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# Groton school board priorities include mobile device use, facility planning

by Elizabeth Varin

Technology, facilities and communication sum up some of the priorities the Groton Area School District Board wants to address.

The board approved five goals and priorities discussed at a late July work session.

Priorities include

- 1. Studying cell phone and mobile device use by students
- 2. Improving transparent communication in school board operations
- 3. Improving professional development for staff related to use of technology
- 4. Developing a long-term facilities plan
- 5. Improve relationships with all communities within Groton Area School District

Some districts have pushed to make cell phone inaccessible to students during classes. Board members weren't advocating for a particular policy, but rather discussed what some other districts have done recently, including Gettysburg instituting device-free school days.

"The problem would be enforcement," said board member Tigh Fliehs.

Superintendent Joe Schwan said he would like to see increased consistency in enforcing the district's current policy related to mobile devices.

The state government in Minnesota passed legislation earlier this year requiring all school districts and charter schools to adopt a policy related to students' possession and use of cell phones. Schwan said he wouldn't be surprised if something related to the issue comes up in the South Dakota legislative session.

# **Buses on the horizon for Groton school district**

The district is moving forward to purchase a new bus.

The board approved a bus bid from Harlow's School Bus Service to purchase a new vehicle. It would replace bus No. 10, a 2011 IC Corp bus with more than 235,000 miles and a busted engine.

The bus needs to be replaced, and three other buses in the school's fleet have the same engine that may also face problems, said board member TJ Harder. District Transportation Director Damian Bahr received an offer for a new bus that would cost just over \$110,000. It is a 47-seat bus, and the price makes it a no-brainer, Harder said.

The district budget for the current fiscal year didn't include a new bus, but the 2025-2026 capital budget includes a new one, as well as the 2026-2027 fiscal year, said Superintendent Joe Schwan.

More buses are going to be needed in the coming years, said board member Tigh Fliehs. The district's bus fleet includes five buses with more than 200,000 miles.

• The board accepted the resignation of OST Coordinator and paraprofessional Kim Weber and elementary Librarian and RtI paraprofessional Tasha Dunker. Later in the meeting, the board reassigned two staff members to fill those positions. Alison Tvinnereim, elementary school paraprofessional, will be the elementary school librarian and

RtI paraprofessional. Jennifer Kunze, who was hired for the upcoming school year, will be the new OST coordinator and paraprofessional.

- Various policy changes were discussed at Monday's meeting. The board held first readings of coaching handbook amendments, a federal grants manual and a handful of other policy changes. Superintendent Joe Schwan pointed out some policies dealing with members of the public challenging curriculum, as other schools throughout the country have faced issues in recent years. The policy sets up the process by which people can challenge specific curriculum issues. It also includes a policy that would allow parents to opt-out of allowing their child to access specific material from the school library.
- Summer maintenance work is still going. Work to replace flooring in a classroom at the middle school finished Monday morning. Roofing work began at the elementary school Monday as well.
- Four more volunteer coaches were added to the roster at Monday's meeting. Jenna Strom and Carla Tracy were added as volunteer volleyball coaches, and Dalton Locke and Scott Thorson were added as volunteer football coaches. Nearly all of the board members approved the coaches, though board Vice President Nick Strom abstained from the vote.
- Sixth graders will be able to participate in junior high cross country. Those students will be able to practice with the middle schoolers. They can also compete in junior-high specific meets, but they will not be able to compete against high school student-athletes.



### Girls 10U Softball take second at state

The girls 10U softball team took second place at the state tournament. Pictured in back, left to right, are Kinley Sandness, Kendyll Kroll, Mya Moody, Andi Iverson, Ryan Hanson, Brynlee Dunker, Maycee Moody and Halee Perkins; in front, left to right, are head coach Reilly Fuhrman, Charli Jacobsen, Rowan Hanson, Gracie Borg, Libby Johnson, Devan Locke, Avery Roetelle and assistant coach Jackie Iverson. (Courtesy Photo)

State Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament Coverages Pages 4, 5 and 10



Women's Softball Team wins division, goes undefeated in league play

The Women's softball team (K&H Electric, Lagers & Dominos) won the Hub City Tournament. They are part of the Wednesday night league. However, the team will get bumped to the Tuesday night league next year. The Tuesday night league is a level up and more competitive. Sue Fjeldheim said that she has been playing on the team for 24 years and this is the first year the team went undefeated in league play.

Pictured in back, left to right, are Tonya Senger, Sue Fjeldheim, Jenna Strom, Chelsea Hanson, Alyssa Voeller and Laura Huber; in front, left to right, are Stacy Kramer, Carly Guthmiller, Aspen Johnson, Maddie Huber, Anna Fjeldheim and Rylee Voeller; not pictured are Tasha Dunker, Rachael Crank, Jackie Iverson and Carla Tracy. (Courtesy Photo)

Midsummer's quiz

Wow. There's been enough news in the last month to make your head spin like Linda Blair's in the Exorcist. School's about to start too, so put down those fishing poles, grab a #2 pencil, and let's get to work. Lunch today will be pea soup.

1. Why is Joe Biden no longer running for reelection?



A. Couped himself.

- B. Going full time as mastermind of international prisoner releases.
- C. Needs to devote full attention to Biden Crime Family.
- D. Recovering from helicopter crash with Willie Brown.
- 2. Occasional Governor of North Dakota
- Doug Burgum disparaged Tim Walz because: A. Walz keeps putting zucchini into Burgum's Prius.
- B. Smoke from the smoldering ruins of Minneapolis are killing us.
- C. When he's at his Detroit Lakes getaway, Lago. he resents Walz being the boss of him.
  - D. The inflationary price of sour grapes.
- 3. Why isn't confessed pedophile and former North Dakota legislator Ray Holmberg in jail?
- A. Trying to wrangle imprisonment with juveniles.
- this even America anymore?
- C. Giving it time to see if he'll un-confess.
- D. It's not like he's got dirt on anyone, that's
  - 4. Reason Trump is too old to be president.
  - A. Thinks he still is president.
  - B. Thinks he's running against Biden.
  - C. He could turn Black any minute now.
- D. Insists Hannibal Lecter is his vice president.
- 5. What the heck was the Olympic opening ceremony all about?
- A. I dunno, it felt like an acid flashback. Whatever that feels like.
- B. Reenactment of the food fight in Animal House.
- C'mon, is Paris even America, anymore?
- D. All's I know is we have to invade France. 6. According to a recent Trump speech, the
- only thing we have to fear is:
- A. Him.
- B. Media lies about crowd size.
- C. Debates.
- D. Everything.

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- A. Thirty-one Trump associates are involved so it must be OK.

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B. Trump knows nothing about it so it must to kick a field goal.



trust?

D. Purge Night Wednesdays will be a blast.

8. Are you better off today than you were four years ago?

A. No, I died from COVID in 2020.

- - D. Better since the divorce.
- 9. What unauthorized song did Trump use at a recent rally?
  - A. Theme From Titanic.
  - B. Theme From Train Wreck.
  - C. Theme From the S.S. Minnow
- D. Wind Beneath My Chair
- 10. What nickname have MAGAs given Tim
- A. Trampoline Tim
- B. Tampon Tim
- C. Tiny Tim
- D. Timmy-Timmy-Tim-Bob

BONUS: According to recent polling:

- bears in Central Park, he could be in the thick of things.
- B. Biden receiving 100% support at Mar-a-
- C. J.D. Vance has better eyeliner than Ru-
- D. Three out of 10 people have shot a man in Reno just to watch him die.

Answers: 1.d; 2. d; 3. a; 4. c; 5. c; 6. d; 7. B. If you can't break parole once in awhile is d; 8. b; 9. d; 10. d; Bonus a. Scoring 11-9 correct: Iranian hacker. 6-8 correct: You should get that checked. 3-5 correct: Devo was right. 0-2 correct: More fake news from enemies of the state.

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### **Weekly Vikings Roundup By Jordan Wright**

For the first time in 216 days, the Minnesota Vikings played an actual football game. It might have only been a preseason game, but it was still great to see the purple and gold back in action. And, truth be told, it was good this was only a preseason game because the Sr. also made a strong case to make the final Vikings had a ROUGH first half when the ma- 53-man roster. C. A blasphemous attack on Republicans. jority of the starters were still playing.

1 starter at quarterback, played one drive to start the game. He completed 4 of 8 passes August 17 at 3:25 PM. for 59 yards, getting the team down to the Raiders' four-yard line but was unable to hit Jalen Nailor in the endzone on fourth down. The Raiders were unfazed by starting in the shadow of their own endzone, driving all the way to the Vikings' three-yard line in 13 plays. Facing a 3rd-and-goal, the Vikings' defense finally stepped up to get a stop, as rookie Dallas Turner got a sack and forced the Raiders

The Vikings' second offensive drive gave us our first chance to see the 10th overall pick, J.J. McCarthy. The drive started with three straight runs for 26 yards by Ty Chandler and suddenly it was the end of the first quarter. As the second quarter started, the Vikings had a false start, but McCarthy was able to hit Nailor for 18 yards to pick up a first down. Three plays later, however, McCarthy threw a poor pass intended for Trishton Jackson that was intercepted.

After a six-play touchdown drive by the Raiders, the Vikings' offense showed a little bit of life, needing only three plays to reach the en-



dzone. The drive included a 24-yard pass from C. If you can't trust fascists, who can you McCarthy to Jackson and a 48-yard scamper by Kene Nwangwu. The Raiders refused to give up the momentum, however, and used a nine-play, 74-yard drive for a touchdown to bring the score to 17-7. The Vikings' next drive covered 42 yards in eight plays but ended in a B. If only I could get this lightbulb out of my... blocked field goal. The Raiders capitalized on C. Well, we haven't had a good insurrection the turnover with a field goal of their own, and the two teams went into the locker room for halftime with the Vikings losing 20-7.

The first half might have been disappointing, but the third quarter gave us all reasons to be excited. The Raiders got the ball to start the half but the Vikings' defense stood their ground and finally forced a Las Vegas punt. J.J. McCarthy came out, and on the fourth play of the Vikings' next drive, threw a beautiful deep ball to Trishton Jackson for a 45yard touchdown. The Vikings forced another three-and-out, and six plays later McCarthy connected with Trent Sherfield for a 33-yard TD. Suddenly, the Vikings had a 21-20 lead!

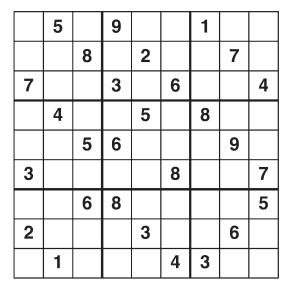
At this point, McCarthy was replaced by Jaren Hall, and the offense had three straight three-A. If Robert Kennedy Jr. dumps 10 more and-outs. Luckily, the Raiders' offense was also inept, only managing a single field goal drive in the second half. After playing hot potato for most of the fourth quarter, the Vikings got the ball back with a minute and a half left on the clock and trailing by two points. Jaren Hall finally showed some spark, and aided by the Raiders inexplicably calling three timeouts, the Vikings were able to get into position to kick a game-winning field goal. With four seconds left in the game, the Vikings trotted out their rookie kicker, who calmly booted the ball through the uprights, giving the Vikings their first preseason win since 2019, 24-23.

It was a good day for the Vikings' rookies. J.J. McCarthy finished 11/17 for 188 yards, two touchdowns and an interception, while also adding 18 yards on two scrambles. Dallas Turner had a sack, a tackle for a loss, and two quarterback hits. Levi Drake Rodriguez and undrafted Bo Richter also had solid performances as well. Jalen Nailor might have locked down the WR3 spot this game – showing fans why the Vikings have been so high on him. If he can stay healthy, he should have a good season. Trishton Jackson and Trent Sherfield

Looking ahead, the Vikings travel to Cleve-Sam Darnold, who will likely be the week land to take on the Browns in their 2nd preseason game. The game will be on Saturday,

## Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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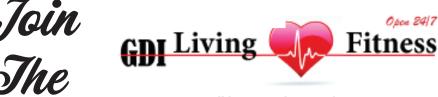
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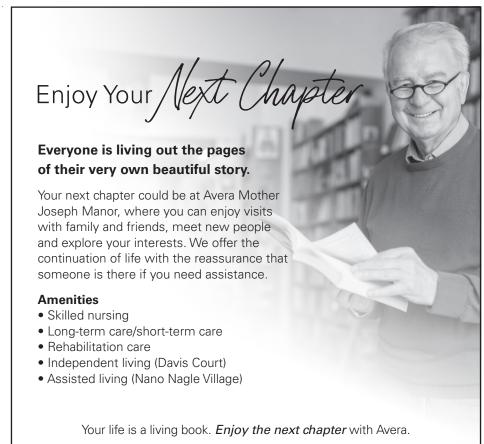
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### State Jr. Legion Tournament - Fifth Place Game

### **Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Defeat** Clark Area Jr Legion 17U

### By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 was triumphant over Clark Area Jr Legion 17U 6-2 on Sunday. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 got on the board in the first inning after Karsten Fliehs drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the top of the second inning after Gavin Englund was struck by a pitch, and Carter Simon hit a sacrifice fly, each scoring one run.

Englund stepped on the hill first for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The righty surrendered eight hits and two runs over six and two-thirds innings, striking out six and walking three. Jakob Steen started on the bump for Clark Area Jr Legion 17U. The righty surrendered zero hits and three runs over one and one-third innings, striking out one and walking five. When Steen walked off the mount, he had thrown 56

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Lincoln Krause and Nicholas Morris were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected one hit for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 while hitting back-to-back. Fliehs led the team with two runs batted in. Morris paced Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, amassing 10 walks for the game. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 turned one double play in the game.

Cooper Pommer, Will Hovde, and Michael Severson each collected two hits for Clark Area Jr Legion 17U. Ky Vandersnick and Michael Severson each drove in one run for Clark Area Jr Legion 17U.

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**State Jr. Legion Tournament - Consolation Semifinal** 

## **First-Inning Spurt Leads Groton Past Faulkton**

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 scored 11 runs in the first inning, which helped them defeat Hitmen Jr Legion 14-4 on Saturday. an error scored two runs, Jarrett Erdmann drew a walk, scoring one run, Nick Groeblinghoff singled, scoring one run, Kellen Antonsen drew a walk, scoring one run, Tristin McGannon was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Lincoln Krause grounded out, scoring one run, an error scored two runs, and Erdmann singled, scoring two

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 added one run in the second. Nicholas Morris singled on a 3-0 count, making the score 12-0.

Alex Abeln pitched four innings in relief for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The right-handed pitcher gave up five hits and four runs while, striking out 10 and walking two. Erdmann opened the game for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The southpaw allowed zero hits and zero runs over one inning, striking out none and walking two. Henery Bossly started the game for Hitmen Jr Legion. They allowed seven hits and 14 runs (seven earned) over three innings, striking out one and walking eight.

Carter Simon and Erdmann were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in two runs for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Krause, Erdmann, and Morris each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. McGannon paced Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up nine walks for the game. Simon and Gavin Englund each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39.

Jett Kleinsasser provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Hitmen Jr Legion with two







pitches compared to six for Groton's Englund. runs batted in. The catcher went 1-for-1 on the day. Seth Roseland, Korbon Stark, Tate Bray, Kleinsasser, and Landon Coyle each collected one hit for Hitmen Jr Legion.

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State Jr. Legion Tournament - First Round

### **Groton Jr. Legion Post 39** With Tough Game Against Martin Post 240 Jr

### By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 couldn't keep up with Martin Post 240 Jr and fell 10-4 on Friday. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 got on the board in the first inning after Carter Simon singled, scoring one run.

Martin Post 240 Jr took the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Caysen Soderlin walked, Gavin Risse hit a sacrifice fly, and Lyle Noel singled, each scoring one run.

A triple by Jordan Risse extended the Martin Post 240 Jr lead to 4-2 in the bottom of the third inning.

Nicholas Morris stepped on the mound first for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. They gave up three hits and seven runs (two earned) over three and one-third innings, striking out two and walking three. Risse started on the hill for Martin Post 240 Jr. The right-handed pitcher gave up four hits and three runs (two earned) over four and one-third innings, striking out two and walking four.

Lincoln Krause led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two hits in three at bats from the leadoff position. Jarrett Erdmann, Tristin McGannon, and Nick Groeblinghoff each drove in one run for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39.

Risse and Noel were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for Martin Post 240 Jr while hitting back-to-back. Rush O'neill, Risse, Risse, and Noel each drove in two runs for Martin Post 240 Jr. Soderlin led Martin Post 240 Jr with four walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, amassing six walks for the game. Martin Post 240 Jr turned one double play in the game.

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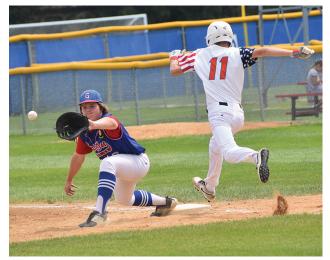
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Lincoln Krause slides safely home to score. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



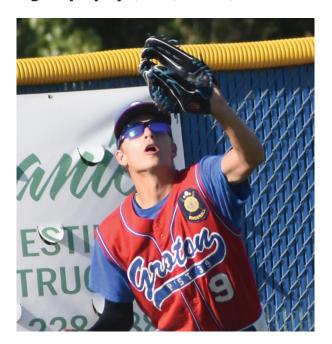
Nicholas Groeblinghoff makes the catch and keeps his foot on the base to get the out at first base.. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Hamilton family was taking the tickets both Saturday and Sunday. Pictured are Duly, Wanda and Doug. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



TC Schuster gives a fist bump to Legion Commissioner Dan Karst (former Groton Legion player). (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Tristin McGannon makes the catch in left field. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The opening ceremony of the State Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament was held Friday at Locke-Karst Field in Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)





Nicholas Morris gets ready to throw the pitch in the left photo with Karsten Fliehs (right photo) doing the catching for the Groton Jr. Legion team. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Alex Abeln pitched four innings in the Faulkton game, throwing 10 strike-outs, giving up five hits and four runs. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Gavin Englund hits a foul ball on this swing. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jarrett Erdmann was the starting pitcher, pitching the first inning. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Carter Simon scooped up the ball at third base and got the out, then threw to Nicholas Groeblinghoff in time to get the double play in the Clark game. (Photo

by Paul Kosel)



AUGUST 6, 2024 - GENERAL **MEETING** 

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING - ALCO-HOLIC BEVERAGE TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR SPECIAL EVENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Alcoholic Beverage Temporary Permit in conjunction with a Special Event for Malt Beverage License to Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area, Aberdeen, SD – Brown County Fair Grandstand - SW 1/4 of Sec 1-T123N-R64W, Brown County, SD effective August 12-18, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DRAWDOWN REQUEST FOR LANDFILL LOADER: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the drawdown request for the Landfill Loader from Water & Environment Fund through SD Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources Environmental Funding Program in the amount of \$70,046.78. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FALL RESIDENTAL CLEAN-UP: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager met with the Commission asking to waive the fees at the Landfill from August 30 – September 2024 for the Fall Residen-Clean-up. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded b Dennert to waive the Landfill Fees during the Free Fall Residential Clean-up from August 30 - September 14, 2024 at the Landfill Only. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. BROWN COUNTY FAIR PRO-

MO LIST UPDATED: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the undated Brown County Fair Promo List. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (Full list is on file at the Brown County Fair Office

EXTENSION FOR FUND-ING FOR SAND LAKE BRIDGE PROJECT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met with the Commission to ask them to pass a Resolution to request an extension for the funding for the Sand Lake Bridge Project. Dirk shared that it has been extended twice, but now D.O.T. says we need to ask for it instead of

them automatically sending us the documents. He also shared this is being switched to a local letting and IMEG will be helping with the project. Dirk informed the Commission that there is another program that we request for 70% of the funds upfront, with doing 2 projects at once he feels we would qualify for this program. In the end, we will pay for 50% of the Sand Lake Bridge and roughly 5.2% of the Elm

Lake Bridge but in the end, we have to front the funds Commissioner Dennert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #43-24

EXTENSION FOR BIG FUNDING FOR PROJECT BRF625(00)18-1

WHEREAS, The COVID Pandemic and Environmental Issues hindered project timelines:

WHEREAS, The BIG Funding for Project BRF 625(00)18-1 is set to expire at the end of the year (December 31, 2024)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Brown County Commission requests an extension from SD Department of Transportation of the BIG Funding for Project BRF 625(00) 18-1.

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 6th day of August,

Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Dennertaye; Fieldheim-aye; Gage-aye; Sútton-aye; Wiese-aye. Resolution adopted.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UP-DATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave the Commissioners a Department Update. They have finished up the Tacoma Park Road; working on

the Intersection of Co. Road 11 and 14; doing prep work for the Rodeo at the Fairgrounds; will be paving 21 south of Bath and then begin working on 12W; no more chip sealing but may be able to fit a small micro-surfacing project into the FY25 Budget.

ÁPPLICATIONS FOR ŎCCU-PANCY FOR NORTHERN VAL-LEY COMMUNICATIONS (NVC): Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following application submitted by NVC for occupancy of Brown County Highway #7 & ‡16 in Section 16,17-T126-R62 Brown County, South Dakota to replace fiber optic (installing broadband) cable. All members present voting aye. Motion car-

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following application submitted by NVC for occupancy of Brown County Highway #5 in Section 19.30-T128-R60 Brown County, South Dakota to install broadband cable. All members present voting aye. Motion car-

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCU-PANCY FOR NORTHERN ELEC-TRIC: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following application submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Highway #12WA in Section 13-T123N-R65W Brown County, South Dakota for primary electrical. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2024. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: 2720 Touring, Inc \$10,000.00; 4-H Performing Arts \$200.00; Aberdeen Christian School, Inc \$700.00; Aberdeen Karting Club \$500.00; ACBMSJPK LLC \$5,600.00; Addison K Design \$1,593.00; Aleda Tollefson \$50.00; Alesha Stadel \$50.00; Alysa Lowe \$651.42; Angerhofer Ślab Jacking \$316.33; Ann Gibbs \$50.00; AnnaMarie Sachs \$150.00; Ashlev Seeklander \$50.00; Austin Rohrs \$275.00; Bailey Pro Rodeo \$45,000.00; Becky Erickson \$50.00; Ben Markegard \$150.00; BJ Clocksene \$50.00; Brayden Lachenmeier \$150.00; Brian Sharp \$50.00; Brooke Hendrickx \$150.00; Brooke Wolf \$460.16; Brown County Treasurer \$3,000.00; Cara Dennert \$50.00; Carrie Hansen \$50.00; Cindy Schnabel \$50.00; Courtney Wolff \$100.00; Danielle Nowell \$900.00; David Brown \$150.00; Doreen Sperry \$50.00; Fire Safety First LLC \$325.00; Florence Kraus \$50.00; GBF Touring Inc \$68,000.00; Great Live Music Productions \$500.00; Gretchen Sharp \$50.00; Groton Lions Club \$2,250.00; Halley Becking \$250.00; Hannah Hardina \$50.00; Helms & Associates 88,507.00; Home Clean Home by Maria LLC \$19,000.00; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$826.63; Hub Area Habitat for Humanity \$1,500.00; Jan Zuidema \$150.00; Janet Wright \$50.00; lason Podoll \$50.00; Jean Hommel Kessler \$150.00; Jyl Graves \$50.00; Karin Sue Bartell \$50.00; (athy Novstrup \$50.00; Lisa Stamm \$100.00; Lit Live, Inc \$30.000.00; Lora Schaunaman 50.00; Mára Inc \$70,000.00; Mike Grann \$100.00; Miranda Dauksavage \$1,700.00; NB Golf, LLC \$25,754.00; Ned LeDoux \$10,000.00; Neste Live! \$28,000.00; Noah's Way Ex-otic Petting Zoo \$4,700.00; NSU Women's Swim Club \$7,000.00; Pauer Sound, LLC \$9,400.00; Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show \$6,750.00; Phil Baker \$750.00; Regina Holcomb \$50.00; Renegade Photography \$1,000.00; Rosalie Schumacher \$50.00; Sanford Health; \$1,064.00 Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$678.00; Sawyer Brown, Inc \$50,000.00; Schneider Geospatial, LLC \$1,300.00; SD Nurses Association \$1,000.00; Shirelle Stadel \$50.00; Sideline Productions \$1,900.00; Smash Mouth Music, Inc \$45,000.00; Southern Symphony Inc \$100,000.00; Sterling Kappes \$150.00; Susan Gerlach \$50.00; T&K Rent-als, LLC \$17,200.00; Tayler Wolff \$50.00; Terrance L. Dosch \$10,000.00; The Everly Set LLC \$8,000.00; Thomson Reuters -West Payment Center \$291.80; Tigirlily LLC \$8,000.00; Todd Nordmann \$150.00; Wayne Fischer \$150.00; Wendy Brunes \$50.00: Yankton County Sheriff's

Leidholt Electric, LLC \$182.08; North Central Steel Systems, Inc \$6,989.81; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$1,652,71; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$730.26; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; Premier Auto \$243.95; Sewer Duck, Inc \$285.00; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$1,657.21. Supplies: 2720 Touring, Inc \$10,000.00; Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc \$24,248.00; Agtegra Cooperative \$11,770,76; Amazon Capital Services, Inc. \$214.70; Auto Value Aberdeen \$68.99; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$691.05; Dakota Electronics \$3,045.00; Dakota Kids Pedal Pulls \$800.00; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$975.60; Eddie's Northside Sinclair \$150.00; Garrett Kropp \$4,000.00; GBF Touring Inc \$12,000.00; Geffdog Designs \$65.00; Gordy Wensel \$4,500.00; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$56.00; Intab LLC \$389.57; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$125,704.95; Karen Swank \$10.00; Lew's Fireworks, Inc. \$4,000.00; Lien Transportation Company \$125,018.10; Lit Live, Inc \$10,000.00; Magic Joe \$4,800.00: Marco Technologies. ĽLĆ \$62.87; Menards \$26.18; Midstates Group \$185.00; Ned LeDoux \$10,000.00; Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo \$1,300.00; Pauer Sound, LLC \$3,100.00; Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show \$5,250.00; Pheasantland Industries \$2,904.99; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$36.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$35.94; Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association \$27,000.00; Randall M. Buker \$5,000.00; RGM Productions LLC \$6,500.00; Sherwin Williams \$48.99; Sideline Productions \$16,600.00; Steve Russell \$4,600.00; Tri-State Water \$35.00; US Foods \$10,561.07; Weston Frank Live \$3,500.00. Travel & Conference: Austin Rohrs \$367.07; Ben Markegard \$602.74; Brayden Lachenmeier \$189.30; Brooke Hendrickx \$277.72; Carrie Hansen \$56.20 Courtney Wolff \$75.85; David Brown \$161.13; Halley Becking \$131.92; Hannah Hardina \$74.41: Jan Zuidorra 1011 .41; Jan Zuidema \$248.77 Jean Hommel Kessler \$19.65 Karin Sue Bartell \$55.02; Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute \$150.00; Lisa Stamm \$243.66; Mike Grann \$103.49; SDSU Extension \$180.00; State 4-H Office-Fair Passes \$100.00: Stephanie Morgan \$289.60; Sterling Kappes \$203.05; Tay ler Wolff \$75.85; Todd Nord-mann \$303.92; Wayne Fischer \$171.61. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$143.26; CenturyLink \$269.22; Midcontinent Communications \$318.92; Northwestern Energy \$13,928.54; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$123.62. Others: SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$4,895.65. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Rentals: Linde Gas & Equipment

Inc \$50.60. Repairs & Mainte-

nance: Auto Glass Solutions Inc

\$476.63; Gary Fischer \$612.00;

Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$240.95;

K&S Plumbing, Inc \$1,303.60

HR RÉPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to acknowledge and approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Al-

lison Tunheim: Resignation of Lesli Geranen, Brown County Jail Sergeant; FT - effective August 10,

2024. Request to fill. · Resignation of Janel Hettich, Brown County Chief Deputy Auditor; FT - effective August 9, 2024. Request to fill.

 Grant increase for Kelsi Vinger from \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00; effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025; increasing biweekly wage from \$2,466.33 to \$2,504.79.

Temporary 2024 Fair Workers from August 12-18, 2024 as

o Ticket Supervisor: Jackie Ohleen-Kallhoff - \$15.00/hr.

Ticket Sellers: Becky Fjelstad-\$14.25/hr.; Kevin Henrich-\$14.25/hr.; Amy Rawert-\$14.25/hr.; April Fry-er-\$14.75/hr. and Malerie Hen-

schel-\$14.75/hr.
o Odde Office: Connie Geier-\$14.00/hr.; Jan Erick-son-\$14.25/hr.; Roberta Dempsey-\$14.25/hr.; Jeannette Hasselbrok-\$14.25/hr. and Julie VanDover-\$14.25/hr.

Gatekeepers: son Bohn-\$12.00/hr.; Melody Holbrook-\$12.00/hr.; Ally Sheldon-\$12.00/hr.; Steve Smith-\$12.00/hr.; Kathy Podoll-\$12.00/hr.; Hunter Kramer-\$12.25/hr. and Colleen Palmer-\$12.25/hr.

o Fair Security at \$40.00/hr.: Anthony Bisbee; Bryton Black; Nick Cochran; Kyle Couchey; Pete Eng; Steve Griffee; Dave Hunter and Keith Miller.

All members present voting

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Lynn Heupel, Auditor and Allison Tunheim, Human Resources to attend SDACES Training on August 21-22, 2024 in Chamberlain, SD; Ron Keller and D. Chris Anderson from Planning & Zoning to attend SD Planners Association 2024 Conference on October 22-24, 2024 in Box Elder, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to acknowl-edge the Landfill Tonnage Report for July 2024. All members pres-

nt voting aye. Motion carried. OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor Heupel informed the Commission that the TableTop the Vote Training they approved travel for a couple weeks ago has been moved to Sioux Falls now instead of Pierre.

Commissioner Gage shared that there will be another workday for the Brown County Fair on Saturday, August 10th from 9am to 12pm. Lunch provided afterwards, and drawings given away to those still there. Meet at the Expo Building to see where you can help.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:51 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County

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City of Columbia Council Meeting – August 7, 2024 CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Jeremy Dosch, Emily Eichler, Scott Meints, Trevor Meints via phone

Community: Glen Larson Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were handed out from the July 10th meeting. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: IVT - fire prevention - 215.38; Jeremy Dosch– July wages -419.99 -; Cara Dennert – July wages– 1235.25; GDI – publication 39.74; Dacotah Bank – shop -185.19; Runnings supplies shop supplies - 106.37; Double D Lot Services - July mowing - 7298.00; Newman Signs street signs - 1214.00; Deere & Company – maintenance vehicle trade difference - 5500.31; Parkview Nursery - irrigation parts & labor - 279.84; Brown County Treasurer – mosquito spraying - 523.20; Menards -15.98; Code Enforcement - nuisances report - 533.10: Swede's Body Shop – painting/powder coating picnic tables - 2260.00; Web Water - fire prevention 52.26; Northwestern Energy Scott

 electricity - 1411.17 Scott
 Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers as corrected. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The council has been given final drafts of the wastewater and drainage plans. We will send the proposals into the state to see what money would be available to us. Columbia Fest update - Emily said it went well. They had some compliments and some suggestions for following

The council Nuisancesreceived a report from Code Enforcement Specialists. There is a residence, a trailer and one hole to be filled that have been

given written notice about ordinance violations.

Streets - Some gravel was put on a few streets today.

Parks - Mary Rousch contacted the city about donating a bench in memory of Earl & Marion Daly. The council discussed where the bench could be placed - possibly on the east side of the playground. There was also discussion about putting the lending library up again. Possible placements are going to be considered so that sprinklers won't be an issue.

Lagoon/Sewer - It will be sprayed soon.

Rubble Site – The site needs to be piled better before a burn. NEW BUSINESS - The council

was given the up to date disbursement journal, receipt journal, and the revenue and budget expenditure report. They will start looking over the numbers to put together the 2025 budget. They were also given a copy of last year's city budget.

FÍNANCIAL REPORT -Cara presented bank balances. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

July 31, 2024 balances: SF - \$ 67,059.49; SF Money Market -\$ 151,314.17;

GF - \$ 161,377.17; GF Money Market - \$50,771.93; CD Money Market - \$ 32,400.22;

- \$15,268.23; Cash on hand - \$0

Next City Council Meeting September 4, 2024 7:00 p.m. Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN ) ) ) SS

IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT A&N 23-81 A&N 24-4 NOTICE OF FINAL DISPOSI-

TIONAL HEARING THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE

INTEREST OF K.S., B.S. AND 8.N., MINOR

CHILDREN, AND CONCERNING KEYAH NGUYEN, PASANG SENL-OUANGRAT, AND JAVIER REYES,

TO: Javier Reyes

Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a FINAL DISPOSITIONAL HEARING on the 30th day of September, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. of said day, before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dated this ninth day of Au-

gust, 2024.

AI Karla Nelson, Deputy

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NOTICE OF SALE AUGUST 16th, 2024, at 10:00 State Nebraska Bank & Trust

vs Brian Dolan & Kristen Dolan (06CIV22-000424-01) 2012 Chevy Avalanche

An Execution of Judgement in the above referenced matter was received by the Brown County Sheriff's Office on January 3rd, 2024. The amount of the Judgment is \$33,157.48, \$260.50 Cost, \$373.39 Pre-Judgement interest, plus continuing costs, and interest, as provided by law. This amount does not include Sheriff's Office fees and costs related to this matter. The property to be sold pursuant to the Execution is: 2012 Chevy Avalanche, VIN 3GNTKFE79CG124632. Odom-

eter Reading: 206,206. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE AUCTIONED AND SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, WITH THE SALE BEING FINAL, SOLD

AS IS WITH NO WARRANTIES EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED. CASH IS REQUIRED ON THE DAY OF

The sale will be held at the Brown County impound, 1015 1st Ave SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401 (Next to BMX Track) on August 6th, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

DAVE LUNZMAN, SHERIFF OF BROWN COUNTY.

By: Nate Smith, Deputy, 605-626-7100 ext. 509.

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State of South Dakota Belandria 🚜 **Summons** 

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GERRY LEE BARTZ, Plaintiff 06DIV. 24-24

**SUMMONS** OMAIRA DEJESUS MOLINA BELANDRIA,

a/k/a, OMAIRA DEJESUS MO-LINA VELANDRIA, Defendant.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DE-FENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-MONED and required to serve upon the attorney for the Plain-Scott T. Kuck, whose address is 14 2nd Avenue S.E., Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, an answer to the Verified Complaint, which was on the 2nd day of April, 2024, filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit at Aberdeen in and for the County of Brown, State of South Dakota, within thirty (30) days from the date of the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, judgment by default may be rendered against you as requested in Plaintiff's Complaint sixty (60) days after the completed service of the Summons.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER PROVI-SIONS

South Dakota law provides that upon the filing and service of the Summons and Complaint on the Defendant, a Temporary Restraining Order shall be in effect against both parties until the final decree of divorce is entered or until further order of the court.

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDFR

PER SDCL 25-4-33.1, BY OR-DER OF THE COURT, YOU AND OUR SPOUSE ARE:

1. Restrained from transferring, encumbering, concealing or in any way dissipating or disposing of assets, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except as may be necessary in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life. You are to notify the other party of any proposed extraordinary expenditures and to account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after the temporary restraining order is in effect.

2. Restrained form molesting or disturbing the peace of the other party.

3. Restrained from removing any minor child of the parties from the state without the written consent of the other party or

an order of the court; and 4. Restrained from making changes to any insurance cover age for the parties or any child of the parties without the writ-ten consent of the other party or an order of the court unless the change under the applicable insurance coverage increases the benefits, adds additional property, persons, or perils to be covered, or is required by the insurer or the law.

IF EITHER PARTY VIOLATES ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, THAT PARTY MAY BE IN CON-

TEMPT OF COLIRT Dated this 9th day of August,

KUCK LAW OFFICE By: /s/ Scott T. Kuck Scott T. Kuck 14 2nd Ave. S.E. Aberdeen, SD 57401 (605) 225-5891

com. 23601

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Creative Group, Inc \$1,103.13; Midstates Group \$1,418.00;

Prevention Magazine \$280.00.

### PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD For the Year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

	Governmental Funds									
101	201	207	226	229	239	238	248	251	401	504
	County Road	E-911	Emergency	Domestic	Truancy		24/7	Modernization &	Debt	Solid Waste
General	and Bridge	Communications	Management	Abuse	Court	Grants	Sobriety	Preservation	Service	(Landfill)
Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund
Cash Balance Applied		237,946						27,350		1,693,112
311 Current Property Tax Levy 17,916,100	2,065,218	207/5 10						2.,000	908,894	
Less current uncollected	_, -,								,	
Less 25% to Cities (22,171)	(516,305)									
311 TIF Property Taxes	(==,===)									
312/319 - Other Taxes 145,300	800,000									5,000
NET TOTAL TAXES 18,039,229	2,348,914								908,894	5,000
320 Licenses & Permits	2,800			6,500					,	,
330 Intergovernmental Revenue 460,000	4,220,750	1,190,000	65,000	1,500		59,405	5,000			
340 Charges for Goods & Services 2,110,163		, ,	•	3,000	24,000		60,000	15,000		2,000,000
350 Fines & Forfeits 35,500				•						
360 Miscellaneous Revenue 144,000	5,000		150							711,930
370 Other Financing Sources	6,509,598	500,000	234,999				104,472	150		
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES 2,850,663	10,738,148	1,690,000	300,149	11,000	24,000	59,405	169,472	15,150		2,711,930
SUBTOTAL (Cash + Taxes + Other Rev) 21,386,638	13,775,855	1,927,946	300,149	11,000	24,000	59,405	169,472	42,500	908,894	4,410,042
Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18) 1,069,332										
NET MEANS OF FINANCE	13,087,062	1,927,946	300,149	11,000	24,000	59,405	169,472	42,500	908,894	4,410,042
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 20,317,306	13,087,062	1,927,946	300,149	11,000	24,000	59,405	169,472	42,500	908,894	4,410,042
		PROVISIONAL BUI								
Proprietary Funds	Brown Coun	TY, SOUTH DAKOT	Α		_					

Solid Waste Net Position, January 1 ...... 6,250,229 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, will meet in the Courthouse at 25 Market St., Aberdeen South Dakota on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the fiscal year of 2025 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 24th day of September, 2024. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget. Lynn Heupel, County Auditor

Brown County, South Dakota
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August 6, 2024

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Babcock, Wells, Cutler, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, Todd Gay, Tim Janusz, Donna Janusz, Jillian Janusz, Nancy Larsen, Suzie Easthouse, Elizabeth Varin, and Charity Hinman.

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

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Nancy Larsen addressed the council on behalf of Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. and gave an update on the success of The Pantry and Common Cents Community Thrift Store and the benefits both have brought to the community. Nancy thanked the council for the continued support of their efforts.

Larsen exited the meeting. Charity Hinman presented a business' proposal for a daycare center and discussed establishing a center in the community.

Hinman exited the meeting. Suzie Easthouse provided a recap of the 1st Annual Celebration in the Park and plans for future events.

Easthouse exited the meeting. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve the transfer of the Retail (On-Sale) Liquor and Package (Off-Sale) Liquor licenses at 9 N Main Street from Dion and Samantha Bahr, d/b/a Bahr's Jungle Lanes and Lounge LLC, to Jillian J. Janusz and Cyprus Ltd, d/b/a The Jungle. members present voted ave.

Tim, Donna, and Jillian Janusz exited the meeting.

Department reports were reviewed and discussed. Moved by Nehls and seconded

by Wells to authorize the removal and replacement of the sidewalk at City Hall. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and sec-

onded by Cutler to appoint SD FIT as the official bank for the City of Groton, in addition to Dacotah Bank. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Babcock to table the authorization to sign the state financial assistance agreement for airport runway improvements project. All members present voted aye.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 778 - Amending Verbiage of Markup Fees was approved on a motion by Babcock and seconded by Cutler. All members present voted aye

The 2022 final audit report from Eide Bailly was approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Wells. All members present voted aye

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Wells and seconded Moved by Cutler and seconded

by Bahr to authorize the following bills for payment. All mem-

bers present voted aye. Payroll, \$37,496.31, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,743.83, ; Public Works, \$15,385.55, ; Culture & Recre-ation, \$17,366.93, ; Dacotah Bank, \$10,154.41, Withholding/ SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$647.90, HSA contributions; Associated Supply Company, Inc., \$23.47, Electrodes - Pool; Chris Khali, \$50.00, Swimming lesson refund; Denise Cameron, \$50.00, Swimming lesson refund; Full Circle Ag, \$213.05, Weed control chemicals; WEB Water, \$28,562.53, Water services - June 2024; USPS, \$292.65, Utility billing postage; City of Groton, \$2,168.01, Utility deposits applied to bills; Brandon Holler, \$142.47, Utility deposit refund; Candyce Hutchins, \$108.11, Utility deposit refund; Mandy Livingston, \$97.75, Utility deposit refund; Macine McGannon, \$75.05, Utility deposit refund; Kelly Miracle, \$133.10, Utility deposit refund; Joe Nelson, \$159.86, Utility deposit refund; Salem Baseball, \$440.00, 2024 state tournament shirts fee; Julie Schaller, \$142.61, Utility deposit refund; Paul Winther, \$98.04, Utility deposit refund; SD State Treasurer, \$10,138.95, Sales and Excise Tax - June 2024; CABS, \$250.00, Jr. Legion baseball tournament fee; Clark Rotary Club, \$600.00, Legion and Jr. Legion baseball tournament fee SD Supplemental Retirement , \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Badger Meter, Inc., \$150.58, Cellular service fee for metering - Water Dept.; Avera Medical Group, \$160.00, Employee drug/alcohol screening; WAPA, \$22,614.58, Power services - June 2024; Heartland Energy, \$52,741.39, Power services - June 2024; A&B Business Solutions, \$418.97, Printer lease City Hall; Groton Daily Independent, \$180.84, Publishing fees; MJ's Sinclair, Inc., \$1,491.75, Fuel purchases - Multiple Depts.: Dacotah Bank Visa, \$5,131.41, Speaker cable, book purchases, rubber pitching mound, light block, batteries, ammunition, firearm instructor certification, water sample postage, transformer oil sample postage, baseball concession food for resale, fuel purchases, pool samples, baseball trophies, softball bats, softballs, softball catchers gear, U10 softball sanctioning fee -Multiple Depts.; Brian Gravatt, \$53.07, Reimbursement for purchase of lawn blanket and trimmer line - Cemetery; McGannon Plumbing & Heating, \$1,048.66, A/C services at PD

by Nehls. All members present repair at City Park; Payroll, \$97,933.45, Employee salaries; Executive, \$720.87, ; Administrative, \$9,487.66, ; Public Safety, \$18,864.03, ; Public Works, \$30,385.57, ; Culture & Recreation, \$38,475.32, ; Dacotah Bank, \$9,790.02, Withholding, SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$647.90, HSA contributions; Dacotah Bank, \$4,197.85, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Groton Area PAC, \$50.00. Donation for tiger paw stencil; Jaclyn Iverson, \$375.00, Softball umpire fees - July 2024; Stacy Mayou, \$239.75, Med flex; SD 811, \$81.90, Message fees April through June of 2024; NW Energy, \$11.77, Natural gas service - water tower; Spencer Locke, \$880.00, Jr. Teener Region Tournament umpire pay; SD Retirement System, \$10,915.14, Employee retirement; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router Rubble Site; Dacotah Bank, \$3,110.86, Withholding/SS, Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Aflac, \$435.76, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$14,120.45, Employee insurance; Reliance Standard Life Insurance, \$88.10, Employee insurance; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,236.22, Garbage hauling; Dacotah Bank, \$10,168.24, Withholding/SS/ Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$647.90, HSA contributions; Payment Service Network, Inc., \$204.25, PSN gateway and ebill fees; Julie Schaller, \$107.39, Utility deposit refund; Silly's Costume Characters, \$20.00, Rental of Mickey Mouse costume for Family Fun Fest - Library; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$390.00, Supplemental retirement; James Valley Telecommunications, \$837.75 Telephone and internet services; EcoLab Pest Elimination \$117.98, Rodent control - Rubble Site; Dakota Pump and Control, \$6,566.33, Pump repair at Aspen Lift Station - Wastewater Dept.; Irby, Inc., \$3,367.25, LED search light, triplex wire, tool combo kit, conduit, LED photocells, uguards - Electric Dept.; Fire Safety First, LLC, \$691.10, Annual fire extinguisher maintenance - Multiple Depts.; Diesel Machinery, Inc., \$2,850.00, 4 week rental of Bomag roller -Street Dept.; Runnings Supply Co., \$170.31, Rope, drill extension, drill bit set, battery maintainer, lock pin, long nose pliers, pump hand sprayers - Electric Dept. & City Shop; Geffdog Designs, LLC., \$285.00, (500) bookmarks - Library; Altec Capital Services, LLC., \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease - Electric Dept.; Dennis "Mike" Olson, \$1,292.55, Code enforcement and Community Center, toilet

services; The Groton Independent, \$9.50, Publishing costs; Lori's Pharmacy, \$87.00, Funeral flower arrangements; Cole Papers, Inc., \$390.42, Garbage bags and bath tissue - Multiple Depts.; 3E Generator Shop, \$451.35, Annual generator service - PD generator; Jim of All Trades, \$2,001.70, Repairs to door at crows nest - Baseball; Repairs to soccer complex building - Soccer; Angerhofer Concrete Products, Inc., \$52.50, (3) sandblasted bricks w/ names Swimming Pool; Border States Industries, Inc., \$670.68, Line connectors - Electric Dept.; Altec Industries, Inc., \$12,180.74, Digger truck remote control - Electric Dept.; Burdette Security & Technologies, \$4,249.83, Camera installation and training - City Hall; Skeeter Defeeter, \$675.00, Mosquito control services Swimming Pool & Soccer Field; Stan Houston Equipment Co., Inc., \$547.97, Barricades, multipurpose cutting blade - Multiple Depts.; SD Department of Health, \$126.00, Water and pool testing; J's Superior Cleaning, \$200.00, Commercial cleaning services - City Hall; IMEG Corp., \$4,750.00, Engineering services Wastewater Dept.; Bryan Rock Products, \$572.55, Agrilime -Baseball; Menards, \$238.98, Accessory cart, roll of 12g yellow wire, hand truck - Multiple Depts.; Susan Fjeldheim, \$150.08, 2024 U14 softball coach mileage reimbursement; NW Energy, \$1,107.68, Natural gas services - Swimming Pool & PD Generator; Lien Transportation Co., \$2,993.45, Hot mix -Streets; Spencer Locke, \$388.60, 2024 Jr. Teener coach mileage reimbursement; VESTIS, \$67.26, Rug rent - City Hall: Nelson Sales and Service, LLC., \$32.99, Mowing head for weedeater - Cemetery; Harry Implement, Inc., \$402.88, Hose, cylinder assem bly - Street Dept.; Metering and Technology Solutions, \$1,067.09, (10) high resolution encoders Water Dept.; Dollar General, \$410.10, Snacks for swimming lessons, cleaning supplies, coffee, coffee filters, paper plates, tissue paper, ribbon, bottled water, paper towels, toilet paper, bug spray, gloves, garbage bags, surge protector, charger, toilet bowl cleaner, vinegar, air fresh-

eners - Multiple Depts.; Alternative Technologies, Inc., \$480.00, Transformer oil testing - Electric Dept.; Locke Electric, Inc., \$2,900.00, Repair to 1st base light tower electrical panels -Baseball; Dakota Supply Group, \$24.36, PVC and PVC cement Water/Wastewater Dept.; Douglas Heinrich, \$200.30, 2024 Heartland Energy Summer Conference in Madison, SD - Meal/ Mileage reimbursement; Sydney Kurtz, \$344.38, 2024 U8 Softball coach mileage reimbursement; S&S Lumber Company, \$1,631.87, Spray paint, couplers, elbow, couplings, bolts, silicone spray, 300w bulbs, treated lumber, pvc adapter, hose clamps, brass adapter, field marker, marking paint, brushes, ruller covers, sea foam, fly trap ribbons, wall mount mailbox, rivets, sliding window, shims, spray foam, leather gloves, stop nuts, bug spray, paint, primer, tray liners, 6x8 tarp - Multiple Depts. RDÓ Equipment Co., \$136.93, Chain link, lift link, nut, & ring Street Dept.; Farmers Union Co-op Assoc., \$718.27, Fuel purchases - Baseball & Cemetery; Fliehs Sales & Service, \$29.97, Oil and fuel filters - Baseball; Krueger Brothers Road Maintenance, \$21.50, Shoulder disking - Street Dept.; Darrel's Sinclair, \$90.44, New tire & valve stem - Cemetery ; Coca-Cola Bottling Company, \$2,186.00, Drink purchases for resale -Baseball & Swimming Pool Concessions; Badger Meter, Inc., \$150.58, Cellular service fee for metering - Water Dept.; Hillestad Air Service, \$469.16, Fuel purchases and gopher bait - Airport; Kami Lipp, \$140.00, Reimbursement for Pool-a-Palooza prizes; Tricia Keith, \$260.00, Reimbursement for Pool-a-Palooza prizes; AutoZone, Inc., \$44.96, Battery,

headlight assembly, battery terminal, wheel lock key, battery return, core return - Multiple Depts.; Drew Johnson, \$1,200.00, Legal services - July 2024; A&B Business Solutions, \$413.14, Printer lease - City Hall; Hansmeier & Son, Inc., \$68.75, Lawn seed mix; Dakota Playground, Inc., \$1,564.98, (2) new tire swings w/ hardware - City Park; JGE, Inc., \$71.19, Air filters - Street Dept.; Pressure Washer Central, \$158.50, 50' hose, coupler, plug - City Shop; Full Circle Ag, \$521.99, Weed control chemicals; Brian Hanson, \$70.00, 2023 Jr. Legion tournament umpire pay - 5th/6th place

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:51pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:17pm.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to write off the invoice to A&H Excavating due March of 2017 in the amount of \$255.00 due to failed attempts at debt collection. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Nehls to review the Assistant Street Superintendent's wage at the end of year with the reading of the annual salary ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 9:19pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Douglas Heinrich, Finance

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### **GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6** 2024-2025 Groton Area School District Back to School Information

### Groton Area School District 06-6 -"Mission Statement"

Each school will foster a school climate conducive to learning by encouraging good behavior and citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards. Teachers will employ strategies and approaches to instruction to meet the needs of all children assigned to them. With proper motivation and instruction, all children can learn!

### **Teacher Qualifications**

All teachers of core academic subjects must hold at least a bachelor's degree, have full state certification, and demonstrate knowledge in the core academic subject they teach. For information regarding the qualifications of your child's teachers, you may contact the superintendent's office at 397-2351.

### Registration and Schedule Changes

Anyone new to the District should contact the respective building principal(s) as soon as possible.

Shelby Edwards, 6-12 Principal: 605-397-8381, Shelby.Edwards@k12.sd.us

Brett Schwan, Elementary Principal: 605-397-2317, Brett.Schwan@k12.sd.us

Middle School and High School Schedule changes can be made on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

School Supply Lists

Students' school supply lists for the elementary school (preschool – grade 5) are posted on the District's web site at www.grotonarea. com under the District Info Heading. Students in the middle school (grades 6-8) will be required to have the same color notebook, folder, and book cover for each class. Math will be green; English, blue; reading, red; science, purple; and social studies, black. The students can choose their own colors for PE, art, health, and computer classes.

### **Elementary Open House – Monday,** August 19, 2024

Groton Area Elementary is hosting a Welcome Back Open House on Monday, August 19, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Students and their families are invited to come and see their classrooms, meet the teachers, drop off supplies, and ask questions.

### 6th Grade Welcome Walk – Monday, August 19, 2024

Groton Area Middle School is hosting a 6th Grade Welcome Walk on Monday, August 19, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Students and their parents are invited to come get a class schedule and other important information from the school office, find the student locker and classrooms, and begin to learn the new building. 6th grade students and parents are invited to a brief meeting with Ms. Edwards, 6-12 Principal, in the GHS Gymnasium at 4:30 PM.

## Tablet PCs or Ipads Issued to All Stu-

Prior to being issued their tablet PC, students and their parents must sign and return the following documents: Laptop Computer Protection Agreement, the Student Pledge, E-mail Acceptable Use Agreement, the Groton Area School District Network/Internet agreement, and the Parental Consent to Publish Student Photos/Work. Required forms can be picked up in the School Office or will be sent home with students on the first day of classes.

### First Day of School – Wednesday, Auaust 21, 2024

The first day of school is on Wednesday, August 21. Buses will run and school lunch will be served. Each route driver will contact parents to confirm bus arrival times. Other bus route questions may be referred to Transportation Director, Damian Bahr, at (605) 397-8117. The GRASP (OST) program at the elementary school will be available on the first day of school.

### **Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten**

The District offers all-day, every day kindergarten classes. Children may enter kindergarten if they are 5 years of age on or before

September 1 of the year in which they are KSFY, KDLT, and KELO as well as the District to enter school. The District offers a junior kindergarten program each day from 12:15PM - 3:22 PM for students that are eligible to attend kindergarten, but are not quite ready for kindergarten. Students enrolling in first grade must be 6 years of age on or before September 1 of that school year.

### **Non-Resident Enrollment**

For out-of-district students, applications to open enroll may be accepted throughout the school year in accordance with state law. Applications are available from any school district administrative office. All open enrollment requests and related questions should be referred to School Superintendent, Joe Schwan, at (605) 397-2351.

### **2024-2025 School Hours**

Groton Area Elementary: 8:15 AM, Arrival Time (Supervision); 8:21 AM – 3:22 PM, Classes in Session

Groton Area MS/HS: 8:25 AM, First Bell; 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, Classes in Session

### **GRASP (OST) Program**

junior kindergarten through grade five with before and after-school homework help, supervised learning activities, and snacks. The GRASP program will be held in the Groton Area Elementary School from 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM and 3:22 PM - 6:00 PM each day that school is in session. Rates are \$3.00 per hour, per child. Any OST questions or registrations may be directed to Elementary Principal/OST Director, Mr. Brett Schwan, at (605) 397-2317.

### K-12 Breakfast and Lunch Program

The Groton Area School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Guidelines for 2024-2025 applications for free and reduced priced meals were mailed out the week of July 29, 2024. Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced priced meals if there is a possibility they may qualify.

The school provides breakfast and lunch for all students each day school is in session. All meals are on a cash basis (i.e. pay as you go), while recognizing the provisions for free and reduced price meals. Prices are as follows:

Groton Area Elementary: Daily Breakfast \$2.60 Daily Lunch \$3.35

Prices for second servings at the elementary are \$2.00.

Groton Area Middle School/High School: Daily Breakfast \$3.10

Daily Lunch \$3.85 Prices for second servings at the middle/high school are \$2.00.

### **Activity Tickets**

Activity tickets are intended to admit all students to regularly scheduled home activities or events, with about the only exceptions being tournaments and the Pops Concert. Students in grades 1-5 may purchase an activity ticket, if they wish. All students who participate in activities for which an activity stipend is paid are required to purchase an activity ticket as a condition of participation since they are the primary beneficiaries of the activity programs. For example, staff activity stipends include: all sports, marching band, forensics, cheer- nications, if you have a particular concern leading, drama, oral interp, DI, FFA, FCCLA, HOSA etc.

Activity Ticket prices for 2024-2025 are as follows:

\$25.00 Grades 1-5 Grades 6-12 \$30.00 **Adults** \$45 (10 events) Adults – All Events \$75.00

**Admission Prices:** 

Adults = \$5.00; \$6.00 for double headers Students, Grades 1-12 = \$4.00

### **School Cancellations**

All school cancellations or early dismissals due to inclement weather or emergencies will be sent out via the Apptegy Messenger System. Within minutes, Apptegy automatically sends a pre-recorded message to every recipient on a selected list. Parents will be asked to provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses (when available) to the school so that a selected calling list can be created. Emergency

Facebook page and website, www.grotonarea. com, and by push notifications on the District app (Groton Area Tigers, SD).

### **Groton Area Tigers, SD Mobile App**

The Groton Area School District has a mobile application available for both Apple and Android devices. Search "Groton Area Tigers, SD" in your app store and download the free app. Be sure to set up the app to allow push notifications to receive timely and important updates from your child's school. The app includes event calendars, athletics schedules, staff contacts, school menus, access to upto-date news and information and access to archived documents. NEW for the 2024-2025 school year is the "Rooms" feature within the Groton Area Tigers Mobile App. This feature will facilitate communication between school staff and families during the upcoming school

### **Immunization Requirements (SDCL 13-28-7.1**)

State law requires that any pupil entering The GRASP program services children in school or an early childhood program in the state shall, prior to admission, be required to present the appropriate school authorities certification from a licensed physician that the new child has received or is in the process of receiving adequate immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola, rubella, mumps, tetanus, and varicella, according to recommendations provided by the Department of Health. The Department of Health may modify or delete any of the required immunizations. As an alternative to the requirement for a physician's certification, the pupil may present:

> Certificate from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child would be such that immunization would endanger the child's life or health; or

> A written statement signed by one parent or quardian that the child is adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunization; or

> A written statement signed by one parent or guardian requesting that the local health department give the immunization because the parents or guardians lack the means to pay for such immunization.

> Students enrolling in 6th grade are required to get one dose of Tetanus, Diptheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and one does of Meningococcal vaccine on or after their 11th birthday.

### **Harassment and Bullying Policies**

The district has harassment & bullying policies in place in both buildings. Bullying among students can be defined as intentional, repeated hurtful acts, words or other behavior, such as name-calling, threatening and/or shunning committed by one or more students against another. This definition also includes 'cyber-bullying" which is the sending or posting of cruel or harmful texts or images using the Internet or other digital media such as cell phones, etc. For a complete copy of the district's harassment or bullying policy, please contact the building principal.

### **Grievance Procedure**

In an effort to maintain effective commuabout your child's progress or about what is happening on the bus, at school, in a class or activity, first discuss it with the driver, teacher, or director of the activity. If your concern or grievance remains unresolved at that level, or if there is a need to share your concern, contact the principal in charge of the school in which your child attends. If the concern/ grievance remains unresolved at that level, contact the superintendent. If school policy is at issue or if the concern grievance remains unresolved, you may request that the superintendent include the subject on the school board meeting agenda. To maintain confidentiality, student matters may be confined to an "executive session" with the Board and administration.

### **Complaint Policy for Federal Programs** and Homelessness Policy

A parent, student, employee, or district stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal funds and is unable to solve

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ing to the district's superintendent. Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation, and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. For a copy of the complete policy, contact the school superintendent or refer to the District web site.

Child Find

Parents or guardians are to be informed that the Groton Area School District 06-6 continuously conducts a "Child Find" search to identify and evaluate District children ages 0-21, with special education needs. Persons who know of a child with un-served education needs may refer the child, by name, to the appropriate building principal. With the parent or guardian's consent, an evaluation will be made. After the evaluation has been completed, a placement committee will meet with the parent or guardian to determine if special assistance is needed.

Title I

The federal government provides funding to states each year for Title I services. The goal of Title I is to provide extra help in math and reading for eligible students. Students are selected for the program based on information provided by classroom teachers, parents, and achievement test results. Title I services in our district are provided to students in grades K-5, with a strong emphasis on students in grades K-3.

### Title I Right to Know — Teacher Certification

As a parent or quardian of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars (Groton Area Elementary), you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessionals who instruct your child. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, vou mav ask:

1. Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching; 2. Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and; 3. What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

**Federal Compliance Notice** 

Students, their parents, and employees of the Groton Area School District #06-6 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, color, age, disability or religion in employment practices and educational activities. To ensure compliance with Section 427 of GEPA, effective steps shall be taken to remove potential barriers so as to ensure equity of access and participation in grant programs and to achieve high standards. Any person having inquiries concerning compliance or application of Title VI, Affirmative Action, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact Federal Program compliance coordinator, Joe Schwan, Superintendent, Groton Area School District 06-6, Phone 397-2351 or, Department of Education, Civil Rights Office, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; Phone: (816) 268-0550; TTD (800) 4370-0833; FAX: (816) 823-1404; Web link: http://www.ed.gov/ about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=mr

**FERPA Notification of Rights** 

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Groton Area School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for

access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Groton Area School District to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without con-sent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an ad-ministrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, audi-tor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educa-tion record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's

enrollment or transfer.

The right to file a complaint with the other designated youth groups. U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Groton Area School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202

### Protection of Pupil Rights (PPRA) Notification

Area School District to notify you and obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas ("protected information surveys"):

Political affiliations or beliefs of the **Building(s)** 1. student or student's parent;

2. student or student's family;

Sex behavior or attitudes; 3.

4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;

Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;

- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parent; or Income, other than as required by law

to determine program eligibility.

This parental notification requirement and opt-out opportunity also apply to the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for marketing purposes ("marketing surveys"). Please note that parents are not required by PPRA to be notified about the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions. Additionally, the notice requirement applies to the conduct of certain physical exams and screenings. This includes any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student. This does not include hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required by State law.

For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, the Groton Area School District will provide parents, within a reasonable period of time prior to the administration of the surveys and activities, notification of the surveys and activities, an opportunity to opt their child out, as well as an opportunity to review the surveys. (Please note that this notice and consent/opt-out transfers from parents to any student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.)

**Student Directory Information** 

The Groton Area School District routinely discloses names, addresses, and telephone numbers to the South Dakota Board of Regents, South Dakota Technical Institutions, and upon request, to military recruiters, subject to a parent's or eligible student's request not to disclose such information without written consent. Parents or eligible students who wish to opt-out of the disclosure of this information may contact the school office for the appropriate document or may obtain it here: https:// bit.ly/3fFyC58

### **Notice of Nondiscrimination**

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, and all professional organizations holding negotiated agreements or professional agreements with the school district are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, disability or age in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. The Groton Area School District provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and

### Title IX

The Groton Area School District has appointed Becky Hubsch, Business Manager, as it's Title IX Coordinator:

Becky Hubsch 502 N 2nd Street PO Box 410 Groton, SD 57445 Becky.Hubsch@k12.sd.us Section 504

Section 504 is the part of the Rehabilitation The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment Act of 1973 that applies to persons with dis-(PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, requires Groton abilities. Section 504 is a civil rights act that protects the civil and constitutional rights of persons with disabilities. It states that no person with a disability can be excluded from or denied benefits of any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 and special education are two separate services.

**Notification of Asbestos in School** 

In compliance with the Asbestos-Containing Mental or psychological problems of the Materials in Schools Rule, the Groton Area School District had its school buildings inspected on 1/24/2023 by an asbestos inspector, accredited by the state of South Dakota. During that inspection, areas of suspected asbestos (ACBM) were identified and inspected. The Groton Area School District has an Asbestos Management Plan which provides information on the periodic monitoring of the condition of asbestos (ACBM) remaining in the school buildings. Anyone that would like to see the Asbestos Management Plan can contact a building principal or superintendent.

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People were using the newly installed shelter on Locke-Karst Field. (Photo by Paul

Back: Head Coach Aaron Severson, Nick Groeblinghoff, Tristin McGannon, Braeden Fliehs, Jordan Schwan, Carter Simon, Ryder Schelle, Jarrett Erdmann, Karsten Fliehs, Nick Morris, Asst. Seth Erickson

Front: TC Schuster, Batboy Micah Krause, Gavin Englund, Lincoln Krause, Alex Abeln, Gavin Kroll, Kellen Antonsen (Courtesy Photo)



Coach Aaron Severson talks with his team during the huddle in between innings. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



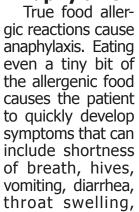
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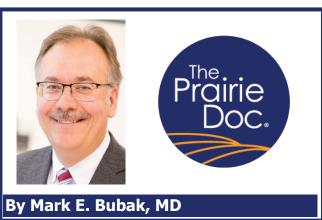
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### "Food **Anaphylaxis**" True food aller-





passing out, and at times it can be fatal. The patient makes IgE allergy antibody to the food. The cause of the reactions can be determined by the history and confirmed by allergy skin or blood testing.

Once we know the allergenic food, a treatment plan can be put into place. The three parts are avoidance, epinephrine, and becoming less allergic.

Avoiding the allergenic food prevents reactions. Reading labels, thinking about ways of cross contamination, and ways people interact are all essential. An excellent resource on avoidance is the Food Allergy Research and Education national support group (foodallergy. org). Remember-the food has to be eaten to cause full anaphylaxis. Contact is only going to cause some hives.

Unfortunately, three percent of patients experience an accidental ingestion and have a reaction every year. Epinephrine injections can be life-saving. All patients need access to epinephrine. The epinephrine needs to be given right away and the patient taken promptly to the emergency room for ongoing care. No other medication changes the outcome of an anaphylactic reaction. We used to think antihistamines could help—they do not.

A new method of becoming less allergic was approved in March 2024. This product is Xolair (omalizumab). Xolair decreases the allergy antibody IgE so that when the patient has a small exposure to their allergen they are far less likely to have a bad anaphylaxis. It is not a cure. The treatment is a program of ongoing injections. They can help any kind of food allergy and works even if the patient has multiple food allergies.

Becoming less allergic has been done longer for peanut allergy using the product called Palforzia. It is a peanut powder that one takes daily to become less allergic. This means that you are far less likely to react to a small amount of peanut. It is not a cure. The Palforzia has a higher allergic reaction side effect profile than the Xolair does. Both therapies can make a huge impact for the right patients. Other treatments such as allergy drops don't help enough to be approved by the FDA and are not recommended.

Don't miss out--by working with your allergist, primary care physician, dietician, school, daycare center, and family, the food allergic patient can make the most of their life!

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