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Groton lifeguard receives Red Cross award

Emma Schinkel has been hailed as an extraordinary hero for her swift actions in rescuing a child at the Groton Swimming Pool last year.

Now the lifeguard has the award to prove it. Representatives from the American Red Cross Eastern South Dakota Chapter and the community pool presented Schinkel with the Red Cross Lifesaving Award during Tuesday evening's Groton City Council meeting.

"Emergencies can happen at any time, from the grocery store to the parking lot, at a family event, at a hot day at a community pool or even at the office or inside your very own home," said Red Cross Chapter Executive Director Patty Brooks. "But regardless of where and when they occur, emergency situations have one thing in common. There's a crowd around of people wondering who and what we should do in that situation. Until, that is, a hero emerges from the crowd.

"What is a hero?" Brooks said. "...The consensus is

- A. a person admired for achievements and noble qualities
- B. One who shows great courage, and
- C. A person who is idolized for outstanding achievements.

"I think saving lives without question fits that definition," she said. "All three of them."

The award stems from an incident on July 13, 2023. Schinkel, one of the lifeguards on duty, was monitoring the lap pool and deep end from the lifeguard chair.

A young boy, swimming with his grandmother, appeared to be doing fine, according to past reports. His grandmother went to the other side of the pool with her granddaughter, and, after a bit, the boy called for help. Schinkel leapt into the pool and saved the boy.

Kim Bowman, board member of the Red Cross Eastern South Dakota chapter, asked the council to join her in congratulating Schinkel.

"Emma Schinkel, on behalf of the American Red Cross, I present you with a lifesaving award for professional responders awarded to individuals who step up in an emergency situation and help save or sustain a life," Bowman said. "Emma Schinkel, you exemplify the mission of the Red Cross to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. And we commend you for your willingness to help other in distress."

Mayor Scott Hanlon thanked Schinkel for her lifeguarding efforts.

"It's good to know we have lifeguards down there keeping an eye on things," he said.

- Elizabeth Varin



From left: Groton Swimming Pool co-manager Tricia Keith, lifeguard Emma Schinkel, American Red Cross Eastern South Dakota Chapter board member Kim Bowman, Red Cross Chapter Executive Director Patty Brooks and Groton pool co-manager Kami Lipp pose after Schinkel was awarded an American Red Cross Lifesaving Award on Tuesday, May 21. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



American Red Cross Eastern South Dakota Chapter Executive Director Patty Brooks, left, and board member Kim Bowman, right, speak before awarding Emma Schinkel with her Lifesaving Award on Tuesday, May 21. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



American Red Cross Eastern South Dakota Chapter board member Kim Bowman, right, and Executive Director Patty Brooks, back, give lifeguard Emma Schinkel her American Red Cross Lifesaving Award on Tuesday, May 21. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton lifeguard Emma Schinkel, center, poses with parents Marjae, left, and Dan Schinkel, right, after receiving her American Red Cross Lifesaving Award on Tuesday, May 21. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

I started a joke

Whew, the bleeding has stopped. Last week, I told a joke on Facebook. At least, I thought it was a joke. An innocuous joke, even. It turns out it was a personal affront to every single woman in the world.

Here's what I wrote: "There's click bait that keeps popping up. Headline: 'How do you tell if a woman is a psychopath?' Me to myself: Because she's a woman?"

Boy, did I get taken to the woodshed. Then they barred the door and started it on fire. I even got backlash from my daughter, but at least she had the decency to do it in a text instead of calling me out in public—because once in a while she needs a bailout.

"It's a joke," I mansplained to the suffragettes, and that ticked them off even more. I felt like the wrong chicken at a pecking party, if a misogynist pig can be pecked to death.

Not only was I browbeaten, I was psychoanalyzed based on my three-line joke. One of them is an actual psychologist. My understating of the analysis is that they're going to be watching me carefully because I'm likely to invade Poland any minute now. However, in the words of Ingrid Freud, "Sometimes a joke is just a joke."

The funny thing is that for a goose-stepper, I've long been an ally of the feminist movement. I don't want my daughter, sisters, or mom treated unfairly. Heck, my mom was liberated long before Gloria Steinem burned a bra. I learned to wash my baseball uniform, sew buttons, do dishes, cook, and to not flinch in public when she made sudden movements.

But with one joke, I'm forever branded a serial misogynist. The haters were actually in the minority, but boy, were they loud. After poring through a series of lengthy derogatory remarks—some entire chapters—one man noted that the content of the rebuttals sort of proved my point.

They burned his woodshed down, too.

However, I did get messages from people who assured me that the joke was indeed funny, some of them women. Because they are brainwashed, pregnant breeders with low self-esteem. The guys felt it accurately reflected their dating experiences.

One fellow wondered if chicks doth protest too much. After all, he claimed, the biggest audience for serial killer shows is women. I looked it up, and that's exactly what "Psychology Today" said. "Psychology Tomorrow" will probably revise that if they know what's good for them. They also liked "Gentle Ben."

Many guys wondered what the heck was wrong with me for stirring the keg. For one, my cajones are bigger than my cerebro. If



That's Life

by Tony Bender

there was one point of agreement, both sexes thought I was an idiot.

I should have just left bad enough alone. Instead, I got defensive and noted that there's been a question floating around on social media asking women if they'd rather be alone in the woods with a man or a bear. Most chose the bear. They way I see it, suggesting that all men are predators is a lot like saying all women are psychopaths.

It's since been explained to me that I've never been more wrong in my life.

It's a joke that wouldn't make you blink in a comedy club or watching late night television. Although I've been writing comedy—award-winning jokes, even—for decades, I just happened to run into the buzz saw of the newly formed Joke Police Force. Thanks, Biden. "It's not funny if it hurts people's feelings," Patrol Person Killjoy said. Another used the word "victim."

You know what they say, "The pen is mightier than the bear."

I like to think that as knuckle-draggers go, I've evolved. I'm mindful of pronouns. I slam the door in women's faces because I don't want to offend them with chivalry. I don't want to use the wrong bathroom so I just pee in the ficus.

I used to think that, broadly, conservatives lacked a sense of humor. But liberals are catching up, and actually they're more strident. With conservatives I get the bird. Libs, though, deliver sermons with altogether too many big words. And this is coming from a bleeding nose liberal. (The cops slugged me.)

I'm just spitballing here, but maybe we could lighten up a bit. You know, give folks the benefit of the doubt. After all, I own three Taylor Swift albums, have a pet bear, and some of my best friends are psychopaths.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

New York may be the city that never sleeps, but football is the sport that never rests. The NFL season kicks off in August with pre-season games and wraps up in February with the Super Bowl. However, with all the off-season events, there's never any downtime. This week's highlight was the schedule release. (All times listed are CT.)

Week 1 - @ New York Giants (Sept. 8, 12 pm)

This will be the first time the Vikings open the season on the road against the Giants since 1969, when Giants' QB Fran Tarkenton (yes, you read that right) beat the Vikings 24-23.

Week 2 - Vs San Francisco 49ers (Sept. 15, 12 pm)

The Vikings have won the past eight games against the 49ers in Minnesota. The defending NFC champs will look to snap that streak.

Week 3 - Vs Houston Texans (Sept. 22, 12 pm)

The Vikings have never lost to the Texans (knock on wood), but this will be a tougher contest than in years past. This will be a "revenge" game for both

sides, with former Texans pass rusher Jonathan Greenard facing off against former Vikings Danielle Hunter and Stephon Diggs.

Week 4 - @ Green Bay Packers (Sept. 29, 12 pm)

This border battle is always intense. Hopefully, the Vikings don't leave Lambeau with a key player injured, which has happened the last two times the teams met in Green Bay (Brian O'Neill in 2022 and Kirk Cousins in 2023).

Week 5 - Vs New York Jets (Oct. 6, 8:30 am)

The Vikings are undefeated in the United Kingdom but will be facing a Jets team led by future Hall of Famer Aaron Rodgers.

Week 6 - Bye week

This is an early bye week, leading to a stretch of four out of the next six games on the road.

Week 7 - Vs Detroit Lions (Oct. 20, 12 pm)

Detroit is coming off their first NFC North title and just locked up their core players, including QB Jared Goff, OT Penei Sewell, and WR Amon-Ra St. Brown.

Week 8 - @ Los Angeles Rams (Oct. 24, 7:15 pm)

This Thursday Night Football matchup will feature Vikings' Head Coach Kevin O'Connell returning to LA and matching wits with his former mentor Sean McVay.

Week 9 - Vs Indianapolis Colts (Nov. 3, 12 pm)

The last time these two teams met, the Vikings had one of the worst first halves in NFL history but managed to complete a 33-point comeback (NFL record) to get the win.

Week 10 - @ Jacksonville Jaguars (Nov. 10, 12 pm)

This game begins a stretch of three straight road games for the Vikings.

Week 11 - @ Tennessee Titans (Nov. 17, 12 pm)

The Vikings haven't played in Tennessee since 2016, a 25-16 season-opening win.

Week 12 - @ Chicago Bears (Nov. 24, 12 pm)

The Vikings have won the previous four matchups against the Bears, but Chicago has undergone a huge transformation and will be led by number one overall pick Caleb Williams.

Week 13 - Vs Arizona Cardinals (Dec. 1, 12 pm)

Minnesota's 11-game home win streak against Arizona is the longest active streak in the NFL.

Week 14 - Vs Atlanta Falcons (Dec. 8, 12 pm)

Kirk Cousins will make his return to the Twin Cities. Expect a warm welcome before the game begins, and a cascade of boos whenever Atlanta's offense is on the field.

Week 15 - Vs Chicago Bears (Dec. 16, 7 pm)

This will be the fourth time in five seasons the Vikings and Bears have met on Monday Night Football.

Week 16 - @ Seattle Seahawks (Dec. 22, 3:05 pm)

The Vikings have lost their last five games in Seattle.

Week 17 - Vs Green Bay Packers (Dec. 29, 12 pm)

This is the second matchup against the Packers and the Vikings' final home game of the season (unless they win the NFC North and get a home playoff game, of course).

Week 18 - @ Detroit Lions (TBD, TBD)

This game's date and start time are to be determined. This will be the third time in five years the Vikings have finished a season on the road in Detroit.

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Any voter may ask for instruction in the proper procedure for voting.

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If your voting rights have been violated, you may call the person in charge of the election at 605-626-7110, the Secretary of State at 888-703-5328, or your state's attorney.

Any person who is convicted of a felony on or after July 1, 2012, loses the right to vote. However, the person may register to vote following the completion of the person's felony sentence.

Any person who is convicted of a felony on or before June 30, 2012, and who receives a sentence of imprisonment to the adult penitentiary system, including a suspended execution of sentence, loses the right to vote. The person may register to vote following completion of the person's sentence. Further information is available at www.sdsos.gov.

ELECTION CRIMES:

Anyone who makes a false statement when voting, tries to vote knowing he or she is not a qualified voter, or tries to vote more than once has committed an election crime.

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MAY 14, 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 Wiese moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: none

GROW SD: Kelly Weaver and Mark Nelson presented a program update and discussed their 2025 budget request. No action taken.

Rachel Kippely, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager gave an update on the Expo Building roof project and fireworks sponsorship for the Brown County Fair.

FAIR BY-LAWS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the final adopted By-Laws for the Brown County Fair Board as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the removal of Suzanne Moen from the Brown County Fair Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT - FIREWORKS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Fireworks Display Contract with Lew's Fireworks, Inc for \$4,000.00 for the 2024 Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT - TENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Tent Rental Contract with T & K Rentals LLC for \$17,200.00 for the 2024 Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT - TRASH CREW: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Trash Pick-up Services Contract with Terry Dosch for \$10,000.00 for the 2024 Brown County Fair. All

members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #268 - FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #268. Applicant Pernell Graf, P.O.A. for Janet Graf requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for their current use: Proposed Lot 1, "Graf First Addition" in the SW 1/4 of Section 19-T127N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10952 406th Avenue, North Detroit Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #269 - FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #269. Applicants Daniel & Michelle Smith requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Lot 1 & Lot 2, "Bendewald Farm Subdivision" in the SE 1/4 Section 12-T122N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13761 & 13767 382nd Avenue, Highland Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #270 - FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #270. Applicant Bill Kirschenmann requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for its current use:

Proposed Lot A & Lot B, "Leibel First Addition" in the NE 1/4 of Section 11-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13115 393rd Avenue, Bath Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the May 7, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$1,183.29; Certified Languages International LLC \$1,184.70; CGI, LLC \$1,640.00; Election Systems & Software \$1,136.57; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$16,200.00; Language Line Services, Inc \$353.66; Pauer Sound, LLC \$32.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$511.00; SD Dept of Revenue \$3,904.63; Thurman Law Office \$241.50. 423 Publishing: Dakota Broadcasting, LLC \$1,960.00; Groton Daily Independent \$651.23; Hub City Radio \$1,200.00; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$300.00. 424 Rentals: Vestis \$381.55. 425 Repairs & Maintenance: Ag Express Electronics, Inc \$198.33; Dakota Doors Inc \$2,635.92; Dakota Electronics \$285.00; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$9,026.49; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$157.46; Graham Tire Inc \$799.92; Hoven Auto Repair \$640.85; Menards \$606.38; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$212.64; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$115.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$2,562.41; Titan Machinery \$2,001.10; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc

\$9,230.29; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$142.86. 426 Supplies: Aberdeen Awards \$25.00; Aberdeen Pit Stop \$18.63; Agtegra Cooperative \$2,334.81; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$39.99; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$133.02; Cartney Bearing \$25.66; Century Business Products \$535.37; Dakota Electronics \$33,073.00; Dakota Oil \$473.04; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$1,628.69; GovConnection, Inc \$787.65; Hillyard Sioux Falls \$186.07; Hoven Auto Repair \$39.00; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$89.91; Kessler's \$118.19; Linde Gas & Equipment \$472.68; Linn Kamin \$61.42; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$215.67; Midstates Group \$542.00; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$13,249.00; Performance Oil \$560.10; Pheasantland Industries \$766.13; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$63.60; Quality Welding, Inc \$19.00; Regalia Manufacturing Co \$91.04; Running's \$1,763.52; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$104.97; SD Federal Property Agency \$125.50; Shop 4-H/National 4-H Council \$234.50; Steven Lust Automotive \$162.05; Thurman Law Office \$6.30; Titan Machinery \$203.25; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$10,610.26; TrueNorth Steel \$47,360.94; Vestis \$134.06. 427 Travel & Conference: Becca Tullar \$82.11; Dave Lunzmann \$544.00. 428 Utilities: CenturyLink \$65.44; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$69.87; City of Hecla \$184.23; Economy Propane, LLC \$1,286.40; Northern Electric \$86.00; Northwestern Energy \$3,241.00; Verizon Wireless \$200.05. Others: Brookings County \$97.50; Cliff or Trudy Bieber \$180.00; Safe Harbor \$670.00; SD Assoc of County Officials \$768.00; SD Dept of

Agriculture & Natural Resources \$4,261.62; SD Dept of Revenue \$812,338.56; WEX Health Inc \$3,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

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

• Resignation of Penny Hart, Brown County State's Attorney Administrative Coordinator, full-time - effective June 30, 2024.

• Employment ending for Beth Torrence, Brown County Communications Officer, full-time - effective May 7, 2024.

• Hiring of Emily Bockorny as Brown County Museum Summer Intern, full-time; starting wage \$13.50/hour - effective May 20, 2024.

• Hiring of Spencer Hunstad as Brown County Fairgrounds seasonal worker; starting wage \$14.50/hour - effective May 20, 2024.

• Governor granted State holiday off: Friday, July 5th, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following Lease Agreements: Brown County 4-H for lease of the Akkerman Open Horse Arena on July 5-7, 2024 for the Hub City 4-H Rodeo; Brown County 4-H for lease of the Hog & Sheep Barn on June 7-8, 2024 for the Hub City Dairy Goat Show; 4-H Horse Club for the lease of Akkerman Arena on June 18, 2024; Aberdeen Area Horsemen's Association for lease of the Akkerman Open Horse Arena on June 2, June 23, July 14, August 4,

and August 17, 2024; Aberdeen Downtown Association for lease of one 12'x30' portable stage and 6 picnic tables on June 20, July 25, and August 22, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Karly Winter, State's Attorney to attend Prosecuting the Impaired Driver Conference/State's Attorney's Conference on April 30-May 3, 2024 in Deadwood, SD; Aaron Walberg and Jesse Milbrandt, Veteran's Services to attend SD-DVA Annual Benefit School on September 3-5, 2024 in Sioux Falls, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PRIMARY ELECTION WORKERS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the Primary Election workers as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Legal and Contracts 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 Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:08 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Janel Hettich, Brown County Chief Deputy Auditor

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June 4, 2024	South Dakota	Brown County
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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 in all the vote centers in Brown County.

The election polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Central Time on the day of the election.

The Vote Centers in Brown County are as follows:

- In Aberdeen City:
• AmericInn Event Center
• Best Western Ramkota Convention Center
• Brown County Courthouse Community Room
Rural Sites are as follows:
• Claremont City Hall
• Columbia Legion
• Frederick Community Center
• Groton Community Center
• Hecla Community Center
• Stratford Community Center
• Warner Community Center
• Westport Community Center

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the Brown County

Auditors Office at 605-626-7110 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Lynn Heupel, County Auditor Brown County, SD

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wage EBL \$90.27; Badger Meter fees Swr \$134.92; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$76.96; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,723; DRN Readitech service FO \$21.04; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$915.95; Farmer's Union Oil propane EBL \$265.22; FDC Econ Devlp \$1200; Frederick Athletic Assoc. grant BP \$3,000; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; J. Koster's wage Gen'l \$46.17; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,443.04; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$325.01; M. Cox wage EBL \$601.29; M. Heine wage FO \$1,195.64; Metering & Technology supplies Wtr \$464.88; O. Morlock cleaning CC \$53.10; R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr \$230.87; R. Bakeberg wage Cmty \$253.96; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$65.78; VISA postage, supplies Gen'l \$173.95; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$4,988.03; Main St Checks Gen'l \$74

OLD BUSINESS
Scott Campbell provided a util-

King Crossword - Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

Word search grid with letters and a small illustration of a person.

ity report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's report from patrolling the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve bid from Jensen Rock & Sand in the amount of \$82,182.10 to patch and crack seal the road on 3rd Ave made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. The city received funding from the SD Community Foundation for Wayside Cemetery for which the city is a passthrough agent; The money has been forwarded to Alpha Circle to be directed to Wayside Cemetery. There has been a resident complaint about an unkept property and the board will be sending them a notice. Troy

Millard renewed his position on the board for a three-year term; he read and signed his Oath of Office. The meeting was turned over to Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine. The nominations for Chairman were opened followed by a nomination of Campbell by Millard. Motion to end nominations made by Millard/Kosters (by phone). After a vote, Campbell remains Chairman. The official depository is to remain First National Bank of Frederick with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried with Campbell abstaining. The official newspaper is to remain the Groton Independent with a motion by Millard/Campbell; mo-

tion carried. Motion by Campbell to designate Kim Dorsett as city attorney. Motion to cease nominations made by Millard/Kosters; motion carried with ayes by all. The meeting was turned back over to be led by Campbell at this time. Manny Shellito discussed his plans for removing the old trailer houses from his property. He stated that both will be removed by August of 2024.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 5 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Campbell at 7:51 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine Assistant Finance

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN)))) SS IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT A&N 23-104 NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP HEARING

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF S.W.M., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING PHOEBE ROSE WHITE MAGPIE AND EUGENE TRACY, RESPONDENTS.

TO: Phoebe Write Magpie Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a Guardianship Hearing on the 11th day of June 2024, at the hour of 11:15 am of said day, before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Dated this 15th day of May, 2024.

Karla Nelson, Deputy Brown County States Attorney Published May 22, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$11.04 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 23313



City of Frederick May 8, 2024 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, May 8, 2024 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Troy Millard, Board member Jeff Kosters briefly by phone, and Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine. Also attending the meeting were Manny Shellito and Clifford Johnson.

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

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,679; Aberdeen Asphalt snow removal Sts \$1,017.50; Alpha Circle grant Cmty \$4,998.65; Ashley Gunter

June 4, 2024 South Dakota Brown County SAMPLE COMBINED REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT. Includes instructions to the voter and candidate lists for State Senator, State Representative, and County Commissioner.

Sewer rates increasing, soccer field issues discussed

Sewer utility rates are on the rise. The City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 776, which would remove the current base rate, add a minimum \$20 charge per month and change the usage charge to \$5 a month for every 1,000 gallons used.

A household using 4,000 gallons per month (an average for Groton) would see a \$13.50 increase in their bill each month, said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich.

The increase is geared at raising funds for sewer system improvements and maintenance. The increased rate is also required in order to receive some state and federal funding.

"It might be a little tough on everybody, but we're going to have to do this," said Mayor Scott Hanlon.

Another rate will be discussed late this year, Heinrich said. At that point, city officials will have a better idea about how much money would be required for sewer system improvements.

Soccer field concerns discussed

Representatives from the Groton Soccer Association and Groton Area School District discussed the city's lease agreement at the soccer field near the baseball complex on the west side of town.

"We wanted to talk through not only the agreement, but that area in general," said Becah Fliehs, president of the Groton Soccer Association. "That shed is starting to fall apart. There's exposed nails. The floor is starting to get holes."

The storage building/concession stand needs work, and there are other issues too, she said. Currently there is no main entrance to the soccer complex. And people have to cross the street or even head down to the baseball complex to go to the bathroom.

Some ideas were volleyed around, including bringing out portable toilets or moving the baseball complex concession stand to the soccer fields when a new one is built at the baseball fields.

The fate of the current baseball concession stand has been in discussion for more than a year. One idea was to bring the current building out to the airport.

However, that idea was brought into question. "I would see this is a bigger cause than the airport," said Councilman Kevin Nehls. "This is for the kids. This is for the program."

Another idea was to partner with the high school's shop class to build a new structure that would work for both the soccer association

and school teams.

"We have such nice facilities for our other sports program" Fliehs said. "It would be nice to bring soccer along."

Soccer association Vice President Whitney Sombke clarified next steps for the soccer fields, including discussion with the Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation.

Council receives code enforcement updates

The council received an updated on code enforcement efforts undertaken this year.

Groton code enforcer Dennis "Mike" Olson said he's been getting really good compliance after sending notices of code violations to area residents.

Letters were sent starting in March for various issues, including foundation issues, junk on property, house repairs, painting problems, missing windows and more.

Some have already made changes to bring their properties into compliance with city code, Olson said. For those who haven't they will receive a final notice after the date their issue should be fixed. If needed, junk or vehicles will be towed or fences will be repaired at the owner's expense.

Councilman Brian Bahr said "it would be a lot cheaper to get into compliance than otherwise."

A couple of specific issues were discussed, including the fence and lawn at Dollar General and a piece of property some have complained about to the council.

Some code issues will still be taken care of by the city, including lawns that have overgrown. The city currently takes action about two days after the property owner is notified.

- About 300 feet of curb and gutter will soon be replaced. Public Works Coordinator Terry Herron presented a bid he had received for work beside the catholic church. "It needs to be done," he said. The bid came in at \$35,300, though the city budget only includes \$30,000 for that type of work this year. Council members gave the go-ahead for the project, including the extra \$5,300 above the budget amount.

- The City Council approved new rubble site fees. The changes will add a non-residential fee for those who do not receive Groton city utility services. All those with semis and side dumps will also be charged \$100 per load regardless of which permit they have.

- The Council approved a special event alcohol license for four days at the Groton Baseball Complex. People will be able to bring their own beer to amateur baseball games on June 9, June 23, July 7 and July 24. Beer will not be allowed if little league or softball games are taking place.

- Elizabeth Varin

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Groton Youth Baseball Teams Make Clean Sweep at the Spring League Tournament



U12 Gray

In back, left to right, are coaches L-R, Matt Locke, Ryan Schelle, Jason Hill, Cody Hanten, Jarett Zimmerman; Kids back row L-R, Drew Fjeldheim, Asher Zimmerman, Easton Larson, Trayce Schelle, Gavin Hanten, Rylan Blackwood; Front row L-R, Hank Hill, Graham Rose, Mason Locke, Blake Malsam, Knox Mulder.



U10 Green

Coaches L-R, Pat Krause, Eric Moody, Tigh Flihs, Rich Flihs, Travis Kurth; Back row kids L-R, Keenan Moody, Hank Flihs, Greyson Warrington, Adam Flihs, McCormick Hoffman, Jeremiah Yeigh, Rae Flihs; Front row L-R, Titan Johnson, Hayden Hubbard, Boston Kurth, Brody Zimmerman, Micah Krause, Jack Schuelke, Calvin Locke.



U8 Navy

Coaches L-R, Jeremy Iverson, Tigh Flihs, Mitch Locke, Rich Flihs; Back row kids L-R, Quinton Ronning, Samuel Flihs, Freddy Cole, Jagger Penning, Braxten Sombke, Nolan Rose, Mavrik Severson, Saylor Gilchrist; Front row L-R, Dayton Gonsoir, Bo Flihs, Landon Locke, Kroy Khali, Bennett Iverson, Holden Hubbard, Briggs Sperry; not pictured is Gauge Johnson.



Helping to prepare the Veterans Circle at the Groton Union Cemetery for the Memorial Day. (L-R) Rylan and Emery Blackwood. Both grandchildren of Bruce Babcock, Groton American Legion. (Photo

by Bruce Babcock)

Queen of Hearts

The 11th week of the Queen of Hearts drawing was held Thursday night. The jackpot was \$16,386. Ticket sales for the week were \$1,795 with 10 percent of that as a consolation prize. Shelly Lerew got the consolation prize of \$179. Her number was 18 with the Queen of Clubs.

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Faith Traphagen: 4x800m Relay, Sprint Medley Relay
Emma Kutter: Shot Put
Rylee Dunker: 4x100m Relay, 4x200m Relay, Sprint Medley Relay
Jerica Locke: 4x100m Relay, 4x200m Relay, 4x400m Relay, Sprint Medley Relay
Taryn Traphagen: 4x800m Relay, 4x400m Relay, 400m Dash
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By David Adler

The Court's Commitment to Equal Protection Became Real and Urgent in Brown, 70 Years Ago

On May 17, 1954—70 years ago this past week—the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a landmark ruling in *Brown v. Bd. of Education*, that marked its historic first full step toward securing the nation's commitment to equal protection of the law for all Americans. As Justice Stanley Reed, a southerner

from Kentucky who made the courageous decision to reject his region's sentiments on race to form the Court's unanimous 9-0 ruling, told one of his law clerks, "if it was not the most important decision in the history of the Court, it was very close."

In *Brown*, the Court struck down segregation in public schools as a violation of the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection. While the decision dealt only with the constitutionality of segregation in public schools, because that was the sole issue before the Court, the ruling provided the foundation for the Court over the next decade to hold unconstitutional laws that provided for segregation in public places across the nation, including public beaches, municipal golf courses and other recreational facilities, public buildings, housing, transportation and restaurants. By 1963, it was possible for the Court to say, "it is no longer open to question that a State may not constitutionally require segregation of public facilities."

Segregation had been upheld by the Supreme Court in 1896, in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, despite the clear language in the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment that forbade states from making or enforcing laws that denied the equal protection of the laws. The *Plessy* Court had declared that "separate but equal" facilities for Blacks and whites did not violate the Equal Protection Clause. The practice of segregation was intended to keep Black Americans in a status of inferiority-- philosophically, legally and psychologically.

Segregation violated the essential guarantee of the Declaration of Independence, which President Abraham Lincoln justly regarded as the "sheet anchor of the republic." The central tenet of the Declaration, "that all men are created equal," which Lincoln characterized as an aspiration for legal equality, to be fulfilled when the nation reached a degree of maturity and commitment to equal protection of the laws, could not be squared with the practice of segregation. This philosophical mantra of the nation found expression in the 14th Amendment's trumpet call for legal equality. From a psychological standpoint, segregation was devastating. As Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote for the Court in *Brown*, segregated schools could not provide equal educational opportunities. The same was true for children in public schools. "To separate them from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in a community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone."

The drama surrounding the *Brown* decision had built to a fever pitch on May 17. Inside the Supreme Court, the curtain behind the bench parted at noon, precisely, and the Justices, adhering to a tradition, decades old, followed the Chief Justice and filed to their seats on the high bench which, that day, was the focal point of the nation's attention. Chief Justice Warren recounted years later, "As we Justices marched into the courtroom on that day, there was a tenseness that I have not seen equaled before or since." Anticipation of the Court's ruling was marked by those citizens who, days earlier, had begun forming long lines outside the Court, hoping to fill the few seats available to the public. Those in the courtroom knew something important was coming. For one thing, all the Justices' wives were present, which rarely occurs except on historic occasions. For another, Justice Robert H. Jackson was present. The ailing Justice, visited in the hospital that morning by Chief Justice Warren, insisted on attending Court that day, as Warren said, "to demonstrate our solidarity."

Chief Justice Warren read the entire opinion, something the Court reserves for historic decisions with far-reaching implications for the country. When Warren declared, "We conclude unanimously that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has not place," a surge of emotion swept across the courtroom. Until that moment, neither the press nor the public had any idea that the Court had "unanimously" decided to strike down segregation in public schools. Reporters bolted from their seats and sprinted to the bank of telephones on the wall outside the chambers to inform editors of the Court's historic decision. At 1:20 p.m., on May 17, 1954, American law had changed forever.

David Adler is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality and civic education. This column is made possible with the support of the South Dakota Humanities Council, South Dakota NewsMedia Association and this newspaper.

Fourth Week Trap Shoot

The fourth week of the Trap Shoot League scores have been released with two Groton Area shooters having perfect scores. Turner Thompson and Payton Mitchell both had perfect scores for the second consecutive week. Ashton Holmes also had a perfect score as the trio are the leaders for the week.

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HOLMES, ASHTON	25	25	50
MITCHELL, PAYTON	25	25	50
FLIEHS, FAITH	25	23	48
FEIST, CADENCE	24	23	47
KAMPA, JAEGER	22	25	47
MITCHELL, PAISLEY	23	24	47
MOREHOUSE, WESLEY	24	23	47
SCEPANIAC, ISIAIAH	19	25	44
POWERS-DINGER, MICHAEL	24	20	44
THOMPSON, TARYN	20	23	43
KAMPA, TRISTAN	20	22	42
STANGE, TYTON	21	21	42
SPERRY, ASHLYN	20	21	41
WAMBACH, BRYSON	20	21	41
FROST, CHARLIE	22	18	40
SMITH, TREY	20	19	39
SPERRY, OWEN	15	22	37
HOLMES, SYDNEY	18	17	35
SCEPANIAC, NOAH	17	16	33
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Dear EarthTalk: How are the world's rhino populations faring these days? – A.K., Montreal, Quebec

The rhinoceros, famous for its impressive size and striking horns, is one of the biggest land mammals in the world. Once widespread, the species has now become a symbol of catastrophic population decline within conservation discourse. But with more media attention and therefore increased conservation efforts, the situation of rhino populations around the world might be looking up.

There are five different species of rhinos across Asia and Africa: Sumatran, Javan, Black, Greater one-horned and White rhino. Species count is varied, with numbers ranging between 34-47 (Sumatran rhino) and 16,803 (White rhino). Still, all species have significantly declined throughout the 20th century. In 1900, an estimated 500,000 rhinoceros existed. By 1970, this dropped to 70,000, by 2022 to 27,000. All five rhino species are now considered endangered and two have less than 100 individuals in the wild.

Declines are often human-caused. Poaching for rhino horn remains the greatest threat, since rhino horns are often falsely considered aphrodisiacs or luxury goods. According to Save the Rhino International, 9,415 African rhinos have died due to poaching in the last decade. Another threat to rhinoceros is habitat loss, occurring due to the conversion of land for human settlement, agriculture or logging. Rapid human population growth and urban expansion have led to over 17 countries losing their entire rhinoceros populations. A newer threat to rhino populations is climate change. According to Timothy Randhir from the University of Massachusetts, "Rhinos need really unique [climate] conditions." Increased precipitation and longer monsoon periods in Asia as well as rising temperatures in Africa already negatively affect the survival chances of rhinos and will continue to do so in the future.

Recently, the number of rhino individuals has been rising across species. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) African Rhino Specialist Group, the global rhino population increased from 26,272 in 2021 to about 27,000 in 2022. Black and Greater one-horned rhinoceros numbers have been steadily increasing over the past two decades. Sub-species like the Southern White rhinoceros have shown an impressive recovery. In 1900, there were only 20 individuals left. Numbers have continuously been rising since, with now over 16,800 Southern White rhinos existing.

Improvements have not come about through a reduction in threats, but through improved



Rhinos may not be long for this world given the current population numbers and reproduction trends. Credit: Pexels.com.

protection. While there has been a marked decline in poaching from the 2010s, it is now on the rise again. Some 561 rhinos died due to poaching in 2022, more than in 2021 (501) and 2020 (503). Due to persistent threats, very few rhinos survive outside of national parks and reserves. Through conservation in protected sanctuaries, species like the Black rhino have increased by nearly five percent in only one year. But Michael Knight, chair of the IUCN rhino group, warns: "It is imperative to further consolidate and build on this positive development and not drop our guard." Some species, like the Javan and Sumatran rhino, remain in decline. The Northern White rhino has only two individuals remaining, and both are female.

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 8 Ct. Pkg. **\$2.99**

Gourmet Village Baked & Chilled Dips
\$1.00 OFF
Flavor of the Week Strawberry Shortcake
\$3.49 - \$4.49

APP DEAL OF THE WEEK
John Morrell Hotdogs
 Regular or Jumbo 12 Oz. Pkg. **FREE** w/\$10 purchase & Ken's App
 Requires \$10 additional purchase and use of Ken's App

Ken's Sushi Bar
 We're Back!
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Meat Whole Boneless Porkloin
\$1.99 Per Lb. SAVE \$1.00 Per Lb.

Dairy Prairie Farms Orange Juice
 1/2 Gallon Plastic Jug **\$3.99**

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 20-26.82 Oz. **2/\$11**

Liquor High Noon Variety 8 Pack
 375 ML. **\$17.99**

Household Reynolds Aluminum Foil
 50-75 Sq Ft. Pkg. **\$4.49**

Bakery Ken's Bakery Fresh Brat Buns
 6 Count **\$2.99**
Deli Grab & Go Tielke Sub Sandwiches
\$4.29 Each

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Telegraph, Telephone, Telemedicine

Technology has come a long way in the past 200 years. The telegraph was invented in 1837 and made rapid long range communication possible. Messages could be

sent around the world through a series of connected wires. The telegraph had medical applications in the Civil War. It was used to order medical supplies and report information about injuries and casualties to medical teams. This was cutting edge technology at the time, but it now is considered an obsolete method of communication.

Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone in 1876. By 1900 there were nearly 600,000 telephones in use. At the end of 1910 there were over 5.8 million active telephones. The telephone was seen as a tool to connect doctors and patients together over a distance. A report in The Lancet Journal from 1879 described how a doctor could use the telephone to listen to a baby's cough and diagnose croup.

In 1924 The Radio News Magazine predicted a two way video encounter with a "radio doctor" using a television-like device. In 1959 the University of Nebraska became the first place to use two-way video communications for telemedicine applications. This was done using closed circuit television to connect medical students at the main campus in Omaha with patients at the Norfolk State Hospital 112 miles away. However, Telemedicine as we know it today did not get its start until the 1970's.

Telemedicine can also be used to send radiology images remotely to radiologists who can be in a different state or even a different country. With the improvement of cellular technology, EKGs can be sent from the back of an ambulance to the hospital. So before a patient even sets foot inside the door of the hospital, the Emergency Room doctors and Cardiologists can be prepared. This can not only save time, but can save lives when someone is having a heart attack.

With the COVID 19 pandemic, there was an increased push to use telemedicine for virtual visits in the clinic setting. Telemedicine has also been used when patient transfer from smaller hospitals to larger tertiary care centers is not possible or when dangerous winter driving conditions make transfers unsafe. This technology helps bridge the gap in medical care between rural areas without specialists and urban medical centers.

The jump from telegraphs to telemedicine with virtual visits is a big one. I can only imagine what the next 200 years of technological advancements will bring to how we deliver health care. No matter how we interact, there will always be a doctor ready to connect and help you, stay healthy out there.

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