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Winter Sports Awards

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Award winners Sydney Leicht (Offensive MVP, Third Team NEC All-Conference and Academic All-State) and Emily Clark (Tiger Award and Academic All-State) pose with their awards after Monday evening's Winter Sports Award event.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area senior Lane Tietz shakes hands with JV and C Team Boys Basketball Coach Kyle Gerlach while accepting the Offensive Player of the Year award during Monday evening's Winter Sports Award event. Tietz was also named to the all-conference and all-state teams and received the most valuable player for the Groton Area varsity team.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area Head Boys Basketball Coach Brian Dolan discusses progress throughout the team's season during the Winter Sports Award event Monday evening. "It was a fun year, and it was a fun group of guys," he said. "...Every group leaves a place in your heart when they leave, and this group is no different."

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area senior Cadence Feist smiles after receiving the Most Valuable Cheerleader during Monday's event.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area senior Holden Sippel receives the Scout Team Player of the Year from JV and C Team Boys Basketball Coach Kyle Gerlach during Monday evening's Winter Sports Award event.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area Head Girls Basketball Coach Matt Locke reviews the team's season during Monday evening's Winter Sports Award event.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area Head Wrestling Coach Darin Zoellner and Assistant Wrestling Coach Ryan Scepaniak review the past season during Monday evening's Winter Sports Award event.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area Cheer Coach Aubray Miller discusses how the season went for the team during Monday evening's Winter Sports Award event.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



From left: Boys Basketball JV and C Team players awarded plaques include Ethan Kroll ("C" Defensive Player of the Year), Gage Sippel ("JV" Defensive Player of the Year) and Teylor Diegel ("JV" Offensive Player of the Year). Not pictured are "C" Team Offensive Player of the Year Easton Weber and "C" Team Defensive Player of the Year Karson Zak.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

Things on my mind

So long, Lloyd

Ninety three. Lloyd Omdahl continued to write columns until he died Sunday at 93. Me, I've been writing a weekly column for more than half my life, but I've got a long way to go to catch Lloyd. My entree into North and South Dakota newspapers came coincidentally about the time my columnist hero, Wayne Lubenow, died in an unfortunate tumble down the stairs. Exits and entrances.

Ninety three. There are days that I wonder if I'm just being my naturally absent-minded self or if it's the inevitable toll of age. Did I say inevitable? I'm not sure you can say that in Lloyd's case. If there was anyone with more institutional knowledge about North Dakota history and government, I don't know who that might be.

A columnist's role is to inform, entertain, and educate. Lloyd did it all. Every week. That may not sound like much but a column on a deadline is no small commitment. Is it harder than writing a novel? Well, if you're not feeling inspired, if you're bereft of ideas, a novel can wait.

I smile when someone tells me, "I'm going to write a book, someday," because almost none of them will. Writing a book is like giving yourself a college education. "Writing even a bad book, is an accomplishment," a writer told me once.

Then there are the would-be columnists. I'll tell you right now that everyone has at least one good column in them. But after a few weeks, it feels like watching a drowning man. The fact that Lloyd could bring something fresh to the opinion page each week was remarkable. At 93? Impressive.

We all bring our own energy into the world. Lloyd's was shiny, positive, fun.

You did good, Lloyd. Double space and watch your commas.

O.J. Simpson

The curious case of O.J. Simpson ended last week with his death. I remain conflicted. Not everything seemed to add up in murder case. The slow-motion chase. His mad dash from L.A. to Chicago the night of the murders. Was he covering for his son? Some aspects of the



That's Life

by Tony Bender

case are murky.

The reaction from many black Americans who cheered at his acquittal was perhaps the first dent in the obliviousness white Americans had about the judicial system in America. In the minds of some, it wasn't a matter of justice being served, it came down to "We finally won one."

If you remember, the O.J. Case was preceded by the savage Rodney King police beating. Twenty years later when Colin Kaepernick knelt to protest police brutality, white America still hadn't put the pieces together.

Are you like me; when those great Naked Gun comedies are on television, do you struggle to watch them because O.J. Is in them? Kevin Spacey movies are over for me, too, because of his creepy behavior, whether convicted or not. And putting Ray Lewis on television as an NFL commentator after his involvement in a double murder at the 2000 Super Bowl, offends me.

Again, we don't know what his involvement was, but he was clearly covering something up.

On the field, he was one of the greatest NFL linebackers ever. Just as O.J. Simpson was one of the best running backs to ever play the game. But how do we get past the taint? And should we?

Romance at 70

In case you missed it, last week the two lovebirds from the Golden Bachelor, grandpa's version of spin the bottle, announced their divorce after three months of marriage. Three months? Some one night stands that last longer than that. I've spent more time in couples counseling.

I don't want to disparage winter romances. Or even blizzard romances with icebergs, but this botoxed couple just seemed a little, well, creepy. Not that dating on national television would attract creepy people.

I long ago came to the conclusion that dating is all that men and women should do. We should live alone during the week and date on weekends. Or just get a dog. Or a cat. Or a rhinoceros. Or a rabid raccoon. Maybe I'm jaded. Perhaps I'm tired. It would make for better television, though.

Until next week...

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Quarterback is the most important position in football, and the Vikings' quarterback situation is the team's biggest question mark heading into the 2024 NFL season. However, there are other needs for a team that went 7-10 last

year, so this week we look at the three other positions the Vikings will likely address through the draft.

Interior offensive line

Whoever ends up being the Vikings' quarterback in 2024, whether it's Sam Darnold or a rookie, will need solid blocking in front of them. The Vikings have one of the best offensive tackle tandems in the league with Christian Darrisaw at left tackle and Brian O'Neill on the right. Unfortunately, the interior of the offensive line is subpar. Bradbury was unspectacular at center, but he recently signed an extension, so he isn't going anywhere. Ed Ingram is the presumed starter at right guard, and although he had a poor rookie season in 2022, he showed signs of improvement in his sophomore season. Ezra Cleveland was the team's starting left guard to begin last season, but he was traded during the season and replaced with Dalton Risner. Risner was only signed for the remainder of the 2023 season and is still a free agent this offseason. I don't understand why the Vikings haven't brought him back, as he was solid last year (and seemed to enjoy his time in Minnesota). But as it sits now, the left guard spot is wide open.

If the Vikings end up holding on to picks 11 and 23, there's a slim chance the team could use one of those picks (likely the 23) to address the offensive line. If that happens, two names to keep an eye on are Jackson Powers-Johnson out of Oregon and Graham Barton out of Duke. More than likely, however, is the team using those picks on other positions, which means they will have to find a capable player in the middle rounds. Some names to keep an eye on in the middle round are Zach Frazier (West Virginia), Cooper Beebe (Kansas State), Christian Haynes (UConn), Mason McCormick (SDSU), and Dominick Puni (Kansas).

Interior defensive line

They say the best teams are built in the trenches from the middle, out. If that's the case, the Vikings are in trouble. The middle of the offensive line is the team's highest priority (after QB), but the middle of the defensive line is a close second. The team only has one good defensive lineman (Harrison Phillips), so the team may use one of their first-round picks on the position. Byron Murphy II out of Texas and Jer'Zhan Newton out of Illinois are two names to keep in mind, as both defensive linemen will likely be taken in the first round because of their ability to rush the passer. Luckily, there are a lot of solid defensive linemen in this draft, and with General Manager Kwesi Adofo-Mensah's analytical approach to the draft, it wouldn't be surprising to see them wait to draft one. If the team wants a mammoth nose tackle to hold up at the point of attack, T'Vondre Sweat (Texas) and McKinnley Jackson (Texas A&M) would fit the bill. If they want more of a pass-rushing defensive lineman, they'll be looking for players like Braden Fiske (Florida State), Brandon Dorlus (Oregon), and Michael Hall Jr. (Ohio State).

Wide Receiver

The third area I'd like to see the team address is wide receiver. The Vikings have the best WR1 in the NFL (Justin Jefferson), a great WR2 (last year's first-round pick Jordan Addison), and a great tight end (T.J. Hockenson). However, the team let K.J. Osborn leave in free agency, which created a void at WR3. The chances of the Vikings taking a wide receiver in the first round are very slim, but there are some good options in the later rounds. A few notable names are Javon Baker (UCF), Jermaine Burton (Alabama), Luke McCaffrey (Rice), Tahj Washington (USC), and my personal favorite late-round WR prospect, Johnny Wilson out of Florida State (Wilson is 6'7", 237 pounds, and ran a 4.52 40-yard dash).

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Groton Area Tigers Varsity Beat Elkton Blue Sox (HS Club)

Groton Area Tigers Varsity outsted Elkton Blue Sox (HS Club) 5-2 on Sunday.

A sacrifice fly by Lane Schindler put Elkton Blue Sox (HS Club) on the board in the top of the first.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity took the lead in the bottom of the first. Logan Ringgenberg singled, scoring two runs, to give Groton Area Tigers Varsity the leg up, 2-1.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity added one run in the second. Kellen Antonsen grounded out, making the score 3-1.

Gavin Englund earned the win for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. The starting pitcher allowed three hits and two runs (one earned) over seven innings, striking out seven and walking four. Jack Stein took the loss for Elkton Blue

Sox (HS Club). The starting pitcher went four and one-third innings, giving up five runs (two earned) on three hits, striking out one and walking three.

Antonsen led Groton Area Tigers Varsity with two runs batted in from the number nine spot in the lineup. The right-handed hitter went 1 for 3 on the day. Ringgenberg, Dillon Abeln, and Antonsen each collected one hit for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. Colby Dunker stole two bases. Groton Area Tigers Varsity stole six bases in the game. Groton Area Tigers Varsity turned one double play in the game.

Colt Beck, Wyatt Osland, and Alec Aguilar each collected one hit for Elkton Blue Sox (HS Club). Eliot Erickson and Schindler each drove in one run for Elkton Blue Sox (HS Club). Erickson and Beck each stole multiple bases for Elkton Blue Sox (HS Club). Elkton Blue Sox (HS Club) stole four bases in the game. Elkton Blue Sox (HS Club) turned one double play in the game.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity Walk It Of Against WIN baseball

It came down to the wire on Sunday, as Groton Area Tigers Varsity grabbed the victory in walk-off fashion, 9-8, over WIN baseball. The game was tied at eight in the bottom of the seventh when Colby Dunker singled, scoring one run.

Dunker collected three hits in five at bats in the win. Dunker tripled in the third inning, singled in the seventh inning, and singled in the fifth inning.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity opened the scoring in the second after Nicholas Morris doubled, scoring one run.

A single by Logan Ringgenberg extended the Groton Area Tigers Varsity lead to 2-0 in the bottom of the third inning.

WIN baseball captured the lead, 8-2, in the top of the fifth after Lincoln Krol singled, Devon Fischbach walked, Xavier Kadlec walked, Alec Mikkelson walked, Dawson Ward singled, Levi Little walked, and Mikkelson scored after tagging up, each scoring one run.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity scored five runs on four hits in the bottom of the fifth inning. An error scored one run, Little induced Dillon Abeln to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored, Karsten Flihs singled, scoring one run, and Jarret Erdman tripled, scoring two runs.

Carter Simon singled, which helped Groton Area Tigers Varsity tie the game at eight in the bottom of the sixth.

Jarrett Erdmann earned the win for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. The left-handed pitcher allowed one hit and one run over three innings, striking out five and walking two. Logan Fischbach took the loss for WIN baseball. The right-handed pitcher went one inning, surrendering one run (zero earned) on three hits, striking out one and walking one. Abeln led things off on the mound for Groton Area

Tigers Varsity. They gave up five hits and seven runs (six earned) over four innings, striking out five and walking two. Little stepped on the hill first for WIN baseball. They surrendered eight hits and seven runs (three earned) over five innings, striking out five and walking two.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity amassed 12 hits in the game. Erdman went 1 for 1 at the plate as

they led the team with two runs batted in. Brevin Flihs and Simon each collected multiple hits for Groton Area Tigers Varsity.

Ward, Tristan Gosch, Drew Bakeburg, Mikkelson, Chays Mansfield, and Kroll each collected one hit for WIN baseball. Fischbach, Ward, Mikkelson, Mansfield, and Kroll each drove in one run for WIN baseball. WIN baseball turned one double play in the game.

Tracy, Roberts are double winners at Milbank

Keegen Tracy and Laila Roberts were both double winners at the Milbank Invitational Track Meet held Friday. Roberts won the 200m dash and was on the winning 400m relay team while Tracy won the 100m and 200m dash events.

Others taking first were Logan Ringgenberg in the shot put, Colby Dunker in the Javelin, McKenna Tietz in the 300m hurdles and the girls 3200m relay team.

Boy's Results

100 Meters: 1. Keegen Tracy, 11.43

200 Meters: 1. Keegen Tracy, 23.71; 3. Gage Sippel, 26.03

400 Meters: 2. Keegen Tracy, 52.44; 19. Logan Warrington, 1:03.09

800 Meters: 5. Blake Pauli, 2:07.34; 9. Jayden Schwan, 2:19.85

4x800 Relay: 3. Blake Pauli, Colby Dunker, Gage Sippel, Jayden Schwan, 9:20.16.

Shot Put: 1. Logan Ringgenberg, 42-01.00; 5. Karter Moody, 37-01.50; 8. Holden Sippel, 36-09.75; 28. Drew Thurston, 27-01.00

Discus: 4. Logan Ringgenberg, 115-00; 5. Holden Sippel, 110-10; 11. Karter Moody, 99-08; 24. Drew Thurston, 69-10

Javelin: 1. Colby Dunker, 118-08; 11. Logan Ringgenberg, 96-05; 12. Holden Sippel, 95-04; 15. Drew Thurston, 89-08; 17. Karter Moody, 83-07; 24. Logan Warrington, 51-10

Girl's Results

100 Meters: 13. Kayla Lehr, 15.05

200 Meters: 1. Laila Roberts, 27.92; 3. Rylee Dunker, 29.00; 11. Kayla Lehr, 30.76

400 Meters: 3. Taryn Traphagen, 1:04.80; 5. Ashlynn Warrington, 1:09.25

100m Hurdles: 3. McKenna Tietz, 18.30; 5. Talli Wright, 19.58; 7. Teagan Hanten, 20.36; 8. Emerlee Jones, 20.47; 10. Hannah Sandness, 21.18

300m Hurdles: 1. McKenna Tietz, 52.95; 2. Emerlee Jones, 53.21; 4. Talli Wright, 55.53; 5. Teagan Hanten, 58.85; 8. Hannah Sandness, 1:01.14

4x100 Relay: 1. Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, Jerica Locke, Rylee Dunker, 54.02

4x200 Relay: 2. Laila Roberts, Rylee Dunker, Jerica Locke, Kella Tracy, 1:52.45

4x400 Relay: 4. Jerica Locke, Taryn Traphagen, Ashlynn Warrington, Kella Tracy, 4:23.74

4x800 Relay: 1. Kella Tracy, Faith Traphagen, Taryn Traphagen, Ashlynn Warrington, 10:19.33

SMR 1600m: 2. Laila Roberts, Rylee Dunker, Jerica Locke, Taryn Traphagen, 4:38.34

Shot Put: 5. Emma Kutter, 30-10.25; 11. Faith Flihs, 28-02.00; 18. Ashley Johnson, 24-03.50; 25. Emma Davies, 21-05.50

Discus: 12. Faith Flihs, 69-10; 16. Emma Kutter, 64-10; 18. Ashley Johnson, 62-04; 7. Emma Davies, 34-10

Javelin: 2. Emma Kutter, 80-03; 4. Ashley Johnson, 66-05; 9. Faith Flihs, 42-11; 13. Emma Davies, 31-00

High Jump: 3. Emerlee Jones, 4-05.00

Long Jump: 2. Teagan Hanten, 11-06.50

Triple Jump: 11. Emerlee Jones, 27-08.00; 12. Teagan Hanten, 25-06.00

Girls win four events, boys two at Britton Track Meet

Two relay teams in both divisions were winners at the Britton Track Meet held Monday. The girls 800m relay team, the boy 400m relay team and the boys and girls 3200m relay teams were all winners.

Individually, Taryn Traphagen won the 400m dash and Emma Kutter won the shot put out-throwing the runnerup by nearly five feet.

Boy's Division

100 Meters: 8. Keegen Tracy, 12.76; 23. Logan Warrington, 13.90

1600 Meters: 15. Garrett Schultz, 6:15.53

300m Hurdles: 6. Tristin McGannon, 50.96

4x100 Relay: 1. Lane Tietz, Colby Dunker, Tristin McGannon, Gage Sippel, 47.30

4x200 Relay: 2. Lane Tietz, Keegen Tracy, Colby Dunker, Gage Sippel, 1:38.37

4x800 Relay: 1. Blake Pauli, Keegen Tracy, Lane Tietz, Colby Dunker, 9:04.63

Shot Put: 4. Holden Sippel, 41' 1.5; 5. Logan Ringgenberg, 38' 9; 10. Karter Moody, 34' 7; 33. Drew Thurston, 27' 7

Discus: 3. Logan Ringgenberg, 125' 8; 5. Holden Sippel, 114' 3; 16. Karter Moody, 91' 2; 28. Drew Thurston, 66' 2

Triple Jump: 12. Tristin McGannon, 31' 9.5

Girl's Division

100 Meters: 6. Kayla Lehr, 15.55

400 Meters: 1. Taryn Traphagen, 1:04.52; 5. Ashlynn Warrington, 1:08.23; 7. Elizabeth Flihs, 1:08.65

100m Hurdles: 2. McKenna Tietz, 18.52; 4. Emerlee Jones, 20.00; 5. Talli Wright, 20.15; 6. Teagan Hanten, 20.84; 7. Hannah Sandness, 20.99

4x100 Relay: 2. Jerica Locke, Rylee Dunker, McKenna Tietz, Kella Tracy, 54.08

4x200 Relay: 1. Laila Roberts, Rylee Dunker, Jerica Locke, Kella Tracy, 1:53.56

4x800 Relay: 1. Taryn Traphagen, Faith Traphagen, Ashlynn Warrington, Kella Tracy, 10:46.46

Shot Put: 1. Emma Kutter, 32' 7.75; 11. Faith Flihs, 27' 10; 18. Avery Crank, 25' 2.5; 25. Ashley Johnson, 22' 9.75; 38. Emma Davies, 19' 3.5

Discus: 15. Avery Crank, 73' 5; 20. Emma Kutter, 69' 9; 22. Faith Flihs, 68' 1.5; 25. Ashley Johnson, 61' 9; 37. Emma Davies, 36' 1

High Jump: 8. Emerlee Jones, 4' 4

Long Jump: 14. Teagan Hanten, 12' 10

Triple Jump: 7. Emerlee Jones, 29' 5.5 ;12. Teagan Hanten, 27' 1

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APRIL 9, 2024 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

PLANNING GROUP – FACILITY USE AGREEMENT: Kelsi Vinger, State's Attorney Grant Coordinator met with the Commission to update them on Oyate Court ask them to approve the Facility Use Agreement with St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Kelsi shared that previously they were working with an organization out of Rapid City, now they have a buy-in from Northern State University (NSU) and they are helping to get this project off the ground, and this will help keep the grant funds local and more cost effective. They developed a Facility Use Agreement with St. Mark's Episcopal Church; they have a basement area that they would lease to them to hold so they can host Oyate Court and other programming on Saturdays for youth that are engaged in the program. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Facility Use Agreement with St. Mark's Episcopal Church for the purpose of Oyate Court Council and programming. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the April 2, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following Claims: Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$1,792.33. Professional Fees: Brown County Treasurer \$26.70; Certified Languages International LLC \$990.00; CO-OP Architecture \$712.50; IMEG Corp \$5,500.00; Koletzky Law Office, Prof. LLC \$184.00; Language Line Services, Inc \$505.00; Lincoln County Auditor \$795.77; Lisa H Hutchison, MD \$2,625.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$333.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,641.25; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$2,732.46; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$564.91; Women's Professional Rodeo Association \$50.00. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$659.88; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$1,150.00. Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$15,425.00; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$50.01. Repairs & Maintenance: A-1 Locksmithing \$241.50; Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$3,958.40; Big Scoop Snow Removal \$1,075.00; Butler Machinery Company \$2,855.98; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$373.23; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$7,500.00; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$280.91; Graham Tire Inc \$38.32; Honeywell International Inc \$572.48; JGE, Inc \$11.58; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$764.34; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$3.07; Lien Transportation \$1,701.25; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$622.10; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; RDO Equipment Co \$60,603.80; Town & Country Building Supply \$80.53; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$7,167.53. Supplies: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$8,732.09; Agtegra Cooperative \$56,760.80; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,031.89; Auto Value Aberdeen \$114.40; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$572.88; Brown Conservation District \$1,530.25; Brown County Fair Foundation \$572.00; Butler Machinery Company \$1,203.10; Century Business Products \$778.74; Cole Paper Inc \$1,569.77; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$305.98; Dakota Electronics \$171.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$1,989.30; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$133.89; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$1,033.50; FedEx \$37.91; Full Circle Ag \$1,571.98; Geffdog Designs \$2,340.00; GovConnection, Inc \$573.37; House of Glass \$89.48; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$595.80; John Peterson \$23.24; Kessler's \$74.03; Koletzky Law Office, Prof. LLC \$4.00; Kyle Hoeltzner \$390.00; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$150.18; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$111.98; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$53.26; Mathison Tri-Gas, Inc \$109.98; Menards \$315.63;

Midstates Group \$89.00; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$63.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$92.00; PharmChem, Inc \$1,282.34; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc \$5.35; Pressure Washer Central \$51.40; Quality Welding, Inc \$45.00; RDO Equipment Co \$28,756.42; Runnings \$264.85; Safety Service \$37,790.00; Thee Glass Doktor, LLC \$1,479.30; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$508.06; Tri-State Water \$80.00; US Foods \$8,291.21; WEB Water Bottling Company \$36.00. Travel & Conference: Dave Engraf \$26.00; Dave Lunzman \$408.00; Lynn Heupel \$320.14; Roxy Hilgenberg \$26.00. Utilities: City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$1,651.32; Economy Propane, LLC \$1,668.80; Midcontinent Communications \$174.37; Northwestern Energy \$21,443.01; Town of Frederick \$77.00; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$113.52. Others: Office of Child & Family Services \$10,646.50; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$7,350.52; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$840,777.27. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG): Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 2nd Quarter Report for LEMPG Grant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following travel request: Dirk Rogers, Highway Dept. to attend NACE Meeting on April 14-19, 2024 in Riverside County, CA. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chairman Sutton informed the Commission he received a letter from Men's Health Network asking them to issue a proclamation naming June as Men's Health Month. Auditor Heupel was asked to put it on the agenda for next week's meeting to discuss.

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

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

- Acknowledge adjusted effective date for Makayla Jenniges, Brown County Jail Sergeant, FT – effective April 05, 2024.

- Approve the hiring of Derek Hoefert as Brown County Deputy Sheriff, FT; starting wage \$26.59/hr. – effective April 15, 2024.

- Approve the hiring of Ava Wienk as Brown County Fair Board Intern, FT; starting wage – \$13.00/hr. – effective May 13, 2024.

- Transfer of Mary Jane Lunzman from Brown County Jail/JDC Blood Draw, PRN to Brown County Jail Detention Officer, PT; starting wage \$21.29/hr. – effective April 4, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:04 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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APRIL 9, 2024 – BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

This being the second Tuesday, April 9, 2024, the Brown County Commission organized themselves as the Brown County Board of Equalization, in accordance with SDCL 10-11-25, at 10:30 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Oaths of Office were taken by the Commissioners Drew Dennert, Doug Fjeldheim, Mike Wiese, Mike Gage, and Duane Sutton. Director of Equalization, Gene Loeschke, Appraisers Rus-

sell Metz, Sarah Swenson, Joe Kraft and Stephanie Morgan along with Office Assistant, Jillian Klein were also in attendance.

Auditor Heupel called the meeting to order and called for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Wiese nominated Commissioner Sutton as Chair for the 2024 Brown County Board of Equalization, seconded by Dennert. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Sutton as Chair of the 2024 Brown County Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wiese nominated Commissioner Fjeldheim as Vice-Chair for the 2024 Brown County Board of Equalization, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for Paralegic Veteran Exemptions for 2024 (2) and Paralegic Non-Veterans Exemptions for 2024 (2). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve 100% Tax Exempt Status, as requested, for the following New Applications: Aberdeen City #32: HAPI on Lt 7-8 BK 15 Original Plat; Aberdeen Development Corp. on Lt 2 Safeguard/ADC SD (Industrial Park) and N 12.5' of E 47'4" Lt 10 & E 47'4" Lt 11-12 BK 38 Bennett & Thomas ADD; Avera St. Luke's Mother Joseph Manor on Lt 1 Mother Joseph Manor ADD (S 732' of W 366' Highlands OL 3 SE 12-123-64); Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church on Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery NW ADD EX OL 1 N 1/2 18-123-63 (4.30 AC +/-); TDAF/Tom Aman on Lt 1 Blackstone 2nd SD (2.48 AC) (RR ROW); and First Reformed Church of Aberdeen on N 40' Lt 7 Lawsons RPL Bk 10 Woolverton ADD. Groton City #33: Groton Community Historical Society on Lt 7B Groton Historical Jail ADD (Lt 7 BK 3 Orig Plat Groton. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve partial Tax-Exempt Status for the following applications: Aberdeen City #32 - ACT 2 INC. 63% on #2 Midwest Capitol Project of LT 10-12 BK 27 1st ADD; 63% on #3 Midwest Capitol Project on LT 13-18 BK 27 1st ADD EX Mezzanine Hallway Unit 3; 63% on Mezzanine Storage Unit 4A, #4 Midwest Capitol Project of LT 13-18 BK 27 1st ADD; Aldersgate Parking, LLC 33% on LT 12-13 BK 29 SD of LT 4-5 BK 29 ADD & LT 12-13 BK 29 2ND ADD; Avera St. Luke's, 32.03% on LT 4 Hagerty & Lloyds 3RD SD SE 13-123-64; 40% on LT 3 Avera Land-O-Lakes 2ND SD (B72 H&L & OL 2 Lanes); 76.94% on Lot 1 Avera Land-O-Lakes 2ND SD; 28.35% on Lot 2 Avera Land-O-Lakes 2ND SD; 99.28% on LT 1 Avera St. Luke's ADD (B86, 87 & 96 H&L ETC); 78.2% on LT 1 Avera St. Luke's 2ND SD (BK 73 & 82 H&L); 82.7% on LT 1 Avera St. Luke's 2ND SD (BK 73 & 82 H&L); 28.35% on Portion of BK 83 Hagerty & Lloyd ADD & ETC. (See ROD for full legal description). Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #590 80% on LT 1-8 & ALL of VAC ALLEY BLK 54 2ND ADDN. Yelduz Temple 90% on LT 1 Yelduz Corner SD (LT 1-3 BK 50 2ND ADD). Warner Township #23 -Foundation for Youth Firearms Safety Inc. 80% on N 820' of SE 15-122-64 E of RR EX HWY. Groton City #33 – Groton American Legion Post #39 60% on LT 22-25 BK 11 Orig Plat Groton. Highland Township #35 – St. John Lutheran Church LCMS (Highland) 85% on St John Evangelical Lutheran Church OL Lots 1 & 2 SW 24-122-65. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization in Lincoln Township #39 for Paul Sigaty on Port SW 19-124-64 E of Line Ext N from NW corner Lt 100 & W of Line Ext N from NE Corner Lt 100 Millers Richmond Lake SD N of Rd. from \$23,682.00 to \$14,544.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization in Lincoln Township #39 for Paul Sigaty on Lt 100 Millers SD of Richmond Lake 19-124-64 from \$530,777.00 to \$518,054.00 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization in Groton City #33 for Wendy Cooper on Lt 2-3 BK 13 Orig Plat Groton from \$306,582.00 to \$270,649.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization in Ravinia Township #34 for Alex Schaeffer on Lt 1 Schaeffer Richmond Lake SD NW 25-124-65 reclassified from Non-Ag at \$322,441.00 to Ag at \$175,337.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization in Groton City #33 for Dale Ringgenberg on N 46' Lt 18 & Lt 19 BK 39 1ST ADD Groton from \$90,371.00 to \$81,310.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the County Board of Equalization at 11:05 a.m. for 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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State University on Lt 2 Johnsons 1ST RPL of Lt 1 Johnsons RPL Lt 5-6 BK 26 Thomas ADD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption for 2024 (116). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for Senior Tax Freeze for the Elderly and Disabled for 2024 (145). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization in Bath Township #19 for Scott Sperry on Lt 1 Gese SD NW 16-123-62 reclassify from Non-Ag at \$452,779.00 to Ag at \$265,423.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization in Groton City #33 for Daniel Stadel on N2 Lt 11 & Lt 12 BK 26 1ST ADD Groton from \$57,753.00 to 42,452.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization in Hecla City #40 for Gene Skoglund on W 50' Lt 2 & Lt 3 BK 17 of Plat BK 17-26 INC Hecla VLG from \$7,594.00 to 6,894.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization in Lincoln Township #39 for Paul Sigaty on Port SW 19-124-64 E of Line Ext N from NW corner Lt 100 & W of Line Ext N from NE Corner Lt 100 Millers Richmond Lake SD N of Rd. from \$23,682.00 to \$14,544.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Brown County April 9 Consolidated Equalization

APRIL 9, 2024 – CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Members of the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen School District 6-1 organized themselves as the 2024 Consolidated Board of Equalization, in accordance with SDCL 10-11-66 at 1:00 P.M. on April 9, 2024, in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Oaths of Office were taken by Commissioners Drew Dennert, Mike Gage and Duane Sutton, Aberdeen School Board Member Duane Alm and Aberdeen Mayor Travis Schaunaman. Director of Equalization, Gene Loeschke and Appraisers Sarah Swenson, Russell Metz, Stephanie Morgan and Kathy Fischer were also in attendance.

Auditor Lynn Heupel called the meeting to order and called for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Dennert nominated Commissioner Sutton as Chairman for the 2024 Consolidated Board of Equalization, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm adding nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Sutton for Chairman of the 2024 Consolidated Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gage nominated Commissioner Dennert as Vice-Chairman for the 2024 Consolidated Board of Equalization, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm adding nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Dennert for Vice-Chairman of the 2024 Consolidated Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation to notify The Investment Group LLC of Lt 1 NE 25-123-64 they will be going from Exempt to Non-Exempt as of February 15, 2024 at the assessed value of \$200,108.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation to notify SouthFork Investments, LLC of Lt 2 ADC 222-2 ADD NE 17-123-63 they will be going from Exempt to Non-Exempt as of December 27, 2023 at the assessed value of \$3,094,164.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Dennert to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation to notify Cassandra Bertsch of Lt 1 BK 14 Hagerty & Lloyd ADD she will be going from Exempt to Non-Exempt as of January 30, 2024 at the assessed value of \$68,940.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Mayor Schaunaman to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation to notify Homes Are Possible Inc. (HAPI) of Lt 1 Brown County Commissioner's 4TH SD they will be going from Exempt to Non-Exempt as of January 30, 2024 at the assessed value of \$7,731.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Dennert to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation to notify Homes Are Possible Inc. (HAPI) of Lt 6 BK 43 Hagerty & Lloyd ADD they will be going from Exempt to Non-Exempt as of January 30, 2024 at the assessed value of \$10,314.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Kelli Erickson on Lt 3 BK4 HAPI 1ST North SD NW 6-123-63 from \$291,255.00 to \$212,364.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Kyle Schell on Lt 20 BK 4 Melros 2ND ADD to Melros Est from \$360,101.00 to \$323,659.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Luis Chavez on Lt 7 & N 16' Lt 8 Bk 21 Simmons 1ST ADD from \$172,264.00 to \$89,293.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Sutton to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Melgaard Group LLC on Lt 2 Young Railroad ADD from \$1,980,103.00 to \$1,861,400.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Northern Commons LLC on Lt 1 Corrective McDonald 2ND CONS ADD from \$1,898,573.00 to \$1,802,300.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for East Briar Commons LLC on Lt 1 East Briar ADD from \$4,547,807.00 to \$4,133,100.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for State Street Commons LLC on Lt 1 Old Parks & Recreation ADD from \$2,677,268.00 to \$2,618,600.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Teton Development LLC on Lt 1 Teton Development 3RD SD SW 17-123-63 from \$1,103,752.00 to \$990,657.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Lamont Office Buildings LLC on Lt 2 Blackstones 3RD SD from \$3,246,219.00 to \$2,844,154.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Charles Blumhardt on E 122' Lt 5 Coach's SD BK 61 2ND ADD from \$163,036.00 to \$154,687.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Kenneth Buechler on Lt 1 JC Hall's 1ST RPL of Lt 1 BK 60 2ND ADD from \$44,694.00 to \$39,843.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Commissioner Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for LSR LLC on Lt 1 Ladner's 1ST ADD & 100.45' 1/2 VAC 2ND AVE from \$320,223.00 to \$319,140.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for LSR LLC on Lt 2 Ladner's 1ST ADD from \$24,132.00 to \$20,828.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for David Karrison on Lt 8-9 EX W 66.5' BK 7 Simmons 1ST ADD from \$182,936.00 to \$21,789.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Plaza Rentals on Lt 6 BK 27 1ST ADD to Highlands to leave at \$102,361.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Plaza Rentals on W 44' of E 96' Lt 11-12 & W 44' of E 96' of S 22' Lt 10 BK

95 Hagerty & Lloyd ADD from \$138,816.00 to \$109,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to declare the Consolidated Board of Equalization recessed until 1:00 p.m. on April 23, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Claremont Town April 9 Meeting

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met in regular session on 4-9-2024 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer. Motion carried.

On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were approved:

General
JVT, phone, internet, 140.18; Full Circle Ag, propane, 895.00; GDI, publishing 36.15; NWE, street lights, 373.21; NWE, city hall, 82.99; Jason Spencer, 6 hrs. snow removal, 88.66; Charla Rye wage, 500.00; IRS, 1st Qtr. report, 309.28; Butler Machinery Co., parts and handling, 519.08.

WSSW:
Corporate Trust TFM US Bank Trust, debt service/sewer, 5461.36; BDM, water purchased, 820.80; Helms & Assoc., storm sewer design, 14,175.00; NWE, pump house, 109.81; NWE, sewer #1 power, 53.40; NWE, sewer #2 power, 19.83; USDA Rural Development, water loan, 576.00.

The Board was informed that the added insurance that the railroad is demanding we carry to bore under the railroad tracks is what is slowing the progress of the storm water project.

With no further business before the board a motion was made by Rasmussen to adjourn and seconded by Spencer. Motion carried.

Charla Ryle, F.O.
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Warner Town April 10 Meeting

TOWN OF WARNER MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart Nelson, Dave Fair, Gaylon Townsend, Terry Evans and Nichol Townsend.

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Evans to approve the minutes from March 13th, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: MSC: Townsend/Fair. Checking: Town \$404,400.65; Water \$93,765.81; Sewer \$178,627.72. CDs: Town \$32,287; Water \$49,533.78; Sewer \$27,952.02.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: MSC: Fair/Townsend.

AGTEGRA (fuel) \$141.82, Office Max (supplies) \$26.37, Warner Post Office (postage) \$9.50, WEB Water (water usage) \$5130.52, US Bank (loan payment) \$9631.84, USDA (water and sewer loans) \$2083.00, Badger Meter (March reads) \$11.10, Cole Papers (supplies) \$353.93, Dakota Pump (repairs & service) \$1011.43, Dependable Sanitation (garbage service) \$2625, Groton Independent (advertising) \$215.62, Lang's TV & Appliance (supplies) \$1599.98, Lynn Aman (CC Cleaning) \$75, MAC'S (supplies) \$19.96, Menards (supplies) \$89.06, Midcontinent (phone & internet) \$281.09, Northwestern Energy (electric & gas) \$2469, Norton (anti-virus) \$100.88, SD Dept of Rev/Sales Tax \$176.53, SD Public Health Lab (water test) \$15, SD Workers Comp \$280, SD One Call (locates) \$10.5, Town Water/Sewer

\$424.32, TranSource (supplies) \$270.31, Warner Township (Fire Protection) \$3828.83, PAYROLL: Stewart Nelson \$3479.84, Terry Evans \$107.13, Dave Fair \$62.76, Gaylon Townsend \$107.13, Nichol Townsend \$619.67, SD Retirement Fund \$524.04, Payroll Taxes \$1107.60.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
A new swing set for the park was discussed and will be purchased. MSC: Fair/Evans

The Town of Warner equalization meeting was held in the Warner Community Center on Monday, March 18th, 2024 from 7PM to 8PM. Members present were Gaylon Townsend and Terry Evans. No one appeared before the Board to appeal their assessment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

NEW BUSINESS:
Passed TOWN OF WARNER RESOLUTION #04-24; A RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Warner, South Dakota: to surplus the following City property; WHITE FRIGIDAIRE REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER,

WHITE AMANA ELECTRIC RANGE. WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Warner finds that said property is no longer useable or suitable for the purpose for which it was acquired; and finds that said property should be made surplus and sold in as-is condition. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Warner, South Dakota, that the above described property be declared surplus. Dated this 10th Day of April, 2024. Signed by David Fair, Chairman. Attest: Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer
2023 Drinking Water Report is available to view upon request at the Warner City Office. A copy has also been posted at the Warner Post Office. A link to the report will be included on the May utility bills.

New Surface Water Discharge Permit was reviewed. No action taken.

Storm sewer repair under the railroad track was discussed. Council approved the repair work to take place as soon as possible.

MSC: Fair/Townsend
Delinquencies: 8 were noted and notices will be posted on doors. Two have been shut off.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: May 8th, 2024 at 7PM at the Warner Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

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Dave Fair, Chairman; Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer
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Girls basketball player Rylee Dunker smiles after receiving an award during Monday evening's Winter Sports Award event. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Isaiah and Noah Scepaniak surprised Groton Area Assistant Wrestling Coach Ryan Scepaniak with a "Thank You" from the team. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Wrestler Christian Ehresmann smiles as he receives the award for Most Valuable Wrestler during Monday evening's Winter Sports Awards. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



From left: Boys basketball players awarded plaques at Monday evening's Winter Sports Award event include Holden Sippel (Scout Team Player of the Year and Academic All-State), Keegen Tracy (Most Improved Player of the Year), Ryder Johnson (Third Team NEC All-Conference) and Lane Tietz (Offensive Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player of the Year, First Team NEC All-Conference, First Team All-State). Not pictured is Jacob Zak, who was named Defensive Player of the Year and Second Team NEC All-Conference. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Wrestler Liza Krueger received the Most Valuable Female Wrestler Award, NEC Conference Champion and All-Area Wrestling Team honors. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



From left: Spirit of Su winners Cadence Feist, Shea Jandel, Anna Bisbee, Hannah Monson, Breslyn Jeschke, Emma Schinkel, Abby Jensen and Paisley Mitchell post with medals awarded to them during Monday evening's Winter Sports Award event. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Back row from left: Groton Area wrestling award winners include Christian Ehresmann (Most Valuable Male Wrestler, NEC Conference Champion and All-Area Wrestling Team), Korbin Kucker (Most Inspirational and Region Champion), Karter Moody (First Year Wrestler), Gavin Englund (Most Improved Wrestler), Charlie Frost (First Year Wrestler), Walker Zoellner (Hardest Worker). Front row awardees include Liza Krueger (Most Valuable Female Wrestler, NEC Conference Champion and All-Area Wrestling Team), Donavan Block (JH Most Valuable Wrestler) and Wyatt Hagen (Most Dedicated). (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

City Officials from Bowdle, Groton, Elected to District Offices for SD Municipal League



Rick Boschee, Bowdle, is chairman of District 6 and Brian Bahr, Groton, is vice chairman. (Courtesy Photo)

GROTON, S.D. – A group of approximately 50 municipal officials representing 8 cities gathered at the South Dakota Municipal League's annual District 6 Meeting, held in Groton on April 10, 2024.

Harry Weller, SDML President and Mayor of Kadoka, discussed the direction and future of the Municipal League with the group. Sara Rankin, South Dakota Municipal League Interim Executive Director, spoke about the outcome of the 2024 Legislative Session and the effect new laws will have on South Dakota municipalities.

Others in attendance were representatives of various state agencies and representatives of groups affiliated with the Municipal League.

Weller also conducted the election of District 6 officers for the upcoming year. Rick Boschee, Bowdle Mayor, was re-elected Chair and Brian Bahr, Groton Councilmember, was re-elected Vice Chair. As the district chair, Boschee will act as a contact for and represent their district as a member of the SDML Board of Directors. Duties began immediately.

In other business, those attending voted to hold the 2025 District 6 Meeting in Redfield.



From left: Cheer Team award winners include Paisley Mitchell (Most Dedicated), Cadence Feist (Most Valuable), Anna Bisbee (Captain of the Year) and Natalia Warrington (Most Improved). (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



From left: Most spirited cheerleaders include Teagan Hanten (freshman), Breslyn Jeschke (sophomore), Emma Schinkel (senior) and Dee Pelmelay (junior). (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



From left: Girls basketball award winners include Jerica Locke (Defensive MVP), Sydney Leicht (Offensive MVP, Third Team NEC All-Conference and Academic All-State), Emily Clark (Tiger Award and Academic All-State) and Rylee Dunker (Hustle/Heart). (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

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Groton Area Athletic Director Alexa Schuring welcomes the crowd to the Winter Sports Award on Monday evening. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

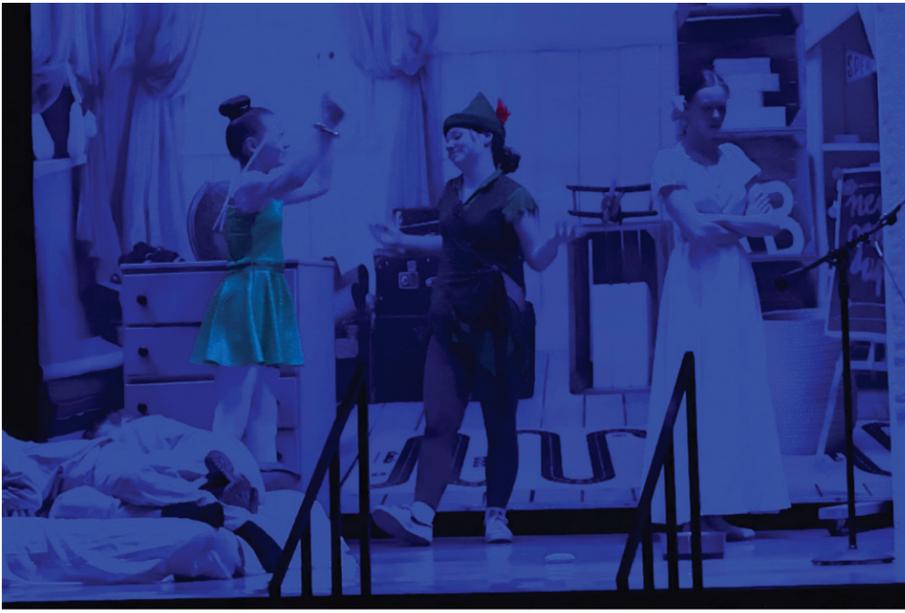
Groton Area presents, "Peter Pan & Wendy"



The GHS School Play, "Peter Pan & Wendy," was held Friday and Saturday evening. The opening is scene 1 with The Darling Nursery. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Scene 5 features The Lost Boys Underground Home. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Tinker Bell and Peter Pan arrive at night. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Scene 6 features The Jolly Roger. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Scene 6 features a sword fight between Peter Pan and his clan with Captain Hook and his clan. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Scene 2 features Peter Pan and company in flight. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Scenes 7 and 8 features everyone back at The Darling Nursery. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Scene 3 features Neverland. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The three seniors, Anna Bisbee, Camryn Kurtz and Emily Clark present the play director Amanda Bisbee with gifts on behalf of the play cast. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Scene 4 features The Mermaid Lagoon. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The three seniors involved with the play this year are Anna Bisbee as Wendy, Emily Clark with tech, and Camryn Kurtz as Peter Pan. (Courtesy Photo)



The wind has been doing a number on the Groton American Legion fence. The extreme wind did this damage this morning. A wind gust of 47 mph was recorded earlier this morning. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Outage Tuesday night

The block between Garfield Street and Madison Street and Second and Third Avenue West experienced an electrical outage Tuesday night. Residents in the city may have noticed a few micro blinks as the issue was being worked on. It is the same area that has been plaguing the city with an occasional outage during the past six months. It is now believed that there is an underground fault feeding the one transformer. The bad wire was bypassed and power was restored.

Sky Warn Spotter Training Class

The National Weather Service – Aberdeen Office and Brown County Emergency Management office is hosting Sky Warn Spotter Training: Monday April 29th, 2024.

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This training is FREE and open to the public. No registration needed.

This class will cover topics discussing severe thunderstorms that produce damaging winds, large hail, tornadoes, and flash floods. Other types of severe weather and lightning safety will also be discussed.

For more information or questions please call the Brown County Emergency Management office at 605-626-7122.

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- 20 British ref. work
- 23 Homer's cry
- 24 "Right you —!"
- 25 Multi-family dwelling
- 27 NBC weekend show
- 29 Compete
- 30 Ecol. watchdog
- 32 Toronto's province
- 34 Emphasizes

- 37 Play segment
- 39 Pixels
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- 44 Appearance
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- 49 Author Bagnold
- 50 Bygone fliers
- 53 Punk-rock subgenre

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Groton tentatively continues contract with Coca-Cola

Groton residents will continue to be able to grab a bottle of Coca-Cola at the park, a PowerAde at the baseball field and a Tum-E Yum-E at the swimming pool.

The City Council gave preliminary approval of a three-year contract for concession drinks to Coca-Cola. However, that approval is dependent on what Chuck Padfield with the Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation thinks of the company's service through the last three years.

Coca-Cola has been the concessions drink supplier for several years. The company not only supplies drinks, but also two vending machines, two coolers at the baseball complex concession stand and one cooler at the swimming pool concession stand. That equipment is owned and maintained by Coca-Cola.

Two bids were submitted for the soda supply contract, from Coca-Cola Bottling Company High Country in Aberdeen and Pepsi Beverages Company.

Councilwoman Karyn Babcock discussed tabling the contract until the city discusses it with those at the baseball complex. However, Councilman Kevin Nehls said it shouldn't be an issue as the contract and payments go through the city.

The Coca-Cola proposal includes

- \$32.50 for a 24 count-case of 20-ounce carbonated soda drink bottles

- \$30 for a 24-count case of 20-ounce PowerAde bottles
- \$23 for a 24-count case of 20-ounce Dasani Water bottles
- \$21.50 for a 12-count case of 18.5-ounce Gold Peak Tea bottles
- \$20 for a 12-count case of 16-ounce Body Armor bottles
- \$11 for a 12-count case of 10.1-ounce Tum-E Yum-E bottles

The contract would also include a \$4 rebate for every 24-count case and a \$2 rebate for every 12-count cases sold. The city would be able to set the price at the concession stands for drinks sold, but the recommendation would be \$3 for each bottle of carbonated soda drinks and PowerAde, \$3.50 for each bottle of Gold Peak Tea and Body Armor, and \$1.50 for each bottle of Tum-E Yum-E.

The Pepsi proposal includes two options, one if the city uses vending machines and another if the city doesn't have vending machines. The vending price totals

- \$2.50 for each 20-ounce soda, Gatorade and Aquafina bottle (sold in cases of 24)
- \$3 for each 16-ounce Rockstar Energy can (sold in cases of 12)

The city would make a 26 percent commission on drinks sold.

The non-vending price totals

- \$27.50 for each 24-count case of 20-ounce soda, Gatorade and Aquafina bottles
- \$25 for each 12-count case of 12-ounce Celsius Energy cans
- \$18 for each 12-count case of 16-ounce Rockstar Energy cans

The city would receive a \$5.50 rebate for each case of soda, Gatorade and Aquafina, and \$2.75 for each case of Celsius Energy and Rockstar Energy.

Both bids also include a marketing support budget that the city can use for signs and event banners.

Councilman Nehls said it makes the most sense to have the concession manager's opinion. Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich said he thinks Chuck Padfield is pretty pleased with the Coca-Cola service, but Heinrich would confirm that "before we lock something in."

Councilman Brian Bahr added, "I don't think we rock the boat then."

Councilman Nehls agreed, saying "I think as long as Chuck is OK with it, I think Cokes a better option right now. I think we should talk to him because he does all the ordering and everything."

After the vote, Councilwoman Babcock asked the Coca-Cola sales manager at the meeting if there are ever special event pricing.

There are some additional support that Coca-Cola offers, said Shannon Broderson, district sales manager at Coca-Cola Bottling Company High Country in Aberdeen. Coca-Cola of Aberdeen provides two five-gallon PowerAde jugs for the baseball teams to use, as well as cases of PowerAde powder.

"If there is something else and you want water, don't hesitate to ask," she added. "We always try to do our best and support our customers the best we can."

Scepaniak heads up the Groton Area maintenance team



Ryan Scepaniak is the new head of the maintenance team for Groton Area Schools, replacing Mike Nehls who has retired.

"I grew up in Aberdeen and attended school there," he explained, "and have been a plumber for twenty years. I worked for Haar Plumbing, Hase Plumbing, and Brenner Plumbing and Heating. For the last twelve years I was self-employed."

"I was looking for a position like this one because the cost of materials, which I had to pass on down to the customers, became too expensive for most people to afford," Scepaniak admitted. "I needed to make a living too, so that means the price I was forced to charge became too high!"

"In addition to the costs involved with owning my own business, I was often not receiving a regular income as well as having no retirement plan to count on either!" he exclaimed.

"As the head of maintenance, I have other responsibilities besides cleaning and pushing a broom!" Scepaniak smiled. "I also order the chemicals and other supplies needed to keep these two school buildings clean."

"It is also my job to make sure we have substitutes available when a regular janitor is unable to be here," he listed. "I used to do plumbing for the school when Mike Nehls was the head of maintenance, so I had a good idea of what was expected to do this job."

"The best part of this job is working with these various individuals," Scepaniak smiled. "They are good people who provide a friendly, helpful atmosphere who provide a 'second home' feeling to the building."

"I enjoy this job but do have to admit that there is a very hard and time-consuming job as a janitor in a school," he stated. "That job is the striping and waxing of the floors in all of the hallways and classrooms."

"I currently live south of Bristol with my wife Kristy and our three children," Scepaniak said. "My wife works at Dakota Foundry in Webster, and our children attend school here in Groton. They are in the 9th, 8th, and 1st grades."

- Dorene Nelson

The Life of Daniel Johnson

Daniel Johnson, 65, of Groton passed away April 9, 2024 surrounded by family at his home. A private celebration will be held later. Inurnment will take place in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.



Daniel David was born on April 17, 1958 in Aberdeen to William Donald and Elsie (Carlson) Johnson. He attended school in Groton, graduating in 1977. Dan built grain bins for several years following high school and later began working for the City of Groton. He was City Manager for many years before his retirement in 2000. Dan served as a board member on the Web Water Board. He was also an Apiarist and showed many people how to care for bees and harvest honey. Dan was an outdoor enthusiast and he cared for nature, he made his home a sanctuary for wildlife and beauty. He encouraged many to come and enjoy his outdoor creation and he loved meeting and inviting people to enjoy his home. He was an avid angler and hunter and loved being outdoors. He was also an amazing wood artisan.

Dan was a strong believer in AA and had proudly reached 44 years of sobriety.

He was united in marriage with Kathryn Ann Sieh on August 6, 1977 and together they were blessed with two children.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Kathy, children, Zelos (Cheri) Johnson of Groton, Chanda (Logan) Nilsson of Bath, and grandchildren, Bennett Shabazz, Seric Shabazz, Darien Shabazz, Oaklyn Nilsson and Westin Nilsson. Dan is also survived by his siblings, Mary Lou Erickson of Fortuna, CA, William (Darlene) Johnson of Stratford, Eunice (Ken) Wagner of Ferndale, CA, Marty (Leticia) Johnson of Bayside CA and Allen (Brenda) Johnson of Columbia.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his sister, Olena.

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Storm Damage Around Groton



Groton City lineman Landon Johnson evaluates the piece of metal that had flown into a secondary service and then proceeds to remove it safely.



Large pine trees were no match for the strong wind that went through Groton Tuesday morning. A wind gust of 51 mph was recorded at 4:45 a.m. The wind, coupled with wet soil and a shallow root system, toppled these evergreen trees in Groton.



Two evergreens were topped in Caralee Heitmann's back yard.

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #21 Results

Team Standings: Coyotes – 19, Shihtzus – 18, Chipmunks – 17, Cheetahs – 14, Jackelopes – 11, Foxes – 5

Men's High Games: John Sippel – 244, Lance Frohling – 223, Brad Waage – 210

Women's High Games: Vicki Walter – 165, Michelle Johnson – 157, Emily Sternhagen & Alexa Schuring – 156

Men's High Series: John Sippel – 595, Brad Waage & Lance Frohling – 533, Mike Siegler – 531

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter – 465, Sue Stanley – 424, Hayley Merkel – 422

April 17th - BOWL OFF between 1st third winner: Jackelopes, 2nd third winner: Shihtzus, 3rd third winner: Coyotes

April 24th - FUN NIGHT! Bring a snack and we will bowl one last time for the season!

Friendly Fellows & Daisies 4-H Club

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H Club met April 7, 2024 at the Meathouse in Andover, SD. The meeting was called to order by Logan Warrington. The American flag pledge was led by Halee Harder, and the 4-H flag pledge was led by Haden Harder. The roll call topic for the meeting was favorite flower. There were no communications to report. The Treasurer's report was read by Hudson Eichler. Parker Zoellner made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Halee Harder and the motion carried. The Secretary's report was read by Hailey Pauli. Hudson Eichler made a motion to approve the Secretary's report and it was seconded by Parker Zoellner and the motion carried. There was no old business discussed. New Business was discussing the Newshound, Enrollments, and the upcoming MeatHouse tour. Parker Zoellner made a motion to approve the new business, Hailey Pauli seconded the motion, and it was approved by the members. Haden Harder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Grayson Warrington seconded it. A talk was given by Paxton Eichler who gave a demonstration on launching potatoes with a potato launcher. The members then toured the Meathouse owned by the Morehouse family. Lunch was served by the Frey family.

Submitted by: Parker Zoellner, Club Reporter

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Middle School Music Contest Results

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 5-8 BAND STUDENTS for their wonderful job at the Aberdeen Contest this past Saturday.

- The MS BAND received a superior rating from all 3 judges
- All Ensembles received superior ratings
- All seven 5th graders received superiors

SUPERIOR + SOLOS: Novalea Warrington (Flute), Hudson Eichler (Snare Drum and Mallets), Amelia Ewalt (Flute), Liam Johnson (Alto Sax)

SUPERIOR SOLOS: Flute: Arianna Dinger 5th Flutes: Gracie Borg, Addison Steffes Clarinets: Aspen Beto, Haden Harder Bass Clarinet: Connor Kroll 5th Alto Sax: Lillian Davis, Amara El-Salahy, Tori Schuster Alto Sax: Xzavier Klebsch Tenor Sax: Wesley Borg Trumpet: Kason Oswald, Rowin Jansen van Rensburg Trombone: Logan Olson, Asher Zimmerman 5th Trombone: Ayce Warrington Tuba: TC Schuster, Liam Lord. Snare Drum: Kolton Antonsen, Jordan Schwan, Gavin Hanten, Ryder Schwan Mallets: Fernando Nava Remigio, Gavin Hanten

SUPERIOR ENSEMBLES: 8th Mixed: Makenna Krause and Addison Hoeft 8th Trombone: Libby Cole and Rylie Rose 5th Trumpet: Andi Iverson and Libby Johnson

EXCELLENT + SOLOS: Alto Sax: Zach Fliehs, Lincoln Shilhanek Baritone: Eli Heilman Snare Drum: Owen Sperry Mallets: Ryder Schwan

EXCELLENT SOLOS: Flutes: Tenley Frost, Adeline Kotzer, Chloe Witchey Clarinet: Jameson Penning Alto Sax: Andi Gauer Trumpet: Shaydon Wood, GraceLynn Hubbs-Mullner Baritone: Ilyanna Dallaire Snare Drum: Wyatt Morehouse

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"Reflecting on Progress"

It's human nature to tell stories about the past, and doctors aren't immune to that impulse. The second year medical students rotating through my clinic have me reflecting on my own years as a fledgling physician, and the changes I've seen in my decades of practice.

I remember one late evening spent in the PICU watching over a toddler who had meningitis. At one point I turned and bumped into a bedrail, which came crashing down. Both my preceptor and I jumped, and I probably even shrieked. The child, however, didn't even blink. That's when we knew her illness had left her profoundly deaf.

The seasoned pediatrician I was with that month had started practice before the introduction of the Hib vaccine. As we talked about what we could do now for the child in our care, he told me stories from "the old days", when the PICU at Sioux Valley Hospital would perpetually have 2 or 3 children being treated for meningitis. Less than 10 years later, our unimmunized patient was the first case they'd had in months.

Early in my own practice, winter months would see at least a child or two here in Brookings hospitalized with rotavirus on any give day, and the occasional adult. They would be with us for a few days or even a week, getting IV fluids until the diarrhea slowed down. Our first vaccine had rare but serious side effects and was pulled off the market. The vaccine we've been using for nearly 20 years now has turned the illness into something that rarely lands a child in our hospital. To be sure, we still see rotavirus infections. It's just that far fewer patients are so sick that they require IVs.

This last year, we got a new weapon against another common childhood scourge. RSV has been a terror for longer than I've been in practice. It results in the hospitalization of nearly 2% of children before they turn 1. We now have two ways to protect infants. The first is a traditional vaccine given to expectant mothers later in their pregnancy. Mom's immune system responds by developing antibodies, which are transferred to the infant. Since babies' immature immune systems can't respond to the vaccine we have for RSV, we can't give them that vaccine. However, we have an antibody against RSV that can be given directly to newborns. We've had something similar for most of my career, but it was expensive and had to be given monthly, so we only used it in the highest risk children. This new version is much less costly, and requires only one shot.

These strategies don't teach the baby's own immune system to fight the infection. Instead, they provide temporary soldiers to wage the battle. That protection will fade, and the baby's immune system will still have to learn to fight RSV by catching it, but we will have delayed that day until the child is older, and less likely to get terribly sick.

I am optimistic that RSV, too, will become something we still see, but that doesn't cause the suffering it once did. And I wonder, what will my young colleagues someday tell their future students about medicine in "the old days?"

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Sun 14	Mon 15	Tue 16	Wed 17	Thu 18	Fri 19	Sat 20
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