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Newly-crowned 2024 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen Emma Schinkel sits in a sled being pulled by queen candidates Cadence Feist, Carly Guthmiller, Hannah Monson, Ashlyn Sperry and Emily Overacker during the afternoon performance.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Katie Anderson uses two brooms for a finishing touch as volunteers helped to clear the ice after the afternoon performance. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton school board votes to "opt-out," increase property tax

The Groton Area School District Board voted unanimously Tuesday night in favor of an "opt-out" of current property tax limitations.

The district "is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute for the general fund," according to the resolution. The board voted to increase property tax by \$1.25 million per year for 10 years, beginning with 2024 taxes that are payable in calendar year 2025.

Opting out allows the district to impose an excess levy above any current limitations. Tuesday's vote came after six months of discussion of the district's current financial situation, projections for the future and capital projects looming ahead.

The district has been supplementing the general fund by transferring money from the capital outlay fund into the general fund for operational expenses, said Superintendent Joe Schwan. That has come from a 2016 change in how the state distributes funds to school districts.

"At the end of the day what it comes down to is you used to be able to enjoy the revenues that were provided from wind farm money, telecommunications tax money and the pension fund levy, but that is gone," Schwan said. "Those are equalized across the state. And so, how do you fill that?"

The district has already reduced some full-time equivalent positions by not filling them when people left the district, he said. However, about 85 percent of the budget goes toward salaries and benefits, that is where future cuts would likely come from.

There are also pending state legislation that would force the district to put more funding into teacher salaries through the next two years.

The district needs to find a way to "not have to rob from the capital outlay fund to pay for general fund expenses," he said.

Some in the community may think the district wants to raise taxes for construction, said board Vice President Marty Weismantel.

"They're asking what we're building," he said. "It's not for building. It's to keep the doors open. Keep our staff."

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Frosty Morning
Several days of fog finally gave way to a sunny Saturday. The morning frost decorated the area in the morning. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

Weekly Vikings Recap - Conference Championship Round

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

**Kansas City Chiefs 17 -
Baltimore Ravens 10**

The Kansas City Chiefs and the Baltimore Ravens kicked off the Conference Championship Round on Sunday with a matchup between two of the most exciting quarterbacks, Patrick Mahomes and Lamar Jackson, against two of the best defenses in the NFL. By the time the game started on Sunday, the Ravens were favored by 4.5 points, making it the most Patrick Mahomes had ever been an underdog in his career. Despite this, the Chiefs came in with confidence and determination to return to their fourth Super Bowl in five years.

That confidence was evident from the start for the Chiefs as their offense scored on its first two drives of the game. What was the key to those drives was the ball control for the Chiefs as they amassed an astonishing 26 total plays over a time of possession of 14:43. In a season where the Chiefs have lacked explosivity, they have found a perfect formula in running the ball with Isaiah Pacheco and having Patrick Mahomes make a play on key third downs. Sunday was no different as Pacheco had 24 rushing attempts and the Chiefs converted eight key third downs in the game.

The story of the game though was the Ravens' drastic mistakes. It would be one thing if the Ravens lost the turnover battle 3-0, but it was the way they did that caused them to lose to the Chiefs. In the third quarter, the Ravens found themselves down 17-7 and needing a boost of momentum. That momentum quickly came on the first play of the drive when Lamar Jackson connected with Zay Flowers on a 54-yard pass. Unfortunately, the momentum quickly evaporated four plays later when Flowers dove for the endzone, only to fumble one yard short of the endzone. Then on the next drive, Lamar Jackson decided to throw into triple coverage in the endzone, which resulted in an easy interception for the Chiefs. From that point on, the game was pretty much over for the Ravens.

In two weeks, the Chiefs will have a chance to be the first team since the 2003 and 2004 New England Patriots to win back-to-back Super Bowls.

**San Francisco 49ers -
Detroit Lions**

Sunday's NFC Championship game was a battle between a team that played in the NFC

Championship last year in the San Francisco 49ers and a team that had not played in the NFC Championship since 1991 in the Detroit Lions. For a franchise like the Detroit Lions, big games do not come around often and you would expect a team under their circumstances to have a bit of nerves to start the game. Amazingly, the opposite happened for the Lions as they scored touchdowns on their first two drives of the game and went into halftime with a 24-7 lead.

However, just like the Minnesota Vikings in their recent NFC Championship games, everything went wrong for the Lions in the second half. In a matter of four plays, the Lions saw wide receiver, Josh Reynolds drop two catchable passes, a ball bounce off a Lions cornerback's facemask into the hands of a 49ers' wide receiver for a 45-yard catch, and lastly a Jahmyr Gibbs' fumble. For those four plays to happen to the Lions in the NFC Championship game just goes to show that some NFL teams might be cursed and unfortunately not meant to win the big games.

After the chaos finally came to an end, the game was suddenly tied and the 49ers were rolling. And by the time the Lions got resettled, the 49ers had a 10-point lead and there was just not enough time for a comeback. Sadly for Lions' fans, they will have to wait yet another year to make their first Super Bowl appearance.

Goodbye!

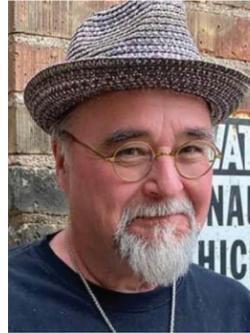
Unfortunately, this will be the last article we (Jack and Duane) write. It has been a pleasure to write about the Vikings and the rest of the NFL over the past few years and we appreciate all the readers that read our work over that time. Thank you and Skol Vikings! (Editor's note: Your favorite weekly Vikings article will continue, with Jordan Wright once again writing the articles. Jack recently graduated and passed the bar, so we hope you all join us in wishing good luck to him in his new career as a lawyer. Skol!)

A picture's worth a thousand memories

A picture appeared from the past on Facebook last week. It's one of my favorite photos. India's just a toddler—she's 23 now—and she's grinning happily as I hold her upside down—and of course, I'm grinning, too.

My sentimental reverie was interrupted when my mother called trying to track Dylan down for an errand. "Have him call me!" That kick-started a memory of him as kid.

First, some background. I used to be a pacer, especially when I was on the phone. I broke the habit by breaking a hip (there's an old person sentence I thought I'd never write) and flipping a meniscus. I also stopped biting my toenails



That's Life

by Tony Bender

by slamming my teeth into a steering wheel.

Anyway, one day Dylan's Grandma Jan called for the tyke, and he began pacing, all three feet of him, in his drawers, baby belly slightly distended.

"Who does that remind you of?" The Red-head whispered. And we sputtered as he paced officiously like he and Grandma Jan were working out some Wall Street transaction.

He still paces when he's on the phone. I've offered him some sure-fire ways to break the habit, but they all seemed too draconian for him.

I think you have to have at least two kids to figure out that they are who they are the minute they're born. Dylan has a lot of Heyoka in him—a contrarian in the Lakota way. Sometimes he doesn't see himself in that light. I'll say, "Dylan, you crawled backward!"

But he wasn't the stubborn one. He's stubborn, of course; his ancestors spent their time either invading or being invaded. But India could be downright defiant. She organized several coup attempts before she was five but kept getting off on conspiracy charges because it was just her. We're all still deathly afraid of her.

Between insurrections, she could be fun. The reason that photo of "Upside-Down India" is iconic it's because it harkens back to her bedtime routine. She was a bit of a daddy's girl in the beginning. That's because I'm a showman, and bedtime became a big production. We even had sponsors.

I would scoop her up to grins and giggles, but inevitably, no matter how hard I tried for God, country, and Ward Cleaver, she always ended up upside down.

About five minutes after I'd tucked her in, I'd look up and catch a glimpse of her peeking around the corner, coyly smiling. "You're right, India. The way you were put to bed was egregiously wrong and probably against the Geneva Convention."

The more I apologized, the harder she fought to maintain a straight face.

"Don't you worry, India. This time I think I've got it. There is no way I could possibly get it wrong again." I'd walk around her, eyeballing the situation, mumbling scientifically.

"All right, Indy. Here we go."

I juggled her like I was trying to get better grip on a loose sack of potatoes but eventually—how could this even happen—she was upside again, shrieking appreciatively over Dad's incompetence. I put her to bed at least three times a night.

Eventually, my parental primacy faded. I lost out to "girl stuff"—fragrances, makeup and a thousand different skin and haircare products. She'd dig through closets and appear in the living room in an Molly Ringwald ensemble from "Pretty in Pink."

"Dad, is this fashion?" she'd ask. The guy sitting there in sweatpants.

Dylan was a buzzsaw of a boy, and he was forever getting stitches. He knocked a speaker off a stand and ended up with stitches in his head. The scar above one eye? I've forgotten. He even managed stitches one day at daycare. And everything's padded there, and I think they bubble-wrapped the kids. One day at home, he came speeding around the loop from living room to kitchen, and smacked his forehead on an island overhang. It was a kettle drum thump which left an impressive lump and concerns about a concussion. A couple days after our visit to the Dylan Bender Wing of Emergency Services, I got a call from Child Protective Services wanting an explanation for Evel Ka-Dylan's growing stitch count.

"He's a boy," I deadpanned.

And that was that. The mayhem resumed without government interference.

He still gets stitches on occasion, but now I have alibis.

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NEC Boys' Basketball

Hamlin remains unbeaten in NEC

Hamlin has just three games left as they are on their way to an undefeated record in the Northeast Conference. But they still have to get through Clark/Willow Lake who has one loss, Deuel who has two losses and Britton-Hecla.

Groton Area remains number one in the Region 1A standings.

Boys NEC Standings

	NEC	Overall
Hamlin	7-0	11-3
Groton Area	6-1	9-3
Clark/Willow Lake	4-1	7-6
Deuel	4-2	7-7
Roncalli	4-2	8-5
Milbank	3-3	8-5
Tiospa Zina	2-3	7-5
Webster Area	2-6	5-9
Sisseton	1-4	3-10
Britton-Hecla *	1-5	2-12
Redfield	0-7	1-11
* Class B Team		

Hamlin 77, Aberdeen Roncalli 38
 Hamlin 64, Sisseton 31
 Milbank 60, Deuel 48
 Aberdeen Roncalli 59, Britton-Hecla 44
 Groton 66, Webster 30
 Clark-Willow Lake 57, Redfield 27

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

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

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

Feb. 6: Milbank at Sisseton (Conference game)

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

Feb. 9: Sisseton at Tiospa Zina

Feb. 12: Clark/Willow Lake at Roncalli

Feb. 13: Clark/Willow Lake at Tiospa Zina
 Feb. 13: Sisseton at Deuel
 Feb. 13: Britton-Hecla at Hamlin

Feb. 15: Hamlin at Clark/Willow Lake
 Feb. 15: Roncalli at Deuel

Feb. 16: Redfield at Tiospa Zina
 Feb. 16: Britton-Hecla at Groton Area

Boys Region 1A

#	Name	W	L	PCT	PTS
1	Groton Area	9	3	.750	43.500
2	Tiospa Zina	7	5	.583	42.917
3	Milbank	8	5	.615	41.615
4	Aberdeen Roncalli	8	5	.615	41.154
5	Waubay/Summit	8	5	.615	41.154
6	Webster Area	5	9	.357	39.071
7	Sisseton	3	10	.231	37.615
8	Redfield	1	11	.083	34.667

NEC Girls' Basketball

Hamlin handed first loss

Sisseton remains undefeated in the Northeast Conference after posting a 75-61 win over Hamlin. Hamlin has just one loss while a number of teams have two losses.

Girls NEC Standings

Sisseton	5-0	12-0
Hamlin	6-1	9-5
Deuel	4-2	6-7
Roncalli	6-2	11-2
Milbank	5-2	9-5
Groton Area	3-3	9-4
Clark/Willow Lake	2-4	4-9
Redfield	2-5	5-8
Britton-Hecla *	1-5	5-9
Webster Area	2-6	5-9
Tiospa Zina	0-7	0-13
* Class B Team		

Hamlin 52, Aberdeen Roncalli 41
 Milbank 49, Deuel 16
 Clark-Willow Lake 50, Redfield 37
 Sisseton 75, Hamlin 61
 Aberdeen Roncalli 60, Britton-Hecla 21
 Groton 42, Webster 27
 Roncalli 63, Tiospa Zina 23
 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

Feb. 9: Groton Area at Redfield

Feb. 13
 Deuel at Sisseton
 Clark/Willow Lake at Tiospa Zina
 Britton-Hecla at Hamlin

Girls Region 1A

#	Name	W	L	PCT	PTS
1	Sisseton	12	0	1.000	47.250
2	Aberdeen Roncalli	10	2	.833	44.417
3	Groton Area	9	4	.692	42.462
4	Milbank	9	5	.643	41.571
5	Waubay/Summit	7	5	.583	40.417
6	Redfield	5	8	.385	39.077
7	Webster Area	5	9	.357	38.429
8	Tiospa Zina	0	12	.000	34.500

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Conde National League

Jan. 29 Team Standings: Braves 15, Mets 15, Tigers 14, Cubs 13, Pirates 11, Giants 4.

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 225 202; Ryan Bethke 204 192; Russ Bethke 192.

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 588, Ryan Bethke 585, Russ Bethke 192.

Women's High Games: Sam Bahr 179; Suzi Easthouse 167 162; Nancy Radke 156

Women's High Series: Suzi Easthouse 483, Nancy Radke 454, Sam Bahr 441

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #9

Team Standings: Coyotes – 6, Shihtzus – 5, Chipmunks – 5, Jackelopes – 4, Foxes – 4, Cheetahs – 0

Men's High Games: Randy Stanley – 246, Lance Frohling – 205, Mike Siegler – 202

Women's High Games: Darci Spanier – 176, Alicia Bruns – 173, Vicki Walter – 158

Men's High Series: Lance Frohling – 579, Randy Stanley – 561, Mike Siegler – 510

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter – 451, Darci Spanier – 439, Alicia Bruns – 424

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #10

Team Standings: Shihtzus – 9, Jackelopes – 9, Chipmunks – 8, Jackelopes – 5, Foxes – 5, Cheetahs – 0

Men's High Games: Brad Waage – 213, John Sippel – 209, Randy Stanley – 192

Women's High Games: Alexa Schuring – 181, Vicki Walter – 179, Darci Spanier – 154

Men's High Series: John Sippel – 548, Brad Waage – 533, Randy Stanley – 498

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter – 480, Alexa Schuring – 465, Darci Spanier – 411

Week 10 Fun Game – Most Picked up Splits – 3-way tie: Cheetahs, Coyotes, Foxes with 2 each!



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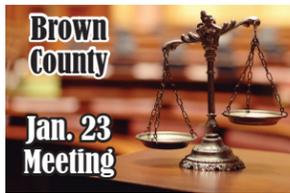
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JANUARY 23, 2024 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Ed Fischbach wanted to share some information regarding the comments made last week by Brent Gabler regarding Glacial Lakes being fined or having to close if the CO2 Pipeline isn't passed. Ed informed the Commission that Jared McEntaffer testified under oath at the PUC Hearings when asked if the SD Ethanol Producers Assoc. had told him they needed the pipeline in order to be successful; McEntaffer said 'No they did not'. Also, the CEO & Chief Lobbyist in Washington D.C. for the Renewable Fuels Assoc., David Halberg said the Ethanol Industry is no going anywhere and they should stop saying that. He shared that as of 2009 Glacial Lakes has received \$4,251,696.00 in refunds from sales and excise tax credits. \$3,954,333.00 million of that was received at the Aberdeen Ethanol Plant. Ed commented that when Glacial Lakes is in here stating they can't survive and they are making record profits on the dividends that they returned, we need to keep this in mind. Ed said to also remember that not all Ethanol Plants have signed up for this pipeline.

Dennis Feickert also commented that yes people have the right to sign an easement, but the people also have a right to say no, also. The Ethanol plants that didn't sign up for the pipeline must have a lower score or have other means to get the score down. Mr. Gabler alluded to the fact of the tax credits and it's all about the money. Dennis commented that sooner a resolution can be passed the better; he was contacted by three other counties that are interested and would like a copy of the resolution.

PUBLIC PROGRESS HEARING ON BROWN COUNTY YMCA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER BUILDING ADDITION PROJECT: Ted Dickey with NECOG and Mike Quast with YMCA met with the Commission to give an update on the progress of the YMCA Addition to the Youth Development Center. Ted informed Commission that they received \$770,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the YMCA to build the addition to the Youth Development Center. One requirement of the Grant is to hold a Public Progress Hearing. Mike shared that everything is on schedule, and they will be able to add 185 state licensed spots from school age children down to 6 weeks old and they are set to open before the next school year. YMCA is entering into an agreement with Northern State University (NSU) to run some of the curriculum out of the expansion for 2-year degree in Early Learning Education. Chairman Sutton commented that Brown County is glad to be a partner in this, good and necessary project, that will benefit a lot of people in Aberdeen.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) – DRAW-DOWN REQUEST #3: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Drawdown Request #3 for a total of \$69,893.59. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign three entertainment contracts for the 2024 Brown County Fair (names confidential until official press release). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH SD FARMER'S UNION – AG EDUCATION CENTER: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager informed the Commission that she is moving forward with the agreement with SD Farmer's Union to have an Ag Education

Center during the week of the Fair only. Samantha Olson with SD Farmer's Union has been working on obtaining Grants to fund this project and it is looking positive for 2024 Fair. SD Farmer's Union would receive naming rights due to installing concrete floor, updating the electrical and water that they need in the current Poultry Barn to create the Ag Education Center. Proposed name is Farmer's Union Agriculture Expo. Then the SD Farmer's Union would be allowed to use the building throughout the year for four other events. Rachel shared that she will have a final draft to submit for approval and signature next week.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION FEES (FOIA): Further discussion was held regarding the FOIA fees. Auditor Heupel shared what she gathered from other counties, but it can vary from a 10-minute job to several hours depending on the request along with different media usages for the information as well. After further discussion Commissioner Fjeldheim mentioned to charge a per page fee for jobs under an hour, anything over an hour we charge an hourly rate. No decision was made at this time, Auditor Heupel will continue to gather more information and present it at a later date.

GRANT FOR TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the grant application contingent upon approval from the State's Attorney. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Ross Aldentaler, States Attorney Deputy reviewed the document and approved the grant application.

PROTECT LOCAL CONTROL RESOLUTION: Commissioner Dennert gave the Commission an update but did not present a Resolution at this time because it has not been introduced on the Legislative Floor at this time. The proposal is a 250-foot set-back statewide unless it is within 2 miles from an Ethanol plant – then it would be a 50-foot set-back, which would eliminate any County Ordinances, so we want a chance to oppose this. Dennis Feickert mentioned to get the Resolution to the SD Association of County Commissioners so they can get it to the other counties and when it gets assigned to a committee, they can defend it. Chairman Sutton share it would be better to be proactive instead of reactive and when introduced and scheduled for a Committee hearing that's when we need to get the Resolution to them. Commissioner Dennert is going to finalize the draft and present it at the next meeting.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the January 16, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following Claims: Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$647.73. Professional Fees: Aspire, Inc \$10,000.00; CGI, LLC \$1,353.75; Credit Collections Bureau \$2,089.96; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$28,544.20; Dial-A-Move \$90.00; Grant County 4-H \$12.00; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$400.00; Northern Plains Psychological Associates, LLC \$225.00; Sanford Health \$6,574.00; SDSU Extension \$92.40; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$2,812.50; Zylstra Investigations \$720.00. Publishing: Aberdeen Community Theatre \$700.00; Gannett South Dakota LocalIQ \$1,291.83; Groton Daily Independent \$212.84; Midstates Group \$570.00; N.W. Blade \$166.00. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$633.65; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$50.60; Northern Electric \$1,200.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Diesel Machinery, Inc \$10,524.30; Leiholt Electric, LLC \$658.22; LensLock Inc. \$32,065.00; Olson's Pest Technicians \$190.00; Soil Technologies, Inc \$8,898.00; Titan Machinery \$3,197.50. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$81.77; Artz Equipment, Inc \$33.98; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$195.15; Century Business Products \$365.01; Cole Paper Inc \$322.17; Dakota Supply Group \$48.17; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$19,208.45; Election Systems & Software \$713.62; Farm Power Mfg. \$50.20; Fastenal Company \$253.89; Geffdog Designs \$150.00; Graham Tire Inc \$613.36; Hall Sand & Gravel, Inc \$22,502.38; Midstates Group \$3,500.65; NVC \$27.09; The Electric Company of SD \$600.00; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,894.62; Titan Machinery \$278.25. Travel & Confer-

ence: Dave Lunzman \$336.00. Utilities: City of Hecla \$205.80; James Valley Telecommunications \$209.10; Northwestern Energy \$3,994.05; NVC \$3,769.78; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$181.31; Verizon Wireless \$1,412.45. Others: Andax Industries LLC \$1,065.28; Avera Addiction Care Center \$25,000.00; NESDCAP \$2,500.00; Safe Harbor \$679.84; WEX \$3,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- Resignation of Gavin Wright, Brown County Sheriff Department Investigator; effective January 30, 2024. Request to fill.

- Employment ending for Denica Jones, Brown County JDC Detention Officer; effective January 27, 2024. Request to fill.

- Retirement of Barry Kusler, Brown County Equalization Real Property Appraiser; effective March 1, 2024.

- Transfer of Cody Richards from Brown County JDC Detention Officer to Brown County JDC Overnight Sergeant, FT, starting wage \$25.94/hr.; effective January 21, 2024. Request to fill.

- Transfer of Keith Baker from Brown County Deputy Sheriff to Brown County Sheriff Department Sergeant, FT, starting wage \$33.21/hr.; effective January 21, 2024.

- Transfer of Rachel Wilson from Brown County JDC Administrative Sergeant to Brown County Assistant Jail Administrator, moving from hourly to salary, \$2,466.75/pay period; effective January 21, 2024.

- Transfer of Tina Jacobs and Emily Jacobs from PT Brown County Jail Detention Officer to FT Brown County Jail Detention Officer; effective January 21, 2024.

- Hiring of Jennifer Gunckel as Brown County Jail Control Room Attendant, PT, starting wage \$19.29/hr.; effective January 23, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following lease agreements: ND Country Fest for lease of the Holum Expo Building, Double Stage, Bleachers, Chairs & Tables on March 29, 2024 for Your Town Tour Concert; Liebelts RV for lease of the Holum Expo Building on March 11-24, 2024 for Liebelts' RV Show; Wiedebush Farms for lease of the Club House on October 12, 2024 for a Wedding; Aberdeen Home Builders for lease of the Holum Expo Building on March 8-10, 2024 for Home Builder's Show. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

ZONING ORDINANCES – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to set hearing date and authorize advertising for first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held February 13, 2024 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD: Proposed Ordinance 266, applicants Alvin & Nancy Haugen for the purpose or rezoning the property from Mini-Agriculture Preservation District (M-AG) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Lot 2, "Brock Fischer First Richmond Lake Addition" in the NE 1/4 of Section 23-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127277 West Shore Drive, Ravinia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following abatements for tax year 2024: Parcel #12622 - \$41.68; Parcel #13169 - \$41.68; Parcel # 17164 - \$41.68; and Parcel #22455 - \$41.68. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR THE 2024 MICRO-SURFACING PROJECT BID: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for Micro-surfacing project at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in the Commissioner's

Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Specifications may be viewed and obtained at www.questcdn.com by entering QuestCDN project number 8938832. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor Heupel informed the Commission that she heard back from Lynn Bren with SD Public Assurance Alliance; she was contacted by Risk Management with the State, and she is working on compiling their concerns and position in regard to the 4-H MOU.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:37 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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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
- 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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NOTICE
2024 Brown County Microsurfacing Project

Sealed Bids will be received by the Commissioners of Brown County, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, (605) 626-7110, until 8:45 AM local time on Tuesday, the 13th day of February 2024 for the above referenced project. Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents. Brown County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

At or shortly after the time named above and within the meeting of the County Commission, such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project includes the following Work:

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Additional items as set forth in the Contract Documents.

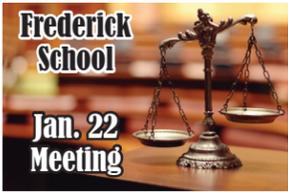
The Work to be performed under this contract shall be substantially completed by September 6, 2024.

Each bid shall be accompanied by Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding documents may be viewed and obtained at www.questcdn.com by entering QuestCDN project number 8938832. If you need assistance with the website, please contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

Special Board of Education Meeting

January 22, 2024

A special meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on January 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein and Eric Sumption. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Others in attendance: Dan Miller with JLG via Zoom.

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

Motion 2024-062 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye, carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

The building was discussed. Based on the surveys received, there is strong support to investigate and propose specific facility solutions.

Motion 2024-063 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to adjourn at 2:39 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

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The Life of Virginia Micko

Claremont, SD: The funeral service for Virginia Micko will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 2, 2024 at the Claremont Church. Rev. Rodney Ulmer will officiate the service. Interment will be at the Groton Cemetery in Groton under the direction of the Olson Funeral Chapel of Britton.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Virginia June Miller was born June 21, 1922 to Glenn and Anna (Jesme) Miller in rural Day County, SD. She grew up on the farm near Claremont and attended country grade school. She graduated from Groton High School. She then went on to study at Augustana College in Sioux Falls for two years. She left school to work at the Army Air Corps Base in Sioux Falls. It was there where she met and fell in love with Gerald "Mike" Micko. They were married December 14, 1944 in Springfield, IL.

After Mike was discharged from the Army Air Corps in 1946, they moved to a farm outside of Claremont where they built a life with their four sons Gregory, Dennis, Bradley and Martin. Sadly, Mike passed away in 1978. A few years later, Virginia left the farm and moved to Groton. She kept busy working at the Brown County Treasurer's Office in Aberdeen as a clerk until retiring.

Virginia enjoyed many things. She was an avid bowler and she and her team made it to Nationals on at least one occasion. For most of her bowling years, her team consisted of the same group of ladies. She enjoyed playing cards, especially Bridge. She always enjoyed an entertaining game of Farkle with family. Virginia was a creative and talented lady that did many crafts, including cross stich, some of which were entered in the Brown County Fair. She loved spending time with her family and friends and was delighted when she could spend time with her grandkids. She was always up for a road trip and took pleasure in traveling. When given the opportunity, she enjoyed fishing as well as spending time at the lake. Virginia enjoyed visiting with many people, pretty much a friend to all. She always had a twinkle in her eye and a contagious laugh. Virginia "Grandma Gin" was a very special and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a member of United Methodist Church in Claremont.

Virginia passed away Sunday, January 28, 2024 at Wheatcrest Hills in Britton at the age 101.

She is survived by her sons, Gregory (Patricia), Dennis (LaDonna) and Martin (Julene); a daughter-in-law, Loisanne "Lolly"; thirteen grandchildren: Kevin, Amy (Jamie), Lisa, Dustin, Lindsie, Mackensie (Jamie), Jordan (Tara), Kelly, Kristin (Jason), Aleesha (Dan), Aaron (Sandi), Ashley (Shane) and Gerald (Megan); and sixteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son, Bradley; a grandson, BJ; her brothers: Ralph, Donald "Bing", Robert "Jack" and an infant brother.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be directed to the Claremont Church.

Condolences may be directed to the family in care of Martin Micko – 11680 408th Ave – Claremont, SD 57432.

An online guestbook and obituary are available at www.olsonfuneralchapel.com



NOTICE

Application has been made by Alvin & Nancy Haugen to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Court-house Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on February 13, 2024 for the purpose of rezoning the following properties from Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Lot 2, "Brock Fischer First Richmond Lake Addition" in the NE 1/4 of Section 23-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127277 West Shore Drive; Ravinia Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 266.

ATTEST:
Lynn Heupel
Brown County Auditor
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Signed
Deborah Gengerke, Board Chairman
Tigh Fliehs, Board Member
Travis Harder, Board Member
Heather Lerseth-Fliehs, Board Member
Kara Pharis, Board Member
Grant Rix, Board Member
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Groton Area upsets Florence/Henry

Groton Area never trailed in a thrilling upset win over Florence/Henry Monday night in Groton, 39-34. The game featured the Falcons, who were sixth in the state ratings with a 12-2 record, and the Tigers, who were 21st in the state with a 9-4 record.

The Tiger defense left Florence/Henry scoreless from the field in the first quarter as Groton Area led, 12-1, after the first period. The Falcons battled back and made it a three-point game at halftime, 16-13. Groton Area's lead was down to two at 19-17, but the Tigers scored six unanswered points to take a 28-19 lead into the fourth quarter. Florence/Henry closed to within one three times in the fourth quarter, but was unable to gain the lead. Jerica Locke made four of four free throws in the final 30 seconds to quench the win for the Tigers.

Coach Matt Locke said, "It was a hard fought victory, one we've been searching for. Let's beat someone who people don't think we can beat and we did it tonight. Jaedyn (Penning) and Rylee (Dunker) did a hell of a job on that Kelly girl. It was a great team win. The kids



Jaedyn Penning celebrates by hugging No. 11 Jerica Locke after the final buzzer during the Groton Area team's win Monday. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area's Rylee Dunker grabs the ball and looks to pass during Monday night's game. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

Florence/Henry made 13 of 45 field goals for 29 percent, six of 14 free throws for 43 percent, had five turnovers and 14 team fouls.

Three-pointers: Vavruska - 1, Kelly - 1.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 34-19. Groton Area held a 10-6 lead after the first quarter, trailed, 16-12 at halftime, then scored the first 13 points of the third quarter to take a 25-19 lead after the third period.

Taryn Traphagen led the Tigers with 10 points followed by Faith Traphagen with six, Laila Roberts three, McKenna Tietz and Emerlee Jones each had two points and Ashlynn Warrington had one point.

Ashlynn Vavruska and Griffin Muller each had six points for the Falcons while Myles Sumner had three and Ember Morris and Ashley Klitzke each had two points.

Groton Area made it a clean sweep with a 33-24 C game win. The Tigers led at the quarterstops at 12-6, 19-11 and 27-20.

Kella Tracy led Groton Area with 13 points followed by Brenna Imrie with six, Ashlynn Warrington four, and adding two points apiece were McKenna Tietz, Emerlee Jones, Addison Hoffman and Teagan Hanten.

Mashia McQuin led Florence/Henry with seven points followed by Lucy Bloom with five, Addison Byer four, Ana Byer and Rebecca Fleming each had three and Avari Gusso added two points.

All three games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The girls C game was sponsored by Tom and Lindsey Tietz, the junior varsity game sponsored by Adam and Nicole Wright, and the varsity game 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



Groton Area's Brooklyn Hansen passes the ball to Jerica Locke. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area's Jaedyn Penning attempts a shot while Florence/Henry's Caylin Kelly tries to block during Monday night's game. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area's Jerica Locke looks toward the basket during Monday night's game against Florence/Henry. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area's Faith Traphagen looks to do a layup during Monday's game against Florence/Henry. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

GHS Girls' Basketball

Lady Tigers have clean sweep over Webster Area

The Groton Area girls basketball teams all posted wins Friday night in Webster.

Groton Area had three big rallies as the Lady Tigers won the varsity game, 42-27. Webster Area jumped out to a 5-0 lead before Groton Area scored 10 straight points to take a 10-5 lead after the first quarter. Groton Area scored 14 straight points in the second quarter en route to a 26-13 lead at halftime. Groton Area scored 13 straight points that spanned the third and fourth quarters as Groton Area took a 33-19 lead into the fourth quarter.

Sydney Leicht led Groton Area with 11 points, one rebound and four steals. Jaedyn Penning had nine points, seven rebounds, three assists and four steals. Jerica Locke had eight points, five rebounds, two assists and seven steals. Laila Roberts had seven points, one rebound, two assists and three steals. Brooklyn Hanson had three points, one rebound and four steals. Faith Traphagen had three points, one rebound, one assist and three steals. Taryn Traphagen had one point, three rebounds, one assist and six steals.

Groton Area made 13 of 42 two-pointers for 31 percent, three of 16 three-pointers (Liecht, Locke, Hansen 1 each) for 19 percent, seven of 12 free throws for 58 percent, had 19 rebounds, 17 turnovers, nine assists, 31 steals, 11 team fouls and one block by Taryn Traphagen.

Harley Johnson and Erin Sannes each had seven points to lead the Bearcats while Bailee Ninke had six, Lydia Vogl three and Carrington Hanson had one point.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 34-28. Webster held a 9-4 lead after the first quarter and a 13-11 lead at halftime. Groton Area led, 25-20, after the third quarter. McKenna Tietz had 10 points, Taryn Traphagen eight, Chesney Weber six, Laila Roberts and Faith Traphagen each had five points.

Katie Braun led Webster Area with 10 points while Carrington Hansen had seven, Bailee Nine five, Karii Cannes four and Chloe Mammenga added two points.

Groton Area won the C game, 41-11, leading at the quarterstops at 6-4, 19-7 and 28-11.

Kella Tracy led Groton Area with 14 points followed by Chesney Weber with 10, Avery Crank had seven, Ashlynn Warrington four and McKenna Tietz, Emerlee Jones and Sydney Locke each had two points.

Cartney Hanson led Webster Area with four points, Kinsey Kuecker had three and Brallynn BReske and Callie Shoemaker each had two points.

All three games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The C game was sponsored by Bary & Tricia Keith. The junior varsity game was sponsored by Ed & Connie Stauch. 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 did the play-by-play and Jeslyn Kosel ran the camera.

GHS Boys' Basketball

Three hit double figures as Groton Area beats Webster Area

Three players hit double figures Thursday night as the Groton Area boys' basketball team defeated Webster Area, 66-30. It was a night where 34 team fouls were called and only two jump ball calls were made.

The Tigers had a 19-6 lead after the first quarter and led it 31-19, at halftime. Webster Area battled back to within eight at 35-27, but then Groton Area scored 15 straight points and led it 52-29 after the third quarter.

Ryder Johnson had three three-pointers on the night and led the Tigers with 19 points, had eight rebounds, one steal and one block. Lane Tietz had 17 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals. Jacob Zak had 10 points, five rebounds, two assists, three steals and two blocked shots. Teylor Diegel had five points which included one three-pointer. Logan Ringgenberg and Kassen Keough each had four points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Easton Weber made a three-pointer and finished with three points. Keegen Tracy had two points, two rebounds, four assists and two steals. Keough had stolen the ball and was on the way to the basket, but then looked back and saw Holden Sippel and passed the ball off to him and Sippel made the layup for two points. Sippel also had one assist. Blake Pauli had one assist and one steal. Colby Dunker had two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Gage Sippel had four rebounds and two blocks. Karson Zak had one rebound. Turner Thompson had one block.

Groton Area made 22 of 37 two-pointers for 59 percent, five of 20 three-pointers for 25 percent, seven of 10 free throws for 70 percent, had 31 rebounds, 13 turnovers, 15 assists, 16 steals, 18 team fouls and six block shots.

Matthew Mount led Webster Area with 11 points which included two three-pointers, Ian Lesnar made two three-pointers and finished with eight points, score two points apiece were Jeron McCreary, Peyton Kuecker, Tommy Vergeldt and Jack Shoemaker, while Thomas Kuecker made one free throw.

Webster Area made eight of 28 field goals for 29 percent, made 10

of 18 free throws for 56 percent, had 16 team fouls and 18 turnovers.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 52-24. Webster Area held a 10-9 lead after the first quarter while the Tigers took over at halftime, 21-14, and led 32-18 after the third quarter.

Gage Sippel led Groton Area with 17 points while Kassen Keough made two three-pointers and finished with 12 points, Jayden Schwan had five, Turner Thompson and Ethan Kroll each had four points, Blake Pauli made a three-pointer for three points, and Karson Zak, Teylor Diegel and Easton Weber each had two points.

Martin Dorsett led Webster Area with 14 points while Tate Mammenga and Carson Mount each had four points and Thomas Kuecker and Seth Lesnar each had one point.

Groton Area made it a clean sweep with a 48-14 win in the C game. Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 23-3, 30-7 and 43-12.

Easton Weber made two three-pointers to lead the Tigers with 10 points, Ryder Schelle had nine points, Logan Warrington and Jayden Schwan each had eight points, Jace Johnson seven and Karson Zak six.

John Sonstebo led Webster Area with six points while Sheldon Schmiege and Seth Lesnar each had four points.

All three games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The C and 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 Kose did the play-by-play and Jeslyn Kosel ran the camera.

GHS Boys' Basketball

Dakota Valley stops Groton Area at DAK XII-NEC Clash

Three players hit double figures for both Groton Area and Dakota Valley, but the Panthers got key offensive rebounds to edge out the Tigers, 62-57. The game was part of the DAK XII - NEC Clash held Saturday in Madison.

Groton Area came out commanding the first quarter as the Tiger defense forced five first quarter Dakota Valley turnovers. Jacob Zak powered in two three-pointers, a two-pointer and two free throws as he led Groton Area to a 16-13 first quarter lead.

Dakota Valley lit the nets on fire in the second quarter with three three-pointers and six two-pointers while the Tigers cooled down to making two of 11 field goals as Dakota Valley took a 36-24 lead at half time.

Ryder Johnson and Lane Tietz carried the Tigers in the third quarter with each making a three-pointer to spark the Tigers and to cut the lead down to nine at the end of the third quarter, 49-40.

Groton Area closed to within three points, 49-46, with seven minutes left in the game. The Tigers had the chance to either tie or come to within one, but Dakota Valley foiled those plans and the Panthers quickly jumped out to a nine-point lead and extended it to 11 at 61-50 to go on for the win.

Jacob Zak finished with 16 points, two rebounds, one assist, one steal and one block. Ryder Johnson had 14 points, eight rebounds, two assists and one steal. Lane Tietz had 13 points, two rebounds, six assists and four steals. Logan Ringgenberg had six points and five rebounds. Gage Sippel had five points and six rebounds. Colby Dunker had one rebound and one steal.

Groton Area made 11 of 29 two-pointers for 38 percent, six of 20 three-pointers for 30 percent, 17 of 21 free throws for 81 percent, had 24 rebounds, 10 turnovers, 10 assists, 10 steals, 16 team fouls and one block shot.

Three-Pointers: Zak - 2, Tietz - 2, Johnson - 2.

Jaxson Wingert led Dakota Valley with 23 points while Luke Bruns had 14 points, Logan Collette 11, Charlie Margeas five, Grant VanDenHul four, Tyler Cornelsen three and Drew Lukken two.

Dakota Valley made 23 of 39 field goals for 59 percent, nine of 16 free throws for 56 percent, had 16 turnovers and 14 team fouls.

Three-Pointers: Margeas - 1, Bruns - 1, Cornelsen - 1, Collette - 3, Wingert - 1

Groton Area, now 9-3 on the season, will travel to Deuel on Thursday for part of a double header. Dakota Valley is 10-2.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM and the audio piped into the Madison livestream. Game sponsors were Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, BK Custom Ts & More, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Full Circle Ag, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Krueger Brothers, Locke Electric, The MeatHouse of Andover, Rix Farms/R&M Farms and Spanier Harvesting and Trucking. Paul Kosel did the play-by-play and Jeslyn Kosel ran the camera.

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GHS Wrestling

Wrestling Squad take team title, place eight in the finals; Krueger, Little are winners in the girls' division

Groton Area's wrestling squad placed eight wrestlers in the top four and won the team title in action held in Groton on Saturday. Groton Area finished with 190 points to win the team title with Warner/Northwestern coming in second with 146 points.

Christian Ehresmann, Korbin Kucker and Walker Zoellner all took first place, Gavin England took third and Wyatt Hagen, Lincoln Krause and Easten Ekern placed fourth. In the girls' division, Liza Krueger and Maddie Little both took first place.

Team Points: 1, Groton Area, 190.0; 2, Warner/Northwestern, 146.0; 3, Clark/Willow Lake, 142.0; 4, Watertown JV, 133.0; 5, Britton/Hecla, 128.0; 6, Sioux Falls O`Gorman JV, 119.5; 7, Potter County, 113.5; 8, Huron JV, 104.0; 9, Webster Area, 90.0; 10, Canton JV, 86.5; 11, Sioux Valley, 79.5; 12, Ipswich/Leola/Bowdle, 66.0; 13, McLaughlin, 39.0; 14, Sully Buttes, 35.0; 15, Viborg/Hurley, 33.0; 16, Milbank JV, 31.0; 17, Canistota, 26.0; 18, Wessington Spings/Woonsocket/Wolsey/Wessington, 21.0; 19, Sanborn Central, 13.0; 20, Lemmon/McIntosh, 7.0; 21, Ortonville, 0.0

90-98: Luke Gauer (2-8).

Champ. Round 1 - Easton Rausch (Potter County) 18-16 won by fall over Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 2-8 (Fall 0:00)

Cons. Round 1 - Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 2-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 5-8 won by decision over Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 2-8 (Dec 8-6)

90-98: Noah Scepaniak (5-8).

Champ. Round 1 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 5-8 won by fall over Aksel Gjerde (Clark/Willow Lake) 1-8 (Fall 1:54)

Quarterfinal - Braylon Schell (Watertown JV) 8-3 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 5-8 (Fall 0:30)

Cons. Round 2 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 5-8 won by decision over Luke Gauer (Groton Area) 2-8 (Dec 8-6)

Cons. Round 3 - Bode Walker (Canton JV) 13-5 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 5-8 (Fall 1:28)

90-98: Jackson Furman (5-4) placed 6th.

Champ. Round 1 - Jackson Furman (Groton Area) 5-4 received a bye.

Quarterfinal - Jackson Furman (Groton Area) 5-4 won by fall over Karstyn Schlechter (Webster Area) 5-8 (Fall 1:37)

Semifinal - Braylon Schell (Watertown JV) 8-3 won by fall over Jackson Furman (Groton Area) 5-4 (Fall 0:34)

Cons. Semi - Hayden Sealey (Sioux Falls O`Gorman JV) 5-1 won by fall over Jackson Furman (Groton Area) 5-4 (Fall 3:30)

5th Place Match - Tanner Urdahl (Watertown JV) 2-2 won by fall over Jackson Furman (Groton Area) 5-4 (Fall 4:04)

106: Aiden Strom (3-6).

Champ. Round 1 - William O`Connor (Sioux Falls O`Gorman JV) 12-8 won by tech fall over Aiden Strom (Groton Area) 3-6 (TF-1.5 2:09 (15-0))

Cons. Round 1 - Aiden Strom (Groton Area) 3-6 won by fall over Blaise Bentz (Canton JV) 16-4 (Fall 1:51)

Cons. Round 2 - Koda Popkes (Canistota) 8-15 won by fall over Aiden Strom (Groton Area) 3-6 (Fall 2:34)

106: Wyatt Hagen (23-12) placed 4th, scored 14 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 23-12 won by major decision over Jack Stuwe (Potter County) 11-17 (MD 16-3)

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 23-12 won by major decision over Chase Dunsmore (Wessington Spings/Woonsocket/Wolsey/Wessington) 13-14 (MD 12-4)

Semifinal - Tayten Kurkowski (Webster Area) 23-12 won by decision over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 23-12 (Dec 6-2)

Cons. Semi - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 23-12 won by decision over Evan Mack (Watertown JV) 6-5 (Dec 4-1)

3rd Place Match - William O`Connor (Sioux Falls O`Gorman JV) 12-8 won by decision over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 23-12 (Dec 6-1)

113: Lincoln Krause (18-8) placed 4th, scored 18 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 18-8 won by fall over Wambli White Tail (McLaughlin) 0-2 (Fall 1:10)

Quarterfinal - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 18-8 won by fall over Avery Williams (Sully Buttes) 0-11 (Fall 1:34)

Semifinal - Shane Sehr (Canton JV) 14-5 won by fall over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 18-8 (Fall 1:17)

Cons. Semi - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 18-8 won by fall over Grason Finn (Wessington Spings/Woonsocket/Wolsey/Wessington) 4-2 (Fall 0:36)

3rd Place Match - Ryder Siedschlag (Huron JV) 12-11 won by fall over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 18-8 (Fall 1:43)

120: John Bisbee (2-14).

Champ. Round 1 - John Bisbee (Groton Area) 2-14 received a bye.

Quarterfinal - Kutler Swenson (Watertown JV) 15-5 won by fall over

John Bisbee (Groton Area) 2-14 (Fall 1:25)

Cons. Round 2 - Ryley Sprinkel (Sully Buttes) 2-6 won by decision over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 2-14 (Dec 16-10)

120: Donavon Block (10-8) placed 4th, scored 16.0 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 10-8 received a bye.

Quarterfinal - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 10-8 won by fall over Mason Severson (Clark/Willow Lake) 3-9 (Fall 2:35)

Semifinal - Lane Stuwe (Potter County) 19-12 won by decision over Donavon Block (Groton Area) 10-8 (Dec 11-5)

Cons. Semi - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 10-8 won by fall over Andrew Folk (Milbank JV) 3-7 (Fall 1:25)

3rd Place Match - Tanner Atkinson (Britton/Hecla) 8-8 won by fall over Donavon Block (Groton Area) 10-8 (Fall 2:48)

126: Walker Zoellner (25-10) placed 1st, scored 30.0 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 25-10 won by fall over Damian Severson (Clark/Willow Lake) 20-16 (Fall 1:31)

Quarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 25-10 won by fall over Dubhlaonn Vermeulen (Sioux Valley) 9-22 (Fall 0:45)

Semifinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 25-10 won by fall over Gavon Larson (Webster Area) 10-19 (Fall 2:37)

1st Place Match - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 25-10 won by fall over Zach Schuler (Sioux Falls O`Gorman JV) 9-5 (Fall 0:46)

144: Christian Ehresmann (27-3) placed 1st, scored 30 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 27-3 won by fall over Tucker DuDuBois (Viborg/Hurley) 2-12 (Fall 0:19)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 27-3 won by fall over Tanner Vander Vorst (Potter County) 8-11 (Fall 1:07)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 27-3 won by fall over Owen Petersen (Watertown JV) 6-7 (Fall 0:55)

1st Place Match - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 27-3 won by fall over Bryce Hawkinson (Britton/Hecla) 28-8 (Fall 5:42)

157: Easten Ekern (9-12) placed 4th, scored 16.0 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 9-12 received a bye.

Quarterfinal - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 9-12 won by fall over Griffin Storm (Huron JV) 2-17 (Fall 3:24)

Semifinal - Wyatt Hardt (Sioux Valley) 23-18 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 9-12 (Fall 0:50)

Cons. Semi - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 9-12 won by fall over Ayden Forgey (Potter County) 7-7 (Fall 1:36)

3rd Place Match - TJ Lien (Huron JV) 6-1 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 9-12 (Fall 2:57)

165: Korbin Kucker (16-5) placed 1st, scored 27.0 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 16-5 won by fall over Bryson Heuertz (Sully Buttes) 9-14 (Fall 3:10)

Quarterfinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 16-5 won by fall over Lane Johnson (Milbank JV) 4-10 (Fall 2:53)

Semifinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 16-5 won by decision over Cade Kuemper (Watertown JV) 5-4 (Dec 9-6)

1st Place Match - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 16-5 won by major decision over Dustin Dirksen (Warner/Northwestern) 17-9 (MD 11-3)

175: Ben Hoeft (10-14) placed 5th, scored 11.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-14 received a bye.

Quarterfinal - Dashed Davidson (Britton/Hecla) 15-15 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-14 (Fall 1:28)

Cons. Round 2 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-14 received a bye.

Cons. Round 3 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-14 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-14 (Fall 1:58)

Cons. Semi - Micah Decker (Canton JV) 8-5 won by decision over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-14 (Dec 4-1)

5th Place Match - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-14 won by forfeit over Lucas Chaparro (Huron JV) 7-5 (For.)

175: Isaiah Scepaniak (1-14).

Champ. Round 1 - Justin Rorhbach (Ipswich/Leola/Bowdle) 18-12 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-14 (Fall 1:35)

Cons. Round 1 - Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-14 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-14 won by fall over Luke Johnson (Sioux Valley) 2-20 (Fall 4:35)

Cons. Round 3 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-14 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-14 (Fall 1:58)

190: Layne Johnson (2-4).

Champ. Round 1 - Caleb Kneen (Sanborn Central) 3-3 won by fall over Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 2-4 (Fall 0:58)

Cons. Round 1 - Riley Popp (Clark/Willow Lake) 13-19 won by forfeit over Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 2-4 (For.)

190: Drew Thurston (6-10).

Champ. Round 1 - Sage Watson (Britton/Hecla) 3-7 won by fall over Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 6-10 (Fall 4:32)

Cons. Round 1 - Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 6-10 received a bye.

Cons. Round 2 - Caleb Kneen (Sanborn Central) 3-3 won by fall over Drew Thurston (Groton Area) 6-10 (Fall 2:13)

215: Charlie Frost (9-11) placed 6th, scored 9.0 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 9-11 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 9-11 won by fall over Reese Simonsen (Viborg/Hurley) 12-15 (Fall 4:49)
Semifinal - Kadyn Weisser (Ipswich/Leola/Bowdle) 23-10 won by fall over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 9-11 (Fall 4:47)
Cons. Semi - Hunter Reede (Milbank JV) 11-11 won by fall over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 9-11 (Fall 1:38)
5th Place Match - Collin Gaikowski (Clark/Willow Lake) 14-18 won by fall over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 9-11 (Fall 0:58)

285: Karter Moody (12-9) placed 5th.
Champ. Round 1 - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 12-9 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Tucker Hardy (Britton/Hecla) 22-11 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 12-9 (Fall 0:41)
Cons. Round 2 - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 12-9 received a bye () (Bye)
Cons. Round 3 - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 12-9 won by fall over Brayden Satter (Warner/Northwestern) 7-12 (Fall 1:46)
Cons. Semi - Gaviin Englund (Groton Area) 23-12 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 12-9 (Fall 0:07)
5th Place Match - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 12-9 won by fall over Quentin White Mountain (McLaughlin) 8-10 (Fall 4:32)

285: Gavin Englund (23-12) placed 3rd, scored 19.0 points.
Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 23-12 won by major decision over Lawson Novy (Milbank JV) 8-13 (MD 11-1)
Quarterfinal - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 23-12 won by fall over Quentin White Mountain (McLaughlin) 8-10 (Fall 5:03)
Semifinal - Owen Vandeweerd (Sioux Valley) 34-4 won by decision over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 23-12 (Dec 5-2)
Cons. Semi - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 23-12 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 12-9 (Fall 0:07)
3rd Place Match - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 23-12 won by decision over Jacob Johnson (Viborg/Hurley) 17-15 (Dec 8-1)

100: Liza Krueger (22-3) placed 1st, scored 9.0 team points.
Round 2 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 22-3 won by fall over Claire O'Leary (McLaughlin) 1-8 (Fall 1:45)
Round 3 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 22-3 won by fall over Lola Conn (Canistota) 4-9 (Fall 2:51)

107: Maddie Little (4-8) placed 1st, scored 4.0 team points.
Round 1 - Maddie Little (Groton Area) 4-8 won by fall over Alyvia Hjermstad (Canistota) 1-9 (Fall 3:59)
Round 2 - Maddie Little (Groton Area) 4-8 won by decision over Alyvia Hjermstad (Canistota) 1-9 (Dec 6-1)

GHS Wrestling

Groton Area wins triangular wrestling

Groton Area hosted a triangular wrestling match Friday night with Britton-Hecla and Canistota. Groton Area defeated Britton-Hecla, 53-30, with the Tigers winning nine matches. Groton Area defeated Canistota, 72-6, with only two matches wrestled and both won by Groton Area.

Groton Area 53, Britton-Hecla 30

106: Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) over Lincoln Kilker (Britton-Hecla) (TF 15-0 4:08)
113: Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
120: Tanner Atkinson (Britton-Hecla) over John Bisbee (Groton Area) (Fall 2:30)
126: Donavon Block (Groton Area) over Colt Hansen (Britton-Hecla) (Fall 0:43)
132: Max Suther (Britton-Hecla) wins by forfeit.
138: Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) over Max Suther (Britton-Hecla) (Fall 1:20)
144: Bryce Hawkinson (Britton-Hecla) wins by forfeit.
150: Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
157: Easten Ekern (Groton Area) over Dustin Stabnow (Britton-Hecla) (Fall 3:49)
165: Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) over Ben Suther (Britton-Hecla) (Fall 3:30)
175: Dashed Davidson (Britton-Hecla) over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) (Fall 1:32)
190: Drew Thurston (Groton Area) over Sage Watson (Britton-Hecla) (Fall 0:30)
215: Charlie Frost (Groton Area) over Liam Paxton (Britton-Hecla) (Fall 1:09)
285: Tucker Hardy (Britton-Hecla) over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) (Fall 1:32)

Groton Area 72, Canistota 6

106: Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) over Koda Popkes (Canistota) (Fall 1:40)
113: Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
120: John Bisbee (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
126: Donavon Block (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
132: Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) over Jack Conn (Canistota) (Fall 1:52)

138: Joshua Popkes Jr (Canistota) wins by forfeit.
150: Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
157: Easten Ekern (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
165: Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
175: Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
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285: Gavin Englund (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.

School Board Opt Out Story

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While the opt-out specifies \$1.25 million, that doesn't mean the district will take that much each year, said board member Grant Rix.

"We don't need to take the whole amount every year," he said. "If we don't need it, we don't have to take it."

Business Manager Becky Hubsch added that it's hard to predict seven or eight years out. What's nice about the opt-out is district officials evaluate it and only take what is needed.

The increase to the general fund will also take pressure off the capital outlay fund and help build that account back up.

Board members were resigned as they explained to the few people in the audience why action was needed.

"I've spent a lot of time and thought on this because I don't want to raise your taxes," said Board President Deb Gengerke. "I don't want to pay more taxes. I think we can all agree. "However, this is the mechanism that is in place," she continued. "It's a federal mandate to provide a free and public education to every kid in the United States. That got passed down to the states, and our state goes to districts.

"The state of South Dakota sets funds for the general fund. We do not set those funds. We do not set your property tax valuations. We do not control that. I wish they were different. I wish there was another mechanism for revenue, I wish this didn't land so heavily on the few families left in ag, because that number shrinks every day. But that is just not the reality. We've got to play the hand we're dealt."

The board does have choices, Gengerke reminded those in the room.

The board could continue with what it's been doing, transferring funds from the capital outlay fund to the general fund to make up the shortfall, she said. The district would run down the capital outlay fund, though, and would run out of money by July 2028.

"We could hope something new and better comes out of Pierre, but frankly I don't see that happening, and I particularly don't see that happening for a district our size and with our property valuations," Gengerke continued. "Hope is not a plan, so we have to have something else."

The district could "kick the can down the road" and not make repairs on things district officials know need repairs, she said.

"I'm not sure that's a sound plan as we know the cost of construction goes up at least seven percent," she said. "I know supplies and labor follow that trend."

The board could also decide to cut positions and programs, Gengerke said.

"I honestly have not heard tons of feedback, so I may be really wrong on this, but I don't think that is what the patrons of this district want," she said. "I think there is a certain level of pride in this district. I think people expect very good things from this district. I think people who own homes in this district benefit from the fact that people want their children to go to school in this district. So I don't really see that as palatable."

After a long pause, board member TJ Harder made a motion to approve a \$1.25 million per-year opt-out for 10 years. Vice President Weismantel seconded the motion.

The decision may be referred to a vote if a petition is signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district, according to the resolution. That petition would need to be filed with the district within 20 days of the first publication of the decision.

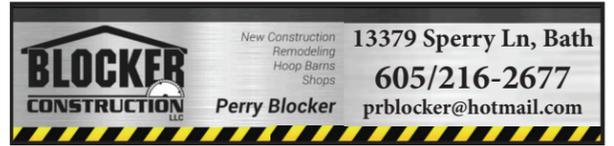
While that option may be taken, some on the board said they hope the public understands the decision.

"I hope the taxpayers of our school district can look at this opt out as a great opportunity to show their support to our students and staff, and that they want the students of our district to have every opportunity available to them to have the best educational and extra curricular experience they can," said board member Tigh Flihs.

- Elizabeth Varin

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Groton Area February Calendar of Events

Thursday, Feb. 1

School Breakfast: French Toast.
School Lunch: Beef stew with biscuit
Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, garlic toast, chocolate cake, fruit cocktail.
Basketball Doubleheader at Deuel: Boys C game at 4 p.m. in auxiliary gym; Girls JV at 4 p.m., Boys JV at 5:15 p.m., Girls Varsity at 6:30 p.m., Boys Varsity at 8:00.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2

Ground Hot Day
School Breakfast: Muffins.
School Lunch Taco Salads.
Senior Menu: Chicken cordon bleu hot dish, vegetable Catalina blend, pears, tapioca pudding, whole wheat bread.
Boys Wrestling Varsity Quad at Lyman.
Boys' Basketball hosts Vermillion: C game at 4 p.m., JV at 5:15 p.m., Varsity at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Girls Basketball at DAK X!!/NEC Clash at Madison. Groton Area vs. Elk Point-Jefferson at 12:30 p.m.
Boys Wrestling at Yankton, 9 a.m.
Girls Wrestling at Stanley County, 10 a.m.
Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4

Open Gym:
Grades JK-8 2:00-3:30 [Students accompanied by adults] Grades 6-12 3:30-5:00
Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; 1st Communion Class, 1 p.m.; Choir, 6 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John's, 9 a.m.; and at Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
United Methodist: Worship with communion at Conde, 8:30 a.m.; and at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 5

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick.
School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, fries.
Senior Menu: Cranberry meatballs, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.
Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February. 6

Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3 bean salad, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Scones.
School Lunch: Scalloped potatoes and ham.
NAEP Testing at Groton Area
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid LWML, 1 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Senior Menu: Breaded pork cutlets, creamy noodles, broccoli and cauliflower blend frosted brownie, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Biscuits.

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School Lunch: Taco burgers, tater tots.
Groton Chamber Meeting, Noon at City Hall
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm
Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.; Confirmation, 6 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.
United Methodist: Community Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, sweet potatoes, vegetable capri blend, acini depepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
School Lunch: Corn dogs, baked beans.
Boys Basketball hosts Redfield: (JH game in Gym at 4 p.m.) C game at 6 p.m., Varsity game at 7:15 p.m. (No JV Game)
Groton Lions Club Meeting, 6 p.m. at 104 N Main

Friday, Feb. 9

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle hot dish with peas, California blend vegetables, Swedish apple square, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Cereal.
School Lunch: Pizza, green beans.
Junior High Basketball at Roncalli (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)
Girls Basketball at Redfield: C game at 5 p.m., JV at 6:15 p.m., Varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10

Girls Wrestling at Brandon Valley.
Junior High State Wrestling at Pierre, 9 a.m.
Basketball Double Header with Mobridge-Pollock at Groton Area: Gym: Boys 7th at noon, Boys 8th at 1:00. Arena: Girls C game at noon, Girls JV at 1 p.m., Boys JV at 2 p.m., Girls Varsity at 3:15 p.m., Boys Varsity at 4:45 p.m.
Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m. (Milestones 1st and 4th grade); Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m. and at Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
United Methodist: Worship Conde, 8:30 a.m.; and at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Caring Team, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School (sings in worship), 10:30 a.m.
AAU Wrestling at Groton Area

Monday, Feb. 12

Senior Menu: Autumn soup, peas, chicken salad on croissant, cinnamon apple sauce.
School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.
School Lunch: Chicken patty, sweet potato fries.
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Boys Junior High Basketball: Sisseton at Groton Area: 7th at 5 p.m., 8th at 6 p.m.
Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.
Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, pineapple and mandarin oranges, breadstick.

School Breakfast: Waffles.
School Lunch: Meatballs, tiny whole potatoes.
Junior High Boys Basketball at Waubay: 7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5:15 p.m.
Girls Basketball hosts Dakota Valley: JV game at 4:30 p.m., Varsity at 5:45 p.m.
Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Council, 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Senior Menu: Beef stew, buttermilk biscuit, Waldorf salad, sherbert.
School Breakfast: Egg bake.
School Lunch: Tuna noodle hot dish, peas.
Ash Wednesday
Emmanuel Lutheran: Soup supper (WELCA executive board serving), 6 p.m.; Worship with communion, 7 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; Ash Wednesday service, 7 p.m.
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm
United Methodist: Community coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Lent Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Senior Menu: Chicken cacciatore, rice pilaf, Italian blend vegetables, apple sauce bars, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Pop tarts.
School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, corn.
Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Senior Menu: Baked macaroni and cheese with kielbasa, vegetables normandy blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.
No School - Faculty In-Service
Junior High Boys Basketball hosts Britton-Hecla in the Gym: (7th at 3:30 p.m., 8th at 4:30 p.m.)
Boys Basketball hosts Britton-Hecla in the Arena: JV at 5 p.m., Varsity at 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Region Boys Wrestling at Gettysburg
Boys Basketball at Henry: 7th at 11 a.m., 8th at Noon, C game at 1 p.m., JV at 2:15 p.m., Varsity at 3:30 p.m.
Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Open Gym:
Grades JK-8 2:00-3:30 [Students accompanied by adults] Grades 6-12 3:30-5:00
Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; No Sunday School; Choir, 6 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John's at 9 a.m. and at Zion at 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:30 a.m.; and at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; No Sunday School.

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Monday, Feb. 19

No Senior Meal
 No School - President's Day
 Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.
 Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
 St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Senior Menu: Ham rotini bake, mixed Monterey blend, peas, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.
 School Breakfast: Egg omelets.
 School Lunch: Hot dots, fries.
 Girls Basketball Region 1A
 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
 Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.
 United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable winter blend, carrot bars, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.
 School Breakfast: French toast.
 School Lunch: Cheese nachos.
 Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm
 Emmanuel Lutheran: Service at Rosewood Court, 10 a.m.; Soup Supper (Emmanuel Men serving), 6 p.m.; Worship, 7 p.m.
 St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; Lent Service, 7 p.m.
 United Methodist: Community coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m., Lent Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Senior Menu: Hamburger chow mein, chow mein noodles, vegetable stir fry blend, peaches.
 School Breakfast: Muffins.
 School Lunch: Sloppy joes, spudsters.
 Girls Basketball Region 1A
 State Wrestling at Sioux Falls

Friday, Feb. 23

Senior Menu: Salmon loaf, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, oranges, vanilla pudding, whole wheat bread.
 School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.
 School Lunch: Fish nuggets, tri taters.
 State Wrestling at Sioux Falls
 Boys Basketball hosts Aberdeen Christian: One junior high game at 4 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., Varsity game to follow.

Saturday, Feb. 24

State Wrestling at Sioux Falls
 Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25

Open Gym:
 Grades JK-8 2:00-3:30 [Students accompanied by adults] Grades 6-12 3:30-5:00
 Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
 Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
 First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
 Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.m.
 St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's at 9 a.m. and Zion at 11 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
 United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:30 a.m.; and at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 26

Senior Menu: Chicken tetrazzini, carrots, pineapple tidbits, bread stick.
 School Breakfast: Pancake on stick.
 School Lunch: Pork chops, peas.
 Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck at noon.
 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
 Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February. 27

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, corn, pears, muffin.
 School Breakfast: Scones.
 School Lunch: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes.
 Boys Region 1A
 Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Senior Menu: Beef broccoli sir fry, rice, cauliflower, five cup salad, whole wheat bread.
 School Breakfast: Cereal.
 School Lunch: Chef salad.
 Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm
 Emmanuel Lutheran: Soup Supper (Sarah Circle serving), 6 p.m.; Worship, 7 p.m.
 St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation at 3:45 p.m. Lent Service at 7 p.m.
 United Methodist: Community coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; confirmation, 6 p.m.; Lent Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 29

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, sweet potatoes, vegetable capri blend, chocolate pudding with banana, whole wheat bread.
 School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

School Lunch: Pasta with meat sauce.
 Girls SoDak 16
 Emmanuel Lutheran: Northern Plains Pastor's Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 1

Boys Region 1A

Saturday, March 2

Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

Open Gym:
 Grades JK-8 2:00-3:30 [Students accompanied by adults] Grades 6-12 3:30-5:00

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

Boys SoDak 16
 Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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- 29 "Atlas Shrugged" hero
- 30 Exam format
- 31 "Ratatouille" rat
- 33 Patty Hearst, for one
- 35 "Tell —" (Streisand/Dion song)
- 38 Fr. holy woman
- 40 Monopoly job
- 43 Seafood selection
- 45 Cyclades island
- 46 Stated
- 47 Lighten
- 48 Baby's bed
- 49 Boo-Boo's buddy
- 53 — -Magnon
- 54 Lucy of "Elementary"
- 55 Box office buys, slangily



Specialty act performer Aurora Washenberger skates during the afternoon performance to the song "Ocean Eyes."

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Teagan Hanten performs to the song "Footloose" during the Sunday afternoon performance. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Cadence Feist, Caelynn Pullan and Colton Pullan hug at the end of their specialty act performance Sunday evening. The trio performed to the song "You're Going to Miss This." (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Coralea Wolter puts a program on the a vehicle for the Carnival of Silver Skates.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Guest skater Abigail Reeves performs to the song "Jungle Cruise Suite" during the afternoon performance. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

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The ninth grade group strikes an ending pose during their afternoon performance to the song "Bye Bye Bye." The group included Avery Crank, Teagan Hanten, Addison Hoffman, Brenna Imrie, Emerlee Jones, Claire Schuelke and McKenna Tietz. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Ron Anderson was the human Zamboni as he helped clear the shavings off the ice after the afternoon performance. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Carnival of Silver Skates specialty act performers Avery Crank (right) and Emerlee Jones dance to the song "Adventure" during the afternoon performance. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

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From left: Cadence Feist, Caelynn Pullan and Colton Pullan strike a pose during their specialty act performance Sunday afternoon. The trio performed to the song "You're Going to Miss This." (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Coralea Wolter and Carrie Olson also helped to clear the ice. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



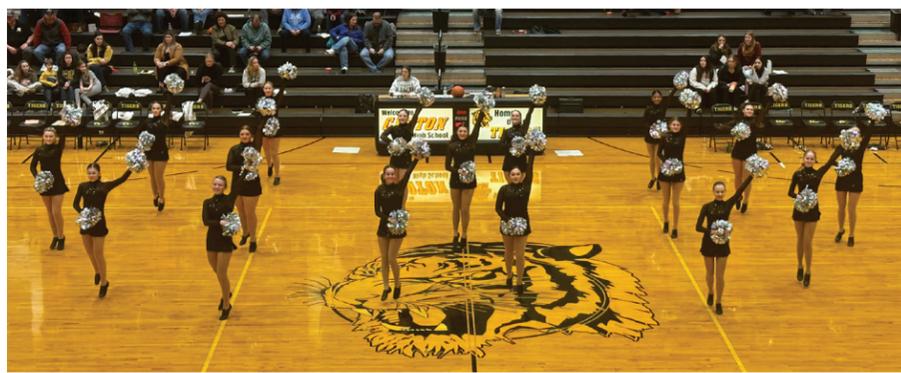
**Groton Area MS/HS
January Students of the Month**

Back Left: Kayla Lehr (11th), Anna Bisbee (12th), Gavin Kroll (9th), Kyleigh Kroll (8th); Front Left: Nathan Unzen (10th), Aubrie Lier (6th), Aspen Beto (7th). (Courtesy Photo)

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

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

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



The GHS dance team performed at halftime of the boys' basketball game Thursday night in Groton. (Above Photo by Paul Kosel. Below photo by Jenn Gustafson)



(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Senior band members recognized
The three senior band members were recognized at the girls' basketball game last night with their parents. The seniors are Emily Clark, Cadence Feist and Faith Flieds.



(Photo from Dez Yeigh's Facebook Page)

Dear EarthTalk: Are solid-state electric vehicle (EV) batteries a solution to some of the issues with the lithium-ion batteries powering our EVs today?

-- Jack Whitcore, Salem, OR

Solid-state batteries have emerged as a promising technological advancement that could potentially revolutionize the EV industry. As concerns about climate change intensify, there is a growing need to transition away from nonrenewable energy sources, not only in power generation but also in transportation. The widespread adoption of solid-state batteries could play a key role in driving the prevalence of EVs, offering a cleaner and more sustainable alternative to fossil fuel-powered cars.

To understand the significance of solid-state batteries for EVs, one needs to grasp the current challenges with lithium-ion batteries—the main energy storage technology in EVs today. They have many drawbacks: limited energy storage, fire safety concerns, short lifespans and a huge carbon footprint due to the mining of lithium and other heavy metals. These have prompted researchers to explore alternatives.

Solid-state batteries address many issues by replacing the liquid electrolyte in lithium-ion batteries with a solid electrolyte. This cuts the risk of fires, and allows for more storage. And the solid-states have a lower carbon footprint than the lithium-ions and have longer lifespans, so they're a more durable and sustainable EV option. According to the Centre for Process Innovation's Scott Gorman, solid-state batteries use fewer materials, and could reduce climate impacts by 39 percent compared to lithium-ion batteries.

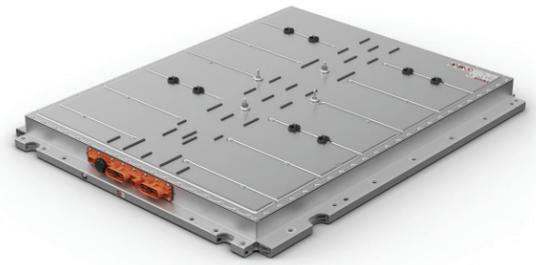
The environmental implications of moving to solid-state EV batteries are significant. As demand for EVs keeps rising, reducing the carbon footprint associated with their production and operation becomes imperative. Solid-state batteries can help by offering a cleaner and more efficient energy storage solution. With nonrenewable energy sources a major contributor to climate change, the adoption of solid-state

batteries in EVs aligns with global efforts to mitigate the impact of transportation on the environment.

Moreover, the development of solid-state batteries is driving innovation in the automotive industry. Companies investing in research and development to improve the performance and cost-effectiveness of solid-state batteries are likely to spearhead the next wave of EV technology and lead to more affordable and accessible EVs, making them a viable option for a broader segment of the population.

So far, Toyota is leading the race to develop solid-state batteries. Volkswagen, Hyundai, Nissan and Honda are also developing their own solid-state batteries. And several smaller companies—Schaeffler, QuantumScape, SolidEnergy Systems, Solid Power, Sila Nanotechnologies, Albemarle and Ilika, to name a few—are dedicated to developing solid state batteries that can be mass produced inexpensively.

However, challenges remain in scaling up the production of solid-state batteries to meet growing demand for EVs. Manufacturers need to overcome various production costs and scalability issues. Proponents of the technology are pushing for government support to help bolster R&D and commercialization efforts so that someday in the future we can have EVs with the safest, greenest batteries possible.



Volkswagen is one of the leaders when it comes to the development of solid state EV batteries.

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Preventive dental care continues by visiting the dentist regularly, ideally every six months. Those with a high risk of tooth decay, periodontal disease, and bone loss may need to visit more often. This high-risk group includes smokers, diabetics, pregnant women, or individuals with diagnosed periodontal disease. Children should have their first visit to the dentist when the first tooth erupts or by their first birthday, whichever comes first.

Routine dental cleanings and exams allow dental professionals to catch potential tooth-related problems early before they become major issues. For example, if a tooth has a small amount of decay, that tooth may be easily saved with a filling. If the tooth decay or fracture goes undetected for months or years, that decay can continue to break down the tooth which could lead to even bigger problems. Untreated cavities can also lead to infections under the gums. These infections can result in more serious systemic infections in the body. In rare cases, these infections can be fatal.

Routine dental visits can also be key to detecting certain health issues early on like oral & skin cancer and gum disease. Gum disease has connections to heart disease, diabetes, stroke, and high blood pressure. Dental x-rays can also detect problems below the surface of the tooth or gums before they become bigger issues.

Oral issues can develop and progress quickly. It is never too late to begin healthy dental habits. Regular, preventive dental checkups help you avoid the pain, time, and expenses that dental problems can bring with them.

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