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Groton Area, Langford renew football cooperative discussion

Will the Tigers bring a few Lions into the jungle?

The Groton Area School Board continued discussion about a possible cooperative with the Langford Area School District for football.

At its Monday morning meeting, the Langford school board voted 6-1 to formally approach the Groton district for a football co-op, Groton Superintendent Joe Schwan said to the Groton school board at its Monday evening meeting.

"The next step, I believe, for us is to form our committee or group and get together in a face-to-face kind of meeting with representatives from their district and work through what the details of that might look like," Schwan said, "including all those things that we have on that sheet and what changes we want to make to that. I think it would be most efficient if we were all in the same room at the same time."

Schwan presented the board with questions previously discussed between the two districts.

Questions posed included

- whether Groton would be willing to include the Langford name in the football co-op
- if Groton would be willing to change its uniform colors or team name
- if Langford could host a game for homecoming
- thoughts on practice times and locations
- whether there is an opportunity for Langford kids to try out for football cheerleading
- would it be possibly for Langford to have a coach on the high school and junior high staff
- what are Groton official's thoughts on co-oping in other sports in the future
- how would the financial cost of the sport be divided up

Groton board members at a previous meeting had asked about academic eligibility rules for student-athletes and athletic trainer availability.

At Monday evening's meeting, school board members Kara Pharis and Tigh Flihs asked to be part of the group discussing a possible cooperative. Vice President Marty Weismantel, who was not at the meeting, had been a part of discussion about a cooperative a few years ago, and will likely continue to be part of the discussion, Schwan said. Possible meeting dates were also discussed.

"The sooner the better so we can figure out what we're going to do," Schwan said.

The date to request a cooperative for the 2024-2025 school year has already passed, but it could be a special request to the South Dakota High School Activities Association, said Board President Deb Gengerke.

• Fourth grade teacher Sue Fjeldheim discussed her classes, including working in tandem with fellow fourth grade teacher Joel Guthmiller, the positive aspects of utilizing laptops for each student in class and science experiment week taking place toward the end of February. Guthmiller and fifth grade teachers Janel Lone and Shelby Hendrickson were scheduled to discuss their programs as well, but were unable to attend the meeting.

• The board declared a 2016 Chevy van surplus. The van was stolen on a school trip to Sioux Falls in early January. "It was found, but not in a condition we want it back in," said Superintendent Joe Schwan. The board had to declare the van as surplus as part of the insurance claim.

• The board accepted the resignation of Sadie Hanna, elementary special education teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. That brings the number of open positions at the district to five, two positions with immediate vacancies (maintenance director and sign language interpreter) and three positions needed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year (elementary special education teacher, first grade teacher and ag education teacher/FFA adviser).

• The board had the first reading of edits to the maintenance director job description.

• The board had its first reading of the district's wellness policy. Most of the policy is dictated by federal program, but the district did draft wellness goals. The first goal includes reducing/eliminating consumption of high-sugar caffeinated beverages and energy drinks during the school day. The second goal includes studying the feasibility of offering additional physical education courses at the high school. The third goal includes making the school facility available for recreational activities not sponsored by the district.

• The board declared 15 auto fundamental textbooks as surplus. The books are instructional technology teacher Don Donley's old books. They have to be declared surplus in order to throw them away.

• The high school will be adding BIO II courses every year. Currently that class is offered every other year, alternating with physics, said Middle School/High School Principal Shelby Edwards. With the new CTE lab, school officials decided to schedule the class every year. Physics will continue to be scheduled every other year.

- Elizabeth Varin



Rath named to Hall of Fame

Toby Rath, a former GHS Band Director, was inducted into the South Dakota Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame this past weekend. Toby Rath retired in 2019 after 39 years of service to music education in the state. He taught for 24 years in Groton (1980-2004) and followed with 15 years at Rapid City Central High School. Toby is a past president of SDBA as well as serving on the board. Rath is a recipient of the Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster Award and the SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award. (Photo from Cory Rath's Facebook Page)

Warner Dairy gets \$8.7 million in tax exempt bonds to double operation

PIERRE, SD – The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) Board of Economic Development and the Economic Development Finance Authority (EDFA) took action at this month's meetings, approving one request for up to \$8.7 million in tax-exempt qualified bonds and approving three loans totaling over \$3.2 million. These projects reflect a capital investment totaling over \$44.5 million and will bring a projected 185 full-time jobs to South Dakota.

"GOED is thrilled to work with such a diverse group of businesses who are looking to expand and grow in South Dakota. By assisting in the funding of these four projects, businesses across multiple industries will benefit," said GOED Commissioner Chris Schilken. "South Dakota will continue attracting new businesses and working within our communities to help existing businesses grow and thrive."

EDFA took action to approve the Inducement Resolution of Silverstreak Dairies LLP – Warner Dairy. The Warner Dairy applied for a Livestock Nutrient Management Bond to finance the expansion of their current operations. After the completion of this \$32 million expansion, the operation will double the number of milking cows, and will add a projected five new full-time employees. Up to \$8,740,000 in tax-exempt qualified expenses will be focused on updates that use available technologies for the modernization of barns, equipment, facilities, and solid-waste management. This dairy will be located on the existing Warner Dairy site.

Meridian Holdings, LLC of Yankton was approved for a SD Works loan of \$810,000. A full-service event hosting business, Meridian Holdings, LLC will specialize in weddings and parties while operating a full bar and custom meals for its clients. Funding will aid in the purchase of four properties. A projected 14 full-time employees will be added from this new business.

Sentry LLC of Watertown was approved for a Revolving Economic Development and Initiative (REDI) loan for \$1,275,000 and a SD Works loan for \$637,500. This funding will help with the acquisition and installation of equipment for offices and workspaces. A projected 106 full-time jobs will be created.

Hairy Cow Brewing, LLC, Box Elder, was approved for a SD Works loan of \$501,924. Funding will assist with equipment costs for the company that is planning to relocate from Illinois. Once complete, this family-friendly craft brewery and restaurant are projected to create about 60 full-time jobs.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

For just the second time in Super Bowl history, Sunday's contest between the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers needed extra time to determine the winner. For a matchup featuring some of the best offensive players in the league, like quarterback Patrick Mahomes and running back Christian McCaffrey - and two of the best offensive minds coaching from the sidelines - this game came down to defense and special teams. Ultimately, the Chiefs were able to win the game in overtime 25-22.

The Super Bowl was a snooze fest until halfway through the second quarter. The first eight drives of the game ended with a: fumble, punt, punt, punt, field goal, fumble, punt, punt. Finally, with four minutes and twenty-three seconds left in the half, San Francisco found the endzone to extend their lead 10-0. Kansas City responded with a 13-play drive but had to settle for a field goal, and the first half ended with a score of 10-3.

The second half started much like the first, with dominant defenses forcing punts on five of the first seven drives. The only points scored in that time was a field goal for the Chiefs, cutting their deficit to four points. With less than three minutes left in the third quarter, a 49ers special team miscue gave the Chiefs a short field and it only took Patrick Mahomes one play to reach the end zone and take a 13-10 lead.

At this point, the floodgates opened and it became a back-and-forth game.

San Francisco responded to the Chiefs' score with a touchdown of their own, but their kicker missed the extra point. The next three drives all ended with field goals, punctuated by a KC field goal with three seconds left to tie the game. And for just the second time in history, the Super Bowl was going to overtime.

The 49ers won the coin toss and elected to receive the ball. They marched down the field with a 13-play, 66-yard drive but stalled in the

redzone and they had to settle for three points. Kansas City then got the ball and responded with their own 13-play drive. However, the Chiefs were able to punch it in for a touchdown. And with that, the Kansas City Chiefs' dynasty was confirmed, as they won their second Super Bowl in a row and third in the last five years.

With the Super Bowl over and a champion crowned, it's time to turn our attention to the 2024 season. We'll evaluate the roster, identifying strengths and weaknesses, before digging into free agency and the NFL draft. This is a key offseason for the Minnesota Vikings, with some big questions looming at quarterback and what the team will do with Justin Jefferson nearing the end of his contract

Music brings us together

The world paused on Feb. 4. Or at least it seemed to. Things have been so very hard for so very long. Maybe you didn't notice. Maybe you think it's the norm. It's not. There's plenty of sunshine, stars shining, but we've too been mired in despair to notice.

It could be seasonal stress disorder, but if we ever get some real snow, we'll be starting our days with Jell-O shots. Even parents. It could have something to do with astrology. I overheard something about Capricorn, and Mercury being in retrograde. And a bad moon rising.

It didn't matter. Sacred things were afoot when the great Joni Mitchell appeared at the Grammys, against all odds, to bookend her iconic song, "Both Sides Now," released 56 years ago when she was 24. By then, she'd already overcome a lifetime of challenges. Polio. A child put up for adoption. Divorce. Then, she was a witness through the eyes of youth.

Now, at 80, emerging from the ravages of a stroke, sitting, a queen among reverential musicians and singers, singing in a lower register now, she finally shared her view from the other side of the song, growing stronger with each verse.

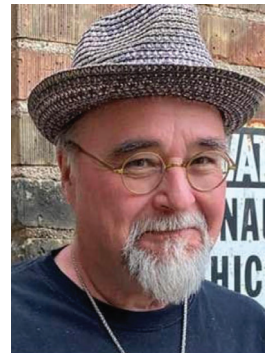
There were no revelations. No answers. Emerging was enough.

Things really have gone to hell because in that moment, everyone—everyone watching in the world—suddenly got dust in their eyes. Coulda been DDT. "Give me spots on my apples, but leave me the birds and the bees," she once sang.

I'm not crying.

You're crying.

In that moment, like all the cells that comprise a heart, we were one. Beating. Ka-thump.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

In unison. Beating. Resilience was the message of the day.

Another chapter was taught by Tracy Chapman that night. I suppose I'm oblivious because I had no idea that there was any controversy surrounding her hopeful lament about inner city poverty and sacrifice, "Fast Car," being covered by Luke Combs.

Some felt it was inappropriate for a big ol' white cowboy to hijack a song written by a gay black woman. Gay? Never even considered it. I just saw it as a celebration of a great song by a great songwriter languishing in the shadows of the past.

The roots of our discontent go back to Elvis Presely who had big hits with otherwise obscure black songs. Was he a carpetbagger or did he open the door for black artists? I'm not sure there's a definitive answer; more so perspective.

It was 1988. I was working radio in Juneau when "Fast Car" appeared in rotation. Even amidst the mayhem of the morning show, I was mesmerized by the depth of the song, always stopped to listen.

At the Grammys, the cameras focused on a hand picking out the notes of the song and slowly panned upward as the cheers swelled until the lens captured the beatific smile of the songwriter, gray-haired now, but strong, her voice rich as loamy black soil of the good earth.

Combs, worshipful, was Robin. Kato. Dr. Watson. No interloper.

God, it was beautiful.

After 36, years, Tracy Chapman's song shot to #1 on on the charts last week. Combs' version was at #6. Luke Combs' heart, buried beneath the chest of a left tackle, was obvious when the song ended. He adores Tracy Chapman. Celebrates her time in the sun. He couldn't have predicted this, but he waded in with pure intent when he covered the song, and sometimes that's all it takes.

Suddenly, Tracy Chapman is back. A resonant voice speaking truth. Justice. A voice yearning to be heard. "Fast Car" made it to #6 on the charts in 1988. Another song, a greater song, "Talkin' 'Bout a Revolution," in Ronald Reagan's conservative "morning in America," peaked at #75. Too Political. Too against the tide. Too honest.

While they're standing in the welfare lines Crying at the doorsteps of those armies of salvation

Wasting time in the unemployment lines

Sitting around waiting for a promotion

Don't you know

Talking about a revolution?

It sounds like a whisper

Poor people gonna rise up

And get their share

Poor people gonna rise up

And take what's theirs

God bless Tracy Chapman and Joni Mitchell.

They've caused us to think. Challenged us. Reminded us that the world is a beautiful place. And that there's always hope.

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NEC Boys' Basketball

Number two spot up for grabs

An interesting shift in the number two spot in Region 1A. Both Milbank and Waubay/Summit had two wins in the past week, but Milbank fell to third and Waubay/Summit moved from fourth to second in Region 1A on Sunday, but then by Wednesday, Tiospa Zina climbed back into the number two spot and Waubay-Summit fell back to fourth place.

Boys NEC Standings

	NEC	Overall
Hamlin	8-0	15-3
Groton Area	8-1	12-4
Clark/Willow Lake	6-1	9-7
Roncalli	5-3	10-7
Milbank	5-3	11-5
Deuel	4-4	7-11
Webster Area	3-6	8-10
Tiospa Zina	3-4	8-6
Britton-Hecla *	2-6	4-13
Sisseton	1-8	3-13
Redfield	0-9	1-15
* Class B Team		

Milbank 72, Sisseton 53
Hamlin 85, Deuel 34
Groton 66, Redfield 22
Clark-Willow Lake 63, Britton-Hecla 35
Tiospa Zina 64, Sisseton 34

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		Season	Seed Pts		
#	Name	W	L	PCT	PTS
1	Groton Area	12	4	.750	43.125
2	Tiospa Zina	11	6	.647	42.059
3	Milbank	12	5	.706	42.000
4	Waubay/Summit	12	5	.706	41.647
5	Aberdeen Roncalli	11	7	.611	41.222
6	Webster Area	8	10	.444	39.389
7	Sisseton	3	15	.167	36.833
8	Redfield	1	17	.056	33.944

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NEC Girls' Basketball

Nothing changes in the conference race and nothing changes in the Region 1A standings. The regional tournaments will begin next weekQ

Girls NEC Standings

Sisseton	9-0	14-1
Hamlin	7-1	9-6
Roncalli	7-2	12-3
Milbank	5-4	9-6
Groton Area	6-3	11-5
Deuel	4-4	6-10
Webster Area	3-6	6-10
Clark/Willow Lake	3-5	6-10
Redfield	2-7	5-10
Britton-Hecla *	1-7	6-10
Tiospa Zina	0-8	0-13
* Class B Team		

Sisseton 63, Milbank 34
Sisseton 51, Tiospa Zina 13
Clark-Willow Lake 69, Britton-Hecla 44
Hamlin 56, Deuel 30
Groton 61, Redfield 37

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		Season	Seed Pts		
#	Name	W	L	PCT	PTS
1	Sisseton	17	1	.944	45.722
2	Aberdeen Roncalli	16	3	.842	44.789
3	Groton Area	12	7	.632	42.474
4	Milbank	10	9	.526	40.684
5	Waubay/Summit	10	9	.526	39.737
6	Webster Area	7	12	.368	38.789
7	Redfield	5	14	.263	37.789
8	Tiospa Zina	1	18	.053	34.526

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Friendly Fellows & Daisies 4-H Club

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H Club met February 4, 2024 at Claremont Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order by Logan Warrington. The American flag pledge was led by Ashlynn Warrington, and the 4-H flag pledge was led by Blake Pauli. The roll call topic for the meeting was Favorite US President. There were no communications to report. The Treasurer's report was read by Hudson Eichler. The Secretary's report was read by Adeline Kotzer. Parker Zoellner made a motion to approve the Secretary's report and it was seconded by Trey Smith and the motion carried. Old business was talking about the fun night at Allevery. Hudson Eichler made a motion to approve the old business, and Arthur Eichler seconded the motion, which carried. New Business was discussing the Newshound, Ski Trip, Fruit Fundraiser, and Project Day. Ashlynn Warrington made a motion to approve the new business, Arthur Eichler seconded the motion, and it was approved by the members. Other businesses that were discussed were the judging kit on purchasing the best bun option and a new 4-H fundraiser. Parker Zoellner made the motion to approve other business, Hudson Eichler seconded the motion, and it carried. Talks were given by Logan Warrington on the bills approved through 4-H legislation. Parker

Zoellner gave a talk on preparing for a 4-H horse show. Hudson Eichler gave a talk on his basketball experience. The members then practiced judging using the judging kit of purchasing the best hot dog buns. Lunch was served by the Eichler family.

Submitted by: Parker Zoellner, Club Reporter

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Notice of Garbage Pickup-

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Railroad Avenue, Main Street, Sixth Street, & Highway 37

Residents of the Broadway Mobile Home Park need to take their garbage to **Highway 37**.

Residents north of 13th Avenue (Olson and Jacobson Developments) need to bring their garbage to the **Bus Barns**.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during the spring thaw.

Please bring your garbage bags and/or cans to these locations for Tuesday pickup!

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FEBRUARY 6, 2024 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A Moment of Silence was held in remembrance of Ken Prock, Chief Deputy Officer from Moody County that was killed in the line of duty last Friday and Marshall County Commissioner Kevin Jones who passed away on Sunday.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BID FOR EXPO ROOF: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for replacing or retrofitting a metal roof on the Holm Expo Building at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager shared they sent an addendum to those that expressed interest on Friday, February 2nd regarding the installation of the insulation. Two bids were received: North Central Steel Systems for \$585,654.00 with no alternates listed; MLC Construction for \$858,820.00 with Alternate 2: 1,1010,530.00; Alternate 3: 36,500.00; Alternate 4: \$18,750.00 and made a note that existing gutters will not work with proposed system so new gutters would be \$15,000.00 and rails at \$19,000.00. Rachel asked to refer the awarding of the bid for a week so that her and Dean Marske from HKG Architects could review. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to refer the bids for a week for Rachel and Dean to review. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOAD LIMITS: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent informed the Commission that he recommends having load limits go into effect on Monday, February 12th. Commissioner Fjeldheim mentioned that if we get the rain as forecasted that is going to draw the frost out of the ground, then conditions will get worse because it is already getting soft. Commissioner Dennert commented that the forecast looks like there will be a cold stretch coming, last year we put the load limits on and then the temps got down to zero so then people were questioning why the load limits were put on; from a Highway stand point he understands they should be put on but from a producers stand point it is early so caught between a rock & a hard place so he has mixed feelings. Commissioner Wiese commented that they have done different parts of the county in the past because some roads won't be damaged, and others will be so its not a perfect solution or answer. Dirk informed the Commission that some Counties have already put load limits on; Spink County does a staggered posting, but Dirk is not a fan of that, and he feels that is more complicated and wants to make easier for law enforcement. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked that some of the roads are unposted, and everyone is aware of those or can find on the county website or something. Dirk shared the official list is posted on the States website but would need to check with GIS to see if he updates the County website. Commissioner Dennert mentioned that if they are going to be on Monday, waiting another day – Tuesday, February 13th then see what the weather is going to do. Dirk informed Commission that they tried that a couple years ago, to go to the very last day they could possibly do it but then people complained they didn't have any time to get their stuff done. Commissioner Gage questioned the amount of frost left in the ground, doesn't feel there is much left and historically we put load limits on when the frost comes out of the ground and this year it happens to be earlier and we don't have control over the weather and because of the roads he has been on are already showing problems at the surface so feels if anything we are late. After further discussion the following Resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION FOR LOAD LIMITS: Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution as of

February 6, 2024:

RESOLUTION #11-24
WHEREAS, SDCL 32-22-24 authorizes the proper authority to establish maximum axle and axle group loadings during the period of each year from February 15th to April 30th, inclusive, and

WHEREAS, SDCL 32-22-24 further provides that if highway and climatic conditions warrant, the proper highway authority may extend the time period mentioned by ordinance or resolution.

WHEREAS, SDCL 32-22-25 authorizes the proper authority to reduce the maximum weight and load of vehicles on specific roads without formal resolution where such road would be damaged or destroyed by heavy traffic by reason of thawing or excessive moisture.

WHEREAS, SDCL 32-22-25 further provides that notice shall be given by placing proper signage indicating the limitations of the gross weight of the vehicle on such specific roads.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Commission, per SDCL 32-22-24 extends the seasonal load restrictions established by Brown County Commission in regular session on February 6th (6-ton per axle and 40 MPH for trucks) from February 12th to April 30th or until roads become stable and further authorizes the posting of signage on all roads to be restricted in order to prevent damage or destruction by reason of thawing or excessive moisture.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Commission requests the South Dakota Department of Public Safety and the South Dakota Highway Patrol to enforce Annual Seasonal Load Restrictions on over weight limits, over width load limits, and speed limits on Brown County Roads during the February/March/April spring thaw and breakup period that the roads are posted.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that all Brown County Oil Roads are posted at 6-ton per axle and truck speed of 40 MPH, except for the following:

1. Belt Loop around the City of Aberdeen
2. Road 4 from 24th Ave, North 1.0 mile to CR 13
3. Road 7 from US Highway 281 East 1.0 mile to Barnard and County Road 10
4. Road 9 from US Highway 281 East 1.0 mile to Westport and County Road 10
5. Road 9 from SD Highway 37 East 7.0 miles to Brown/Marshall County Line
6. Road 10 from County Road 13 (Prairiewood Road) South 1.0 mile to Road 15
7. Road 10 from County Road 19 (Melgaard Road) South 1.0 mile to County Road 14W
8. Road 11 from County Road 16 West 10.0 miles to US Highway 281
9. Road 11 .50-mile East of SD Highway 37 to Huffton
10. Road 11 from County Road 16 East 1 mile
11. Road 12 from 24th Ave NE 1 mile to County Road 13
12. Road 12W will not be posted from County Road 19 East to US Highway 281 (2.0 miles)
13. Road 12WA from US Highway 12 North 2.0 miles
14. Road 12WB from US Highway 12 North to County Road 12W
15. Road 13 from County Road 14 West 5.0 miles to US Highway 281
16. Road 14 from 126th St. South 7 miles to US Highway 12
17. Road 14W from US281 East 1.5 miles
18. Road 15 from US Highway 281 East 1 mile to County Road 10
19. Road 15 from 385th Ave East .50 mile
20. Road 15 from County Road 12 (Roosevelt Road) East 1.0 mile to County Road 19
21. Road 16 from the Town of Columbia South 0.5 miles to County Road 11
22. Road 16C from County Road 23 South 1 mile to Stratford
23. Road 19 from the JCT of CR 19 and CR 17 (8th Ave NE) North 1.0 mile to CR 15
24. Road 20 from County Road 9 South .02 miles to the railroad tracks
25. Road 23 from US Highway 281 East 1.0 mile to Warner and County Road 10
26. Road 23 from US Highway 281 West .25 miles
27. Road 23 from Road 16C for 10 miles East to SD Highway 37
28. Road 23B the Town of Ferny West to SD Highway 37
29. Road 27 from SD Highway 281 West 2.0 miles to the town of Mansfield
30. Frederick Main Street from US Highway 281 East 0.5 miles to the Frederick City Limits
31. Road 14W from Road 19, West 2.5 miles – 3 ton per axle

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Brown County Board of Commissioners

authorizes the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent to place signage providing adequate notice of the reduced maximum weight of any vehicle on any improved highway of this County which, in his opinion, would be damaged or destroyed by heavy traffic by reason of thawing or excessive moisture until the expiration of the 2024 seasonal load restrictions. SDCL 32-22-25

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

SEASONAL LOAD RESTRICTIONS:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following seasonal load restrictions for 2024: The Brown County Highway Department seasonal load restrictions will go into effect Monday, February 12, 2024, or when the load limit signs are installed and displayed, on all Brown County Oil Roads. All Asphalt Roads will be posted at 6-tons per axle and 40 MPH for trucks during the February/March/April spring thaw and breakup or until roads become stable except for the following:

- Belt Loop around the City of Aberdeen
 - Road 4 from 24th Ave, North 1.0 mile to CR 13
 - Road 7 from US Highway 281 East 1.0 mile to Barnard and County Road 10
 - Road 9 from US Highway 281 East 1.0 mile to Westport and County Road 10
 - Road 9 from SD Highway 37 East 7.0 miles to Brown/Marshall County Line
 - Road 10 from County Road 13 (Prairiewood Road) South 1.0 mile to Road 15
 - Road 10 from County Road 19 (Melgaard Road) South 1.0 mile to County Road 14W
 - Road 11 from County Road 16 West 10.0 miles to US Highway 281
 - Road 11 .50-mile East of SD Highway 37 to Huffton
 - Road 11 from County Road 16 East 1 mile
 - Road 12 from 24th Ave NE 1 mile to County Road 13
 - Road 12W will not be posted from County Road 19 East to US Highway 281 (2.0 miles)
 - Road 12WA from US Highway 12 North 2.0 miles
 - Road 12WB from US Highway 12 North to County Road 12W
 - Road 13 from County Road 14 West 5.0 miles to US Highway 281
 - Road 14 from 126th St. South 7 miles to US Highway 12
 - Road 14W from US281 East 1.5 miles
 - Road 15 from US Highway 281 East 1 mile to County Road 10
 - Road 15 from 385th Ave East .50 mile
 - Road 15 from County Road 12 (Roosevelt Road) East 1.0 mile to County Road 19
 - Road 16 from the Town of Columbia South 0.5 miles to County Road 11
 - Road 16C from County Road 23 South 1 mile to Stratford
 - Road 19 from the JCT of CR 19 and CR 17 (8th Ave NE) North 1.0 mile to CR 15
 - Road 20 from County Road 9 South .02 miles to the railroad tracks
 - Road 23 from US Highway 281 East 1.0 mile to Warner and County Road 10
 - Road 23 from US Highway 281 West .25 miles
 - Road 23 from Road 16C for 10 miles East to SD Highway 37
 - Road 23B the Town of Ferny West to SD Highway 37
 - Road 27 from SD Highway 281 West 2.0 miles to the town of Mansfield
 - Frederick Main Street from US Highway 281 East 0.5 miles to the Frederick City Limits
 - Road 14W from Road 19, West 2.5 miles – 3 ton per axle
- No overweight or over-width permits will be issued except in extreme cases of emergency. If such an emergency exists, the following permit fees will be applicable:
- Single Permit @ \$10.00; Temporary Permit @ \$20.00; Annual Permit @ \$50.00
- Roll call vote: Dennert-nay; Fjeldheim-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave the Commissioners a Department Update: they are still crushing in the backyard; Co. Rd 5 got a favorable wetlands determination, 1 mile west of 281 by Frederick will be doing some grade raising on it; Elm Lake Bridge will be replaced next winter, also. Commissioner Dennert questioned alternate routes for the people that live on the west side of the Lake and Dirk shared they could go north to the State Line and then back to Hwy. 281. Dirk informed the Commission that next week

they will be opening bids for the Micro-surfacing projects, and they are doing shoulder work on Br. Co. 23. Commissioner Dennert asked about placing an electronic speedometer at the junction of Co. Rd. 13 and 10 near Rolling Meadows and Dirk stated that he will look into that. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked about the 4-way Flashing Stop Signs because only one is working at that intersection now. Dirk shared they are working on getting better ones. Commissioner Sutton asked about the rumble strips on Co. Rd 6; Dirk will look into that as well. Commissioner Dennert asked if Dirk plans to attend the D.O.T. meeting regarding the Moccasin Bridge on 6th Ave.; Dirk stated that he has another commitment in Chamberlain that day so Matt will probably be attending the meeting. Dirk shared that the detour will probably be Co. 13/130th St, by Prairiewood. Commissioner Wiese asked about the speed limit north of Dependable Sanitation on Co. Rd. 19. Dirk stated he is in favor of lowering the speed limits so he will look into a set speed for the whole stretch.

DISCUSS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) FEES: Auditor Heupel shared a recommendation for FOIA fees based on information gathered from other Counties. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the FOIA fees as presented. The Fees are as follows: E-mail/Print/Copies in Black & White: \$1.00/page; E-mail/Print/Copies in Color: \$2.00/page; If over an hour of time: \$25.00/hour plus the cost of per page fee; If must mail: cost of postage plus the cost of per page fee; Flash drive: \$5.00 plus cost of per page fee. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TASER AGREEMENT: Jon Lemke, Chief Deputy Sheriff and Wes Graff, Deputy met with the Commission to discuss a new contract for Tasers. The current 5-year contract is coming to an end with Axon. The new contract will be for 10 years; the initial cost for first year would be \$19,212.25, which was figured in the 2024 Budget; then annual fee would be \$19,209.51 for years 2-5 and then go to \$22,094.17 for years 6-10. Included with the new contract is Taser Instructor courses (officers need to recertify yearly), holders, unlimited cartridges, training halt suit, battery packs and chargers. The department will receive the newest tasers available and if during the contract any new equipment comes out, they would receive the new equipment at the same cost. Automatically send replacement cartridges when used in the field. The new Taser 10 will shoot 10 darts compared to current tasers shoot 2 darts. Taser 10 is the safest and most effective taser on the market. Axon is the sole manufacturer, distributor, and retailer of Taser brand products in the State of SD. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked what they would do with the old Tasers and Deputy Graff shared they will be traded in for the new ones. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 10-year Taser contract with Axon. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JAIL INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT: Sheriff, Dave Lunzman decided to give a public report based on an information request from Bob Schatz. Sheriff Lunzman shared that the total jail capacity is 54; 48 beds and 6 holding cells. National average states that if the jail is at 80% of capacity it is considered full. In July of 2023, they entered a contract to house 6 inmates with Faulk County, that cost us \$55,809.00 in 2023 but will be approximately \$200,000.00 in 2024: at a rate of \$90.00/day/person – these are long term inmates for a month or longer; also, they deal with a lot of Federal prisoners so will transport our prisoners at no charge if already coming that day. When other counties bring inmates in whether it is for a few hours or days they are charged the same per day rate. If Brown County makes an arrest for another county, they do not charge that county if they are out within a couple of days – Brown County receives the same courtesy from other counties. Transports that may be kept overnight, are not charged either. The average daily population (ADP) in 2023 was 51.6. The average daily arrests is 7.2 people/day. Commissioner Wiese asked Sheriff Lunzman at what time he is pulling his numbers, Sheriff Lunzman shared that he does it between 5-6 a.m. Also, if we are holding inmates for another county and we need

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the room for our inmates then that county is called and informed they will need to move them to another facility. Sheriff Lutzman shared that Brown County has a contract with McPherson County for \$25,000/year that they pay upfront; then if go over that they pay \$85.00/day/person for the average.

Brown County participates in the Penitentiary Shuttle Program which brought in \$14,706.00 last year. Also, the inmates are charged for their phone usages which brought in \$51,547.00; Commissary was \$8,700.00; GPS Work Release Program brought in \$38,950.00 in 2023. GPS on Bonds, which is ordered by the Judge, but we still bring in funds for them; we brought in \$31,748.00 in 2023. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked about the revenue if it is offsetting the budget. No, it does not offset the budget, the revenue goes into the General Fund for the County, which is turned around to cover department budgets each year.

Commissioner Wiese commented that when an inmate is sentenced and receive a suspended sentence for time served; the County is not reimbursed for that time – the County pays for that. Bob Schatz questioned that when holding a prisoner for Department of Corrections (DOC) the County receives \$95.00/day; asking why as the County Commissioners don't, they work together and get this resolved to recover those costs from DOC or the State of SD because this is a huge expense to every county. Commissioner Sutton stated that they have tried to convince the State that the County should be reimbursed but it has been difficult and has not been successful in the past. Bob Schatz mentioned to ask Representatives because feels he would be willing to bring a bill forth for this matter. Commissioner Sutton mentioned that we thought it would be a good idea to have a Regional Jail in NE South Dakota to help accommodate the surrounding 14 counties that are affected; we could not get the Legislators to support that. Bob Schatz stated that he would like to meet with Sheriff Lutzman and the head Jailer to go over some more information, so he will be reaching out to set up a time to do this.

Sheriff Dave Lutzman wanted to respond to the Commission from January 30th that the County Commission wanted to take over the FOB access for the Jail and the Courthouse; Sheriff Lutzman stated per SDCL 24-11-13 and Attorney General Opinion 06-07 the Sheriff is in charge of the jail and its operation, this would include key FOB access in order to control the safety of all. Then on December 4, 2017, the 5th Judicial Court Judges ordered the Sheriff shall provide security to the court, Sheriff Lutzman feels that the only way to do this is to oversee the FOB access to those areas. For the medical part appears through SDCL is yours and you can have that if you so choose and that can be decided at a later date. Lastly, there was a newspaper article a few weeks ago that makes it appear that there was some discord between the Brown County Sheriff's Office and Aberdeen Police Department (APD), the article made it appear that it was Sheriff Lutzman's fault; Sheriff Lutzman shared that he has been in law enforcement in this area for over 30 years and there has been a discord for almost the entire time. Sheriff Lutzman shared that he knows he was asked to fix the relationship but stated on Sunday there were 2 instances that the APD was contacted requesting assistance and they responded with Negative 10-8, which means No I am not going to help but ready for any other calls for the first call; second response was that is all county 10-8, meaning that is the County's problem not theirs. Though that is disappointing, it was a bigger disappointment when Sheriff Lutzman sent a message over to Chief McNeil responded with the process is flawed, didn't let them know quick enough, and that their officers did nothing wrong. These actions are the problems that he is dealing with, which is disappointing since the citizens pay all of our salaries and Lutzman wishes they could get along but if they are refusing to help when asked there is nothing he can do.

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve the Housing & Redevelopment Committee for 2024 which consists of Marty Sabolo, Chairman; Karl Alberts, Vice Chairman; Treasurer, Kathy Zerr – Secretary, Jeff Mitchell, Commissioner and

Clark Thares, Commissioner. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the January 30, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen ED \$342.49; Aberdeen Family YMCA \$108,833.60; Aberdeen Surgery \$254.30; Acute Care Aberdeen \$187.65; Avera Medical Group Radiology \$520.54; Carrels & Bain Family Dental Care, LLC \$369.72; Commercial Electronics \$5,700.00; Fargo Teleradiology Prof \$244.89; IMEG Corp \$5,290.00; Kristi Brandt \$132.25; Lincoln County Auditor \$752.68; Lucy Lewno \$500.00; Mark Katterhagen \$51.00; Radiology-North Center \$164.89; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$464.00; Sara J. Zahn \$23.40; Siegel Barnett & Schutz \$315.00; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$63.00; Valerie Larson \$51.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$250.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$728.50; Zylstra Investigations \$1,860.00. Publishing: Glacial Lakes and Prairie Tourism Association \$185.00; Groton Daily Independent \$181.08; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$875.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Big Scoop Snow Removal \$155.00; Dakota Doors \$408.65; Dakota Fluid Power \$490.47; Graham Tire Inc \$1,014.97; House of Glass \$106.12; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$1,174.20; Lawson Products, Inc \$24.85; Meyers Tractor Salvage, LLC \$325.00; Olson's Pest Technicians \$250.00; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; RDO Equipment Co \$3,521.21; Sherwin Williams \$200.30; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$1,356.96. Supplies: A & B Business Solutions \$70.00; Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$821.65; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$615.41; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Behnke Sand & Gravel \$11,770.46; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$882.24; Butler Machinery Company \$90.87; Century Business Products \$295.48; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$610.95; Dakota Electronics \$1,315.00; Dakota Fluid Power \$3,543.21; Dakota Supply Group \$760.15; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$905.96; Fastenal Company \$255.66; Faulkton Drug \$18.95; Geffdog Designs \$25.00; Glacial Lakes and Prairie Tourism Association \$150.00; Great Western Tire \$5,276.83; Hanlon Brothers, LLC \$135,802.89; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$406.85; Lawson Products, Inc \$294.39; Lucy Lewno \$19.89; Marco Technologies, LLC \$3,128.82; Menards \$30.80; Midstates Group \$25.76; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$32.00; PharmChem, Inc \$106.00; Pheasantland Industries \$238.54; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$30.50; Pressure Washer Central \$128.26; Quality Welding, Inc \$15.00; Rachel Wilson \$31.85; RDO Equipment Co \$4,101.10; Sherwin Williams \$393.52; US Foods \$10,236.12; Violet Dinger Estate \$13,277.36. Travel & Conference: Aaron Walberg \$222.08; Dave Lutzman \$182.00; Kelsi Vinger \$146.00; South Dakota Historical Society Foundation \$120.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$141.86; Century-Link \$306.03; Midcontinent Communications \$163.80; Northwestern Energy \$12,179.19; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$109.32. Machinery & Equipment: Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$148,500.00. Others: City of Aberdeen-Ride-line \$1,000.00; Glacial Lakes and Prairie Tourism Association \$750.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- Employment ending for Cheyenne Neck, Brown County Jail Detention Officer; effective January 26, 2024. Request to fill.
- Approve Sally Swanson, PT Building Service Worker to fill-in as a short-term State's Attorney Administrative Assistant, starting wage \$18.00/hr.; effective February 6, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following travel requests: Josh Lee, Sheriff's Office to attend the Tactical Narcotics Debriefing on May 21-23, 2024 in Johnston, IA; Aaron Walberg, VSO to attend Legislative Meeting & Testimony on January 29, 2024 in Pierre; Patricia Kendall, DPM to attend SD State Historical Society Annual Conference on April 4-6, 2024 in Pierre; Brittany Watts, Jail to attend Sex Offender Training on

April 9-10, 2024 in Deadwood. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreement: Reverend John G. Creel with Little Rock Holiness Church for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on July 8-12, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for January 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Special Malt Beverage for Brown County Fair Foundation on Friday, March 29, 2024 at Brown County Holm Expo Building (SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M. of Brown County, SD) for concessions at the Your Town Tour Concert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ATM CONTRACT FOR BROWN COUNTY FAIR: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the agreement, that was recommended by the Brown County Fair Board, with BGT Ventures LLC for ATM Services during the Brown County Fair. Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager commented that if they have the same number of transactions in 2024 as they did in 2023; they would double the amount of revenue. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RETAIL (ON-OFF) MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE TRANSFER HEARING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize advertising a public hearing to be held in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD on February 27, 2024 to consider the following transfers: Stacy Gossman, DBA Head East to transfer license to G & T Gaming, Inc. DBA: Dakota Players Club – BC located at 5759 Hwy. 12 E. Ste. 2 - Lot 1B Gossman 1st Addition, Kessler's Outlot 1 S ½ Sec 15-T123-R63W of 5th P.M., Brown County, SD; Stacy Gossman, DBA West Bound to transfer license to G & T Gaming, Inc. DBA: Dakota Players Club – BC located at 5759 Hwy. 12 E. Ste. 3 - Lot 1B Gossman 1st Addition, Kessler's Outlot 1 S ½ Sec 15-T123-R63W of 5th P.M., Brown County, SD; Stacy Gossman, DBA Up North to transfer license to G & T Gaming, Inc. DBA: Dakota Players Club – BC located at 5759 Hwy. 12 E. Ste. 4 - Lot 1B Gossman 1st Addition, Kessler's Outlot 1 S ½ Sec 15-T123-R63W of 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss Personnel 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 Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:51 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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A & N 23-7
NOTICE OF REVIEW HEARING
TO: Laura Scholz

Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a Review Hearing on April 12th, 2024, at the hour of 1:15 p.m., before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Karla Nelson, Deputy
Brown County States Attorney
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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 pro-

posal 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.

Attest: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**CITY OF STRATFORD
TRUSTEE VACANCY
NOTICE**

Notice of Vacancy
City of Stratford

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

TRUSTEE (TWO-YEAR TERM)
Circulation of nominating petitions

Please notify Anna Kwak if you are interested. Petitions will be made available at the Community Center on FEBRUARY 1st, 2024.

First day to begin petition circulation is FEBRUARY 2nd, 2024. Deadline is FEBRUARY 23rd, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Submitted by:
Anna Kwak
Finance Officer

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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 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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ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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February 6, 2024
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Nehls, Cutler, Wambach, Bahr, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Elizabeth Varin, Kellie Locke, Dwight Zerr, Todd Gay, Charity Hinman, Keith Wipf, Christopher Frost, and Stacy Mayou.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to approve the agenda with the change of moving Skating Rink Discussion to take place after public comments. All members present voted aye.

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

Discussion took place regarding the skating rink. Frost expressed concerns regarding the closing of the skating rink.

Frost exited the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding childcare. Hinman and Wipf expressed a want to acquire land from the city to construct a new childcare facility and youth center.

Hinman and Wipf exited the meeting.

Department reports were reviewed and discussed.

Gay and Mayou exited the meeting.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to authorize the purchase of a wastewater camera. All members present voted aye.

Zerr exited the meeting.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to vacate portions of West 7th Avenue and North Lincoln Street. Wells, Nehls, Wambach, and Bahr voted aye. Cutler abstained from voting.

Discussion took place regarding the updated safe room cost estimate.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to enter into a contract with Payment Service Network (PSN) for a customer payment portal. All members present voted aye.

Locke exited the meeting.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to authorize the Allied Health Insurance refund to be processed through payroll and distributed evenly amongst the 13 current employees. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Wells to approve Change Order No. 4 for Maguire Iron. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to approve Pay Request No. 3 for Maguire Iron. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Maguire Iron. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to table discussion regarding building inspector/code enforcement. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to approve the updated baseball complex advertisement sign pricing. All members present voted aye.

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

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

Payroll, \$44,687.19, Employee salaries; Executive, \$559.27; Administrative, \$9,487.66; Public Safety, \$8,660.76; Public Works, \$25,152.03; Culture & Recreation, \$827.47; Douglas Heinrich, \$468.00, Med flex; Dacotah Bank, \$5,822.65, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotahland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$1,647.90, HSA contributions; Groton Daily Independent, \$37.00, 1-year subscription to B&W print edition; NW Energy, \$43.09, Natural gas service - water tower; Stacy Mayou, \$455.09, Med flex; Valley River, LLC, \$400.00, Family Crisis rental assistance; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; April Abeln, \$258.40, Med flex; Dacotah Bank, \$3,060.37,



NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on February 26, 2024, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 9, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Jayme and Kristen Boerger for a garage located within 0 feet of the north lot line in a Residential District (R-1) at 606 N 2nd Street, Groton, SD, legally described as S 1/2 of Lt 2 and Lt 3, Bk 17, of the 1st Addition.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this variance may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Doug Heinrich
Zoning Administrator
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INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids for the 2024 resurfacing of City Streets on March 5, 2024, at 7:00pm (local time) at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD. Received sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work on this project includes the following:

Approximately 37,000 square yards of bituminous seal coat. All work areas are located within the city limits of Groton, SD.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD 57445

The approximate quantities mentioned above are subject to increase or decrease. Questions or requests for further information should be directed to the City Finance Office, 605-397-8422, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.

The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD.

February 12, 2024

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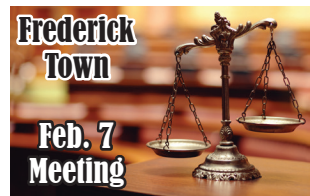
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City of Frederick
February 7, 2024 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, February 7, 2024 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Jeff Kusters, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine.

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

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved with a motion by Kusters/Campbell; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Kusters/Campbell; motion carried. The February accounts payable were approved with a motion by Campbell/Kusters; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,602.63; Ashley Gunther wages EBL \$37.17; Badger Meter fees Swr \$244.32; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$72.81; DANR dues Wtr \$100; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,690; DRN Readitech service FO \$90.56; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$848.321; Farmer's Union Oil propane EBL \$1,272.17; FDC Econ Devlp \$1200; GDI vacancy Gen'l \$17.10; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; JC Campbell bond FO \$525; J. Kusters wage Gen'l \$46.17; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,443.03; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$298.98; M. Cox wage EBL \$567.27; M. Heine wage FO \$1,195.64; R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr \$230.87; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$64.28; SD Assn of Towns dues Gen'l \$218.75; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; VISA postage Gen'l \$318.02; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$5,086.06 OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

There is a board member vacancy for a 3-year term. Petitions are due by 5PM February 23, 2024. The city's copier lease is ending and there is a buy-out option. Motion to buyout the lease for the copier in the amount of \$1,250 plus tax made by Campbell/Kusters; motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 4 at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Kusters/Campbell at 7:13 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Classifieds and Card of Thanks

The following rates are for Classifieds published in both the Groton Daily Independent and the Groton Independent. Cut rate in half if you just want it in the GDI or just the weekly.

1 Week: \$9 for first 30 words, 20¢/word thereafter
2 Wks: \$17 for first 30 words, 38¢/word thereafter
3 Wks: \$24 for first 30 words, 54¢/word thereafter
4th consecutive week is free
605/397-NEWS (6397)
PO Box 34, Groton SD 57445

BIDS

RICE LAKE WEST is soliciting bids from MBE & WBE Subs & Suppliers for: Shared Resources Water Treatment Plant West of Trent Project - Dell Rapids, SD - Bid Date: 2/29/24 - 2:00 p.m. CT. Email estimating@rlwest.org for more information. Rice Lake West, Inc. is an EEO/AA Employer

EMPLOYMENT

SPECIAL ED TEACHERS (2) NEEDED at Custer Jr/Sr School, one starting immediately, and one in Aug. 2024. 4-day school week. Must be SD certified. Custer School District, 527 Montgomery St., Custer, SD 57730 605-673-3154. www.csd.k12.sd.us Open until filled.

LOCALLY-OWNED LUMBERYARD in the Southern Black Hills looking for Contractor Sales/Estimating Rep. Must have building experience. Wages DOE. Bonnie 605-673-3777 or doitbest@gwtc.net.

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\$10,000 Sign-On Bonus
REGISTERED NURSE
\$5,000 Sign-On Bonus
LPN - NIGHTS
\$5,000 Sign-On Bonus
CNA
\$3,000 Sign-On Bonus
Starting at \$18 up to \$25

We participate in SD Rural Healthcare Grant program!
Applications are available on our website www.sundialmanor.com
Contact Clay at 605-492-3615 or clayb@sundialmanor.com
Sun Dial Manor is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer (0214.0221)

Finance Officer Wanted
The Town of Andover is seeking a Finance Officer. This is a part time position. Must know word and excel. Resume can be sent to P O Box 35, Andover, SD 57422, or email to bsmith@nvc.net. A complete job description is available by

MISCELLANEOUS

AFFORDABLE WHOLISTIC DEVICE (patented): Conquer aches, pains, assorted issues with organs, gut, lungs, energy, sleeping, scars, sagging, more. Welcoming Customers, Distributors. Free information: Mary 605-342-4100

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WANTED

WANTED: SOUTH DAKOTA CONVENIENCE STORES. Stores for sale, for sale with lease back, partnering, or refinancing. Call Western Partners - 701-877-1842 or Dave at 701-400-0180.



Kids: color stuff in!

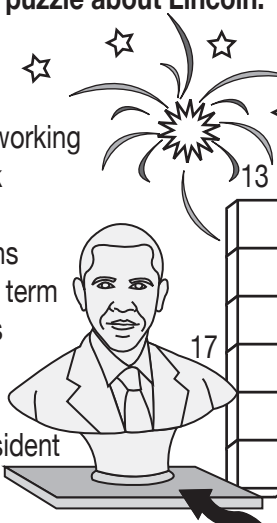


Honoring The Presidents

February 12th is the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth. Many people think he was the greatest U.S. President! He kept the union of the states together. He freed slaves. He is still remembered today for his powerful and heartfelt speeches.

Read the clues to help you fill in this puzzle about Lincoln:

- he was _____ on February 12, 1809 in Kentucky
- his family lived in a one-room log _____
- there were no _____; Abraham spent his days playing or working
- he loved to _____; would walk for miles to borrow a book
- in 1836, he received his license to be a _____
- in 1842, he married _____ Todd Lincoln; they had four sons
- he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for one term (Whig Party); opposed the spread of _____ into new areas
- in 1858, he ran for the U.S. Senate, but was not _____
- the Republican party, which opposed slavery, chose Lincoln to run for President (1860); he won, becoming the _____ President
- right away some southern states split from the _____; they wanted to start their own government
- Lincoln did not want the country to _____; the Civil War began with the Confederate Army, led by Gen. Robert E. Lee, having the upper hand
- during the war, in 1862, Lincoln signed the "Emancipation Proclamation" giving _____ to all slaves (in the south)
- after a _____ (1863) at Gettysburg, PA, the war's tide turned - the Union Army led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant began to win
- Lincoln traveled to Gettysburg to give a _____ - it has become famous: *The Gettysburg Address*
- in 1864, Lincoln was elected _____ again
- the Confederate Army _____ in April 1865; Lincoln urged all Americans to make peace and get along
- five days later, Lincoln went to the _____ with his wife, where John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln and killed him



Lincoln was famous for wearing a stovepipe hat!

16 _____

15 _____

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1 _____

Words in puzzle: cabin, union, read, divide, elected, born, slavery, schools, speech, surrendered, lawyer, theater, freedom, battle.

A bust or a statue of a President is one way we can honor him.

I'm worth a long walk!

A Good Book!



How We Honor The Presidents

Today we remember and honor the work of the presidents by naming schools, libraries and other buildings after them. We name parks after them and put up statues to honor them. How many things can you think of that we put the image of a president on? Find and circle below the ways in which we honor presidents.

- buildings
- stamps
- streets
- bridges
- money
- photos
- statues
- portraits
- holidays
- museums
- books
- history lessons

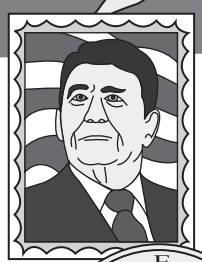
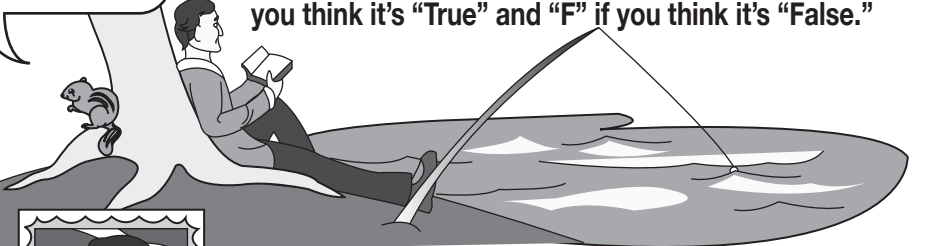
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Abraham liked to tell jokes and stories. He also liked to fish and wrestle.

Abraham Lincoln's Younger Days!

What do you know about President Lincoln's childhood? It's always fun to learn how presidents spent their time as kids growing up. Read each statement. Circle "T" if you think it's "True" and "F" if you think it's "False."



Abraham Lincoln(s):

- was born in Kentucky. When he was seven his family moved to Indiana. T F
- lived in a wild area with many bears and other wild animals. T F
- Mom died when Abraham was 9 years old. T F
- had 24 brothers and sisters. T F
- loved to read books from the "Harry Potter" series. T F
- had a horse. T F

Color in the puzzle to find out what the first line of President Lincoln's famous speech, the Gettysburg Address, says!

Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created...

- R = Red
- B = Blue
- W = White

Color-by puzzle grid with letters R, B, W.

Jackrabbits Forensics celebrating successful season ahead of international trip

BROOKINGS, S.D. (02/13/2024)-- One of South Dakota State University's most historical cocurricular teams is preparing to make history at its first international tournament in March.

Jackrabbits Forensics, SDSU's competitive speech and debate team, will travel to Dublin, Ireland, March 8-14 to compete in the International Forensics Association contest.

Eleven students from the 14-person roster will participate in the competition. The team includes:

Grace Kleinschmit
Meara McIntyre
Jacob Ramp
Hannah Dayaget
Emma Arneson
Taylor Sutton

Sam Pappas (from Groton)

Rachael Guler
Autumn Rathjens
Kara Vetch
Abby Gilk

Other members of the team who will not attend IFA include Courtnie Forcier, Raegan Modlin and Annie Witt.

Program history

Jackrabbits Forensics is directed by Andrea Carlile, assistant professor in the School of Communication and Journalism. She began as director of forensics and an instructor in 2012.

SDSU has a rich tradition of speech and debate on campus. Starting in 1920, SDSU has the longest-running chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, the nation's oldest speech and debate honor society, in South Dakota.

"The role of speech and debate is central to our land-grant institution," Carlile explained. "We equip students with skills to improve their lives and the communities in which they live.

"Further, it is exciting to see the renovations of Lincoln Hall, the original home of our debate team, which was housed in Lincoln Library," Carlile continued. "We recently hosted a tournament and were able to share not only campus, but also team history with visiting teams."

Building a legacy

This year's team has shown its commitment to building upon its legacy and traditions.

"At one point in the fall semester, we had 18 active students on our roster, which is the most we have seen in my time at SDSU," Carlile said. "The new season brought energy and excitement for our team, and with increased numbers we have had great success."

Part of that legacy-building commitment is putting time into team practice on Tuesdays and one-on-one coaching appointments. Team members can invest a personalized number of hours into their craft, providing the flexibility for any student of any major to be involved.

"Our students span the university with students having majors or minors from all colleges at SDSU," Carlile said. "Senior Kara Vetch studies data science, while sophomore and first-year team member Taylor Sutton is pre-veterinary science. Unsurprisingly, we have many students on the team who are majors within the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, including Rachael Guler, Hannah Dayaget, Jacob Ramp, Grace Kleinschmit, Raegan Modlin, Annie Witt, Meara McIntyre, Courtnie Forcier and Emma Arneson."

Throughout the 2023-24 season, the team won five tournaments and placed in the top three at another three tournaments. Members also qualified in 30 events, the most in program history, by the start of February 2024 to compete at the American Forensics Association National Speech Tournament at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in April.

Now, Jackrabbits Forensics is preparing for its debut at a competitive international tournament. The International Forensics Association is an open national tournament with events in categories like informative speaking, dramatic duo, poetry interpretation, public debate and more.

"South Dakota State University boasts a distinguished legacy of excellence in speech and debate," said Josh Westwick, director of the School of Communication and Journalism. "Under the guidance of Dr. Carlile, the program has continuously advanced and is positioned for ongoing success at the regional, national and international levels."

When discussing the team's growth, Carlile reflected back on her first year as director of forensics.

"There was a great deal I didn't know, but I knew we had the potential to achieve excellence at every level," Carlile said. "I remind our team at American Forensics Association each year that in my first season as coach, SDSU had one student in one event. I also remind them where we are now reflects their commitment to our legacy."

The generous support Carlile and Jackrabbits Forensics have received has helped build that legacy.

"Some days, getting to a place like we are now seemed almost out of touch, but with each turn, I had support. I decided to start asking for what was needed to achieve greatness on par with our Division 1 athletics, and as such, we are at a place poised to keep adding to our legacy.

"Thank you to the leaders who agreed to my ideas to create a Division 1 forensics experience for our students," Carlile continued. "This would also not be possible without the support of generous alumni and donors who also believe in the power of forensics to transform lives."

GHS Girls Basketball

Big Dakota Valley run gives Panthers win over Tigers

Dakota Valley outscored Groton Area, 18-1, in the third quarter to pull away from a close game in girls basketball action played Tuesday in Groton.

The game was tied twice with three lead changes in the first quarter as Groton Area held a 10-8 lead. The second quarter featured a defensive struggle with the two teams as only eight total points were scored with Groton Area holding 14-12 lead at halftime.

Ella Otten came out firing for the Panthers in the third quarter with two three-pointers and a total of 12 points in that quarter to help propel Dakota Valley to a 39-22 lead at the end of the third quarter. Groton Area battled back to within nine, 39-30, midway in the fourth quarter; however, Dakota Valley quickly went back on top by 13 and won by the same margin.

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

Three-Pointers: Leicht - 3, Kennedy Hansen - 1, Taryn Traphagen - 1. Groton Area made eight of 22 two-pointers for 36 percent, five of 18 three-pointers for 28 percent, five of nine free throws for 56 percent, had 22 rebounds, 21 turnovers, nine assists, six steals and 16 team fouls.

Otten led Dakota Valley with 17 points followed by Aubree Worden with 11, Cameron Sommervold 10, Emerson Mead four, Lexi Vaske three and Alexa Verdoorn added two points.

Dakota Valley made 19 of 46 field goals for 41 percent, seven of 10 free throws for 70 percent, had 16 turnovers and 12 team fouls.

Three-Pointers: Vaske - 1, Worden - 1, Otten - 2.

Groton Area has a 15-point run in the third quarter to edge out Dakota Valley in the junior varsity game, 34-32. The game was tied once and there were four lead changes in the first quarter as the Panthers held a 9-7 lead after the first quarter. The Tigers went scoreless in the second quarter as Dakota Valley upped its lead to seven at halftime, 14-7. Dakota Valley had a seven-point lead at 17-10 before Groton Area scored 15 straight points to take a 22-17 lead after the third quarter and extended it to 25-17 on the run early in the fourth quarter. Dakota Valley rallied late in the game, but Groton Area did not give in and hung on for the win.

Faith Traphagen led the Tigers with 12 points while Kella Tracy had 11, Taryn Traphagen four, Laila Roberts three and Ashlynn Warrington and Talli Wright each had two points.

Katie Betsworth led Dakota Valley with 14 points while Sophie Meyer and Alexa Verdoorn each had five, Isabelle Carreau had four and Bella Stokes and Ava Redstone each added two points.

The games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The girls junior varsity game was sponsored by Tom and Lindsey Tietz. 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. Shane Clark and Paul Kosel did the play-by-play and Jeslyn Kosel ran the camera.

- Paul Kosel

GHS Girls' Basketball

Mobridge-Pollock edges past Lady Tigers

Mobridge-Pollock made seven of eight free throws in the fourth quarter to pull away from Groton Area, 41-33, in girls basketball action played Saturday in Groton.

The first quarter was tied twice with four lead changes as Groton Area took a 10-9 lead after the first quarter. Mobridge-Pollock scored the first six points of the second quarter and led it at halftime, 17-12. Mobridge-Pollock opened up a seven-point lead in the second quarter, 19-12. Sydney Leicht powered in two three-pointers to spark a Tiger rally and the Tigers took a 25-23 lead. Mobridge-Pollock countered and led, 26-25, after the third quarter.

Groton Area tied the game at 28, but then the visiting Tigers would score eight straight points to take a 36-28 lead in the fourth quarter and would go on for the win.

Leicht led Groton Area with 11 points, two rebounds and one steal. Taryn Traphagen had six points. Jerica Locke had five points, eight rebounds, five assists and two steals. Kennedy Hansen had three points, one steal and one block. Jaedyn Penning had two points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals. Brooklyn Hansen had two points, two rebounds and one steal. Rylee Dunker had two points, five rebounds and one assist. Faith Traphagen had two points, three rebounds and one steal. Laila Roberts had one assist.

Groton Area made eight of 22 two-pointers for 36 percent, five of 27 three-pointers for 19 percent, two of three free throws for 67 percent, had 26 rebounds, 19 turnovers, nine assists, eight steals, 16 team fouls and one block.

Charley Henderson and Heidi Olson led the Mobridge-Pollock Tigers

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with 12 points apiece, Katy Kemnitz had eight, Tegan Konold had three and adding two points apiece were Reagan Weisbeck, Jack Netterville and Faith Heil.

Mobridge-Pollock made 12 of 40 field goals for 30 percent, 15 of 20 free throws for 75 percent, had 16 turnovers and 12 team fouls.

Mobridge-Pollock won the junior varsity game in overtime, 40-36. Mobridge-Pollock led, 13-6, after the first quarter and 19-18 at half time. The lead then changed hands four times in the third quarter before the visiting Tigers scored 12 unanswered points to lead it at the end of the third quarter, 35-24. Groton Area rallied in the fourth quarter, holding Mobridge-Pollock scoreless. Laila Roberts made two free throws with 55 seconds left in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 35. Jacy Netterville made a three-pointer and two free throws in the overtime to lift the visiting Tigers to the win.

Laila Roberts led Groton Area with eight points followed by Taryn Traphagen with seven, Kennedy Hansen and Talli Wright each had five points, McKenna Tietz had four, Faith Traphagen three, Mia Crank two and Kella Tracy had one point.

Three-Pointers: Taryn Traphagen - 1, Kennedy Hansen - 1.

Jacy Netterville led Mobridge-Pollock with 18 points followed by Cheyenne Rath with eight, Brooke Bain five, Shayla Rath five, Jayda Thompson two and Ellie Kemnitz one.

Groton Area won the C game, 38-30. Kella Tracy had 13 points, McKenna Tietz eight, Sydney Locke seven, Emerlee Jones four, Avery Crank two and Estella Sanchez one.

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GHS Girls' Basketball

Tigers power in nine three-pointers in win over Redfield

Groton Area had three players in double figures Friday night as the Lady Tigers defeated Redfield, 61-37. The game was played in Redfield.

Groton Area held a 9-4 first quarter lead and a 30-16 lead at halftime. The Tigers scored 13 straight points in the third quarter and took a 48-28 lead into the fourth quarter.

Jerica Locke led the Tigers with 17 points as she was four of eight in two-pointers and three of five in three-pointers. Locke also had three rebounds, seven assists and five steals. Taryn Traphagen was four of six in three-pointers and finished with 14 points, three rebounds and one steal. Kennedy Hansen was two for three in two-pointers and two of four in three-pointers for 10 points and she had two assists. Jaedyn Penning finished with eight points, seven rebounds, four assists and two steals. Brooklyn Hansen had four points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Rylee Dunker had four points, two rebounds and two assists. Sydney Leicht had two points, two rebounds and one steal. Talli Wright had two points and two rebounds. Faith Traphagen had three rebounds, two assists and three steals. Laila Roberts and Mia Crank each had one rebound. Emily Clark also played as she attempted one shot.

Groton Area made 17 of 37 two-pointers for 46 percent, nine of 23 three-pointers for 39 percent. Redfield had nine team fouls and the Tigers had five free throw attempts and missed all of them. Groton Area had 26 rebounds, 14 turnovers, 18 assists and 14 steals.

Katie Rozell led Redfield with 17 points as she was seven of eight from the line. Chloe Zens and Charli Jungwirth each had five points, Jadit Puok had four and Hayden Gall and Carmen Herrera each had three points. The Pheasants made 11 of 44 field goals for 25 percent, Groton Area had 18 team fouls while allowed Redfield to make 11 of 16 free throws for 69 percent. Redfield had 21 turnovers.

Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 12-5, 19-7 and 29-13 en route to a 41-15 junior varsity game win. Taryn Traphagen led Groton Area with 11 points while Laila Roberts had nine, Mia Crank eight, Faith Traphagen five, and Emerlee Jones, Kella Tracy and Talli Wright each had two points. Faith Traphagen, Roberts and Taryn Traphagen each made one three-pointer.

Charli Jungwirth led Redfield with six points followed by Kinsey Smith, Karlie Brabant, Layla Hardie and Cora Krueger each had two points and Hayden Gall added a free throw.

Groton Area won the C game, 46-12, leading at the quarterstops at 12-0, 24-5 and 38-7.

Kella Tracy led the Tigers with 14 points followed by McKenna Tietz with eight, Teagan Hanten had six, Ashlynn Warrington, Brenna Imrie and Avery Crank each had four points and Emerlee Jones, Addison Hoffman and Estella Sanchez each added two points.

Rylen Frericks led Redfield with five points while Octavia Paulson had three, Hannah Schlechter had two points and Kathryn Evans and Adriana. Bagola each had one point.

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GHS Boys' Basketball

Groton Area boys beat Mobridge-Pollock

Groton Area's boys basketball team teamed up for hot shooting and tough defense to send Mobridge-Pollock home with a 78-39 loss. Groton Area scored 31 points off of Mobridge-Pollock's 29 turnovers while Mobridge-Pollock scored 11 points off of Groton Area's 11 turnovers.

Jacob Zak and Keegen Tracy teamed for 14 first quarter points as Groton Area took a 20-13 lead at the end of the first quarter. Groton Area scored 10 straight points in the second quarter with the help of two three-pointers by Tracy and one by Lane Tietz to take a 40-23 lead at halftime. Groton Area took a 54-33 lead at the end of the third quarter. Lane Tietz and Zak both had two three-pointers apiece in the fourth quarter as Groton Area went on for the win.

Jacob Zak led Groton Area with 22 points, three rebounds, six assists, five steals and two blocks. Lane Tietz had 17 points, four rebounds, six assists and two steals. Keegen Tracy had 12 points, three rebounds, six assists and two steals. Ryder Johnson had seven points, five rebounds, one assist, three steals and one block. Logan Ringgenberg had six points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Gage Sippel had four points and three rebounds. Logan Warrington had three points, Turner Thompson had three points and one assist, Blake Pauli and Colby Dunker each had two points, Jayden Schwan had one assist and one steal.

Three-Pointers: Zak - 2, Tietz - 3, Tracy - 2, Thompson - 1.

Groton Area made 23 of 42 two-pointers for 55 percent, eight of 17 three-pointers for 47 percent, eight of 12 free throws for 67 percent, 22 rebounds, 22 assists, 14 steals, 15 team fouls and three block shots.

Michael Wald led Mobridge-Pollock with 10 points followed by Shane Henderson with eight, Easton Eisemann had seven, Kale Knudson and Simon Fried each had five points and Jackson Eisemann and Kellen Pfitzer each had two points.

Mobridge-Pollock made 15 of 30 field goals for 50 percent, seven of 11 free throws for 63 percent, had 25 rebounds, six assists, eight steals and one block.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 64-20, leading at the quarterstops at 15-3, 27-6 and 46-13.

Karson Zak led Groton Area with 16 points followed by Gage Sippel and Easton Weber with 10 each, Kassen Keough and Logan Warrington each had eight points, Turner Thompson had six, Jace Johnson had three and Jayden Schwan and Ryder Schelle each had two points.

Three-Pointers: Zak - 4, Keough - 2, Weber - 2, Johnson - 1.

Kellen Pfitzer led Mobridge-Pollock with nine points while Easton Eisemann and Peter Fried each had four points and Deuce Fisher added three points.

Mobridge-Pollock won the eighth grade game, 51-44. Mobridge-Pollock led, 19-14, after the first quarter and the game was tied at 26 at halftime. Mobridge-Pollock reclaimed the lead after the third quarter, 38-32.

Ryder Schelle led Groton Area with 12 points, Jace Johnson eight, Asher Johnson seven, Jordan Schwan six, Anthony Gilmore four, Ethan Kroll of ur and Alex Abeln two.

Dylan Fjeldheim and Kyson Good Shield led Mobridge-Pollock with 18 points apiece while Trueth Crow Ghost had 12 and Brayden Stambach three.

Groton Area won the seventh grade game, 52-26, leading at the quarterstops at 18-8, 33-13 and 47-17.

Asher Johnson led Groton Area with 21 points, Jordan Schwan had 13, Anthony Gilmore had 11, Zach Flihs four, Sam Crank two and Wes Morehouse one.

Jesse Schmidt led Mobridge-Pollock with 11 points while Kadin Kuehl had seven, Tanner Loesch three and Colt Schmeichel and Kyle Wessel each had two points.

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Junior high teams beat Sisseton

Groton Area's junior high boys basketball teams defeated Sisseton in action played Monday in Groton.

The seventh grade team won, 44-12. Scoring for Groton Area: Anthony Gilmore 17, Asher Johnson 9, Jordan Schwan 7, Connor Kroll 4, Colton Antonsen 2, Ian Kutter 2, Wes Morehouse 2, Zach Flihs 1.

Scoring for Sisseton: Dawson had 6, Owen 2, Hank 2, Dacian 2.

Groton Area won the eighth grade game, 45-20. Scoring for Groton Area: Ethan Kroll 16, Ryder Schelle 9, Alex Abeln 8, Asher Johnson 5, Anthony Gilmore 3, Jace Johnson 2, Jordan Schwan 2.

Scoring for Sisseton: Derek Flute 8, Luke Nielson 7, JJ Hamm 5.

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Redfield Youth Wrestling Tournament Results for Groton Tuff Tigers

Tots 32-33: Watson Herron's place is 2nd.

Round 1 - Hayden Edgar (Redfield Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Watson Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 2:51)

Round 2 - Hayden Edgar (Redfield Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Watson Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 1:39)

Tots 38-41: Barrett Vedvei's place is 3rd and has scored 3.0 team points.

Round 1 - Fletcher Hoyle (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Barrett Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:36)

Round 2 - Eric Shoultz (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by forfeit over Barrett Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) (FF)

Round 3 - Barrett Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by forfeit over Beau Knight (Warner/Northwestern) (FF)

Tots 41-44: Ryker Herron's place is 2nd and has scored 5.0 team points.

Round 2 - Ryker Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Beau Irlbeck (Clark-Willow Lake) (Fall 1:10)

Round 3 - Brooks Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Ryker Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 4:02)

Tots 41-44: Brooks Sombke's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Brooks Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Beau Irlbeck (Clark-Willow Lake) (Fall 4:24)

Round 3 - Brooks Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Ryker Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 4:02)

Tots 49-51: Brooks Vedvei's place is 2nd and has scored 5.0 team points.

Round 1 - Kade Edgar (Redfield Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Brooks Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:58)

Round 2 - Brooks Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Carter Brock (Huron tiger wrestling) (Fall 0:25)

Round 3 - Brooks Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Shaden Leddy (Wolsey/Wessington) (Dec 10-9)

Tots 52-55: Vic Flihs's place is 2nd and has scored 5.0 team points.

Round 1 - Vic Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Cody Carey (Webster Area) (Fall 0:18)

Round 2 - Vic Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Lincoln Peckham (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:52)

Round 3 - Kru Peterson (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by decision over Vic Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Dec 14-12)

Bantam 53-59: Roman Bahr's place is 2nd and has scored 5.0 team points.

Round 1 - Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Kasper Weisz (Redfield Youth Wrestling) (Dec 10-3)

Round 2 - Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Rowan Marx (Clark-Willow Lake) (Fall 2:43)

Round 3 - Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Case Dreis (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Dec 8-2)

Round 4 - Jory Heinrich (American Outlaws) won by fall over Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 2:27)

Round 5 - Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Brodie Waltman (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:59)

Midgets 61-64: Bo Flihs's place is 5th.

Round 1 - Bo Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Blake Severson (Clark-Willow Lake) (Fall 3:40)

Round 2 - Ian Backous (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Bo Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:22)

Round 3 - Selleck Roseland (Faulkton Trojans) won by fall over Bo Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:27)

Round 4 - Rowdy Jones (Miller AAU) won by fall over Bo Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:35)

Round 5 - Hunter Cole (Redfield Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Bo Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 1:30)

Midgets 67-72: Micah Krause's place is 5th.

Round 1 - Landyn Dargatz (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Micah Krause (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:29)

Round 2 - Rusty Hanson (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Micah Krause (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 2:04)

Round 3 - Micah Krause (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Treyton Hutson (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) (Dec 7-1)

Round 4 - Heston Edgar (Miller AAU) won by fall over Micah Krause (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:27)

Round 5 - Michael Dylla (Kingsbury County) won by fall over Micah Krause (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 1:30)

Midgets 74-79: Samuel Flihs's place is 4th and has scored 1.0 team points.

Round 1 - Samuel Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Bennett Kaup (Gettysburg) (Fall 4:24)

Round 2 - Samuel Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Eli Wacholz (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 3:46)

Round 3 - Aiden Odland (Redfield Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Samuel Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:36)

Round 4 - Lane McGaugh (Huron tiger wrestling) won by fall over Samuel Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 3:34)

Round 5 - Braxten Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Samuel Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:31)

Midgets 74-79: Braxten Sombke's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Braxten Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by tech fall over Eli Wacholz (Warner/Northwestern) (TF 18-2)

Round 2 - Braxten Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Aiden Odland (Redfield Youth Wrestling) (Dec 4-3)

Round 3 - Braxten Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won in sudden victory - 1 over Lane McGaugh (Huron tiger wrestling) (SV-1 6-4)

Round 4 - Braxten Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Bennett Kaup (Gettysburg) (Fall 0:12)

Round 5 - Braxten Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Samuel Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:31)

Midgets 79-85: Huntley Overacker's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Dallas Stroud (Redfield Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:27)

Round 2 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Ryder Long (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:56)

Round 3 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Jacob Powell (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:39)

Round 4 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Brock Welch (Huron tiger wrestling) (Fall 0:13)

Round 5 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Hudson Boomsma (Doland) (Fall 1:23)

Midgets 110-118: Keenan Moody's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Keenan Moody (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Emmitt Waldrop (Miller AAU) (Fall 0:47)

Round 2 - Keenan Moody (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by tech fall over Lincoln Pederson (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (TF 16-0)

Round 3 - Keenan Moody (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Ryder Steen (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:29)

Round 4 - Keenan Moody (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Kemp Jacobsen (Kingsbury County) (Fall 0:25)

Novice 65-74: Brayson Hubbs's place is 5th.

Round 1 - Hunter Marx (Clark-Willow Lake) won by fall over Brayson Hubbs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:12)

Round 2 - Brody Rude (Redfield Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Brayson Hubbs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:19)

Round 3 - Nash Fischer (Gettysburg) won by fall over Brayson Hubbs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:55)

Round 4 - Wyatt VandenHoek (American Outlaws) won by fall over Brayson Hubbs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 1:01)

Novice 72-77: Bentley Ehresmann's place is 6th.

Round 1 - Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Leo Walraven (Watertown) (Dec 13-6)

Round 2 - Chan Dreis (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 2:20)

Round 3 - Bentley Hartman (Redfield Youth Wrestling) won by forfeit over Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) (FF)

Round 4 - Logan Josephsen (Kingsbury County) won by forfeit over Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) (FF)

Round 5 - Conner Parrish (Highmore) won by forfeit over Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) (FF)

Novice 80-83: Preston Hinkelman's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Preston Hinkelman (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Lane Madsen (Kingsbury County) (Fall 3:53)

Round 2 - Preston Hinkelman (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Gavin Marx (Clark-Willow Lake) (Fall 2:10)

Round 3 - Preston Hinkelman (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Tilden Edgar (Redfield Youth Wrestling) (Fall 1:43)

Round 4 - Cruz Kimlicka (Redfield Youth Wrestling) won by major decision over Preston Hinkelman (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Maj 10-2)

Round 5 - Preston Hinkelman (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Grayson Decker (Watertown) (Fall 2:22)

Novice 82-88: Adam Flihs's place is 6th.

Round 1 - Cayden Maunu (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Adam Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:41)

Round 2 - Coy Stephenson (Faulkton Trojans) won by fall over Adam Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:44)

Round 3 - Jacob Hofer (Doland) won by fall over Adam Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:20)

Round 4 - Landon Schaffner (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Adam Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:25)

Round 5 - Peyton Moss (Miller AAU) won by decision over Adam Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Dec 10-6)

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Novice 140-148: Hank Flihs's place is 2nd and has scored 5.0 team points.

Round 1 - Tristan Powell (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Hank Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:18)

Round 3 - Hank Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Christian Lowe (Clark-Willow Lake) (Fall 0:15)

Girl Tots 58-62: Veda Stiegelmeier's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Veda Stiegelmeier (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Amelia Wacholz (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:19)

Round 2 - Veda Stiegelmeier (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Kylie Gowin (Hoven Greyhounds) (Fall 0:13)

Girls Midgets 74-80: Elsy Hagen's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.

Round 2 - Elsy Hagen (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Kora Klapperich (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:51)

Round 3 - Elsy Hagen (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Evie Decker (Governor Wrestling) (Fall 1:21)

Girls Midgets 84-93: Rosalyn Block's place is 1st and has scored 2.0 team points.

Round 1 - Rosalyn Block (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Karen Mitchell (Highmore) (Fall 0:21)

Round 2 - Rosalyn Block (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Karen Mitchell (Highmore) (Fall 1:37)

Groton Tuff Tigers Youth Tournament Results for Groton Tuff Tigers

Tots 6 & Under 32-33: Watson Herron's place is 3rd.

Round 1 - Bentley Rush (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Watson Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:18)

Round 3 - Camdyn Huffman (Webster) won by fall over Watson Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:30)

Tots 6 & Under 36-38: Hayden Perkins's place is 4th and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Sutton Howard (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Hayden Perkins (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:15)

Round 2 - Armour Waletich (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Hayden Perkins (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 1:03)

Round 3 - Jackson Meyer (Webster) won by fall over Hayden Perkins (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:08)

Tots 6 & Under 37-40: Barrett Vedvei's place is 4th and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Hudson Sandve (Warner/Northwestern) won by tech fall over Barrett Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) (TF 19-4)

Round 2 - Kolt Olson (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) won by forfeit over Barrett Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) (FF)

Round 3 - Eric Shoultz (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Barrett Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:27)

Tots 6 & Under 38-42: Laiken Neigel's place is 2nd and has scored 12.0 team points.

Round 1 - Laiken Neigel (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Lorena Geditz (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) (Dec 15-13)

Round 2 - Laiken Neigel (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Talon Sichmeller (Webster) (Fall 0:10)

Round 3 - Austin Carlson (Milbank) won by fall over Laiken Neigel (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 2:30)

Tots 6 & Under 40-43: Brooks Sombke's place is 1st and has scored 19.5 team points.

Round 1 - Brooks Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Fletcher Hoyle (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:12)

Round 2 - Brooks Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by tech fall over Grady Peterson (Dakota Boyz) (TF 15-0)

Round 3 - Brooks Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Weston Nilson (Border West) (Fall 0:24)

Tots 6 & Under 43-44: Ryker Herron's place is 1st and has scored 20.0 team points.

Round 1 - Ryker Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Kowen Frericks (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:29)

Round 2 - Ryker Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Greg Johnson (LaMoure Loboes) (Fall 2:15)

Round 3 - Ryker Herron (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Archer Hoyle (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:23)

Tots 6 & Under 47-49: Brooks Vedvei's place is 2nd and has scored 13.5 team points.

Round 1 - Kyson Anderson (Lyman raiders) won by tech fall over Brooks Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) (TF 15-0)

Round 2 - Brooks Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Tommie Feldhaus (Huron) (Fall 2:21)

Round 3 - Brooks Vedvei (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by tech fall over Reece Breitbach (Jamestown) (TF 24-9)

Tots 6 & Under 49-51: Vic Flihs's place is 1st and has scored 18.0 team points.

Round 1 - Vic Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Renlee Shryock (Redfield) (Dec 9-8)

Round 2 - Vic Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by forfeit over Liam Sandve (Warner/Northwestern) (FF)

Round 3 - Vic Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Jr O'Neill (Dakota Boyz) (Fall 3:52)

Tots 6 & Under 49-52: Huntley Frost's place is 4th and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Bexten Batty (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Huntley Frost (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:25)

Round 2 - Wesley Nightingale (Dakota Boyz) won by tech fall over Huntley Frost (Groton Tuff Tigers) (TF 17-2)

Round 3 - Lincoln Peckham (Warner/Northwestern) won by fall over Huntley Frost (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:57)

Tots 6 & Under 52-54: Claire Erickson's place is 4th and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Westen Lechner (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Claire Erickson (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:11)

Round 2 - Cody Carey (Webster) won by tech fall over Claire Erickson (Groton Tuff Tigers) (TF 20-5)

Round 3 - Emma Wacholz (Warner/Northwestern) won by fall over Claire Erickson (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:39)

Tots 6 & Under 57-61: Kase Ronning's place is 1st and has scored 20.0 team points.

Round 1 - Kase Ronning (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Amelia Wacholz (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:09)

Round 2 - Kase Ronning (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Granger Hansen (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:27)

Round 3 - Kase Ronning (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Dylan Vinagera (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:42)

Tots 6 & Under 57-61: Granger Hansen's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Dylan Vinagera (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Granger Hansen (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 3:58)

Round 2 - Kase Ronning (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Granger Hansen (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:27)

Round 3 - Granger Hansen (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Amelia Wacholz (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 1:55)

Bantam 7 & 8 47-49: Miakoda Neigel's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Miakoda Neigel (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Zachary Sherman (Redfield) (Fall 0:28)

Round 2 - Miles Edgar (Faulkton Trojans) won by fall over Miakoda Neigel (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:57)

Round 3 - Julian Beltran (Britton Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Miakoda Neigel (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:12)

Bantam 7 & 8 48-50: Andy Clark's place is 4th and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Gavin Rithmiller (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Andy Clark (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:12)

Round 2 - Sophia Hargens-Flores (Miller) won by fall over Andy Clark (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:12)

Round 3 - Zach Vrchota (Britton Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Andy Clark (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:10)

Bantam 7 & 8 48-51: Landry Johnson's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Elliott Kallas (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) won by tech fall over Landry Johnson (Groton Tuff Tigers) (TF 16-1)

Round 2 - Garrett Johnson (Dakota Boyz) won by fall over Landry Johnson (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 3:56)

Round 3 - Landry Johnson (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Henry Lesnar (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:31)

Bantam 7 & 8 50-52: Destry Neigel's place is 3rd and has scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Destry Neigel (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Roper Hansen (Britton Youth Wrestling) (Dec 14-13)

Round 2 - Hayes Frericks (Warner/Northwestern) won by fall over Destry Neigel (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:09)

Round 3 - Jameson Marx (Clark/Willow Lake Cyclones) won by fall over Destry Neigel (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:38)

Bantam 7 & 8 52-54: Levi Davis's place is 1st and has scored 18.0 team points.

Round 1 - Levi Davis (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Liliana Hargens-Flores (Miller) (Fall 0:52)

Round 2 - Levi Davis (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Henry Schaffner (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Dec 8-5)

Round 3 - Levi Davis (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Colter Johnson (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:58)

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Bantam 7 & 8 55-59: Roman Bahr's place is 1st and has scored 20.0 team points.

Round 1 - Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Zak Kanizar (Britton Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:20)

Round 2 - Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Brodie Waltman (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:14)

Round 3 - Roman Bahr (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Jemma Olson (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:40)

Bantam 7 & 8 74-80: Kroy Khali's place is 4th and has scored 6.0 team points.

Round 1 - Kroy Khali (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Oakley Town (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:31)

Round 2 - Nolan Graves (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by forfeit over Kroy Khali (Groton Tuff Tigers) (FF)

Round 3 - Andrew Hieb (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by forfeit over Kroy Khali (Groton Tuff Tigers) (FF)

Midget 9 & 10 52-57: Bennett Iverson's place is 2nd and has scored 14.0 team points.

Round 1 - Bennett Iverson (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Zane Hubsch (Webster) (Fall 0:39)

Round 2 - Bennett Iverson (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Andrew Currence (Dakota Boyz) (Fall 3:22)

Round 3 - Tag Edgar (Faulkton Trojans) won by fall over Bennett Iverson (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 4:09)

Midget 9 & 10 59-60: Carter Zoellner's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Peyton Jandel (Warner/Northwestern) won by fall over Carter Zoellner (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:38)

Round 2 - Grayson Nightingale (Dakota Boyz) won by fall over Carter Zoellner (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:39)

Round 3 - Carter Zoellner (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Logan Bartz (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:39)

Midget 9 & 10 61-67 B: Bo Flihs's place is 2nd and has scored 14.0 team points.

Round 1 - Grady Rithmiller (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Bo Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 1:25)

Round 2 - Bo Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Bowdrey Logan (Doland) (Fall 1:25)

Round 3 - Bo Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Corven Schmiege (Britton Youth Wrestling) (Fall 1:08)

Midget 9 & 10 67-74: Braxten Sombke's place is 1st and has scored 19.0 team points.

Round 1 - Braxten Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by major decision over Hesten Edgar (Faulkton Trojans) (Maj 11-0)

Round 2 - Braxten Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Quentin Mitzel (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 2:31)

Round 3 - Braxten Sombke (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Ivan Acosta (Dakota Rattlers) (Fall 1:07)

Midget 9 & 10 67-71: Micah Krause's place is 2nd and has scored 14.0 team points.

Round 1 - Micah Krause (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Alyssa Kanizar (Britton Youth Wrestling) (Fall 1:16)

Round 2 - Rusty Hanson (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Micah Krause (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 1:15)

Round 3 - Micah Krause (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Treyton Hutson (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) (Fall 2:16)

Midget 9 & 10 68-75: Jagger Penning's place is 3rd and has scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Jagger Penning (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Jaxon Arndt (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Dec 11-6)

Round 2 - Hendrix Heath (Warner/Northwestern) won by fall over Jagger Penning (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:32)

Round 3 - Briggs Uzzle (Redfield) won by fall over Jagger Penning (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:38)

Midget 9 & 10 71-79: Samuel Flihs's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Samuel Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Ryder Long (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 1:08)

Round 2 - Oliver Suther (Britton Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Samuel Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 4:01)

Round 3 - Paxten Anderson (Milbank) won by fall over Samuel Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 3:55)

Midget 9 & 10 76-80: Elsy Hagen's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Sawyer Adler (Milbank) won by fall over Elsy Hagen (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:29)

Round 2 - Jaxson Hansen (Webster) won by tech fall over Elsy Hagen (Groton Tuff Tigers) (TF 16-1)

Round 3 - Elsy Hagen (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Eli Wacholz (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:57)

Midget 9 & 10 81-85: Huntley Overacker's place is 1st and has scored 20.0 team points.

Round 1 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Dreyzen Barse (Dakota Boyz) (Fall 0:12)

Round 2 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Kora Klapperich (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 1:13)

Round 3 - Huntley Overacker (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Jacob Powell (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:13)

Midget 9 & 10 85-92: Rosalyn Block's place is 4th and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Theodore Hadrick (Faulkton Trojans) won by fall over Rosalyn Block (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 3:36)

Round 2 - Dylan Haas (CLAW) won by fall over Rosalyn Block (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 3:46)

Round 3 - Kade Ellingson (Dakota Boyz) won by decision over Rosalyn Block (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Dec 7-4)

Midget 9 & 10 107-114: Keenan Moody's place is 1st and has scored 20.0 team points.

Round 1 - Keenan Moody (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Emersyn Eimers (Britton Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:34)

Round 2 - Keenan Moody (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Bennett Richmond (Lisbon wrestling club) (Fall 0:21)

Round 3 - Keenan Moody (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Michael Escarcega (Dakota Boyz) (Fall 0:16)

Novice 11 & 12 71-76: Bentley Ehresmann's place is 2nd and has scored 14.0 team points.

Round 1 - Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Brekken Frost (Madison) (Fall 0:53)

Round 2 - Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Anderson Braun (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 0:19)

Round 3 - Hunter Marx (Clark/Willow Lake Cyclones) won by tech fall over Bentley Ehresmann (Groton Tuff Tigers) (TF 15-0)

Novice 11 & 12 76-81: Brayson Hubbs's place is 4th and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Colton Biel (Britton Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Brayson Hubbs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 1:18)

Round 2 - Carter Lane (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Brayson Hubbs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 2:29)

Round 3 - Josie Feldhaus (Huron) won by fall over Brayson Hubbs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 2:34)

Novice 11 & 12 81-82: Preston Hinkelman's place is 1st and has scored 18.0 team points.

Round 1 - Preston Hinkelman (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Eddie Acosta (Dakota Rattlers) (Fall 3:37)

Round 2 - Preston Hinkelman (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Jeremyah Heidzig (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:28)

Round 3 - Preston Hinkelman (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Gavin Marx (Clark/Willow Lake Cyclones) (Dec 6-4)

Novice 11 & 12 82-89: Adam Flihs's place is 4th and has scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Tilden Edgar (Faulkton Trojans) won by fall over Adam Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:40)

Round 2 - Landon Schaffner (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Adam Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:45)

Round 3 - Eddie Acosta (Dakota Rattlers) won by fall over Adam Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:23)

Novice 11 & 12 86-93: Parker Zoellner's place is 1st and has scored 16.0 team points.

Round 1 - Parker Zoellner (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Cayden Maunu (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) (Dec 6-2)

Round 2 - Parker Zoellner (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Breven Schmiege (Britton Youth Wrestling) (Dec 2-0)

Round 3 - Parker Zoellner (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Draycen Easterby (Ipswich Area Youth Wrestling) (Fall 1:26)

Novice 11 & 12 137-145: Hank Flihs's place is 3rd.

Round 1 - Rowan Clark (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by decision over Hank Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Dec 9-7)

Round 2 - Tristan Powell (Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club) won by fall over Hank Flihs (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:36)

Schoolboy 13 & 14 96-101: Luke Gauer's place is 1st and has scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Luke Gauer (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by decision over Carter Grobe (Britton Youth Wrestling) (Dec 3-2)

Round 2 - Luke Gauer (Groton Tuff Tigers) won by fall over Yancy Cook (Dakota Boyz) (Fall 3:14)

Schoolboy 13 & 14 108-117: Maddie Little's place is 3rd.

Round 1 - Kylan Saker (Britton Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Maddie Little (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 4:03)

Round 3 - Kooper Wookey (Clark/Willow Lake Cyclones) won by fall over Maddie Little (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 2:36)

Schoolboy 13 & 14 124-139: Brantley Belden's place is 3rd.

Round 1 - Blayden Downs (Britton Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Brantley Belden (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 1:28)

Round 2 - Colt Hansen (Britton Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Brantley Belden (Groton Tuff Tigers) (Fall 0:27)

Groton Area boys defeat Redfield

The Groton Area boys' basketball team posted a 66-22 win over Redfield. The game was played Thursday in Groton.

The Tigers held a 13-7 lead after the first quarter and a 34-16 lead at halftime. The Tigers scored 21 unanswered points in the third quarter to take a 55-22 lead at the break.

Keegen Tracy led Groton Area with 11 points, four rebounds, one assist and three steals. Karson Zak had nine rebounds, one assist and one steal. Ryder Johnson had eight points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals. Jacob Zak had seven points, four rebounds, two assists, three steals and one block. Gage Sippel had seven points, five rebounds and two steals. Lane Tietz had six points, four rebounds, one assist and three steals. Colby Dunker had four points, three rebounds, two assists and two steals. Jayden Schwan had four points, three rebounds, one assist and three steals. Turner Thompson had two points, one rebound, one assist, one steal and one block. Logan Warrington had two points, four rebounds and one steal. Kassen Keough had one rebound, two assists and one steal. Blake Pauli had one steal. Holden Sippel had two rebounds. Easton Weber had. One rebound and one assist.

Groton Area made 23 of 48 two-pointers for 48 percent, four of 16 three-pointers for 25 percent, eight of 17 free throws for 47 percent, had 37 rebounds, eight turnovers, 15 assists, 24 steals, nine team fouls and two block shots.

Three-Pointers: Tietz - 1, Johnson - 1, Tracy - 1, Karson Zak - 1. Tristen O'Daniel led Redfield with nine points followed by Grady Hulscher with six, Justin Ratigan had four and Jacksan Rude had three points.

Three-Pointers: Rude -1, Hulsher - 2. Redfield had 15 turnovers and 16 team fouls. Groton Area won the C game, 32-11. Only three quarters were played. There was no junior varsity game.

Karson Zak and Logan Warrington each had 10 points while Jayden Schwan and Ethan Kroll each had five points and Keegan Harry had two points.

Redfield was led by Micah Zastrow and Grady Hulscher with four points apiece and Ethan Falk had three points.

The varsity game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. 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 operated the camera. The C game was sponsored by Justin and Chelsea Hanson.



It was senior recognition night at the Mobridge-Pollock double-header. Top photo features the boys, middle the girls and the bottom the cheerleaders.

King Crossword

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- 4 React in horror
- 8 Pitcher Nolan
- 12 Flamenco cheer
- 13 Genesis shepherd
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- 17 "-- the picture!"
- 18 2014 biopic about actress Kelly
- 21 Rowing tool
- 22 Expert
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- 30 Rhine feeder
- 31 Golf prop
- 32 Basketball tactic
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- 38 Where something is created
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- 30 Post-WWII alliance
- 31 Pepsi rival
- 32 URL ending
- 33 Stable diet?
- 34 Small battery
- 35 Annoy
- 36 JFK Library architect
- 37 Convent resident
- 38 Tolkien creature
- 39 Approves
- 40 Math statement
- 41 Sub shop
- 42 "My word!"
- 43 Waist-cinching garment
- 44 Tea biscuit
- 45 Unfettered
- 46 Baby carriage
- 47 "Damn Yankees" role
- 48 Latin 101 word
- 49 Blaze
- 50 Periodontist's concern
- 51 Rapscaillions
- 52 Kvetches

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The Sugar Babes (above) and Sweet Sensations (below) have been performing at recent basketball games.



Boys Game Added

There will be a make-up boys basketball game with Dakota Valley on Monday, Feb. 19th. Junior varsity game to start at 4:30 p.m. with the varsity game to follow.

Conde National League

Feb. 12 Team Standings: Tigers 21, Braves 20, Mets 16, Cubs 15, Pirates 13, Giants 11.

Men's High Games: Aaron Severson 191, Butch Farnen 188, Russ Bethke 186.

Men's High Series: Butch Farnen 513, Chad Furney 505, Russ Bethke 498

Women's High Games: Suzi Easthouse 190, Vickie Kramp 164, Sam Bahr 152

Women's High Series: Suzi Easthouse 539, Vickie Kramp 448, Sam Bahr 429

Dear EarthTalk: Can you explain the concepts of additionality, permanence and leakage with regard to carbon offsets?

-- Paul. C., Houston, TX

As global temperatures rise, finding methods to decrease carbon emissions and decarbonize has become a focal point among businesses and institutions. Phasing out fossil fuels in favor of renewable energy has been a significant shift toward achieving carbon emission reduction.

However, given the limits of our current technology and resources, there are still emissions that are 'inevitable' or 'un-abatable.' This is where carbon offsets come into play whereby companies and other organizations can enter a 'voluntary carbon market' and buy credits for their excesses that theoretically enable the removal of carbon emissions through investments in environmental projects.

For the carbon emission reductions achieved by an offset project to be genuine, they must exceed, or be additional, to the amount of carbon that would have been removed if the carbon offset credit market did not exist. For instance, an emissions reduction project that a company undertakes to adhere to a government-imposed carbon cap would not be deemed additional because the reduction would have happened irrespective of whether or not the company was able to purchase carbon offset credits. A quality offset credit represents one that permanently removes at least one metric ton of additional carbon emission that has not been previously claimed and does not derive its removal through activities that cause significant social or environmental harm to local communities or biodiversity.

Without this additionality, credits could be awarded for activities that would have occurred regardless, resulting in emissions rising without any actual reduction elsewhere. Beyond additionality, addressing the issues of permanence and leakage control is also vital, or there is a risk that the carbon stored or reduced by offset projects could be released back into the atmosphere, leading to the re-emission of greenhouse gasses and undermining the environmental benefits achieved. Perma-

nence is therefore key to maintaining trust and legitimacy among stakeholders who rely on carbon offsets to achieve their sustainability goals.

Leakage control pertains to the potential unintended consequences of offset projects. One example of carbon offset leakage with land use involves a reforestation project aimed at sequestering carbon dioxide by planting trees in a specific area. While the project may successfully reduce emissions within its designated boundaries, it could inadvertently lead to deforestation or land conversion in neighboring regions. This indirect land-use change can result in emissions leakage, as the carbon stored in the newly planted trees may be offset by the carbon released from deforested or converted areas outside the project boundaries.

In the future, implementing more rigorous standards and comprehensive monitoring may be essential to avoid carbon offsets being exploited as a way for organizations to portray themselves as environmentally responsible without implementing more direct measures to reduce their carbon emissions. However, for the time being, additionality, in combination with permanence and leakage control, are the keys to maintaining an effective voluntary carbon market.

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"Fundamental Functions: Ear, Nose, Throat"

I confess that occasionally even doctors get squeamish. Or perhaps more honestly, this doctor does. My personal list has gotten pretty short, but one of the things that still makes me squirm is something I nevertheless frequently recommend to my patients.

So what is this mysterious and rather ominous medical recommendation? Nasal saline irrigation.

The practice of rinsing the nose out with liquid probably originated centuries ago in India, and it remains part of spiritual ritual as well as traditional medicine around the world. However, it isn't something I learned about in medical school. Western medical research into it began in earnest perhaps 25 to 30 years ago.

How does this rather torturous sounding practice help? It physically removes germs, allergen and irritant particles, it loosens thick mucous, and it helps the cilia — the tiny hairs lining our airways— clean things out.

Although the practice is generally safe for almost everyone, there is one very important caveat. Your equipment must be clean, and the solution used prepared with sterile or distilled water, to prevent a very rare, but highly deadly, infection.

When I tell someone I think they should flush a cup or so of salt water into one nostril and out the other one, and then do it again from the other side, they usually react with dismay. I freely admit that the idea sounds pretty awful, and that it makes my toes curl every time I suggest it. Then I tell them a story.

I first recommended this for a patient who was all of 7 years old. Her horrible allergies and chronic sinus problems triggered frequent asthma attacks. She had a collection of inhalers and pills from the allergist, her dad had torn up the carpet, and the family dog was bathed twice a week and banished to the back yard. Parents, child, and doctor were all a little desperate. When I rather hesitantly suggested nasal saline irrigation, her mom was willing to try it.

A month later, my little patient came dancing down the hallway, announcing with glee "Dr. Deb, Dr. Deb, I love my Netti Pot!" The simple act of regularly rinsing the allergens and irritants out of her nose had improved her symptoms so much that she could play outside with her dog. Now I tell my reluctant patients that if a literal child can do it, we can borrow some of her courage and try it too.

If you suffer from chronic sinus problems, or even just the next time a cold or allergies has you stuffed up and miserable, ask your doctor if you should grit your teeth and give it a try.

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