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Front row: Hayden Zoellner, Eeve Grant, Grant Cleveland, Connor Kroll, Jameson Penning, Hayden Harder  
Back Row: Garrett Schultz, Logan Clocksene, Ilyanna Dallaire, Kira Clocksene, Axel Warrington, Corbin Weismantel. (Courtesy photo)

## State VRC Robotics Tournament concludes Groton season

The South Dakota State VRC Robotics tournament was an exciting one! Our teams had ups and downs but was a fun tournament and an exciting end to our season. A lot of cheering in the stands! The game was played on Saturday, February 24th in Harrisburg, SD.

G-Force (9050A – Haden Harder, Connor Kroll & Grant Cleveland) – What a day they had! This team comprised of 6th & 7th graders really played and performed at their best. After struggling at a few tournaments throughout the season; this final tournament they ended the elimination round with 6 wins, 2 losses! They passed the round of Round 16, won the quarter finals 59 to 0, due to a disqualification on the other team. Their team’s final game was the semi-finals which was a hard loss, a final score of 68 to 108.

Gearheads (9050B - Eeve Grant, Kira Clocksene, Logan Clocksene, Hayden Zoellner) They played hard and were focused on the game, but struggled with the competition, playing against some difficult teams throughout the tournament. They ended the elimination round with 2 wins, 6 losses. The game to get into the Round of 16 was lost, 59 to 103.

Galaxy (9050E - Ilyanna Dallaire, Axel Warrington, Corbin Weismantel) This team worked very hard in the week ahead of this tournament with a redesign, to focus on a more defensive strategy, however with a similar upgrade issue as Gladiators, they were hit even harder before the game had even started. This team was fortunate enough to have several other team leaders/coaches assist, but unfortunately the timing was too long as they weren’t able to get their robot up in good standings in time and they had to miss their first match. After eliminations, they were able to move up to 4 wins, 4 losses. They won the 1st game in the Round of 16 - 95 to 75 by some great defensive strategy but lost in the quarter finals, 38 to 85.

Gladiators (9050 F - Garrett Schultz – Jameson Penning) The tournament started on a low note, after attempting to do a computer upgrade on equipment their programming crashed. After assistance from the other teams, it was corrected, and they were off. After Elimination, they score 6 wins & 2 losses. They were able to skip the Round of 16 and won quarter-finals, however this was where the game got exciting. They lost initially in semi-finals, but due to field issues they were allowed to replay. In the follow-up game they came up in points, barely missing the win by scoring 97 to 107. They were noted as having a very consistent game throughout, with an announcer comment being made about Jameson Penning, “Is that a man or a machine?”

As final activities to our season, Groton Robotics is going on a field trip to 3M in early March to get a tour with Kyle Weber, an active participant in many of our home tournaments in the past. We will also be having a pinning ceremony to celebrate our first year of high school students qualifying to letter in Robotics!

- Melissa Schultz



## Pietz is new vocal instructor

Tanner Pietz, the newly hired vocal teacher, graduated from Northern State University in December, 2023. “I graduated from Aberdeen Central High School before pursuing my music degree at Northern,” Pietz added. “I live in Aberdeen with my wife who is employed by Agtegra.”

“This is my first job, and it keeps me very, very busy,” he admitted. “I teach elementary, middle, and high school students. This includes general music, a small chamber group of nine talented students, and students from junior kindergarten through the 5th grade.”

“I start and end each day with classes at the elementary but return to the high school for small groups and individual lessons,” Pietz listed. “Anna Bisbee, a senior student, is an intern for me at the end of each school day. She helps keep me organized by getting music and other essential items ready every day.”

“I am enjoying my time here in Groton where I average twenty-four students per individual class,” he explained. “That gives me a grand total of about 150 students that I have contact with.”

“Amy Warrington is in charge of the high school show choir and plays the piano for that group as well as the high school and middle school choirs. I also try to help her with the show choir,” Pietz stated.

- Dorene Nelson



## Shilhanek fundraisers

The Groton community has had an outpouring of support for Bill Shilhanek who was involved in an accident on Wednesday, Feb. 7, when he fell 12 feet from a scissor lift. He is in rehab at the Madonna Rehab Hospital in Lincoln, Neb. There have been many donations for give-aways on squares at both the Groton Legion and Jungle Lanes. The Legion is having a fund-raiser for Billy on Saturday, March 23, with an silent auction. In the photo above, there was a split pot with a little over \$3,600 raised. Pam Hanson won the split pot and donated her half of the proceeds back to the pot. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

# Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Last week we reviewed the 2023 Minnesota Vikings' offense, so this week we turn our attention to the defense and special teams.

In 2022, the Vikings had one of the best records in the NFL, but also one of the worst defenses. Ed Donatell, who is a Vic Fangio disciple, had been brought in as defensive coordinator. Unfortunately for everyone involved, the Vikings' defense sputtered in the biggest moments, leading to the firing of Donatell after only one season.

Enter Brian Flores.

Flores was an assistant under Bill Belichick from 2008 to 2018 before he left to become the Head Coach of the Miami Dolphins. Flores helped turn the Dolphins around, leading them to their first back-to-back winning seasons since 2003. Flores was fired after the 2021 season and later filed a class-action lawsuit against the NFL. After spending a year away from football, he was brought in by the Vikings to replace Donatell as the defensive coordinator.

In 2022, the Vikings ranked near the bottom in every statistical category, including 31st in total yards allowed and 28th in points allowed. Under Flores in 2023, the Vikings took a big step forward - finishing 16th in yards per game and 14th in points allowed per game.

**Defensive Line:** D-line was perhaps the weakest link on the Vikings' defense, so Flores devised a scheme to overcome that weakness - simply not using defensive linemen. Some teams run a 4-3 defense (four defensive linemen), some teams run a 3-4 (three defensive linemen). The Vikings decided to play with one or zero defensive linemen nearly one-third of the time, something that has never been seen in the NFL. Harrison Phillips was the lone bright spot on the d-line, finishing sixth on the team with 92 tackles.

**Outside Linebacker:** Danielle Hunter was the Vikings' best player on defense, finishing 5th in the league with 16.5 sacks and earning his fourth trip to the Pro Bowl. Marcus Davenport was brought in through free agency to be Hunter's counterpart, but because of injury Davenport only played in four games last season. D.J. Wonnum was the only other pass rusher to make an impact, finishing with eight sacks.

**Middle Linebacker:** Jordan Hicks was having a resurgent year before injury derailed his season. Ivan Pace Jr., an undrafted rookie, was the second-best middle linebacker on the Vikings' roster - partly because of his skill and

athleticism, partly because there wasn't a ton of talent at the position to begin with.

**Cornerback:** Byron Murphy was brought in through free agency, and while he is a solid CB, he doesn't exactly strike fear into the hearts of opposing offenses. Murphy played in 14 games last season and had three interceptions. Second-year CB Akayleb Evans started 15 games opposite Murphy but only had one interception. Andrew Booth, the Vikings' 2nd round pick in 2022, was healthy all season but only started one game - leading him to fall behind rookie Mekhi Blackmon on the depth chart.

**Safety:** Another position that forced Brian Flores to adapt was safety. Due to talent limitations at other positions, Flores started three safeties all season - Harrison Smith, Camryn Bynum, and Josh Mettellus. 2022 first-round pick Lewis Cine was a healthy scratch most weeks, playing in only seven games, and only managing one tackle all season. Smith is one of the best players to ever put on a Vikings jersey, but at 35 years old he's starting to slow down. Luckily, Bynum and Mettellus appear ready to handle the job.

**Special Teams:** Greg Joseph only hit 80% of his field goals in 2023, ranking 30th in the NFL, although he was perfect on kicks under 40 yards (excluding extra points). The Vikings' punt unit was better, as Ryan Wright finished 11th in the league with an average punt of 48.7 yards. Running back Kene Nwangwu was the Vikings' primary kick returner, averaging 25.3 yards per return (8th best among players with at least three kick returns).

## There was a baseball game, too

There were 40 runs scored, so there was time to talk. His biological father, Doug, an old friend of mine, was supposed to be there, too, but he was back at the doctor's office. Cancer.

I hadn't seen Barry since he was baby bouncing in a crib in his mother's downstairs apartment. We were all so young then. She was a waitress at the truck stop. I was a groundskeeper at a cemetery that summer.

Barry's son was playing shortstop. We sat on the visitor's bleachers, eyes on the field



### That's Life

by Tony Bender

mostly, our sentences punctuated by the ping of the bat, a sound that will never be natural to my ears.

I wondered how much he remembered about his mom. He was eight or nine when she died at 26 of an aneurism. Brenda and I had broken up years before, but it still hit like a sledgehammer to the chest when I got the call. Barry glanced sideways at me. He didn't remember much. How is it than we mourn memories we don't have?

Another run scored. Then another. A hit batsman. A couple of walks. We silently implored the umpire to expand the strike zone. After a while, we voiced the sacrilege out loud.

He'd gone a little crazy with grief after she died. Doug had been an absent and irresponsible father, and by then, married to someone else. Extended family took the boy in, but for a while he was incorrigible, he told me regretfully.

I wanted to tell him about the feisty girl I remembered—the cynical way she'd hold her cigarette and stare balefully at you, knowingly, silently bemused, dissecting the moment, dissecting you. "She could be tough," I said. "Stubborn." That much he remembered. As a young mother, she'd grown up fast. Wary, pragmatic, but not jaded. She didn't tip her hand but couldn't hide her heart. Then there was the way she moved... languid, punctuated by short sprints; then she'd breeze by like she'd forgotten something.

Another walk. A solid hit to the gap. A fly ball over the centerfielder's head. Two more runs scored.

"She'd get this twinkle in her eye," I told him. It was like she knew something you didn't. She could contain the laughter for a while—she looked like she was about to explode, rosy cheeks and scrunched up, dancing eyes—and then she'd give in. And she'd light up the room.

Between innings, the catcher threw down to second. Good arm, but I'd seen better. "Doug was a heckuva catcher," I told him. He seemed surprised. "Oh, yes. Great, great athlete," I said. "If he could have hit a lick," he could have made the majors. "He might have been able to hit .230 or .240, which would have been enough back then."

No one ever stole on him. He'd fire that cannon during warmups, and the warning was clear. He'd so agitate batters with his chatter and gamesmanship that they spent more time devising plans to kill him than trying to hit.

"Great pitcher, too," I told Barry, but a knot-head. He was fast—the ball hissed—but he'd insist on throwing a wicked knuckleball for a third strike that would invariably roll to the backstop because no one could catch it, let alone hit it. Still, we won most of the time.

I watched Barry's son's easy, loose-limbed glide, and I knew its genesis. I glanced at Barry as we spoke, and his mother's face flashed before me. He's got her eyes.

Doug's been coming to his grandson's games for a while now, Barry said. You don't ever make up for lost time in this world, but you can try. Doug and I plan to get together soon, too. I worry. He's always been thin, but he's lost 26 pounds—says he has trouble eating. Probably the chemo. I'm gonna try to feed him, though. I know we'll laugh. He's always made me laugh.

The sun edged toward the western horizon. We watched another foul ball; waited for the thunk and dent. It never happened. We all departed with our deductibles intact. I said goodbye before the final out, but before I left, I asked Barry to tell me when their team is in the area again. Maybe we'll spend another afternoon in the sun watching the players circle the bases like the hands on a clock.

Oh, and the visitors won.

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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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We are choosing snacks that are...



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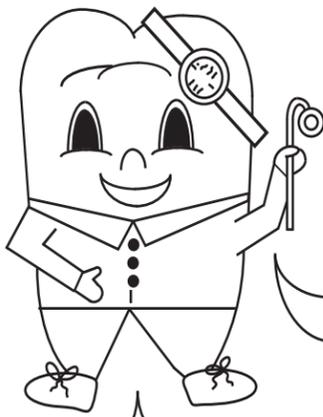
...less sticky and have less sugar.



Kids: color stuff in!



## Treat Your Teeth Well!



By the way, those guys down there are the **plaque pests**, STICKY and DULL. They will be all over your teeth if you do not brush!

Do you know how to take good care of your teeth? Regular visits to your dentist and daily care will help your teeth last a lifetime! Sometimes you might get tired of brushing or want to "take a vacation" from flossing. But, keeping your teeth clean, healthy and shining brightly is an everyday responsibility.

**Remember to:**

- brush before breakfast and before bed
- floss daily
- go to your dentist for regular cleanings
- try not to eat too many sugary or sticky foods

**Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**

1. to take pictures of the inside of your teeth to see if they are healthy
2. material dentist uses to replace decayed part of tooth
3. dentist with special training to straighten crooked teeth
4. when a tooth is eaten away by chemical action
5. thin thread used daily for cleaning between your teeth
6. person trained to clean teeth is a dental \_\_\_\_\_
7. four top and four bottom front teeth used for biting
8. number of first or "baby" teeth
9. thin, sticky layer of bacteria that forms on teeth
10. chemical in teeth and bones
11. hole in tooth from decay
12. hard substance left on teeth if plaque is not removed



Don't let kids know about its fresh, minty taste or how it helps keep teeth clean.

Keep up the good work!

Remember to brush your teeth at least **twice** a day to keep those plaque pests away!

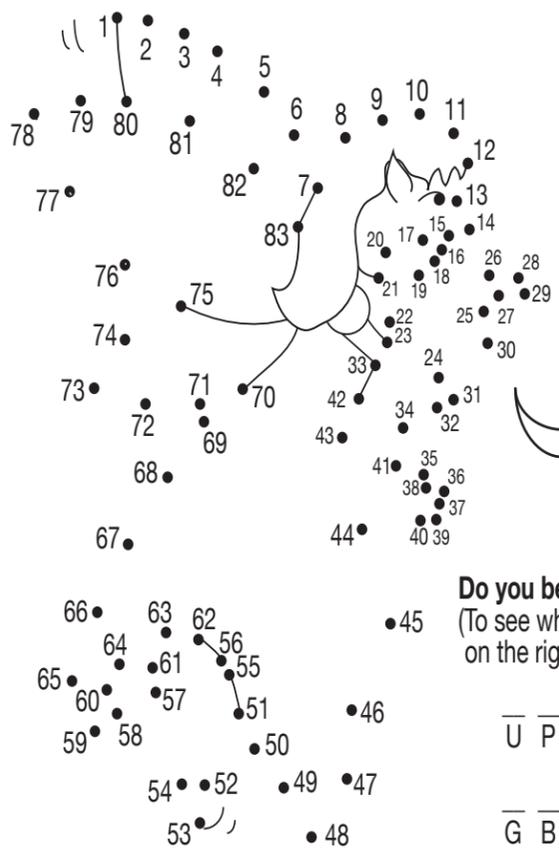
Remember to floss too!

**What Is This?**

You use this product when you brush your teeth. It usually has fluoride in it. Fluoride strengthens tooth enamel. It helps stop bacteria in plaque from causing cavities.

To answer the **What Is This?** and **Words of Wisdom** puzzles, look at each letter given, then write the letter that comes before it in the alphabet.

U P P U I Q B T U F



**Words of Wisdom!**

A balanced diet will help you to keep smiling. Remember that foods from the dairy group give you calcium to strengthen your teeth and bones. Try not to eat snacks and foods that are too sticky or that have "hidden" sugars in them. Shop for: fresh fruit, veggies, rice cakes, soup, cheese cubes and so on.

**Do you believe in this little being?** (To see who it is, use the directions on the right above.)

U P P U I  
G B J S Z



**Cut Your Teeth on These Sayings!**

Everyone has a set of teeth! Here are some sayings that people use every day. **Can you match each one to its meaning?**

1. by the skin of your teeth
2. long in the tooth
3. tooth and nail
4. sweet tooth
5. armed to the teeth

- A. have a weakness for candy and other sweets
- B. have many weapons
- C. just barely get by
- D. fight violently
- E. very old



1. sink your teeth into
2. lie through your teeth
3. like pulling teeth
4. set your teeth on edge
5. as scarce as hen's teeth

Check out my pearly whites!

- A. very difficult
- B. made you annoyed or uncomfortable
- C. very hard to find
- D. start doing something with a lot of enthusiasm
- E. say something is true when you know it's false

Is that because we don't brush and floss?



**A Tooth Tale**

Cut out the panels below. Study each one. Next, put them in the correct order to tell a tale about a boy's first lost tooth.

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| <p>He lost a</p> <p>that had been loose.</p> | <p>In the</p> <p>he woke up excited.</p> | <p>Once upon a time a little boy bit into an</p> | <p>His brothers and sisters told him to put it under his</p> <p>when he slept that night.</p> | <p>He looked under his pillow to find</p> <p>Also, near his pillow was a new toothbrush. Do you know what kind of fairy in our story traded surprises for a lost "baby" tooth?</p> |
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**Bates Township Notice of Annual Meeting**

**BATES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**  
 Bates Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at the home of the Clerk, 14523 409th Ave, Conde.  
 Election of officers and business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.  
 We will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel. Please mail bids to Betty Geist, Bates Township Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde, SD 57434 prior to meeting date. Betty Geist, Township Clerk Published February 21 and 28, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$12.15 and may be viewed free of charge at [www.sdpublicnotices.com](http://www.sdpublicnotices.com). 23019

**Shelby Township Notice of Annual Meeting**

Citizens of Shelby Township are hereby Notified that the Annual Township meeting will be held at the township hall on Tuesday, March (5), 2024, beginning at 1 p.m. for the following purposes: To elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term, one clerk and one treasurer, and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting. Shelby Township will accept bids for gravel, road maintaining, snow removal, and other road work as necessary for the year 2024-2025. The gravel is to be delivered before Aug. 1, 2024 and must meet the township board's specifications. The road maintaining, snow removal, and road work bids must state per hour and per mile charges. Date and time records will be required for all work performed.  
 Bids will also be accepted for mowing the Houghton cemetery. Bids must be received at the clerk's residence on or before March 22, 2024. Bids will be opened at the township hall in Houghton on March 26, 2024 at 7 p.m. All bids for gravel and road work must be accompanied by a Certificate of Contractors Liability Insurance. The board of supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
 Colby Crawford, Township Clerk  
 11760 403rd Avenue Houghton, SD 57449  
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**Brown County Wood Waste Grindings**

**2024 WOOD WASTE GRINDING FOR THE BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL**  
 Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until the hour of 8:45 AM. Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners regarding 2024 WOOD WASTE GRINDING for the Brown County Landfill.  
 Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his/her proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County, South Dakota. The successful bidder shall also furnish proper certificates of insurance required by Brown County.  
 Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ON 2024 WOOD WASTE GRINDING FOR THE BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL". To be opened on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.  
 Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.  
 Specifications and notice to bidders are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office and at the Brown County Landfill and may be obtained at no charge.

**Verizon Tower Proposal S. Wilson St. Aberdeen**

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Celco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 114-foot Monopole Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is South Wilson Street, Aberdeen, Brown County, SD, 57401, Lat: 45-27-35.11, Long: -98-27-43.48. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1274296.  
**ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS –** Interested persons may review the application ([www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications)) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review ([www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest)) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS – Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, John Lawhon, j.lawhon@trileaf.com, 1821 Walden Office Square, Suite 500, Schaumburg, IL 60173, 630-227-0202.  
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**East Hanson Township Notice of Annual Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the annual Henry Township caucus and election of officers along with the other business that may come before the board will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2023, at 7 p.m. at Doug Abeln's Seed Company Office. Will also take bids for gravel and road maintenance.  
 Darlene Sass  
 Henry Township Clerk  
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**West Hanson Township Notice of Annual Meeting**

**NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN WEST HANSON TOWNSHIP**  
 West Hanson Township will hold its annual caucus, business meeting and election on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Dirks home, 40305 138th St. There will be an election of one supervisor, clerk and treasurer.  
 The township will also be accepting bids for 1,000 yds., more or less, of screened and/or crushed gravel within the township. We will also take bids on the same date for road blading and mowing on township roads and snow removal work. We will also be taking bids on mowing and maintenance of the West Hanson Cemetery. All bids must be accompanied by certificate of contractor's liability insurance. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
 Jennifer Dirks, Township Clerk  
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**Brown County Weeds and Pests Notice**

**NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DECLARED PESTS**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 28th day of February 2024, pursuant to SDCL 38-22 as amended to all owners, occupants, agents, and public officials in charge of lands in Brown County, South Dakota, that they are responsible for the suppression, control, and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations that may exist on such lands.  
 Chemical, biological and/or cultural control methods used for the suppression, control and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations shall be those approved for such purposes by the Brown County Weed and Pest Supervisor, Regional Extension Educator or the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.  
 Upon failure to observe this notice, the county Weed and Pest Board is required to proceed pursuant to the law and have the noxious weeds or declared pests destroyed by such methods as they may find necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means as provided by law.  
 Plants and animals designated as being noxious weeds and declared pests in the state of South Dakota are Leafy Spurge, Salt Cedar, Perennial Sow Thistle, Hoary Cress, Canada Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, Absinth Wormwood, and Lymantria Dispar (Spongy Moth).  
 In addition, Musk and Plumelless Thistle, Yellow Toadflax, and Bull Thistle have been approved by the South Dakota Weed and Pest Control Commission and are subject to the same suppression, control, and eradication requirements as the before mentioned plants and animals.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that upon establishing probable cause to believe a noxious weed or declared pest infestation exists upon any property in Brown County a representative of the Brown County Weed and Pest Board will enter upon said property for the purpose of inspecting and confirming that such infestation actually exists.  
 Attest: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**Olean Township Notice of Bids**

Olean Township is accepting bids for gravel, blading, and snow removal for 2024. Send bids to:  
 Sherry Hanson, clerk  
 15477 409th Ave  
 Conde, sd 57434  
 Successful bidder must have township on insurance certificate. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
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**Brown County Waste Tires Bid**

**NOTICE TO WASTE TIRE CONTRACTORS**  
 Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, until 8:45 A.M. on March 5, 2024, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for the 2024 BROWN COUNTY WASTE TIRE CLEANUP.  
 Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "2024 BROWN COUNTY WASTE TIRE CLEANUP", to be opened on March 5, 2024 at 8:45 A.M.  
 The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.  
 Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Auditor's Office and the Brown County Solid Waste Department Office and may be obtained at no charge.  
 ATTEST:  
 Lynn Heupel  
 Brown County Auditor  
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**Putney Township Notice of Annual Meeting**

**NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN PUTNEY TOWNSHIP**  
 Notice is hereby given that the annual Putney Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at Mark Thompson's Shop.  
 Caucus at 5 p.m. followed by election of officers.  
 Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated places in Putney Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Mark Thompson, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches, removal of snow and blading. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at Mark Thompson's Farm House shop at 5 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
 Mark Thompson  
 Township Clerk  
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**Groton Township Notice of Annual Meeting**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION IN GROTON TOWNSHIP**  
 Notice is hereby given that the annual Groton Township Annual and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the Groton Community Center. Meeting at 1 p.m. followed by election of officers. Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated places in Groton Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid.  
 Bids must be addressed to Jeff Howard, Township Clerk, 40829 131st Street, Groton, SD 57445, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches, removal of snow and blading. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent.  
 Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 1 p.m.  
 The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
 Jeff Howard, Township Clerk  
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**FEBRUARY 20, 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 Dennert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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

**SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the 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. Sutton abstain. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSE:** Commissioner Dennert commented he reached out to the Sheriff's office and a few other people. He feels it's worth trying to see how it goes and probably reevaluate next year. He is supporting this. Commissioner Sutton reiterated this is for the 2 nights of rodeo only, and this will be an experiment determine the level of interest. Moving forward if everything goes well, we have the opportunity to reconsider it going forward. Commissioner Wiese commented he hopes and trusts the Boys & Girls Club and the Fair Foundation will work together to make this a successful operation. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert approve the Alcoholic Beverage Temporary Permit for a Special Event to Brown County Fair Foundation at the Brown County Fairgrounds East of Larry Gerlach Grandstand during Brown County Fair, August 12-13, 2024. Sutton abstain. All other members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) – DRAW-DOWN REQUEST #4:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the YMCA Drawdown #4 for a total of \$44,800.62. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXPO ROOF CONTRACT:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the contract with North Central Steel Systems for the Expo Roof replacement. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIRBOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve Terry Nash and Aaron Dosch to be appointed to the Fair Board in replacement of resigning members Joni Napton and Mike Nehls. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACT – GOLF CART RENTAL:** Motion by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve the golf cart rental agreement with NB Golf Cars. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACT – GRANDSTAND CLEANING:** Darrin Olson is requesting to renew the second year of the three-year option for the Grandstand and Racetrack Area cleaning agreement. Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager, wanted to mention that Mr. Olson is a Brown County employee as well as her brother-in-law. The proceeds from this agreement are for the Northwestern School Post Prom. Motion by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the Grandstand & Racetrack Area cleaning agreement with Darrin Olson. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS:** Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution as of February 20, 2024:  
**RESOLUTION #12-24**  
WHEREAS, as per SDCL 12-14-17, the Brown County Board of County Commissioners authorized the use of vote centers in lieu of precinct polling places; and  
WHEREAS, as per SDCL 12-14-1, the Brown County Board of County Commissioners is

required to establish the polling places for countywide elections; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Brown County Board of Commissioners that the Vote Center locations are as follows:  
AmericInn Event Center (VC-1)

- Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center (VC-2)
- Brown County Courthouse Community Room (VC-3)
- Columbia Legion (VC-4)
- Westport Town Hall (VC-5)
- Warner Community Center (VC-6)
- Stratford Community Center (VC-7)
- Groton Community Center (VC-8)
- Claremont City Hall (VC-9)
- Hecla Community Center (VC-10)
- Frederick Community Center (VC-11)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Auditor's Office will be used as and Absentee Vote Center (VC-12) to process Absentee Ballots on Election Day and all other aspects of Resolution #108-13 shall remain in effect.

Dated this 20th day of February 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Gage.

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

**BID – GRAVEL:** Time and place as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing and delivery of One (1) Years Supply of Road Construction and Maintenance Gravel Materials. Bids were received from Behnke Gravel, Hanlon Brothers, L.G. Everist, and HF Jacobs. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to award all bids on Gravel based on location and availability, as per tabulation sheet on file in the Auditor's Office (available for public inspection Mon. – Fri./8a-5p). All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

**BID – ROAD OIL:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for producing, furnishing and delivery of Road Oil to the Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B Brown County, SD for the following: Cutback Asphalt Road Oil – MC 70; Cutback Asphalt Road Oil – MC 3000; Emulsion Asphalt Road Oil – CSS1H. Bid was received from Jebro for MC70 @ \$1,169.53/ton; MC 3000 @ \$914.53/ton and CSS1H @ \$699.53/ton. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Sutton to award the bid for Road Oil to Jebro. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID – ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for producing, furnishing all material 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. Bids were received from Jensen Rock & Sand and Lien Transportation.

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Jensen Rock & Sand \$95.00/ton, \$95.00/ton, \$195.00/ton, \$195.00/ton  
Lien Transportation \$95.00/ton, \$95.00/ton, N/A, N/A

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to award both of the bids to Jensen Rock & Sand and Lien Transportation based on availability and location. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID – RENTAL EQUIPMENT:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids 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. Bids were received from B & B Contracting, Hanlon Brothers, HF Jacobs, Jensen Rock & Sand, Lien Transportation, RDO and Webster Scale. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to refer all the bids to Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent for tabulation and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AMEND BID – GRAVEL:** Bid was received on time by Hall Gravel but was inadvertently missed during the bid readings. Motion by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to amend the previous motion to include Hall Gravel in awarded bids on gravel. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage

to approve the February 13, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Insurance: Insurance Plus \$2,823.56; SD Public Assurance Alliance \$1,429.82. Professional Fees: Birmingham & Cwach Law Offices, PLLC \$299.00; Blackburn & Stevens, Prof. LLC \$184.66; Certified Languages International LLC \$1,362.90; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$8,333.33; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$8,333.33; Dakota Group LLC \$2,721.03; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$8,333.33; East River Psychological Services, PLLC \$2,500.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$16,740.00; Healthstream, Inc \$524.00; Jerald M. McNeary \$8,333.33; Jeremy Lund-Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$8,333.33; John Noyes-Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$8,333.33; Kuck Law Office \$8,333.33; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$1,222.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$942.50; SD Dept of Health \$4,795.00; SDACES \$30.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$8,333.33; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00; Yellow Robe Consulting \$1,500.00. Publishing: Gannett California LocalIQ \$19.50; Groton Daily Independent \$383.75; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$400.00; SD Snow Queen Festival \$200.00; Todd County Tribune/Mellette County News \$53.29. Rentals: Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$153.62. Repairs & Maintenance: House of Glass \$3,193.23; Jasper Weller LLC \$125.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$164.60; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$744.09; Sherwin Williams \$166.73; Titan Machinery \$255.00; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$142.86. Supplies: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$56.95; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$216.69; Aramark \$123.43; Birmingham & Cwach Law Offices, PLLC \$5.66; Bob Barker Co \$233.32; Century Business Products \$218.86; Cindy Mitchell \$80.69; Cole Paper Inc \$535.98; Dakota Electronics \$178.25; Dakota Oil \$423.75; Dive Rescue International \$2,800.00; Great Western States Supply, LLC \$206.89; Jasper Weller LLC \$2,050.59; JGE, Inc \$74.66; Kessler's \$53.93; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$198.81; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$387.25; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$1,216.09; Marco Technologies, LLC \$46.90; Menards \$111.85; NVC \$26.94; Performance Oil \$356.85; Pressure Washer Central \$10,755.98; Runnings \$2,886.32; Safety Service \$626.05; Schwan Welding \$6,397.80; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$1,451.85; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,894.62; Titan Machinery \$1,764.13; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$5,000.00. Travel & Conference: Rachel Kippley \$187.40. Utilities: CenturyLink \$64.39; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$410.55; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$360.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$209.10; Northern Electric \$86.00; Northwestern Energy \$373.73; NVC \$3,672.04; Verizon Wireless \$1,461.79. Others: Safe Harbor \$592.46; SD Dept of Revenue and Regulation \$3,207.16. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following travel requests: Patricia Kendall, Museum to attend Aberdeen Day at the Capitol on February 22, 2024 in Pierre; Lynn Heupel, Auditor to attend the Lake Region District Meeting on March 29, 2024 in Sisseton, SD; Mariann Malsom, Register of Deeds, and Lynn Heupel, Auditor to attend SDACO Spring Workshop on May 14-16 in Pierre, SD; Sara Swisher, State's Attorney to attend Karpel National User Group Meeting in St. Louis, MO on April 1 to April 5, 2024. 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: Prairie Partners Master Gardener's for lease of the Home Arts Building on May 17-18, 2024, for the Plant Sale. 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 Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF REPORTS:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to

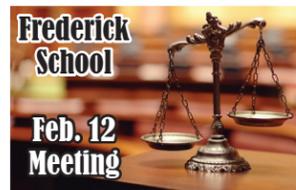
approve Sheriff's reports from December 2022 to November 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:41 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Janel Hettich, Brown County Chief Deputy Auditor

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**FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2**

Regular Board of Education Meeting

February 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on February 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Also present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Others in attendance: Jordan Arthurs, Christine Kosters, Tom Grimmond, Jenny Anliker, Dan Miller. The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2024-062 Motion by Achen,** second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

**2024-063 Motion by Ellwein,** second by Sumption to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- a. January 8, 2024 Regular and January 22, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- b. January 2024 Payroll
- c. January 2024 Financial Report
- d. February 2024 Bills

**General Fund- Checking:** Bal 1-1-24: \$472,536.14; Receipts: \$132,412.21; Disbursements: \$180,719.41; Bal 1-31-24 \$424,228.94. Investments: Bal 1-1-24: \$508,026.92; Interest: \$83.74; Bal 1-31-24: \$508,110.66. Ending Fund Balance: \$932,339.60.

**Imprest Fund:** Bal 1-1-24: \$3,277.74; Receipts: \$1,757.26; Disbursements: \$1,574.88; Bal 1-31-24 \$3,460.12.

**Capital Outlay Fund:** Checking: Bal 1-1-24: \$1,125,350.24; Receipts: \$7,742.73; Disbursements: \$624.46; Transfer to Investments: \$500,000.00; Bal 1-31-24 \$633,468.51. Investments: Bal 1-1-24: \$1,553,800.96. Transfer from Checking: \$500,000.00. Bal 1-31-24: \$2,053,800.96. Ending Fund Balance: \$2,687,269.47.

**Special Education Fund- Checking:** Bal 1-1-24: \$87,779.74; Receipts: \$3,582.97; Disbursements: \$27,793.08; Bal 1-31-24 \$63,569.63. Investments: Bal 1-31-24: \$1,443,913.67. Ending Fund Balance: \$1,507,483.30.

**Food Service Fund:** Bal 1-1-24: \$12,104.02; Receipts: \$11,841.43; Disbursements: \$7,588.31; Bal 1-31-24 \$16,357.14.

**Drivers Ed Fund:** Bal 1-31-24 \$0.04.

**Custodial Fund:** Bal 1-1-24: \$53,005.69; Receipts: \$5,175.09; Disbursements: \$3,265.28; Bal 1-31-24 \$54,915.50.

**Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:** Checking: Bal 1-31-24 \$85. Investments: Bal 1-31-24: \$25,773.29. Ending Fund Balance: \$25,774.14.

Claims approved: General Fund salaries 84,405.95; Special Education salaries 12,169.58; Food Service salaries 2,270.27. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 26,486.72; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,126.81; American Funds, retirement 638.89; Delta Dental, insurance 2,219.30; Northern Plains Insurance Pool 15,610.47; The Standard, life insurance

243.58; Security Benefits, retirement 2,177.78; Optilegra, vision insurance 470.57; SD Retirement 14,768.90; SD Retirement Supplemental, 3,811.55. Total: \$166,400.37.

**Bills approved:** General Fund: Agtegra-fuel, 1,198.26; Amazon-supplies, 271.93; Baron-deau, Derek-bb official, 240.00; Brown County Treasurer-sewer tax, 41.68; CWD-FFVP/supplies, 1,248.63; Century Business Products-copier coverage, 345.58; Clark, Winston-bb clock, 30.00; Cole Papers-custodial supplies, 1,630.16; CommTech-IT annual tech renewal, 149.99; Farmers Union Oil-transportation supplies, 14.69; FASD Imprest Fund-misc., 1,574.88; FBLA-national registration, 25.00; GDI News-publishing, 150.08; Girard, Dan-bb official, 265.00; Goehring, Troy-bb official, 485.00; Hoffman, Zander-bb clock, 15.00; Jensen, Nevan-bb liveticket, 270.00; JHC Services-bus maintenance, 493.46; JVT-phone, 231.41; JW Peppermusic, 16.98; Kosters, Jeff-bb official, 25.00; McLeods-checks, 226.37; Menards-heaters/maintenance supplies, 455.27; Merchant Services-cc processing fees and fraud protection, 182.20; Mid-American Research Chemical-maintenance/custodial supplies, 1,355.60; Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities, 6,790.68; Morlock, Marty-bb shot clock, 270.00; Mosyleipad manager, 583.00; Napa Central-transportation supplies, 59.96; NFHS-coach course, 35.00; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies, 133.40; Pashen, Brock-bb official, 100.00; Runnings-transportation supplies, 74.90; Schlosser, Andrew-bb liveticket, 270.00; Schlosser, Rich-bb clock, 315.00; SD FBLA-SLC registration, 1,260.00; Schwan Electric-outside lights, 1,620.81; State of SD-medicaid admin fee, 19.12; Sumption, Austin-bb official, 365.00; Sumption, Laura-bb clock, 15.00; Sumption, Milo-bb clock, 45.00; Sumption, Warren-bb official, 50.00; Teachers Pay Teachers-curriculum supplements, 42.78; Test Out-HS computer certification, 375.00; Town of Frederick-utilities, 649.49; WalMart-FFVP supplies, 22.32; Zinter, Tonya-bb book, 270.00. Capital Outlay Fund: Amazon-books, 109.04; Century Business Products-copier lease, 306.66; Double D Body Shop-bus repair, 7,784.84. Special Education Fund: Avera-OT/PT, 9,221.48; Eventbrite-SPED conference registration, 160.00. Food Service Fund: CWD-food/supplies, 7,283.48; Community Store-food, 20.94; The Meathouse-meat processing, 1,580.00; Pantorium Cleaners-kitchen supplies, 92.35; WalMart-food, 18.10. Imprest Fund: Eise-mann, Kelly-ref/mileage gbb, 169.88; Kusler, Brandon-ref dh bb, 150.00; Logan, Mark-ref/mileage gbb, 169.88; Region Music Contest-small group music registration, 127.50; Steinwandt, Joshua-ref dh bb, 150.00; Steinwandt, Timothy-ref/mileage dh bb, 177.54; Ulrich, Mark-ref

gbb, 125.00; Waage, Tom-ref/mileage dh bb, 177.54; Weis-mantel, Martin-ref/mileage dh bb, 177.54; Zimmerman, Kim-ref dh bb, 150.00; Custodial Fund: Allevity Entertainment-prom, 1,935.20; Allevity Entertainment-SADD, 326.43; Amazon-prom, 477.04; CWD-concessions, 278.72; Cash-Wa Direct-concessions, 420.97; Coca Cola-concessions, 1,259.50; Cox, Malona-concessions fill in, 50.00; Target-FCCLA, 237.88; WalMart-SADD, 32.22; WalMart-FCCLA, 22.28.

The following reports were presented:

Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director

Jessica Ringgenberg: K-8 Principal

Shauna Severson: Business Manager

Achen/Hart: Building/Co-op

The Community Open Forum agenda item was tabled until remodel costs of the current high school building, kitchen, etc. are further investigated.

**2024-064 Motion by Sump-tion,** second by Ellwein to approve Colliers as Bond Agent. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2024-065 Motion by Hart,** second by Achen to declare the following items surplus: icon timeclock, pencil sharpeners and an ipad at no value; smart TV appraised at \$50.00. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2024-066 Motion by Ellwein,** second by Sump-tion to approve the resignation of Leesa Ware and thank her for years as Head Coach. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2024-067 Motion by Sump-tion,** second by Hart to approve the 2024-25 School Calendar. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Kosters recognized the Board for School Board Recognition Week. The Board would like to recognize Mrs. Langley for her accomplishments at the Region Small Group Music Contest. The following received Superior Ratings: Adi Lloyd-Clarinet Solo, Sofia Losure-Tenor Sax Solo, Katie Bretsch and Adi Lloyd-Clarinet Duet, Olivia Morlock and Gabby Millard-Alto Sax Duet (received a perfect score) and Gabby Millard-Alto Sax Solo; Excellent Ratings: Mac Kosters-Snare Drum, Sax Quartet, Trumpet Quartet, Vocal Ensemble.

**2024-068 Motion by Achen,** second by Sumption to go into executive session at 7:07 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlosser declared the board out of executive session at 9:27 p.m.

**2024-069 Motion by Sump-tion,** second by Ellwein to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

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February 20, 2024  
 The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Nehls, Cutler, Bahr, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Elizabeth Varin, and Topper Tastad.

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

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

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wells to approve authorization to bid the 2024 Street Resurfacing Project. Sealed bids will be opened on March 5, 2024, during regular session. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to approve authorization to begin accepting 2024 gravel quotes. Sealed quotes will be opened on March 5, 2024, during regular session. All members present voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding maintenance of the alley east of Main Street.

Tastad exited the meeting. Moved by Wells and seconded by Nehls to approve the January finance report.

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

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

Payroll, \$29,257.33, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$5,420.39; Public Safety, \$10,018.82; Public Works, \$13,763.82; Culture & Recreation, \$54.30; WEB Water, \$19,471.40, Water services - January 2024; USPS, \$290.77, Utility billing postage; City of Groton,

\$272.34, Utility deposit applied to bills; Farmers Union - Johnson Agency, \$139.56, Utility deposit refund; Mike & Joann Nehls, \$88.10, Utility deposit refund; SD State Treasurer, \$9,619.31, Sales and Excise Tax - January 2024; Kellie Locke, \$143.10, Med flex; SD Dept of Public Safety, \$40.00, Police Officer Certification ID x4; Dacotah Bank, \$3,473.35, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Dacotah Bank, \$6,598.85, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$647.90, HSA contributions; Grand Slam Computers, \$204.00, Nordic Backup - PD; Ken's Food Fair, \$239.20, Fuel purchases, tape, cleaning supplies, soap, hot chocolate, foam cups; Aramark, \$67.26, Rug rent - City Hall; Anderson Garage Doors, \$2,300.00, Replacement of hoop barn garage door; Galls, LLC., \$294.73, Shirt, handcuffs, flashlight, headlamp - Police; Border States Industries, Inc., \$6,619.19, 3000ft reel of wire - Electric Dept.; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,156.47, Garbage hauling; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,290.98, Fuel purchases; James Valley Telecommunications, \$830.73, Telephone and internet services; Dakota Pump & Control, \$3,791.99, Swimming pool pump repair; Jetline Sales & Service, \$16,500.00, Wastewater camera; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$1,820.67, 48in plow marker, book purchases, ink cartridge, tape, paper, tire inflator, water sample, electric uniform purchases, 2x new library computers, MOCIC membership fee, postage, fuel purchase, tap and die set, bike giveaway supplies - Multiple Depts.; AutoZone, Inc., \$21.78, Blue shop towels, wiper fluid - City Shop; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease - Electric Dept.; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Groton Daily Independent, \$80.97, Publishing costs; Mac's Hardware, \$39.99, Pipe wrench - City Shop; NW Energy, \$56.48, Natural gas service - Water Tower; Van Diest Supply Company, \$4,313.00, Mosquito control chemicals; Vermeer High Plains, \$352.47, Duct pullers - Electric Dept.; Farmers Union Co-op Assoc., \$1,783.56, Diesel

fuel - Street Dept.; Share Corporation, \$130.95, Protectant wipes - City Shop; Dave Miller, \$248.56, Repair to iPad Air screen; Announcement: SDML District 6 Annual Meeting on April 10, 2024, at 6pm at the Groton American Legion. Varin exited the meeting. Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:47pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:28pm. Varin reentered the meeting. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to enter into a contract with Dennis "Mike" Olson to perform code enforcement services for the City of Groton. All members present voted aye. The first reading of Ordinance No. 775 - 2024 Summer Salaries was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted aye. Moved by Wells and seconded by Nehls to begin accepting applications for the following remaining summer employment positions: Public Works Laborer, Cemetery Caretaker, Swimming Pool Manager, Assistant P/T Swimming Pool Manager, Lifeguards, Baseball Groundskeepers, and Baseball Gatekeepers. Applications are due by March 19, 2024, by 5pm. All members present voted aye. Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to hire the following baseball/softball employees: Matt Locke - Baseball Coordinator, Jackie Iverson - Softball Coordinator, Seth Erickson - Legion Coach, Aaron Severson - Jr. Legion Coach, Spencer Locke - Jr. Teener Coach, Susan Fjeldheim - U14 Softball Coach, Christopher Frost - U12 Softball Coach, Reilly Fuhrman - U10 Softball Coach, and Sydney Kurtz - U8 Softball Coach. All members present voted aye. Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm. All members present voted aye. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer Published Feb. 28, 2024 at the total approximate cost of \$53.26 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 23038

## Conde National League

**Feb. 26 Team Standings:** Braves 27, Tigers 25, Cubs 20½, Mets 18, Giants 15, Pirates 14½  
**Men's High Games:** Russ Bethke 220, Aaron Severson 192, Chad Furney 191  
**Men's High Series:** Russ Bethke 549, Aaron Severson 488, Chad Furney 484  
**Women's High Games:** Suzi Easthouse 188, Joyce Walter 181, Vickie Kramp 177  
**Women's High Series:** Sam Bahr 487, Vickie Kramp 477, Suzi Easthouse 468

## Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #14 Results

**2nd Third Results:** Shihtzus - 20, Coyotes - 19, Chipmunks - 17, Jackelopes - 14, Foxes - 9, Cheetahs - 5  
**Men's High Games:** Randy Stanley - 226, Brad Waage - 221, Lance Frohling - 209  
**Women's High Games:** Vicki Walter - 182, Brenda Waage - 164, Michelle Johnson - 156  
**Men's High Series:** Brad Waage - 622, Lance Frohling - 573, Ron Belden - 563  
**Women's High Series:** Vicki Walter - 524, Michelle Johnson - 451, Brenda Waage - 444

Fun Game: Most Fills - Jackelopes with 87!  
 Shihtzus won the 2nd Third!

## Ehresmann, Krueger place fourth, Kucker sixth at state wrestling

Three Groton Area wrestlers placed at the State Wrestling Tournament held in Sioux Falls. Christian Ehresmann and Liza Krueger both placed fourth while Korbin Kucker placed sixth.

### B106: Wyatt Hagen (29-18).

Champ. Round 1 - Rylan Robbins (Winner Area) 38-5 won by fall over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 29-18 (Fall 5:10)  
 Cons. Round 1 - Cade Gaikowski (Clark/Willow Lake) 37-11 won by decision over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 29-18 (Dec 6-3)

### B126: Walker Zoellner (32-16).

Champ. Round 1 - Maxton Brozik (Winner Area) 37-3 won by tech fall over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 32-16 (TF-1.5 2:58 (20-5))  
 Cons. Round 1 - Drew Janke (Lead-Deadwood) 28-11 won by decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 32-16 (Dec 3-0)

### B144: Christian Ehresmann (38-6) placed 4th and scored 18.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 38-6 won by fall over Bryce Hawkinson (Britton-Hecla) 39-12 (Fall 1:15)  
 Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 38-6 won by fall over Teague Granum (Canton) 44-7 (Fall 2:40)  
 Semifinal - Jace Blasius (Philip/Kadoka Area/Wall) 34-4 won by decision over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 38-6 (Dec 7-3)  
 Cons. Semi - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 38-6 won by injury default over Teagan Foreman (Miller/Highmore-Harrold) 30-5 (Inj. 3:54)

### B157: Korbin Kucker (27-9) placed 6th and scored 7.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 27-9 won by decision over Charlie Dulany (Warner/Northwestern) 28-9 (Dec 5-4)  
 Quarterfinal - Jackson Remmers (Howard) 46-0 won by fall over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 27-9 (Fall 0:32)  
 Cons. Round 2 - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 27-9 won by decision over Kahle Hill (Wagner) 23-23 (Dec 4-1)  
 Cons. Round 3 - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 27-9 won by decision over Gunner Ewing (Elk Point-Jefferson) 25-16 (Dec 5-1)  
 Cons. Semi - Wyatt Anderson (Parkston) 38-8 won by fall over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 27-9 (Fall 4:19)

### G100: Liza Krueger (30-4) placed 4th and scored 16.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 30-4 won by fall over Kinsley Sheridan (O'Gorman) 21-17 (Fall 3:53)  
 Quarterfinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 30-4 won by fall over Mataya Jacobs (Rapid City Central) 37-13 (Fall 5:37)  
 Semifinal - Olivia Anderson (Watertown) 46-1 won by decision over Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 30-4 (Dec 4-2)  
 Cons. Semi - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 30-4 won by decision over Annalee Pierson (Sturgis Brown) 31-8 (Dec 3-1)

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Not so hot?
- 5 Dog tags, e.g.
- 8 Quick look
- 12 Antioxidant berry
- 13 French vineyard
- 14 Impetuous
- 15 Dungeon's quality
- 17 Actress Rae
- 18 Small batteries
- 19 Detroit hooper
- 21 Like a neglected lawn
- 24 Coop group
- 25 Within (Pref.)
- 26 Foppish behavior

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- 50 Roasting spot
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- 52 Domino spot
- 53 Harvest
- DOWN**
- 1 Bankroll
- 2 Obamacare acronym
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- 4 Japanese emperor
- 5 Frosts a cake
- 6 Hosp. workers
- 7 Hitchcock forte
- 8 Overly proper
- 9 Bridge position
- 10 Canadian gas brand
- 11 "Star Trek II" villain
- 16 Aye undoer
- 20 "500" race
- 21 Use a blowtorch
- 22 New Age singer
- 23 Genesis garden
- 24 Salutes
- 26 Prettified
- 27 Composer
- 28 Detail, briefly
- 29 Created
- 31 Salamander
- 34 Sea off Sicily
- 35 "Fearless" singer Swift
- 37 Boating hazard
- 38 Humdrum
- 39 "Gilmore Girls" daughter
- 40 Utah city
- 41 Use scissors
- 44 "Exodus" hero
- 45 "— had it!"
- 46 Museum-funding org.
- 47 Econ. measure

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## Region 1A Boys Basketball

# Groton Area powers in 15 three-pointers in win over Redfield

Groton Area made 15 three-pointers as the Tigers defeated Redfield in the first round of the Region 1A basketball tournament held Tuesday in Groton, 70-17.

The Tigers will play Aberdeen Roncalli in the semifinal game on Friday in Groton, 7 p.m.

Coach Brian Dolan said, "We need to take care of ourselves and play defense. We talked a lot about being disciplined. Discipline finishes hard work. We worked hard. Now we have to have the discipline to finish what we started back in June when we went to our first team camp together. And we have to be ready to go on Friday. We hope to have a great crowd on Friday."

Groton Area jumped out to a 24-0 first quarter lead, a 43-5 lead at half time and a 59-11 lead after the third quarter.

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 19 points, one rebound, four assists and two steal. Keegen Tracy had seven points, one rebound, one assist and one steal. Kassen Keough had six points, two rebounds and two assists. Jacob Zak had five points, two assists and two steals. Logan Ringgenberg had five points, three rebounds and two steals. Colby Dunker had five points, four assists and one steal. Holden Sippel had five points and two steals. Turner Thompson had five points and one steal. Ryder Johnson had four points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Karson Zak had four points, six rebounds and two assists. Jayden Schwan had three points, four rebounds, one assist and two steals. Gage Sippel had one point, three rebounds, three assists and two blocks. Logan Warrington had one point, one rebound and one steal. Blake Pauli had one rebound and two assists.

Groton Area made 11 of 17 two-pointers for 65 percent, 15 of 33 three-pointers for 45 percent, three of six free throws for 50 percent, had 25 rebounds, seven turnovers, 22 assists, 15 steals, four team fouls and two block shots.

Three-Pointers: Jacob Zak - 1, Lane Tietz - 5, Ryder Johnson - 1, Tracy 1, Ringgenberg - 1, Dunker - 1, Keough - 2, Holden Sippel - 1, Thompson - 1, Shwan - 1.

Justin Ratigan led Redfield with eight points while Tristen O'Daniel had five and Grady Hulscher and Micah Zastrow each had two points

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, BK Custom Ts & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Farmers Union Coop, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Chiropractic Clinic, Groton Ford, Hanlon Brothers, John Sieh Agency, Krueger Brothers, Lori's Pharmacy, Professional Management Services, S & S Lumber, Spanier Harvesting & Trucking, Sun & Sea Travel, The MeatHouse, Witte Exteriors LLC. Paul Kosel did the play-by-play and Jeslyn Kosel ran the camera.

- Paul Kosel

## South Dakota Prep Media basketball polls for Feb. 26

### Class A

1. Sioux Falls Christian (16), 20-0, 80; 2. Hamlin, 17-3, 63; 3. Pine Ridge, 18-1, 47; 4. Sioux Valley, 18-2, 30; 5. Dakota Valley, 17-3, 15.  
Others receiving votes: Hot Springs 4, **Groton Area 1.**

### Class B

1. Castlewood (12), 17-3, 75; 2. White River (3), 18-2, 64; 3. De Smet (1), 17-3, 49; 4. Wessington Springs, 19-1, 25; 5. Howard, 17-3, 15.  
Others receiving votes: Leola/Frederick Area 8, Viborg-Hurley 3, Dell Rapids St. Mary 1.

### Class AA

1. Mitchell (16), 19-1, 80; 2. Harrisburg, 17-3, 64; 3. Brandon Valley, 15-5, 45; 4. Sioux Falls Washington, 13-7, 26; 5. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 14-6, 21.  
Others receiving votes: Watertown 4.



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## Region 1A Girls' Basketball

### Roncalli advances to SoDak16

Aberdeen Roncalli won the Region 1A semifinal game Thursday night with a 44-35 win. The game was played at Aberdeen Roncalli. Groton Area girls finish the season 14-8.

Roncalli got the early lead with an high intense crowd giving the Lady Cavaliers the momentum as Clare Crawford and Ava Hanson each hit a three-pointer. Sydney Leicht hit a buzzer beater three-pointer to cut Roncalli's lead to five at 16-11 at the end of the first quarter.

Groton Area closed to within two at 18-16 and 25-23 in the second quarter and Roncalli had a 27-23 lead at half time. Roncalli outscored Groton Area, 7-6, in the third third quarter to lead, 34-29 at the end of the third quarter. The Cavaliers opened up an 11-point lead in the fourth quarter, 41-31 and would go on for the win.

Sydney Leicht had three three-pointers and led the Tigers with 10 points and one rebound. Jaedyn Penning had 10 points, five rebounds, one assist and two steals. Jerica Locke had one three-pointer, ending with eight points, seven rebounds, one assist and one steal. Kennedy. Hansen had four points, one assist and one steal. Rylee Dunker had two points, four rebounds and one steal. Faith Traphagen had one point, two rebounds and one steal. Brooklyn Hansen had one assist and Laila Roberts and Taryn Traphagen each had one rebound.

Groton Area made just two of 22 fields in the second half and finished the game making 26 percent



**Rylee Dunker easily outjumps Roncalli's Ava Hanson for the opening tip off.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The GHS cheerleaders were in full force at the game Thursday night at Aberdeen Roncalli.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

of its field goals while Roncalli was 16 of 34 for 47 percent. In two-pointers, Groton Area was eight of 27 for 30 percent, four of 18 in three-pointers for 22 percent, seven of 13 from the line for 54 percent, had 21 rebounds, 12 turnovers, four assists, six steals and 16 team fouls.

Maddie Huber and Ava Hanson each had 11 points for Roncalli while McKenna O'Keefe and Camryn Bain each had seven points, Claire Crawford had six points and Gabby Thomas added two points.

The Cavaliers had 16 turnovers and 18 team fouls.

Roncalli will advance to the SoDak16 with a 19-3 record.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by

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# Tigers end regular season with win over Aberdeen Christian



**Groton Area senior Lane Tietz jumps after a ball about to go out of bounds during the game Friday evening.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



**Groton Area senior Jacob Zak jumps for a shot during the game Friday evening.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

This is the fifth year that these two teams have played each other in boys basketball. Over the years, the traveling team has been the winner, but not this year. Groton Area defeated Aberdeen Christian in Groton, 74-55.

The Tigers led at the quarterstops at 16-8, 33-23 and 58-37.

Four players hit double figures with Jacob Zak leading the Tigers with 24 points, five rebounds, two assists and four steals. Ryder Johnson had 14 points, six rebounds, one assist and one steal. Keegen Tracy had 14 points, one rebound, three assists and three steals. Lane Tietz had 12 points (all in the first half), but had eight assists, three rebounds and three steals. Logan Ringgenberg had six points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Kassen Keough had two points and one assist. Colby Dunker had one rebound and two assists. Turner Thompson had one assist.

Groton Area made 25 of 40 two-pointers for 63 percent, six of 13 three pointers for 46 percent, six of eight free throws for 75 percent, had 18 rebounds, 10 turnovers, 19 assists, 13 steals and 13 team fouls.

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

Joey Johnson led the Knights with 26 points while Konnar Furman had eight, Ellis Russell five, Luke Kaiser four and Jett Johnson and Becker Bosma each had three points.

Aberdeen Christian made 20 of 34 field goals for 59 percent, 11 of 12 free throws for 92 percent, had 18 turnovers and eight team fouls.

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Groton Area is now 16-4 on the season while Aberdeen Christian goes to 14-6.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 43-35, leading at the quarterstops at 12-8, 23-22 and 33-27.

Gage Sippel led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Jayden Schwan with eight, Karson Zak seven, Kassen Keough six, Blake Pauli five and Easton Weber, Logan Warrington and Turner Thompson each had two points. Pauli, Schwan and Zak each made one three-pointer.

Gabe Eichler led the Knights with 10 points while Dylan Hofer had seven, Will Haskell six, Raymond Rodriguez-Martinez had five, Grady Jett four and Jett Johnson had three points. Johnson, Eichler and Haskell each made one three-pointer.



**Groton Area's Keegen Tracy (No. 1), Ryder Johnson (No. 1), Logan Ringgenberg (No. 42), Jacob Zak (No. 22) and Lane Tietz (No. 10) look toward the net during the game Friday evening.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



**Groton Area 5th Grader, Charli Jacobsen sang the National Anthem Friday night.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Logan Ringgenberg had six points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Kassen Keough had two points and one assist. Colby Dunker had one rebound and two assists. Turner Thompson had one assist.

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School Breakfast: Biscuits.  
School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans.  
Region 1A Boys Basketball at Groton Area  
Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes and ham, peas, Mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread.  
World Day of Prayer

## Saturday, March 2

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

## Sunday, March 3

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

## Monday, March 4

School Lunch: French bread pizza, corn.  
Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Senior Menu: Beef noodle stroganoff, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, cookie, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

## Tuesday, March 5

School Breakfast: Surfs up waffles.  
School Lunch: Oriental chicken, rice.  
Boys Basketball SoDak16  
Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, au grain potatoes, peas and carrots, pineapple/strawberry ambrosia.  
St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid LWML, 1 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 6

School Breakfast: Tiki egg bake.  
School Lunch: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes.  
Groton Chamber Meeting, Noon at City Hall  
Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, oriental blend vegetables, baked apples, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.; Soup Supper, 6 p.m. (Sunday school host); Lenten worship, 7 p.m.; Luther League, 6:15 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; Lent Service, 7 p.m.  
United Methodist: Communion coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Lent Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

## Thursday, March 7

School Breakfast: Surfboard pop tarts.  
School Lunch: Taco salads.  
State GBB Tournament at Brookings  
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, frosted brownies, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.

## Friday, March 8

End of Third Quarter  
School. Breakfast: Ito eats egg wraps.  
School Lunch: Mac and cheese, California blend vegetables.  
State GBB Tournament at Brookings  
Senior Menu: Potato soup, ham salad croissant, tomato spoon salad, Mandarin oranges.

## Saturday, March 9

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

## Sunday, March 10

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

## Monday, March 11

School Breakfast: oatmeal.  
School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes.  
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.  
Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, pineapple tidbits, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
United Methodist: PEO Meeting (outside group), 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 12

School Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich.  
School Lunch: Scalloped potatoes, ham steak.  
Middle School Talent Show, 7 p.m., GHS Gym  
Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Senior Menu: New England ham dinner, fruit, cookie, dinner roll.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Council, 6 p.m.  
United Methodist: Bible study, 10 a.m.

## Wednesday, March 13

School Breakfast: French toast.  
School Lunch: Tacos.  
Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, apricots, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Soup supper, 6 p.m. (Nigeria Circle to host); Lenten worship, 7 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; Lent Service, 7 p.m.  
United Methodist: Communion coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Lent Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

## Thursday, March 14

No School - Spring Break  
State BBB Tournament at Rapid City  
Groton Lions Club meeting, 104 November.  
Main, 6 p.m.

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, garlic toast, chocolate cake, fruit.

## Friday, March 15

No School - Spring Break  
State BBB Tournament at Rapid City  
Senior Menu: Chicken cordon bleu hot dish, vegetable Catalina blend, pears, tapioca pudding, whole wheat bread.

## Saturday, March 16

State BBB Tournament at Rapid City  
Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

## Sunday, March 17

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; No Sunday school, Choir, 6 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran worship, 9 a.m.; Zion at 11 a.m.; Sunday school, at 9:45 a.m.  
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:30 a.m., and at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; No Sunday school.

## Monday, March 18

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick.  
School Lunch: Chicken patty, baked beans.  
Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.  
Senior Menu: Cranberry meatballs, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 19

School Breakfast: Scones.  
School Lunch: Meatballs, roasted potatoes.  
Indoor track meet at Northern State University  
Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3 bean salad, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.  
St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.  
United Methodist: Spring Tea luncheon, 10:30 a.m.

## Wednesday, March 20

School Breakfast: Cereal.  
School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, green beans.  
Senior Menu: Breaded pork cutlets, creamy noodles, broccoli/cauliflower blend, frosted brownie, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Luther League, 5:30 p.m.; Soup Supper, 6 p.m. (Luther League host); Lenten worship, 7 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; Lent Service, 7 p.m.  
United Methodist: Communion coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Lent Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.  
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

## Thursday, March 21

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.  
School Lunch: Chicken strips, fries.  
Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, long grain wild rice, vegetable capri blend, acini depepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

## No city council election; special school district election on opt-out resolution

There will be no city election for council petitions and no school board elections; however, there will be a school district election on the opt out resolution.

For the city council, those taking out petitions for two-year terms were incumbents and Jason Wambach in Ward 3, and for the one-year term in Ward 3 is Jon Cutler. Kevin Nehls in Ward 1 did not take out a petition for the one-year spot. That spot will be filled by appointment by the mayor and approved at the next council meeting.

Two petitions were turned in for the two vacant spots on the Groton Area School Board. They were Nick Strom and incumbent Marty Weismantel. Incumbent Kara Pharis did not take out a petition.

Meanwhile there was a special school board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 29, to set April 9 as the date for the special district election for the opt-out. The board also decided on dates and times and locations for public meetings to discuss the opt-out.

### — King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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### Friday, March 22

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.  
School Lunch: Cheese sticks, peas.  
Senior Menu: Tuna noodle hot dish with peas, California blend vegetables, Swedish apple square, whole wheat bread.

### Saturday, March 23

East River Destination Imagination Tournament at Webster  
Billy Shilhanek benefit at the Groton Legion, 3 p.m.  
Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.  
Groton Lions Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Groton City Park  
Spring Vendor Fair, 10 a.m., GHS Gym  
Men's Bowling Tournament, 1 p.m., Jungle Lanes  
St. John's Lutheran: Questioning confirmands, 5 p.m.

### Sunday, March 24

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.; Easter Cantata entailed, "Because He Lives . . . Amen", 6:30 p.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m. (Palm procession by Sunday school), Choir, 6 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion: St. John's at 9 a.m., Zion at 11 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.  
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:30 a.m., and at Groton, 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school singing; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.

### Monday, March 25

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.  
School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, cooked carrots.  
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck at noon.  
Senior Menu: Autumn soup, peas, chicken salad croissant, cinnamon apple sauce.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
PEO meeting (outside group), 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 26

School Breakfast: Waffles.  
School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans.  
Indoor track meet at Northern State University  
Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, pineapple/mandarin oranges, breadstick.  
United Methodist: No Bible Study.

### Wednesday, March 27

School Breakfast: Egg bake.  
School Lunch:

Cheese nachos.

Senior Menu: Beef stew, buttermilk biscuit, Waldorf salad, sherbet.

United Methodist: Communion coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Lent Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Groton CM&A: Easter Cantata performed at Aberdeen Alliance, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, March 28

School Breakfast: Pop tarts.  
School Lunch: Sloppy joes, baby bakers.  
Senior Menu: Chicken cacciatore, rice pilaf, Italian blend vegetables, apple sauce bars, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 7 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran: Maundy Thursday service with communion, 7 p.m.

### Friday, March 29

No school - Easter Break  
Emmanuel Luther: If no community service, worship at Emmanuel at 7 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran: Good Friday service, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, March 30

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

### Sunday, March 31

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 7 a.m. (Breakfast by Luther League), worship with communion, 9:30 a.m.  
St. John's Lutheran: Zion at 7:30 a.m.; St. John's at 9 a.m.  
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:30 a.m., and at Groton, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; No Sunday school.

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Dear EarthTalk: Why are some companies backing off their previously stated commitments to cut greenhouse gas emissions? How can we get them to turn it back around? -- K.V., Detroit, MI

In February 2024, three major investment companies stepped back from efforts to limit climate-damaging emissions. JPMorgan Chase's and State Street's investment arms have both quit a global investor alliance encouraging companies to avoid emissions, and BlackRock has largely limited its involvement. These companies aren't the only ones backing out on climate agreements. In 2023, Amazon dropped an effort to zero out emissions of half its shipments by 2030, BP scaled back on its plan to reduce emissions by 35 percent by the end of 2030 and Shell Oil dropped an initiative to build a pipeline of carbon credits and other carbon-absorbing projects. There are hundreds of companies across the world backtracking on commitments toward green policies, despite growing concerns that the planet is reaching a crisis point.

The lack of government policy surrounding corporate emissions makes it easy for companies to abandon their promises. Net Zero Tracker, a group that monitors progress on corporate and government climate pledges, examined more than 1,000 companies that have made pledges to zero out their emissions by 2050. The group found that less than 4 percent of the 1,000 companies were doing the bare minimum to be considered in line with the goals of the 2015 Paris agreement. The rest of the companies were not even meeting the so-called "starting line criteria" laid out by the United Nations. The "starting line" calls for companies to track their carbon footprint across supply chains, cut emissions, create a plan for using carbon offsets, and have annual reports on meeting climate targets.

It's obvious that letting companies make their own policies regarding greenhouse gas emissions is not effective. More government issued policies are crucial to making a real dent in carbon emissions. One recently-passed law in the U.S. is the Inflation Reduction Act, provides hundreds of billions of dollars in tax subsidies to companies using

wind and solar power, electric vehicles, or other carbon capture technologies. The idea is that by making it cheaper to go green, companies will find polluting a less attractive option.

Another method of corporate accountability is carbon pricing, which is putting a blanket tax on each ton of greenhouse gasses emitted by a company. Then there's the oldest, most reliable method of accountability, mass protest. There are many climate action groups like Mission Possible Partnership or First Movers Coalition, that are looking to force companies to cut emissions. Most companies originally claimed to implement green policies to appeal to public interest. If the public continues to thoroughly and unrelentingly push the matter, companies will be forced to truly administrate green policies.



**Hundreds of companies across the world are backtracking on commitments toward green policies, despite growing concerns that the planet is reaching a crisis point.** Credit: Sandor Somkuti.

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## "The Nagging Cough"

"I've got this cough that just won't go away," my patient says, and I know this story all too well. Chronic cough, a cough that lasts more than two months, is a common ailment which in most cases is benign. But for the patient it is both bothersome and worrisome.

If your cough has lasted for less than two months it may just be the residual effect of an upper respiratory infection. Dry cough after having one of many viruses can last for weeks and weeks, and the only cure is time.

In patients who do have chronic cough, my first task is taking a good history. Are or were they a heavy smoker? If so I will be more apt to rule out cancer and consider lung imaging. I will also be suspicious of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) which can be diagnosed by breathing tests. But many of these patients have no or little smoking history so are at low risk for those things. Why are they coughing? I can think of a few common reasons.

Mild asthma often causes cough at nighttime, in the cold, or with activity; it isn't always accompanied by wheezing. Simple breathing tests in the office can help us diagnose asthma, and it can be greatly helped with inhaled medications.

Post-nasal drip is extremely common, and we have probably all experienced it with a cold or allergies. For patients who have this chronically, the mucous produced in the nose drains down the throat, causing irritation to the upper airway and an annoying cough. If this seems likely, I suggest the patient tries a steroid nasal spray every day for a month or two, and if that resolves the cough we have our answer.

Gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD, doesn't always cause classic heartburn. As the stomach acid creeps up the esophagus, especially when lying flat at night, it can get high enough to irritate the upper airway and cause cough. As with post-nasal drip, sometimes we just try treating this ailment with an acid reducing medication for a couple months to see if this cures the cough.

Finally, a commonly used type of medication can actually cause benign cough as a side effect. ACE inhibitors like lisinopril are excellent drugs for hypertension and heart disease, but around 5-10% of people will get a dry cough with it. If so, the cough resolves when we stop the med.

Back to my patient. "Tell me more about your cough," I say. "I'm confident we can figure out what is going on, even if it takes a little time."



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