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National Pet Day

Congratulations to Marcy Fritz and her cat Willow who won a \$50 Target gift card as part of our National Pet Day giveaway! Marcy is pictured above and Willow is pictured in the center enjoying her Purr Pop.

We will also be donating \$300 to the Aberdeen Area Humane Society on behalf of the giveaway in which many of you posted pet selfies. Thank you to everyone who participated!

AAHS Sponsored Pet

We're so happy to report our April Aberdeen Area Humane Society pet, Mr Wiggles, was adopted!

We donate \$250 to the AAHS if our sponsored pet is adopted during that month. Thank you to all who shared our post on Facebook!

For more information on available animals, visit anewleashonlife.net or call the AAHS at 605-226-1200.



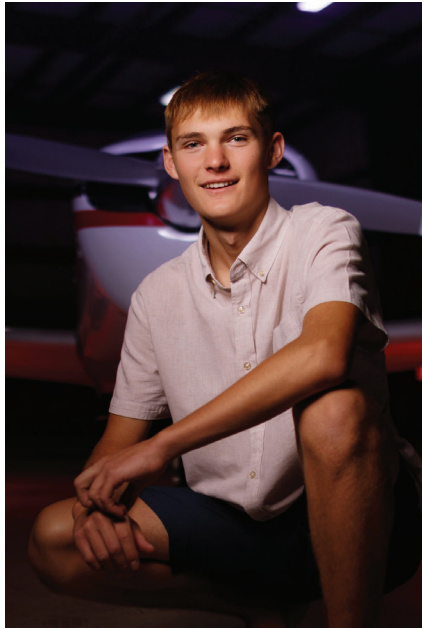
Grand Giveaway Winner

Congratulations to Brittney Olsen, who won a \$200 Parkview gift card in our Grand Giveaway!

Wondering how to register? No problem, because there's no purchase or registration, just winners! Each month we randomly select one of our "grand" residential customers to win. Our next winner could be you!

Scholarship Winner Essay

Noah Felderman of Doland Area High School, son of Chad and Mati Felderman



“What innovation do you think will have the biggest impact in the next 10 years - and why?”

One innovation I believe will have the biggest impact in the next 10 years is artificial intelligence, otherwise known as “AI”, especially as it becomes part of everyday

life and work. AI is already being used in many ways, like voice assistants, recommendations on social media, navigation apps, chat bots, and photo and video creation, but we are only at the beginning of what it can really do.

In the next decade, AI will change how people work by taking over repetitive and time consuming tasks. This will allow workers to focus more on problem solving, creativity, and decision making. In many different careers, AI can help analyze large amounts of data quickly, catch patterns humans might miss, and improve efficiency. For example, AI could help doctors identify illnesses earlier or assist accountants with data entry. There are many large companies that are trading employees for AI robots and systems. Many people may see this as a bad thing due to layoffs, but from a company view, they

may see how much money they will save over time, along with a more uniform style of work, with the same results every time.

AI will also have a major impact on education. Learning that is powered by AI could help students learn at their own pace, giving extra support to those who need it and challenges to those who are ahead. This could make education more accessible and effective for students with different learning styles and backgrounds.

Another reason AI will have such a big impact is because it affects almost every industry. Businesses will use AI to improve customer service, manage inventory, and make better decisions. Farmers can use AI to monitor crops and increase yields, while transportation systems can become safer and more efficient with smarter technology.

However, with all these benefits, there will also be challenges. Issues like job displacement, data privacy, and ethical use of AI will need to be carefully managed. How society chooses to regulate and use AI will determine whether it helps people or causes more problems.

Overall, I believe that artificial intelligence will be the most impactful innovation in the next 10 years because of how widely it can be applied and how deeply it can change the way we live, learn, and work.

State High School Events Coverage

High School State Track & Field
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Check our Facebook page for updates.



Special Announcement

Our offices will be closed Monday, May 25. Happy Memorial Day!



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Visit www.sdonecall.com for more information.

Annual Meeting is Thursday, May 28

Don't miss the 69th Annual Meeting Thursday, May 28, 2026, at the Groton Area High School Gym and Arena at 12:30 pm; registration and meal beginning at 11:30 am.

Each family who attends will receive a membership gift and have the chance to win many great prizes. The grand prize is a \$500 credit on your account!

We will be serving Ken's roast beef dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, sides, and dessert.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the state of your cooperative and the plans ahead.



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Groton Office Remodel

As of May 1, 2026, we have moved back into our permanent location at 234 E 1st Ave. The drop box is also open again. These pictures are from the end of April as the remodel was coming to a close, and updates are still ongoing.

Thank you for your patience during construction – we believe the end result is well worth the wait! Watch our Facebook page and upcoming newsletter for more details on our Grand Opening.



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