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The Carnival of Silver Skates scenery was put up by the Groton City Public Works Department.

## Groton to hold 86th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates

Groton, SD -- Groton will host the 86th annual Carnival of Silver Skates, featuring over 90 figure skaters, on Sunday, January 28. Two performances of this unique outdoor ice skating show will be held at the Groton ice rink at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

The warm temps in early January made it difficult for skaters to get on the ice early in the skating season, but that did not stop these young skaters! Groups gathered in parking lots, gyms, and the community center to choreograph and practice their routines.

The theme for this year's 86th celebration is "Rhythm on the Rink." As the audience watches the Groton skaters from pre-school through high school age, they will enjoy a wide variety of music. There will also be several specialty acts from local skaters, and there will be two acts performed by members of the Watertown Figure Skate Club.

The show promises to be entertaining and inspiring, with beautiful costumes and memorable music. Spectators will enjoy a wide variety of music from multiple eras and genres. New spectators to the show each year marvel at the beautiful, professional-looking costumes.

Following tradition, the 2024 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen will be crowned during the 2:00 PM performance. The 2023 Queen Anna Fjeldheim will crown the new queen. This year's queen candidates are seniors Cadence Feist, Carly Guthmiller, Hannah Monson, Emma Schinkel, and Ashlyn Sperry. There is one junior candidate, Emily Overacker.

Admission for the show is just \$3 for those 13 and older, \$2 for ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. Plan now to attend the Carnival of Silver Skates in Groton on January 29 at 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. The rink is located on the west side of town, near the baseball complex. Watch from the comfort of your own vehicle, listening to music and narration from your radio. There will be plenty of parking, with only cars allowed on the ice and larger vehicles allowed on upper tiers. Attendees are asked to limit vehicles to one per family, please. Parking on the ice will begin at noon on Sunday for the first show and again at 4:30 p.m. for the evening show. You may prefer to dress for the weather of the day and enjoy the show from the bleachers, which will be provided.

Come be a part of this long-standing community tradition in Groton as you experience the Carnival of Silver Skates!



The Sugar Babes (above) and Sweet Sensations (below) performed at halftime of the Groton Area-Great Plains Lutheran girls' basketball game on Saturday. (Photos by Paul Kosel)





# Weekly Vikings Recap - Divisional Round

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

## Baltimore Ravens 34 - Houston Texans 10

After receiving a bye in the Wild Card Round, the Baltimore Ravens finally began their playoff journey in a Divisional Round Matchup against the Houston Texans. The week-off seemed to have caused some rustiness for the Ravens as they had a subpar performance in the first half in which they had four three-and-out drives and went into halftime tied 10 -10. However, that rust quickly wore off in the second half as the Ravens blew the game wide open, scoring a touchdown on their first three drives of the second half. Thanks to a Ravens' rushing attack that ran for 229 yards, the Texans' magical upstart season finally came to an end on Saturday. For the first time in their history, the Ravens will host the AFC Championship game at home next week against the Kansas City Chiefs.

## San Francisco 49ers 24 - Green Bay Packers 21

Leading up to the Divisional Round Matchup between the San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers, there was a lot of discussion about the similarities of Jordan Love to Aaron Rodgers, given Love's dominant performance against the Cowboys. Those similarities can continue to be discussed as Love followed in the footsteps of Rodgers by falling to the 49ers on Saturday. And to make even more comparisons to former Packer quarterbacks, Jordan Love's game-clinching interception looked exactly like the interception Brett Favre threw against New Orleans in the 2009 NFC Championship.

However, the one comparison we cannot make is that Brock Purdy is on the level of Joe Montana and Steve Young. The talent of this 49ers' team is so vast that it covers up many of Purdy's flaws, one of which is his tendency to make a lot of turnover-worthy throws. Although Purdy finished the game with zero interceptions, it felt like the Packers' defense left a couple of interceptions on the table. Thankfully for the 49ers, they will face a Detroit Lions' defense in the NFC Championship next week that does not have a great pass defense.

## Detroit Lions 31 - Tampa Bay Buccaneers 23

For only the second time in the Super Bowl era, the Detroit Lions are heading to the NFC Championship game after their victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Coming into the game, the Buccaneers defense had not allowed a rushing touchdown in their last five games. However, that streak was snapped on Sunday thanks to two rushing touchdowns by

the Lions, one by Jahmyr Gibbs and the other by Craig Reynolds. Gibbs, who was the Lions' first pick in this past year's draft, is starting to feel like the Lions' best offensive weapon. The question now will become whether the Lions will decide to try to ride Gibbs to the Super Bowl next week. Gibbs has only amassed over 20 carries in one game this season, but the Lions might decide to get Gibbs as many touches in the run game as they can, given there might be no tomorrow. The biggest question for the Lions next week though will be their health as multiple starters, including two of their starting offensive linemen, seem to have nagging injuries that could affect their performance.

## Kansas City Chiefs 27 - Buffalo Bills 24

For the sixth straight season, Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs are heading to the AFC Championship. Unlike their past five trips, this one will be on the road as they will have to head to Baltimore to face the Ravens. This was yet another tough loss for the Bills as they won the time-of-possession battle, the total yards battle, and the turnover battle, yet fell short to the Chiefs thanks to a missed field goal by Tyler Bass. Contrary to their prior playoff matchups, this was more of a game played via the rushing attack. Both teams combined for a total of 328 rushing yards on 63 attempts and neither Patrick Mahomes nor Josh Allen had a great game through the air. Next week, the Chiefs may struggle to utilize their rushing attack against a Ravens' defense that held the Texans to only 38 rushing yards.

## And yet, I'm optimistic

I remain optimistic. I also have a buttload of gummies if anyone needs any.

For the record, a buttload is unit of measurement equalling 48 bushels, half of which would be a hoghead. I think it's part of the metric system. This has been the educational portion of our column.

Sure, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are galloping full-tilt toward us, one of the riders is the Fat Lady, and she's singing "It's the End of the World As We Know It," yet, I feel fine.

Did I mention I have gummies?

I'm an unabashed optimist and patriot. I find the Constitution is visionary although cracks in the system have been exposed in the way a mouse finds its way inside in November. I fly a flag in my yard and I stand for the national anthem but mostly because if I kneel I might not be able to get up. I'm not convinced my right hip was American made.

Funny, isn't it, psychologically I feel the need to validate myself because even though I consider myself a moderate, in North Dakota, that makes me Che Guevara. Plus, I'm a journalist. That's three strikes. According to the Derek Zoolander Center for Kids That Can't Do Math Good.

Some Republicans have convinced themselves that they're the only true patriots while Democrats are a bunch of gummie-eating welfare-queen woke gun-haters intent on destroying America. I'd call loving your country enough to want to make it better the highest order of patriotism. Everyone's got ideas. Compromising is called democracy.

I'm a fiscal conservative, a social liberal—but fiscally conservative in that I believe in investment in infrastructure and education because it pays off economically and with a more civil society. Of course, educated Americans are not in the best interest of some.

Democrats remain pitiful with their narrative. Biden hasn't completely gotten the car out of the economic ditch but unemployment is low, inflation is slowing, retail spending is up, and the first major infrastructure bill since Eisenhower was passed with bipartisan support. You

don't hear about Democratic success stories much. Yet, most benefits to working families—Social Security, Medicare, the ACA, social safety nets—have come from Democrats. Try taking them away.

Tearing down 250 years of political evolution and norms ("The Deep State"), filling positions with unblinking sycophants, eliminating judicial and congressional checks and balances while echoing violent Hitlerisms... I dunno, based on civics classes, history, and current events, it doesn't feel like it would pencil out well. I wonder if this election will be America's much needed wakeup call or if we'll keep hitting the snooze button.

The law. That's where it all lies for me. Let the judicial system work. There are abundant checks and balances. If a Democrat is corrupt, let there be consequences. Bob Menendez oozes slime, and his case should move forward quickly and publicly. Credit to Republicans for moving decisively to excommunicate Congressman and former Super Bowl MVP George Santos.

Republicans have typically supported law enforcement and the American military, two institutions undermined and attacked by Trump because lawbreakers don't appreciate law enforcement.

Republicans miscalculated, and created a monster, thinking they could control him. They could if they united behind the rule of law. A long list of former members of the Trump Administration have warned about him, exposed corruption and ineptitude, but only after leaving their positions. They're right, but with less to lose, less credible. Then, there's Trump's obvious cognitive decline, his criminal psychosis, and his violent intentions to defy the Constitution and become a dictator. It's not speculation. He's saying it. I can't believe a majority of American voters will support that.

Yet, I remain optimistic. Probably because I have gummies.

Every fever breaks. Or it kills you.

Ronald Reagan warned that the loss of democracy was always a generation away. Well, here we are. We're approaching a pivotal moment. It could end us. But it could also rouse us from our complacency, reinvigorate civic involvement, and ultimately strengthen our democracy. A close call often inspires us to take stock. The state of the nation ultimately comes down to us. It will be a harrowing ride. But I have faith in the majority of American voters.

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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: ♦**

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Football Facts & Fun



Read these clues about the history of football. Fill in the puzzle!

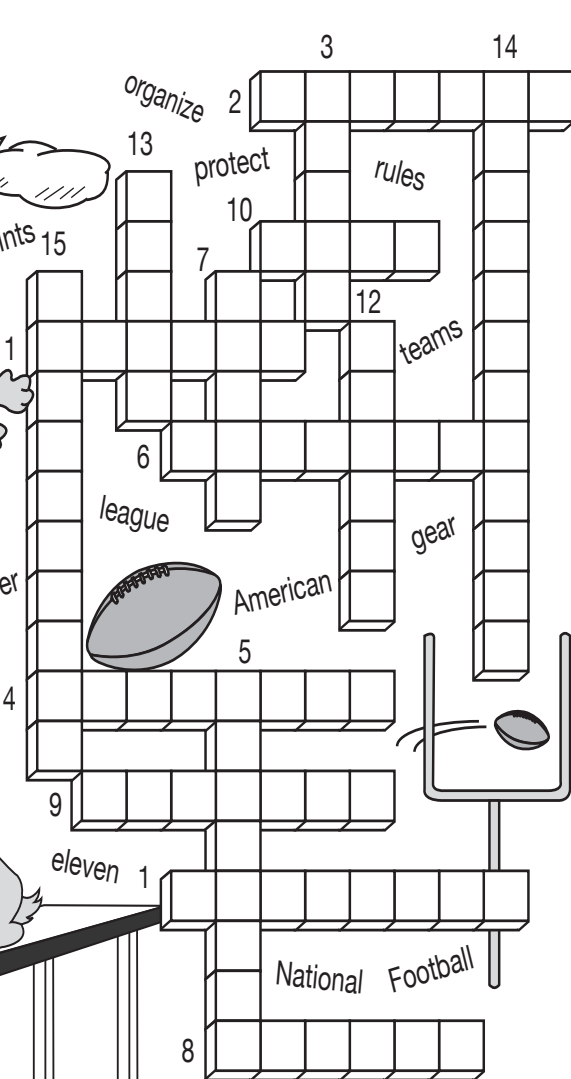
I might be a groundhog, but I'm also the world's biggest football fan. I'm supposed to hibernate from October through the winter months – but that's prime football season! So, I sneak out of my burrow to watch my favorite teams play. Even when I predict six more weeks of wintry weather I watch the Super Bowl!

- American \_\_\_\_\_ grew out of a rough game played in England called rugby.
- In the early days of football games, the rules were loose, and there were no special pieces of clothing to \_\_\_\_\_ the head or body.
- A man named Walter Camp, who played and coached football at Yale University, helped to set and write down the \_\_\_\_\_ for football.
- In 1920, some professional teams (meaning players got paid to play) started a league (APFA) to better \_\_\_\_\_ football.
- In 1922, the APFA league became the \_\_\_\_\_ Football League or NFL.
- A new league was formed in 1959 called the \_\_\_\_\_ Football League or the AFL.
- During the 1960's the NFL \_\_\_\_\_ played against the those of the AFL.
- In 1969 the NFL and the AFL joined into one \_\_\_\_\_ that we know as today's NFL.
- The football was nicknamed "pigskin" because the ball was covered in a pig's bladder. Today the football is made with a rubber bladder covered with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Shoulder pads, helmets, facemasks, gloves and shoes with cleats are some of the protective clothes and \_\_\_\_\_ that have been designed for today's players.
- There are \_\_\_\_\_ players on the field for each team.
- The object of the game is for each team to move the football forward into the other team's end zone to score the most \_\_\_\_\_.
- The referees on the field keep \_\_\_\_\_ during the game. They make sure the rules are obeyed.

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We made a more healthful crust, cut the sugar and filled our pie to bursting with berries.

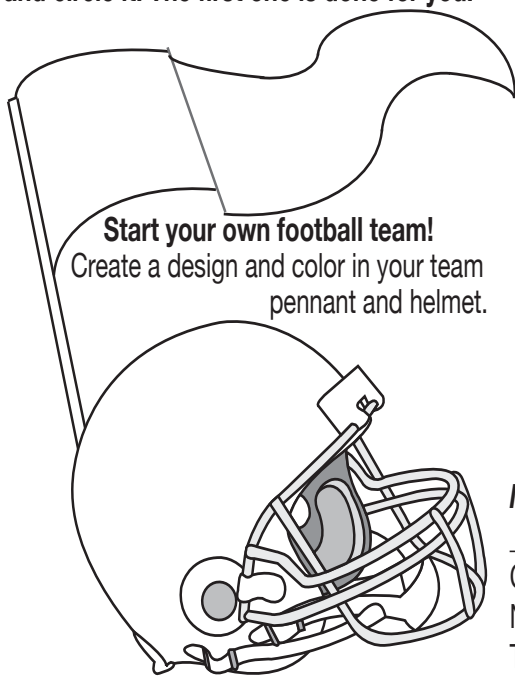
What are your favorite snacks?



- The Super Bowl is the yearly game for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Thanks to \_\_\_\_\_, it is one of the most watched sporting events in the world.

## Teams of the NFL

Read the team names to fill in the blanks. Once you have spelled them, search for the second half of the team name in the puzzle and circle it. The first one is done for you.



Start your own football team!  
Create a design and color in your team pennant and helmet.

### AFC-North

Baltimore Ravens  
Cincinnati Bengals  
Cleveland Browns  
Pittsburgh Steelers

### NFC-North

Chicago Bears  
Detroit Lions  
Green Bay Packers  
Minnesota Vikings

### AFC-South

Houston Texans  
Indianapolis Colts  
Jacksonville Jaguars  
Tennessee Titans

### NFC-South

Atlanta Falcons  
Carolina Panthers  
New Orleans Saints  
Tampa Bay Buccaneers

There are 32 teams in the NFL. The teams are split into 2 groups called the AFC (American Football Conference) and the NFC (National Football Conference). These 2 are then split into 4 divisions: North, South, East and West. Each division is made up of 4 teams.

### AFC-East

Buffalo Bills  
Miami Dolphins  
New England Patriots  
New York Jets

### NFC-East

Dallas Cowboys  
New York Giants  
Philadelphia Eagles  
Washington Commanders

### AFC-West

Denver Broncos  
Kansas City Chiefs  
Las Vegas Raiders  
Los Angeles Chargers

### NFC-West

Arizona Cardinals  
San Francisco 49ers  
Seattle Seahawks  
Los Angeles Rams

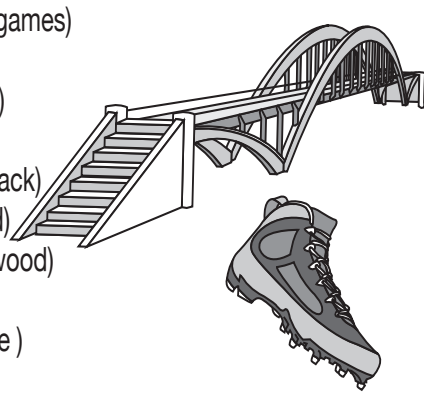


## Foot Fun!

Match the two bold words to the meaning of the new word they make when "added" together!

Have you noticed that some words are made up of 2 words put together? The meanings of the 2 words are often "added together" to mean a new thing. For example: foot + ball = football. The new words are called **compound words**.

- foot + ball** (sphere used in games)
- foot + man** (male human)
- foot + note** (short message)
- foot + wear** (clothing)
- foot + stool** (seat with no back)
- foot + hold** (to have in hand)
- foot + board** (flat piece of wood)
- foot + hill** (sloped area)
- foot + bridge** (built structure)
- foot + path** (walkway)



- structure only wide enough for a person to cross
- opposite of the headboard, found at the bottom of bed
- place to rest or start on a rock climb
- narrow trail for hikers
- sneakers, boots, sandals and high-heeled shoes
- popular sport that is played on the gridiron or field
- small hill at the base of a larger mountain
- servant who waits on tables or opens doors
- note at the bottom of page that helps explain the text
- place to rest your feet at the end of a long day

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## Lady Tigers come from behind for a thrilling overtime win over Northwestern

Groton Area's Lady Tigers overcame a 12-point deficit to tie the game at the end of the fourth quarter and made four free throws in the overtime for a 49-45 win.

The Lady Tigers had a tough time getting into the groove of the game, trailing 15-7 after the first quarter and 26-16 at halftime. Northwestern opened up a 12-point lead in the third quarter at 31-19. Then the tide changed.

Sydney Liecht lit the nets on fire with two three-pointers and Jerica Locke made a three-pointer and completed a three-point play. Groton Area closed to within four, 34-30, going into the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats scored first in the fourth quarter. Leicht was fouled while attempting a three-pointer and she made all three free throws. Laila Roberts was fouled while trying to make a basket and she made both free throws to tie the game at 39 with 3:26 left. Locke would make one of two free throws and the Tigers took the lead, 40-39. Northwestern, plagued with five turnovers in the fourth quarter, were suddenly trading, 42-39. But the Wildcats rallied and took the lead, 44-41, with one minute left. Laila Roberts would steal the ball and made the assist to Locke who threw the ball high in the air under the basket which went in to tie the game at 44 with 24 seconds. Northwestern's Tara Blachford was fouled while attempting a three-pointer with 17 seconds left. She made one of three free throws. Locke was on the line for the Tigers with 16 seconds left and she made one of two free throws to tie the game at 45 and the game went into overtime.

Northwestern went scoreless in the overtime as the Tigers made four of four free throws to get the win.

Locke led the Tigers with 16 points, six rebounds, five assists and four steals. Leicht had 14 points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Jaedyn Penning. Had seven points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals. Rylee Dunker had six points, seven rebounds, one assist and two steals. Roberts had six points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals. Brooklyn Hansen had two rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Three-Pointers: Leicht - 3, Locke - 1.

Groton Area made 12 of 42 two-pointers for 29 percent, four of 19 three-pointers for 21 percent, 13 of 21 free throws for 62 percent, had 35 rebounds, 12 turnovers, 15 assists, 15 steals and 13 team fouls.

Tara Blachford led Northwestern with 18 points followed by Adriana Ratigan with 12, Ella Boekelheide had five, Ashley Haven four and Breelyn Satter and Josie Sparling each had three points.

Three-Pointers: Satter - 1, Boedelheide - 1, Blachford 3, Sparling - 1.

Northwestern made 17 of 54 field goals for 31 percent, five of 11 free throws for 45 percent, had 20 turnovers and 17 team fouls.

Groton Area's girls junior varsity team led at the quarterstops at 11-2, 17-2 and 29-4 en route to a 35-6 win.

Laila Roberts led Groton Area with eight points and nine steals while Talli Wright had six points, Faith Traphagen had five, McKenna Tietz and Ashlynn Warrington each had four points, Emerlee Jones and Mia Crank each had three points and Kella Tracy had two points.

Molly Van Hatten, Kyara Ratigan and Natalie Schipke each had two points for Northwestern.

## Groton Area's defense stops Northwestern

Groton Area outscored Northwestern, 25-13, in the second quarter to post a boys varsity win, 66-37. Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 18-4, 44-17 and 61-26.

Jacob Zak had 14 points, two rebounds, four assists and one steal. Ryder Johnson had 14 points, six rebounds, one assist and one steal. Keegen Tracy had 11 points, two rebounds, one assist and four steals. Gage Sippel had nine points and two rebounds. Lane Tietz had seven points, two rebounds, two assists and one steal. Blake Pauli had three points, two assists and one steal. Colby Dunker had two points, one rebound and one assist. Jayden Schwan had two points, one rebound and one steal. Karson Zak had two points and one rebound. Logan Ringgenberg had one point, three rebounds and one assist. Holden Sippel had one point and two rebounds. Teylor Diegel had two rebounds, two assists and one steal. Kassen Keough had one assist and one steal. Turner Thompson had two assists, one steal and one block shot. Logan Warrington had five rebounds and one steal. Easton Weber had one steal.

Groton Area made 20 of 35 two-pointers for 57 percent, six of 22 three-pointers for 27 percent, eight of 15 free throws for 53 percent, had 29 rebounds, 13 turnovers, 17 assists, 14 steals, 12 fouls and one block shot.

Nathan Melius led Northwestern with 13 points followed by Lincoln Woodring and Jack Hansen with five each and Carson Ewalt and Dawson Ward each had two points.

Northwestern made 10 of 30 field goals for 33 percent, six of nine free throws for 67 percent, had 17 turnovers and 13 team fouls.

The boys junior varsity team led at the quarterstops at 10-4, 28-4 and 41-6 en route to a 52-8 win.

Gage Sippel led the Tigers with 12 points followed by Karson Zak and Teylor Diegel with eight each, Kassen Keough had seven, Jayden Schwan, Logan Warrington and Turner Thompson each had four, Easton Weber had two and Blake Pauli added two points.

Ty Boekelheide led Northwestern with four points while Eli Miller and Kayden Drobny each had two points.

All four games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The boys junior varsity game was sponsored by Crystal Strom. The girls junior varsity game was sponsored by Adam and Nicole Wright. The varsity games were sponsored by Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, BK Custom Ts & More, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Full Circle Ag, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, 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.

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# Groton Area 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

## Seniors:

**4.0 GPA:** Claire Heinrich, Hannah Monson, Emily Clark, Camryn Kurtz, Lydia Meier, Anna Bisbee, Kyleigh Englund, Anna Fjeldheim, Abigail Jensen, Holden Sippel, Sydney Leicht, Ashlyn Sperry

**3.99-3.50:** Faith Fliehs, Karsyn Jangula, Lane Tietz, Lexi Osterman, Emma Schinkel, Cadence Feist, Carly Guthmiller, Shea Jandel, Logan Ringgenberg, Colby Dunker, Ava Wienk

**3.49-3.00:** Dillon Abeln, Bryson Wambach, Bradin Althoff, Elijah Lich

## Juniors

**4.0 GPA:** Gretchen Dinger, Elizabeth Fliehs, Axel Warrington, Faith Traphagen, Emma Kutter, Payton Mitchell, Blake Pauli

**3.99-3.50:** Diego Eduardo Nava Remigio, Laila Roberts, Logan Pearson, Kaden Kampa, Brooklyn Hansen, Kennedy Hansen, Jeslyn Kosel, Emily Overacker

**3.49-3.00:** Easten Ekern, Kayla Lehr, Carter Simon, Kellen Antonsen, Turner Thompson, Riley Carman, Korbin Kucker, Divya Pelmelay, Karrah-Jo Johnson, Emma Bahr, Brevin Fliehs

## Sophomores

**4.0 GPA:** Mia Crank, Rylee Dunker, Carly Gilbert, Jaedyn Penning, Nathan Unzen

**3.99-3.50:** Karsten Fliehs, Ryder Johnson, Jerica Locke, Gage Sippel, Talli Wright, London Bahr, De Eh Tha Say, Lucas Carda, Raelee Lilly, Nathalia Warrington, Keegen Tracy, Aiden Meyers

**3.49-3.00:** Paisley Mitchell, Hannah Sandness, Breslyn Jeschke, Karter Moody, Cambria Bonn, Jayden Schwan, Olivia Stiegelmeier, Logan Warrington, Benjamin Hoeft, Garrett Schultz, Gentry Pigors

## Freshmen

**4.0 GPA:** Liby Althoff, Kira Clocksene, Teagan Hanten, Carlee Johnson, Emerlee Jones, Brody Lord, Ashlynn Warrington

**3.99-3.50:** Colt Williamson, Halee Harder, Kella Tracy, Taryn Traphagen, Leah Jones, McKenna Tietz, Blake Lord, Avery Crank, Aiden Strom, Addison Hoffman Wipf, Brenna Imrie, Gavin Kroll

**3.49-3.00:** Hailey Pauli, Hayden Zoellner, Walker Zoellner, Claire Schuelke, Alyssa Beauchamp, Logan Clocksene, Dylan McGannon, Zander Harry, Dylan Alexander Lopez Marin, Ashton Holmes

## Eighth Graders

**4.0 GPA:** Makenna Krause, Thomas Schuster

**3.99-3.50:** Elizabeth Cole, Kyleigh Kroll, Layne Johnson, Sydney Locke, Ryder Schelle, Rylen Ekern, Addison Hoeft, Mya Feser, Taryn Thompson, Chesney Weber, Easton Weber, Ethan Kroll, Rylie Rose, Jace Johnson, Brayden Barrera

**3.49-3.00:** Wyatt Wambach, Karson Zak, John Bisbee, Ruelle Gilbert, Gracie Pearson, Alex Abeln, Kinsley Rowen, Brysen Sandness, Journey Zieroth, Braeden Fliehs, Kason Oswald

## Seventh Graders

**4.0 GPA:** Neely Althoff, Kolton Antonsen, Wesley Borg, Tevan Hanson, Novalea Warrington

**3.99-3.50:** Aspen Beto, Zachary Fliehs, Madison Herrick, Asher Johnson, Abby Fjeldheim, Brooklyn Spanier, Lincoln Shilhanek, Madison Little, Logan Olson, Tenley Frost


**3.49-3.00:** Samuel Crank, Kaedynce Bonn, Connor Kroll, Wesley Morehouse, Adeline Kotzer, Savannah Beauchamp, Arianna Dinger, Aurora Washenberger, Jordan Schwan, Sydney Holmes, Kenzey Anderson

## Sixth Graders

**4.0 GPA:** Axel Abeln, Hudson Eichler, Amelia Ewalt, Gavin Hanten, Liam Johnson, Liam Lord, Asher Zimmerman

**3.99-3.50:** Sophia Fliehs, Jameson Penning, Ryder Schwan, Trey Tietz, Illyanna Dallaire, Aubrie Lier

**3.49-3.00:** Peyton Castles, Andi Gauer, Haden Harder, Rowan Patterson, Trayce Schelle, Keegan Kucker



**Due to the warm weather, the skating rink is starting to melt. To preserve the ice for the Carnival of Silver Skates this Sunday, the rink will be closed to the public now through the weekend. Next week's temperatures are above 40 degrees, so there is potential of the rink being permanently closed for the rest of the season.**



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**Town of Claremont**  
**Nominating Petitions**

Notice of Vacancy Municipality of Claremont  
The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office: Claremont Town Council Three-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.  
CRye  
Finance Officer  
Town of Claremont  
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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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**Brown County**  
**Holum Expo Metal Roof Bid**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market St., Ste. 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project – Replacing or Retrofitting a metal roof on the Holum Expo Building at the Brown County Fairgrounds, 400 24th Ave. NW, Aberdeen, South Dakota.  
Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the following: Brown County Auditor, 25 Market St., Ste. 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 577401 and be marked on the envelope with: "Brown County Fairgrounds – Holum Expo Building Roof" to be opened on February 6, 2024.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check or a cashier's check for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Brown County; or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) business days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

Job must be completed by July 31, 2024.

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

- Brown County Website: [Brown.SD.US](http://Brown.SD.US)
- Brown County Fair Office: 400 24th Ave. NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: 605-626-7116
- Brown County Auditor's Office: 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: 605-626-7110.

Attest: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**Verizon Cell Tower**  
**S. Wilson Aberdeen**

CellCo Partnership and its Controlled Affiliates Doing Business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to construct a 114-foot monopole telecommunications tower at the approx. vicinity of South Wilson Street, Aberdeen, Brown County, SD, 57401 Lat: 45-27-35.11, Long: -98-27-43.48.

Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, John Lawhon, j.lawhon@trileaf.com, 1821 Walden Office Square, Suite 500, Schaumburg, IL 60173, 630-227-0202.

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SPECIAL ED TEACHER at Custer High School starting immediately. 4-day school week. Must be SD certified. Custer School District, 527 Montgomery St., Custer, SD 57730 605-673-3154 See [CSD.k12.sd](mailto:CSD.k12.sd) us to apply. Open until filled.

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**2024 Mitchell NO TILL EVENT**

South Dakota NO-TILL Association

Thursday, February 8, 2024  
9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. CST  
Highland Convention Center,  
2000 Highland Way, Mitchell, SD 57301

AGENDA INCLUDES:

- Salinity & Sodicty in South Dakota - Why It Is Here & How Do We Quantify It? -Dr. Shaina Westhoff, SDSU
- Does Tillage Affect Nutrient Recommendations? - Dr. Jason Clark, Extension Soil Fertility Specialist, SDSU
- High Impact Meteorology in Production Ag -Dr. Eric Snodgrass, Nutrien Solutions

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

Pre-registration is requested by Feb 5. Please email [heidi.rients@usda.gov](mailto:heidi.rients@usda.gov) or text 605-530-5390; or call 605-996-1564, ext 3.  
CCA credits will be available.





January 16, 2024

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Babcock via phone, Cutler, Wambach, Bahr, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, and Elizabeth Varin.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wambach to approve the agenda with no changes or additions. All members present voted aye.

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

A Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License for the Hand-Knit Blanket Class at Wage Memorial Library on January 30, 2024, was approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Wells. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Babcock to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Dakota Resources. All members present voted aye.

The December finance report was approved on a motion by Wambach and seconded by Cutler. All members present voted aye.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Cutler and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Payroll, \$27,146.51, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,416.40, ; Public Safety, \$10,277.62, ; Public Works, \$12,452.49, ; Dacotah Bank, \$5,786.40, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$647.90, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; City of Groton, \$100.00, Change for money bag - Skating Rink ; SD State Treasurer, \$9,008.65, Sales & Excise Tax - December 2023; Tony & Teresa Skonhoyd, \$25.71, Utility deposit refund; Maricruz Bohaga, \$66.45, Utility deposit refund; Amanda Morehouse, \$266.36, Utility deposit/overpayment refund; Eric Flemmer, \$130.88, Utility deposit refund; City of Groton, \$576.96, Utility deposits applied to bills; USPS, \$291.58, Utility billing postage; SD Retirement System, \$10,361.54, Employee retirement; Dacotah Bank, \$3,649.92, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Allied Benefit Systems, \$13,438.95, Employee insurance; ULINE, \$93.38, Black smoker's receptacle - Community Center; A&B Business Solutions, \$359.24, Printer lease; Heartland Energy, \$45,426.02, Power services - December 2023; WAPA, \$26,695.81, Power services - December 2023; OverDrive, Inc., \$600.00, Annual fee for Libby - Library; Steven Lust Automotive, \$216.38, Replacement of motor mounts - PD Tahoe - not covered by warranty; Galls, LLC, \$147.97, Tactical pants - PD; Lori's Pharmacy, \$33.50, Flower arrangement for Nelson funeral; South Dakota 811, \$55.65, Message fees - October thru December 2023; Avera Medical Group, \$80.00, Employee drug screening fees; Darrel's Sinclair, \$20.00, Tire for trailer - City Shop; Avera Occupational Medicine, \$95.00, Employee drug screening fee; Badger Meter, Inc., \$102.88, Cellular service fee for water meters; Runnings Supply, Inc., \$130.74, Shovels and cable ties - City Shop; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,258.14, Fuel purchases; Ken's Fair Foods, \$378.72, Paper towels, foam cups, fuel purchases - Multiple Depts. ; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$1,080.62, Library bags, book purchases, flash drives, Wage Memorial plaque canvas, water sample postage, chemical testing supplies, fuel purchases, pizza for Christmas movie event, Facebook ad boost for dog tags - Multiple Depts. ; South Dakota Retailers Assoc., \$195.00, Annual membership dues; Banyon Data Systems, Inc., \$2,520.00, UB/Payroll/Fund Accounting support annual fee; AutoZone, Inc., \$516.53, Oil filters, oil, oil stabilizer, coolant, battery - Multiple Depts.; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Aramark, \$58.03, Rug rent

- City Hall; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease; Groton Daily Independent, \$65.98, Publishing fees; WEB Water, \$20,162.55, Water services - December 2023; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,176.10, Garbage hauling; James Valley Telecomm., \$777.61, Telephone & internet services.

Reminder: Applications for Baseball Coordinator, Softball Coordinator, Legion Coach, Jr. Legion Coach, Jr. Teener Coach, Girls' Softball Coaches, Day Baseball/Softball Coach, and Concessions Manager are due by February 6, 2024, at 5:00pm. Varin exited the meeting.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:24pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:39pm.

Varin reentered the meeting. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wells to hire Hannah Sandness and Kason Oswald as Skating Rink Attendants. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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JANUARY 16, 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, Gage, Sutton, and Wiese. Commissioner Fjeldheim was Absent. Commissioner Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Brent Gabler, who is a Farmer in Faulk County and on the Glacial Lakes Board of Directors met with the Commission to share reasons why he feels the CO2 pipeline is important. He shared that for every pound of ethanol that is produced, there is a pound of CO2 created and the government wants to capture this and are willing to pay for it through tax credits and cash to slow global warming (pollution). Brent believes that Natural Gas is more dangerous than CO2; from 2015 - 2017 there were 12 deaths and 10 injuries from Natural Gas and there is 5000 miles of CO2 pipeline in the U.S., and he couldn't find any deaths reported from that. He informed the Commission that if the pipeline is stopped or they are not able to get the CO2 out of the plants, Glacial Lakes will be subject to penalties and possibly closing the plants or the CO2 could be captured and placed on rail cars to transport to ND. Brent feels that is more dangerous than the pipeline because in 2022 there were 1259 derailments and 954 deaths; average is 1300 derailments each year. He believes in landowners rights, but those that want to sign the easements have rights too but believes setbacks should be in place, also. Brent shared that he has a Dakota Access pipeline about 1200 ft. from his house, that currently is producing 750,000 barrels per day and was informed they are going to be increasing that by 50% - the valve can be seen from his house and was informed that if there was an explosion he wouldn't have a window left in his house so he understands it is dangerous but feels Natural Gas is more dangerous. Brent doesn't want CO2 coming through Aberdeen but if something happens and Glacial Lakes is forced to do something; Glacial Lakes was contacted by the Burlington Northern Railroad, but they declined to meet with them - they believe that the Railroad hopes the pipeline fails and they can get the income by transporting the CO2. These were Brents thoughts that he wanted to share with the Commission to consider.

ORDINANCE #265 - FIRST

READING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #265. Applicant William Wulff requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Lot 1, "Wulff First Subdivision" in the SE ¼ of Section 7-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13159 395th Ave., Bath Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2024 ASSESSMENT PLAN: Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization presented his 2024 Assessment Plan with the Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to accept the 2024 Assessment Plan payable 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT - PETTING ZOO: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the contract with Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo to be held at the 2024 Brown County Fair for a total cost of \$6,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPOINT COUNTY CORONER: Sheriff Dave Lunzman gave the Commission an update on the first year of being appointed Coroner. Lunzman shared they have a system down and that both Spitzer's & Schriver's are happy with how things are going. Ross Aldentaler, States Attorney Deputy shared that at the request of Brown County the state law was changed that in lieu of an Election, the County can now appoint a Coroner, it used to be based on population but that has been removed. With a Resolution, we can appoint the Sheriff as Coroner every 4 years, when there is to be an Election for this position. Commissioner Wiese clarified that if someone would step forward and be interested in running for this position, we could allow for an Election at that time but at this point it is difficult for Brown County let alone smaller counties to fulfill this responsibility, so provides an option and an opportunity. Sheriff Lunzman shared that they have put in place for the budgeting to be as accurate as possible, but with having a couple of salary employees that affects it some, but if someone does step forward then the County would know the cost it would incur. Commissioner Sutton shared that the reason Brown County proposed this legislation was due to a lot of Counties were already doing this process, even though they were not at the population threshold, because of the lack of funeral directors in smaller counties, so now Codified Law reflects what was and is being done.

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #08-24  
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT OPTION TO APPOINT COUNTY CORONER  
WHEREAS, Following the resignation of the duly elected coroner of Brown County the Brown County Commission determined that the Brown County Sheriff was the most appropriately suited to carry out the duties of the Brown County Coroner.  
WHEREAS, during the 2023 South Dakota Legislative Session codified law was changed to provide for the appointment of a county coroner at the option of the county commission. SDCL 7-7-1.4

WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission is satisfied that residents are best served by the Brown County Sheriff and its deputies acting as county coroner.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Brown County Commissioners does hereby adopt the option to appoint the Brown County Coroner in lieu of an election pursuant to SDCL 7-7-1.4.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Brown County Commissioners does hereby appoint the Brown County Sheriff to serve as coroner at the pleasure of the board and until such time that the appointment be modified or rescinded by further resolution.  
Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 16th day of January, 2024  
Seconded by Commissioner Gage.

Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-absent; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Resolution adopted.

INMATE HOUSING AGREEMENTS: Bob Schatz shared with the Commission and Sheriff Lunzman the 2023 Sheriff Management Study; according to the

study Brown County currently has 57 beds available to rent out and the cost per bed comes to \$132.26, so if we are charging a \$100.00/adult per day (previously it was \$75.00-\$85.00/bed); we are losing \$32.00/bed. Bob would like to see the rate increased to cover this cost; currently Brown County is the highest one of all the jails that rent out beds. Bob also shared that there seems to be a short fall in the amount of money that was collected because he figured they were only collecting \$46.86/bed but Sheriff Lunzman shared that as per the agreement if the prisoners are in the Transport Line the County doesn't get paid for those so that will skew those numbers considerably. Bob asked to see those numbers at some point; in further discussion he feels that we are only 75% full of people that committed crimes in Brown County and the other 25% are beds that are being rented out and we need to be charging more to cover those costs instead of it being put on the taxpayers; so, doesn't believe we are truly full at the jail. Bob thanked to Commission for listening to him and he just wanted to point out those numbers. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Inmate Housing Agreements with Campbell County for Jail and JDC and Jerald County for JDC. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER FEES: Patty Van-Meter, Treasurer submitted a request to get approval to charge a fee to supply the complete tax file to various mortgage companies. The fee would be \$250.00 for a full year with sales tax being backed out at rate of 6.2%. Currently, there are three large companies requesting the entire file. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the \$250.00 Treasurer Fee for the complete tax file. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOIA) FEES: Ross Aldentaler, States Attorney Deputy shared that when the requests come in there are copies and time put into gathering the information requested, so he feels we should set a fee but will leave it up to the Commission to determine that. Auditor Heupel shared that we created a form for the people to complete so we have it in writing as to what they are wanting; Register of Deeds charges a \$1.00/page for copies, we also discussed a flat fee, but it just depends on what information they are asking for. Commissioner Sutton shared that the information being requested could be expensive, it could exceed the \$100.00, so we need to consider that when setting our fees, also. Commissioner Wiese asked if we could include verbiage to establish a minimum. Ross shared that he looked at some other counties and they have a 4-hour minimum at an hourly rate. Commissioner Wiese moved to postpone this for a week to get further information, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the January 9,

2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following claims/payroll:

Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$254.30; Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$865.00; Bank North \$950,617.34; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,211.64; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$7,211.64; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$276.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$7,211.64; Gellhaus & Gellhaus, P.C. \$240.00; Houston Engineering, Inc \$21,636.55; Jerald M. McNeary \$7,211.64; Jeremy Lund-Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$7,211.64; John Noyes-Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$7,211.64; Kristi Brandt \$1,035.40; Kuck Law Office \$7,211.64; Lewis & Clark BHS \$1,065.00; Lucy Lewno \$90.00; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc \$179.10; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$225.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$458.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$7,211.64; Valstone Corporation Inc \$4,770.00. Publishing: Gannett South Dakota LocalIQ \$387.80; Groton Daily Independent \$430.80; Moberg Tribune \$28.14. Rentals: Aramark \$224.48. Repairs & Maintenance: Auto Glass Solutions Inc \$40.00; Big Scoop Snow Removal \$1,290.00; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$280.91; Graham Tire Inc \$655.00; Hanlon Brothers, LLC \$1,380.00; House of Glass \$103.22; Lawson Products, Inc \$87.50; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$753.05; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$26.50; Steven Lust Automotive \$411.40; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$12,200.30. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$410.15; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$225.89; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$103.11; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$851.04; Century Business Products \$867.08; Dakota Dairy \$728.70; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$1,149.41; Emily Jacobs \$58.38; Great Western Tire \$4,190.88; Kessler's \$199.32; Lawson Products, Inc \$1,363.28; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$112.66; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$493.43; Lucy Lewno \$1.50; Menards \$119.46; Midstates Corp \$40.00; Performance Oil \$400.34; PharmChem, Inc \$766.80; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$955.88; Runnings \$468.27; Sewer Duck, Inc \$106.25; Steven Lust Automotive \$44.95; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$33,633.24; Tri-State Water \$150.00. Travel & Conference: Assoc of SD County Weed & Pest Boards \$725.00; Brandon Black \$210.12. Utilities: CenturyLink \$1,217.59; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$1,841.94; Economy Propane, LLC \$1,802.90; Northern Electric \$86.00; Northwestern Energy \$68.96; Verizon Wireless \$3,308.59.

Payroll: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$1,834.40; Auditor \$9,850.83; Treasurer \$17,275.20; SA \$34,157.25; SVAWA \$0.00; Maintenance \$11,924.03; Assessor \$17,373.47; Register of Deeds \$10,406.83; VSO \$4,491.55; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,172.67; HR \$4,960.64; Sheriff \$63,369.90; Jail \$91,621.75; Coroner \$554.85; Court Security \$7,942.01; JDC \$42,025.04;

Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$12,478.00; Parks/Fairgrounds \$5,191.95; Fair Board \$4,336.33; 4-H \$830.80; Weed \$1,117.37; Planning & Zoning \$7,635.86; Highway \$64,296.92; Dispatch \$44,688.08; Emergency \$5,208.67; Teen Court \$0.00; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,780.51; Landfill \$18,998.47; Mileage Benefits \$784.92; Meal Benefits \$28.00; FICA \$30,116.20; Medicare \$7,043.32; Discovery\_HSA \$1,688.61. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following lease agreements: Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce for lease of the Hog & Sheep Barn and Panels on April 23, 2024; Stephanie Sumption for lease of the Club House on July 27, 2024 for a Wedding; Rita Schile for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on October 5, 2024 for a Wedding. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Travel Request for Chris Hemen, Mike Rohrbach and Jerry Lehrkamp to attend the Annual Weed & Pest Conference on February 20-23, 2024 in Spearfish, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

EXPO ROOF BID: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to reject the bid from Mega Construction for the Expo Roof due to cost exceeding what was budgeted and some deficiencies with the bid itself. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to authorize re-advertising for bids on the Expo Roof. All members present voting aye.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 11:27 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**ATTENTION FREDERICK SCHOOL TAXPAYERS:**  
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**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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# Tigers outlast Panthers in girls hoop action

Groton Area had a 10-point run in the first half to open up a close game against Great Plains Lutheran. Groton Area won, 57-43.

The first quarter was tied five times and there was one lead change as the quarter ended knotted up at 18. Groton Area was trailing, 18-15, then went on a 10-point run to take a 25-18 lead and led it half time, 38-23. The Tigers held a 49-33 lead going into the fourth quarter. The Panthers closed to within 10, 53-43, but the Tiger defense overwhelmed the Panthers and Groton Area got the win.

Rylee Dunker led Groton Area with 16 points, seven rebounds, two assists and four steals. Brooklyn Hansen had 10 points, two rebounds, three assists and one steal. Sydney Leicht had nine points, four rebounds and two steals. Jaedyn Penning had nine points, five rebounds, three assists and one steal. Jerica Locke had six points, five rebounds, six assists and two steals. Faith Traphagen had four points, four rebounds, two assists and one steal. Taryn Traphagen had three points, five rebounds and one assist. Laila Roberts had one rebound.

Three-Pointers: Liecht - 3, Hansen - 2, T. Traphagen - 1.  
Groton Area made 17 of 42 two-pointers for 40 percent, six of 17 three-pointers for 35 percent, five of nine free throws for 56 percent, had 10 turnovers, 33 rebounds, 17 assists, 11 steals and 18 team fouls.

Olivia Holmes led Great Plains Lutheran with 12 points and four rebounds. Esta Cameron made 11 points and had two rebounds. Halle Bauer made three three-pointers for nine points. Abby Kjenstad had six points, three steals and two rebounds. Madeline Praha had five points and eight rebounds. Katherine Praha had three rebounds.

Great Plains Lutheran made 14 of 40 field goals for 35 percent, 12 of 17 free throws for 71 percent, had 21 rebounds, 15 turnovers and 13 team fouls.

Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 13-2, 31-9 and 38-12 en route to a 48-14 junior varsity win. Taryn Traphagen led Groton Area with 13 points and three rebounds. Mia Crank had seven points and one rebound. Kella Tracy had six points and two rebounds. Laila Roberts had five points. McKenna Tietz had four points and three rebounds. Faith Traphagen had four points and two rebounds. Ashlynn Warrington had four points. Chesney Weber had three points and two rebounds. Tali Wright had two points and five rebounds. Sydney Locke and Emerlee Jones each had one rebound.

Three-Pointers: Roberts - 1, T. Traphagen - 1, Weber - 1, Crank - 1.  
Groton Area made 22 of 48 field goals for 45 percent, only had one free throw attempt and it was a miss off of the Panthers' five team fouls, the Tigers had seven turnovers and 20 rebounds.

Jolie Lien led Great Plains Lutheran with five points followed by Isabella Dunsmoor with four, Lydia Schleusener and Emily Moritz each had two points and Addison Wilkins had one free throw. The Panthers made six of 20 field goals for 30 percent, made one of two free throws off of Groton Area's seven team fouls, had 19 turnovers and 10 rebounds.



**Jerica Locke**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Taryn Traphagen**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Rylee Dunker**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area made it a clean sweep with a 51-17 C game win. Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 12-6, 23-10 and 43-15.

Chesney Weber led Groton Area with 14 points followed by McKenna Tietz with 11, Kella Tracy had 10, Emerlee Jones eight, Sydney Locke four and Teagan Hanten and Brenna Imrie each had two points.

Three-Pointers: Tietz - 1, Weber - 2.

Keturah Schleusener led the Panthers with five points while Katherine Tomczak, Addison Walkins and Isabella Dunsmoor each had four points.

All three games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The C game was sponsored by Justin and Chelsea Hanson. The girls junior varsity game was sponsored by Rich and Tami Zimney. 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.

- Paul Kosel

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Hot tub
- 4 Pack (down)
- 8 Honeycomb division
- 12 Joke
- 13 Teen fave
- 14 Celestial bear
- 15 Capote nickname
- 16 Difficult problem
- 18 Celery unit
- 20 Pantheon member
- 21 Morays
- 24 Twilight, poetically
- 28 "Bravo!"
- 32 Wry Bombeck
- 33 Raw rock
- 34 Begets
- 36 Melody
- 37 Actress Meg
- 39 Maintains
- 41 Wheel connectors
- 43 Bake sale orgs.
- 44 - Victor
- 46 Dugout seating
- 50 Sociable and lively
- 55 "Caught ya!"
- 56 Medicinal plant
- 57 Vogue rival
- 58 Singer Phair
- 59 Reporter's quest

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- 1 Boot camp
- 2 Section
- 3 Water, in Mexico
- 4 Hearts, slangily
- 5 Big fuss
- 6 Calendar abbr.
- 7 Advertise
- 8 Get cozy (with)
- 9 Blunder
- 10 Baton Rouge sch.
- 11 Felon's flight
- 17 Eggy quaff
- 19 Triathlon segment
- 22 Secular
- 23 Razor sharpener
- 25 Algerian port
- 26 During
- 27 Red planet
- 28 Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"
- 29 African antelope
- 30 "Hud" actress Patricia
- 31 Faxed
- 35 Equine homes
- 38 Butterflies
- 40 Language suffix
- 42 High school subj.
- 45 Declare
- 47 "The Lion King" lion
- 48 Intel product
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- 50 Fire
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## NEC Boys' Basketball

### Groton overtakes TZ in Region 1A

Deuel defeated Tiospa Zina and Groton Area continues to be on a roll with a four game winning streak to shake up the top spot in the Region 1A standings. Groton Area now is over one point ahead of Tiospa Zina.

Hamlin remains in the top spot in the Northeast Conference race with four teams fighting for the second spot with one loss each - Groton Area, Deuel, Roncalli and Clark/Willow Lake.

Hamlin defeated Dakota Valley on Saturday, 84-62. Dakota Valley had a 62-game winning streak - just two games shy of tying Armour's 64 game winning streak in 1980. Groton Area will take on Dakota Valley at the Dak12-NEC Clash Saturday in Madison.

### Boys NEC Standings

	NEC	Overall
Hamlin	5-0	9-2
Groton Area	5-1	7-2
Deuel	4-1	7-5
Roncalli	3-1	6-4
Clark/Willow Lake	3-1	5-5
Milbank	2-3	7-3
Tiospa Zina	2-3	6-4
Webster Area	2-5	4-7
Sisseton	1-3	3-8
Britton-Hecla *	1-4	1-10
Redfield	0-6	1-8

Groton Area 61, Milbank 28  
Deuel 66, Tiospa Zina 55  
Hamlin 83, Redfield 19  
Webster 67, Sisseton 44

**Jan. 23:** Roncalli at Hamlin  
**Jan. 25**

Hamlin at Sisseton  
Milbank at Deuel  
Britton-Hecla at Roncalli  
Webster Area at Groton Area

**Jan. 26:** Clark/Willow Lake at Redfield

**Jan. 30:**  
Sisseton at Britton-Hecla  
Roncalli at Tiospa Zina

**Feb. 1**  
Webster Area at Redfield  
Groton Area at Deuel

**Feb. 2**  
Milbank at Roncalli  
Clark/Willow Lake at Sisseton

**Feb. 6:** Milbank at Sisseton (Conference game)

**Feb. 8:**  
Deuel at Hamlin  
Redfield at Groton Area  
Britton-Hecla at Clark/Willow Lake

**Feb. 9:** Sisseton at Tiospa Zina

### Boys Region 1A

#	Name	W	L	PCT	PTS
1	Groton Area	7	2	.778	44.556
2	Tiospa Zina	6	4	.600	43.500
3	Milbank	7	3	.700	42.200
4	Waubay/Summit	7	5	.583	41.167
5	Aberdeen Roncalli	6	4	.600	41.100
6	Webster Area	4	7	.364	39.455
7	Sisseton	3	8	.273	37.636
8	Redfield	1	8	.111	35.222

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## NEC Girls' Basketball

### Milbank handed second loss

Sisseton and Hamlin still remain undefeated in the Northeast Conference title race, but Sisseton will host Hamlin on Thursday. Groton Area knocked Milbank out of the number two spot by handing the Bulldogs their second loss. Deuel and Roncalli each have one loss.

Sisseton remains undefeated and in the top spot of the Region 1A standings while Roncalli and Groton are a distance second and third.

### Girls NEC Standings

Sisseton	4-0	10-0
Hamlin	5-0	8-3
Deuel	4-1	6-6
Roncalli	4-1	9-1
Milbank	4-2	7-4
Groton Area	2-3	7-4
Redfield	2-4	4-7
Webster Area	2-5	4-8
Clark/Willow Lake	1-4	3-9
Britton-Hecla *	1-4	3-8
Tiospa Zina	0-6	0-11

\* Class B Team

Groton Area 42, Milbank 39  
Hamlin 66, Redfield 33  
Sisseton 69, Webster 29  
Deuel 63, Tiospa Zina 28  
Roncalli 56, Clark/Willow Lake 24

**Jan. 23:** Roncalli at Hamlin

**Jan. 25**  
Milbank at Deuel  
Redfield at Clark/Willow Lake  
Hamlin at Sisseton

**Jan. 26**  
Roncalli at Britton-Hecla  
Groton Area at Webster Area  
**Jan. 29:** Roncalli at Tiospa Zina  
**Jan. 30:** Sisseton at Britton-Hecla  
**Feb. 1**

Roncalli at Milbank  
Groton Area at Deuel  
Sisseton at Clark/Willow Lake  
**Feb. 2:** Redfield at Webster Area  
**Feb. 6:** Milbank at Sisseton  
**Feb. 8**

Tiospa Zina at Sisseton  
Britton-Hecla at Clark/Willow Lake  
Deuel at Hamlin

### Girls Region 1A

#	Name	W	L	PCT	PTS
1	Sisseton	10	0	1.000	47.000
2	Aberdeen Roncalli	9	1	.900	45.000
3	Groton Area	7	4	.636	42.455
4	Milbank	7	4	.636	41.636
5	Waubay/Summit	7	4	.636	40.818
6	Redfield	4	7	.364	40.000
7	Webster Area	4	8	.333	38.667
8	Tiospa Zina	0	11	.000	34.636

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10. foot + path

A. structure for a walking person to cross a river  
B. found at the bottom of your bed  
C. place to rest or start on a rock climb  
D. narrow trail for hikers  
E. sneakers, boots, sandals  
F. popular sport that is played on the gridiron  
G. small hill at the base of a larger mountain  
H. servant who waits tables or opens doors  
I. note found at the bottom of a page  
J. place to rest your feet

## NSU Fall 2023 President's List and Dean's List

Aberdeen, S.D. – Northern State University is proud to announce the following students earned President's List and Dean's List honors during the fall 2023 semester. The President's List includes full-time students who earned a 4.00 GPA for the semester and the Dean's List includes students who earned a 3.50 to 3.99 GPA for the semester. Congratulations on your great accomplishments!

### President's List (4.0 GPA)

**Bath:** Samantha Ferguson, Triston Leidholdt, Skylinn Williams.

**Claremont:** Kayla Jensen, Alyssa Keough.

**Frederick:** Stephen Achen, Lauren Geranen.

**Groton:** Tashayla Featherma, Carrie Feser, Alyssa Fordham, Alexis Hanten, Logan Hinman, Kasey Hinman, Regan Leicht, Eh Tha You Say.

**Langford:** Emily Palmer, Avery West.

**Warner:** Landon Leidholt, Kayla Zubke.

### Dean's List (3.50 – 3.99 GPA)

**Andover:** Caitlynn Barse, Chloe Voss

**Bristol:** Bryce Peterson, Emily Richie.

**Conde:** Trey Huber.

**Groton:** Madisen Bjerke, Braden Freeman, Aspen Johnson, Cole Simon, Cadance Tullis

**Hecla:** Ashlyn Casey.

**Langford:** Laney Widener.

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## Groton Area has super clean sweep over Milbank

# Tiger defense discombobulates Milbank

Groton Area's girls' basketball stunned Milbank Thursday night with a 42-39 Northeast Conference win. Milbank held a 14-8 lead after the first quarter and a 20-14 lead at halftime. In the third quarter, the Tiger defense went to work and put the Milbank team in disarray as Groton Area scored 13 straight points to take a 31-26 lead. The Tigers led, 31-29 after three quarters. Groton Area gained a six point advantage and it was enough to hold off a Milbank rally at the end.

Sydney Leicht led Groton Area with 11 points, two rebounds and one steal. Jaedyn Penning had nine points and one assist. Jerrica Locke had six points, five rebounds, seven assists and five steals. Faith Traphagen had four points, two rebounds and one steal. Taryn Traphagen had four points, three rebounds and one block shot. Rylee Dunker had three points, four rebounds, three steals and one block shot. Kennedy Hansen had two points, one rebound and two assists. Laila Roberts had two points and one steal. Brooklyn Hansen had one point, three rebounds and one steal.

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

Groton Area made 12 of 26 two-pointers for 46 percent, four of 21 three-pointers for 19 percent, six of 17 free throws for 35 percent, had 20 rebounds, 15 turnovers, 10 assists, 12 steals, 16 team fouls and two block shots.

Isabella Anderson led Milbank with 13 points while Tyra Berry had 10, Siera Wenzl six, Claire Snazzy four, Avery Schuneman three, Josie Riveland two and Belle Pauli one.

Milbank made 13 of 36 field goals for 36 percent, nine of 13 free throws for 69 percent, had 20 turnovers and 18 team fouls.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 37-31. Faith Traphagen led the Tigers with eight points followed by Laila Roberts and Mia Crank with six each, Taryn Traphagen five, Talli Wright four, Sydney Leicht and Chesney Weber each had three and McKenna Tietz added two points.

3-Pointers: F. Traphagen - 2, T. Traphagen - 1, Locke - 1.

Groton Area won the C game game, 31-25.

The Tiger defense overwhelmed Milbank in the boys game as the Tigers had 11 steals with Milbank's 16 turnovers to help post a 61-28 Northeast Conference win.

Milbank started out making two free throws with four seconds gone off the clock before Groton Area made 16 straight points to take an 18-5 lead after the first quarter. Groton Area led 34-16, at half time and 56-36 after the first three quarters.

Lane Tietz led Groton Area with 24 points, three rebounds, one assist and one block. Jacob Zak had nine points, one rebound, five

assists and three steals. Ryder Johnson had nine points, six rebounds, one assist and two steals. Teylor Diegel had six points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Logan Ringgenberg had five points and one rebound. Keegen Tracy had four points, six rebounds, one assist and two steals. Colby Dunker had four points, two rebounds and one assist. Blake Pauli, Gage Sippel and Turner Thompson each had one rebound. Kassen Keough had one rebound, two assists and two steals.

Groton Area made 19 of 28 two-pointers for 68 percent, six of 15 three-pointers for 40 percent, five of seven free throws for 71 percent, had 25 rebounds, 14 turnovers, 14 assists, 11 steals, 19 team fouls and one block shot.

Three-Pointers: Tietz-3, Johnson-1, Diegel-2.

Garrett Mertens led Milbank with eight points followed by Jaxson Wildung and Esteban Abrego with seven each and Braylen Bowsher and Yohana Ajwanga each had two points.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 41-35. Milbank held a 9-8 lead after the first quarter and an 18-16 lead at halftime. Groton Area took a 31-26 lead into the fourth quarter.

Teylor Diegel led the Tigers with 14 points (2-3pointers), followed by Gage Sippel with nine, Turner Thomson had seven (1 3-pointer), Kassen Keough five (1 3-pointer), Easton Weber four and Karson Zak two.

Esteban Abrego led Milbank with nine points followed by Ryan Keeton with eight, Braylen Bowsher seven, Jack Howard six, Emmett Hanson four and Mason Meister added one point.

Groton Area won the C game, 53-37, leading at the quarter stops at 12-5, 30-18 and 40-28.

Logan Warrington led Groton Area with 16 points followed by Ethan Kroll with 13, Easton Weber made three-pointers and finished with 10 points, Karson Zak made one three-pointer and finished with nine points, Jace Johnson made one three-pointer and finished with five points.

The junior varsity and varsity games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The boys and girls junior varsity games were sponsored by Justin and Chelsea Hanson. 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. The boys C game was recorded and is being uploaded today.

## South Dakota looks to be a leader in quantum computing

**Bart Pfankuch**

### South Dakota News Watch

Four public South Dakota universities would start offering research and training in an emerging field of technology that promises to solve complex problems in minutes instead of years, if lawmakers approve a \$6 million plan.

Jose-Marie Griffiths, president of Dakota State University in Madison, S.D., is leading the charge to put the state at the forefront in quantum computers, which are far faster and more capable than any of the largest, most complex supercomputers already in use.

"We need to be in the game. And if we don't do this, when the federal monies start to flow for grants and contracts, we will miss out," she said. "If we don't have that basic introductory experience and expertise, then people are not going to come to us."

The entire push for a new Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology at DSU begins with a proposed \$6 million state appropriations bill now under consideration by the South Dakota Legislature, Griffiths said.

The money won't buy a new building or even come close to affording an actual quantum computer, which in its early form costs up to \$15 million and requires an extremely cold environment in which to operate.

Instead, the money would largely be used over four years to fund a handful of new faculty positions and graduate student slots at DSU, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, S.D., the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D., and South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D. The legislative appropriations bill, Senate Bill 45, was set to be heard by the Senate Education Committee on Jan. 25.

Griffiths refers to the initial investment as "seed money" to get the state positioned and recognized as an early leader in the field of quantum computers, which experts say will contain the capacity to quickly run equations, manage and manipulate data and solve problems that might take modern supercomputers many years to solve, if ever.

The technology is rapidly evolving but is still a few years away from wider, practical usage, Griffiths said. The \$6 million investment would show the federal government and companies like IBM or Honeywell that the South Dakota university system is a network they can rely on for new research, collaborations and education of future employees in a field expected to create tens of thousands of new high-paying jobs.

Gov. Kristi Noem shared her support for a quantum computer center during her annual state budget address in December.

"We have an exciting new opportunity for the jobs of the future," Noem said. "For too long, our kids were moving out of South Dakota to access exciting tech jobs."

As the power of computers grows, and as artificial intelligence plays a larger role in global society and economies, some scientists are urging caution in how these advanced technologies could be used either with intentional

nefarious motives or by mistakes that manifest in negative outcomes.

Survey results from the Pew Research Center in August showed that 52% of Americans are more concerned than excited about artificial intelligence.

DSU already has established a 20-year track record of research and teaching in the field of cyber technology, which includes computer science and the new, rapidly expanding field of cybersecurity.

In 2022, DSU announced it will take the lead role in development of a \$90 million expansion of cyber education and research through its Applied Research Lab, which includes a facility in Madison and a planned Sioux Falls lab that will create several hundred jobs and be a leader in the fields of technology and cybersecurity.

The quantum science center is the logical next step in the evolution of the university's mission, according to Ashley Podhradsky, vice president for research and economic development at DSU.

Partly as a result, the university has seen an increase in outside funding opportunities and internal growth, Griffiths said. DSU also has bucked the recent trend of declining enrollment at state universities that have seen slow, steady declines in attendance. DSU's total enrollment last fall was 3,509, an increase of 8.3% over 2022.

As an example of how state investment in research can lead to greater outside funding, Podhradsky noted that a 2020 state appropriation of \$400,000 for the Cyber Incubator and Entrepreneurial Center at DSU has since led to more than \$2 million in external sponsorships for the university.

When it comes to quantum, Griffiths and Podhradsky said the university has already heard from corporations, universities and government contractors exploring future partnerships with DSU due to its track record on cyber research and simply the announcement of the proposed quantum center. A possible partnership with a university in Australia is in the works.

"It's the foundation that we're developing for future partnerships," Podhradsky said. "They're looking at it initially as a strategic advancement, as a defining factor to differentiate their capabilities from others. And if we're able to secure that for them here in South Dakota, that makes our partnership that much more valuable to them."

Griffiths hopes the Legislature sees the value in the proposed \$6 million appropriation for the quantum science center and approves the money so universities can immediately begin recruiting faculty and student researchers to build the momentum built for the future.

"We want to say, 'Let's get the expertise ready.' And we're doing it in a shared way across four institutions, which I believe is the way to go. And then we will attract interest," Griffiths said. "I just think that we have a real opportunity here, and if we stop, we won't be ready when the time comes. And we'll miss the whole thing."

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# Groton Area placed seven wrestlers at Arlington

Groton Area's wrestlers placed seven grapplers at the Kingsbury County Tournament held Saturday in Arlington. The Tigers places seventh in a field of 14 teams.

Placing second were Wyatt Hagen at 106 pounds and Christian Ehresmann at 144 pounds. Easten Ekern placed third at 157 pounds. Korbin Kucker placed fourth at 165 pounds. Walker Zoellner placed fifth at 126 pounds. Placing sixth were Charlie Frost at 215 pounds and Gavin England at 285 pounds.

**Team Points:** Canby 203, Kingsbury County 195.5, Brookings 177.5, Faulkton Area 158.5, Redfield 137, Sioux Falls Washington 128.5, Groton Area 111, Warner/Northwestern 82, Lyman 64, Hamlin/Castlewood 49, Ipswich/Leola/Bowdle 46, Sioux Valley 36, Britton-Hecla 33, Tiospa Zina 4.

**106: Wyatt Hagen (17-10) placed 2nd, scored 22 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 17-10 won by fall over Karsten Lerwick (Kingsbury County) 6-9 (Fall 1:22)

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 17-10 won by fall over Salamana Idris (Sioux Falls Washington) 3-7 (Fall 1:13)

Semifinal - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 17-10 won by decision over Micah Stern (Brookings) 7-7 (Dec 5-1)

1st Place Match - Maddon Odland (Redfield Area) 27-8 won by fall over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 17-10 (Fall 1:22)

**106: Noah Scepaniak (3-6).**

Champ. Round 1 - Micah Stern (Brookings) 7-7 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 3-6 (Fall 0:59)

Cons. Round 1 - Ryatt Knippling (Lyman) 10-20 won by decision over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 3-6 (Dec 12-5)

**106: Luke Gauer (2-6).**

Champ. Round 1 - Maddon Odland (Redfield Area) 27-8 won by fall over Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 2-6 (Fall 1:22)

Cons. Round 1 - Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 2-6 won by fall over Daltin Coughlin (Kingsbury County) 0-8 (Fall 1:48)

Cons. Round 2 - Salamana Idris (Sioux Falls Washington) 3-7 won by major decision over Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 2-6 (MD 10-1)

**120: John Bisbee (1-10).**

Champ. Round 1 - Tucker Baloun (Faulkton Area) 10-19 won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 1-10 (Fall 3:03)

Cons. Round 1 - John Bisbee (Groton Area) 1-10 received a bye.

Cons. Round 2 - Rogan Albrecht (Kingsbury County) 3-3 won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 1-10 (Fall 2:20)

**126: Donovan Block (5-10).**

Champ. Round 1 - Donovan Block (Groton Area) 5-10 received a bye.

Quarterfinal - Riley Williams (Sioux Falls Washington) 16-18 won by tech fall over Donovan Block (Groton Area) 5-10 (TF-1.5 4:41 (17-2))

Cons. Round 2 - Donovan Block (Groton Area) 5-10 won by fall over Noah Vig (Kingsbury County) 0-2 (Fall 2:50)

Cons. Round 3 - Sawyer Johnson (Brookings) 6-12 won by decision over Donovan Block (Groton Area) 5-10 (Dec 10-7)

**126: Walker Zoellner (17-10) placed 5th and scored 11 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 17-10 received a bye.

Quarterfinal - Issac Guzman (Canby) 18-12 won by fall over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 17-10 (Fall 3:23)

Cons. Round 2 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 17-10 received a bye.

Cons. Round 3 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 17-10 won by fall over Lane Olivier (Lyman) 6-14 (Fall 2:02)

Cons. Semi - Riley Williams (Sioux Falls Washington) 16-18 won by decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 17-10 (Dec 2-1)

5th Place Match - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 17-10 won by fall over Sawyer Johnson (Brookings) 6-12 (Fall 1:31)

**144: Christian Ehresmann (20-3) placed 2nd, scored 21 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 20-3 received a bye.

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 20-3 won by fall over Albert Ngandu (Sioux Falls Washington) 1-8 (Fall 1:04)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 20-3 won by major decision over Bryce Hawkinson (Britton-Hecla) 21-7 (MD 14-4)

1st Place Match - Sam Drietz (Canby) 19-6 won in sudden victory - 1 over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 20-3 (SV-1 10-8)

**157: Easten Ekern (5-16) placed 3rd and scored 16.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 5-16 received a bye.

Quarterfinal - Sheldon Balderston (Kingsbury County) 7-4 won by major decision over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 5-16 (MD 17-7)

Cons. Round 2 - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 5-16 received a bye .

Cons. Round 3 - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 5-16 won by fall over Jaun Gutierrez (Kingsbury County) 5-6 (Fall 0:58)

Cons. Semi - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 5-16 won by decision over Braydon Pueppke (Sioux Falls Washington) 10-20 (Dec 4-3)

3rd Place Match - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 5-16 won by medical forfeit over Sheldon Balderston (Kingsbury County) 7-4 (M. For.)

**165: Korbin Kucker (10-4) placed 4th and scored 14.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 10-4 received a bye.

Quarterfinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 10-4 won by fall over Ben Suther (Britton-Hecla) 16-10 (Fall 5:48)

Semifinal - Zander Eidem (Sioux Falls Washington) 23-6 won by fall over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 10-4 (Fall 3:16)

Cons. Semi - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 10-4 won by decision over Dustin Dirksen (Warner/Northwestern) 11-8 (Dec 9-4)

3rd Place Match - Rory McManus (Lyman) 23-7 won by major decision over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 10-4 (MD 13-2)

**175: Isaiah Scepaniak (0-12).**

Champ. Round 1 - Sawyer Verhelst (Canby) 13-19 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-12 (Fall 0:21)

Cons. Round 1 - Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-12 received a bye.

Cons. Round 2 - Marshall Holz (Kingsbury County) 16-10 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-12 (Fall 1:19)

**175: Ben Hoeft (7-16) scored 2.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Marshall Holz (Kingsbury County) 16-10 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 7-16 (Fall 0:43)

Cons. Round 1 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 7-16 won by major decision over Luke Johnson (Sioux Valley) 2-14 (MD 11-2)

Cons. Round 2 - Sawyer Verhelst (Canby) 13-19 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 7-16 (Fall 1:25)

**190: Drew Thurston (4-9) scored 4.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 4-9 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Redfield Area) 21-8 (For.)

Quarterfinal - Joey Fitzpatrick (Brookings) 18-5 won by fall over Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 4-9 (Fall 0:57)

Cons. Round 2 - Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 4-9 received a bye.

Cons. Round 3 - Ayden Brakke (Lyman) 9-19 won by decision over Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 4-9 (Dec 8-2)

**215: Charlie Frost (5-8) placed 6th and scored 10.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Foster Bode (Faulkton Area) 7-9 won by fall over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 5-8 (Fall 1:14)

Cons. Round 1 - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 5-8 received a bye.

Cons. Round 2 - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 5-8 won by fall over Cade Leonhardt (Faulkton Area) 3-6 (Fall 4:52)

Cons. Round 3 - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 5-8 won by fall over Rex Hernandez (Canby) 1-2 (Fall 3:17)

Cons. Semi - Kadyne Weisser (Ipswich/Leola/Bowdle) 20-9 won by fall over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 5-8 (Fall 0:59)

5th Place Match - Foster Bode (Faulkton Area) 7-9 won by decision over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 5-8 (Dec 1-0)

**285: Gavin Englund (17-10) placed 6th, scored 11.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 17-10 won by fall over Brayden Satter (Warner/Northwestern) 4-8 (Fall 1:28)

Quarterfinal - Louie Thiry (Lyman) 23-7 won by decision over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 17-10 (Dec 5-2)

Cons. Round 2 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 17-10 received a bye.

Cons. Round 3 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 17-10 won by forfeit over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 10-7 (For.)

Cons. Semi - Gavin Noyes (Canby) 23-11 won by major decision over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 17-10 (MD 8-0)

5th Place Match - Louie Thiry (Lyman) 23-7 won by decision over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 17-10 (Dec 6-0)

**285: Karter Moody (10-7).**

Champ. Round 1 - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 10-7 won by fall over Dylan Reynolds (Brookings) 6-12 (Fall 3:19)

Quarterfinal - Parker Bode (Faulkton Area) 24-5 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 10-7 (Fall 3:12)

Cons. Round 2 - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 10-7 won by fall over Carson Leonhardt (Faulkton Area) 5-8 (Fall 0:51)

Cons. Round 3 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 17-10 won by forfeit over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 10-7 (For.)

## GHS Girls Wrestling

### Krueger takes first at Arlington

Liza Krueger took first place at the Kingsbury County Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in Arlington. She won all three matches with a pin.

**100: Liza Krueger (15-3) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.**

Round 1 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 15-3 won by fall over Jaylynn Johnson (Kingsbury County) 2-9 (Fall 1:13)

Round 2 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 15-3 won by fall over Reagan Cook (Tiospa Zina) 7-12 (Fall 1:15)

Round 3 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 15-3 won by fall over Claire Milliron (Brookings) 9-10 (Fall 4:36)



# EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: I've been hearing a lot of negative things about electric vehicles lately. Is the bloom off the rose?

-- H.J. Columbia, MD

It has been a tough run for electric vehicles (EVs) in recent months, with lots of bad press about everything from shorter ranges in cold weather to consumer frustration with getting stranded to the huge carbon footprint of the newfangled cars when factoring in life cycle assessments that include manufacturing. Whether or not these problems are enough to reduce sales in 2024 for the first time in the modern history of EVs is anybody's guess.

Perhaps EV's biggest Achilles heel is the precious metal mining involved. According to Hesham Bakhbaki, an expert in the central heating and renewable energy industry, the manufacture of a single Tesla Model Y battery requires moving some 250 tons of soil to obtain the needed metals (lithium, nickel, manganese and cobalt), not counting hundreds more pounds of aluminum, steel, graphite and plastic that are needed. "The Caterpillar 994A is used for earthmoving to obtain the essential minerals. It consumes 264 gallons of diesel in 12 hours," says Bakhbaki. "Finally, you get a 'zero emissions' car."

According to the International Energy Agency, manufacturing EVs requires six times the minerals and metals as an internal combustion engine vehicle. To add insult to injury, most of the minerals Tesla uses to manufacture these batteries come from China or Africa. "Much of the labor for extracting the minerals in Africa is done by children," adds Bakhbaki. "If we buy electric cars, it's China who profits most."

A 2019 study by Ernst & Young found that it takes 65,000-80,000 miles of driving (5-7 years) to offset the carbon footprint of purchasing a new EV. But according to Carl Medlock of Seattle's Medlock and Sons, one of the few independent Tesla repair shops in the country, you'll have to replace that EV battery every eight years or so—at a cost of \$15,000-\$25,000! And you would be starting the whole carbon footprint cycle all over again. Indeed, many EVs that aren't even that old

are heading for the scrapyards instead of onto a second life on the road. None of this is good news for consumers or the environment.

Perhaps this is why you can score a used EV surprisingly cheap. Rental car company Hertz announced recently that it is selling off some 20,000 EVs from its rental fleet with prices starting at only \$20,000 for a high-mileage but well-maintained Tesla Model 3. Hertz is also unloading Chevy Bolt EUVs starting at around \$22,500 and Tesla Model Ys for \$33,000. Hertz says it's time to sell these cars to better balance its supply and expected demand for EVs, but analysts point to the company needing to scrap lower-margin rentals and reduce damage expenses associated with EVs, which are much more expensive to fix after an accident or breakdown than their internal combustion counterparts. But one can't also wonder whether the battery replacement cost of high-mileage EVs has a bit to do with Hertz's big sell-off now.

Nevertheless, most environmentalists remain bullish on the transition to EVs and view these bumps in the road as opportunities to learn and improve so that someday in the not-to-distant future, we can get most of the gas-guzzling cars and trucks off the American road and power our EVs with clean, renewable energy.

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**Does replacing an EV's battery for \$15-25k when it wears out in less than eight years jeopardize the emissions reduction gains we get from ditching the gas-guzzler?** Credit: Pexels.com.

## Even In Darkness You can be Found



By Nicola Park LAC, LPC-MH

"I've lost everything...but I just can't stop". "Once I take that first drink that is all I think about". "I use to take the pain away". These are some of the many things you

might hear someone who struggles on a daily basis with an addiction say. Addiction is a chronic disease that can physically and mentally change a person from who they once were.

When we hear the word addiction, we might automatically go to 'the person on the street looking to score their next fix', but these are people who struggle every minute of their day to make the unconscious choice to feed this compulsion without thinking of the consequences of what this might do to them or their family. Addiction doesn't pick and choose, have a 'type' or have a criteria, so anyone from any gender, class, race etc. can fall victim to this disorder. In my time at various jobs, I have heard addiction described as their own worst enemy, their best (and only) friend, or the one thing they wish they could take back from their life. Now don't forget, addiction doesn't just stop at substances. You will see a wide range including gambling, shopping, eating, pornography and this is only just naming a few that can consume a person's every waking thought.

As hopeless as addiction might feel, the good news is there is hope and recovery is possible. Now there might not be a cure for addiction, but with the right tools, you can certainly make positive changes to help maintain prolonged sobriety. Now, I can sit here and say these words quite easily, but the road is far from that. These words are not said to discourage or make you scared, but to give a real perspective that it takes a lot of work, time, dedication and change, but with that, recovery is possible. Whether you choose treatment, AA/NA (and others), other peer support groups, or taking your recovery into your own hands, there are some core components that need to happen to gain a better chance of being successful. You can start doing this by surrounding yourself with positive supports, changing your playgrounds by not frequenting the same places, gaining healthy coping skills and taking it one day at a time. To finish, I always tell my patients, make sure you are addressing your mental health as well as your substance use. A beautiful life is waiting for you, but you just need to take that first step in admitting to yourself you have a problem and asking for help.

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