 |
| Deuel | 3-1 | 6-4 |
| Roncalli | 3-1 | 5-4 |
| Clark/Willow Lake | 3-1 | 5-4 |
| Milbank | 2-2 | 5-2 |
| Tiospa Zina | 2-2 | 6-3 |
| Sisseton | 1-2 | 2-6 |
| Britton-Hecla * | 1-4 | 1-8 |
| Webster Area | 1-5 | 3-7 |
| Redfield | 0-5 | 1-6 |

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Jan. 18: Deuel at Tiospa Zina
Jan. 18: Hamlin at Redfield

Jan. 19: Sisseton at Webster Area

Jan. 23: Roncalli at Hamlin

Boys Region 1A Standings

| # | Name | W | L | PCT | PTS |
|---|-------------------|---|---|------|--------|
| 1 | Tiospa Zina | 6 | 3 | .667 | 44.333 |
| 2 | Groton Area | 6 | 2 | .750 | 44.250 |
| 3 | Waubay/Summit | 6 | 3 | .667 | 42.333 |
| 4 | Milbank | 5 | 2 | .714 | 41.714 |
| 5 | Aberdeen Roncalli | 5 | 4 | .556 | 41.111 |
| 6 | Webster Area | 3 | 7 | .300 | 39.000 |
| 7 | Sisseton | 2 | 6 | .250 | 36.875 |
| 8 | Redfield | 1 | 6 | .143 | 35.000 |

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THE PANTRY

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Common Cents Community Thrift Store has seen many changes this year. We have been blessed by the community with donations from clothes for the entire family, to furniture. We have become a popular stop for many Groton folks, and are seeing more visitors from Britton, Aberdeen and Webster areas. We contribute back to the community and provide funding for The Pantry. We have given out "Kindness Kash" certificates for Easter, Halloween and at the start of school for use to purchase items at the CCCTS and also pay sales tax on sales.

The Pantry has blossomed this year! There is a wonderful food supply, due to donations of food and money from community individuals and organizations. Our affiliation with Feeding South Dakota has provided us an opportunity to purchase food at greatly reduced prices.

There have been 50-70 family visits per month. Senior Nutrition boxes have been started for 18 individuals. Holiday meals are also given out to 50 Groton families.

A project this year was the Back to School supply shopping for local families. We were able to purchase school supplies and back-packs for three dozen school children!

Enrich SoDak, Inc., has a dedicated Board of Directors and volunteers who make this all possible.

We, at Enrich Groton, are very appreciative, and offer our greatest thank you!

President - Lance Larsen
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Treasurer - Nancy Larsen
Kari Bartling
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Manager CCCTS - Diane Warrington
Manager The Pantry - Pat Miller

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- 5 Sprint
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- 12 Part of a French play
- 13 Draft status
- 14 Jackson 5 hit song
- 15 Bribe of a sort
- 17 Kanga's kid
- 18 Hindu hero
- 19 Mature, as fruit
- 21 Laugh track sounds
- 24 Painter Joan
- 25 "East of Eden" son
- 26 College life
- 30 Kitten's cry
- 31 Nearby
- 32 USN bigwig
- 33 Wagered
- 35 Shade provider
- 36 Candied veggies
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- 40 Wild hog
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- 49 Biblical grain measure

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- 24 Sail support
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- 26 Priests' garments
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Groton Chamber of Commerce

January 3, 2024

- Individuals present: Christine Hilton, Katelyn Nehlich, Doug Heinrich, Ashley Bentz, April Abeln, Carol Kutter
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Kutter and seconded by Heinrich. All members voted aye.
- Treasurer's report was given. Dacotah Bank checking account balance is \$33,027.35. \$3369.40 is currently in the Bucks account. 45 businesses have paid dues so far.
- Correspondence was received from Table Talks. Motion by Kutter and seconded by Abeln to donate \$200 to the faith led ministry for GHS students. All members voted aye.
- All but 1 of the shirt orders have been picked up from City Hall. The total revenue after expenses amount will need to be calculated before our bench restoration project commences.
- The winner of Chamber Bucks as part of Fruit Fusion's 12 days giveaway was Kate Profeta.
- Santa Day was a success! The city paid Santa and PMS will pay Groton Photography \$100 for their services.
- Rosewood Court was very happy for our donation of the Groton Independent and even posted a thank you on their Facebook page.
- An email motion was made by Locke and seconded by Hilton to place a 1/16pd ad within the Snow Queen Section of the Aberdeen Insider of \$100. All members voted aye.
- Topper Tastad will be asked to record the Dakota Broadcasting radio ad for January to promote the Carnival of Silver Skates and the Robotics Pancake Feed.
- Motion by Nehlich and seconded by Abeln to boost our drawing on Facebook for \$50 starting January 5th and ending January 31st. All members voted aye. A Facebook live will be held at our February 7th meeting. Boosted post will include membership benefits.
- Motion by Heinrich and seconded by Kutter to donate tumblers to the 2024 District 6 Meeting to be held at the Groton Legion on April 10th. All members voted aye. Both black and leatherette tumblers will be gifted. Discussion will continue at next meeting if members want to attend with possible meal paid for by the Chamber.
- New business welcomes still need to be planned with Kenzie's Daycare & Preschool and Sun & Sea Travel Co.
- Motion by Abeln and seconded by Heinrich to donate \$100 to both the Carnival of Silver Skates and Groton Robotics for their pancake feed. All members voted aye.
- Discussion was held on a possible electronic sign placed at City Hall, but costs were too high.
- Next Meeting: February 7th, 2024, at City Hall at 12:00pm
- Upcoming events
- 01/28/2024 Groton Robotics Pancake Feed at the Community Center 10am-1pm
- 01/28/2024 86th Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm

Hoop teams have clean sweep over Tiospa Zina

Groton Area's. Basketball teams had clean sweep over Tiospa Zina in games played Thursday night in Groton.

The girls varsity team won its game, 62-18, leading at the quarter stops at 16-4, 35-13 and 51-16.

Jaedyn Penning led the Tigers with 12 points, nine rebounds, three assists and three steals. Sydney Leicht seen some playing time for the first time in three weeks and made eight points, had one rebound, one assist and two steals. Brooklyn Hansen had eight points, one rebound and two steals. Laila Roberts had seven points, three rebounds, two assists and one steal. Kennedy Hansen had six points, three assists and three steals. Rylee Dunker had five points, four rebounds, two assists and four steals. Jerica Locke had four points, five rebounds, three assists and four steals. Taryn Traphagen had four points, one rebound, two assists and two steals. Emily Clark had two points and one assist. Talli Wright had two points, two rebounds and one steal. Faith Traphagen had two points, six rebounds and one assist. Mia Crank had one rebound. Tiospa Zina's Jesia High Pipe went the wrong way and scored two points for Groton Area.

3-Pointers: Leicht 2, Roberts 1.

Groton Area made 25 of 55 two-pointers for 45 percent, three of eight three-pointers for 38 percent, three of six free throws for 50 percent, had 33 rebounds, eight turnovers, 18 assists, 22 steals and 10 team fouls.

Maya Deutsch led Tiospa Zina with nine points followed by Hannah Ziegler with seven and Jaia Bursheim had two free throws.

Tiospa Zina made five of 26 field goals for 19 percent, six of 13 free throws for 46 percent, had 25 turnovers and nine team fouls.

The junior varsity team won its game, 57-3. Chesney Weber led Groton Area with 12 points followed by Taryn Traphagen and Talli Wright with nine points apiece, McKenna Tietz had eight, Mia Crank six, Faith Traphagen and Kella Tracy each had four, Emerlee Jones three and Laila Roberts two.

Kayleigh Abbey made three free throws for the Wambdi.

The boys varsity team led at the quarter stops at 14-8, 31-21 and 49-35 en route to a 71-44 win. Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 31 points, one rebound, three assists and five steals. Jacob Zak had 14 points, five rebounds, one assist, four steals and three blocks. Kassen Keough had nine points, three rebounds and one assist. Ryder Johnson had seven points, four rebounds and one block. Keegen Tracy had two points, one assist and one steal. Colby Dunker had two points, three rebounds and one assist. Jayden Schwan had two points, Logan Warrington had two points and one rebound, Blake Pauli and Holden Sippel each had one point and two rebounds. Logan Ringgenberg had two rebounds, Turner Thompson and Karson Zak each had one rebound and Easton Weber one rebound and one assist.

Groton Area made 23 of 37 two-pointers for 62 percent, two (Tietz 1, Keough 1) of 13 three-pointers for 15 percent, 19 of 24 free throws for 79 percent, had 26 rebounds, 12 turnovers, eight assists, 10 steals, 19 team fouls and four blocked shots.

Calvin Fish led the Wambdi with 15 points while Nate Thompson had nine, Storm Sierra seven, Ashen Sierra six and Johnny Rivers five.



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ATTENTION FREDERICK SCHOOL TAXPAYERS:

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF \$450,000
RESOLUTION FOR OPT OUT AND VOTE TO BE HELD

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF Frederick Area School District 6-2 do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$ 450,000 starting with calendar year 2024 taxes payable in the calendar year 2025. This opt out will be for five years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2029. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board.

Also, be it resolved that the GOVERNING BOARD OF Frederick Area School District 6-2 will conduct an election to approve or disapprove the tax levy opt out pursuant to SDCL 10-13-36. The election will be held on April 9, 2024.

Signed
Rich Schlosser, Board Chairman
Rich Achen, Board Member
Jon Ellwein, Board Member
Alex Hart, Board Member
Eric Sumption, Board Member
Date - January 8, 2024

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Tiospa Zina made 16 of 33 field goals for 48 percent, eight of 13 free throws for 62 percent, had 20 turnovers and 20 team fouls.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 53-17, leading at the quarter stops at 20-6, 36-8 and 48-10. Gage Sippel led Groton Area with 17 points while Logan Warrington and Karson Zak with 13 each, Blake Pauli and Turner Thompson each had four, Ethan Kroll had two and Jayden Schwan and Easton Weber each had one point.

Isaac Rodlund led Tiospa Zina with nine points.

All of the events from last night were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. boys junior varsity game was sponsored by Justin and Chelsea Hanson. The girls junior varsity game was sponsored by Adam and Nicole Wright. 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, The MeatHouse of Andover, Rix Farms/R&M Farms and Spanier Harvesting and Trucking. Paul Kosel and Shane Clark did the play-by-play and Jeslyn Kosel ran the camera.



Emily Clark passes the ball off to a teammate. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 31 points as the game plan was attacking from within the paint. (Photos by Jenn Gustafson)

The Life of Larry Schelle

Mass of Christian Burial for Larry Schelle, 87, of Groton will be 2 p.m., Friday, January 19, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Father Gregory Tschakert will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday beginning at noon.

Larry passed away January 14, 2024 at Avantara Groton.

Lawrence "Larry" Lee Schelle was born on May 20, 1936 to Anna (Meinen) and Henry Schelle. He grew up on a farm in Reliance S.D. where he learned his strong work ethic and life-time love of raising and riding horses. Larry was proud to have been a "Reliance Longhorn" (an athlete in basketball, baseball, and track) graduating from high school in 1954.

Larry married Janice Kickland on October 5, 1955. They've been an incredible example of what it means to build and maintain a strong and loving relationship, having recently celebrated their 68th anniversary. Later in life they enjoyed traveling, especially winter trips to Arizona.

Larry's career began working for his brother-in-law in construction followed by working at several lumber companies. He and his family found their home in Groton after initially teaming up with fellow horseman, Jay Swisher, to open S&S Lumber and Hardware. 2023 marked 50 years for the Schelle family business, now owned and operated by Rick and Ryan Schelle, Larry and Jan's oldest and youngest sons. Larry was the heartbeat of S&S well into his 80s. He was admired and appreciated by so many for his dedication to and knowledge of his business, his ever ready smile and witty conversation, his "do anything for you" customer service, and his honesty and integrity.

Ever blessed and grateful to have had Larry in their lives are his wife, Janice, his seven children, Cherry, Lisa, Loren "Rick" (Dianne), Ron (Heather), Gail, Russell (Rosellen), and Ryan (Jennifer) Schelle, his seven grandchildren, his sister, Helen, his sisters-in-law, Carole and Diane, and his brother-in-law, Ryan "Rocky" (Denisha), and his many nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Henry "Junior" and Loren, and sisters Louisa May and Rita.

Larry was known by his family, friends, and community as being very dedicated to and proud of his family, strong in his faith, a pillar of the community, and an incredible role model. He was a jokester, kind, easy-going, welcoming to newcomers and genuinely interested in people, always having time for everyone (no matter how busy he was.) Larry was a steady and fun friend, supportive of young people (loved rooting for his kids, grandkids, and others in their activities), a rhubarb dessert lover, and "one of the great ones".

Among his many interests and activities, Larry bred and showed Quarter Horses, was a founding member of the Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo, and a board member for the South Dakota Quarter Horse Association and Youth Advisory Board. He was also an active community member serving on numerous boards including the NW Lumberman's Association, South Dakota Retail Lumberman's Association, and Groton Economic Development and participating in Kiwanis and Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Larry's life and to bid him happy trails...until we meet again.

Memorials may be directed to SEAS Catholic Church, The Food Pantry in Groton, or SPURS in Aberdeen.



Groton Area made six of six free throws in a trio of fouls in one play against one Tiospa Zina player who had two technical fouls and ended the game with six fouls. Lane Tietz made four of four free throws and Kassen Keough (pictured above) made the final two of two free throws. (Photo by Jenn Gustafson)



Jerica Locke battles for the loose ball. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Notice of Vacancy
Municipality of Claremont
The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office:
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Dear EarthTalk: Is compostable plastic too good to be true?
-- Peter C., Pittsburgh, PA

In recent years there has been a global movement to pressure corporations into becoming more eco-friendly. One of the most frequent measures taken by these companies is limiting the use of single-use plastics and replacing them with so-called compostable plastics. Compostable plastics are frequently confused with biodegradable plastics. Biodegradable plastics are defined by their ability to degrade completely into biomass within a given time frame; compostable plastics are redesigned to be processed in industrial composting facilities. Many of the alleged "100% compostable," plastic-like materials are made from polylactic acid (PLA), a polymer derived from the fermentation of various types of starch.

Of the 6.3 billion tons of plastic that have been discarded since the wonder material started being mass-produced in the 1950s, only around 600 million tons has been recycled. Almost five billion tons have been either sent to landfills or left in the natural environment. Plastic production also contributes immensely to greenhouse gas emissions. Aside from the disastrous effects plastic has on the environment, it can also be extremely dangerous to human health. Microplastics from air or water can cause significant damage to cells in the body, causing cancers, lung disease and birth defects. Residents of "Cancer Alley" in Louisiana face the highest rates of cancer in the U.S., largely as a result of the plastic production plants along the lower Mississippi River.

Compostable plastic—which would theoretically leave no trace on the environment—sounds like a great solution. However, it isn't as simple as it sounds. While plastic-like materials like PLA will decompose in the right conditions, it's rare that PLA is disposed of correctly. Putting a cup made of PLA in your home compost won't break it down as it requires a specific set of microorganisms used in industrial composting that need temperatures well above what most home composts can reach. A UK-based science experiment from 2022, "The Big Compost Experiment," had citizens carry out home compost experiments to test

the performance of compostable plastics. The public was generally very confused about what was compostable and what wasn't, and many of the objects labeled as "home compostable" did not fully disintegrate into their compost bins.

What needs to change to make compostable plastics a more viable option for the future? First off, there are very few facilities in the U.S. that are set up to handle the disposal of PLA products. Research by BioCycle magazine found that only 49 out of 4,700 composters nationwide accepted compostable plastic products. The good intentions of using compostable plastic don't make a difference if the waste system isn't set up to process it. Because so few facilities accept PLA, much of it ends up in landfills. It is also difficult to distinguish between regular and compostable plastic. When regular plastic gets into composts it can cause soil and waterway pollution. So, yes—compostable plastic is too good to be true. However, improvements in waste system infrastructure could enable them to play a more effective role in the future.

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These 'bioplastic' cups can only be composted in an industrial composting facility; in most cases they just end up in the landfill because they can't be recycled. Credit: Unsplash.

Sleep Interrupted: Sleep Apnea The Threat in Your Bedroom



Debra Johnston, MD



My family has a fondness for crime dramas and thrillers. It isn't uncommon to watch a scene in which a peacefully sleeping individual wakes when a shadowy figure approaches their bedside with a pillow. Predictably, the assailant calmly presses that pillow over the face of their victim and waits until the struggling stops.

For millions of us, the threat in our bedrooms isn't some malevolent other, but rather our own bodies and brains. We may get our next breath, but for those with sleep apnea, it can be a struggle.

Sleep apnea has two basic types. In the most common, obstructive sleep apnea, the relaxation of sleep causes some part of the airway to essentially collapse, blocking off airflow. Those afflicted may come to medical attention because their partners complain about their snoring and have to nudge them to prompt that next breath. Their brains have to wake up enough to restore that muscle tone, opening the airway, and allowing them to breathe. This happens repeatedly throughout the night, multiple times an hour. In central sleep apnea, there are problems with the brain sending the instruction to breathe. Some people experience episodes related to both types of apnea, especially as they adjust to treatment for their obstructive sleep apnea, and some people have other types of sleep-disordered breathing.

Sleep apnea is a serious condition. It is linked to many other health problems, among them high blood pressure, diabetes, coronary artery disease, heart rhythm abnormalities, heart failure, strokes, depression, and dementia. Even when statistically subtracting out the risk factors that may be common to both sleep apnea and these other conditions, the relationship remains. Of course, there is the obvious risk of accidents caused by dosing off behind the wheel, or in other perilous situations. Then there is the less quantifiable cost, of couples who want to share a bedroom but don't, because the snoring of one partner, or anxiety about that next breath, means neither really sleep.

The first step to diagnosing sleep apnea is to visit with your primary care provider. They can determine if you qualify for a home sleep study, or if you might be better off having a test done in a sleep lab, where more monitoring is possible and more complex problems can be detected. Once the diagnosis is confirmed, treatment options can be explored. Most people receive some form of breathing support overnight. This is usually considered the gold standard and is suitable for all forms of sleep apnea. Many of my patients are surprised at just how easily they adjust to using it, and tell me that their partners often will wake them up to put it on if they doze off without it. Many of those who initially struggle with their CPAP can overcome the problems with a dose of determination and the help of a talented sleep therapist. For some people, dental appliances and various surgical procedures are possibilities.

I like to remind my patients that sleep deprivation is considered by the UN to be a form of torture. Don't let it be part of your bedtime routine.

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