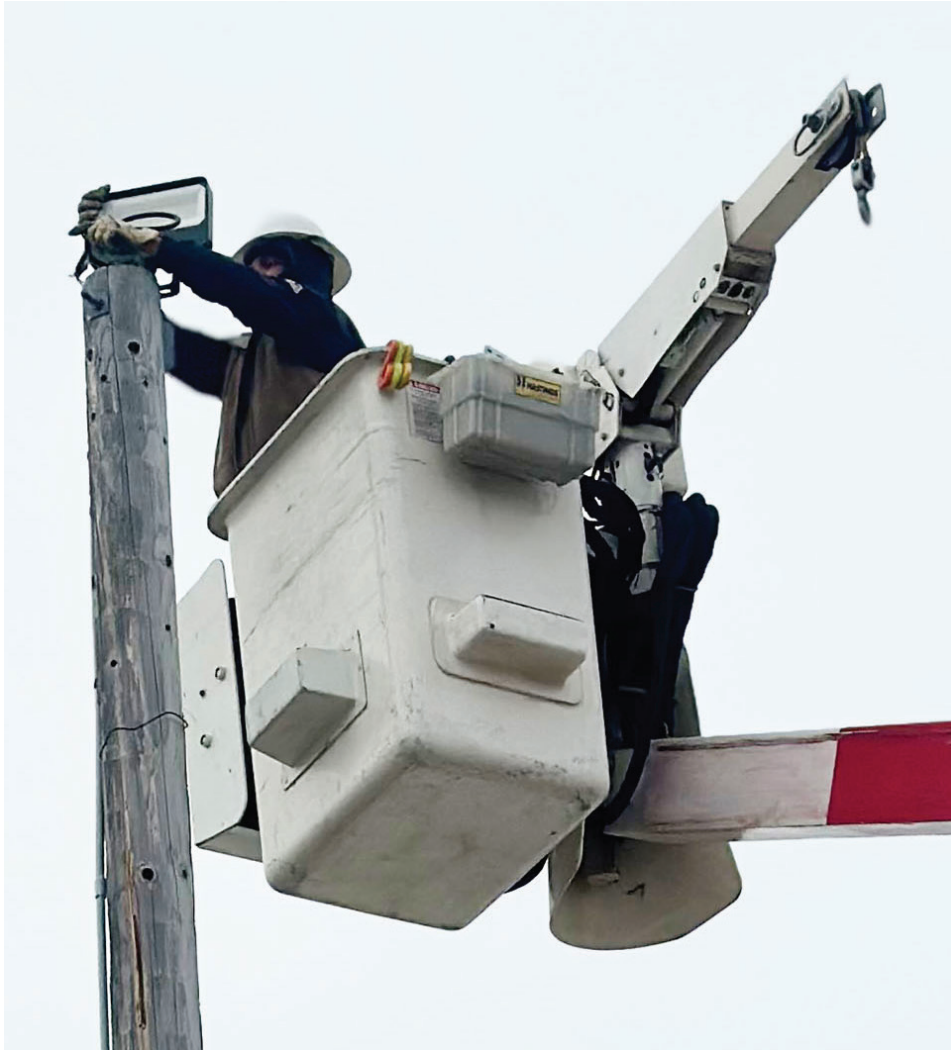




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Landon Johnson replaces one of the fixtures at the skating rink. The warm weather; however, has closed the skating rink. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Questions arise over skating rink closure, proposed daycare center

Discussion of the city's ice skating rink closure took the stage early in Tuesday's Groton City Council meeting.

Chris Frost, who lives near the rink on West Third Avenue and Garfield Street, said he thinks the city is moving in the wrong direction by closing the ice rink at the end of January.

The city announced on Facebook that the rink would be closed for the season due to warm conditions.

It's the second year the city has closed the rink just after the Carnival of Silver Skates, Frost said, and it's a disservice to the community.

"If we continue to just have it open for two weeks and close it, we won't have a skating program," he said "Kids aren't going to know how to skate. ...And it gives kids something to do during the winter."

Frost volunteered to take over caring for the ice if the city could provide him a key to the warming house.

"I just feel like we give up on it way too soon," he said. "I'm volunteering my time to take care of it, make it smooth."

He pointed out that it doesn't seem flat as the center melts before the edges. And the more effort that is made to take care of the ice and get a good base in the area before flooding it, the better the conditions will be out there.

It has been a tough year for the ice, said Mayor Scott Hanlon.

"When it's cold, we always have it open because we have good ice,"

he said.

Talk shifted to ways to make the rink more manageable, including possibly shrinking the size of the ice rink.

The city won't be able to reopen the rink this season, though, said Wastewater Superintendent Dwight Zerr, as there was a sewer line collapse in that area just before the rink was closed for the season.

Child care options discussed

Groton residents Keith Wipf and Charity Hinman approached the council Tuesday with a plan to build a child care center and teen center in town.

"We're in dire need," Wipf said.

Wipf asked the council to consider selling a piece of property south of the Community Center for the venture with a contract spelling out that his company Ringneck Construction, Inc. could not sell the land for a set amount of time and that it needed to become a day care facility.

Currently there isn't a state-licensed day care in Groton, Hinman told the council. Hinman had owned the last state-licensed facility, Teddy Bear Daycare, before selling the business in 2022.

A big problem with that business was the building it was housed in, she said. A new building would allow for a new child care facility and preschool.

Northern hires Monson as Associate Dean of Nursing



Dr. Lyncee Monson

Aberdeen, S.D. – Dr. Lyncee Monson has been hired as Associate Dean of Nursing to launch and direct the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at Northern State University.

"Dr. Monson is a welcomed addition to the College of Arts and Sciences. She brings a wealth of knowledge as a practitioner in the area as well as an educator at both a private and a public university," said Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Alyssa Kiesow.

Northern recently received approval from the South Dakota Board of Regents to start the bachelor's degree program, in order to address the critical workforce needs in the community, region and state. The program also received approval from the South Dakota Board of Nursing.

"I am very excited that Northern has hired Dr. Monson as our Associate Dean of Nursing to launch our BSN program. She has deep experience in the nursing field, in both the clinical and educational areas. Dr. Monson has a passion for nursing education in Aberdeen and this region of the state, having most recently served as a faculty member and the site coordinator for the SDSU accelerated nursing program on Northern's campus," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mike Wanous.

Monson has 18 years of experience in academics and has been a nurse for 23 years. In addition to teaching, Monson works at Avera in the intensive care unit.

"I feel it is important to maintain an active practice to be an effective nurse leader and educator in a healthcare system that is continually changing," Monson said.

Monson earned her Doctorate of Nursing in 2022 from Northern Kentucky University, her

Master of Science in Nursing in 2014 from Western Governor's University and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2001 from Presentation College. She is a registered nurse who holds certifications as both a certified critical care registered nurse and certified nurse educator.

Having lived in the Groton, S.D. area her whole life, Monson is invested in the region. She has two daughters, Hailey and Hannah. Hailey is following her mother's footsteps and is currently studying nursing at SDSU. Hannah is a senior in high school and also plans to go into nursing.

"This is a huge endeavor, but I enjoy confronting challenges with creative solutions, collaborative networking, and meticulous organization," Monson said. "The goal is to build a robust program through a multistep approach— this includes the creation of an innovative and comprehensive curriculum that supports the values of this community, reflects the mission of Northern, and aligns with accreditation standards," Monson said.

The new bachelor's degree will be housed in the soon-to-be-built Northern Business and Health Innovation Center. The BSN program will officially start Fall 2025, with the option for students to start their pre-nursing courses in Fall 2024.

"The next steps will also include finalizing the building project, organizing clinical placements, securing final approval from regulatory bodies, and assembling qualified faculty and staff," Monson said.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

If you didn't catch the Pro Bowl this past weekend, don't worry, I have your breakdown right here!

It was a rough season for the Minnesota Vikings. Not only did the team fail to make the playoffs, many of the team's elite players had subpar seasons. As a result, the Vikings only had three representatives in this year's Pro Bowl: edge defender Danielle Hunter, fullback C.J. Ham, and long snapper Andrew DePaola. In recent years, the NFL Pro Bowl has undergone significant changes. The current format includes multiple skill competitions and a flag football matchup. The players are divided into AFC and NFC squads, and the winning team receives \$88,000 (losers get \$44,000).

C.J. Ham took part in the dodgeball competition, along with Hunter. Danielle also participated in the tug-o-war event. However, it was the Vikings' long snapper who might have been the NFC's secret superstar. DePaola almost single-handedly won the precision snapping event (he had 9 points, while the whole AFC squad could only muster 11). In a surprise move, DePaola was also an anchor during the obstacle course relay event, helping push a weighted sled past the finish line to secure a win for the NFC.

Ultimately, the Pro Bowl is a reward for players and a chance for them to relax and have some fun after a grueling season. It was a fun event to watch with my son, and it was great seeing some lesser-known players thrust into the spotlight.

Looking ahead

The Super Bowl is this weekend, and we'll get to watch the San Francisco 49ers take on the Kansas City Swifts Chiefs.

The 49ers were the best team in the NFC this year with a 12-5 record. After a bye in the first round of the playoffs, they defeated the Green Bay Packers 24-21 in the divisional round then defeated the Detroit Lions 34-31 (yes, you heard that right, the Lions made it

to the Conference Championship this season). The 49ers are led by Brock Purdy, who was the very last pick in the draft just a couple of years ago. On offense, San Fran also has a good offensive line, playmakers at wide receiver and tight end (Deebo Samuel and George Kittle), and perhaps the best offensive weapon in the game (running back Christian McCaffrey). On defense, the 49ers' biggest strength is getting to the QB with pass rushers Nick Bosa and Chase Young.

Kansas City is back in the Super Bowl for the fourth time in five years. While the result is the same, the route to the Super Bowl was more difficult for the Chiefs when compared to previous seasons. For the first time in his career, quarterback Patrick Mahomes had to go on the road in the playoffs - facing the elements of upstate New York (Buffalo) in the divisional round then heading to Baltimore for the AFC Championship. Besides Mahomes, the Chiefs have tight end Travis Kelce - who, despite being a likely first-ballot Hall of Famer, is now best known as Taylor Swift's boyfriend.

The Mighty Quinn

Writer's note: I can't believe it's been 10 years. If you're struggling, dial 988, the suicide crisis hotline.

I once talked to a woman who had lost her son. He must have been 15. Maybe 16. I don't remember. I will remember forever what she said between the silences that dominated the conversation, between the pauses that take measure of the pain.

"It was hard," she said. Simple, profound, starkly elegant, it was all that she could say, all that was necessary.

Sunday morning, Julie appeared in the doorway to my sanctuary as I was staring at my computer wondering what to write this week. In town, graduates were readying robes and tassels, preparing for life. School is out. Summer is here. Much-needed rain spawned lush green growth.

"Quinn Trindle is dead," she told me. Joe Frazier in his prime could not have hit me harder. She read a Facebook post from Quinn's sister, Molly. It was suicide.

We looked at each other helplessly. Julie in the doorway, me in my chair, but really, on the floor, on the canvas. I think I moaned, but was otherwise incoherent. As if coherence has a place at times like this, with news like this. She closed the door slowly and left me alone.

We had mourned Quinn's loss to us years ago, when Pat, Joan, Riley, Molly and Quinn moved from Ashley to Ft. Benton, Mont. No one mourned more than Dylan. Quinn was his best friend, the kind of friend every young boy should have—the kind you usually find only in the movies, or in stories, heroic in their devotion, epic in their loyalty and hugeness of heart. And these things Quinn Trindle was.

I do not know, cannot know, the inner workings of a friendship like that. These are sacred mysteries, known only to the boys who form these bonds. From the outside, it seemed they found each other through non-conformity. They each marched—meandered, really—to the beat of eclectic drumming, rhythms that made sense only to them.

Quinn was a mighty wrestler. During Pee-Wee matches, he would wade through opponents, a wiry buzz saw of energy, and then he would cheer on Dylan, who had none of Quinn's acumen for the sport. The losses mounted for Dylan, but each time, after each defeat, Quinn would throw his arm around his friend and encourage him. "You're getting better," he would say.

It would have been easy for Dylan to resent the gold medals Quinn wore home from each meet. Easy for Quinn to move on to new friendships in the circle of winners. Neither of them were wired that way.

In February, Quinn finished second in the Montana State Wrestling Tournament at 135 pounds.

Pat and Joan were our friends, free-thinking, funny, cantankerous and wise. When they left it was a loss, a void as vast as the 700 miles between us, that can never be filled. But, for Dylan, it was much harder. Friends like Quinn Trindle come along just once in a lifetime, if ever.

Who can know what causes a boy to end his life before it has really begun. Is it possible to be so beloved and not know it?

A friend posted this on Facebook: "Alright buddy, I'm going to write one last goodbye... I'll miss you bro, from all the good times, to the gossip and all the plans we had... You were my closest friend, I don't think I could tell anyone half the stuff I've told you... and I'll miss all the times we shared... all the stupid stuff we've done, all the smart stuff we've done... Oh, and one other thing... we're keeping your spot in the Bro Circle warm... Love you, man... Rest in peace..."

His girlfriend wrote, "R.I.P., my beloved. I will never forget all the amazing times we've had together. I will never stop loving you. You are my one and only love. You are my first love and we've had a love that will always last. I wish I could have told you I love you a lot more."

I stared at the blurry computer screen. I

usually write my column on Sundays, but this time I couldn't—couldn't write about that. About this. But I got up at 5 a.m. on Monday to face it.

It is 6 a.m. now. Dylan just drove up from the overnight Grad Bash, the crunch of gravel beneath the tires. I began breathing again, knowing he was home.

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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NEC Boys' Basketball

Milbank moves to number 2 in Region

Milbank has a slight edge in the number two spot in the Region 1A standings over Tiospa Zina. Groton Area has less than one point lead over the Bulldogs.

Hamlin remains undefeated in the NEC title hunt.

Boys NEC Standings

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

* Class B Team

Britton-Hecla 65, Sisseton 58, 2OT
Aberdeen Roncalli 62, Tiospa Zina 53
Webster 79, Redfield 42
Groton 69, Deuel 35
Milbank 51, Aberdeen Roncalli 45
Clark-Willow Lake 50, Sisseton 45

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
Feb. 16: Milbank at Webster Area

Feb. 23: Tiospa Zina at Milbank

Boys Region 1A

#	Name	W	L	PCT	PTS
1	Groton Area	10	4	.714	42.786
2	Milbank	9	5	.643	42.000
3	Tiospa Zina	8	6	.571	41.857
4	Waubay/Summit	10	5	.667	41.133
5	Aberdeen Roncalli	9	6	.600	41.000
6	Webster Area	7	9	.438	39.312
7	Sisseton	3	12	.200	37.000
8	Redfield	1	12	.077	34.769

NEC Girls' Basketball

NEC goes 1-9 at DAK XII Clash

Clark-Willow Lake was the only team to post a win this year at the DAK XII-NEC Clash held Saturday in Madison. Sisseton lost its first game of the season to the hands of Sioux Falls Christian. Scores from the clash are:

Canton 56, Deuel 30
Clark-Willow Lake 46, Dell Rapids 32
Dakota Valley 53, Milbank 31
Elk Point-Jefferson 44, Groton 23
Lennox 45, Hamlin 37
Madison 61, Tiospa Zina 49
Sioux Falls Christian 70, Sisseton 62
Tri-Valley 49, Redfield 26
Vermillion 75, Aberdeen Roncalli 41
West Central 66, Webster 23

Groton Area went 2-1 during the week and gained one point in the Region 1A Standings. The Tigers are now just a point away from the number two seed Roncalli in the region. Sisseton remains undefeated in the Northeast Conference standings.

Girls NEC Standings

Sisseton	7-0	14-1
Hamlin	6-1	9-6
Roncalli	7-2	12-3
Milbank	5-3	9-6
Groton Area	5-3	11-5
Deuel	4-3	6-10
Webster Area	3-6	6-10
Clark/Willow Lake	2-5	6-10
Redfield	2-6	5-10
Britton-Hecla *	1-6	6-10
Tiospa Zina	0-7	0-13

* Class B Team

Aberdeen Roncalli 63, Tiospa Zina 23
Sisseton 51, Britton-Hecla 37
Aberdeen Roncalli 57, Milbank 41
Groton 42, Deuel 30
Sisseton 60, Clark-Willow Lake 25
Webster 49, Redfield 41, OT

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

Feb. 15
Roncalli at Deuel
Webster Area at Milbank
Hamlin at Clark/Willow Lake

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

Girls Region 1A

#	Name	W	L	PCT	PTS
1	Sisseton	14	1	.933	46.067
2	Aberdeen Roncalli	12	3	.800	44.200
3	Groton Area	11	5	.688	43.188
4	Milbank	9	7	.562	41.250
5	Waubay/Summit	8	6	.571	40.357
6	Webster Area	6	11	.353	38.294
7	Redfield	5	11	.312	38.125
8	Tiospa Zina	1	14	.067	34.733

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JANUARY 30, 2024 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A Moment of Silence was held in remembrance of former Commissioner, Legislator and Teacher Burton "Burt" Elliott.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE #265 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to adopt Ordinance #265. Applicant William Wulff 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 1/4 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.

BID DATE SET FOR HIGHWAY DEPT.: GRAVEL/ROAD OIL/HOT MIX/RENTAL EQUIPMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for Gravel, Road Oil, Hot Mix and Rental Equipment Materials to be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave the Brown County Commissioners an update on the Sand Lake Bridge Project: it will be closed next winter because if they would require it to be done by this fall the cost will increase. He also informed the Commission that SD DOT will be doing the Bridge on State Hwy 10 this summer so trying to figure a detour route. Dirk mentioned that he may need to look at putting on load limits but will depend on the weather; February 15th is the earliest they could be put on.

RESOLUTION FOR RECONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #09-24**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY

TO THE OWNER OF RECORD WHEREAS, On October 20, 2023 Brown County accepted a Tax Deed for real property located at:

Lot 1, Block 14 Hagerty and Lloyd's Addition to Aberdeen, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County, South Dakota;

and WHEREAS, Cassandra Bertsch, record owner, wishes to enter into an agreement for reconveyance of said property from Brown County; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Codified Law 10-25-41 to 44 permits county commissioners to authorize a reconveyance by quitclaim deed to the record owner on payment in cash of the price fixed by the resolution of the county commissioners, which amount shall not be less than the total principal, interest, and costs of all taxed represented in the tax deed and any other taxes and interest which are unpaid on the real property; and

WHEREAS, the total amount due and owing Brown County calculated through January 31, 2024 is \$ 9915.72.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration for the amount due and owing of \$ 9915.72 the Board of Brown County Commissioners does hereby authorize the reconveyance by quitclaim deed to Cassandra Bertsch:

Lot 1, Block 14 Hagerty and Lloyd's Addition to Aberdeen, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County, South Dakota,

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 30th day of January, 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Gage.

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

RESOLUTION FOR BROWN COUNTY LOCAL CONTROL:

Commissioner Dennert offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #10-24** Brown County Local Control Resolution

WHEREAS: Local control is a key principle of the United States of America and South Dakota.

WHEREAS: South Dakota has a long history of allowing Counties, Municipalities, and Townships to adopt local zoning ordinances that benefit local jurisdictions and the citizens.

WHEREAS: Potential legislation threatens local control over matters of planning and zoning.

WHEREAS: Such legislation limiting the ability of local government to evaluate and regulate compatible land uses would by extension interfere with the opportunity for local citizens to have a voice in local planning and zoning matters.

WHEREAS: On April 25th, 2023, Ordinance #243 was unanimously passed by the board of Brown County Commissioners.

WHEREAS: Ordinance #243 requires a 1,500-foot setback from certain pipeline facilities.

WHEREAS: Ordinance #243 was strongly supported by many of the citizens of Brown County who made their voices heard during the public hearing.

WHEREAS: The board of Brown County Commissioners continues to support Counties, Municipalities, and Townships having the authority to adopt appropriate regulations for each unique jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Brown County Commissioners that we oppose any legislation that limits or eliminates the local control of Counties, Municipalities, and Townships in matters of planning and zoning.

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 30th day of January, 2024

Seconded by Commissioner Wiese

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

AGREEMENT WITH SD FARMER'S UNION – AG EDUCATION CENTER: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager presented the contract agreement with SD Farmer's Union for the Agriculture Education Center asking for approval and authorize Chairman to sign. Chairman Sutton asked if there could possibly be sponsorship signage sold and who would receive those funds. Rachel said there could be and that would go to the SD Farmer's Union since they are updating the building, securing grants, and allowed to use the building for a total of 4 events throughout the year. Rachel also commented that currently Glacial Lakes sponsors the Ag Education Display that has been in the Odde building during the Fair, they may join with SD Farmer's Union and when they hold the 4th Grade Ag Day in the Spring, they could use the Ag Education Building for their event. Moved by Commissioner Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the contract agreement with SD Farmer's Union for the Agriculture Education Center, seconded by Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the January 23, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Cardiology \$8.08; Aberdeen ED \$624.09; Aberdeen OB/GYN \$192.28; Acute Care Aberdeen \$59.26; Avera Medical Group Emergency \$491.47; Avera Medical Group Radiology \$1,049.20; BMI \$421.00; Carrels & Bain Family Dental Care, LLC \$799.47; CenturyLink-Lumen \$194.71; CGI, LLC \$45.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$16,740.00; Faulkton Area Medical Center \$94.58; IMEG Corp \$2,250.00; Kristi Brandt \$21.25; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$75.00; Pathology Clinic Reference Lab \$26.61; Radiology-North Center \$224.06; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$291.80; Uptown Aberdeen \$2,210.00; US Bank Visa \$2,278.75; Women's Health MFM PBB \$60.52. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent

\$175.23. Repairs & Maintenance: Auto Glass Solutions Inc \$439.12; Dakota Doors Inc \$1,907.84; Honeywell International Inc \$29,881.93; K & S Plumbing, Inc \$1,241.58; Know Ink, LLC \$5,125.00; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$520.23; Midwest Pump & Tank \$1,373.10; Otis Elevator Company \$750.00; Pierson-Ford Lincoln, Inc \$20.00; US Bank Visa \$619.70. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$427.32; Century Business Products \$88.26; Cole Paper Inc \$892.32; Dooley Enterprises, Inc \$2,497.32; House of Glass \$184.36; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$163.77; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$120.00; Marco Technologies, LLC \$40.94; Mariann Malsom \$49.86; McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions \$624.69; Menards \$719.71; Performance Oil \$43.20; Pheasantland Industries \$134.77; Pierson-Ford Lincoln, Inc \$132.11; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc \$281.98; Ryan McClain \$72.17; Safety Service \$1,846.93; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$444.87; Sherwin Williams \$216.55; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$1,119.55; US Bank Visa \$13,941.34; WEB Water Bottling Company \$70.50; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$705.86. Travel & Conference: US Bank Visa \$4,109.13. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation, Inc. \$532.00; Midcontinent Communications \$142.50; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$56.18; Northwestern Energy \$456.55; US Bank Visa \$4,347.82. Others: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$150.00; Aberdeen Development Corporation \$15,000.00; Area IV Nutrition \$5,000.00; Boys and Girls Club of Aberdeen Area \$5,000.00; Groton Community Transit, Inc \$1,000.00; WEX Health Inc \$4,000.00.

Payroll: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$1,834.41; Auditor \$9,850.83; Treasurer \$17,098.43; SA \$34,708.67; Maintenance \$11,862.11; Assessor \$17,390.44; Register of Deeds \$10,406.83; VSO \$4,491.56; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,322.67; HR \$4,990.01; Sheriff \$57,332.79; Jail \$78,219.14; Coroner \$567.00; Court Security \$6,937.41; JDC \$40,470.99; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$12,388.98; Parks/Fairgrounds \$5,191.94; Fair Board \$4,336.34; 4-H \$830.79; W&P \$1,572.95; P&Z \$7,661.79; Highway \$53,938.77; Dispatch \$36,288.69; EM \$5,318.73; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,630.59; Landfill \$19,313.52; Meal Benefits \$234.00; FICA \$27,735.76; Medicare \$6,486.61; Discovery_HSA \$1,688.61. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- Resignation of Joshua Sitarz, Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT; effective January 31, 2024. Request to fill.
- Hiring of Cheyenne Waldo as Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT, starting wage \$22.37/hr.; effective February 5, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following travel requests: Keith Baker, Sheriff's Office to attend the Sex Offender Registry Training on April 9-10, 2024 in Deadwood; Dirk Rogers, Highway Dept. to attend House/Senate Local Government Committee in Pierre on January 12 & 23, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign application, submitted by Elm Lake Action Committee for a lottery to be held on July 4, 2024 at Elm Lake Resort. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Sutton to approve the following abatements for tax year 2024: Parcel #10395 - \$41.68; Parcel #16889 - \$41.68; Parcel #13105 - \$41.68; and Parcel #31420 - \$4,136.52. For tax year 2023: Parcel #12840 - \$753.73; Parcel #12622 - \$41.68. For tax year 2022: Parcel # 12840 - \$1,315.06; Parcel #12622 - \$1,786.16. For

tax year 2021: Parcel #12840 - \$944.07; Parcel #12622 - \$1,150.45. For tax year 2020: Parcel #12840 - \$666.45; Parcel #12622 - \$1,502.86. For tax year 2019: Parcel #12840 - \$658.26, Parcel #12622 - \$1,097.25. For tax year 2018: Parcel #12840 - \$666.80; Parcel #12622 - \$1,179.33. For tax year 2017: Parcel #12840 - \$621.08; Parcel #12622 - \$1,138.02. For tax year 2016: Parcel #12840 - \$641.94; Parcel #12622 - \$1,089.65. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRANSFERS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve cash transfers for Highway Department in the amount of \$105,210.32 and for 24/7 in the amount of \$20,000.00 for December 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into executive session to discuss 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: None

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 12:28 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #265

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #265, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by William Wulff was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 30th of January 2024 and will become effective on the 27th of February 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Lot 1, "Wulff First Subdivision" in the SE 1/4 of Section 7-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13159 395th Avenue, Bath Twp.).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 30th day of January 2024.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Notice of Hearing: January 3, 2024

First Reading: January 16, 2024

Second Reading/Adoption: January 30, 2024

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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:

Microsurfacing for approximately 27 miles including: Scratch Course and Surface Course.

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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NOTICE TO ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:45 A.M., February 20, 2024. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered for producing, furnishing all materials and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for road maintenance and construction on Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Contract Notice: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County.

Contract for Asphalt Plant Mix Materials shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX MATERIALS" to be opened on February 20, 2024. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Section 320.5 – Basis of Payment: "A" – Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for Maintenance and Construction. The accepted quantities of Asphalt Plant Mix will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton.

Attest: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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NOTICE TO ROAD CONTRACTORS AND MACHINERY DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:45 a.m. on February 20, 2024. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2024. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces, Brown County Landfill Forces and the Brown County Fairground Forces to complete the projects.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance.

Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" to be opened February 20, 2024. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

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NOTICE TO ROAD OIL SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hours of 8:45 A.M. on February 20, 2024 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing and delivery of Road Oil to the Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.

Item (A) Cutback Asphalt Road Oil – MC-70

Item (B) Cutback Asphalt Road Oil – MC-3000

Item (C) Emulsion Asphalt Road Oil- CSS1H

Attest: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE TO GRAVEL PRODUCTION CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on February 20, 2024 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing and delivery of ONE (1) YEARS SUPPLY OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GRAVEL MATERIALS.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of the bid opening.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in accordance with the bid as accepted or as required by the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON GRAVEL AGGREGATE MATERIALS" to be opened February 20, 2024. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Contract for GRAVEL MATERIALS shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. Hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex Basement Community Room, on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Tunby Land, LP

Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 & 2, "Tunby Addition" in the N1/2 of Section 14-T126N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (40437 & 40455 114th Street, Shelby Township).

Reason: Variance to Lot Size in an AG-P District to allow Lot 1 and Lot 2 to be smaller than 40.0 acres and stay zoned Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) per Brown County Ordinances 4.0605.

The public is invited to attend the hearing to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Variance to Lot Size request.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2024.

Planning/Zoning Commission &

Scott Bader – P&Z Director
25 Market Street
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex, basement Community Meeting Room, on February 20, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Matt & Lisa Gebhart

Description of property: "Clays' Outlot A" in the SE1/4 of Section 20-T128N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38954 104th Street, Savo Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Building Setbacks in a Mini Agriculture District (M-AG) to be 50'-0" from the South Front Yard property line rather than 100'-0" required in Brown County Zoning Ordinances to bring this pre-existing, non-compliant building into compliance as well as proposed 21' west side and 14' east side additions.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed variance request.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2024

Planning/Zoning Commission and

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. Hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex basement Community Room, on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Warner Dairy for Silverstreak Dairies LLC

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Warner Dairy First Addition" in the E1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 7-T121N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38824 144th Street, Warner Township).

Reason: Variance to Lot Size in an AG-P District to allow Lot 1 (20.83 acres) to be smaller than 40.0 acres and stay zoned Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) per 4.0605 of Brown County Ordinances.

The public is invited to attend the hearing to present comments

and testimony regarding the proposed Variance to Lot Size request.

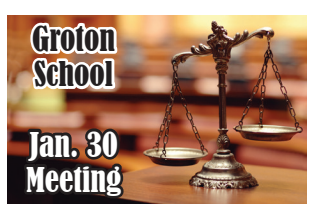
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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 30, 2024

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

Moved by Rix second Weismantel to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

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

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda items.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve the General Fund Opt Out Resolution 2024-001, for \$1,250,000 for a ten-year term. Motion carried.

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute for the General fund. We, therefore, OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$1,250,000 starting with the calendar year 2024 taxes payable in the calendar year 2025. This opt out will be for ten years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2034 This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board. This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision. Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above-stated amount.

The board continued the preliminary discussion of the football cooperative with Langford School District. A basic questionnaire that was filled out in the past and was revisited by the board members on what a football coop would look like. Once Langford completes their community meeting and Langford participation numbers are determined, the board will revisit the questionnaire and revise it. No action was taken.

Moved by Harder, second Pharis to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Motion carried.

Becky Hubsch, Business Manager
Deborah Gengerke, President

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

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ATTENTION GROTON SCHOOL TAXPAYERS:

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF \$1,250,000
RESOLUTION FOR OPT OUT

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute for the General fund. We, therefore, OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$1,250,000 starting with the calendar year 2024 taxes payable in the calendar year 2025. This opt out will be for ten years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2034 This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board. This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision. Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above-stated amount.

Signed
Deborah Gengerke, Board Chairman
Tigh Flihs, Board Member
Travis Harder, Board Member
Heather Lerseth-Flihs, Board Member
Kara Pharis, Board Member
Grant Rix, Board Member
Martin Weismantel, Board Member
Date-January 30, 2024

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The Life of Dennis Furman

Memorial services for Dennis Furman, 73, of Groton will be on Sunday, February 18 at 2:00pm at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel. Shane Alberts will officiate. Military honors will be provided by Groton American Legion Post #39. Inurnment will follow in the spring at Union Cemetery, Groton.

Dennis passed away February 2, 2024 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen, SD.

Dennis Harvey was born on August 18 1950 in Britton, SD to John and Ester (Smith) Furman. He attended school in Kidder, SD and graduated in 1969. Dennis was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1970 where he served in Korea on the DMZ for two years. Upon returning home, he worked in the Kidder, Britton and Amherst areas, then enrolled in Lake Area Vo-Tech where he earned a degree in Agri-Business. He continued in this line of work until his retirement in 2012. During his working years, he was a member of the SD National Guard for 34 years serving with the 740th Transportation Co. and had two tours in Iraq 1990 and 2003.

On December 2, 1972 he married the love of his life Marilee Severance in Zell, SD and were married for 51 years. Together they were blessed with four children, making their home in Groton SD.

Dennis was a member of the Groton Fire Dept, Groton City Council, and Lions Club.

He enjoyed spending quality time with his family camping, fishing, vacationing and farm work.

If any advice was ever needed on most any subject, Dennis was the go-to man. He always had a way with stories and had a lesson planted in everything he shared.

Celebrating his life is his wife Marilee of Groton, his son Jamie (Heidi) Furman of Aberdeen, SD, Nathan Furman of Groton, grandchildren Haile (Jeremy) Grabowska, Corbin, Isaac, Grayson, Shealee, Sophia and Saylor; his sister Carolyn (Jim) Robbins of Milton, KS; brothers Roger (Lavonne) Furman of Britton, SD, Mick (Jeanne) of Britton; brothers-in-law Jim Robbins, Milton, KS, Rob (Laura) Severance of Gillette, WY, sisters-in-law, Karman Furman Ellendale, ND, Caroline Furman, Britton, SD, Susan Furman, Milbank, SD and Cheri Severance, Aberdeen SD and many nieces and nephews.



The Life of JoAnn Krueger

JoAnn Krueger, 82 of Aberdeen SD, passed away February 4, 2024, at Mother Joseph Manor, Aberdeen while under hospice care due to health complications stemming from diabetes and other factors.

A Private family Memorial Service will be held. Arrangements are being handled by Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in Groton SD.

"Netta" JoAnn Wilson was born January 9, 1942, in Miller SD (St. Lawrence, SD), to John A. and Gladys (Howard) Wilson. JoAnn was the youngest of 5 children, and when she was still a baby/toddler her brothers were overseas serving their county during WWII.

JoAnn grew up on a rural farm in Hand County SD, graduating from Miller High School. Although she was known to her nieces and nephews as their "Feisty Aunt JoAnn", with them, she had more of a sibling relationship, due to them all being of similar ages and growing up together.

JoAnn graduated High School in 1960 and graduated from Northern State University (Northern State Teachers College) in 1964 with a B.S. Degree in Education and a Minor in Art. After graduation she taught in a rural country school in Hand County and later taught various grades and curriculum in Waubay SD until her retirement in 2003.

JoAnn was united in marriage to Richard Krueger, on March 7, 1970, at Fort Sill, OK. JoAnn was a stay-at-home mom, while her husband was serving in Vietnam and up until all her children were school age, at which time she began teaching full time again. She taught for the Waubay School district for 28 years and taught elementary, middle school and HS Art. In 1986, JoAnn was awarded the SD Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award. She was an avid lover of History, but particularly American History and the Civil War.

Richard and JoAnn lived and raised their family in Groton SD for most of their years together. JoAnn especially enjoyed Holidays, going all out on food, and decorating, especially for Christmas. She loved to read, plant summer flowers, vacations often revolved around visiting prominent historical locations. They visited their youngest son Scott and his family at most if not all his various Army duty locations. She enjoyed attending her grandkids events from T-ball games to college functions up until her health began to decline in recent years. JoAnn was very tender-hearted toward animals and loved all the various families fur babies over the years.

After retirement, JoAnn spent many years judging student submissions at the regional level for SD National History Day. JoAnn was also an active member of numerous service groups over the years, most recently (PEO), Eastern Star and United Methodist Women.

JoAnn is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Dorothy (Bill) Nolz, Brothers George (Mary Jean and Mary Jane), Marvin (Edith) and Howard (Lucille) Wilson.

Celebrating her life are her husband Richard, her 3 children, Tracy Roesch (Aberdeen SD); Todd (Lisbon ND); Scott (Deni) (Anchorage AK); 8 Grandchildren, Sean Crawford (Jenna) Fort Leavenworth KS, Chase Roesch (Aberdeen SD), Kaelie Krueger (Fargo, ND), Jordan Roesch (Denver CO), Fiain Uir (Richland WA), Reagan Krueger (Fargo ND), Tori Krueger (Fargo ND), and Cade Krueger (Lincoln NE), Brother-in-Law Doug (Rose) Krueger (Alberta MN), Curtis Krueger (Brownwood TX), Ronald (Jill) Krueger (Groton SD); along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Condolences may be sent to Richard Krueger, 918 Arbor Lane #50, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401.

IF:Local Women's Gathering at Rose Hill Church

Registration is open for Rose Hill Church's 2024 women's gathering on February 23 and 24 at 12099 Rose Hill Road, Langford SD. Tickets are limited to 60 attendees. The cost is \$15/person. Register now at <https://www.rosehillefc.com/events/>

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All sessions are unique worship sets, speakers, and breakout sessions. We will begin Friday evening at 5:30 pm with pizza from Snapper's Dry Bean, then gather at 6 pm for Session 1 and 8 pm for Session 2. Saturday kicks off with coffee at 8:30 am, Session 3 begins at 9 am, Session 4 at 11:00 am followed by a Snapper's box lunch at 12:30. The afternoon will include IF:Table conversations and the final Session 5 from 2:30 pm-4:30 pm. We will hear from speaker like Jennie Allen, Toni Collier, David Platt and many more. A full list of all the speakers and music artists can be found at <https://www.ifgathering.com/if2024/>.

Follow our local event on Facebook @IF:LocalRoseHillChurch. If you have any questions, please reach out to Paula Jensen 605-228-5963 or visit www.rosehillefc.com.

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling Week #11

Team Standings: Shihtzus – 12, Coyotes – 11, Chipmunks – 11, Foxes – 7, Jackelopes – 6, Cheetahs – 1

Men's High Games: Vern Meyers – 244, Brody Sombke – 206, Butch Farmen – 197

Women's High Games: Alexa Schuring – 178, Brenda Waage – 175, Darci Spanier – 167

Men's High Series: Vern Meyers – 583, Lance Frohling – 534, Butch Farmen – 526

Women's High Series: Alexa Schuring – 474, Darci Spanier – 431, Hayley Merkel & Brenda Waage – 422

Fun Game: Most Spares – Chipmunks with 51!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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Conde National League

Feb. 5 Team Standings: Tigers 18, Braves 18, Mets 16, Cubs 13, Pirates 12, Giants 7

Men's High Games: Russ Bethke 212, 191; Butch Farmen 201; Aaron Severson 193

Men's High Series: Russ Bethke 554, Chad Furney 506, Butch Farmen 498

Women's High Games: Suzie Easthouse 183, Sam Bahr 172, Vickie Kramp 150

Women's High Series: Suzie Easthouse 507, Sam Bahr 481, Michelle Johnson 424

Groton's basketball teams had a clean sweep of five games at Deuel

Boys Varsity: 69-35

Groton Area outscored Deuel, 26-2, between the second and third quarters to run away from the Cardinals in boys' basketball action. Groton Area won, 69-35, leading at the quarterstops at 15-12, 27-20 and 54-26.

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 22 points, three rebounds, two assists and four steals. Jacob Zak had 13 points, six rebounds, three assists and four steals. Logan Ringgenberg had 10 points and three rebounds. Ryder Johnson had nine points, one rebound, two assists and four steals. Keegen Tracy had five points, two rebounds, one assist and four steals. Colby Dunker had two points, two rebounds, one assist, one steal and one block. Gage Sippel had two points, four rebounds and one steal. Holden Sippel had two points. Turner Thompson had two points and two assists. Easton Weber had two points. Blake Pauli had one assist. Kassen Keough had two assists and three steals. Karson Zak had one steal.

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

Groton Area made 25 of 37 two-pointers for 68 percent, three of nine three-pointers for 33 percent, made 10 of 12 free throws for 83 percent, had 21 rebounds, 16 turnovers, 14 assists, 20 steals, eight team fouls and one block shot.

Trey Maaland and Gabe Sather each led Deuel with 13 points while Dexter Unzen had three and Troy Jenson and Garret Olson each had two points.

Deuel made 15 of 31 field goals for 48 percent, three of six free throws, had 25 turnovers and 13 team fouls.

Three-Pointers: Maaland - 2.

Boys Junior Varsity: 28-20

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 28-20, leading at the quarter stops at 10-0, 12-8 and 22-16.

Kassen Keough led Groton Area with eight points followed by Logan Warrington and Gage Sippel with five each, Karson Zak and Turner Thompson each had three points, Ethan Kroll had two and Jayden Schwan added one point.

Kyle Finnesand led Deuel with nine points while Garret Olson had seven, Gavin Maaland two and Sutton Benck and Caden Finnesand each had one point.

Groton Area C Game: 27-21

Groton Area won the C game, 37-21, leading at the quarter stops at 10-7, 22-9 and 32-11.

Logan Warrington led Groton Area with 13 points followed by Karson Zak with eight, Jayden Schwan had six, Easton Weber four, and Jace Johnson, Ryder Schelle and Ethan Kroll each had two points.

Gavin Maaland led Deuel with 13 points while Axel Gallardo had five and Emmett Schwiesow added two points.

Girls Varsity: 42-30

Defense took its toll on Deuel Thursday as the Lady Tigers pulled away from the Cardinals for a 42-30 Northeast Conference win. Groton Area led at the quarter stops at 17-10, 27-14 and 35-24.

Sydney Leicht led the Tigers with 14 points and one rebound. Jaedyn Penning had 10 points, seven rebounds, one assist and three steals. Taryn Traphagen had five points, two rebounds and three steals. Rylee Dunker had four points, six rebounds, three steals and one block shot. Faith Traphagen had four points, two rebounds, three assists and one steal. Jerica Locke had three points, two rebounds, eight assists and five steals. Brooklyn Hansen had two points, two rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Three-Pointers: Leicht - 2, Taryn Traphagen -1.

Groton Area made 16 of 38 two-pointers for 42 percent, three of 15 free throws for 20 percent, one of two free throws for 50 percent, had 22 rebounds, 10 turnovers, 14 assists, 17 steals, nine team fouls and one block shot.

Josie Anderson led Deuel with 11 points followed by Jaycee Hourigan had eight, Camden Peterreins seven and Kaitlyn Gubrud added four points.

Three-Pointers: Hourigan - 2, Anderson - 2, Peterreins - 1.

Deuel made 12 of 38 field goals for 32 percent, one of two free throws, had 23 turnovers and 10 team fouls.

Girls Junior Varsity: 40-12

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 40-12. Groton Area had 14-point run in the first lap to take a 17-2 lead at half time and the Tigers led, 21-5, after three quarters.

Taryn Traphagen led Groton Area with nine points, Faith Traphagen and Talli Wright each had eight points, Laila Roberts six, Ashlynn Warrington four and Emerlee Jones had three points.

Alayna Carlson and Braylin Kreger each had four points for Deuel.

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All five games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The boys C game was sponsored for the grandparents watch. The girls junior varsity game was sponsored by Tom and Lindsey Tietz. The boys ju-

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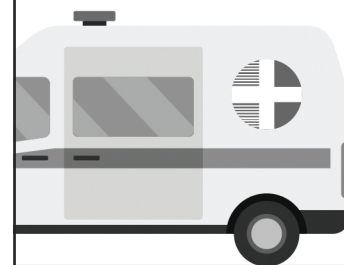
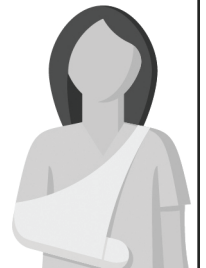
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GHS Boys Wrestling

Grapplers take fifth at Big Dakota Conference

Groton Area's wrestling team placed fifth at the Big Dakota Conference Tournament held Saturday at Stanley County. Groton Area gained 113 points as three wrestlers took second place and three took fifth place.

Taking second were Christian Ehresmann at 144 pounds, Korbin Kucker at 165 pounds and Gavin Englund at 285 pounds. Placing fifth were Donavon Block at 120 pounds, Walker Zoellner at 126 pounds and Charlie Frost at 215 pounds.

Team Points: 1 Winner Area 268.0, 2 Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes 227.0, 3 Miller/Highmore-Harrold 179.5, 4 Chamberlain 123.5, 5 Groton Area 113.0, 6 Bennett County 111.0, 7 Marion/Freeman 96.5, 8 Lakota Tech 86.0, 8 Mobridge-Pollock 86.0, 10 Stanley County 74.0, 11 Harding County 32.0, 12 Todd County 25.0, 13 Sully Buttes 22.0, 13 Sunshine Bible Academy 22.0, 15 McLaughlin 20.0, 16 Cheyenne-Eagle Butte/Dupree/Tiospaye Topa 14.0, 17 Faith 4.0, 18 Canistota 3.0, 18 Little Wound 3.0, 20 Crow Creek 0.0, 20 Doland 0.0 ,

106: Wyatt Hagen (23-13).

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 23-13 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Brody Neilan (Chamberlain) 19-11 won by decision over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 23-13 (Dec 4-3)

Cons. Round 2 - Taggen Paxton (McLaughlin) 14-15 won by medical forfeit over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 23-13 (M. For.)

113: Lincoln Krause (19-11) placed 6th and scored 7.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 19-11 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Jaymin VanDerWerff (Miller/Highmore-Harrold) 31-16 won by fall over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 19-11 (Fall 0:36)

Cons. Round 2 - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 19-11 received a bye.
Cons. Round 3 - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 19-11 won by fall over Avery Williams (Sully Buttes) 0-12 (Fall 2:01)

Cons. Semi - Roukyn Robbins (Winner Area) 29-13 won by fall over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 19-11 (Fall 3:29)

5th Place Match - Jaxson Turbiville (Harding County) 11-20 won by fall over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 19-11 (Fall 2:05)

120: Donavon Block (12-14) placed 5th and scored 13.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 12-14 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 12-14 won by fall over Evan Hertel (McLaughlin) 10-15 (Fall 3:23)

Semifinal - Kasen Konstanz (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) 33-2 won by fall over Donavon Block (Groton Area) 12-14 (Fall 0:10)

Cons. Semi - Sam Crago (Miller/Highmore-Harrold) 11-19 won by decision over Donavon Block (Groton Area) 12-14 (Dec 8-2)

5th Place Match - Donavon Block (Groton Area) 12-14 won by forfeit over Evan Hertel (McLaughlin) 10-15 (For.)

126: Walker Zoellner (27-12) placed 5th and scored 11.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 27-12 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 27-12 won by decision over Landon Bame (Stanley County) 25-16 (Dec 8-2)

Semifinal - Gavin Braun (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) 36-2 won by decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 27-12 (Dec 9-2)

Cons. Semi - Lyle Noel (Bennett County) 22-15 won by major decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 27-12 (MD 9-0)

5th Place Match - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 27-12 won by fall over Landon Bame (Stanley County) 25-16 (Fall 2:38)

144: Christian Ehresmann (30-4) placed 2nd and scored 24.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 30-4 won by fall over Johnny Alpizar (Miller/Highmore-Harrold) 5-7 (Fall 1:22)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 30-4 won by fall over Cody Provost (Lakota Tech) 18-11 (Fall 0:58)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 30-4 won by fall over Tel Gropper (Bennett County) 23-16 (Fall 0:59)

1st Place Match - Iden Myers (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) 34-1 won by decision over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 30-4 (Dec 3-2)

157: Easten Ekern (10-18) scored 4.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Hayden Roggow (Stanley County) 21-6 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 10-18 (Fall 0:52)

Cons. Round 1 - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 10-18 received a bye.
Cons. Round 2 - Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 10-18 won by fall over Isaac Ramirez (Sully Buttes) 2-16 (Fall 3:38)

Cons. Round 3 - Talon Krolkowski (Bennett County) 22-10 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 10-18 (Fall 0:32)

165: Korbin Kucker (18-6) placed 2nd and scored 21.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 18-6 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 18-6 won by fall over Deon Tenold (Harding County) 8-27 (Fall 2:34)

Semifinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 18-6 won by major decision over Chisum Blum (Chamberlain) 11-10 (MD 10-1)

1st Place Match - Lucas Lenz (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) 33-3 won by fall over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 18-6 (Fall 1:27)

175: Ben Hoeft (10-22).

Champ. Round 1 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-22 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Jerrick Thompson (Lakota Tech) 12-9 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-22 (Fall 3:44)

Cons. Round 2 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-22 received a bye.
Cons. Round 3 - Kadyn Westergren (Sully Buttes) 6-9 won by major decision over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 10-22 (MD 15-2)

190: Isaiah Scepaniak (1-16).

Champ. Round 1 - Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-16 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Kolt Fox (Lakota Tech) 23-7 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-16 (Fall 0:49)

Cons. Round 2 - Carver Rahn (Todd County) 7-16 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-16 (Fall 0:19)

215: Charlie Frost (11-13) placed 5th and scored 11.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 11-13 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Wyatt Zeigler (Mobridge-Pollock) 16-17 won by fall over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 11-13 (Fall 4:10)

Cons. Round 2 - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 11-13 received a bye.
Cons. Round 3 - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 11-13 won by fall over Raymond Arnold (Marion/Freeman) 2-13 (Fall 2:18)

Cons. Semi - Tayten Walker (Stanley County) 20-13 won by fall over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 11-13 (Fall 1:44)

5th Place Match - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 11-13 won by fall over Adrian Rowland (Lakota Tech) 5-12 (Fall 0:47)

285: Gavin Englund (25-13) placed 2nd and scored 22.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 25-13 received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 25-13 won by fall over Quentin White Mountain (McLaughlin) 10-12 (Fall 4:51)

Semifinal - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 25-13 won by fall over Carter Brave (Todd County) 19-17 (Fall 2:53)

1st Place Match - Stetson Shelbourn (Winner Area) 29-11 won by decision over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 25-13 (Dec 7-2)

GHS Girls Wrestling

Krueger takes first, Little third at Big Dakota Conference

Liza Krueger took first place at the Big Dakota Conference Wrestling Tournament held Saturday at Stanley County. She won all three matches with a pin. Maddie Little took third for the Tigers. The two girls propelled Groton Area to a sixth place finish in the tournament.

1 Lakota Tech 145.0, 2 Miller/Highmore-Harrold 66.0, 3 Sully Buttes 60.0, 4 Chamberlain 52.0, 5 Doland 42.0, 6 Groton Area 38.0, 7 Todd County 36.0, 8 Bennett County 34.0, 9 Harding County 30.5, 10 Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes 24.0, 10 Mobridge-Pollock 24.0, 12 Canistota 14.0, 12 Stanley County 14.0, 14 McLaughlin 10.0, 15 Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington 9.0, 16 Crow Creek 4.0, 17 Faith 3.0, 18 Cheyenne-Eagle Butte/Dupree/Tiospaye Topa 0.0, 18 Little Wound 0.0, 18 Marion/Freeman 0.0, 18 Sunshine Bible Academy 0.0, 18 Winner Area 0.0.

100: Liza Krueger (26-3) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 26-3 won by fall over Claire O'Leary (McLaughlin) 1-14 (Fall 1:08)

Semifinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 26-3 won by fall over Lola Conn (Canistota) 5-10 (Fall 1:10)

1st Place Match - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 26-3 won by fall over Jaynie Perkins (Lakota Tech) 19-13 (Fall 5:22)

107: Maddie Little (6-10) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Maddie Little (Groton Area) 6-10 received a bye.
Semifinal - Brandy Marshall (Lakota Tech) 18-5 won by fall over Maddie Little (Groton Area) 6-10 (Fall 1:11)

Cons. Semi - Maddie Little (Groton Area) 6-10 won by fall over Alexandra Schmiedt (Chamberlain) 2-22 (Fall 4:18)

3rd Place Match - Maddie Little (Groton Area) 6-10 won by decision over Paesyn Wilson (Bennett County) 4-9 (Dec 7-1)

GHS Wrestling

Groton Grapplers go 3-0 at Lyman Quad

Groton Area 41, Bennett County 36

285: Gaviin Englund (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
106: Aiden Strom (Groton Area) over Ruger Smokov (Bennett County) (TF 21-5 4:00)
113: Maddux Risse (Bennett County) over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) (Fall 0:41)
120: Double Forfeit
126: Lyle Noel (Bennett County) over Donavon Block (Groton Area) (Fall 4:00)
132: Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
138: Gavin Risse (Bennett County) wins by forfeit.
144: Tel Gropper (Bennett County) wins by forfeit.
150: Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) over Jordan Risse (Bennett County) (Fall 1:06)
157: Talon Krolikowski (Bennett County) over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) (Fall 0:00)
165: Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
175: Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
190: Ethan Harris (Bennett County) over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) (Fall 0:30)
215: Charlie Frost (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.

Groton Area 60, Lyman 15

215: Charlie Frost (Groton Area) over Ayden Brakke (Lyman) (Fall 3:44)
285: Gavin Englund (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
106: Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
113: Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
120: Royal Lulf (Lyman) wins by forfeit.
126: Donavon Block (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
132: Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
138: Braydon Oldenkamp (Lyman) wins by forfeit.
144: Double Forfeit
150: Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) over Aja Middletent (Lyman) (Fall 0:53)
157: Easten Ekern (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
165: Rory McManus (Lyman) over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) (Dec 4-3)
175: Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) over Jaydin Sorensen, (Lyman) (Fall 0:35)
190: Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.

Groton Area 45, Marion/Freeman 33

190: Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) wins by forfeit.
215: Charlie Frost (Groton Area) over Raymond Arnold (Marion/Freeman) (Fall 3:17)
285: Gavin Englund (Groton Area) over Ricky Salis (Marion/Freeman) (Fall 1:18)
106: Logun Pankratz (Marion/Freeman) over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) (SV-1 3-1)
113: Brody Gossen (Marion/Freeman) over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) (Fall 0:32)
120: Easton Tschetter (Marion/Freeman) wins by forfeit.
126: Donavon Block (Groton Area) over Finley McConniel (Marion/Freeman) (Dec 8-6)
132: Keaton Prehiem (Marion/Freeman) over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) (Fall 2:46)
138: Axle Schultz (Marion/Freeman) wins by forfeit.
144: Alaric Knittel (Marion/Freeman) 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.

GHS Girl's Basketball

Elk Point-Jefferson beats Groton Area at DAK XII-NEC Clash

Groton Area's offense took a vacation Saturday as Elk Point-Jefferson defeated the Tigers, 44-23. It was part of the DAK XII-NEC Clash held in Madison.

Groton Area made just 18 percent of its field goals in the game, which included missing all 10 shots in the third quarter.

The Lady Tigers came out strong in the first quarter and held a 7-5 lead at the break. Groton Area made three of 11 field goals in the quarter while the Huskies also had a vacation from field goals, making two of 15 in the quarter for 13 percent.

Both teams struggled to find their footing in shooting in the second quarter as Groton Area was three of 12 and Elk Point-Jefferson was two of 10. Groton Area led at halftime, 14-10.

In the third quarter, Elk Point-Jefferson outscored Groton Area, 17-4 as the Tigers could not buy a field goal and made four of eight free throws. The Huskies took a 27-18 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Sydney Leicht hit a three-pointer to start the third quarter, but that would be the only field goal made as Elk Point-Jefferson made the next 15 points.

Jerica Locke led Groton Area with eight points, three rebounds and three steals. Sydney Leicht had four points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Rylee Dunker had three points, eight rebounds, one steal and one block. Taryn Traphagen had three points, five rebounds, one steal and one block. Brooklyn Hansen had two points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal. Faith Traphagen had two points, one rebound and one steal. Laila Roberts had one point, two rebounds

and one steal.

Groton Area made six of 27 two-pointers for 22 percent, one of 10 three-pointers for 10 percent, eight of 14 free throws for 57 percent, had 29 rebounds, 20 turnovers, two assists, 11 steals, 17 fouls and two block shots.

Cera Schmitz led Elk Point-Jefferson with 12 points while Kaitlyn VanRoekel had nine, Courtney Brewer and Ashley Brewer each had seven, Bentley Kollbaum six, Grace Peed two and Hannah Norman one.

The Huskies made 16 of 47 field goals for 34 percent, eight of 10 free throws for 80 percent, had 14 turnovers and 13 team fouls.

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. Shane Clark did the play by play with Paul Kosel assisting and Jeslyn Kosel operating the camera.

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Wipf said Hinman would manage the day care, while Ringneck Construction, Inc. would build and own the building. The idea, he added, is "not to be a money-maker," but rather fill a gap that the community has.

"The idea would be, if we can get that property for a decent price, we could keep the project cost down," he said.

Council members asked about financial figures and making sure the cost of having a child in the day care would be manageable.

"I would hate to see this fail," said Councilman Jason Wambach. "There's a lot of kids in town, and if you had a day care facility it would be more attractive to move here."

Mayor Scott Hanlon agreed.

"We need a day care. Bottom line," he said. "We should see if we can get something going."

Councilman Kevin Nehls asked for the city to put the idea out to the community to see if there are any conflicts and if the proposed location on the lot south of the Community Center would be a workable spot.

City contracting for new online bill program

There may soon be a new way to pay.

The City Council approved contracting with a new company that would handle online utility bill and other fee payments.

The web-based software, Payment Service Network, is compatible with the city's utility software, and residents will be able to log in to see their bills, what they've paid in the past and billing history, said Assistant Finance Officer Kellie Locke. They will still have credit card and E-Check fees similar to what is in place now, but it would be an easier system to use and will save money for the city.

It may take up to six weeks for the new system to be put in place once a contract is signed.

- While initial appearing to go up, cost adjustments on a new park saferoom/bathroom are set to lower what the city will pay for the new tornado shelter. It was discovered \$81,000 in contingency and engineering costs are reimbursable by the federal government. The city has submitted an application for Federal Emergency Management Agency funds to cover 75 percent of the project. A letter that will be signed by the mayor totals the local match, but doesn't include money the state will cover for the project.

- The council approved vacating portions of West Seventh Avenue and North Lincoln Street. "It's a road to nowhere," said Councilman Brian Bahr. Council members said they were fine vacating the property as long as there are no easements on the property. Councilman Jon Cutler abstained from the vote.

- The council approved purchasing a wastewater camera to film inside underground pipes throughout town. The camera costs \$16,500. "It will be a great tool for us," said Wastewater Superintendent Dwight Zerr.

- As a way to bring in more revenue for baseball and softball, the city has upped the price of advertising on banner placed at the fields. The city has charged \$200 per year or \$600 for four years for Vinyl signs at the field. That also includes the price of printing the signs through Geffdog. In an attempt to raise additional revenue to offset summer recreation costs, the council approved raising the rate to a yearly rate of \$250 for a sign at the big field only or \$750 for all three fields at the baseball/softball complex. The four-year rate would be \$750 for a sign at the big field or \$2,250 for signs on all three fields.

- The council tabled discussion about summer salaries and hiring summer baseball/softball employees.

- Elizabeth Varin

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Vermillion sets back Groton Area in boys hoop action

Groton Area came out firing on all cylinders, but Vermillion squashed the Tiger threat with a 13-point rally in the second quarter as the Tanagers defeated Groton Area in boys basketball action, 60-51. The game was played Friday in Groton.

Groton Area jumped out to an 8-0 lead and held an 18-11 lead after the first quarter. Groton Area took a 21-13 lead before the lid flopped on the hoop for Groton Area and Vermillion scored the next 13 points to take a 26-21 lead. Vermillion led, 31-25 at half time. In the second quarter, Vermillion made eight of 11 field goals for 73 percent and Groton Area made two of 13 for 15 percent.

The Tanagers opened up a 12-point lead at 40-28 in the in the third quarter and led, 49-39, going into the fourth quarter. Groton Area cut the lead down to five at 54-49, but was

unable to capitalize on Vermillion's three fourth quarter turnovers.

Lane Tietz led Groton Area with 22 points, four rebounds, one assist, two steals and one block. Jacob Zak had 18 points, four rebounds and one assist. Keegen Tracy had four points, eight rebounds and one assist. Gage Sippel had three points, five rebounds and one steal. Kassen Keough had two points and one steal. Ryder Johnson had two points, seven rebounds, four assists, two steals and two block shots.

Groton Area made nine of 28 two-pointers for 32 percent, seven of 23 three-pointers for 30 percent, 12 of 14 free throws for 86 percent, had 28 rebounds, 12 turnovers, seven

assists, six steals, 20 team fouls and three blocks.

Three-Pointers: Tietz - 4, Zak - 3.

Vermillion had four players in double figures with Trey Hansen leading the way with 16 points, Conner Roerig and Carter Hansen each

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Groton Area sophomore Gage Sippel makes a free throw during the game Friday against Vermillion. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area senior Jacob Zak drives the ball toward the net while Vermillion junior Carter Hansen attempts to block him during the game Friday. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area sophomore Ryder Johnson jumps to rebound the ball during the game Friday against Vermillion. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area senior Logan Ringgenberg steals the ball being passed to Vermillion senior Conner Roerig during the game Friday. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area junior Blake Pauli looks to pass during the game Friday against Vermillion. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area sophomore Keegen Tracy passes the ball during the game Friday against Vermillion. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area senior Lane Tietz tries to block a shot by Vermillion senior Zoan Robinson during the game Friday. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

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had 13, Zoan Robinson had 10 and Bryson Skogsberg six.

Vermillion made 21 of 44 field goals for 48 percent, 11 of 16 free throws for 69 percent, had 10 turnovers and 12 team fouls.

Three-Pointers: Roerig - 1, Skogsberg - 1, Trey Hansen - 2, Carter Hansen - 1.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 39-31. Groton Area had a 10-point run in the first half and led it, 22-14, at half time. Groton led, 33-22, after the third quarter.

Gage Sippel led Groton Area with 17 points while Easton Weber had nine, Kassen Keough six, Jayden Schwan four, Blake Pauli two and Logan Warrington one.

Three-Pointers: Keough - 2, Weber - 3. Groton Area made 16 of 31 field goals for 52 percent, two of three free throws for 67 percent, had 17 turnovers and 14 team fouls.

Gabe Larsen led Vermillion with eight points while Kade Reuvers had seven, Landon Cerny six, Luke Jensen and Trenton Thomas each had three and Spencer Blanchette and Frankie Orr each had two points.

Three-Pointers: Reverse - 1, Thomas - 1, Jensen 1, Larsen - 2.

Vermillion made 12 of 35 field goals for 34 percent, two of 10 free throws for 20 percent, had 11 turnovers and seven team fouls.

Groton Area won the C game, 38-37. The game was tied at 12 after the first quarter. Groton Area scored eight straight points in the second quarter to take a 22-20 lead at halftime. The Tigers led, 31-27, after the third quarter.

Karson Zak led Groton Area with 15 points while Jayden Schwan had 11, Easton Weber seven, and scoring two points apiece were Logan Warrington, Ryder Schelle and Ethan Kroll.

Groton Area made 12 of 34 field goals for 35 percent, 10 of 16 free throws for 63 percent, had six turnovers and seven team fouls.

Three-Pointers: Zak - 1, Schwan - 2, Weber - 2.



Groton Area senior Lane Tietz dribbles the ball down the court with Kassen Keough just ahead of him during the game Friday against Vermillion. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

Spencer Blanchette led Vermillion with 17 points while Luke Jensen had 13, Trequin Thomas had five and Lucas Solomon three.

Vermillion made 15 of 33 field goals for 45 percent, two of four free throws for 50 percent, had 11 turnovers and six team fouls.

Three-Pointers: Blanchette - 3, Jensen - 1, Solomon - 1.

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Groton Area senior Colby Dunker jumps for a shot during the game Friday against Vermillion. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

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Dear EarthTalk: What is so-called New Denialism all about?
-- Paul C., Baltimore, MD

For years, human-induced climate change has been a controversial topic, despite heaps of scientific evidence proving its existence. In the past, climate change deniers have used the rhetoric of simply denying that climate change was happening. New denialism is different because instead of focusing on the existence of climate change, it attacks the policies meant to combat global warming, denies the benefits of clean energy, and targets scientists and advocates pushing for change.

Early in 2024, the Center for Countering Digital Hate, or the CCDH, published on YouTube an analysis of online discourse studying the frequency of different types of climate denial. The CCDH is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "protect human rights and civil liberties." They do this by holding social media companies accountable for the content they publish. The CCDH's study, *The New Climate Denial*, found evidence suggesting that the outright dismissal of climate change is no longer convincing, so deniers are instead shifting the argument away from blatantly denying climate change to denigrating solutions like the transition to clean energy.

The CCDH study found that new denial content now makes up 70 percent of all climate denial claims that are posted on YouTube, a significant rise from the 35 percent in 2018. Claims that climate solutions won't work have also risen a significant amount over the same time frame, from 9 percent to 30 percent. YouTube as a host for this new denialism is especially worrying as it targets younger ages who could impact climate action decisions for the future.

Google, YouTube's parent company, has policies in place which are supposed to block advertising money from content that rejects scientific certainties about the existent and causes of climate change. This should prevent YouTube creators spreading disinformation from monetizing on their content. The CCDH report claims that these policies are ineffective and that YouTube is potentially making up to \$13.4 million

per year from ads on videos containing climate denial. This is an issue of company PR, because it's doubtful that many companies would want their advertising linked to climate denialism.

The fact is, scientists who study Earth systems have agreed for decades that the burning of fossil fuels creates an imbalance of heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere that are continually warming the world.

The warming causes melting ice, which in turn causes sea levels to rise. It also creates a host of other problems. New denialism has only started to become prominent because of the overwhelming evidence of climate change. Instead of fighting against well-known evidence, new denialism turns to discredit lesser-known solutions. By picking at clean energy solutions that are less established, new denialism continues to create doubt and delay the decisive actions that need to be taken to combat climate change.

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A recent report from the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH) found evidence suggesting that climate deniers are shifting the argument away from blatantly denying climate change to denigrating solutions like the transition to clean energy.

"These Boots Are Made For Walking"

Winter weather has finally arrived this year. Getting outside for some activity, even in winter, is great for your overall health. However snow, ice, and cold can turn a stroll in the park into an obstacle course. Having proper footwear is not only important for warmth, but also the wellbeing of your feet. Choosing the correct boots for the elements could mean the difference between enjoying the outdoors and needing an urgent care visit. What makes good footwear for enjoying the outdoors safely?



Jill Kruse, DO



Good traction is essential for walking outside in slippery conditions. If your shoes do not have good traction, you can buy ice cleat attachments. However, you likely already have something in your home that will help with increasing traction on icy sidewalks. The New Zealand Medical Journal published a study showing a significant improvement in traction by placing socks over normal footwear. In the study, those who wore socks over their shoes found walking on a hillside footpath less slippery and had increased confidence. You may look silly, but you are less likely to slip.

Having proper fitting shoes is also important when going outside. Shoes that are too tight could decrease circulation; leading to swelling of the feet and ankles. If they are too small, it can lead to ingrown toenails, corns, and calluses. Conversely, boots that are too loose can cause friction leading to blisters. Ill-fitting shoes can have poor arch support causing shin pain when walking. One might also be at higher risk for jamming a toe or spraining an ankle due to tripping or falling caused by improper fitting shoes.

Additionally having shoes that keep your feet warm and dry are crucial in the winter. Frostbite occurs most commonly in extremities, such as fingers, toes, or the nose. The first signs of frostbite are a pins and needles sensation, throbbing, or aching in the affected areas. Trench foot has similar symptoms, but is caused by feet being in a wet environment for a prolonged period of time. Wet socks and wet boots can lead to both of these injuries. It is important to dry out boots between uses and have clean, dry socks when going outside in the winter. Having boots with weatherproofing and insulation will also help prevent these issues from occurring.

Now that you know what "Boots are Made for Walking" and whether you are "Walking on Sunshine," "Walking in Memphis," or just want to "Walk the Line". The proper winter boots will keep you upright and safe. We would not want you to fall and have anyone else "walk all over you." So stay safe, get outside and stay healthy out there.

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